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LINCOLN HIGH NEWSLETTER

New reader:

Rob Sobczak - rsobczak@g2A.net

Missing alumnus

Evelyn (Hill) Shrednik - email no longer works. Anybody have a new address?

Responses to previous topics:

Caroline (Kehrberg) Casper 1965 - tchertcher@wctc.net

The worst time my car broke down was on the Riverview Expressway at noon. Thankfully I was in the right lane close to the stop lights and it was easy to push it onto 2nd Avenue. Not one person stopped to help.

Norm Arendt - normarendt@gmail.com

1. Fitbits – Do you have one? Does it make you move when you know you should stay and finish what you are doing? I use the Garmin vivosmart HR more than the FITbit they do not agree on what they show.
 3. Civic Clubs – Are you still in one, and is it shrinking as your fellow members age and younger new members are not joining? - I am in Sertoma and the Middleton Area Technology Club as well as several professional organizations. As members age the organizations are shrinking as younger members of society are not participating in any civic or professional organization. This is a problem nationwide.
 4. Drones – Do you have one? What do you use it for? yes I have several with cameras use for fun in the yard and at trailer. Fire department uses them for incidents including police assist.
 6. What's the most dangerous hobby you've ever had? I am a pyrotechnician.
 7. Which vehicle has been the most fun for you? Ford F150 carries what I need it to carry, including golf clubs for all in our foursome
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This week's topics:

1. Have a picnic lately?
2. Do you watch soap operas? Which ones? How long?
3. Ever participate in a father/son or mother/daughter affair?
4. Ever been rainbow trout or salmon fishing?
5. What was your last carnival ride?
6. Ever on a bowling team? Where? When?
7. Any food product you'd care to recommend to the readers?
8. Ever been involved with an agent of the government? Or a Russian?
9. Been conned lately?
10. Whatever else

and responses:

Roger Fritz - fritzcatt11@yahoo.com

#10 Three grand-kids are here in Virginia on the annual visit from California. Noted that the youngest, a boy of 3+, had pink painted toenails. He is hanging around his two older (11+ and 8+) sisters too much. I think I'll buy him a chainsaw for Christmas.

Pete Smullen - pete_smullen@hotmail.com

I just returned from a two-week street-rod jaunt with my brother George from Waupun, Wisconsin to Syracuse, New York and back. I created this video to remember the trip. Hope all y'all enjoy it.

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Jack Sultze - jsultze@verizon.net

Soap Operas: Linda has been watching Days of our Lives for 55 years.

Conned Lately?: YES. By a Republican Congress who had six years to research, plan and create a viable alternative to Obamacare, then had done absolutely nothing when they had the means to pass it. They even had Donald Trump conned into believing they had a plan, ready for his signature. The Democrat side sees it failing and also does nothing to fix it. Congress: 535 almost totally useless people + thousands of staff personnel. What a waste of taxpayer money.

Toni Weller Olsen - LHS '64 - tonicrafty@gmail.com

5. Last carnival ride - Probably about the 5th grade when I rode the Ferris wheel at Witter Field. I realized then that I don't like heights!

9. Ever been conned - Whenever I see a robo call on my caller ID screen, I feel like it's a potential con. I feel a friend or doctor's office will always leave a voice message, but these "information gathering" firms who routinely call, mostly without leaving a message, are so annoying! Sometimes a business call will even show up as "private caller" on my ID screen. Thank heaven for caller ID and voice messaging.

Don Solie - dg.solie@hotmail.com

8. Involved with a government agent: I did business with the FBI in mid seventies selling them a system that handled name chaining, etc. They purchased it to display name aliases and varied spellings for like names such as Smith, Smyth and Miller, Mueller. It was a "batch" system, that is no screens for input or output. Fixed length fields and punch cards for those of you who interfaced before on line, internet and the like. It replaced "tubs" filling an entire floor in the FBI building with women on roller skates skating up and down the aisles pulling I.d. Information cards.

