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Responses to previous topics:

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1. I would not call it laugh, but when I over do, because I think I can still do it all, that hurts more than laugh.
 5. I was in all the musicals, I was always a dancer. How Coach did all that he did, is amazing.
 7. Yesterday as Plover Kiwanis we had the Kids From Wis., so I had a picnic with them.
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This week's topics:

1. Watching the Olympics? Any thoughts?
2. Wisconsin had 12 tornadoes last week. Ever been near a tornado?
3. Oshkosh Airshow ended Sunday. Ever attend? Memories?
4. Could religion possibly be a rationalism for our existence? Your thoughts?

5. High School Musicals or Plays - What parts did you play?
6. Masks again???? Dane County, the most vaccinated county in Wisconsin, is going to mandate them AGAIN! Your thoughts? Are you next?
7. Any classmate you'd like to have here from again? Who?
8. Involved with the grand-kids? How?
9. Most memorable teacher?
10. Whatever else you'd care to write about.

and responses:

Gene Santoski - k9utq@solarus.net

Hi Kent!

THANKS for all your efforts with the newsletters. MUCH APPRECIATED!!

#3 Attended many EAA AirVentures over the years. Usually stayed for several days. The most recent one was in 2011 when our daughter piloted a Navy MH53 Sea Stallion helicopter from Norfolk, VA to have on display there. She landed at Alexander Field in Rapids the three times she's been at EAA with it.

Each time, I went to Oshkosh a week before to stake out our campsite so we were certain to have one. We stayed all week. It was great fun!!

Roger Fritz - LHS 1965 - fritzcat11@yahoo.com

#4: Re: Religion There is a GOD. We don't know how "he" works and can't comprehend how the universe could be created from nothing? What is the after life fate of humans? Most of us favor the scenario of the various religions, usually the one we grew up with and of human origins. Another possibility is what I call Compost. Like the plants and other animals We return to mulch. I "speak" to GOD and try to behave as I think "he" would like (Christianity guidelines)

#6: Covid has been overblown, likely for political reasons. If we are worried about people dying, covid death numbers are way less than deaths from cancer, heart disease and obesity. Check out the Walmart shopper.

#7: I hope to see as many of the old classmates as possible at the upcoming reunion. Because of distance and old age issues, this could be the last chance. It will be interesting to see how the various folks have progressed from how I remember them. Lots of names come to mind. I hope someone is composing a list with names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mails.

PS: Kent, do you put out a separate LHS newsletter for the classes of 1964 and 1965? The last newsletter I received seem to be all 1964 folks. **Ed: Gee, funny how that works! Must've majored in journalism?**

Joe Kosek - bubsbear01@gmail.com

#9. Most memorable teacher(s)? - I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to mention two teachers that had a positive influence on me throughout my entire life.

The first teacher I will mention is Dale Rheel. He passed on nuggets of wisdom in athletics, in the classroom and in life. He was a man of high spiritual values, strong character and sound moral moral fiber.

The second is William Wagner. I had him for several math classes and he is one of the reasons one of my undergraduate degrees is in Mathematics.

One of my life's regrets is that I never told either of these men what a positive influence they had on me. Many times when I visited my mother in Wisconsin Rapids, I was going to visit Bill. Never had time, will do it next trip. Never happened.

Lesson learned: If someone has helped you along the way, tell them even if it is by card, email, text, snail mail mail, etc. Do it today. It will brighten their day and yours.

God Bless and stay Healthy!

Dick Trudeau LHS '64 - dickmerry77@hotmail.com

WATCHING THE OLYMPICS? -- The pre-Olympic publicity about American athletes who intend to use the Olympics as a forum for bad-mouthing our country soured me from watching the games. Few things anger me more than hypocritical athletes who are provided with the opportunity to excel at the highest level and then proclaim their hate for the country that gave them that opportunity.

