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Lincoln High Newsletter

Peter Parsons writes:

As a follow up to my note on 9/15, "Finding Mike," we learned from Lynn DeLong that he was alive and well, not deceased, living in northwest Arkansas. We did an extended internet search and tracked his exact whereabouts. We found his sister Pam on Facebook and through her and help from Kathy Gotter we managed to make contact with him. Larry and I decided a trip to Arkansas was in order.



Larry Johnson, Mike Brusoe, Peter Parsons

We did find Mike alive and well and spent several days with him this past week. In addition, we completed some of our bucket list items, old Route 66 and a Fort Leonard visit where we trained as combat engineers in 1966 and 1967. We are still investigating on how the rumor of his demise surfaced and will follow up when information becomes available.

--Peter & Larry

Harry Calverly

Since 1965 to 2005 I ran heavy equipment for my step fathers company (James Peterson Sons Inc.) out of Medford, WI. I also taught school for seven years at our Unions training site in Coloma, WI. I have been a Union member for 49 years with the Operating Engineers Local 139. I also was a business agent for the Union for a short time. We are both retired now and enjoy traveling and spending time with the two grandkids. I still love hunting, fishing, (especially with my grandson) and going to Nascar races. We like to go to a different track every year. What made me happy this week? My grandson getting his BUCK on the Youth Hunt.

This week's topics:

1. Old age or? Check your symptoms!
<http://www.healthline.com/health/dementia/early-warning-signs#Overview1>
The "old" Editor has many of them. How about you?
2. Have you practiced akrasia recently? How?
3. Some people want to rename Columbus Day. What do you think it should be called?
4. What's the furthest you've ever ridden a bike? When? Where?
5. Have you ever been on an island in the ocean? Where? When?
4. Have you ever been on a plane that had an emergency landing? Tell us about it.
7. It's almost Halloween. Got a ghost story you'd like to tell? Have you seen or experienced a ghost?
8. DMV horror stories - Your experiences with the Dept of Motor Vehicles.
9. Got any gut feelings about who the candidates are going to be in the presidential election?
Editor thinks the GOP will end up with a Cruz/Carson ticket. Dems might just end up with Jim Webb.
10. Anything else you'd care to write about.

and responses:

Marcie {Basler} Ortscheid '65

I have been to a lot of the islands in the ocean and I have to say I think my favorite is St. Thomas, blue ocean, hills and the foliage is beautiful. I thought at one time after I retire I would move there and sell T-shirts on the beach, just a very laid-back life. Then I had grandsons and knew I don't want to be that far away from them.

Don Solie

I've been on several Islands in the ocean. While serving in the US Navy, I was on the Philippines main island and also on the main island of Japan, as well as Iwo Jima. I also served on two aircraft carriers and they were/are often referred to as islands. I've been on Maui, Malakai and Oahu in Hawaii many times as we used to visit them every other year, although now it is less frequent. In the US Virgin Islands I've been on St. Thomas and St. John and I've been on Puerto Rico, another US Territory. I believe Amelia Island is in the Atlantic Ocean, as is St. Simmons across from Brunswick, GA. On the west coast I've been on Alameda and Treasure Island as well as Catalina. Oh and then I've been on a couple islandsoff the west coast of Florida that were overcome with mosquitoes. There have been others that didn't make much of an impression as I don't recall the names.

Pete Smullen

4. What's the furthest you've ever ridden a bike? When? Where?

I have to reply, not for me, but for my brother. The longest I've ridden is about a hundred miles or so. My brother George celebrated his 50th birthday about 25 years ago by bicycling across the United States. He dipped his front tire in the Pacific Ocean and then dipped it about seventy days later in the Atlantic. He took the Transamerica Trail from Oregon to Virginia, then up the east coast to my house in Connecticut. Eight years later he celebrated his retirement by bicycling from Alaska (Fairbanks?) back to his home town in Wisconsin. He is still an avid bicyclist in his mid-70s.

<http://www.adventurecycling.org/routes-and-maps/adventure-cycling-route-network/transamerica-trail/>

Toni Olsen

No. 6 - A few years ago my husband and I were flying from Dallas/Fort Worth to Tallahassee, FL, where we lived at the time. As our plane was heading down the runway for takeoff, we all heard a loud boom. I think we had just lifted off the ground (I was too scared to look out the window). The pilot aborted the takeoff and calmly said over the intercom that one of the engines was causing problems. There were no flames or smoke, but it was kind of unsettling. After about an hour waiting in the plane, we all boarded another plane for our flight to Tallahassee. My brother-in-law later asked me if we were scared to get on another plane. I said no. I had already had my scare for the day!

Jack Sultze

Dementia: It's #1 on your list of topics. It is also probably the #1 health related fear of folks our age. If your doctor tells you that you have cancer you know, for most cancers, there is now potential to survive it. There is no cure for dementia/Alzheimer's. Our oldest daughter's 59-year-old husband has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. It is so sad to watch it progress, and to watch the effect it has on our daughter who is trapped in a situation over which she has little control.

Columbus Day: Why rename it? Why not just eliminate it?

Presidential Candidate Predictions: On the GOP side, I wouldn't argue with the Ted Cruz prediction but I would not count The Donald out just yet. I have had a "Ben Carson for President" decal on my car for a couple years – since way before he announced his candidacy. The more of him I see, the better I like him. Poll numbers suggest that many people agree.

Hey Kent, how about a Trump/Carson ticket? Would Fiorina be a good choice as a running mate with Cruz or Rubio? Would Jeb consider a VP invitation? He wouldn't be the first Bush to use that position as a stepping stone to the presidency. On the Democratic side, the bench is pretty weak. It is difficult to imagine any voter, even the least informed, still supporting Clinton. When asked about her accomplishments as Secretary of State she, herself, could not come up with even one. Polls indicate that people know she is dishonest yet she is still #1 in the polls. I suppose folks have come to expect lies and manipulation from their President.

Bernie the Socialist has a lot of support, likely from Democrats expressing the same anti-establishment sentiments as pro-Trump conservatives. Everything will change when Biden officially enters that race. The decks on both sides will re-shuffle as time passes and voters start thinking seriously about who they want to run the country.

I have been binge-watching House of Cards on Netflix. I fear that the program accurately depicts how our federal government functions and who REALLY runs the country.

Barb Cammack

Bill and I rode with my brother, Wayne Martin, and two friends on the Sparta/Elroy Trail when it first opened in the late 70s, I think. My brother wrote a story and had a photo in the Rapids paper because he was employed by them at the time. I think it was 20-plus miles, which was fun on the old bikes. Unfortunately our friend, Allen, got a flat about two thirds into the ride and pushed his bike the rest of the way. We all needed butt rejuvenation after that.