In 1984 I sold a health claims adjudication system to Special Agents Mutual Benefit Association referred to as SAMBA. Membership was limited to FBI and DEA agents and employees. A couple years later they added Secret Service. In this case the association Director was one of my three contacts. He was a former FBI Deputy Director, Tom Sweeney, and his son was a congressman from Florida. At the time Tom was the ONLY agent who carried a gold badge in both the FBI and DEA. I recall two unique and unusual instances. We met in the FBI Directors conference room, no windows and salutes to agents who had lost their lives in the line of duty. We confirmed prices, payment schedules and delivery schedules. Tom than excused our attorney and me while they finished other business. I hesitantly raised the issue of the need to negotiate legal issues to which he responded " who is going to lie to the FBI? I am going to throw this in my desk drawer and you will deliver what we purchased!" During the installation process Tom called me and told me our people couldn't be involved with converting one file and it's historical data. The file held all of the correct data for under cover agents and all those individuals in protective custody and name changes. He simply said that we wouldn't want our employees to have access to these files since their lives would be at risk. We quickly worked up a solution to respect and adhere to their request.

I also managed the sales team that sold another vendor's claim system to the CIA. They refused to license the same system in use at the FBI! Since I had moved to another company, they permitted me to execute the contracts, but I couldn't be involved with their evaluation as they wanted the FBI to have no knowledge of the CIA system. They refused to permit us to list there name on our customer list. The SAMBA allowed my former company to list SAMBA, but we couldn't reference the FBI!

Brian Athorp - athorpbrian@gmail.com

Thank you Kent, for a great list of subjects. I wonder if any readers write poetry. Would they be willing to share a few couplets?

I'm sure that some have pets. Care to offer any stories about dogs, cats, canaries, iguanas, etc.?

1. Picnic: My wife and I have picnics often "up ta camp". Most frequently on the menu: brats, beans, potato salad, and beer. The brats here in Maine are good, but just don't quite make the quality of those made in Wisconsin. The beer, however, is superb. Maine has a flourishing craft beer "industry," and there are more great brews to choose from than you can shake a stick at. There's a brewry in our little town, that makes small batches, each one different. Last spring they made a batch using maple sap instead of water, which gave it a really nice seasonal flavor. Just last night, Marleen and I had dinner at McKay's in Bar Harbor, and enjoyed "Banded Horn Greenwarden's, Spruce tip Pale Ale!" Another favorite: Allagash Belgian White. I don't believe I'll ever go back to Bud or PBR again.

Whenever I hear the word "picnic," I think of the Maine woodsmen's wry humor. They'd say, "Woodwork is a great way to make a living. Every day is a day off, every lunch is a picnic". Their way of winking at the fact that was gruelling hard and dangerous work for not much pay.

3. Mother-daughter, father-son: I took my daughter to Father-Daughter Valentine's dances every year we were eligible when she was in 5th through 8th grades. It was a fun, heartwarming little affair, sponsored by a local family-oriented organization. My son and I belonged to a Radio-controlled airplane club for several years when he was in his early-teens. We built our own planes and flew them from a grass airstrip that the club maintained. I never got very good at it, crashed my planes way too often, but Jesse became expert, both at building and flying. This was all before the current drone craze.

4. Rainbow trout/salmon: Maine has one of the last great fisheries of Brook Trout in the U.S. I ritually go trout fishing every spring around the first of June when the first hatches of mayflies begin. I love catching the brookies by flyrod, my favorite pattern is the Hornburg, fishing dry. It is such a thrill to have the trout rise and strike a fly on the surface. I have a favorite place on a remote pond in the Moosehead Lake region that is always productive. It is a half mile carry of kayak and gear, and I usually will see a moose or several in the course of a trip. I generally carry in camping gear also, fish the day, stay overnight, and fish the next day before carrying out. I take my limit, which is currently 8 fish per day, 10 or more inches; then it is catch-and-release. To my taste, brook trout are unparalleled. A brookie has no scales, and few bones, can be gutted and "pan ready" in about three quick moves with a sharp knife. They are breathtakingly beautiful coming out of the water. The mountainous surroundings, pristine water, calls of loons, make it a great trip. Maine also has landlocked salmon (as well as sea-run). I have most enjoyed fishing salmon on the Aroostook River. There are brook trout and salmon to be had here Downeast too, but I really enjoy going up north into the northern Appalachians, just for the wild country and scenery, and I much prefer the brook trout. I've always dreamed of going up into Newfoundland/Labrador to fish them.

