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This week's topics:

1. How did you help your neighbors in the good ole days? How did they help you?
2. Critical Thinking: How important is it? Do you, and how, do you put it to use?
3. Favorite outdoor activities?
4. Three things I'm loving these days?
5. Where would you like to travel to when you feel safe to do so?
6. Favorite charities/non-profits and why do you contribute to them or volunteer with them?
7. Do you have any wonderful, special antiques? How did you acquire said items? Pictures?
8. Still have any dolls/toys from your childhood?
9. Collect rain water? Why?

10. Grandkids playing sports? What? You watch?

11. Topics for next week?

and responses:

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Roger Fritz - [fritzcat11@yahoo.com](mailto:fritzcat11@yahoo.com)

#3: My chainsaw, Gator and I spend lots of time in the woods, cutting up dead and down trees. I turn them into firewood and trail "pavers" with the splitter. Lots of woods to play in. Mine and two neighbors have about 30 acres.

#7: Still have my 17ft Grumman aluminum canoe I got in 1961. I'm sad that it can't go with me on the next move to the old folks home. Also have my grandfather's old hay pitch fork. My favorite antique is my wife. I've had her for 52 years and counting.

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Chuck Hinners - [chuck@crgfinancialconsulting.com](mailto:chuck@crgfinancialconsulting.com)

Word of the Day - beamish - Radiantly beaming; happy; cheerful.

Word of the day reminded me of our first hour 8th grade history teacher at Howe, Muriel Beamish

She fit the definition. Don't know what happened to her immediately after grade school

Found this obituary. UW Stevens Point, age is right since she would have been 25 in 1960, but no record of teaching school, particularly if she had 45 year career with Girl Scouts

Muriel Beamish, 79, of Brownwood, passed away Sunday, May 31, 2015, in Brownwood.

Muriel Phylis Beamish was born October 9, 1935, in Chicago, IL, to Oliver and Cora (Krause) Beamish. She attended the University of Wisconsin-Stephen's Point in Stephen's Point, WI, where she received her B.S. degree. Muriel went to work for the Girl Scouts of The U.S.A in 1955 and remained with the organization until about 2000. During her time with the Girl Scouts, she was the CEO of 3 Girl

Scouts Councils. Muriel also worked with Girl Scouts Overseas and spent 4 years in England and Germany.

Muriel is survived by 2 sisters, Jannette Beamish and Marilyn Scheppa, and 8 nieces and nephews.

Muriel is preceded in death by her parents, Oliver and Cora Beamish; her brother, Warren Beamish, and a nephew.

P.S. My former neighbor Becky In South Carolina makes beautiful US maps from old license plates She is looking for old license plates from New Mexico and Georgia to complete the next maps. If any of the readers can help I will send them a prepaid Fedex label to send the plates to Becky

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Here is a little more nostalgia for our readers to enjoy.

Here Today, Gone Tomorrow and So It Goes.. 5 minute video

<https://www.youtube-nocookie.com/embed/QoDXTAajEzY?rel=0>

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Terry Stake - [mrtbass7106@gmail.com](mailto:mrtbass7106@gmail.com)

1 We worked on the farm all day then choose up sides and played baseball in the field

3 I met my Wife at the Marshfield fair at the Snyder 4H food stand She pursued me, and in September she will have pursued me for 50 years

5 We have been having in person church services and Bible classes since May. no covid issues

8 I live in northern Wisconsin It's the cost of living here, One dead battery so far

10 I read every letter and appreciate all the work you do. I have MS and it's hard for me to type so I don't contribute often but read them all

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Dick Trudeau LHS '64 - [dickmerry77@hotmail.com](mailto:dickmerry77@hotmail.com)

FAVORITE CHARITIES/NON-PROFITS -- Two of our favorites are Big Brothers Big Sisters and Boys and Girls Clubs of America. We can spend a lot of money on social programs, but nothing has more positive effect for a needy or neglected young person than the hands-on guidance of a caring adult. Over 30 years ago wife Merry took on the duties of a "Big Sister" for a 12 year old girl. She's now a middle-aged woman with 4 kids of her own and still relies on Merry for advice.

