



“Fishing in the Rain”: March 28<sup>th</sup> 2020

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It is now the 16<sup>th</sup> day of the national quarantine which started March 13<sup>th</sup> 2020. It was a rainy day not the best day to do outdoor activities but hey it's 2020, and were in a national quarantine every day was a great day to be outside. I started out the day doing my normal activities which was going online to do my online education. Which was kind of a joke not going to lie. It was my senior year in high school and I mean the teachers and students were new to the new idea of online schooling so everyone was just trying to keep their heads above water and keep pushing. My dad and I really got into watching the news at this point in quarantine. President Trump would talk to the public every day and I guess there was just something about it that me and my dad ate up basically because that was the only thing anyone decided to cover on social media at this point. My brothers and I were acting pretty testy on days like this because I mean there's nothing to do. I mean if we weren't in quarantine, we'd be out doing something on a day like today all rainy and muggy. But with the shutdown, a rainy day meant staying inside. It was about noon when my brother came running upstairs like he'd been shot out of a cannon.

“Tyler, Tyler you want to go fishing” he said all frantic like we were in a hurry on a day like today.

I thought for a second “well no” I replied.

I don't know what he was thinking honestly, we had no place to fish and there was no way my mom was going to let us go out to fish. The corona virus was so new and there is really only so much we knew about it at that point. So, there was no one really leaving their house.

"wait what do you mean" he said.

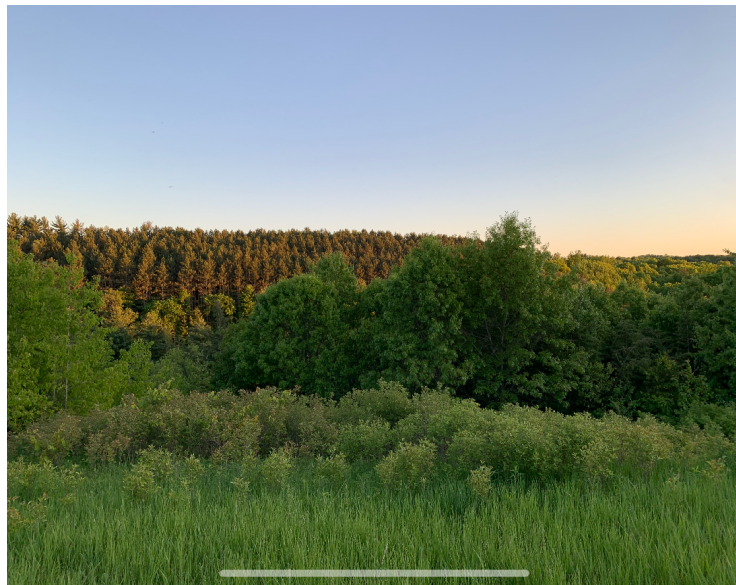
"well, where are we going to fish" I said.

With one motion of his hand, he pointed outside. All I could see was the fogginess of our back yard.

"really "I said.

"Yep, go grab your pole" He replied.

I kid you not we did spend the whole day that day fishing outside in our back yard. We didn't catch a thing but that's not the point of fishing.



"Something to get lost in": May 13<sup>th</sup> 2020

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Today started out like any day it was May 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 2 months in to quarantine After all the panama and craziness in everyone's life it good to take a break from it all and try to lose yourself in something else. Our family owns a farm in Eau Claire and it has really been our hid away from the craziness of Covid- 19. When our day to day got too stressful or we were starting to get annoyed of each other my dad would schedule the next weekend to head up to Eau Claire. We'd just let our minds get caught up in something other than the pandemic. It was really the only time I was able to relax over the last 2 months. The President was still giving his day-to-day press conference's but at this point they have really just became more about statistics and numbers. I still do enjoy watching the president speak but it just became something to worry more and more about because they were talking about numbers. Like I said it had been 2 months is quarantine and I have not seen any of my friends or family members



since this all started. It has been hard on everyone but it is something that we have to push through. While at the Farm my brothers and I liked to set up hunting stand and clean up the property. The picture above shows a view I took looking at the side of our hill while the sun went down. I know the picture might look like a lot but when there's only so much you can do in COVID the little things in life start to become a huge deal. After this picture was taken, I never really went back to see it because I was able to remember the beauty the picture showed. Now that I look at it, I am able to put myself back at that moment and remember what it was like to be there.



