



Merry Christmas to all,

Here is our 2024 activity snapshot. Note: We are planning to go more electronic for this letter next year. (more information at end of letter).

January through March was a time for us to help moving a lot our family. The biggest move was for James' extended family (all 7 of them) from Terrell Texas to Peyton Colorado (near Colorado Springs). So we now have All of our kids and grandkids fairly close and we are loving it. Several of our grandchildren also changed their residences during this period and Lynette sold the home she still owned in Castle Rock and had to move stuff that was still stored there to their property in Elizabeth Colorado. Faith and I tried to help with all of these as much as possible.

On a whim, Faith and I spent a week in Barbados under the guise of celebrating our 60th anniversary (last November). It was a great trip and turned out to be a good thing we went in the spring because much of our time the rest of the year was spent on the project in the next paragraph.



In Late May, we had some flooding in our basement due to heavy rain and a clogged outside drain. This prompted us to start a remodeling project that we had talked about but never would have taken on without a little push from nature. This took us until Early December to complete and kept us from many other (more pleasant) activities. But, in the end it turned out really nice.



Shortly after the flood event, we were visited by Faith's Brother Rod and his wife Cindy along with our Niece Dawn and her spouse Keith. It was so good to have family here and we had a great time.

We did manage a weekend camping trip in mid-September with some of our grandchildren and their partners. Some brought their paddle boards to use on the mountain reservoir we camped by. We brought the RV and everyone else brought tents or slept in their cars. Enjoyed nice weather and lots of outdoor cooked meals.



Again, this year we met Rod & Cindy at their timeshare in Island Park Idaho (near West Yellowstone). We each brought our Side by Side's (RZR) and did a lot trail riding and were also blessed with very nice weather.

The old lady turned 80! And is still doing very well. We celebrated Faith's birthday in December in several family gatherings.

For next year's Christmas update we are planning to (mostly) give up snail mail (postal service) as most of you are active on the internet. Not sure I have up to date email addresses and cell phone numbers for all of you. You can always text my cell phone 303-912-1242 with your email if you want stay on the distribution or of course you can send it in snail mail. Additionally, I setup a family Web site during covid and kept it up to date until Gertrudes 100th birthday. I have not updated it in the last 2 year but I plan to get it up to date and post this Christmas greetings and photos there. If you visit the site – There will be a small chat icon in the lower part of the screen; you can click that and fill in the message box with your name and contact information. I have some information that is only accessible to a list of people I designate, so if I decide to keep something more private that you should have access to I can add you to that list. Take a look at it here: mastersrun.com

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