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Lincoln High Newsletter

Memories of then! News of now!

Kent and Judy,
Hi!

New email address. Moved in September to great old 1941 house. All wood floors and lots of personality. NEW E-MAIL IS odesyblu@knology.net The new address is 4713 Marlboro Place, North Charleston, SC 29405. New Phone is 843-225-8790. Hve missed the last two letters. Probably in the switch. Hope ya'll are fine and if you get this way stop. thanks.

Nancy (Porter) Huisman (64)

John Nelson (65) update:

Stood up first day after surgery. Day two walked all around room and hallway byself.. They sent him home to Nurse Barb. He is doing good and not in too much pain. Day 7 not like healing in bed though. He is going outside first day today. Keep healing process in your prayers .. Thanks Barb barbn@wctc.net

Marcia (Olson) Ziarko (65) writes:

Kent,

Thanks for the great job you do with the newsletter, even though you get very little help from the class of 1965. I think we get so wrapped up in our own little worlds that we forget or don't take the time to share our experiences.

I had a good time at the reunion. Was very surprised at the number of faces I actually recognized and equally surprised at the number I did not have a clue about. I bet there were a lot of people who felt the same way about me. It is amazing what a mere 40 years can do for and to a person. It is heart warming to hear of the accomplishments of so many members of the same class.

I thought I would share a couple of my interests with the class. I am the secretary of Oak Lawn Sertoma Club. Sertoma, an acronym for SERVICE TO MANKIND, was established in 1912. We are a very small chapter of a huge group of people that do our best to raise funds to help people who are hearing and speech impaired. Each club has the option of donating their funds to the Speech and Hearing Center and/or to other causes. Our group has 2 fundraisers each year and donates all the proceeds to children in need in the Oak Lawn area . For all practical purposes, Oak Lawn is an affluent Chicago suburb. But buried within its bounds are families with children with catastrophic illnesses and these families are Oak Lawn Sertoma Club's targets.

Anyone wishing to help our cause can send a donation to my attention at: 10823 South Keeler, Oak Lawn, IL 60453. And for all of you that would prefer not to send money, we are always looking for auction and raffle items. Make checks payable to Oak Lawn Sertoma Club. web site oaklawnsertoma.org

The second group I am involved with is Toys for Tots. The annual motorcycle run will be December 4, 2005. As many of you know, T4T believes that no child should be without a toy for Christmas. We are currently collecting toys and cash with which to purchase toys. Once everything is collected, the Marines distribute everything to needy families and another group goes to hospitals, children's homes and

orphanages. This is such a a tear jerking experience and heart warming at the same time. You haven't seen anything until you have seen a bunch of black leather clad, hard nose bikers with tears running down their faces as they deliver their toys to the children in the orphanages and hospitals. For all the bad wrap the biking community gets, they are one of the most giving bunch of people I have ever come across. Anyone with a motorcycle can ride in the parade as long as they bring a new, unwrapped toy. I will be at the parade working behind the scenes. Come on down and join in the fun and experience the joy of giving from the heart. If you can't join us, you can still donate by sending your toys or money to my attention at the above address and I will personally deliver your donation to Toys for Tots.. Make checks payable to Toys for Tots. I hope to see some of you at the parade. You can visit their web site at toysfortots.org

OK, I am good at begging. That is why I am a member of these two wonderful organizations. I work hard to raise a few bucks for people I will never meet but, it feels so good to do something for others. God has blessed me many, many times and any thing I can do to help some of His less fortunate children makes me feel like I am giving back to His family. I know all of you have big hearts and a few extra dollars. These two organizations are worthy causes and just think how good you will feel during the holiday season knowing that you helped a less fortunate family and put a smile on a small child's face.

Thank you for letting me grovel in the newsletter. With the help of the Class of '65, I know we can make a difference.

Marcia (Olson) Ziarko zerkeezia@yahoo.com
Class of '65

Strong winds swept through south Wood County on Wednesday, knocking down trees and causing several power outages. The National Weather Service issued wind advisories, with some gusts expected to reach as high as 50 mph.

75th anniversary of Betty Boop!



