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Date: Sunday, April 12, 2020, 04:35 PM CDT

HAPPY EASTER

pictures: the result of Marion's Saturday and Sunday first responder project

1. Belmont front window from the inside
2. Belmont front window from the outside
3. Thomas Press from the outside



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Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2020, 02:39 AM CDT

Ralph was up early, and watched the end of the movie "The Robe."
Marion got up while he was watching the beginning of the same movie

Marion started making a bean soup: packet of beans, ham, onions, and the dreaded carrots.

Ralph went on an unintended City of Waukesha photo shoot, intending only the Law Offices of George Love, also a 1958 graduate, who had retired in the fall. This was at the insistence of Marion. Ralph's last intended stop, then, was to fill with gas at the BP station, where Pick & Save purchases get money off the price. The current price there had been 89 cents, that day it was 95 cents. Too much pump traffic sent Ralph home without gas.

Marion had completed filling the front window with hearts to represent a support for First Responders and such.

She then really decorated up the kitchen table, like we were in turn having a formal Easter lunch. This included lighted candles. Ralph said grace. Trans-Sibrian-Orchestra CD was playing (Christmas music).

Then we went to Thomas Press, where Marion did a window with hearts, also.

Marion then wanted a hot fudge sundae, but both Culvers and DQ were closed. She settled for old caramel onto ice cream at home.

At Marion's direction, Ralph accomplished lots of e-mail mailing to friends and family.

Ralph noted an inadvertent hoarding of cereal on top of the refrigerator: Frosted Flakes, granola (peanut butter), Cheerios, Wheat Chex, Raisin Bran with Bananas and Corn Pops.

We took a tape recorder to Marion's son Derrick's home. His tape recorder somehow would not play Emma tapes.

Marion baked wings for herself for supper. It was a double disaster. First, she bought wings by mistake. And second, they tasted terrible. Ralph had a TV dinner.

photos:

1. (plastic) eggs with names put onto them (had been on the egg tree previously)
2. Kitchen table set for Easter
3. Projected lights through front door window, this dots seen with slow shutter speed



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Ralph was watching "Twilight Zone" on TV at 6:15 in the morning. Then some ghostly image walked between the TV and me. It was a lady riding a broom! And actually: it was Marion. Got us both laughing. The broom had been left in the bedroom, where Marion was after a spider or two on the ceiling the previous evening.

Marion hates DOING TAXES..... stay tuned.
She told me what she needs from me based on the previous year.

Between us, we must have 100 CD's (music). Current project is to play one a day. Marion is country, Ralph is more classical, or soft rock. Ralph put on a Les Paul (trio) for Marion while doing taxes.


Marion now has two boxes of dirt under the kitchen windows. Seeds now have been planted. Stay tuned.


Ralph gave Marion all his tax numbers.


The two "Belmont Exchange" tubs are now inside to avoid freezing ovrernight temperaturs.

photos:

1. George Jones, country singer, pictured on screen during a Barleen's tribute. He is a Marion favorite.
2. Yellow cactus blossoms. A reminder of warmer weather.
3. Marion with bottle of Killtifter beer. Note the top portion of Marion's celebration tree decorated in green for Saint Patrick's Day. Note Marion in green, also.

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Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020, 01:07 PM CDT

4/13 continued: delivered thick two-picture book to Emma (between doors)--find 10 items that don't match for supper we went thru Cousins Subs:

Marion had tuna and onion, Ralph had roast beef and lettuce

4/14: Marion had cold hands in the kitchen in the morning

Ralph bought groceries early morning, doing partial of the list
Now Ralph has cold hands

Marion doing taxes

After a Ralph nap, Marion doing taxes...

