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LINCOLN HIGH NEWSLETTER

Responses to previous topics:

Bob Schmidt

After reading Lynn DeLong's accomplishments and what he was most proud of, I decided not to talk about the time I chugged two pitchers, back to back, in 1967.

This week's topics:

OK, you're back in school - Here are your assignments.

Math - How have you used algebra, trig, geometry in your work or daily life?

Physics - How have the laws of physics affected you? Centrifugal force, gravity, etc?

Home Ec - Still using anything you learned?

Chemistry - Any reactions of note?

English - Write a brief review of a book you read in HS - Brave New World, Animal Farm, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Shakespeare, or whatever you've read recently.

Phy Ed - Interesting or memorable experiences.

Biology - Memories of stuff you did in class.

Mental health - How have you avoided going crazy?

Foreign languages - Write a sentence in a foreign language.

If you neglect to complete at least one of the above assignments, you will have to go to the principal's office. Or did you do that already?

Lynn DeLong

Math - How have you used algebra, trig, geometry in your work or daily life?

I have had the pleasure of using mathematics to solve crimes, to conduct research, to design wood, metal, and glass projects, and to create an internal joy. I am currently engaged in The Great Course entitled "The Joy of Thinking: The Beauty and Power of Classical Mathematical Ideas" by Michael Starbird of the University of Texas at Austin and Edward B. Burger of Williams College.

Physics - How have the laws of physics affected you? Centrifugal force, gravity, etc?

The law of physics have helped me to work on reconstructing collisions and crime scenes. Today, I am reading Stephen Hawking's *Universe in a Nutshell*. It is exploring the cutting edge of theoretical physics.

Chemistry - Any reactions of note?

I was testifying in a trial early in my law enforcement career about a breathalyser test done on a defendant in drunk driver case and was asked if I could explain the chemical reaction. When I said, "Yes," the defense attorney yelled, "You only had a three day course; how can you?" I responded, "I had 24 college credits in chemistry and 10 in physics." The attorney said, "The Defense rests." The days of the dumb cops were over.

Home Ec - Still using anything you learned? - I did not take Home Ec.

English - Write a brief review of a book you read in HS - Brave New World, Animal Farm, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, Shakespeare, or whatever you've read recently.

Stephen Hawking's look at over 100 years of theoretical physics to find the secrets that explains the universe. Through history and art, he describes what brings us to appreciate the secrets of the revelation time.

Phy Ed - Interesting or memorable experiences. - Kinesiology changed the warm up before competition from the calisthenics of pushups, jumping jacks, burpies, etc, to be replaced with stretching and relaxation.

Biology - Memories of stuff you did in class. - My tablemate was a senior who charmed the instructor. His tests were always A's but he wrote the greatest obfuscatory work.

Mental health - How have you avoided going crazy? - When life creates pressures, I shed them through movement and relaxation.

Foreign languages - Write a sentence in a foreign language. - J'aime l'amour de la vie et une bonne femme.

Pete Smullen

Math - About fifteen years into my engineering career, a bunch of my colleagues and I compared notes. I was the only one who had actually used a second order partial differential equation in our work. I use algebra, trig and geometry quite often for my woodworking projects.

Physics - All of those, but in addition, I've been hit by a quark or two and several billion neutrinos.

Chemistry - Any reactions of note? - Fairly recently I did some copper electroplating for a car restoration. I still have plenty of copper sulfate in the garage along with the plating system I scratch-built, mostly from items off eBay.

English - Write a brief review of a book you read in HS - We were supposedly allowed to pick our own books to review. I tried to do a review of *Catcher in the Rye*. The nun interrupted me almost immediately after I started my oral presentation, informed me that *Catcher in the Rye* was not an appropriate book, and assigned me *War and Peace*. I give here the same review I gave of that book back in high school:

"War and Peace is a classic example of a 'classic' -- a book that everyone should read but no one does, and I now know why. I couldn't get past page 100 because it was so boring." Yes, I received an F for this report as well.

Biology - Memories of stuff you did in class. - Again this is about Assumption High School and nuns. We had co-ed classes except for biology. I remember a speech that our teacher gave us in which she tried to explain to us 13 and 14 year old boys that sex was a natural thing and that it wasn't "dirty." However, the way she said it, I was convinced that she actually thought it was.

Roger Fritz

Physics -- Gravity is pulling my waist line down over my belt.

Phy Ed -- I was very impressed with Jack Cepek's method of crowd control. While sitting on the Mead School bleachers for the first gym class of the year, I listened to Mr. C's pep talk. Tommy Sox was having his own conversation in the back row, and Mr C got him focused again on Phy Ed by tossing a large piece of chalk at Mr Sox. It flew right past my head and certainly got my attention. These days, it would have been Mr Cepek going to the principals office, but it seemed like a good teaching technique to me.

Spanish -- Dos Equis por favor.

Leslie (Wolfe) Fitz

Late spring in the Southwest: even normally barren and brown ground is sprouting green wildflowers (weeds) due to plentiful and unusual spring showers.

To address your subject this week, I struggled with any science and math in high school, but they all came together in college and I was able to meet requirements.

However, my enjoyment of subjects such as literature, speech, language, and history enabled me to develop my communication skills, which in turn have led to success in lots of areas. I often gratefully remark on what a good educational foundation my high school offered.