EVER BEEN NEAR A TORNADO? -- The Palm Sunday tornadoes of April 11, 1965 are infamous for their destruction. On that day I was returning to Wisconsin from a failed attempt to ride my Honda 90 to Florida during spring break. All through Illinois the weather had been extraordinarily calm. Little did I know I was racing a series of tornadoes that were reigning destruction on six midwestern states. One tornado finally caught up with me in Evansville, Wisconsin. It did serious damage to the town minutes after I passed through it.

ANY CLASSMATE YOU'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM AGAIN? -- This topic reminds me of movies that feature young people as the main characters. At the conclusion, the movies oftentimes reveal what happened to the youthful characters when they entered the adult world. It makes for an entertaining ending. American Graffiti, Stand By Me, and Sandlot are a few examples.

When it comes to the drama of my own youth I know what happened to most of the characters. Some missing faces are Arnie Tucs, John Leklem, and Charlie Boudreau. Guys, if you have the time, fill me in on your life after high school. John, when Merry and I got married, you and Len Ironside went together and gave us a electric hand mixer as a gift. That mixer lasted us about 40 years. Thanks again!

INVOLVED WITH THE GRANDKIDS? -- At our age it seems like we talk about three main subjects, i.e., our grandkids, our medical problems, and lately, politics. Merry and I are blessed with 5 execeptional grandkids, 3 boys and two girls. I golf with Jacob, hunt and fish with Matt, and backpack and fish with Ryan. Despite the generation gap, Merry's two best friends in the world are granddaughters Tess and Julia. They indulge in the great sports of talking and shopping.

MOST MEMORABLE TEACHER -- As always, 7th and 8th grade math teacher Anne Mary Pitch.

Toni Weller Olsen -class of '64 - tonicrafty@gmail.com

6. Masks - I hoped we were over them, but in Reno, NV customers are wearing them inside stores and restaurants again. The CDC's messaging has been a mess. I guess I think of my mask as a sort of security blanket, even though I've been vaccinated.

My two grandkids are 9 and 11, and their school district has a mask mandate. I'd rather see them wearing masks at school if it decreases their risk of contracting Covid or the variant.

Sue Peaslee Schulte - gaias4mail@gmail.com

Thanks so much for all your efforts with the newsletter.

I wonder whether there is any chance of getting into the old Lincoln HS over reunion weekend? Are any others interested too?

Also, does anyone know hours at the historical museum (old TB Scott Library)?

My hubby and I stay very connected with our grandkids. We have 4, ages 4-14. We have had at least 1 of them here most of the summer and 3 this week. We are having VBS at church so fun to have them participate too. We are VERY tired at the end of each day but so much fun. Living on a lake helps keep them entertained too.

I am looking forward to the reunion. I hope many of you are coming!

More class of 64 reunion pics





IN MEMORIAM

Bruce Kuczynski, age 73, of Wisconsin Rapids passed away on July 30, 2021 at Aspirus Riverview Hospital in Wisconsin Rapids after a short and courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Services will be at 11:00 A.M. on Friday August 6, 2021 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Port Edwards. Rev. Corey Shaffer will officiate. Burial will be at Forest Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10:00 A.M. until the time of service Friday at the church.

Bruce was born on October 3, 1947 in Milwaukee, WI to Stanley and Cleo (Yager)

Kuczynski. After graduating from Lincoln High School in 1965, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and proudly served his country from 1965 to 1968. He retired from the Biron Mill after 37 years. During vacations and continuing into retirement, Bruce traveled extensively throughout the United States, favoring sites related to the revolutionary and civil wars.

Bruce was a kind and compassionate man. He lived his life striving to follow God's will and for His greater glory. He will be deeply missed by his family and many friends.

Bruce is survived by his brother: Terry (Chris) Kuczynski; sister: Karen Kuczynski; nephew: Kevin Kuczynski; cousins: Ron Wagner, Sharon and Shelva Cumberland; good friends: Larry and Paula Anderson and their children and grand children to whom he was "Uncle Bruce" and extended family members.

Complete obit with pic at: <https://www.taylorfuneralhome.net/obituary/Bruce-Kuczynski>