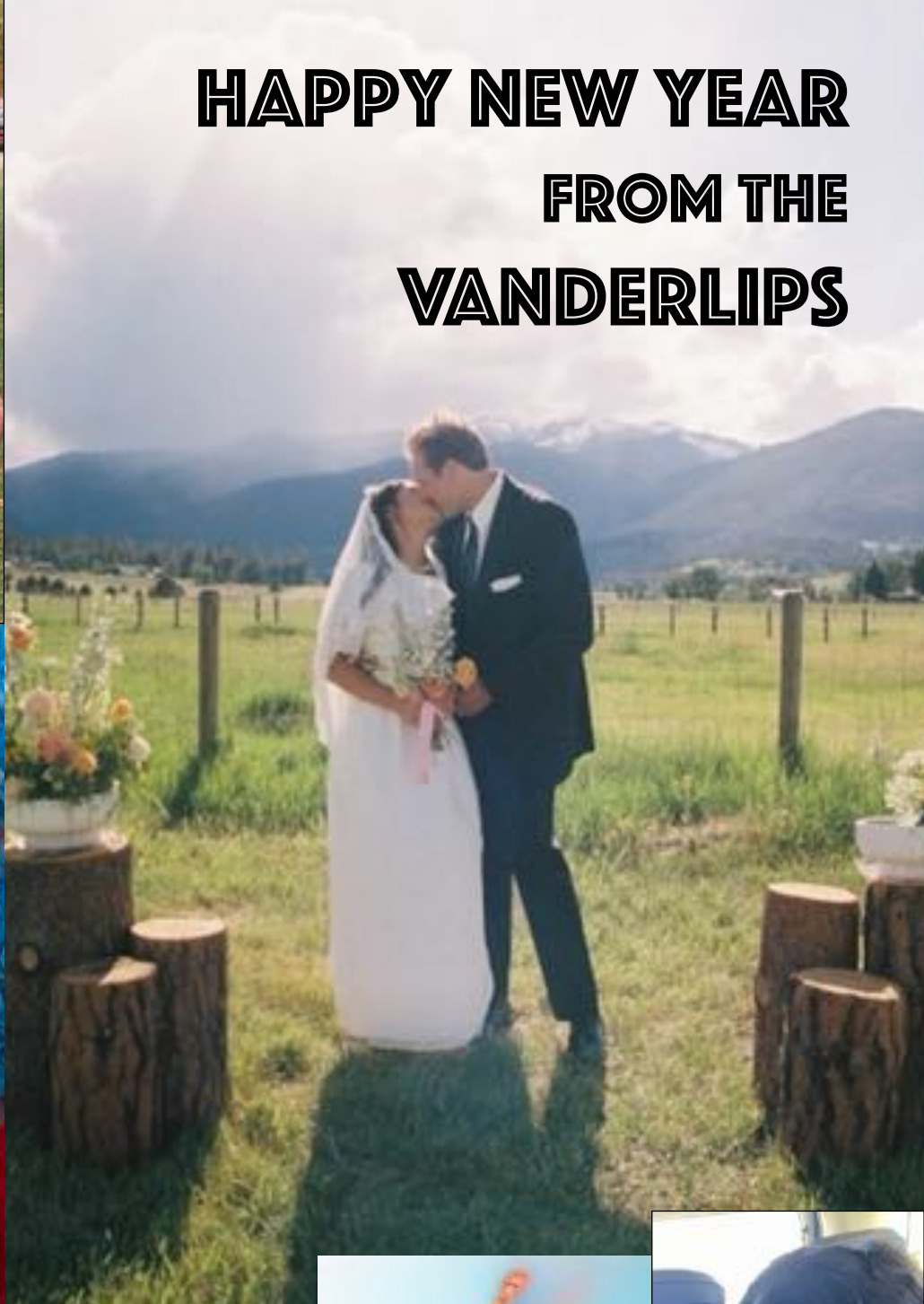
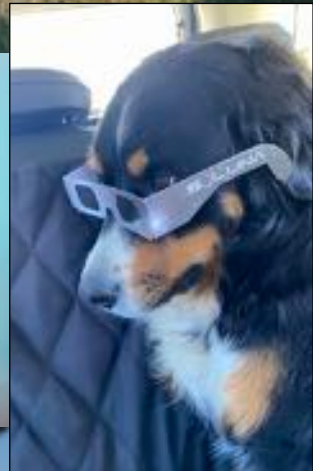


HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE VANDERLIPS



Hey all: Happy **Lunar** New Year (*Chúc Mừng Năm Mới!*), for which this annual greeting is right on time. Silas & Rene got married in June 2024 (details on p. 3). Clara is settled in Missoula, where she entertains 19th century visitors. She & Silas formed a band (debut album available [here](#); more music news p. 2). Sharon has a new haircut; that's her top left with another newbie, Baby Lily Vandermay. In short, Hal played golf all over the map, dog remains adorable & the flowers still bloom inside/outside Hasty House.





Milk, the kids' new band, is now called milk.gov (debut album revealed a lot of bands named Milk). See top left: That's Efe on drums & Liv on lead vocals. Clockwise from there: Killer December Gillian Welch/Dave Rawlings show at The State; Hal's splendid new Telecaster; Pocket Full of Mumbles played a white-out June benefit crashed by Santa-loving Michiganders; Cavern Club in Liverpool, way cooler than could have been imagined; Show of the Year: Harrison, Belew & Co. playing Talking Heads' *Remain in Light* at the State, August 1.





