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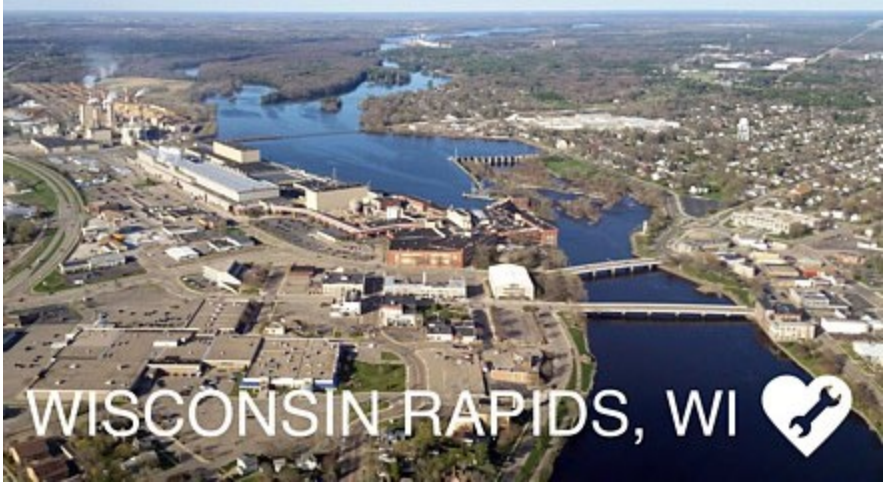

Responses to previous topics:

Joanne Christy - happycamper1023@gmail.com

1. I don't understand people who...Are not kind

2. Today looks like a good day to... Read a book

3. I would die without.....My husband

4. Sometimes I look back at my life and....Wish I would have waited to get married

5. The world would be a better place if....we all loved each other

6. Right now is the perfect time to...relax and look at nature and see all of God's creations

7. When I'm alone, I like to....listen to music and remember my youth

8. I laugh when....my husband does crazy things daily

9. God is...Good

10. In an ideal world.....We would all love each other

This week's topics:

1. Drive-in movie memories.

2. Your grandparents ever talk about the Spanish flu epidemic of 1917? What did they say?

3. Jupiter and Saturn are in the southern night sky. You see them? Amateur astronomer?

4. Remember the polio epidemic of the 50's? You took what precautions? Friend or relative get it?

5. Anyone golfing? How's it going?

6. Stuff you've accomplished in the last 6 months that you were putting off for years.

7. Sadie Hawkins dances. Who did you invite? Who invited you?

8. Playing jacks and marbles. Memories? Who did you play with?

9. Still using a clothesline? Why?

10. Doing anything on Labor Day?

11. Think of a topic for next week - non-political, non-religious, non-sexist - that won't offend anyone.

and responses:

Norm Arendt - normarendt@gmail.com

1. Drive-in movie memories. Remember going to many movies at the Rapids Drive-In and the one by Plover as well as recently still going to the drive-in at the Dells. Went on motorcycle as well as in cars back in Rapids - just in cars at the Dells.

4. Remember the polio epidemic of the 50's I remember standing in line at the high school to get the polio vaccine and only know of one person that I have met ever that contacted the disease.

5. Anyone golfing? Took up golf quite seriously when I retired and golf about 4 times per week. Of course I use the senior tees and golf in the senior league but also golf at Steve Stricker's course in Edgerton in men's league as well as the men's league in Evansville.

10. Doing anything on Labor Day? Not labor day weekend but going to Door county the following weekend. Big firefighter weekend.

Bob Schmidt - 2803chopper@gmail.com

4. Polio...Yup, for my brother Leon and I, it was no swimming at Lake Wazeecha in August. To this day, when we try to swim in August....we sink.

Sharon Mahoney class of 64 - mahoni66@wctc.net

August 15, 1950 was the 70th anniversary of me having polio, I was 4 at the time and am still getting around not as fast but able with the aid of crutches and a leg brace. I spent 3 months in Wausau Hospital mostly in isolation. There were no vaccines at that time. My Dad also had polio at 18 months and he was affected in left leg and mine was right leg. Thanks to all the kids I went to school with who never teased me or bullied me and were helpful when I needed it. Good kids at the time!!

Barbara Cammack - barbaracammack@hotmail.com

I only know that my dad's youngest brother died from the Spanish Flu at 18 months. We had wanted to see the double moon last week but the Laura storm kept the sky too cloudy.

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

11. - I have a comment about finding a topic that won't offend anyone.

I belong to a knitting group that meets twice a month at our church. There are 8 or 9 of us, all over age 65, who like to knit and talk. Would you believe we've had to ban political talk from our knitting group because the discussions would get too heated? Kind of funny really. If knitting grannies can't talk politics calmly, then I guess our country really is divided!

Dick Trudeau LHS "64 - dickmerry77@hotmail.com

REMEMBER THE POLIO EPIDEMIC OF THE 1950'S -- Those of us who were in the second grade at Irving Grade School were known as "Polio Pioneers". We were guinea pigs used to test the new Salk vaccine. The test included about a million first, second, and third graders throughout the country. If I recall correctly, a few years later we were also given the Sabin vaccine via a sugar cube.

As far as precautions are concerned, I was too young to be aware of any. If you research the subject you'll be surprised to find that advances in sanitation in the 20th century actually contributed to the polio epidemic. Wealthy white people were the most vulnerable to the disease. Those of us who played in the dirt and were limited to our weekly bath were the most immune. The reason? We built up immunities the wealthy kids were denied. The cleaner your environment the more likely you were to get polio. The polio vaccine made us all equal. Classmate Sharon Solberg was the only polio victim that I can recall.

Lenore Haferman - enorehaferman@yahoo.com

1. I remember trying to sneak a bunch of girls in, we thought we were smart by backing in. When we were stopped, he said, "by the way when you back in your back up lights are on!!"

4. We were living in Colorado when it broke out. It was very bad there.

5. I or we golf about 4 to 5 times a week. That does not mean we are good, but we enjoy it.

6.. We re-sided our house, put a new roof on and have replaced all the things that are wearing out all at once.

8. I remember playing during recess. Cat eyes and steelies were the big things.

And yet I can not remember what I did the other day !!!

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