



"One Day in May"

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Describe your day on May 15, 2021. Tell us whatever you'd like at whatever length you'd like. We think future students will especially appreciate hearing about concrete details -- What can you see and hear from where you are right now? What did you do for fun today? Did you cook or eat anything special? Did you work or do chores? Who did you spend time with? What did you learn?

May 15, 2021. My day started with our cat, Beebe, getting me up at 4:15am, meowing it is time to feed me, get up! She has food in her bowl, but she likes the attention of someone combing her fur while she eats. After the sun was up, my husband and I had a morning walk the ground was wet from the recent rain. There were many birds chirping, we saw several squirrels and deer out on the county road that runs in front of our house. The iris and snowball bush are blooming. There is a Mockingbird nest not too far from our back porch. Later in the morning our cat sat out on the porch and the Mockingbird flew over and perched on the handrail, squawking at her. My husband looked out the sliding glass door and witnessed the Mockingbird poop on our cat's head. Luckily, it was only a small amount. I let her inside and scrubbed her head.

My husband and I drove to Madison to grocery shop at Aldi's. Grocery shopping may be considered a chore, but for me it is fun. My husband is a wonderful cook, and we prepare a menu before shopping. We then we went out to eat at 88 Buffet a Chinese Restaurant also fun; I enjoyed the salmon, California sushi roll, egg drop soup, and tiramisu amongst other items. They open at 10:30, so we were the first to arrive; a brunch for us.

Yes, I did chores: Made the bed, laundry, and cleaned inside of our house. Outside I did trimming. We spoke with our son on the phone. Our daughter came over for a visit and showed us her wedding dress. Later my husband, daughter and I drove to the local greenhouse. Last year our neighbor let us have some garden space. This year the ground was not quite ready, so I planted some of the kale which I had started from seed into the holes in the concrete blocks (photo sent to archives).

What do you think you'll remember most about surviving the pandemic? Tell us what whatever you'd like at whatever length you'd like. We think future students will especially appreciate memories that help them picture your life and relationships -- Have you taken up any new leisure activities in the last year, or have you changed how you eat, or cook? If you're on campus, what was it like in classrooms or dining spaces or locker rooms or offices? Have you been able to stay in touch with family or friends (including classmates and other Hanoverians)? How? What have you missed the most in the past year?

I have stayed in contact with family and friends via text and phone calls. What I missed most was not visiting in person with family and friends.

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