7. Recommended food product: There's a commercially made pancake mix that I really like, called "Krusteaze." It is so easy, just add water. I make pancakes for breakfast for Marleen and me every Sunday. One cup of mix makes four 5" diameter pancakes. I add an egg, (in addition to the water) and whisk the batter only until barely mixed (lumpy), and pour onto an electric griddle set at 350 degrees. The cakes rise to about 3/4 inch thickness. Beautiful. We have them with locally produced maple syrup, a couple of sausages, and a serving spoon full of fruit sauce which we make with about 1/2 cranberries and the other half strawberries or raspberries, or whatever else is in season, to give the dish a nice tart zing. So good in the dawn with a cup of coffee!

9. Conned?: I'm afraid we all were (are), whether D or R. I'm proud to say I didn't vote for either one of them.

Chuck Hinnners - Chuck@crgfinancialconsulting.com

Parent Child competition

My daughter Heidi and I have played in many father-daughter golf tournaments. She was first team all-state four years in a row at Middleton HS and then played 4 years for UW. Heidi married Jeff Kaiser who also played golf at UW and is a teaching pro and master club fitter. Yesterday I played with both of them in the Blackhawk parent child tournament. The format is alternate shot so I had to hit more shots than either of them.

Jeff and I shot even par and Heidi and I shot one over and finished first and second. Jeff and I always play for \$10/hole. Last week we played a match and Heidi tagged along. After we finished, here is what Jeff posted on facebook.

What a family I married into, my wife hit it 4 inches from a hole in one tonight and my father in law beat me for \$10, and I shot 1 under par!

Bowling - Heilman Natwick and I were on a junior bowling team at Bowlmor in 1957-58. Nick Brazeau and Ron Brazener were also on the team. Brazener had to quit when basketball started since he was on Howe's team. He was replaced by Ron Zager and Pete Smullen who alternated. Our team won the league title and we all got nice trophies and pics in the Tribune.

NO- THEY DID NOT GIVE OUT PARTICIPATION TROPHIES!

5. What was your last carnival ride? - I was an organizer for Umbrella Daze here in Cambridge back in the 90's. We had to arrange for a small carnival to visit every year. Rode on the tilta-whirl every time. Brought back many memories of carnivals at Jones Park in Fort Atkinson.
6. Ever on a bowling team? Where? When? Bowled for Montgomery Ward in Wis Rapids back in 69/70.
7. Any food product you'd care to recommend to the readers? Planter's roasted/salted pecans and Haagen Dazs Vanilla Bean ice cream. Make myself a turtle sundae every night.
8. Conned lately? Nope, but not for lack of unending phone calls trying to get my credit card number or password for my computer. Always some guy or gal from India (judging from the accent) trying to get the info. I'm thinking I should give up my land-line and maybe that would cut them off. They seem to research the net and pick on folks over 70 - who are hopefully confused?
10. Whatever else - Sick of mowing! This is the 7th wettest year on record here in the Madison area and the grass just keeps on keeping on! Got another inch of rain yesterday - 1/2 inch in just 10 minutes!

Ed note: I attended a 70th birthday class reunion for the Fort Atkinson Class of 65 last weekend and took some pics for my Fort High Newsletter. Interesting reason to get together. Maybe you LHS 65'ers in the Rapids area want to do it this fall? You could have black balloons for decorations?