“I Spy”: November 13<sup>th</sup> 2020

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It is now the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 8 months since quarantine. At this point we have a way better understanding on COVID-19 and the effects it has on people. The world has started to open up more but that has come with consequences. Green Bay has been one of the united states hot spot for Covid which is where I'm from and the Eau Claire are is starting to become a hot spot as well. The numbers are at an all-time high. As of right now I am a student at the university of Eau Claire and school is not what I thought it was going to be. As of right now you could say the population is split with the concept of masks and social distancing. You have one side that says it's time to get back to work and make the economy go and the other side that as of right now wants to implement a mask mandate and have another shut down. As of right now my college has started fully online and it looks like I am going to go back home. Over this past

week I have been doing a lot of commuting back and forth from school to my farm bow hunting. This change of fully online has not really affected me because my classes have been fully online for the last month. That is why I have been spending so much of my time in the woods doing some hunting. The picture above was taking on November 13<sup>th</sup> showing a little doe in the food plot eating clover and radishes. Hunting to me has just been a place where I can go and just release my frustrations and worries. 2020 has been a time of frustrating and tons of worrying so moments like these are what it's all about for me. Just relaxing in nature and enjoying the view.

I have never really thought of myself as being a primary source so I guess it is pretty cool to actually say that I am one. Because I mean this experience has been eye opening to me based on the fact that anything can happen and we are always living in history which I think is pretty cool.



## One-to-Two-page reflection

I am here to tell you why I chose what primary source I did and to really tell you what my overall primary source was about. I guess the first question I should answer is why I chose to display my primary choice in the way I did. Well, I chose to kind of give future rescuers an overall view of my mindset during the pandemic, the beginning, middle, and present. So, I guess it is more of a journal that shows my thought process through different stages of the pandemic. Another reason I chose a journal was because I wanted practice typing. I am looking to go into a business degree and I know I am going to have to work on the way I deliver my words over the computer. I think that working on my typing is the best way to achieve better writing. So, I decided to write a journal about my thoughts and what I was doing in this time of history. The next question I am going to answer is how my primary source best described my experiences during the pandemic. Well like I said before my primary source was a journal of the beginning middle and the present of my experiences in the pandemic. So, by doing this I was able to express what I did and how I felt during that point in my life. I bring up real life dates and thoughts that I displayed at the time in my primary source to give my best understanding how what was going on in my life. I am now going to give the reason on why what I did was a primary source. First, I used dates to show when the events happened and I used real thoughts and actions from in that time period. I was the first-hand account and because I lived in that moment what I say and do when documented is a primary source. I also use pictures taken at the time of the pandemic making those pictures primary sources. Also provided date for the pictures which is proof that these pictures were taken at the time of the pandemic which make

the primary sources. I know I touched on this above but I was in the pandemic and a journal written by me labels the journal as a primary source. I am now going to reflect on what I have done and I am going to do this by reflecting what I think future researchers and students could learn from a source like mine. I think that future researchers and students could learn about the different thought processes through the beginning middle and presents of the pandemic. I showed and wrote about how my mind set changed through each stage I went through. It also gives intel on what was happening in the media and what was being covered during the pandemic. I think they will also be able to just see what your average person did in the pandemic. This also relates to the sources we did in class and I am going to tell you how. In class you have given us pictures and firsthand accounts like journals or stories we analyzed these stories and related them to the big events that were happening at that time and it is just like what I did. The students or researchers can look at my primary source and relate it back to the pandemic and COVID-19. They can relate it back to how serious or how care free people treated the pandemic and how people lived their lives.

Thanks, Tyler Johnson