Grim Natwick was born on August 16, 1890 and died at the age of 100. He was born and raised in **Wisconsin Rapids**, but left to attend Chicago's Art Institute in 1910.

Before becoming an animator, Grim drew the cover for the first Lincoln High School yearbook, and designed covers for Consolidated News. He drew comic strips and was persuaded to try animation, which he initially loathed.

See interview with **Grim Natwick** at:

<http://www.animationartist.com/columns/DJohnson/NatwickInterview/natwickinterview.html>

Ed note! Judy and I have been here! Done that!

Wish you luck with your parents!

Taking senior's drivers license away is a challenge!

By Karen Madden
Central Wisconsin Sunday

Teenagers get to feel the excitement, independence and freedom that come with getting a

drivers license. Elderly drivers experience the exact opposite when they lose a license.

That's why it can be difficult for a family member to confront an aging loved one about giving up driving privileges, say experts and those who've been through the process.

Monica Pierce, 55, of Schofield knows what it's like to worry about a parent's driving. The family had to stop her father, now 91, from driving about 10 years ago.

Pierce said her family began noticing small problems when her father was driving. Family members wanted him to give up his license but knew complications from his Alzheimer's disease wouldn't allow them to reason with him.

"We told him the state took his drivers license away because of his eyesight," Pierce said. "He just accepted it. He would tell people the state took his license away because of his eyes."

Pierce's parents live in Clark County. Her mother, 84, doesn't like to drive much herself anymore, so the couple rely on county-provided help to get to appointments.

Finding driving alternatives is an important first step, said Rosemary Felice, director of the Wood County Aging Resource Center. The local county's senior services agency can identify programs to help family members run errands and get to appointments.

The national motorists group AAA along with AARP recommend that people talk about the issue with family members before the driving becomes dangerous, said Dana Syra, director of the Portage County Aging and Disability Resource Center.

As with any difficult conversation, it helps to take notes in advance, Syra said. She recommends riding with the family member first. Then, when approaching the conversation, give specific examples of the driving mistakes that cause concern. "One thing I always tell people is that, for an older person, losing a drivers license or giving up driving is a traumatic thing," Syra said.

It's also a good idea to consider who is the best person to talk to the driver about the subject, which they're sure to be sensitive about, Syra said. A daughter may be the best person to approach a mother, while a son may be better for talking to a father.

It's also important to remember that people who have lost their ability to drive can feel cut off from their social activities, too.

"For some people, a ride to church is really important," Syra said.

"If mother always goes to church every week, start talking with church members about giving her a ride."

Despite planning and discussion, some people just won't be willing to give up their driving, said Wood County Sheriff's Department Lt. Dave Laude. That's where police agencies might step in.

"It's not just age," Laude said. "Sometimes a medical condition can make someone unsafe

Warning signs

Following are signs that someone might need his or her driving ability reviewed:

- * Incorrect signaling.
- * Trouble navigating turns.
- * Moving into a wrong lane.
- * Confusion at exits.
- * Parking inappropriately.
- * Hitting curbs.
- * Driving at inappropriate speeds.
- * Delayed responses to unexpected situations.
- * Not anticipating dangerous situations.
- * Increased agitation or irritations when driving.
- * Scrapes or dents on car, garage or mailbox.
- * Getting lost in familiar places.
- * Near misses.
- * Ticketed moving violations or warnings.
- * Car crash.
- * Confusing brake and gas pedals.
- * Stopping in traffic for no apparent reason.

Source: The Hartford Co. Web site.

for driving."

An officer who has just cause to believe someone is unsafe on the road can file a report with the state Department of Transportation, Laude said. The state will notify the driver of the need to submit to a driver's test.

People who are concerned about a family member's driving but can't get them to stop should contact someone for help - before a serious crash occurs, Laude said.

A doctor also can help with the decision to stop driving, Syra said. A parent might trust a family physician's opinion more than that of a family member.

Another option is the driving program offered by senior resource centers, Felice said. Both Wood and Portage counties offer "55 Alive" driving programs for seniors. Driving programs can be found by contacting local Aging Resource Centers. Portage and Wood County also have computer programs that evaluate a person's driving skills.