Marion in a rush to start doing the note card project, pictures included. The first to sister JoAnn

4-1-4 Day in Milwaukee, based on the city's area code. Has been celebrated for ten years.

welcome back Mama cardinal at the bird feeder--must be the new kind of bird seed dumped in

left overs for lunch

Picked up a food bag off a chair on Derrick's porch

Ralph got a current May edition of Readers Digest in the mail. He thought it a gift from Marion. Was just a PR wffort on the part of RD

Ralph e-mailed two articles to the local Elks Lodge for possible publication

Marion was in-depth searching the internet for a possible purchase

Ralph got ready seven envelopes containing re-gifted Ed Bladow birthday cards. All were going to Elks aged 90 or over. The list had been in the newsletter last summer. In one article I asked about those in the 80's, based on being quarantined is really tough on the elderly.

pictures:

1. single cactus blossom W-15
2. the real Marion...
3. W-15 railing with lighted bulbs

April 15, 2020

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Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020, 07:20 PM CDT

Income Tax Day

Marion doing taxes

squirrel up on bird feeder. Accomplished small evergreen bush, onto low baffle, and up. Ralph must move the baffle a lot higher. Then there were two squirrels. The second came right up to the door, unafraid of my presence when I opened the door. he would have come in....will have to get my shoe throwing arm warmed up (lost two a couple of years ago)

Marion and Ralph out and about: Marion done doing taxes. We delivered them to Chortek. Tried the third of three McDonalds for lunch. No breakfast items (drive thru). For drink, Marion got another chocolate shake. Second McD's had no breakfast. The first (West Avenue) had breakfast, but no Marion favorite (bacon, egg and cheese biscuit, hold the bacon). (Marion is allowed only one a month)

Happiness is: A touch of green in the seeded inside black dirt

Marion's cell phone died during a sister Judy call. It wouldn't accept a charge, although said charging. Then it said full charge, but wouldn't turn on.

Both of us watched Part 3 of "The Roosevelts" on PBS (Marion sleeping half the time on the couch).

pictures:

1. Marion doing taxes
2. pan of eggs
3. kitchen table eggs



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Date: Friday, April 17, 2020, 12:08 PM CDT

Marion's cell phone (somehow) alive and well

Marion working on her note card project

Marion and Ralph finished the grocery shopping--at Wal-Mart, 22 cents short of \$100.00
'canned goods have started to become a priority'

Marion says little greenie thingies in the dirt are most likely weeds

supper: slumguleon? No. Tater tot casserole

In Arizona Ralph bought a \$5.00 thermometer. It was in the wrong place. It actually cost \$70.00. Marion allowed the purchase to stand. And she has become a wizard at reading temperatures without touching forehead skin

Ralph finished his portion of a tracing project, posting all receipts and visits made since we got back to Waukesha. Will try to get same information from Marion tomorrow.

"S" is in the overnight forecast--perhaps an inch

pictures:

1. gas station marque showing 94 cent gasoline price
2. Club 400 on Williams Street
3. club 400 side panel explaining some history of the place



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Date: Friday, April 17, 2020, 10:53 PM CDT

Out for newspaper at the end of the drive way. Took one tub back out (Belmont Exchange), which had been inside because of overnight freezing temperatures,

Marion almost every morning does "daily challenges" (computer games)(Mah Jongg)
Ralph almost daily plays computer games (Hearts Deluxe, Bejeweled 3)

Marion most mornings has peanut butter toast, this morning accompanying a frying pan of goodies.

Marion reads the Journal-Sentinel newspaper at breakfast, "The Freeman" after mail delivery. Almost every word in both cases.

We subscribe to a magazine called "Our Wisconsin." They have a feature called "Find the "W." They place a "W" in three different ads, you have to find them, you mail in the three page numbers, and in a drawing many readers get prizes from around the state from advertisers. Marion loves the searching.

Ralph completed the receipt/visit tracing log with Marion's (verbal) help. She shared more items than he had already posted.

Marion had a (purchased) beef and bean burrito for lunch, plus orange slices. Ralph had a tiny hamburger, a raw potato, raw green pepper, some raspberries (black berries and sliced strawberries were the other choices), and some orange slices.

Marion's son Dave stopped for a visit. (Belmont's first). First topic was small business loans (Thomas Press). The two of us then did a ding-dong-ditch delivery (currently called incoming--this time 3 wooden puzzles for Emma, some peanut butter (home made) cookies, and I think a book (intended for Emma, but Deana might think it is for her) which concerned gifted children


Ralph picked up two fish fries at the Elks Lodge. Greasy. We will not be doing that again.


Ralph started an Emma project: a listing of all the feature stories in an accumulated ten years of the Elks national magazine, for her to possibly use as a resource in doing school research.

