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## LINCOLN HIGH NEWSLETTER

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### **This week's topics:**

1. How did your parents make it through the depression years?
2. Got a family heirloom that's been passed down through generations?
3. Written any letters by hand lately?
4. Win any sports awards in the last 20 years? Like maybe winning a 3K run?
5. Ride in a limo lately?
6. Ever attend an Indian pow-wow or other tribal doings?
7. Did you NOT vote Tuesday? Why not?
8. What do you think of the election results?

### **and responses:**

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Roger Fritz

Parents in depression years: My mom lived on a less than prosperous farm and never related much about what it was like back then, but traits she picked up from that period were noted and passed on to me in my early childhood. For example, I learned to clean my plate! I was never allowed to leave the table with food still on my plate. Also, there was much more life in my clothes than I wanted to acknowledge. I remember being sent to school at Mead with not so small patches on my blue jeans. Now it's fashionable to have holes in ones pants. My mom was, and still is, very frugal, a trait which I know I have inherited. She's 94 and still lives in Rapids.

We will be visiting her next week. Hope I can find some old winter clothes. Southwest Virginia has much more mild winters. (If someone is interested, I have a buildable lot on Smith Mountain Lake I'll sell you.)

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Don Solie

On Wisconsin. Proud of you for protecting our Supreme Court and throwing out the corruption that infects the "Swamp" in DC. Of course Texas once again voted for the "Good Guys!"

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Marcie [Basler] Ortscheid '65

Yes, I voted. Trump got my vote. I could not stand to hear that screeching voice of Hillary for four years. She lost because of all the scandal that followed the Clintons, lies and more lies. The only good thing is if she won I was hoping she would bring back all the stuff she took from the White House when Bill was president: dishes, silver and anything else she could stuff in her suitcase. Now, Trump will have to move from that beautiful Trump tower to the White House. I was in NYC in August and we spent time in the tower and it is beautiful, so I think the White House will be a step down in living quarters. Hope the next four years are good for all of America and he is correct: "Let's make America great again."

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Pete Smullen

1. How did your parents make it through the depression years?

My father was a doctor in Arpin. I remember family discussions about how he had often been paid with eggs and chickens and, at times, nothing but a thank you.

However, the best part is about his brother. My father had talked his younger brother, who had just become a doctor, into come up to Arpin to share his practice. That brother lasted there a year.

He was on a house call to a farm outside Arpin when he got thoroughly stuck in the driveway, which was muddy and soggy with a recent rain. The farmer pulled him out with his tractor and charged my uncle more than my uncle was charging for the house call! I assure you this part of the story is true; my cousin gave me a copy of his letter to his wife describing the episode and telling her he had enough of the rural life.

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Lynn DeLong

How did your parents make it through the depression years? My mother, her mother, and her grandmother cooked meals for the crews working on the public roads projects. My father was part of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC).

Got a family heirloom that's been passed down through generations? The family bible from the 1800's is the most important heirloom that we have. We will keep it until we pass it onto our children. The Rudolph Grotto is a family legacy; my great grandparents donated the land and much of the material for the Grotto. During the renovation of the Grotto in 2001, we were able to donate the family pictures from the original construction to the Grotto Museum.

Written any hand-written letters lately? No, but I might now try.

Ever attend an Indian pow-wow or other tribal doings? We did attend the Winnebago Pow-Wows for many years.

Did you NOT vote Tuesday? We did not vote Tuesday. Why not? We voted early to avoid the rush.

What do you think of the election results? For years the City Clerk of Black River Falls, Bob Flugstead, announced that the results had been posted with following poem:

PLEDGE OF UNITY

The election is over,  
The results are known.  
The will of the people  
Has clearly been shown.

Let's forget the quarrels  
And show by our deeds.  
We will give our leader  
All the help that she needs.

So let's all get together  
And let bitterness pass,  
I'll hug your elephant  
And you can kiss my ass.

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Ursula Nogie

Longevity has a new spokesmodel. Wang Deshun is an 80-year-old Chinese man who is walking down fashion runways

Since I'm going to be in China in early December, I'm going to pay attention to how many of these 80 year old dudes abound over there- I'll be in Beijing and Shanghai so should have many to check out. While there, I'll also check out the older ladies.

But if they really do look younger, how will I know whether they're really 80 or simply 60 or 50? I guess by whether they can hear me ask them the question.