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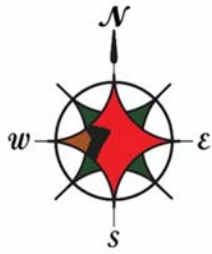
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takes to sit down and
listen."

~ Winston Churchill

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Horizons Engineering, Inc., a civil engineering, land surveying and environmental services firm headquartered in Littleton, New Hampshire, is pleased to announce the acquisition of Thorne Associates, LLC of Center Conway, New Hampshire.



Thorne Associates was originally founded as Thaddeus Thorne Surveys in the 1950s by Mr. Thorne, who was an active surveyor, outdoorsman and skiing pioneer in the region for many years. Thaddeus was one of the original planners of Attitash Ski area and served as President and General Manager for more than 20 years. He was a widely respected surveyor throughout New Hampshire. Ownership of the firm passed to David Douglass in 1985, who continued the tradition of serving the area with a continued emphasis on residential, commercial and ski resort services. Mr. Douglass sold the company to local developer Rick Girardin in 2019 and David recently passed away in March of this year at 84 years old.

Mr. Girardin states that, "Thorne Survey has a long tradition surveying in the Valley and Horizons Engineering has a similar tradition in the North Country. As Thorne's clients are requiring more Engineering and Environmental services, it made sense to become part of Horizons Engineering to respond better to the needs of the Valley. The Thorne Survey staff is excited to join the Horizons Engineering family and be working with a large group of talented Engineers and Surveyors."

As a branch office of Horizons Engineering, the four current Thorne employees will be relocating to new office space at the Conway Professional Office Building located at 45 Washington Street. "We are excited about this expansion into the Conway area and our ability to offer services throughout eastern New Hampshire and Maine from this new location", says Horizons President and Chief Surveyor Andrew Nadeau of Lancaster. Our company has been growing throughout the state for more than ten years, and this location will allow us to better serve clients in this region."6

Horizons Engineering, with offices in Littleton and New London, New Hampshire, Newport and Pomfret, Vermont and Kennebunk, Maine will provide its full range of civil engineering, land surveying, environmental services and underground utility locating and characterization services from this new Conway office.



Hi Barbara,

I wanted to thank John Chagnon and the Publications Committee for the recent NSPS article on my ascension to the Presidency of NSPS. It is truly an honor to be selected by your peers to the governance of a professional organization. I know there were a few people involved in providing the information for my bio and I wanted to thank those individuals too. However, there were two glaring fallacies...first when it comes to fly fishing I am never looking to best my brother-in-law, it just comes naturally to me, secondly, there are no fish in Scott Bog so don't anybody even think about going up there.

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Barb:

Hope all is well.

Just a FYI, there is a mama bear and 3 cubs running around southeast Chester and northeast Sandown, time to take down the birdfeeders, saw Alan's note about bear scratching up north, figure I'd let you know they're down this far south as well in case you want to post a note next newsletter.

best, stay safe,
Chas

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Flag Day

The Continental Congress was busy wrestling with the Articles of Confederation when, on June 14, 1777, they took the time to resolve that “the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white...the union will be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.” Then, in 1916, to commemorate the resolution laying out the parameters of our national flag, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation declaring that June 14 would be Flag Day. In 1949 Congress passed legislation which designated the date as

National Flag Day. Here are some interesting flag facts for you to consider as you settle in to celebrate the history of Old Glory.

