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Lincoln High Newsletter

Ron Feutz feutz@wctc.net writes:

RE: \$4 gas – answer, all of the above. Oh, I forgot. Its all George Bush's fault. With one phone call he can control the world-wide market involving dozens of oil producing countries, hundreds of oil exploration companies, hundreds of refining and distribution companies, and thousands of retailers. What a guy!! And don't forget Halliburton.....

Lincoln High memory – the night Bob Kortkamp, Steve Miller and I hid out in the crawl-space that had an entrance in the band room. We spent several hours sneaking around the school popping up every time we found a hatch, avoiding the night janitor. No vandalism – I'm afraid we weren't very creative. The next year Jerry Gilbert and Jerry? (Tom's little brother) Schneider eclipsed us by doing the same and taking all the transmit diaphragms out of the room phones. They got caught.

Elvis – "Blue Suede Shoes" – no special reason.

Spanish – I can generally make myself understood at a very rudimentary level when in Mexico. Good ol' Miss LaPierrier (sp?) Oh, and I remember Bob Schmidt using a Cracker Jack mini telescope to copy from me on a test once.

LeLand Pomainville – a real old fashioned Doc.

Monopoly, Parchesi, Sorry, Chinese Checkers.



Public picks wolf mascot for Wis Rapids Red Raiders.

By [Adam Wise](#)

Wis Rapids Daily Tribune Staff

After a 16-month process, the voters have selected a new Lincoln High School mascot.

Pending Wisconsin Rapids School Board approval, the Lincoln Red Raiders will be represented by a wolf beginning with the 2008-09 school year following a final vote from the community.

In a district that has an enrollment of 5,712 students within 250 square miles, 275 votes were cast. A design signifying a wolf's head drawn into the school's WR logo won with 85 votes Thursday beating another drawing of a wolf, which received 76 votes, and two caricatures of a fox -- 68 and 46 votes.

The mascot committee -- comprised of community volunteers, students and faculty -- counted 480 votes just two weeks ago during a first round of voting where four mascots, including a bull and hawk, were cut from the competition.

"The committee spent time and effort trying to get the public their opportunity of which mascot they wanted," said committee member Ron Hamm. "It was done the right way."

The new mascot must be approved by the School Board before becoming official. The board's next meeting will take place June 9.

The entire process to establish a mascot began in December 2006, when the student council identified it as something it wanted for the school.

In 2007, a committee of students and staff members hosted three public forums to explain their decision to change the red raider moniker and select a mascot. It then told the School Board the moniker was racially insensitive and should be changed.

After a split vote by the School Board approved to drop the term "red" from the moniker, a contingent in the public organized an online petition that was signed by more than 1,000 people to reinstate the word. Several members of the public attended board meetings to protest the change and asked the governing body to reconsider.

The board reversed its decision to pare down the nickname and it reinstated the word, but deemed all artifacts and references binding the school to Native Americans must be removed.

While the voting turnout paled in comparison with the online petition, junior Laura Shepard, 17, was pleased with the committee's willingness to keep the mascot process transparent.

"I think that we did good in making it as available as possible to the community," Shepard said. "Everybody had a chance and it was fair to get the best mascot as possible."

Regarding dentists and their evolving methods over the years, I use to go to Dr. Koontz across from the Mean Inn. Each year I got a 1/2 hour appointment in which the good Dr. would fill about 3 cavities. "I see you've been into your Dad's chocolate" he would say and "These will go fast" as he drilled usually without novacaine. We learned to tough it out because he was fast.

Then I skipped a few years because I left town for a job and went to a dentist in Madison. He X-rayed my teeth and said you have 20 cavities out of 22 teeth. This would produce a very large bill so I suspected he was trying to pay off his student loans.

I went back to Dr. Koontz who was near the end of his practice and he said the usual and filled 3 teeth. He said the newer procedure was to aggressively fill any tooth with a dark spot on an X-ray where as he preferred to only fill those that he could confirm had decay by jamming his pick into a hole. He may have been of the "old school" but I now use a dentist with a similar philosophy and most of my other 17 teeth haven't needed fillings. I accept the novacaine these days but decline the laughing gas and other pain relievers because I learned to think that "I'm tough".

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I was about six when I saw a dentist for the first time. His office was on 54 heading south outside of town. After what seemed like an hour of drilling, poking, xrays, my crying and the dentist slapping me, he decided to pull a tooth! We learned that he'd had a nervous breakdown three weeks later. To this day I grip the armrests every time I have a dental appointment.

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Gary Flaminio's Mom passed away:

Barbara G. Flaminio, 80, of 5449 Hansel Ave. No. M15, Orlando, FL 32809, died Saturday, May 17, 2008, at her home from complications of diabetes.

A memorial service will be at Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery, Wisconsin Rapids, at 1 p.m. June 14.

Barbara (Peterson) was born Jan. 17, 1928, in Kingsford, Mich. She married Kenneth Flaminio Oct. 7, 1946, in Iron Mountain, Mich. After they married, they moved to Wisconsin Rapids where they raised six children. In 1983, they moved to Orlando, then returned to live in Iron Mountain, Mich., in 1997. After her husband's passing, Barbara returned to Orlando in 2000.

Barbara was a homemaker and a former member of First English Lutheran Church.

Survivors include three sons, **Gary** (Renee), Jeffrey (Mary) and Russell; two daughters, Renae (Craig) Noble, and Dyan (Jasper) McDowell; 13 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two brothers, Ray (Joy) Peterson, and Ralph Peterson; and many nieces; nephews; cousins; and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son, Randy; and sister-in-law, Darlene Peterson.

Condolences may be sent to Gary at: g.flaminio@verizon.net