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# *Lincoln High Newsletter*

*Memories of then! News of now!*

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## **New Neighbors!**

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They seem almost biblical in their ominous, nerve racking, invasive takeover of the earth. Overnight the cicadas burrowed out of their encapsulated crypts and laid all over looking dead. But it was merely the cocoon stage we were witnessing.



Shortly, the red eyed beauties would be cracking through, all damp like any new born. A brief dry off, then the almost rhythmic mass assent up trees, sides of houses, even up the inside of my pant leg because I happened to try to cross their path.



I who typically avoid the nettlesome older neighbor three doors down, resorted to sweeping her doorstep and walk before Ms Nettle got up to spare her the revulsion of all those 100's, no, 1000's of nasty cocoons and writhing cicadas taking over her domain. Pure selfishness actually. I couldn't imagine myself saving her from a cicada up her pants.

Even in competition with the steady hum of the AC, lawnmowers at a distance, jets overhead - their collective drone is overpowering. It almost sets off vibrations. Has it been 17 years since the last invasion? Yes. They were some of my first meeters and greeters as I moved into my new place. I marveled then as I do now at how quickly a natural phenomenon can create calamity in an otherwise perfectly orderly neighborhood. And it's supposed to continue for several more weeks I hear. Locals are televised eating cicadas as a delicacy. Me? I consider them as having overstayed their welcome. Come back in - let's say - another 17 years you little critters. So I can explain the marvels of metamorphosis to my grandchildren.

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**Anita Godin (65) writes:**

Hi Kent, just wanted to let you know my new email address: [jamesdborski@prodigy.net](mailto:jamesdborski@prodigy.net)

There have been a few changes in my life lately. Ed: "Understatement!"

In January I got married to Jim Borski. He is a Stevens Point native. After 2 years of dating we decided it was time. So without much fanfare we flew to Atlanta and got married. Had a short 4 day honeymoon and then returned home. Jim has 3 grown children living in Orlando, the Florida Keys and near New Orleans. I can see a few January trips to the south to escape snow country!!!!

I'm also a short 6 weeks away from retirement (26 working days to be exact, not that I am counting!) July 2nd is the magic date. After 34.5 years at UW-SP, it's time to hang it up. I've had a some great opportunities here and have seen more college freshmen than I care to remember. Now it will be a new phase in my life. I'm not sure what that will bring, guess the first 2 weeks will feel like vacation. Then after that.....

For those of you that remember my dad, he is in the Veterans Home at King. He has been there since August 2002. He is not doing well and it gets harder to seem him failing. My mom is still in her home and doing ok for 85 years!

This seems to be the spring that never arrived in Wisconsin. The past couple of weeks have been nothing but rain.....and more rain...and then it rains again. Maybe we should all save our gas money and start buying row boats!!!!

Just want to say thanks to you Kent for keeping this newsletter going. I enjoy reading it each week. That may be the highlight of my Fridays once I retire!!!!

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Judy (Ehlert) Brown (65) [JBbeachshells@aol.com](mailto:JBbeachshells@aol.com) writes:

Hi Kent, Judy & Classmates

Jim and Jill (Brandt) Morman were here in FL visiting in March. We went to the Florida Keys one weekend - did lots of walking, drinking and eating.. Had a nice time. We took the Key West shuttle out of Marco Island - a boat that cuts the trip down to 3-1/2 hours. It wasn't bad - altho Jill wouldn't agree. She got a little green around the gills and I could have sent a picture of her in the back of the boat, with eyes closed, wishing she was somewhere else.....but I won't. The trip back wasn't as bad as we made sure we purchased some pills to take care of the "queezies". I am sending a picture of the 4 of us sitting in a restaurant in Naples, FL. We had a nice visit and they ended up staying longer than planned - it's hard to leave paradise. Tom's youngest son was on spring break from college at the same time, so he and his girlfriend were also here.



L to R: Jim Morman, Jill (Kohnen) Morman, Judy (Ehlert) Brown, Tom Pfeifer

Just a thought for those planning our class reunion - since it will be at the Ridges, why not a best ball golf outing for classmates and spouses. It would be fun to draw numbers for the team you would play on so we would all get to meet some new friends. And it would keep those really good golfers from getting together and winning all the prizes! It could be a best ball, or a rotation where each member of the team takes a turn hitting or some kind of game that would keep it moving along and make it more "fun" than a tournament of skill. Just a suggestion....