- Flag day was first thought up by Bernard Cigrand, a teacher from Wisconsin, in 1885.
- While it has been established that Betsy Ross certainly sewed flags, no official documentation or other contemporaneous source credits her with sewing the first flag. The story we all know about her role was brought to light through a claim made by her grandson, William Canby, published in *Harper's New Monthly Magazine* in 1873.
- From 1795-1818 the flag had 15 stars and 15 stripes, one each for the 15 states at the time.
- In 1818 Congress passed a plan proposed by Navy Captain Samuel C. Reid to reduce the number of stripes to 13 and add a new star being added as each state was admitted to the union, with the 13 stripes honoring the original 13 colonies.
- The current flag design has been in use since July 4, 1960 and is the longest serving flag, celebrating it's 60th birthday this year.
- The previous record holder was the 48-star flag in use from July 4, 1912 until Alaska was admitted in 1959, then was swiftly changed again when Hawaii was admitted in 1960.
- When discussing the design of the flag, the Continental Congress assigned symbolic meanings to the colors: red for courage and readiness to sacrifice; white for pure intentions and high ideals; and blue for vigilance and justice.
- Care and display of the flag was codified in the United States Flag Code in 1942, some oft ignored requirements are:
 - ◊ No part of the flag should ever be used as a costume or athletic uniform
 - ◊ The flag should never be used as a receptacle for carrying, holding, or delivering anything
 - ◊ The flag should never be used as apparel, bedding, or drapery (except when draped over the coffin at a military funeral)
 - ◊ The flag should never be used for advertising purposes in any manner whatsoever
 - ◊ The flag should never be printed on paper napkins, boxes, or anything else designed for temporary use to be discarded
 - ◊ *The Star Spangled Banner*, whose lyrics were written by Francis Scott Key at the Battle of Fort McHenry during the War of 1812, were set to the tune of a British drinking song *To Anacreon in Heaven* and has been our national anthem since 1931.



“United We Win”-War Manpower Commission
1943-Library of Congress LC-USZC4-943



“The Goddess of Liberty”
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ENJOY!!

Been There, Done That: Another Tale From A Country Land Surveyor “Organic Fences”

By Edward Goodrich, Jr., LLS 677

There is not one person reading this newsletter who hasn't heard of the New Hampshire poet, Robert Frost. Nor anyone who does not know the famous line from his poem, *Mending Wall*: “Good fences make good neighbors.” Well, so do good blazed tree lines.

Rural land surveyors love blazed lines, real organic fences. They get you from one corner to the next. They serve as notice of occupation and possible limits of ownership.

There are important rules governing blazes on trees. My favorite is that Mother Nature does not allow the blazes to move up the tree as the tree grows. Another is that you should never blaze at eye level height when you are on snowshoes with three feet of snow. Anyone who has followed in the footsteps of a person who did that will have a sore neck. Been there.

Triple blazes are a treat to find, they announce the journey's end. Side blazes, angled blazes, opposite blazes, they all show us the way when you know how to read them. Two points determine a straight line. Three points determine a plane. A lesser known geometry rule is what does a curve determine? Answer, a happy homeowner!

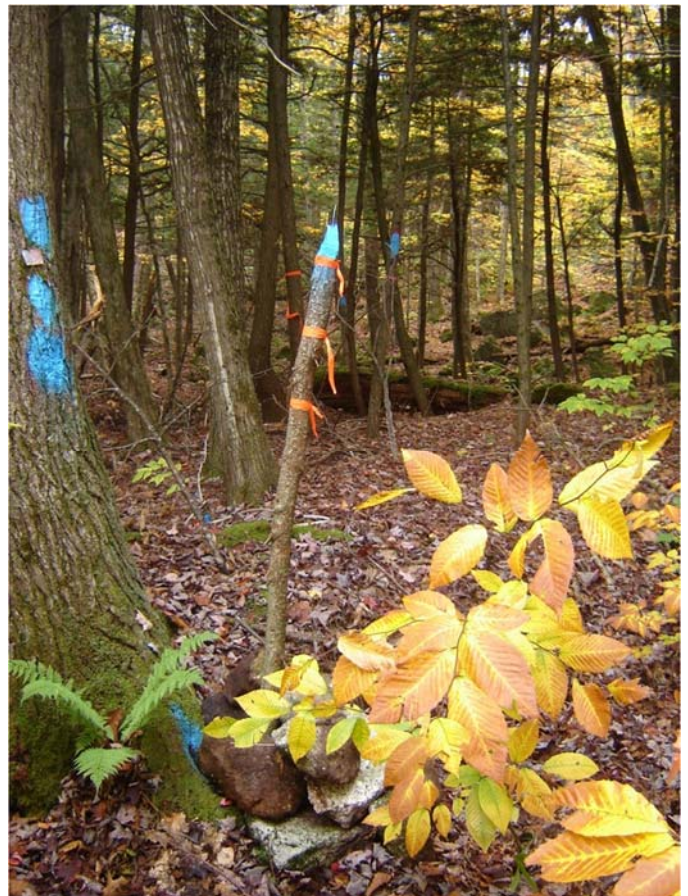
One day I got a phone call from a worried property owner. His house lot was in an old subdivision on a narrow dirt road. The lots were all over five acres. I wonder why? The guy on the phone felt like his privacy and property rights were about to be abused by his new abutter. He wanted to make sure that their common boundary line was clearly, heavily, and properly remarked so his new neighbor could not miss it.

