

December 9, 2020

2020 is a very different year. Covid 19 struck us in late February. I was in Ottawa visiting my Dad as he had a medical emergency. My sister, Viviane, was also able to visit. I managed to get home safe and sound just before everything went into lock down. STAY HOME was all we heard. And stay home we did except for our weekly grocery shopping, wearing a mask and gloves. It was easy for us as we live out here in 'no-where-ville'.



Other travelling was out for this year. We had originally planned to visit our Dads. We did do a lot kayaking and walks. Akamina Parkway finally opened up in Waterton in October - 3 years after the wildfire. They did a lot of cleanup and repairs due to the devastating damage. Hopefully this winter we will be able to go cross-country skiing to Cameron Lake.

My Dad is well in Nepean, Ontario. He's still at home so has remained healthy. My Mum is in a nursing home in Belleville which has managed not to be overrun by covid. Waldy's Dad is in Lahr, Germany in a senior's home. In October, he had a severe stroke. He is not able to walk, talk, or swallow. He was hospitalized for awhile but is now back at the home being looked after there. We skype with him once a week.

We really enjoy our little Moxie and all her antics. She is such a character. She even let us put a leash on her so she could go out front with us. She still goes in the 'cat run' but it's just not the same without ET. She just loved chasing and eating the grasshoppers and caught the odd mouse!



Being home gave us ample opportunity to enjoy and photograph wildlife. We saw deer, foxes (he visits us almost daily), coyotes, skunks, raccoons, badgers, weasels, marmots, and multiple birds – migrating north in spring and south in winter. We even got to see a doe delivering twins. Our great horned owls had 3 chicks. One got tangled up in the barb wire fence. We managed to rescue him and took him to the Alberta Birds of Prey in Coaldale to recuperate. The other 2 did well and left in late autumn. This year red tail hawks nested and had 2 chicks. Our usual swainson's hawks also nested but something killed their chicks. We suspect the other hawks or a weasel did the damage. You can check



out photos at <https://lifeon12acres.com> You can also go there to see what we've been up to this past year.



I closed down Moxie Web Design on December 31, 2019. It was time to retire completely, especially as Waldy is also retired. My clients weren't too happy with me but most found someone else as a lot have new web sites. Waldy is really enjoying retirement even though 'his' to do list seems to be getting longer rather than shorter. There is always something that needs doing/fixing when you live in the country. We love it, but sometimes he does make fun of his helper (me).

We wish you and your family a very **Merry Christmas** and hope that 2021 will be a better year for us all.

Love,

Marlene, Waldy & Moxie too
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Stay well.

