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Responses to last week's topics:

Nancy Witt - nancystew@copper.net

1. What radio programs did you listen to in the 40's and 50's? Now? Parents listened to the news station, and when we worked in the berry patch picking berries, gardening, we had a music station on; think it came on from Stevens Point.
2. What gets too much attention in the news? What do you think doesn't get enough news coverage? - Of course political stuff on certain things and I'm on the Dems side, so listen to them vs. Rush Limbaugh
5. Did you ever work in farming? Grew up on dairy farm, and my mom had a big garden, esp. raspberries that we sold in Wis. Rapids, door to door. One sister who worked for govt., now retired, and she sells raspberries on the square in Stevens Point.
7. Did you ever work in education? When? Where? Did go to UW Stevens Point, but luckily first semester of sr. yr., I started practice teaching in 4th grade class, and couldn't handle it. The first wk I went around to individuals to help with one on one, and then was to teach one topic at a time, and eventually could be taking the whole class, so I quit education. Luckily, SocSec was

recruiting, and I got into a 13 wk. class in Wis. Rapids, and sure enough, I enjoyed it, and was able to get a claims rep in So.Bend, IN; stayed there and then moved to San Diego.

This week's topics:

1. Did any of you watch Ken Burn's "History of Country Music" on PBS the last 2 weeks? What did you think of it?
2. Invenergy is proposing a 2000 acre "solar farm" here near Cambridge. It would be on land immediately adjacent to my farm home. Anybody have experience with solar farms or wind farms? I certainly don't want one in my back yard!
3. Medicare Open Enrollment Period starts in 2 weeks. Think you'll make any changes to your medicare? What? Why?
4. Denture adhesive is a pain. Anyone have a good method to get it off your gums and dentures?
5. Who do you think will end up being the Dem presidential candidate?
6. Editor had sawflies chewing up his rose bush leaves this month. Never heard of them before. You have them? How did you get rid of them?
7. What do a lot of people have very strong opinions about, even though they know very little about it?
8. Where is the best place you've been for taking walks?
9. What near future predictions do you have?
10. In October of last year, the UN warned we have 12 years to stop climate change catastrophe. Now it's 11 years!
Maybe the end of the world? Is man to blame? Or is God? Mathew 24: 6-8
11. Today, Monday, looks to be the last day of summer in WI with temps reaching the 80's. Have a great summer? Looking forward to winter?
12. Is all the crap going on in Washington depressing you? What would cheer you up?
13. Suggest a topic for next week.

and responses:

Bill Cammack - billcammack@hotmail.com

I watched the Ken Burns series and thought it was spectacular. The music was fun to listen to, but the histories of the performers was fascinating. The only thing I didn't care for was the voice over in the early episodes. I'm not sure, but I think that was done for the sake of the radio listeners. Why else would you describe the clothes and hair color of the performers. That being said, I have watched most of it twice.

Barbara Cammack - barbaracammack@hotmail.com

I am out here in Portland, OR ,helping our daughter who just finished chemo from colon cancer. We watched all of the country music series and loved it. We were surprised to learn that the early singers traveled with the medicine hucksters. Also that Johnny Cash had been so instrumental in helping others get recognized and recording deals. And then he got the shaft from his studio! And I had forgotten about Bakersfield also putting out county stars. Every morning for the past three weeks I have walked on a path through the park just five blocks from Heather's townhouse. Lots of birds and bunnies and occasionally a small sized deer family. It connects to a school area so kids ride their bikes in the morning and some parents walk their dogs and kids. It was 90 and humid when I left central Florida on the 6th of September but this am it was 39 and damp in Oregon-nice switch. Happy to report that Heather is now done with chemo and 90 percent back to normal; Bill is coming out for a few days of fun and wine tasting to help celebrate the recovery.????

Jim Nickel ('65) - jnickel206@aol.com

The mess in Washington only makes the folks there rich and feel important. Sadly they are doing nothing to improve the nation, which is their job.