This new owner was in the process of cutting every tree on the lot. He probably wanted a lot of firewood and was apparently expecting the winters to be colder than those he had experienced down south in Massachusetts. He had cut every tree and sapling up to an old faded and lightly blazed line that everyone had recognized as the common boundary in the past.

Each of the lots in this particular subdivision had 200' of frontage with parallel sides. The side lines went back for 1200', straight as an arrow, a typical 1970s bowling alley subdivision. The terrain was uneven with ups and downs, you could not see the back corners from the frontage pins, even with the clear cut.

Yes, the side lines were blazed and painted when the subdivision was done some forty odd years ago by a very thoughtful land surveyor who is no longer with us. My client wanted me to re-mark the line and spare no flagging or paint on my blazes. Let's keep that carpetbagger on his side of the boundary line!

A little research, a quick traverse down the line, shooting several blazed trees along the way was simple enough. I was able to perch myself up on a knoll near the back corner for the last setup. My rodman, holding a very tall prism at the road made for a long closing distance across the wide cleared area that the neighbor had made. Back to the office and crunch all the numbers.



Triple Blaze

I really wasn't surprised with what I found out. I reported to my client that the guy who blazed and painted that common line those many years ago, didn't mark it straight. In fact, the old faded and blazed line had a good 16-foot bow in it. A bow into his new neighbor's lot.

I told him I could re-blaze and paint it straight for everyone to see. He responded by telling me that my services were no longer needed. I was promptly paid for my work and happily moved on to the next project.



