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## *Lincoln High Newsletter*

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Kent,

Please don't stop. We all have full lives, but don't think they are interesting enough to write about. Mine is one of those. I wake up (good day), do a few things around the house, eat a couple times and go to sleep. What can be interesting about that? There are those in the class who have or have had very exciting lives. Wish they would share.

I wonder what everyone's twist on the "Golden Years" is. I fail to see the golden, just some dull yellow. Just when you think you are set for the retirement, the stock market takes a dump. \$80,000 loss (on paper) in 6 months is very shocking. Of course this comes right after I paid the lawyer to set up the trusts for the kids. However, I have faith. I believe that the market will go back up after the election and all will be well again. Ha Ha

Thank God I live in a part of Illinois that is not suffering from floods. I wonder how many of the class are being affected. Kent, are you dry in your area? I checked the map of road closures. I was surprised to see the area north of Madison at Hwy 51 under water. I heard that part of I80 in Iowa was closed for a while too.

On a better note. My grandson, Jake, 12, made the all star team. He is so proud. I had some great times this spring watching 2 of my grandsons play little league. Most fun, Austin, 7. He tries to be like Jake in sports. Austin is a catcher, well, maybe a chaser. He really doesn't catch very many, but his heart is in it and he will improve.

Got to go, enough rambling. Need to get back to the sewing machine before I forget all the great ideas I have for kids clothes and quilts. Besides, the sun is shining and it makes me feel like doing something creative.

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We have a wedding coming up this weekend in Marshfield with Mary (Miller) Schlafke's son Adam getting married to Melissa Danczak on Saturday.

attending will be Bob Miller's wife Dotty and son Jonathon, Dan Miller and wife Celeste, Bill Miller and wife Dawn, Tom Miller and wife Terri, John Miller, Joanne (Milkler) Otte and son's Jack and Joseph, Susan (Miller) Mahenski and son's Logan and Jacob. In attendance will also be **Grand-parents Robert and Jane (Miller) Cleworth Sr.** [clewco@wctc.net](mailto:clewco@wctc.net)

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**Don Solie** [dg.solie@hotmail.com](mailto:dg.solie@hotmail.com) writes:

This certainly is a broad topic that should solicit adequate responses as everyone has lived some experiences!

What's happened in my life could be a novel, however I won't bore everyone with the truth or even the cliff notes.

Most recently I've enjoyed good health which permits me to continue working at a somewhat hectic pace, and contrary to medical opinion I am happiest and healthiest when under pressure to perform. Facing challenges in the business environment is enjoyable for me and remaining in high tech sales most certainly offers its challenges and competition. This last word, competition, is the most influential factor for me.....I get high on developing

strategies, plans of attack, and even higger after executing these plans as close to near perfection as possible. And I have to admit my entire family appreciates the reward\$.....we're all money motivated and will sacrifice in order to live the good life. That attitude is mandated to exist in Dallas, TX a very material community. So work is what's going on in my life and I love it, and the competition, and the battle, and the rewards that go to the victor!

And I do enjoy provoking the liberal bleeding hearts who don't appear to appreciate a right wing deserving jab....that ought to get a rise out of someone.

Sorry to hear about the flooding and tornados, etc that you all are experiencing in the midwest. We get our share of high winds in Texas, but I admit it hasn't been anything remotely close to what our friends in Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, and Missouri have experienced this year. You'll all get through it and look back on it having been the better for getting through it.

My son-in-law's family survived Katrina as they live in New Orleans, Biloxi, and Gulfport. His mother and brother re-built their homes in the same exact location! Hard to believe because they've experienced hurricanes before. My only experience has been confined to Pat O'Briens in New Orleans! I got pretty sick too! But oh what an impact on personality and spreading whatever gospel seemed appropriate at the time!

So Kent. please keep the newsletter alive as those of us spread throughout the world enjoy the updates. And thanks.

