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Editor's note: Sending this newsletter from my Rapids computer and WCTC, in its infinite wisdom, has limited the amount of addressees any e-mail may have. Soooo, I have to send out the newsletter to smaller groups of around 50. If any of you receive two copies, let me know. I may have missed some "married folks".

New Readers of the newsletter:

Kathy Lou (Willems) Gotter (64) gotterkl@aol.com

Kent, I have moved and have new addresses:

Cary Winegarden (65), 10398 CR 484, Lavon, TX 75166 winegca@netzero.com

Thanks and I will be up in Rapids Aug 13-19, will look you up. Take Care, Cary W

Class of 65 Birthdays this week: Must have been another "blizzard" in Mid-December of 46!

Judith (Larson) Martin 8/10 - jmartin@becu.net

Toni (Oberhuber) Howard 8/10 - toni.howard@cheyennemountain.af.mil

Janet (Slattery) Lassa 8/13 - jlassa@wctc.net

Ron Grundeen 8/14 - grundfam@wctc.net

Mike Roginski 8/14 - rockydad1@charter.net

My wife, two grandsons and I went to the Vesper picnic, took the camera, but alas, no one was to be found. Had a nice conversation with Nancy Adams mother, we were neighbors in the old Lowell school neighborhood but otherwise it was pretty non eventfull. Maybe next year, I'm going just for the corn on the cob. **Gary Simmet (65)** gargin@wctc.net

Editor's note:

Just finished watching "American Dreams" on NBC Sunday Night. It's a series about the 60's and well done!

Anyway, they included the assassination of JFK in the segment. That brought back many thoughts of where I was when it happened! I was a 2nd Lieutenant in the Air Force stationed at Mount Laguna Air Force Station (about 65 miles east of San Diego and 7000 feet higher!)

We were having an ORI (Operational Readiness Inspection) by higher headquarters at the moment and I was struggling to answer a written examination when the news came. I couldn't believe it was happening and went out to my 62 Corvair to listen to the radio reports. His death was reported a few hours later. I was devastated. I went down to the cantonment (barracks) area and demanded that the MP's bring down the flag to "half-staff"! The NCO argued with me and I gave him a "direct order!"

Where were you when JFK died? What are your memories?

Tips for Tackling Spam

It's unlikely that anyone who has an e-mail account and regularly uses the Internet will be able to live a spam-free life, but there are ways to manage the flood of unwanted e-mail. Here are a few:

- 1. Divert It.** Most free e-mail providers, such as Yahoo! or Hotmail, allow you to divert spam to a Bulk Mail or Junk Mail folder. Although this won't stop the spam from reaching you, it will keep most of it from getting mixed in with the mail you actually want to read.
- 2. Don't Respond.** Although you might feel as though you're beating spammers by clicking on an "unsubscribe" link that appears at the bottom of many spam messages, you're probably not. In many cases, this actually confirms to the bulk e-mailer that your e-mail address is legitimate. The spammer can then include your e-mail address in a database that it may sell to another bulk e-mailer. If the spam comes from a company you're familiar with, or have done business with, it's probably safe to click that unsubscribe link. If it's a company you're not familiar with, just delete the message.
- 3. Check Out Filters.** There are many services and software programs that filter out unwanted e-mail. Some popular ones include Spam Buster, MailWasher, and Popcorn.
- 4. Don't Publicize Your Address.** The more places you post your personal e-mail address, the more you're opening yourself up to spam. You may want to set up separate e-mail addresses for use on Internet bulletin boards, chat rooms and newsgroups. Spam will still arrive at those addresses, but you'll have kept it at arm's length. Don't send "cards" from Hallmark or anywhere else on the net.
- 5. Break the Chain.** As convincing or worthy or innocuous as many of them may seem, do not forward chain letters. If you want to send a poem to 10 friends, support more funding for NPR, or sign a political petition, do it on your own. Many spammers use chain letters as another way of collecting unique and current e-mail addresses.

— Rogene Fisher, ABCNEWS.com

Editor's note: You may be having this problem with your parents. The Editor did. My Dad totalled his car in his driveway twice. He couldn't hear how fast the engine was "going" and when he went from "park" to reverse, he "peeled rubber" out of the garage and hit a tree in the front yard on two different occasions. The Editor is still driving the car, a 91 Chevy wagon. It's on its third "rear clip"! (That means that everything behind the driver has been replaced twice!) It's a white wagon and we call it the "great white whale" or "Moby Dick" - the names my mother called it by when she was still alive.