Hemlock Blaze

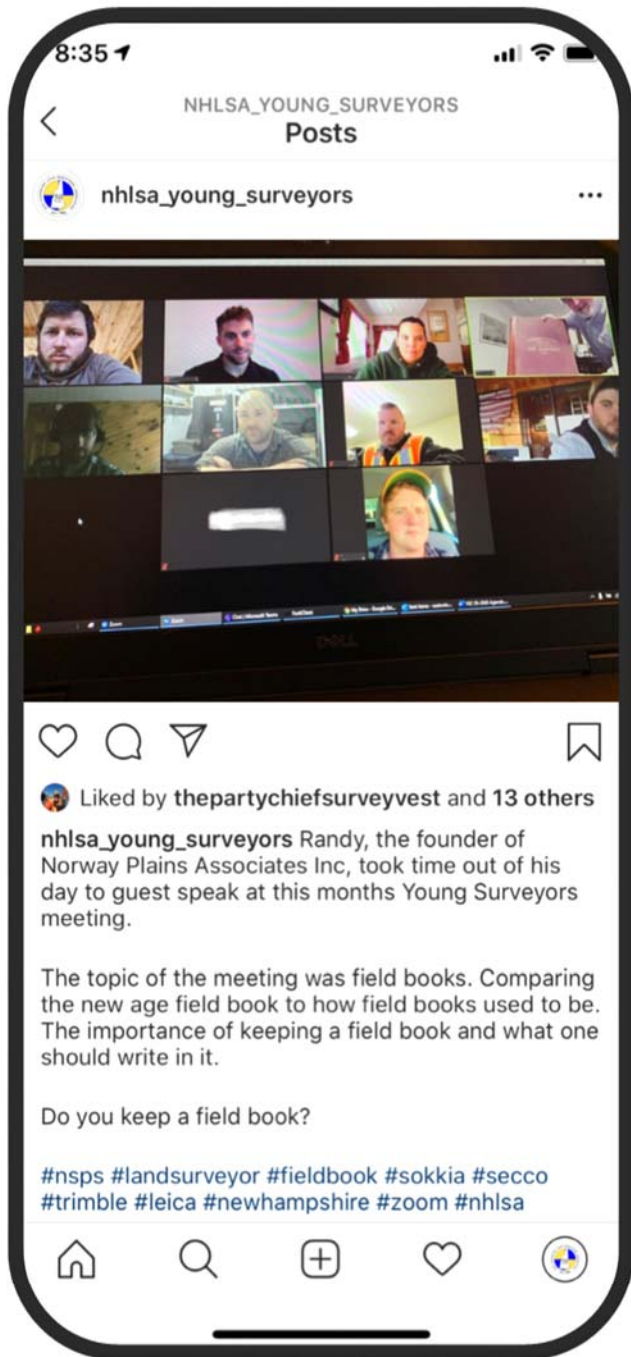


White Birch Blaze

Spotted in the Field

Sent in by Dennis McKenney-Alstead, NH, May 2020: *The late land surveyor, Heman Chase, set this hand hewn corner post in 1961 in a 4 way corner of stone walls on a hillside above Route 123. Had the pleasure of passing by here yesterday, May 22, during scouting and layout work for the survey of the abutting property. Thanks, Mr. Chase, for making your footsteps so clear 59 years later.*





Keeping with the bear theme from Chas' letter to the editor, one of my crews took these pictures in Rochester near the Barrington line. Apparently a mom, two cubs, and a male all roaming around, according to the neighbors.
- Paul

The other day, I was picking up some masks at The Paper Store, and I saw my neighbor who told me a bear took down her bird feeder. In the past, I knew there were bears across the street from me behind their house, but I didn't think they would come down closer to the street. Apparently they can, and I had just filled my feeder. We'll see.
- Barb



If you're interested in being a guest speaker at one of the Young Surveyors Committee meetings, let Eric Salovitch or Emily Hayes know. They can be reached at:

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May 29, 2020

Re: New online undergraduate certificate in surveying engineering technology at the University of Maine
<https://online.umaine.edu/online-undergraduate-certificate-surveying-engineering-technology/>

Dear surveying state society:

Please advertise as appropriate to surveyors in your state that the University of Maine is proud to offer a new undergraduate certificate in surveying engineering technology. The certificate is the newest addition to UMaine's portfolio of fully online surveying programs including an ABET accredited bachelor of science degree in surveying engineering technology, graduate certificate in surveying engineering and professional science masters in engineering and business with a surveying engineering concentration. Information about all offerings can be found online at online.umaine.edu/surveying.

The online undergraduate certificate in surveying engineering technology at UMaine is designed to fit a national niche for professionals seeking licensure as land surveyors. This will serve those who have entered the surveying profession with a degree outside of surveying engineering technology, and their path to licensure requires a core group of surveying classes. It also serves those professionals in states where a degree is not required for licensure, and instead a core curriculum is necessary where its surveying courses will be satisfied by the certificate. The certificate will serve as a stepping stone into the ABET accredited online B.S. degree in surveying engineering technology (SVT). Out-of-state students enrolled in a UMaineOnline degree or certificate program receive a low tuition e-rate.

Questions on admission to the certificate, or other UMaineOnline programs, should be emailed to tiffany.peterson@maine.edu. Surveying-specific questions should be directed to SVT program director, ray.hintz@maine.edu.

Thank you for your help in getting the word out.

