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Lincoln High Newsletter

More responses to last week's topics:

Rick Riley - rrile6@yahoo.com

Actually when i grew up rapids had 3 movie theaters - the Rapids (east side) and Wisconsin and Palace on the west side.. the Palace didnt last long and eventually became a dance hall. What i last recall it was run by a man named "teddy" who became infamous in rapids - the old saying as kids was "you d better get ready for teddy cause teddy's ready for you"

This week's topics:

1. Here's a good trivia question for those from the class of 63 - What was the number ne hit song in Wisconsin in 1963? This song helped make a beer bar in point the hot spot. - Rick Riley
2. Did Jay and the Americans ever perform at Lincoln High School? - Chuck Hinnners
3. Did you ever work in Wis Rapids? What did you do?
4. Do you work in the Rapids now? What do you do?

and responses:

Chris Gorski - karma@karma-inc.com

Did you ever work in Wis Rapids:

I turned 16 in July between my freshman and sophomore year and until school started I got a job at Preway, working on the assembly line. Cloths dryers would come down the conveyor line and my job was to put the backs on and anchor them with 8 screws. The conveyor moved quite fast only allowing me 2 to 3 seconds to perform my task, screwing, no further comment.

The next summer I got a job with the City working on a garbage truck route. I actually liked the job because we would start at 5am and we would be done by 11am but got paid for 40 hours. Had the afternoons free to play golf and the evenings to cruise around town and just hang out. Half way thru the summer I got promoted to the street crew, had my own truck and tar kettle trailer. I worked from 7 to 3, going to various assigned streets, setting up my cones, blowing out cracks, firing up my tar kettle and filling cracks with hot tar. I liked working on my own without a supervisor looking over my shoulder. No way could a 17 year old be given a job like this today. We need some tort reform.

The next summer before going off to college, I got a job with Sullivan Construction, 1st working on the widening of West Grand Avenue and then going up north working on building US HWY 2 between Hurley and Ashland. Our favorite hangout in Hurley was the Silver Dollar. Recently took my grand children on our annual ski vacation and did Powderhorn,

Blackjack and Whitecap. Went thru Hurley on our way to Whitecap and the Silver Dollar is still there. Great place to hang out and gamble?

Jack Sultze - jsultze@verizon.net

There were some GREAT songs in 1963. I couldn't come up with a link to a Point beer bar. I look forward to hearing the what the song was that that made that Point beer bar the hot spot.

Related question: Kraft Beer. Are any of our classmates brewing beer? Until about two years ago, Beer, for me, was Bud and PBR. Our son got into brewing and introduced me to a whole new world of brews coming from small brewers.

I don't recall Jay and the Americans performing at Lincoln H.S. but who remembers Del Shannon stopping to perform at the Corpsman Hall? Must have been a memorable point in his career!

Never worked in Rapids but did work at Peter's Lumber in Kellner for awhile. One of my most vivid memories of working there is offloading a boxcar full of bags of cement, in the Wisconsin summer, by myself.

Linda (Mitchell) Leitzke - gradlhs@gmail.com

#3 ...at 16 my first job (other than baby sitting jobs since 7th grade) was as a waitress at a small restaurant next door to JC Pennys..wish I could remember the name. Then in Jr year I got a job at the 5 & dime across the street. .thinking it was Schroeder ? 6 months later I got a job as floor clerk at JC Pennys until I graduated.

In Sept I moved to Flint Michigan (population 1/2 million) and I got a job JC Pennys. Worked there till got a job at Yankee Distributors warehouse (competitors of K MART) I was a unit control secretary (inventory) for a children's buyer and later the toy buyer. Then became the office receptionist and pbx operator (switchboard) ...worked 40 hrs plus attended Jr college full time for a year. That lasted 2 semesters till I could not maintain my Deans list status (and I cut back to part time college for the next year) Then a college part time job with the Bd of Ed Adult Ed programs Human Relations Dept became a full time job as staff assistant for publicity and promotion. (I worked with radio/television/newspapers weekly to promote our lecture series on Race Relations/Ecology/Drug Education. At 25 yrs old I got offered a TV anchor woman job (before national networks had women) ...but I chickened out afraid I'd flub it on live TV : 0 ... with later jobs with Congressman office /District Attorney office as a investigator/Model Cities Corp education coordinator/IBM marketing I never got back to college...wonder if my work years/experience would earn any credits towards degree ? :)

Mark Suckow - marks54545@centurytel.net

Too easy. What else but ***Down At Papa Joes*** by the Dixie Bells. Don't know about Jay and the Americans but the Beach Boys played the Casino the first or second Saturday in June of 1963. They were pretty good.

