

2020 Vision

Who would had ever thought this would be the year we would be glad we are old, hard of hearing, half blind, and forgetful!!



We are thankful for the following things: we don't miss going to the jobs we didn't lose, we save money on gas because we haven't traveled, we don't out-stay our welcome because we don't visit anyone, we had plenty of toilet paper when the stores ran out, we eat more home-baked bread, and our finances are about the same (fewer shopping sprees). We've learned to shop for everything we need on a bi-weekly basis. Sometimes we look forward to doctors' visits as a time to leave home. When we go out, we wear masks and Nancy dons gloves (finally a good use for those dress gloves which were in vogue in the 1950's).



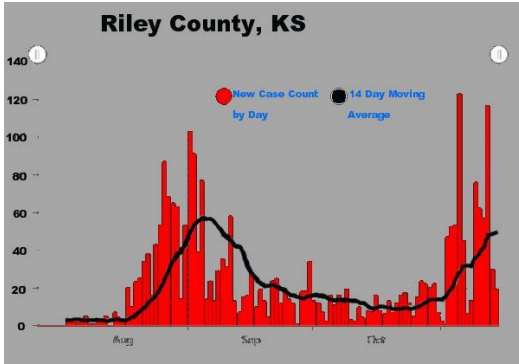
We had beautiful flowers this year. (pictured: top of page - iris, above - daffodils, yucca blooms, moth mullen, oxeye daisies, peonies, and prickly pear cactus). The weeds are still 'way ahead of her, but Nancy has been diligent at pulling weeds while listening to audio books.

The strawberry and blackberry crops were outstanding this year. Now the strawberry patch is a shadow of its former self, but that was mostly due to a gardening error. The positive outlook on that is the invading wild violets were mostly eliminated by the same mistake. Myron has finished a few projects and has honed his internet-surfing and computer-programming skills when not mowing grass.



Nancy worked at a polling site for both the primary and general elections. She was a "provisional judge" and helped 50 people (many more than usual), who had moved, changed their name, lost or

didn't get their mail-in ballot, or maybe hadn't even registered, to vote provisionally. She "self-quarantined" after Nov. 3 just in case, but everyone wore a mask and got to keep the pen they used.



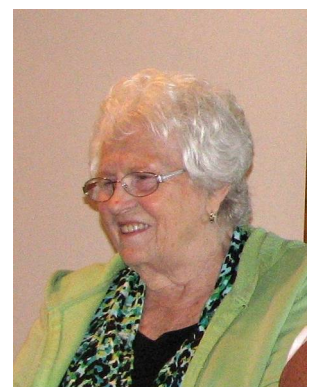
New Case Count by Day (Aug-Oct)



Betty



Laura (Imogene)



Mae

Due to gregarious and foolish college students at Kansas State University, we have a new scoreboard to watch: "How many new Covid-19 cases are there this week?" Death has claimed some of our friends and relatives, but only a few were caused by the virus. Myron's last aunt, Betty, died with Covid-19 and other age-related factors; Nancy's aunt, Laura, died at 95 this spring; and our daughter's mother-in-law, Mae, died this month.



last time piano was opened

Several months ago Nancy began practicing the piano again (think of the piano lesson in *The Music Man* movie). The piano needs tuning and she has the tools but has not wanted to dismantle the beast while there are so many garden weeds waiting to be pulled.

We have spent some hours on Zoom maintaining contact with a few groups and had a delightful Zoom visit with friends celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Looking for profile pictures for Zoom took us down memory lane.

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Myron, Nancy, Omner, Edith in winter 1968

He's now 50!



Aaron in Feb 1972

We hope you had a pleasant Thanksgiving.

*Nancy
& Myron*