Ray Hintz, PLS

Surveying Engineering Program Coordinator

I Found It—Now What Is It?

Sent in by Mark Stevens, another in our continuing series of items that we don't know what they are! *These items washed ashore with each tide in great numbers for a few tide cycles and then just stopped. They have layers or growth rings suggesting they might be some type of tree remnant or driftwood, but I tried to set one on fire and it wood (pun intended) not burn. I also put one in a bucket of water to see if it would float. Nope sank like a rock. Lightweight and not greasy and does not stain your fingers when you handle them. Do not break apart easily. Maybe our seacoast surveyors and hobby mariners have run into these before and have a guess? If you can identify the item, please email Barbara at info@nhlsa.org.*



I Found It – Now What Is It? Responses

We still hadn't received any responses for the April mystery item, so we'll file it away and possibly bring it back in the future. We guess it was too hard.

On the other hand, several of our members say that the May *What Is It* item was too easy. Sometimes it's nice to publish an easy one, so that we can get members to participate. Thanks to all who sent in their guess.

Hi Barb,

I hope you're staying well!

I have an answer for this month's mystery item, and I bet every farmer in the group will as well: those are a pair of fencing pliers. They're used to string up (or take down) barbed wire or other types of fencing. The pointed end can be knocked under an existing staple in a fencepost to begin to pry the staple out.

Best regards,

Michael J. Carter, LLS

David Noyes noyesd37@gmail.com

It's a fencing tool; it combines: hammer, plier-wire cutter, and staple hook.



Anna atilton@nhdeeds.com

It's a wood and steel post Fence tool pliers.

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Hey Barb,

Too easy ... Fencing pliers. Once you have a chance to use them you realize they are a cool tool (well thought out for the task at hand)!

Mark VH LLS #730

A pair of fencing pliers used when stringing barbed wire. Flat end is a hammer for nailing in the brads to the post; wire cutters in the middle; and the curved end is to wedge out the old brads. You'd also need a "come-a-long" to keep the strand of wire tight.

All the best; be safe and stay well.

Chris

Christopher L. Boldt, Esq.

Editor's Note: After thanking Chris for playing, he followed up with this response.

Always a fun time, Barbara....especially when I happened to know the answer!

Barb, Paul,

I think the June What Is It mystery item are barbwire fencing pliers. Doesn't everyone have a pair in their truck toolbox?

Mark Stevens LLS 737

Hi Barb,

The tool shown was used for establishing or repairing barbed wire fences, pulling wire tight, removing fence staples, etc. I still have one hanging on my pegboard "tool wall" but haven't actually used it for decades!

Roy Sabourn

Hi Barb

I hope all is well with you. I finally had a chance to catch up and read May's TBM. Another great issue. I actually recognize the *I Found It - Now What Is It* item! I would call them fencing pliers. I used them at a camp in the 90's putting up wire fencing. They were quite useful with a hammer face for driving in the fence staple, a claw for pulling out said staple when it went all askew after you whacked your thumb with said hammer part, wire cutters and I guess I'd call it a groove in the middle where you could grip the fence after you had it up hand taut and pry against the fence post to tension up the wire even more.

Stay safe!

Michael Gavitt, PLS, LLS

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Old Ads with Surveyors

Who doesn't need a cold beer after a hard day in the field then an evening of calcs and drafting? Don't know about the pinup giving a smooch to some hops, but sure, it gets the point across I guess?



The Normandy landings were the landing operations and associated airborne operations on Tuesday, 6 June 1944 of the Allied invasion of Normandy in Operation Overlord during World War II. Codenamed Operation Neptune and often referred to as D-Day, it was the largest seaborne invasion in history.



Christine D. Wilson January 11, 1946 - June 4, 2020

Newfields, NH

Some people only walk this earth for a short time but the way they touch us echoes through the ages. Their departure reminds us that angels are always watching over us. Last week, Christine Wilson rejoined her heavenly family and gained her wings.