Hal & Sharon attended four (!) weddings in 2024, including the union of cousin Will Vandermay & Kassidy Grominski (below). But when you marry off a kid, that's The BIG One. Clockwise from above: The Marriage Quilt; proud parents deliver the Groom; cake shot; gotta have a wedding barn these days; the Bride & her female retinue; Groom's Luli with cousin Audrey; and the Happy Couple at Rehearsal Dinner — yes, we served Lobsters rolls.





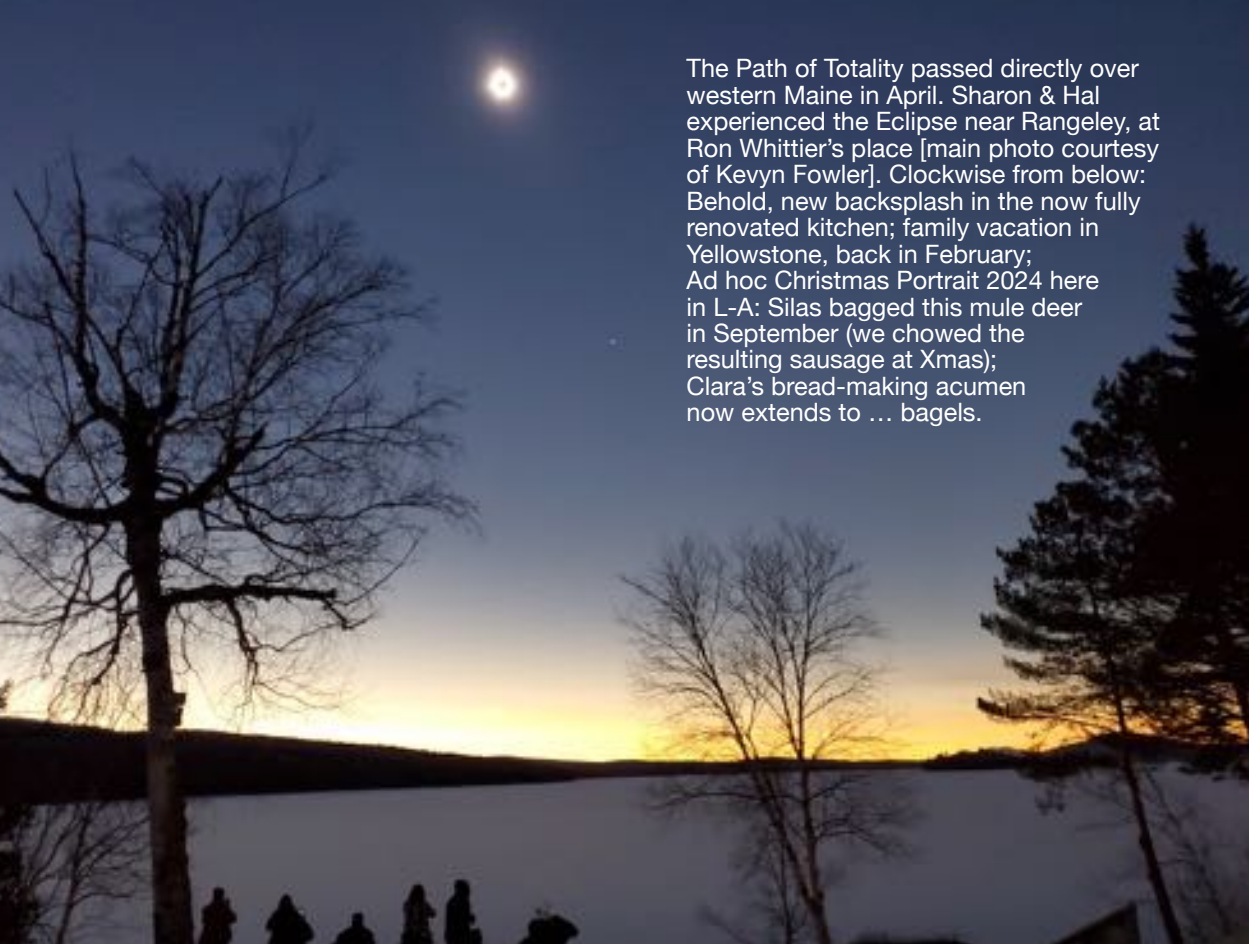
Clockwise from top left: Tongue thrust = happy dog; Vandermay family portrait; Silas & Clara on first tandem climb up Mt. Sentinel, in Missoula; shaggy, pre-nuptial Silas; Hal chaperoned his Mom on nostalgia tour of her native Cali in March — here, a wine-tasting near Paso Robles; cousin Valerie Kahla, who also lives in Mizzou, executes the daring “blind carousel selfie”; R&S honeymooned in Vietnam, in November, but they “mini-mooned” directly post-wedding in British Columbia, home to World’s Biggest Truck.





Clockwise from top:
Sharon in Tenants Harbor,
ME; Halloween in
Missoula, featuring
Midsommer Clara,
Punxsutawney Inner
Circle President Rene,
"Phil" the groundhog &
Phil's hulking shadow;
newlyweds in Bitterroot
National Forest; Portland
Boxing Club [photo: Neil
Lifer]; yeah she angel;
Hal pitch-side at Estadio
Akron, during book-
research trip to Guada-
lajara, MX (manuscript
due this May, publication
date: Jan. 2026).





The Path of Totality passed directly over western Maine in April. Sharon & Hal experienced the Eclipse near Rangeley, at Ron Whittier's place [main photo courtesy of Kevyn Fowler]. Clockwise from below: Behold, new backsplash in the now fully renovated kitchen; family vacation in Yellowstone, back in February; Ad hoc Christmas Portrait 2024 here in L-A: Silas bagged this mule deer in September (we chowed the resulting sausage at Xmas); Clara's bread-making acumen now extends to ... bagels.