Marion says nothing on TV to watch.

photos:

1. current banner at Carroll University, Waukesha
2. Les Paul grave site, Prairie Home Cemetery, Waukesha

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Saturday april 18, 2020

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Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020, 09:26 PM CDT

Ralph gets up once a night based on kidneys, eachs a tiny bit of cereal with milk, does a little computer or Tv, and goes back to bed. Three nights in a row Marion was up in front of the computer, no lights on. I told her last night that if she is waiting for Paul Revere, she's a little late.

When Ralph got up in the morning, Marion was on the family room couch--reading.

Ralph played a common favorite of ours off the internet: a video of James Taylor and Carly Simon singing "Mockingbird."

That got little response.

So Ralph brought her breakfast on the couch:

box of twinkies new bag of ruffle potato chips new bag of crunchy Cheetos

got a big chuckle (only)

So: then brought Marion more breakfast: crusts cut off his toast (twice) (Marion loves my toast crusts)

they did get eaten

So: then, Ralph broughty her a dollup of orange juice. She drank only half

Then: in the Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel, in the "Green Sheet," under **"Today in History"** the first item: "On April 18, 1775, Paul Revere began his famous ride..." WHO KNEW?

Marion fell asleep on the couch. Ralph took a nap on the bed with electric blanket set at 10

Marion pulled greenie thingies--but--two seedlings are now peeking out

Bird feeder baffle moved up. Only black capped chickadees coming regularly to the feeder now. Did all the othrs find new digs?

Marion served lunch: tater tot casserole part 2

Ralph finished up Emma Elk 9 editions, and mailed her two pages of headlines

Happiness is: hair salons will be able to open in a week

Oh, no: it's been changed to May 26th

Ralph went back into 2016 local Elk newsletters, researching the Lodge's first annual (and every year since) First Responder Dinner. The thinking is to approach "The Freeman" and get the Lodge some ink, perhaps with the headline: "Ahead of the Curve," based on the tsunami effect nationwide and worldwide to emotionally and materially support first responders.

Supper for Marion: happiness is salad, garlic bread and pepperoni pizza from Mias

Marion watched a two-hour presentation: "GLOBAL CITIZEN"

Ralph updated his current photo logs

photos:

1. male and female cardinals at bird feeder at the same time

2. fattest rabbit we've ever seen at Belmont (on Easter, of course)

3. front window at Belmont at night



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Sunday April 19, 2029

From: Ralph Clark (monroe bart@yahoo.com)

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Date: Monday, April 20, 2020, 12:11 AM CDT

Marion upon first awake meeting was bright eyed and bushy tailed. Now she has retreated back to bed. The attraction of new bed sheets and pillow cases put on yesterday must have beckoned her.

No: perhaps slight depression has set in. After all, we have been quarantined for 24 days now, 14 right after the flight home. As announced, it's another 30 days now.

Ralph finished color coding photo logs.

First bloomings happened a second time on Sunday. This time it was jonquils by the back sliding door (Marion calls them narcissus).

Time to hit the road (Marion stops):

Thomas Press, to adjust the window hearts;

Wales Cemetery:

two live plants on Ed's grave stone;

replacing floral arrangements for sister Donna and nephew Mike's grave stones;

Detour: LaDuc's custard stand in Wales:

Marion got a brat + sauerkraut plus chocolate shake (supposed to be a malt);

Ralph got chicken tenders + strawberry shake;

Jericho Cemetery (after eating while driving):

Marion's mom and Marion's sister Leona. Also Marion's dad;

In-person visit with Marion's 85-year-old cousin Gordy Wambold.

Ace Hardware in Waukesha for light bulbs.

Not accomplished: grocery shopping at Pick & Save

Oh, no. Ralph forgot to call his son Friday. Friday was his birthday. I called today, asking forgiveness.

Marion off and on does "WORDSEARCH." This particular version is "DEVOTIONAL." "BIBLE." "Psalm 1-41."

Supper was leftovers:

Mia for Marion, LaDucs and Mia

Some "Columbo on TV for Ralph, Bejeweled 3 poker for Marion.

Marion can't sleep. No wonder with the diet she's had today (oil on salad, greasy garlic bread, chocolates at Gordy's, sauerkraut, etc.). Earlier had counted 7 peas up (inside). Now it's 13.

pictures:

1. Kitchen table overhead light down one bulb
shows somewhat the nature of life today

2. Now missing two bulbs

3. new blossoms



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