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1962 1963 Number One Songs 1964 - Date Artist - Title Weeks at #1

December 16 1962 – January 5 1963 Tornados - Telstar 3
January 6 – 19 1963 Steve Lawrence - Go Away Little Girl 2
January 20 – February 2 1963 Rooftop Singers - Walk Right In 2
February 3 – 23 1963 Paul and Paula - Hey Paula 3
February 24 – March 16 1963 Four Seasons - Walk Like A Man 3
March 17 – 23 1963 Ruby and The Romantics - Our Day Will Come 1

March 24 – April 20 1963 Chiffons - He's So Fine 4
April 21 – May 11 1963 Little Peggy March - I Will Follow Him 3
May 12 – 25 1963 Jimmy Soul - If You Wanna Be Happy 2
May 26 – June 8 1963 Lesley Gore - It's My Party 2
June 9 – 29 1963 Kyu Sakamoto - Sukiyaki 3
June 30 – July 13 1963 Essex - Easier Said Than Done 2
July 14 – 27 1963 Jan and Dean - Surf City 2
July 28 – August 3 1963 Tymes - So Much In Love 1
August 4 – 24 1963 Stevie Wonder - Fingertips (Part 2) 3
August 25 – September 14 1963 Angels - My Boyfriend's Back 3
September 15 – October 5 1963 Bobby Vinton - Blue Velvet 3
October 6 – November 9 1963 Jimmy Glimmer and The Fireballs - Sugar Shack 5
November 10 – 16 1963 Nino Tempo and April Stevens - Deep Purple 1
November 17 – 30 1963 Dale and Grace - I'm Leaving It Up To You 2
December 1 – 28 1963 Singing Nun - Dominique 4

Norm Arendt - njarendt@tds.net

I worked for the Wisconsin DOT in Wisconsin Rapids prior to moving to Madison. Work now?? Most of us should be retired. Only time I get to Rapids is to see my Dad who still lives currently on Airport Road. Created my own LLC when I retired and do a few odd consulting projects to keep myself busy.

Susan Hammel - gourmay1@gmail.com

I worked at Anderson Drug during my senior year and summer..let me say there were some embarrassing moments when the Wisconsin Rapids Twins came in for "certain items"..
The Anderson brothers were neighbors and great to work for.

Dan McGlynn - mcglynnfam@charter.net

As to Chuck's question about Jay and The Americans:

I'm not sure if they ever performed at Lincoln, but Gary Bushman, Steve Harding and I saw them in the Assumption gym. I believe that a) the nuns were watching from the glassed-in room above, b) Harding was probably dancing, alone if necessary, and c) Bushman still has my Jay and The Americans vinyl squirreled away somewhere.

Letter to the Editor

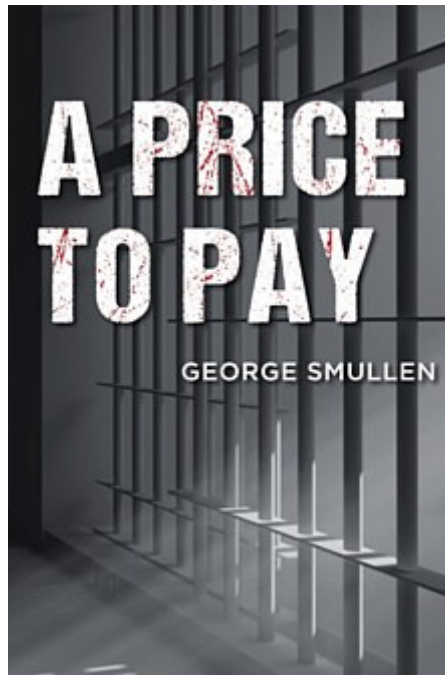
Pete Smullen - AHS '63 - pete_smullen@hotmail.com writes:

Just wanted to do a little bragging. My older brother George Smullen, who graduated from Assumption with its first graduating class way back when, just published his first novel.

It is called A Price to Pay. It's a fictional story that takes place in, around and about Waupun State Prison. However, since George spent 28 years there ... AS STAFF ... it's bone-chillingly real. I went for a tour of the prison twice with George. Scared the living daylights out of me. The prisoners wanted to intimidate me and they did all that, and more. Wisconsin Rapids show up a few times as well.

You can read all about it at his website: www.apricetopay.com

Here's the book cover.



Thanks for all your hard work with the Newsletter. I look forward to it and read it with great interest. Brings back a lot of memories and provides some surprises.