



Warrick Review

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Yeah! Life is back to normal – HaHa not really but we keep hoping and definitely praying for it. We, like everyone else, are finding a way to work around it and live with the effects of Covid. We have, overall, stayed healthy this past year. It has been a year since we both had the virus. Billy has never regained his smell or taste – whatever taste he does have, it is all salty! This has made a big change in the way we cook. Lanee has had a knee problem since mid-July. She finally got an injection when we got back early November – says she is ready to go dancing!

We do seem to have more doctor appointments each year, just trying to maintain. What is that about? Our doctor's normal answer is "You're just getting old"!



2021 was still another crazy year for travel plans and having to make adjustments. If all goes well, the creek don't rise, etc. etc. we will do quite a bit of international travel in 2022. Lanee spent lots of hours on the phone this past year trying to rearrange 2020 and 2021 travels. Time will only tell.

Don't get us wrong.... We did travel in 2021. It was all in the U.S. and we really enjoyed everywhere we went. We knew we wanted to eventually travel internationally again so we got our double jabs and will get the booster when it is time. So far we have not grown an extra nose, a third eye, bitten anyone or anything like that. We got in line and drank the kool-aid.

We took a quick trip to Albuquerque hoping to see the granddaughters for a few hours in January. It did not work out. We traveled on to visit with family near Phoenix, Arizona. We had a great time catching up with cousins Brenda and Coy Smith as well as June and Don Pass. We came back to the Texas Panhandle and got to spend a little time with Brock and crew as well as Lanee's brother and sister-in-law, Jed and Dawn.



January weather for our part of the country was typical: cold, but sunny most days. However, we woke up to the "Ice Apocalypse" the morning of February 14 with no water in the house. It took Billy about 30 minutes to thaw out the line. The low for that week was a negative one. We have never seen it that cold in this area. We went through lots of firewood. We did have intermittent electricity for five days. It would be on for about 45 minutes and then off for 15 minutes – it could have been much worse.

Originally, we should have been on the road the week of the Ice Apocalypse traveling to the Orlando area to spend about a month with Kristi and family. We ended up and waited until the end of the week when things finally thawed out. Once we got to Florida, we had fun following the kiddos around for three weeks and then spending a week at the beach before we started back home in March. We made a little side trip on the way back to visit with cousin, Nettie, in Waxahachie.

A big event for Billy this past year was attending his 50th school reunion from Hereford High School. He said it was really weird that there were so many old people at the reunion.



In September we took off for an eight-week (7,200 mile) road trip. We headed to Ohio where we grabbed up the grandsons and went to Charlotte, NC to Great Wolf Lodge and Waterpark for a few days. Kristi and Steve caught up with us in Gatlinburg for a week; we then all moved from timeshare to timeshare to the North Carolina Mountains, Helen, Georgia, and then on to Savannah and Hilton Head. Billy and I then departed on our own and made a quick trip up to DC and on into NYC before starting home.



The only thing we still did not check off our travel list was Connecticut – it is still elusive. It's still our last state to visit... maybe next year!

We both have projects that keep us busy when we are at home. Lanee volunteered at the church office until September. She still continues to take care of the electronic sign in front of the church and has started assisting with their social media. Billy stays busy here at the house with all kinds of yard work, helping to take care of the church grounds and serves on the music/technology team during Sunday morning worship.

A big project for Billy this past year was finishing up and having a book printed with over 100 stories written by his dad, Billy C. Warrick. It was about his dad's life growing up with eight brothers and four sisters. Billy's aunt, Miriam, had worked on the stories for about a year until her passing last December. When she died, the book was forwarded to Billy to finish up. After a few more months of editing and rearranging stories, it was sent to the printer. We mailed copies to family and friends. It is such a treasure.



Another thing that we both enjoy is our Sunday night Zoom meeting with our travel club members. We meet online for about an hour each week where someone does some type of travel program. Between the two of us, we have done programs on 14 states as well as Washington DC and New York City. All the programs presented can be found under the travel club blog: <https://www.evergreenclub.com/blog>



Brock, April and their crew are busy as usual. It has been over 20 months since his back surgery and he is at about 75 percent. Brock continues to work from home building dog crates and furniture pieces. This past summer, April decided she would like to take some college classes. She started in September. She is working hard and enjoying the challenge. We are very proud of her for taking this on.

We had a couple of graduations back in May. Brock's daughter, Alyson (18), graduated. We nearly had the whole crew travel to Albuquerque. We had a wonderful time, and it was so good to see Alyson and Destiny. We got to see them over the course of a couple of days. We had not seen them in 17 months. We also got to visit with friends, Sharon, Steve and Johnny Williams, who also live in Albuquerque. They had our whole crew over for dinner. It was a way for us to celebrate Alyson's and Johnny's graduation! We closed out the celebration with a wonderful post-graduation party hosted by Alyson's mom and step-dad, Stacey and Phil.

Another graduation was April's daughter, Jasmine (18). We are so proud of her for seeing it through and graduating!

Other updates for Brock and April's girls: Destiny (13) is a 7th grader in Mountainair; Grace (14) is a Freshmen at Hereford. Both girls work really hard in school and are on the A Honor roll. GrandDaddy Billy pays big money for those good grades (if they remember to get their report card to him.) Grace ran cross country this year and did really well for a freshman. We can't wait to see what she does next year! Divine is now 20 and living out on her own. She is still thinking about college or some type of training, but we know she enjoys her independence.

Kristi, Steve and family are still nomads. January through April, they are in the Orlando area; May until early September they live in their cottage in Ohio; they then travel with us for about six to eight weeks each fall. This year they traveled back to Ohio in November, but will be with us mid-December for about two weeks or so.

Kristi is the food and beverage manager at the Lancaster Camp Ground (near Columbus) when they are in Ohio; she is also a health fitness coach year-round. Steve writes school curriculum for a company out of Houston. Starting early 2022, they are both going to do some seasonal work for Disney from January to early April.

Greyson (9) is in the 3rd grade. Oaklen (6) is in kindergarten. The boys are homeschooled and are ahead of where they would be if in public school. Both boys are learning Spanish. Greyson's favorite subject is writing, and Oaklen's favorite is math. Like most boys, they love to play video games.



As we come to the end of 2021, we hope that you know that we are thankful for each of you. We all have lost friends or family over the last 20 months. Many of you have been on our prayer list for either praise, healing or in need of being lifted up. Please know that we will continue to keep you in our prayers.

As we rejoice and celebrate this wonderful season of Christmas, let us not forget to thank Jesus for coming into our lives. Let us together prepare ourselves to welcome him into the homes of our heart.

Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones,