The original founders put everything they had the line. These guys today are just about making themselves fatter. Consider Obama buying a \$15m estate on Martha's Vineyard after also buying an expensive DC house. No funding problem there.

The swamp is pretty deep and does not want to be drained. Lots of folks like the status quo.

Pat Barton, class of 64 - patal@solarus.net

12) Yes, the crap in Washington is depressing and upsetting. I want the PRESS to cover both sides of the story, on the SAME DAY. I want our representatives to get to work discussing law changes and then finally compromising and passing those laws for THE BETTERMENT OF US.....the folks they represent.

Enough of each of them having to voice THEIR opinion.....Their opinion doesn't matter.....it is our concerns they were sent to DC to voice.

So please pray that our reps.....start representing us!

Randall Cox - wi9cox@icloud.com

Who for Dem president? There isn't a darn one that's worth voting for. I predict that all those who died for our country are or will turn over in their graves if they knew what many people were doing to get rid of our democracy and install socialism and then eventually a dictatorship. How sick are these people? If we conservatives don't want to speak up then do it at the polls, Go Trump! I am so ashamed of the liberals and what's happening in this country, it makes Putin look like an angel. I'm hoping my service in Vietnam doesn't go to waste. If everyone came together, that would cheer me up. The way you live now will change if Democrats have their way (and I am an independent). Climate change is only a cycle the earth goes through, it will pass.

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We watched the Ken Burns series on country music. I have always thought that I did not grow up listening to country music, unlike my husband Carl, who did and loves the old stuff. Turns out, after watching the whole series, that oops, guess I listened to lots of it! Just never thought of many of the artists I liked as being country, for instance the Everly Brothers, and many others probably labeled crossover. So now I have to say that yes, I like it and yes, I was raised on it just like everyone else. It changes with us.

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About #10 - Let me start by saying I am truly mystified by the fact that there are still intelligent people who deny that climate change is a real phenomenon - and that it should be seen as a threat to people throughout the world. But that's a whole other issue.

I don't consider myself a stupid person. I am convinced by mountains of carefully considered science that Climate Change is a very real thing. What or who is responsible is less clear and up for further discussion. My best opinion is that what the earth is experiencing is the result of a perfect storm of normal climate cycles seriously compounded by human caused impacts on the environment. What or who caused it is the wrong question. That's not important.

The important questions should be, "Whoever or whatever is responsible, what can people do to minimize the impact?" I vaguely remember that it is supposed to be bad to use analogies, but they work for me. If my house is on fire, I don't want to listen to firefighters arguing about who they think caused the fire, unable to do anything until they agree. I'd much rather hear them say, "Hey, there's a house on fire. Let's try to save that house while there is still a chance."

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Country Music - Moon River - The songs words were written by Johnny Mercer. The music was written by Henry Mancini for the Movie Breakfast at Tiffany's released in 1961.

Mercer lived in Savannah but never in the house at 429 Bull street built by his great grandfather in 1860.

The movie Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil was filmed at Mercer House in 1997 and is based on John Berendt's eponymous book published in 1994. The book remained on The New York Times best seller list for a still record 216 weeks

You can tour Mercer House and get an earful of the events of the book and movie. I tend to like books better than movies but may make an exception for this one which was produced and directed by Clint Eastwood

There are several pictures of Moon River which really is wider than a mile.



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

1. Ken Burns' documentary "History of Country Music" was great. I've been a fan of country music for a long time

Merle Haggard, who died a few years ago, was one of my favorites. I had read that his family lived in a boxcar when they first moved to California (from Oklahoma maybe?), but to hear him talk about that on the documentary was very moving.

There are country singers still with us who were mentioned on the program too: George Strait, Willie Nelson and Lyle Lovett. All three are from Texas. The documentary covered a lot of singers from many different states. Who knew that Minnie Pearl, who pretended to be a hillbilly as part of her comedy act at the Grand Ole Opry, was wealthy Sarah Ophelia Cannon and lived next to the governor's mansion in Nashville?