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Nancy Warner ...you are not wrong with your assessment of Edgewater. Unfortunately, my mother has required the need to be in a home since last April for complications post knee surgery. She was in another facility in Rapids, developed severe complications which nearly cost her a leg amputation. After that lengthy hospitalization we made the decision to move her to a different home and chose Edgewater. She has been there since June and is quite content. Yes, she would rather be home but until the leg prongs from her fused leg are removed and healed she will remain there. In hindsight, one major item I would check out in choosing a home would be their track record for citations. I would also walk the halls and see what residents are doing, what the staff is doing for the residents. My mother has been antsy since the first day and the staff are wonderful at keeping her busy. I could give you numerous examples of their wonderful care to my mother and others in the facility. My sister-in-laws mother is also in the same facility at the other end of the building. Once they knew these 2 ladies were acquaintances they made sure they have dinner together and get the two together regularly to visit. Recently my mother had another surgery, resulting in a dx of intermuscular bladder cancer with a poor prognosis. Of course we did the COP referral (2 year wait) and now are encouraging her to stay where she is ...at Edgewater. The social worker met with mom and discussed the situation and told her she didn't have to make a decision right away but they would put her on a list for a private room right away. She presently has a private room but would move to the other wing if she was a permanent resident. ( NO it is not possible that my mother live with me...I have not lived with her since the age of 12 and really don't want to begin now...It would be the end of a marriage and possibly the beginning of a prison sentence for me!!) I did agree that she could come here for interim stay of 2 wks.I will take care of her needs and I also said we would do her grocery, house work and take care of bills and laundry and also volunteered the same services to another person in the COP program in exchange for someone to go in and take care of the medical needs that I can not provide my mother. My thought was this may free someone else up too to spread the services out...believe me a 2 year wait to a terminal patient does not make sense. However, what also does not make sense is the fact that the COP program is a contract to agency program and due to liability issues can not accept a volunteer. The long and short of it all is I would highly recommend Edgewater Nursing home...

Happy New Year...I hope every one has an uneventful (unless its positive) 2004

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I was wondering what suggestions classmates had related to recycling things like old books, old skis, garden tools, building supplies, etc. Is a garage sale the first step? Should I just give everything to Goodwill (I'm not even sure what they all accept)? Do libraries take old books? I hate to dump all this stuff if someone could use it.

I actually found some answers to my question already. For building supplies in the Madison area, Habitat for Humanity takes some of the stuff I have accumulated. And evidently libraries will take books that they can resell.

<http://www.restoredane.org/donations.cfm>

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**Coldest Week of the Winter!** Down below zero this past Monday and Tuesday. Full moon this week!

Coldest weather of the month typically occurs during the full moon!

OK, **Don Wylie**, take me to task on that last statement!



But, as you can see, this is **always** the coldest week of the winter! Interesting to note that we usually have a

January thaw around the 20th of the month. The days finally start getting longer around the 15th of this month after staying virtually the same for the preceding 6 weeks. Hang in there! Spring **is** coming!

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**LHS 65 B-days this week:**

**Theresa (Malcolm) Obermeier 1/5 - Happy belated b-day!**

**Mary (Aschenbrenner) Trudeau 1/8 - Happy b-day, but you won't get this since you evidently changed your address!**

**Pat Lauby 1/12**

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**The American Dream! Alive and well in China - continued!**

<http://www.jsonline.com/bym/news/dec03/195883.asp>

<http://www.jsonline.com/bym/news/dec03/196235.asp>

<http://www.jsonline.com/bym/news/dec03/196593.asp>

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**The "TV Dinner" is 50 years old this year!**

**What was your favorite?**



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From the UW Manitowoc newsletter - [http://www.uwmanitowoc.uwc.edu/A-News\\_Events/News\\_Releases/NR%20Convo03.htm](http://www.uwmanitowoc.uwc.edu/A-News_Events/News_Releases/NR%20Convo03.htm)

Dr. Rick Hein, Assistant Professor of Biology, presented the Eugene Wilda/LeRoy Purchatzke Memorial Scholarship to Jessica Mayer. The scholarship is presented annually to a sophomore student who meets the high standards in science set by the late UW-Manitowoc chemistry professors, Eugene Wilda and **LeRoy Purchatzke**.

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A mountain farmer got in his pickup and drove several miles to a neighboring farm and knocked on the farmhouse door. A young boy, about 12, opened the door.

"Is yer pa home?" he asked.

"No sir, he sure ain't," the boy replied. "He went to town."

"Well," said the farmer. "Is yer ma home?"

"No, she ain't here either. She went to town with pa."

"Well, then, how about yer brother, Joe, is he here?"

"No sir, he went with pa and ma."

The farmer stood there for a few minutes, shifting from one foot to the other, and mumbling to himself.

"Is there anything I kin do fer ya'?" inquired the young boy politely. "I know where all the tools are, if you want to borrow one or maybe I could take a message fer pa."

Well," said the farmer uncomfortably, "I really wanted to talk to yer pa. It's about your brother Joe getting my daughter, Pearly Mae, pregnant."

The boy considered for a moment. "You would have to talk to pa about that," he finally conceded. "I know that pa charges \$50 for the bull and \$25 for the boar hog, but I really don't know how much he gets for Joe."



**The new "mini-mall" in front of the Wal-Mart store in the Rapids.  
Home of the 5th Chinese restaurant in town.**