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### This week's topics:

1. Hospital care at the VA. Good? Bad?
2. VA clinic in the Rapids. Been there? Good care?
3. Cranberry bogs. Ever work there? Work with other food products?
4. Do you think that aliens exist? Ever seen a UFO? Where, when?
5. Where are some unusual places you've been? What did you do there?
- 6..What do you think of tattoos? Do you have any? What are they?
7. Where did you go last weekend? / What did you do last weekend?
8. Who is your oldest friend? Where did you meet them?
9. What were you really into when you were a kid?
10. Whatever else.

and responses:

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Marcia (Basler] Ortscheid '65 - [marcie.ortscheid@ki.com](mailto:marcie.ortscheid@ki.com)

6. When I bought my first motorcycle I got a tattoo and it's a unicorn, working in a corporate office it had to be out of sight so it's on my shoulder.
  7. Last weekend my family and I went to Nebraska for my cousins 50th wedding anniversary.
  8. I think one of my oldest friends is Helen Sparks we met our freshman year at high school and have just kept up that friendship all these years.
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Susan (Rice) Hammel - [gourmay1@gmail.com](mailto:gourmay1@gmail.com)

Weekend before last we were in Lacrosse visiting brother Rich. Joann (Miller) Foss and I Met in Rochester for lunch! Had a lengthy chat (imagine that?)

My mother, Bunnie Rice, made a cranberry cake with a butter sauce for years. I have her original recipe, along with her recipe box and am planning on making it for my bridge group for Friday.

That's all from Wyoming.

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Toni Weller Olsen - LHS '64 - [tonicrafty@gmail.com](mailto:tonicrafty@gmail.com)

3. Cranberry bogs - I've never worked in one, but I did get to watch cranberries being harvested in October 2006. I was visiting the Rapids and went to Susie and Jim Dempze's cranberry Marsh with my cousin Ngaio Weller Schumacher.



A big harvesting machine moved across a sea of red cranberries that floated on top of the water. - That sea of red berries on that crisp fall day was a beautiful sight

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I retired in 2008 , In 2009 I thought that I would like to work on a cranberry marsh. I worked for 4 seasons in the fall. I started 2 weeks before the harvest and then 2 weeks after the harvest. The owners treated me VERY nice and appreciated that I was the first person there in the morning and last to leave at night.



The crew was good to work with and a couple of the worker became friends. Also there were

some interesting stories on some of the other workers.



I was the main person to drive the Dump Trucks as having a CDLA Commercial license to take the berries from the beds to their processing plant. I was there for the beautiful fall season in Wisconsin and being outdoors to see it. This was the PERFECT job as NO pressure on me and it was NOT for the money. I was there for the experience! The owner knew that very quickly. I put all the paychecks into a ROTH IRA and the rest is history

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June Stuhr - [jstuhr@me.com](mailto:jstuhr@me.com)

1. Hospital care at the VA. Good? Bad? - For many years my husband has gotten most of his medical care at the Minneapolis VA hospital/clinic. We have been satisfied and impressed with the care, can honestly say he's never had a negative experience.

5. Where are some unusual places you've been? What did you do there? - In December of 1967 two friends and I talked a custodian into letting us onto the rooftop of one of downtown San Francisco's government buildings. We wanted a safe spot from which to observe an anti-Vietnam War demonstration in the street below. The demonstration got violent, lots of billy clubs and tear gas and blood. Sure was glad to be on the rooftop and not on the street.

9. What were you really into when you were a kid? - Cowboys, horses, dogs, kittens, climbing trees, swimming, reading, archery, ballet (I was never very good, but loved it anyway). Perfecting my fast draw with my two Hopalong Cassidy six-shooters in the field behind our house. That field

was littered with the imaginary bodies of outlaws who dared challenge my deadly speed and accuracy!

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I'm an avid reader of Artifacts magazine published by the South Wood County Historical Corp. I just finished the latest edition, October 2019 Volume II #57. I really enjoy those journeys through the history of the Wisconsin Rapids, and I thought it was time to promote it a bit. Our classmate, Dave Engel ('63) is the historian and writes some fascinating accounts of the area history, and this edition is no exception. It covers the day Nixon came to visit, the airport and all its ups and downs, memories of a local neighbor, memories of Grand Rapids schools, and much, much more. This month also includes a very well-written article by Dave's daughter about growing up in the area. It closes with a picture of Robby's drive in! Who didn't cruise in there?

If you enjoy remembering the good old days in Rapids, you should be subscribing to and reading Artifacts magazine. Contact Lori at the museum (the TB Scott Library when we were in high school) on Third Street and join to have Artifacts mailed to you. It's well worth it and you're supporting a great historical preservation organization from our home town. And when you're in Rapids next time, stop in and see a great museum. They even have some of (Uncle) Dave's books on area history for sale.

A couple of quick answers to this week's newsletter questions:

- 1 & 2: Never been involved with anything in the VA, fortunately. I've been quite healthy and haven't needed major medical care (knocking on wood) so far.
3. I never worked on a cranberry bog, but they were a nice, dark, quiet place to "park" as I recall. I did work in the pea and bean fields for Sampson Canning Co. and in Jim Burns' potato warehouse in Almond in my youth. Didn't enjoy either job very much.



4. Of course aliens exist. I've been to Roswell, NM and I believe. I even have photographic evidence. In fact, I think I'm even friends with some on Facebook. :)



5. Shirley and I recently traveled to Europe with friends and grandkids. Earlier this year we hiked in the French and Italian Alps around Mount Blanc, and even walked on a glacier! That same glacier that was in the news this week for cracking. We did pretty well for old folks, and the young people were very nice to wait for us at the forks in the trails. Towns we visited and hiked from were Megeve, France, Chamonix, France, and Courmayeur, Italy. They were all unusual places to us, and hiking is certainly an unusual activity for us.

6 No tattoos. I heard they hurt. I don't like needles.

7. I don't remember.

8. I think you are, Kent. You're older than anyone else I know. ;)

9. I was really into Schwinn bicycles and cars when I was a kid. And I've stayed "into them both" my whole life. My love for cars led to a great career in the automobile service industry, and I still ride a 1947 Schwinn bicycle. So I guess I'm still a kid at heart. Some people never grow up.

Enjoy your beautiful fall up north, the prettiest time of year. As for us in Texas, it's still 90 degrees every day this week. :(

Sue Schulte - [gaias4mail@gmail.com](mailto:gaias4mail@gmail.com)

Hi Kent. Thanks so much for all your work on the newsletter.

My dad received care at the Rapids VA clinic. We were very pleased with his care. The young doc was very thorough and very good at focusing on and talking to Dad. Sometimes medical people would ask me questions like my parents weren't even there. Both parents lived to be 97 but both were very sharp and able to answer for themselves until the very end of their lives.

Last weekend we went to a wedding on a farm near Green Bay. The wedding was beautiful but we were in a tent and nearly froze! The folding chairs just slowly sank into the mud, if you didn't frequently reposition on a new clump of grass.