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Responses to previous topics:

Nancy Witt - [nancystew@copper.net](mailto:nancystew@copper.net)

THANKS FOR DOING THIS LETTER.....I'm glad I've got what my nice sunny weather along the coast, and can see the ocean. Our temps in the 60's-70's in San Diego. Our houses aren't as insulated back in the Midwest though.

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This week's topics:

1. What is everyone doing with all their accumulated "stuff"?
2. Any miracles lately? Major/minor?
3. When is the last time you used a safety pin or a pipe cleaner?
4. Any Thanksgiving mishaps?
5. Coal/wood furnace memories.

6. Any shortages encountered? What?
7. Your thoughts on the Omicron Covid variant.
8. Had your furnace inspected for winter? Any problems?
9. Ever buy a keg of beer? Occasion?
10. Whatever else you'd care to write about.

and responses:

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

4. Thanksgiving - We always go to visit Andy and our two grandkids in Cape Girardeau MO

We had arranged to board Molly (see pic) at local kennel for the week.



When I took her Sunday morning I was told she needed flu shot which Susan was

told 2 days earlier was up to date. Took Molly back home and called our vet who does not work Sunday. He agreed to come in and give the shot and we all left on 5 hour trip to MO.

Called kennel in Missouri and arranged for Molly to be boarded there starting Monday at 0800. This kennel had over 100 dogs running in about 25 runs 100 yards long.

Dogs were all Rottweilers, Dobermans, German shepherds, and Belgian Malinois. Molly is a Golden Retriever who I figured would be used as a tackling dummy. This place trained all the dogs there for police and military work. Molly got to stay in the friendly confines of Andy's house and our hotel room. No mishap for her!

Our vet will get lots of free golf stuff for awhile

7. Omicron is just another coal to stoke fear in us sheep. And why did they skip Nu and Xi?

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Lenore Haferman - [lenorehaferman@yahoo.com](mailto:lenorehaferman@yahoo.com)

1. I try to keep getting rid of things we do not use. Also the kids do not want our stuff.
3. I still keep safety pins around, so I used one last week.
8. We will have the chimney sweep here next week for our wood stove.

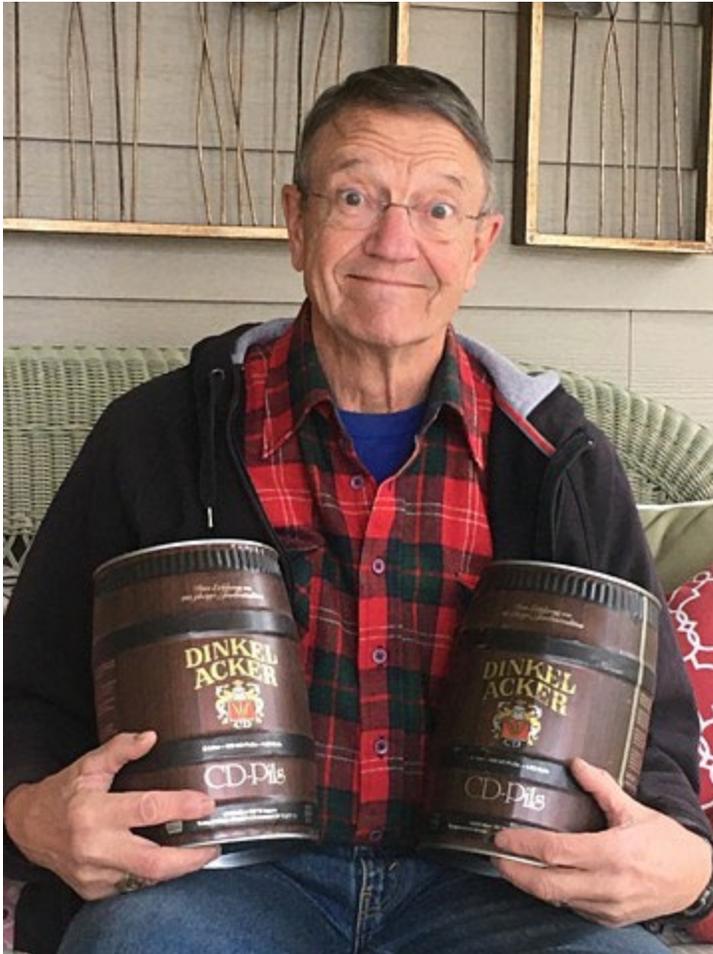
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Roger Fritz - [fritzcat11@yahoo.com](mailto:fritzcat11@yahoo.com)

#1, STUFF: AS we are getting ready to to move to assisted living facilities in the future, we are considering the locations and floor plans. Seems to me to be an exercise in downsizing x 10. Treasured old items like furniture, nick-knack and book collections, etc, etc. might not fit in the new accommodations. Also the obvious things like my workshop full of tools, yard tools like shovels , rakes etc and of course my beloved old 17 ft Grumman aluminum canoe won't make the trip. A big perk about retirement has been it has allowed us to be surrounded by things we like and that elicit good memories.

It's only stuff and you can't take it with you , so finding it a good home will be a big adventure. Relatives, neighbors, charities, yard sales and dumpsters come to mind. Anyone out there need some good stuff?