The Boys and Girls Clubs of America provide a gathering place for young people to conduct positive activities in an environment secure from the many negative temptations they live with today.

Of course, Merry has a soft spot in her heart for the American Cancer Society. After she survived her bout with mantle cell lymphoma we participated in a fund-raising drive at a local coffee drive-thru. I stood there with a bucket hoping the coffee drinkers would roll down their windows and throw a few coins in my bucket. I was amazed. Nearly every driver had a cancer story of their own, a family member, or friend. I couldn't believe their generosity. DAMN CANCER!

GRANDKIDS SPORTS -- Our three grandsons are good athletes. One grandson was a second team all-state basketball player (not due to my genes). He was a treat to watch. However, the most enjoyable viewing was watching our two granddaughters play volleyball. This was not necessarily true when they were learning, but after they became proficient I was impressed.

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Linda (White) Sullivan '64 - [lasully@aol.com](mailto:lasully@aol.com)

On behalf of the Deplorables who read, in earnest, this wonderful newsletter every week I want to acknowledge, and thank, Jim McEvers for publicly admitting that yes indeed his favorite president, Joe Biden, has lost his mind (if, he ever had one in the first place).

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Picture taken Monday morning in New Braunfels, TX. Over 5 inches of snow and 9 degrees. We were already cold down here but nothing like that. Didn't see 30 degrees from last Thursday until Tuesday afternoon. After all that it is snowing again. Supposed to get about 2 inches. Going to start warming up tomorrow. We were lucky that we didn't have any power outages here, but many areas did. Plumbers are very busy fixing broken pipes. Thanks for all your work on the newsletter

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IN MEMORIAM



John C. Estlund, age 74, of Wisconsin Rapids, passed away Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at Arborview Court in Wisconsin Rapids.

John & his wife Darlene Zuege ,both graduated from Lincoln High - class of '65

Services will be at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, February 13, 2021 at Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wisconsin Rapids. Rev. Paul Tullberg will officiate. Entombment will be at Forest Hill Mausoleum. A time of visitation for relatives and friends will be from 9:00 A.M. until the time of services on Saturday at the church.

John was born January 16, 1947 in Wisconsin Rapids to Roy and Arvilla (Janz) Estlund. He was united in marriage to Darlene Zuege on August 24, 1968 at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Wisconsin Rapids. They were blessed with 52 years together.

He served his country in the United States Navy from 1965-1969.

John worked as a journeyman electrician at Consolidated Papers Inc., later New Page. He retired in 2008 after 38 years of dedicated service. John also owned and operated JCE Photography in Wisconsin Rapids from 1990-2013, capturing many special memories for area families.

John loved photography and one of his proudest moments was when he became a Master Photographer in 2001. He was very techy for a man his age and caught on quickly to the world of computers and digital imaging. He enjoyed flying drones and tinkering with anything electronic. John was very handy and was happy to assist his son Scott in the remodeling of his home. He is loved and will be greatly missed.

John is survived by his loving wife, Darlene; son, Scott (Kate) Estlund and granddaughters, Norah and Adeline Estlund of Mosinee; brother, William Estlund of Wisconsin Rapids; and nieces: Diana (Shannon) Buss, Terri Gellerman, and Khrys (James) Riley. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister, Joann (Bob) Zellner.

Herman-Taylor Funeral Home, Wisconsin Rapids, is honored to be assisting the family. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.hermantaylorfuneralhome.com](http://www.hermantaylorfuneralhome.com).

The family would like to thank Arborview Court, Heartland Hospice, and Dr. Robert Roenius for the excellent care John received.

Memorials may be designated to Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church and School in Wisconsin Rapids.