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Responses to previous topics:

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My favorite waste of time is a little app called Bubble Breaker on my smart phone. I got into it a few years ago on a plane ride someplace when I had finished the cross word puzzle in the airline magazine. Both of these "wastes of time" keep my mind active.

I really dislike tattoos and don't have any myself. But I have a daughter who is covered with them. I guess they have meaning for her, but I think it degrades her looks. The only ones that really make sense to me are those used to cover an injury or surgery scar. I guess it makes sense for something like eyebrows for women. But they aren't for me. They are actually almost as repelling to me as smoking.

I guess I have saved a lot of animals that I didn't shoot or missed when hunting. But seriously, the only thing that comes to mind is when my oldest daughter was a baby and I was changing her diaper on a table in our laundry room. She grabbed a penny off a nearby low shell and put it in her mouth and started choking. I had taken various first aid courses and immediately turned her over and hit her on her back and the penny dislodged.

I agree with the smell of newly mowed hay as a pleasant memory source, even though I really don't want to go back and relive those days as it was hot hard work.

Right now the main thing that scares me is Trump getting re-elected. I think that would be the end of our democracy and terrible for my kids and grandkids.

I'm not sure if a candidate needs to be a good debater, but it helps if they can express their opinion without degrading anyone. I thought Clinton, Obama and

Reagan were wonderful speakers.

I was president of my eighth grade class. I have led church and village board committees. I led other statewide and national task forces when I worked for Wisconsin DOT.

I failed at my first 20 year marriage, but that led to some soul searching and learning over the next 16 years and into a wonderful marriage of 14 years and counting.

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1. What's your favorite way to waste time? - Be on the computer and a good daily walk.

2. What do you think of tattoos? - Don't care for tattoos.

4. Which recent news story is the most interesting? - Crazy tRump.

7. Did your family go out to eat after church when you were a kid? - I came from big family, but we would go to the local store on Sun. after church. My dad would give us a nickel or dime.

8. Do Presidential Candidates Need to Be Good Debaters? - I'd certainly think so.

This week's topics:

1. Did you ever sneak out of the house as a teen-ager? Where did you go?

2. Did you go to college or receive any training after high school? If so, where and what was your favorite part?

3. Women can multi-task. Men can't. Advantages and disadvantages?

4. Everyone seems to assume you have a smartphone these days. Good or bad experiences.

5. This month's Reader's Digest says you should write a thankyou to someone

every day to help your depression. Anyone try it?

6. What Masonic organizations did you/do you belong to?

7. Who makes the best pizza? Toppings?

8. Ever keep chickens at your home? For eggs? How did it work out?

9. How did you meet your spouse?

10. Was there a certain place you and your high school friends liked to hang out?

11. I'm darned tired of.....

<u>and responses:</u>

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4. - Smartphones - I had a flip phone till March 2019. My friends and my husband had been pressuring me for a while to get a smartphone, but I resisted because I mainly used my flip phone to text. My 40-year-old son said he had a flip phone like mine when he was in high school!

Once I moved up to smartphone about a year-and-a-half ago, I found myself taking and sending lots more pictures. I use my phone for emails now, as it seems easier. When I want to look up something, googling it on my phone is so easy. Checking the news? Smartphone again. Texting is the same as it was with my flip phone, but now I send more pictures with my texts.

My son gave me an orchid for Mother's Day. Since then it has 9 big white flowers, and I've sent pictures to my son. Beginner's luck.

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7. Portesi sausage and yellow onion. I've never had better

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2. Training after high school:
UW Stevens Point - PreEngineering
UW Madison - B.S. Civil Engineering
Northeastern University - MBA Program
Prior to graduation in the '60's, all Civil Engineers at UW were required to attend a Civil Engineering Summer Surveying Camp in the Chequamegon National Forest in Northern Wisconsin. We lived in cabins with 8 bunks per cabin and spent our days hacking our way through the woods, surveying the topography, laying out roads, railroads, and bridges. We also did hydrographic surveys plotting the topography of the lake bottom and did longitude and latitude measurements by shooting the North Star at night and the sun during the daylight.....All really fun stuff and we got 6 credits for 6 weeks of work.

4. Everyone has a Smartphone - I don't know how anyone can function in this world without a smartphone. Everything is on the phone....airline tickets, hotel keys, restaurant menus, stock market reports and all forms of instant communications.

9. How did I meet my wife - While I was at the UW in Madison, I would always catch a ride with friends whenever I wanted to get back to Rapids for the weekend, however, on one Friday night I missed my ride and decided to walk down to the Greyhound Bus Terminal in Madison and catch the 6:00 PM bus to Stevens Point. I got a seat next to a beautiful girl (Barb Judnick) who also turned out to be from Wisconsin Rapids. By the time we got to Stevens Point, I had a date for the following weekend. Barb and I have now been married for 53 years and have 3 children, 10 grandchildren and 2 greats. That was the only time I have ever been on a Greyhound Bus....pretty good timing!!

10. High school hangouts - Wilpolts after school if I didn't have sports practice, Art's Restaurant in the evening. Bars included Buzz's, Riverside and Mehan for nickel beer night on Tuesdays (only after I turned 18, of course!)

No deal to save Wisconsin Rapids' Verso mill on the horizon

All signs continue to point to the Verso paper mill in Wisconsin Rapids shutting down operations on July 31st.

https://wsau.com/news/articles/2020/jul/15/no-deal-to-save-wisconsin-rapids-verso-mill-on-the-horizon/1039957/