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During this pandemic, we are all spending much more time at home. I find myself going back to things I did growing up when it seemed to be a much simpler time. Rick and I are still working on the jigsaw puzzle!

There were four of us kids so growing up we only ate out about once a month. It was always a big event even though my memories are that we usually went to Burger Chef in Woodbridge VA, which is similar to Burger King around here.

We played outside all the time and had a black and white TV until I was in 4th grade. We got a color TV and had the whole neighborhood over to see it.

My family's favorite show was The Andy Griffith Show, which was filmed in black and white back in the 1960's. It was also cool that Deputy Barney Fife's first name was my maiden name!

Well, I have changed my morning routine since I don't have a commute for the time being. Every morning, while I eat my cereal, I watch an episode of the Andy Griffith show at 6 AM on the Sundance channel. I remember seeing most of the episodes before but I still laugh at Barney Fife, Floyd the Barber, Goober, among the many others. I am amazed at how natural Ron Howard played Opie. He was only 5 when he started on the show.

The humor was considered acceptable and funny back then, but we live in a different time. Most of the episodes are still funny and appropriate but a few of the episodes would not be appropriate now. I find myself thinking of the progress we have made in certain areas but still have more progress to make in others. Interesting.

Below is a typical picture of Andy and Barney:



I also attached one of the signs that were recently put up in front of my favorite local lunch place, Meadowbrook Orchards. I will send a picture of one of the signs each day. They have great messages.

I hope you and your families are all still well. Be safe.

Janet

PS. The beavers from my Monday's email were so busy they created a little pond that flooded the shortcut I would take from my neighborhood to another neighborhood. The shortcut was fun and a little scary since I would have to walk over an old wooden bridge that wasn't sturdy at all.

Now I have to walk the long way each way. The upside is that I get more steps. The downside is that I don't always want the extra steps!!