With the Memorial Day weekend ahead, we are heading to the center of FL. We are leaving at noon Friday for Lake Okochobee. If you look at a map of FL, it is the largest inland lake. We have never been there before, but some friends of ours used to own a cottage there. They sold it last year, but invited us to go along for the weekend and they would show us around the area. They know the places to stay, the restaurants, the hot spots, etc. I have heard it is a real "redneck" part of Florida so should be interesting. We are renting a pontoon boat and cruising the lake on Saturday - no swimming there but the guys might try their luck at fishing. And heard there are lots of BIG alligators in that lake. On Sunday we are going to play some golf. Then Monday morning we head back to Naples. I'm looking forward to seeing a new part of Florida.

We are planning a trip back to WI in July. Tom has his class reunion (40th) in Sheboygan on the 17th. Sometime before or after that, we will be in the Rapids for a few days. Am looking forward to seeing friends and family again. The bad part of living so far away is not being able to see the grandchildren as often as we would like. They are growing up so fast!

We are going to get to a Packer game again this year. We will be going to a pre-season game - Packers vs. Titans in September. The game is in Nashville, and one of the owners here has season luxury box tickets and invited us there for the game. We will fly in on Thursday for the Friday night game. They even tailgate in Nashville - I'll see how it compares to a Green Bay tailgate party!. Then we will spend a couple of days checking out Nashville and fly back on Sunday night. our goal since moving to FL is to get to at least one Packer game a year. Altho we have direct TV and get all the games, we still miss being there physically.

Not much else to report. Our weather has been beautiful. Summer is here with warmer than usual temps this week, but not the humidity!!!! It makes the heat much more bearable. We really could use some rain - everything is so dry and we worry about fires.

I have finally graduated to a digital camera and love it. Now I won't have to send my pictures to Kent to scan.....thanks for your help Kent. Keep up the good work with the newsletter. Hope to meet you in July!

Judy (Ehlert) Brown

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## Is this story about you?

### Anyone you know?

An 80 year old man went to the doctor for a checkup and the doctor was amazed at what good shape the guy was in. The doctor asked, "To what do you attribute your good health?"

The old timer said, "I'm a golfer and that's why I'm in such good shape. I'm up well before daylight and out golfing up and down the fairways."

The doctor said, "Well, I'm sure that helps, but there's got to be more to it. How old was your dad when he died?"

The old timer said, "Who said my dad's dead?"

The doctor said, "You mean you're 80 years old and your dad's still alive? How old is he?"

The old timer said, "He's 100 yrs old and, in fact, he golfed with me this morning... and that's why he's still alive... he's a golfer."

The doctor said, "Well, that's great, but I'm sure there's more to it. How about your dad's dad? How old was he when he died?"

The old timer said, "Who said my grandpa's dead?"

The doctor said, "You mean you're 80 years old and your grand-father's still living! How old is he?"

The old timer said, "He's 118 years old."

The doctor was getting frustrated at this point and said, "I guess he went golfing with you this morning too?"

The old timer said, "No..... Grandpa couldn't go this morning because he got married."

The doctor said in amazement, "Got married! Why would a 118-year-old guy want to get married?"

The old timer said, "Who said he wanted to?"

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**Editor's restaurant review:** Judy and I went to Faro's restaurant (used to be the Ponderosa) in the Rapids Mall last Friday.

I had the baked catfish, \$7.95, and the catfish was very good and cooked to perfection! Judy had the Senior Citizen's "pork loin dinner" \$6.29 and it was OK as well! Neither of the meals were close to "gourmet" quality, but were adequate for what was expected. The place was "packed" by 6 PM! If Wis Rapids is having an economic "depression" due to loss of jobs, it isn't evident in the attendance at area restaurants!

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Keep the Vasby family in your prayers this weekend, especially the Editor! Youngest daughter is getting married this Saturday! Everyone else have a happy Memorial Day Weekend!