Christine Dalphin Wilson, loving wife of Donald A. Wilson, of Newfields, New Hampshire, left this earth peacefully on June 4 after a brief illness, surrounded by loving family.

Christine was born January 11th, 1946 in Fall River, MA, daughter of Richard and Rose Dalphin.

She is lovingly remembered by her husband of 52 years, her sons Richard and Stephen and his wife Gislaine, grandchildren Sydney, Megan, and Max, all of Sherwood, Oregon, her sister Donna and husband Steve Silva, her mother, Rose Dalphin, all of Assonet, Massachusetts, as well as several nieces and nephews.

Anyone who knew Christine remembers her as a continuously moving force with an elegant smile. For many years, Christine has been a part of the family business with her husband, Land & Boundary Consultants, Inc. and subsidiaries, Surveyors Educational Seminars and Fly Angling Adventures. She traveled, organized, lead, and grew these businesses over the past, nearly fifty years with her husband Don.

Christine was also very active in the community at-large having long participation in the Boy Scouts of America and the local ambulance corps.

As soon as their sons became eligible to enter scouting, Christine pursued the establishment of Cub Scout Dens and Boy Scout Troops. After their sons left for military school, Christine continued with training and leadership positions with the Boy Scouts, including Wood Badge, Order of the Arrow, holding positions in the Council, and attending events such as Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, the National Jamboree and a number of others.

She served as District Commissioner for the Historic District from 1984 to 1988, and in 1989 became District Chairman, serving through 1991, after which she served on the Council Executive Board to 1995. Christine's involvement, such as District Training Chair and Council Training Chair, resulted in her receiving the Council's highest honor, the Silver Beaver Award in 1990, for exceptional character and distinguished

service. She attended Wood Badge in 1983, served on over 8 courses and was chosen the first female Course Director in Daniel Webster Council. She continued to serve as advisor and as medical officer for a number of years following.

Christine was equally active in the Passaconaway Lodge Order of the Arrow for many years, becoming a Brotherhood Member in 1993, then serving as program advisor to the youth run organization, guiding youth to assure a top quality experience at lodge and conclave events. As a result, she was presented The Vigil Honor, which is the highest award reserved for those Arrowmen who, by reason of exceptional service, personal effort, and unselfish interest, have made distinguished contributions beyond their immediate responsibilities. In addition, she was honored with the District Award of Merit, and the Arrowhead Award. From 1983 to date, she had attended 45 separate training courses. In all, Christine has been a valued member and most reliable asset to support scouting in New Hampshire.

For many years Christine oversaw regular blood drives with the American Red Cross and was an instructor for CPR and Heart Saver courses, in coordination with Exeter Hospital. It was very important to Christine that as many people as possible had access to this life saving training. As an EMT, Christine served as Captain of the Newfields Rescue Squad, an Ambulance Corps member in Newmarket, and medical staff for many scouting events and Jamborees.

In addition to all the varied scouting activities and involvement, she was very proud of the fact that after graduation, before devoting time to raising a family, she was able to support her college sorority, Delta Zeta, both at her alma mater University of New Hampshire, then later at the University of Maine as advisor to the local chapter.

In later years, the couple acquired Surveyors Educational Seminars based in Tennessee. Christine traveled with her husband making all of the arrangements while Don lectured to land surveyors and related professionals. Together they visited 30 states, several of them a number of times.

She loved the outdoors, the cottage at Moosehead Lake, and, as an animal lover, dog sitting for friends. Christine will be missed by her family, the scouting community, and the New Hampshire community, all of which she was an integral part.

Private services will be held at the convenience of the family. Brewitt Funeral Home, 14 Pine Street, Exeter, NH is assisting the family with the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to The Boy Scouts of America or the Red Cross as a dedication to Christine. You can donate at https://www.nhgives.org/donate?campaign_id=81927 or <https://www.redcross.org/donate/memorial-donations.html/>

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Christine D. Wilson please visit our [Tribute Store](#).

