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**1.** It seems almost unbelievable that we are still very concerned about COVID 19 almost 2 years after it reared its ugly head. It is even more unbelievable that there are still people who refuse to get vaccinated. Now with the appearance of the Omicron variant we can't lessen our guard. What a way to learn the Greek alphabet!

**2.** Vacations and travel were very limited in 2020. Most of us stayed very close to home. Jeff, Kelly, along with Noelle and Caleb did manage some camping trips in Alberta and BC. In lieu of vacationing away from home, Jenn and Barb decided to install an above ground pool. It provided much enjoyment for family and friends.

**3.** We all managed to keep relatively healthy in 2021. Mary continued to keep her aches and pains under control with exercise, heating pad and some meds. Ed got a surprise in the spring when a routine Cystoscopy suggested that a second TRBR was indicated. This took the form of day surgery on May 18. He then had 6 weekly treatments and is now on a monthly treatment regime for the next two years, with Cystoscopies every 6 month. He also had a MRI and CTS on his head and neck because of some loss of vision in his right eye. Fortunately, they found his head was not empty and no indication that his eye issue was related to a brain problem.

**4.** Noelle finished her first year at the University of Lethbridge completely online. She did

very well and was on the Dean's List In late August she moved to Lethbridge to begin her second year. She was the happy recipient of her mom's used Kia, when her mother got a new one. Caleb completed his Grade 10 at Bishop Carrol. Grade 11 has been entirely in person thus far. He joined the school's football team and after a season without a loss, unfortunately lost the division final playoff game. We were able to attend many of his football games in which he played a prominent part. He is now on the school's basketball team.

**5.** Everyone has continued in their respective jobs, Jeff at Canadian Natural Resources, Kelly at Canadian Blood Services, Jenn, Barb and Julie at Alberta Health Services and Greg at Rev Engineering. Jeff worked from home for many months early in the year, returned to the office in early summer, and is now working 3 days at home and 2 days in the office. Jenn and Julie primarily work from home. Kelly and Barb work in their clinics. Greg worked mostly at the shop. His shop has become very busy, so much so, that they will be renting another shop. Greg will be promoted to Shop Supervisor at the new location. It will become their main fabrication shop while the current shop will become the assembly shop. Greg and Ed have formed a little company they call G & E Machining. Greg has been able to bid on some of the fabrication work that can be done on the CNC Router which they built several years ago. As a result, Ed has been quite busy in the last few weeks, and it is expected to continue through 2022. To increase their capability, Greg has purchased a commercial sized and powered CNC Router which he expects will be delivered near the end of the year.

**6.** Mary continues her role as Treasurer of the Holy Spirit Charitable Society. With the COVID 19 mandated closing of Casinos the next opportunity for a casino will be some time away. Mary was hard at work all summer and early fall making preserves to sell at the CWL Christmas Craft Sale. This year the sale was held, and she had a good sale. Because of COVID restrictions the CWL was unable to bake Christmas Cakes at

the church, so Mary decided that she would include Christmas cakes in her product mix. She made at least 300 lbs. of light, dark and gum drop cakes. Ed did a lot of the mixing. To aid the sales effort Ed built a web page showing her offerings and an ordering page. Ed is still a member of the Holy Spirit Funeral Choir. With COVID's restriction on choir singing he has had neither practices nor funerals since March 2020. His involvement in the parish hamper program is still in limbo. Mary and Ed's 2021 garden was quite successful this past summer. It produced a good supply of yellow beans, carrots, beets, raspberries. We had a good supply of winter lettuce and endive. Mary is still knitting baby hats, but she remains unable to deliver them to the hospital because of COVID. Mary enjoyed a full season of golf in 2021. After several years without bees, Ed again became a beekeeper in 2021. In the past his bees were from New Zealand. This year that source was not available because of the limited flights from there. This year's bees came from Chile. He decided not to harvest any honey and left it all as winter food for the colony. Hopefully there will be some left over which he will harvest in the spring. Online piano lessons took a break over the summer and fall but he is now back at it. Jenn is the serious gardener. The green house which she started to build last year was completed this spring. It provided a good supply of tomatoes, beans, yellow and green, and a bumper crop of cucumbers. Onions and potatoes rounded out her harvest. Ed keeps working on the Kuntz Family website.

**7.** The report last year that moving was a thing of the past did not even last a year. Noelle and a friend are sharing a Lethbridge condo provided by her friend's parents. Furnishings came from various family members.

**8.** Web sites:  
[www.kuntzfamily.ca](http://www.kuntzfamily.ca)  
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