#9 BEER:



Beer by the barrel is too much for me. Been to a few events where it seemed I had tried to drink one empty all by myself but now I'm limiting my consumption to two cans (or bottles) a day

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#4. We didn't have any mishaps this Thanksgiving. We did visit John's Mom at her assisted living home in Necedah. Wi. She is 94 years old and doesn't get around very well anymore. We also had dinner at one of John's sister's home down by Mauston.

#6 We spent time this fall looking for a new car and found that there weren't a lot of them out there and most of the dealers were holding the price right at window sticker

#9 The only two times that I can remember buying a keg of beer is when my two kids graduated from high school.

We left for Texas last Sunday afternoon (after my family Xmas party).and arrived down here Tuesday afternoon.This is our seventh winter down here and we will continue to make the trip as long as we are able to. It sure beats the foot of snow that we already have on the ground back home.

Again thanks for all your work on the news letter.

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

ANY MIRACLES LATELY? MAJOR/MINOR -- Call it a minor miracle, but it seemed major at the time. About a month ago I was elk hunting with my son Brian and grandson Matt. Brian and Matt chose to scale a near vertical mountain to get to where we thought there were some elk. I chose an easier route. About 15 minutes into the hunt, I heard Matt yell from several hundred yards away "GRANDPA HELP! DAD'S HURT BAD!". What terrifying words to hear. To make a long story short, Brian had taken a fall and smashed his head on a boulder. His head was laid open around his left eye and his left wrist was slashed to the tendons. By the time Matt got to him, Brian was unconscious and bleeding severely. Matt pulled out his first-aid kit and closed the eye wound with gauze and tape. He cut up a game bag and used it to cover the cut on Brian's wrist.

Now for the miracle. There should have been no way to have cell service where we were. The nearest town was 30 miles away with 8,000-foot mountains in-between. Out of desperation Matt dialed 9-1-1. Amazingly, someone answered the phone in the small town of Riggins, Idaho. Matt could hear them, but they couldn't hear him. Matt made another desperate move. Maybe he could text the person. It worked! He explained the situation and directed them to have an ambulance waiting on the highway in an hour.

By the time I made my way up the mountainside, Brian was in and out of consciousness and was being helped down the mountain by Matt. As a parent, it's a sight you never want to see. We literally slid down the mountain on our butts. It took us an hour to drive the 20 miles on Forest Service dirt roads to the highway.

The ambulance was waiting for us and whisked Brian off to the nearest hospital 60 miles away. This picture isn't pretty, but does attest to the seriousness of the situation. Brian had seven fractures around the orbital bone of his left eye, plus a hairline fracture of his jaw.



If you have a watch with a band like that in this picture you might consider getting rid of it.



When Brian fell his watch band became unclashed and cut into his wrist like a

knife. It was a miracle that it didn't cut into his vein. The consequences are obvious.

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1 - Stuff - This is one of my favorite subjects. I like to de-clutter my closets and donate things to thrift stores when I no longer need them. I want to downsize my belongings while I'm still in good health. Larry isn't quite as enthusiastic as I am about getting rid of stuff, but he knows I'm a neatnik.

I've heard people in our age group say "I have so much stuff that I don't know what to do with." Getting rid of clutter in stages is the easiest. When I was getting rid of some stuff in my kitchen cupboards recently, I gave mixing bowls and a cake server to a friend who loves to bake. She got my stuff, and I gained space in my cupboard. For me it's about keeping only what's useful or well-loved. Reno, NV where I live has several nice thrift stores which gladly take donations

A few years ago, Larry and I bought a dining table with chairs at an antique mall which was going out of business. We rented a U-Haul van to get the table home. When we couldn't find any neighbors who wanted our old table for free, we put it in the U-Haul van and dropped it off at a thrift store that same day.

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#1 S-L-O-W-L-Y getting rid of items in various ways: St. Vincent Store in Marshfield, Half-Price Books, garage sales, Craig's List, E-Bay.

#3. I use pipe cleaners to clean small orifices on my humming bird feeders.

#5 Back in the 50's, we had a coal furnace in our home which provided very warm heat. No forced air - just a "register" centrally located in a floor in the first story of the house. Had to leave the upstairs room doors open to allow the heat to enter them as it rose from the lower level by convection.

We had an Iron Fireman stoker . It had to be filled every day during the coldest season. There was a hopper with an auger located in the bottom which fed the coal into the firebox. Then, every couple days we had to remove the "clinkers" (cinders) from the bottom of the furnace and place them in metal trash cans. When full, Dad

disposed of them somewhere. Shoveling coal into the stoker was one of my wintertime chores - also shoveling snow!

#8 Have the furnace inspected every autumn before the heating season. My furnace is 22 years old and I feel it is necessary as we are away for 3 months to warmer climates. Gives me peace of mind to know that all is well with it. However, I'm certain that it will need replacing in the near future. The thermostat is automatic and I can check/control the heat from my phone wherever I am via WiFi.

#9 Bought kegs of beer for graduation parties of my offspring back in the 90's!

THANKS again for your efforts in editing the newsletters - LHS and Military.

STAY SAFE and WARM (with your new furnace)!!