

I no longer 'run for my life'

Okay, I've come to accept the fact that when one ages, (like me) one's priorities tend to change.

What was once a joy to do years ago, is now a drudgery. And, conversely, what was once a sentence from hell, can actually be satisfying.

I recently chatted with one of my cousins. We're almost the same age (give or take a couple months) and we both grew up on a farm.

During the conversation, we got to talking about taking off hay, more than 40 years ago on the farm.

We both agreed that we hated it.

Yet in the past few years, I find myself taking off more and more hay, and sell it to other farmers and horse people who don't have enough of their own.

My cousin commented after watching me drive up the road on my way to deliver a wagon loaded with hay.

"Gawd Ted, I can recall when we were kids. If our dads so much as mentioned the word 'hay', we'd both be running for our lives to get away from it," he joked. "And now you're taking it off willingly, not because someone said that you had to."

He was right. During our teenage years, haying was THE most hated job on the farm. Cleaning out calf pens with a fork, by hand, was certainly a close second, but haying topped the list, hands down.

His words made me think— there were all sorts of other 'dreaded' jobs back then, yet today I tackle them with a completely different attitude.

This past weekend, with its absolutely perfect weather, was a fine example of how I've changed as I age.

Not many years ago, I'd have been totally annoyed if I had a bunch of chores to do on such a fine holiday weekend.

In another life, I'd likely have been on the road for a drive, or at Erin Fall Fair, taking in the sights.

But this weekend, I was in seventh

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heaven—and I never left home.

The Sidekick and I were busy throughout the entire weekend and were almost giddy with the satisfaction that we accomplished so much— yet we didn't feel like any of it had been a chore.

Everything ran like a well-oiled machine, we took time to plan our chores and approach them in a logical and orderly manner.

All the summer and fall equipment is stored in the barns and shed, all the young lambs are tagged, ready for registration, the lawn is cut for (what I hope to be) the final time this fall. And there are only two more loads of hay to be delivered before winter.

Geez, I'm walking around home like a simpleton, a permanent grin on my face, just looking for another job to tackle.

It's gotta be my age. Maybe my brain cells have turned to mush and I'm on the verge of senility. Perhaps I'm becoming a sentimental old fool.

Or perhaps, having grown a bit older, I've have learned a few things about tackling those jobs.

It's called experience.

Whatever the case, it's pretty darn nice to feel this way, having a sense of accomplishment, rather than a sense of dread in anticipation of facing that particular job.

And ya know the best part?

It's realizing the mention of the dreaded word 'hay' no longer makes me wanna 'run for my life' anymore.

Police blotter

Coat, computer and cologne among items stolen from cars

Halton Police are investigating several thefts from vehicles in town over the past few days including:

- A \$300 wool coat and change from a vehicle on Webster Way sometime late Thursday or Friday
- 200 CDs, men's cologne and a Garmin GPS from a vehicle on Mull Gate late Thursday or early Friday
- A Garmin GPS from a vehicle on Standish St. late last Thursday or early Friday
- A Hewlett Packard digital camera from a vehicle at a Palomino Trail home late Friday or early Saturday

- A wallet containing cash and credit cards, and a Bulova watch from a vehicle on Smith Dr. Friday or Saturday
- A Garmin GPS from a Smith Dr. home Friday or Saturday
- A TomTom GPS from a vehicle on Palomino Trail late Friday or early Saturday
- A \$1,600 Mac laptop computer, \$500 Canon digital camera, \$400 iPhone and \$500 iPad from a vehicle on Weber Dr. early Tuesday
- An AC adapter, Sony digital camera and TomTom GPS from a car on Stevens Cr. Monday or Tuesday.

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