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## Lincoln High Newsletter

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Editor's note:

There will be no newsletter next week!

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

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### More responses to last week's topic:

Randy Cox

It may be too late, but I didn't add some things I feel I should have to last week's topic.

Not only did my brother and I go to Vietnam, but my dad was a cook in WWII. He was captured by the Germans and suffered as a POW.

My second son was in the navy for 12 years. My third son spent six years in the air force in Anchorage, Alaska, translating Russian for them (classified) where he married a linguist (Russian). He turned down a job with the DOD to become a writer.

I have many extended family members who are or were in the military, all of whom I am proud of.

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Ron Karnatz

I am a little late on the military response as was out of town last week.

I was a senior biology major at UWSP in 1969 and about to be drafted. I also talked with Lucky Lager and enlisted in the Army for medical services. After basic training in Fort Campbell, KY, I went to Fort Sam Houston for basic medic training and then to Denver's Fitzsimmons Hospital for Clinic Specialist schooling. After graduation from that school was sent back to Fort Sam and worked in the Brooke Army Medical Center Burn Unit. In June of 1971 half of the burn unit was shipped off to Saigon to form a burn unit. We never formed the unit and I was sent to Camp Eagle on the DMZ. From there to multiple fire bases where I ran aid stations. In May of 1972 my current unit was being sent back to the States. I had orders for Fort Riley, KS. When I got to the processing station in California a friend working in S1 asked if I had been offered an early out, which I had not. He said he would work on that. Next thing I knew I had a plan ticket for CWA and was on my way home. I enjoyed the military time and had many adventures. Learned a lot and those experiences served me well in civilian life as an Occupational Health Nurse.

This weeks topic is Thanksgiving. As a child we always went to by grandparents and had a large gathering. Then it became my parents who had the large gathering. Now the gathering is at our house. It used to be my aunts and uncles and cousins and how is my brother and his family and my family with our parents. The menu had changed little, turkey, mashed potatoes, cheesy corn, sweet potatoes, cranberries and lots of different kinds of pie. My 97-year-old mother still makes the pies.

Wishing everyone a blessed Thanksgiving.

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**This week's topic:**

**What was Thanksgiving like when you were in high school?**

**How did you celebrate it?**

**What is it going to be like this year?**

**and responses:**

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Chad Lewis

Thanksgiving during high school was always at my dad's cousin's house in Waupaca because it was closest to the old family farm near Saxeville where we went deer hunting. - (You have to keep your priorities straight.)

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Sue (Christensen) Weimer

Growing up, our family Thanksgiving was the best. My mom's sister always had Thanksgiving dinner at her house. Mom would bring food as well and we always had plenty to eat. There was always fruit salad. That was my favorite. We were lucky! After dinner we would wait until later to have pie and it was a treat. We celebrated Thanksgiving on Friday as well by going back to my aunt's house to eat leftovers. As I remember, they were even better the second time around. As both my parents and my aunt and uncle have passed away, us kids have gone on and gotten married and had kids and grandkids of our own. We don't celebrate the holidays together anymore.

This year, I will again be cooking dinner. All the years I was married to Rick, dinner had to wait until the deer hunters got home. Now, no one hunts in the family, so we can have dinner earlier. Paul's daughter and her boyfriend, his son and the two grandsons, and my son and his girl will be here. My youngest son has to work the day before and the day after Thanksgiving so because he lives in Milwaukee, he won't be here. That makes me sad. Even though my sister and her family don't get together with my family any more, we call each other on the day and wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving with love all around.

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Lenore Haferman

We have a very small family, because my mother and father were both only children. We all gathered at our house for a total of eight. Now my daughter-in-law hosts, and with our kids and grandkids, we now are at 11.

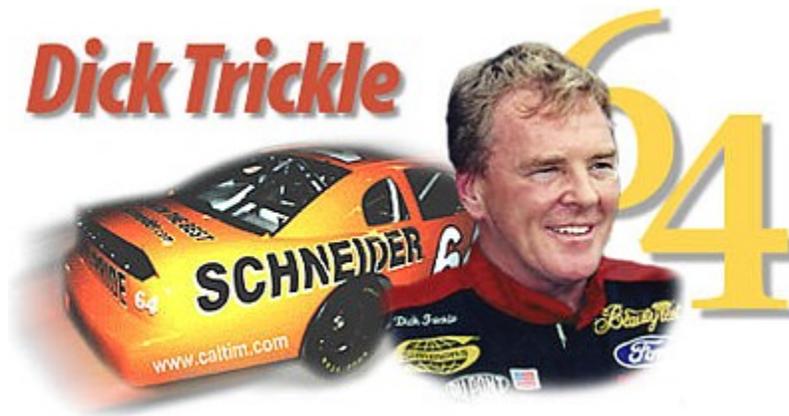
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Marcie [Basler] Ortscheid '65

We always had a turkey and all the stuff that went with it, and we sat around the table. This year my oldest son and I are going out to Las Vegas for the holiday. I was going to put money on the Packers winning the Super Bowl, but not I don't know. It's very somber here in Green Bay and not a lot of smiling and laughing, but the Pack will be back (I hope) and yes, we were spoiled with all the wins, but it can only go up from the last three games. Maybe we need a year like this to make Packer fans know it's not always sunny out. Hope everyone has a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

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**Lynn DeLong sends this memorial to Dick Trickle**



White Knight celebrates the life of short track legend Dick Trickle.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iDQ9FCgwwoc>