Editor's Note: Although Christine was not an NHLSA member, she was integral in Don's business. Condolences to Don and his family during this difficult time.

On the Lighter Side

Many of you have probably seen some of these, but for those who haven't, we thought we'd share some isolation, homeschooling, and social distancing humor. If not for a LITTLE humor, we'd be in BIG trouble!! And, as I type this, the song playing on the radio is "They're Coming To Take Me Away" by Napoleon XIV. Is that a sign? - Barb

My Self-Isolation Quarantine Diary

- Day 1 – I Can Do This!! Got enough food and wine to last a month!
- Day 2 – Opening my 8th bottle of Wine. I fear wine supplies might not last!
- Day 3 – Strawberries: Some have 210 seeds, some have 235 seeds. Who Knew??
- Day 4 – 8:00pm. Removed my Day Pajamas and put on my Night Pajamas.
- Day 5 – Today, I tried to make Hand Sanitizer. It came out as Jello Shots!!
- Day 6 – I get to take the Garbage out. I'm So excited, I can't decide what to wear.
- Day 7 – Laughing way too much at my own jokes!!
- Day 8 – Went to a new restaurant called "The Kitchen". You have to gather all the ingredients and make your own meal. I have No clue how this place is still in business.
- Day 9 – I put liquor bottles in every room. Tonight, I'm getting all dressed up and going Bar hopping.
- Day 10 – Struck up a conversation with a Spider today. Seems nice. He's a Web Designer.
- Day 11 – Isolation is hard. I swear my fridge just said, "What the hell do you want now?"
- Day 12 – I realized why dogs get so excited about something moving outside, going for walks or car rides. I think I just barked at a squirrel.
- Day 13 – If you keep a glass of wine in each hand, you can't accidentally touch your face.
- Day 14 – Watched the birds fight over a worm. The Cardinals lead the Blue Jays 3-1.
- Day 15 – Anybody else feel like they've cooked dinner about 395 times this month?

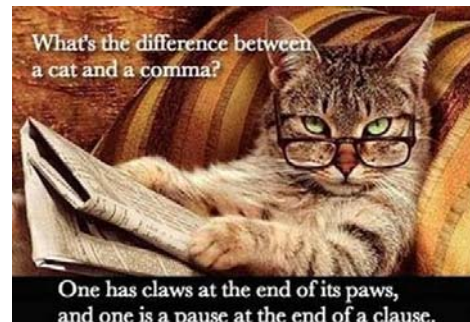
Dear students,
Due to Corona Virus, school is under new management- please observe the following changes from your new teacher.

1. Monday is pajama day. F it, every day is pajama day
2. There is no lunch lady. 12:00 is culinary arts. Make yourself something. Peanuts are now allowed. Cover everything in peanut butter if you want to. At least it's protein.
3. Starting today you can wear open toed shoes to every class. I'm honestly just impressed if you're actually wearing shoes. Pants are also optional, underwear are not.
4. If you misbehave, you'll be sent to Dad's office for detention.
5. If you don't understand the assignment, ask your older sibling. I probably don't get it either.
6. Don't drink out of the teacher's Yeti.
7. School begins promptly at the conclusion of my second cup of coffee and ends just as abruptly at cocktail hour, which will be adjusted depending on how big of a disaster the days lessons are.
8. No, you cannot have a PE excuse.
9. You do not need to announce how long you'll be in the bathroom for or how things turned out. Just go.
10. If you hit your sister, I'll swat you. There's no code of ethics, I was tenured before you ever made your arrival on this planet and I sleep with the principal. Try me.

This is going to be a really exciting trimester and I'm so glad you're in my class.

Love, your new teacher,
Ms. Mommy

One Vaxxed Nurse



Here's a very appropriate analogy:

"The curve is flattening; we can start lifting restrictions now" = "The parachute has slowed our rate of descent; we can take it off now."

Don't forget all you homeschooling heroes, Today is national disaster drill day. So lock your kids in the basement until you give the all clear.



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