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**Nancy (Arnold) Witt [nancystew@nethere.com](mailto:nancystew@nethere.com) writes:**

Article for newsletter:

Regarding an old topic: dentists. My mom was a stickler for taking care of your teeth and had us in Dr. Oakes' office starting at age 6. His office was on a second floor on Grand Ave; it seemed like we went up 50 steps, but it was more like 25. Dr. Oakes was a toughie and used no anesthetic and a drill without any water. I'll never forget the layout of his office and the smell when he drilled. When fillings were needed, he'd walk around the whole office processing the filling. The first time I was to have a filling, my sister was being worked on, and he said to my mom that he couldn't wait til I got in the chair. When I did get in the chair, I cried so hard he had to close the door. He died of a heart attack in his 50's, and we started going to Dr. Dahlke who was older but who had the new drill that sprayed water when it was used. I'd still grip the chair though when it was my turn, and he'd say "relax". I still gripped the dental chair in my 20's when I started seeing a retired military dentist in San Diego. He said right off when I was in the chair, gripping the sides: "I can tell you had a bad experience with a dentist, but I'll get you over it.", and he did. He used the new methods also.

If you rent movies, check out "The Lives of Others," which won a best foreign film award a couple yrs. ago; it's German-made with Eng. subtitles. It's historic in that it tells the true story about the Stasi, or secret police in East Germany, and how a govt. employee is affected by his assignment to bug a popular playwright's apt. and what happens to the playwright and his girlfriend. It's one of my all-time favorite movies.

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**Marcie (Basler) Ortscheid [Marcie.ortscheid@KI.com](mailto:Marcie.ortscheid@KI.com) writes:**

Kent you do a great job on the new letter and I for one sure do not want it to end, its something to look forward to. I am still having a good time on my Harley, in July about 6 woman are going on a all girls run for about 4 days. In May my brothers Wayne and Bill Basler and sister Hollie Fluno went out to Idaho and Montana for a week, we did a family bonding thing and laughed untill we cried. Rented a car and just saw the beautiful mountains and country side. In September I am going on a Alaska Cruise so that should be great...Yes I do work in between all this to pay for it, but it helps being a travel agent.

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Kent,

Thanks for all the work you put into the newsletter.

My wife got a "keep the date open" note about her reunion for next summer. Is the class of 64 planning on a 45th and are there plans for where, when, etc?

Does anyone have memories from their teens about their thoughts about old age. I remember when my uncle was planning on attending his 50th Lincoln H S reunion. I remember being absolutely amazed that people actually lived that long and could still remember things after 50 years. My point of view has changed a little!

I hope you guys don't run out of material or ambition. We all really appreciate the newsletter even if it seems like we take it for granted. When I tell friends about it, they are impressed.

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I'm supporting my Hubby as he goes through treatments for Small Cell Lung Cancer. Any others with this horrible disease?

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With a threat such as quitting the newsletter, which I have not received any issues of as yet. I will give you some news. As most of us are into or approaching our 62nd year we all have loads of aches and pains that sort of crept up on us. Hairs are not taking the dyes as well as they use to, so some of us are just giving up and going au natural. I think I look pretty good in gray. How many new hips and knees, also new organs? These are some of the things I want an update on. Personally, I haven't changed my routine much. Spend summers at the cabin, take a few trips during the year with the Big trip in Oct. or Nov. My husband is still active in musical groups, so I attend a few concerts through the year. I only work 5 months of the year and play the other 7. Life is good for me.

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I would like to thank the classmates of LHS 64 for sending me cards, emails, and prayers when my son died May 1st. I heard from people I have not been in contact with since graduation. It was truly amazing and comforting.

HOW many other newsletter readers have lost a child? What were the circumstances?

ONE other important note: The LHS class of 64 should be holding their **45th class reunion** next year.....2009. **To date--NO ONE has volunteered to set-up the event.** Sharon Solberg Mahoney and I have set-up the past TWO reunions. We truly want someone else to PLAN IT for 2009. THERE is \$\$\$ in the account to cover mailing, reserving a place, etc. Just contact one of us.....and we will get you started. The 35th reunion was set up with a committee of 8, the 40th reunion was set up with a committee of 4. It does not take large numbers. Someone needs to LEAD.....the rest of us will follow.

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