
From: The Vasbys <kvasby@smallbytes.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 28, 2016 2:38 PM
To: Undisclosed-Recipient;;
Subject: Lincoln High Newsletter - 4/28/16

Lincoln High Newsletter

Responses to previous topics:

Mark Suckow - marks54545@centurytel.net

Along the lines of Gene Santoski's 50/50/90 rule is the 90/20 rule which states: 90% of life is just showing up, after that it's what you do with the other 20%.

Lenore Haferman Crothers - lenorehaferman@yahoo.com

Hi with all the responses about Bradley and Iwo Jima, and yes I loved his book, it made me think of the many times I had the privilege of talking to the code talkers, I even got to dance with some of them once. It always surprises me how many people do not know how much they did to help in the war.

This week's topics:

1. Anyone still paying cash when they go to the store? Why?
2. If both the Dem and GOP conventions end up contested. Whom would you prefer to emerge as the party's choice? None of the above or?
3. Elementary school sleepovers. Who came to your house or you went where?
4. Blue headlights. Do they drive you nuts too?
5. Are your grand-kids learning cursive writing? Should they?
6. Who was the most "entertaining" teacher that you remember?
7. For first time writers. Where are you? What are you doing these days?

and responses:

Toni Weller Olsen - tonicrafty@gmail.com

1. Sometimes I pay for things in cash if the purchase is a very small one. For some weird reason, I don't like using a debit card for small purchases of a dollar or so. It shouldn't really matter I guess. When I use cash, I end up with change; and I don't like to carry a lot of coins in my purse. There is a stash of change hidden in my car.

5. My grandson in kindergarden is learning to print, but I have my doubts whether kids his age will learn cursive (as my sons used to call it when they were in grade school). Maybe with touch screens or keyboards everywhere, cursive handwriting will be obsolete.

Karen King - yayaec@gmail.com

I love paying with cash for two reasons: One, it slows my entry into this century. I'm a bit of a luddite when it comes to technology and the second reason is that it's amusing to see how many cashiers cannot count back change if the register doesn't tell them what to do. I'm not laughing at them, honestly, and I never belittle, but it is interesting to observe.

I found several teachers entertaining. Mrs. Broker, caught me when I had not finished a writing project but she called on me to read my essay in class. I made up the part I had not finished and I thought I did a great job but without missing a beat she said, "That was interesting. Would you read it all again please." I loved her sense of humor. Mr. Miller made history come alive by recounting battles as if they were happening during the class, Mr. Marshall was often just silly in French class and Miss Cobleigh could entertain by demonstrating what we were to do in gym class when we egged her on thinking she could never do it.



Chuck Hinnners - Chuck@crgfinancialconsulting.com

The federal government would love to eliminate cash.

Former Treasury Secretary Larry Summers has proposed killing Ben Franklin.

The putative reason is to eliminate drug trafficking by making the peddlers carry larger satchels of 5s, 10s, and 20s.

Now think about that for a minute.

The underworld will always figure a way to pay. Maybe it will be gold or maybe a digital currency like Bitcoin.

The real reason behind the elimination of cash is that then most money will be in the form of electrons.

We are already getting negative interest rates on bank savings if you subtract bank fees from the pittance of interest your bank pays you, if any.

Negative interest rates will enable banks to penalize savers further and allow the government to confiscate cash directly from your bank account.

Therefore, why would anyone pay a bank to keep their counterfeit paper money / electrons?

If all business transactions are run on credit cards, the central bank can continue to inflate the currency without even going through the charade of printing green paper, since green paper won't be needed.

Negative interest rates and elimination of cash are just another dilatory step of continuing the Ponzi scheme of debt expansion

=====

Interesting teachers by grade

1-Lorraine Weaver at Howe. First day of class in first class of afternoon when she said "Now I am going to teach you to write"

I flipped out because I thought she was going to teach us cursive rather than the printing that I already figured I had mastered.

2-Rita Sutton at Howe. She was so good that she "graduated to teach 3rd grade in 1955.

3-Evelyn Wicker at Howe. She was a fine lady, probably 45 with gray hair and an imperious bearing. She was patient and told stories of summer travels to faraway places like Clintonville.