"Hubert Moon was once a big, strapping, muscular man, but now, at 85, he's about half the size he was. He's lost part of his "driving" foot to diabetes. He has arthritis, congestive heart failure and short-term memory problems and takes 16 pills a day, some bearing warnings that they can make him groggy.

But the feisty Pearl Harbor survivor isn't about to surrender the keys to his 1992 Cutlass Seville to his worried wife or children."

For the "rest of the story", see:

http://www.ajc.com/sunday/content/epaper/editions/sunday/living_f3b27e11b49981ee0019.html

Editor's note: Len Ironside (64) is quoted in this Rapids Trib article. Wood County is considering a .5% sales tax. Most all of the other counties in Wisconsin have already implemented that.

Businesses want different solution

By **MELISSA A. LAKE**
Tribune Staff Writer

Wood County business leaders say a proposed half-percent sales tax is the wrong solution for the county's budget crunch.

"I know the state is taking away all kinds of revenue. But just because things are getting tight doesn't mean you should raise taxes," said Len Ironside of Ironside Oldsmobile-GMC. "If I could run my business that way, I would. But I can't. Just because the economy gets tight doesn't mean you can raise prices."

Ironside estimates the county sales tax would add \$90 to the cost of an average-priced vehicle of \$18,000. The County Board is considering the tax as a means of offsetting a \$4.4 million deficit projected for 2004.

"I know we already collect an incredible amount of money for the state in taxes," Ironside said. "I don't much like being a tax collector for anybody - state or county." Portage, Marathon, Adams and Juneau are among 57 Wisconsin counties that have enacted a half-percent sales tax, according to the state Department of Revenue Web site. Adams County enacted its tax in 1994, Portage County in 1988, Marathon County in 1987 and Juneau County in 1992.

With local paper companies and other industries laying off workers, this isn't the best time to talk about additional tax burdens, said Paul Rogers, owner of Rogers Cinema movie theaters in Wisconsin Rapids, Stevens Point, Marshfield, Waupaca and New London. Rogers and a group of county retailers have spearheaded opposition to the proposed tax.

"Many families are cutting back," he said. "The county has to cut back, too. The county needs to bring its spending in line with its budget without adding another tax. I could understand it more if we were a big tourist area. But this is just reshifting the citizens of Wood County's money."

Rogers estimates a county tax would cost his theaters in Wisconsin Rapids and Marshfield an additional \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year. An evening adult movie ticket costs \$7.50; a half-percent sales tax would add about 4 cents.

"I'm going to swallow it," Rogers said, meaning he would not charge extra to make up for the tax. "Other businesses will have to pass it on because they have no other choice." Stora Enso North America hasn't done a recent study on the impact of a county sales tax, said Tim Laatsch, senior vice president of communication. He's confident it would make the local operation's struggle to become profitable more difficult.

"Times are tough," Laatsch said. "We're in a situation where we lost \$98 million (in the last six months). While half a percent doesn't sound like a lot - and it wouldn't necessarily be difficult for people to pay it - it would be a significant burden for our company." A county tax won't affect business at Ace Hardware, said Craig Liska, manager.

"Not a half-percent," he said. "If they were talking about raising it higher than at surrounding counties, then it would be a problem."

Domtar Industries Inc. hasn't taken a position on the issue, said Craig Timm, manager of communications and government relations.

"We've been following it, obviously," he said. "With state and local budget constraints, we knew it would probably become an issue."

Maybe a relative of yours in Wisconsin left a bunch of unclaimed money, property, etc. Check it out at: <http://prd1.state.wi.us/servlet/trdUnclaimProperty?gotopage=SEARCH>

Editor and Judy attended "Lunch by the River" in the Rapids yesterday.



The Editor enjoying a sandwich by "Great Expectations" - Learned after the pic was taken that the gal to the right in the picture is Mary Ironside, Len's wife.



Good turnout! Good music! Judy next to the flagpole.

Restaurant review!



The "Stars and Stripes" Cafe on 8th St (next to Ace Hardware)

The Editor and Judy went to the Stars & Stripes Cafe for dinner last night. The Cafe opened about a month ago. I had the roast pork sandwich with taters and gravy. Judy had a taco salad. Gourmet fare it isn't. But it is solid food at a reasonable price. Only disappointment was the gravy. Very bland white gravy that could have used something to flavor it.

I added lots of pepper and that seemed to help. Open from 6 AM to 7 PM every day.