I continue to be an avid reader, mostly novels. Mysteries and historical fiction are my favorite. Anything by David Baldacci, CJ Box, Scott Pratt, Joel Rosenberg, Catherine Ryan Hyde, and of course the rock solid western writer Louis L'Amour is read and reread. I've just discovered two new (to me) authors: 1) Tom Hilpert, who writes humorous mysteries about a Lutheran pastor/fisherman/police chaplain in a lakeside town north of Duluth, and 2) Howard Blum, who writes novelized documentaries. My favorite Blum book is *The Brigade*, an account of the Jewish brigade during the last months of WWII.

As always, thanks for the newsletter. I read it each week, enjoying all the different points of view.

Just as an aside: my husband is in his seventh week of physical therapy for a complete hip replacement and is doing remarkably well. If anyone is hesitating to go through the procedure, just do it! He can kayak the first of June! Life back to normal!

Marcie [Basler] Ortscheid '65

I just was in Krakow, Poland, with my sister and her husband. We toured Auschwitz and Birkenau concentration camps and the Nazi Gestapo memorial museum, so I read everything I could get my hands on.

After coming back I read *The Upstairs Room*. It's a book written by Johann Reis, who was a Holocaust survivor during the Nazi Holland invasion. After the visit to Auschwitz, I can really understand why people did not want to talk about it and just wanted to get on with their lives if they lived through it. I had tears in my eyes the whole time. What I could not understand and made me angry was people taking pictures of the glasses, shoes, toys, and hair that is behind glass. I so wanted to ask them, "So, what do you plan on doing with those pictures? Take them back to Nebraska or Ohio and show all your friends?" I was able to touch a piece of the wall and the chairs that are in the Jewish section of Krakow. What a beautiful city full of history, if anyone is into WWII like I am it's a trip of a lifetime and very inexpensive. The flight on Lot Airline from Chicago round trip was \$499.

Chris Gorski

Don't want to go to the principal's office again, especially at my age, so here you go:

Math / English -- Have frequently used basic math and English every year in the month of April. For those of you who have or had only W-2 income, filing your tax return typically required only a handful of forms at the most. The forms my wife and I have had since the early 1970s: W-2, Schedule C, 1099, Investment and S Corp K-1 income. I have always prepared our personal tax returns but not our Chapter S Corporate returns.

What makes our personal return especially complicated is the K-1 income. Just the instructions are 44 pages long! And, if you do business internationally or perform a lot of product development, it gets even more complicated. I typically spent approximately two to three hours over a period of two to three days, with most of the time spent deciphering the double negatives plastered throughout the instructions for the various forms. This is where English helped in the preparation. As far as math is concerned, simple addition, subtraction and multiplication is all that is needed. If you got a D in English and an A in math, don't try to file your own return. You almost need an English Major do it. Those of you who file your own returns know what I mean.

Lenore Haferman

I remember I could climb the rope to the top of the gym. Well, I admit that I might get off the ground now. I keep telling myself to exercise, but I do not get around to it.

Toni Weller Olsen - LHS '64

Here's a book review of what I'm reading and enjoying right now: *Tales of the South Pacific* by James Michener. It was published in 1946 and is based on Michener's own WWII experience as an aviation mechanic in the South Pacific. My dad served in the Army in Italy and North Africa during the war, and my knowledge of the war in the South Pacific has been sadly lacking. I guess you could say this book is a mostly-true version of Michener's war years. Some of the stories take place on Norfolk Island, north of New Zealand. I never knew there were so many little islands in the South Pacific until I started looking at my world globe! Michener does a great job of describing what it would feel like to be in the military so far from home in the middle of a vast ocean. Many of us have seen the movie "South Pacific," which is based on this book. I like the book much better!

Thanks for the great job you do with the newsletter, Kent.

In Memoriam

Kathleen "Dottie" (Vilbaum) Perkovich, age 70, entered into eternal peace surrounded by her loving family on May 9, 2017.

Funeral service will be at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 13, 2017, at Herman-Taylor Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 10:00 A.M. until time of service on Saturday. Entombment will take place at Forest Hill Mausoleum.

Kathy was born in Wisconsin Rapids on September 17, 1946, to Leonard and Rosemary (Otto) Vilbaum.

She graduated from Lincoln High School in 1964, and, while attending nursing school in Milwaukee, she met the love of her life, Ronald Perkovich. They celebrated 52 years of marriage on February 21, 2017. She always said the greatest anniversary gift was when her granddaughter, Courtney, was born on their anniversary.

Kathy was a loving mother to son Rob and mourned the loss of twin daughters Esther and Elizabeth at birth. She was always involved in Rob's life and was known as "Ma Perky" to all his friends. She was very proud of him and his accomplishments. Kathy worked various jobs including Shopko, Wisconsin Label, the cranberry marshes, and ultimately following in her father's footsteps at the post office where she worked for many years.

Kathy enjoyed spending time at their cottage in Algoma with family, friends, and grandchildren. They have many fond memories of the trips they took together.

She is survived by her loving husband Ron; son, Rob (Pat) Perkovich; granddaughter, Courtney (Tyler) Huss; and grandson, Tyler Perkovich (all of Kimberly); brother, Doug (Pat) Vilbaum of Texas; nieces, cousins and the newest joy in her life, great-grandson Lincoln Huss, whom she adored. She is preceded in death by her parents, twin daughters, mother-in-law Isabel Boll, and father-in-law Robert Boll.

The family would like to thank Dr. Kersling, Dr. Olson, and the many nurses and the caring staff at the Cancer Center, Wisconsin Rapids

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the America Cancer Research Center.

Ed note: Kathy was a newsletter reader - her address is/was rkperk6@gmail.com Don't know if anyone is reading her emails now.

Jim Natwick would like you to know that there is a South Wood County Foundation

<https://incouragecf.org/about-us/>