4-Ilene Larson favored the girls and like to pit girls against boys in contests in class. She abhorred nicknames and called by their birth certificate name. She is the only one other than my mother to ever call me Charles. She also did not understand why the advent of daylight saving time would help us play an hour later in our Little League games. She came from Lohrville (Waupaca County)

5-David Borchardt was my first male teacher. He was only at Howe for the 57-58 year. He was driven from teaching by Heilman, me and other miscreants. He was an all around good guy and teacher.

6-Clarence Klesmit died too young (42). He was a lifelong teacher at Howe. He played basketball with the guys in our class including Carl Normington, John Coulthard, Gary Greenfield, and Ray Kuehl

7-Melvin Natti came from Chicago. After 7th grade he married Louise Thompson the art teacher. They taught in Rapids another year and moved to Wentworth in Douglas County where Natti still lives. Natti would slam students into the lockers outside his classroom if he messed up in class. On time he was showing us how to do binomial expansions. He had two x^3 terms and he stated that x^3 time x^3 was x^9 . Smartass kids said it was x^6 since exponents are added when multiplying individual terms.

Bad idea kid—Natti turned beet red and took him out and slammed him into lockers.

8-Roy Lukes lived with Larry Miller (LHS 63). He was buddies with Natti and became a state naturalist living in Door County. He was a gentle and thoughtful teacher who was abused by some of the students.

9-Howard Junkman was a great math teacher whose tenure in 61-62 was cut short by the Berlin Missile Crisis.

10-Charlie Spees and Junkman were called up with the Red Arrow Division and sent to Ft Lewis WA.. Spees returned in 62 and taught World history. He explained the evils of mercantilism in great detail which have revisited our current world with a vengeance.

11-Bill Wagner was an all world math teacher and taught both Advanced Algebra and senior math/pre-calculus. Before we got to LHS he was the baseball coach and emceed the annual athletic banquet.

12-Alice Hayward told us she was going to teach us how to read and write. Each class she taught was the worst ever, but emerged as the best buy the end of the year. Alice love Churchill and the 64-65 year was a farewell tour for Winnie lived through the eyes of Grendel. Alice also taught my dad when she was Alice McCall at Baraboo High School in 30-31.

Nick Brazeu - njbbbe@brazeaulawfirm.com

1. Almost always. Have never used a credit card at a gas station. Why? – 70 years old
2. Dem – anyone but HER! GOP – Barry Goldwater
3. Almost always at the Farrish home on 10th and Baker
5. No Yes
6. Johanna Kumm – Lincoln High School – Biology.

Don Wylie - donwylie2@gmail.com

Paying with cash - only when I'm in northern Minnesota dealing with a local resort. There has been suggestions to eliminate the \$100 bill because its mainly used by drug dealers and other similar undesirables. But the Treasury has resisted and even updated this note in 2013 to make it harder to counterfeit. Their own studies estimate that half of US currency is held outside the USA and 75% of it is the Ben Franklin \$100 bills. So why do they keep printing the Franklins? Because its a large part of the \$20 billion/yr that the Fed. makes by printing currency (Wall Street Journal, 2/16/2016) since they disappear after the Fed. sells them.

Does anyone carry coins anymore? Our parking meters in Madison take plastic and we only get about 10 minutes for a quarter. How about the dollar coins? They're only minutely different from quarters. Do vending machines take them and does anyone use them? Wikipedia says they were minted only for coin collectors.

Renee Flaminio - renee.flaminio@frontier.com

1. Yes. I hate credit cards. Plus ours was compromised at one time. What a fiasco to get it corrected. Tiny was the "card holder". Therefore they would not talk to me. I had to go the Care Center, twice, so that he was at so that he could talk to them. They never issued us a replacement card either.
3. Did not have anyone at our house growing up. I got to sleep at a friend's house when I was in 6th grade. She hid her allowance all over the house so that no one would steal it.
4. Yes they do. (Short trip)
5. No grandchildren. But YES - they should learn cursive writing.

Holy Jokes

Thanks, Gene Santoski

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

=====

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

=====

"Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

=====

A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter.

Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: "I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses."

When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note "I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

=====

There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

=====

While driving in Pennsylvania , a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

=====

A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the kindergarten boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven.."

=====

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

"Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."

=====

People want the front of the bus, the back of the church, and the center of attention.

=====

Last, but not least, a great one:

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner."

And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

