



# Our Holiday Newsletter 2021

By Mom

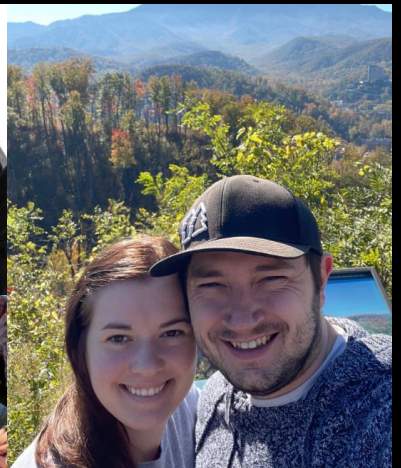


## Megan and Jason



Megan and John rescued a puppy, Maddie, in February. She is a German Shepard mix who loves running and she loves Maze! In May, Megan went to Chicago with me over Mother's Day weekend to visit Jason. In June, John and Megan went to Los Pargos, Costa Rica, a very small surf town. Other than traveling, Megan has been busy trail running. She hired a running coach and ran two half-marathons (13.1 miles). She also competed in a (virtual) race up Aspen Mountain (3,267 vertical feet) – her and John won first place! She has been keeping her greenhouse producing organic vegetables year-round. This fall, Megan shot her first doe and turkey with her bow (in her mom's old hunting gear)! Her and John processed the meat themselves and have venison in their freezer waiting for our next visit.

Jason just turned 30 in November. I'm feeling old now... He had worked tirelessly during Covid and finally just had enough – He left Bruker in August to go back to school. Currently he is doing a couple of pre-requisite classes for preparation in attending Pharmacy school next Spring. Jason is still dating Jessica and they went to Orlando, Florida for vacation they also drove to Tennessee a couple of times. They enjoy the Pigeon Forge area and visited lots of local sites and hiked a bit. Jason also moved out of the apartment he was in and now is rooming with his Colorado friend Griff again. This helps save money for the both. Jason hosted me and Megan in May for a fun time in Chicago. He also made a couple trips to Colorado to see family and friends.



## Michelle's Corner



Unfortunately, 2021 didn't start out so well for me. I lost my father, Richard Barnett on January 5<sup>th</sup> to cancer. I made a couple of trips to Florida before last Christmas to see him. I miss him so much... Also, my sister, Marcia's mother-in-law Loretta passed shortly after Dad. She was a great lady. Charlie and I went back to Florida in February to help my Dad's wife, Caroline get moved and settled, she was always there for my Dad. After a rough start, she is doing well.

In more exciting news, Charlie and I moved to Florida! Charlie was able to retire, and I was approved to work remotely with Seagate full-time, so it was time. Thanks to Covid, Colorado houses are selling at a high value, and we got a great return on our sale. We bought a small place on an acre in Homosassa, Florida. We are on the gulf coast about an hour or so north of Tampa. (Funny, I started at Seagate in 87 in Delray Beach, FL, which is on the Atlantic coast – everything came around in full circle.) As always with moving, everything seemed to happen so fast – there was no time to breathe. Sadly, I wasn't able to say goodbye to anyone because of Covid. During the move, Charlie pulled the camper with Maze, and I pulled the utility trailer with the kittens. We were able to take a detour into OK and stayed with my old Seagate pals, Lucinda and Bob who I haven't seen in maybe 15 years – we had a great time and rested a couple of days till the next leg of our trip. We ran into some issues, but we finally got here in one piece. I love the weather here. I know it's hot in the summer, but it beats shoveling snow and the gulf coast offers lots to do. I went on my first "Sisters on the Fly" trip in the area last week. Met some new friends and went shopping, to the beach and on a boat (thanks Charlie). Overall, the weather was perfect, and the company was fun. I love my camper!

This year, we went to Megan's a couple of times and went to CA to visit Charlie's family. I had a blast with Megan and Jason in Chicago for Mother's Day. Megan and I met up at DIA and spent a couple of days with Jason exploring Chicago – I want to do that again next year!

Charlie joined a boat club where he can reserve a boat instead of having the headaches of owning one. He enjoys boating, fishing, and cruising in the Corvette. I'm looking forward to getting back into stained glass soon. Now that I am closer to Mom (1.5 hours) I will see her for Thanksgiving and hopefully Christmas. Megan, John and Jason will be here for Christmas. New house and new memories, but I do miss my Colorado friends and neighbors. Go Bucs!

Hope you all have a wonderful holiday! Stay safe and enjoy time with your loved ones!



## Maze, Mira and Mesa



Maze will be five years-old in February. She is such an awesome and good dog. I think she misses the snow though. In Oklahoma we went out on the boat and Maze was so excited she jumped off the pier. I guess she likes the water now ☺ Mira and Mesa turned one year-old in June – if terrible twos apply, it does for these two. Since in FL we keep them inside. Being in the woods there are more predators, but they have access to the screen-room and they spend most of their days there, just watching anything that moves and sometimes climbing the screens.



## Happy Holidays



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