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Lincoln High Newsletter

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New readers:

Hi Kent, First I want to thank you for the fine job you do on the Newsletter! AND.....I know you have to treat me "special" because of my e-mail address. Now I have another "special" address who would like to be put on your list. We were able to spend some time with Bill & Shirley Hartley while they were here this weekend as were **Tom & Judy Wallner**. Bill was telling Tom about your Newsletter & asked if I would e-mail you to get them on your list. Tom (LHS-63) & Judy (Schill) (AHS-64). Their address is: tjwallner@tznet.com. Again, thanks for the fine job you do & for including me (us - Harris (LHS-62)). Keep up the great work.

Hope you are having a wonderful 4th of July!

Thanks again!

Sincerely,

Harris & Nancy (Sabota) Timm hntimm@tznet.com

Ed note: Harris (LHS 62) is "my barber" when I'm in the Rapids! He's a second cousin of Judy's. Harris' brother, Gene (LHS 59), takes care of our sprinkler system!

Here we go again!

Report: Area codes 715, 920 running out of numbers

The Associated Press

MADISON — **Wisconsin will need two new area codes by 2010.**

The 715 and 920 area codes are expected to run out of numbers in the next few years, according to a new report from the government contractor who oversees the nation's area code planning.

The 715 area code covers central and northern Wisconsin including Eau Claire, Wausau and Marinette. The 920 area code runs from Fort Atkinson to Washington Island.

State regulators said they will begin holding hearings this fall on how to create the new area codes, but no dates have

been set and no action is expected for at least a couple years.

It would be the first time in about a decade that Wisconsin added an area code.

The 920 area code was created in 1997, when it broke off from 414. Then 414 split again in 2000. Milwaukee kept the old area code, while the region from Pleasant Prairie to Lake Geneva to Port Washington became 262.

The 262 and 414 area codes now have enough numbers to last until 2018 and 2025, according to NeuStar, the Sterling, Va., company hired by the Federal Communications Commission to oversee area code planning.

The 608 area code, which covers south-central Wisconsin including Madison, should have enough numbers until 2015.

But the 920 area code may run out of numbers by 2010, and the 715 area code is most pressed, with only enough numbers for the next two years, NeuStar said.

“You don’t normally think of northern Wisconsin as being a hotbed of telephone competition,” said Gary Evenson, administrator of the state Public Service Commission’s telecommunications division. “But in cities like Eau Claire and Superior, wireless providers are also using up numbers.”

Demand for cell phones, fax lines and phone lines for computers boomed in the late 1990s, and some reports predicted the nation could run out of area codes within a decade. Each area code includes 792 exchanges.

The FCC changed its system for allocating phone numbers in 2000 to address the problem. The agency began issuing phone numbers in 1,000-number increments instead of 10,000 as it had in the past. Before that, a carrier with only 100 customers could have held 9,900 numbers that were not available to others.

Number portability — or people’s ability to keep their phone number even if they switch carriers — also has helped reduce demand for new numbers, PSC staff said.

Editor sent the following message to the Class of 65 as a "Topic of the Week" for this week's newsletter!

Hey,

Class of 65!

Most of you will be 60 years old this year!

Time to start thinking about retirement.

Did you plan ahead? Where do you plan on retiring?

Health becomes more of an issue!

Seems that the internal "timeclock" or "timebomb" starts counting down when you turn 60!

Would appreciate your thoughts about this significant milestone in your lives!

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60 this year?

Seems some of us already are 60 going on 61. Remember all that issue with when our birthdays were.

Can't afford to retire in Wisconsin. Fortunately my wife is younger than I am and we will stay until the kids are out of high school and then who knows. It will be a mountain desert state. Maybe Durango. Think about retirement all the time but can not afford to until at least 66.

Norm Arendt (65) njarendt@execpc.com

September 10th is my day.....now I realize I am "young" and some of "us" have already had THIS birthday, but I am still not liking it too much! I know, I know, the alternative isn't good either; but still!!!!

There is already one totally cool party/celebration on the books and of course I am hoping for lots.....like the whole month maybe.

I read somewhere that if you still got worked up about your birthday and you were past 11 years old, you needed to get over it, but this one....can't do it!

Happy Birthday to all of us 1947's!

Susan (Rice) Hammel (65) gourmay@myxmail.net

Kent,

I think retirement is a misnomer. Financial independence is what we all want to strive for. Those of us who are fortunate enough to get paid handsomely to pursue our passion have been "retired" since we broke from the starting gate. Dan Appel comes to mind and there are many other 65ers who are sailing along on his boat.

You all can take this with a grain of salt, but if you have 30 times your desired income put away, you can probably do anything you want including telling your boss to drop dead. That much will **likely** cover you for the rest of your life considering inflation, market volatility, and life expectancy. A fascinating book is Raymond Kurzweil's The Singularity is Near. My college roommate is a drug pusher in Anaheim who keeps oncologists supplied with chemo for their cancer patients. He says we are on the brink of curing rather than treating disease. Cures will extend life expectancies. So will nanorobots that we inject into our cells to do repairs at the gene level. This is all consistent with Kurzweil's thesis.

Oh, and the life insurance companies who make big bets on being right now extend mortality tables to age 120. Why? because the income tax law written by the feds mandate it. The dystopian view of this might be that insurance companies become like Sicilian actuaries and tell us who will die as well as the customary how many.

Attitude has a lot to do with it all. Are we on the last few holes or just beginning the back nine? Up to you to decide. Looking forward to the 100th reunion!

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Kent

I am past the 60 milestone. I think the best thing about turning 60 is that I was around to do so!

I retired two years ago, and have decided that I like it. As far as where I want to retire, the kids kind have dictated that decision. They all live within 20 miles of me, so is hard to leave. The UP of Michigan, or Northern Wis, is a beautiful place to live during the summer months. The winters are long for sure, but seem to be mild compared to Winters that we all knew as kids.

Ed note: Reminds me of the 70's when we had snow piled up 6 feet high along my driveway and the scientists all thought we were heading for **another Ice Age!** http://denisdutton.com/cooling_world.htm **How times change!**

As far as activities, the kids of course, take up a lot of my time. I still like to fish, but not as much as I used to. I

enjoy the motorcycle when the weather is nice. I even work part time at an auto repair center, mostly during the winter months. I like to travel too, but hard to find people to go with, as most of my friends still work.

Health wise, I exercise daily when I am home, and watch my diet, (most of the time), so I almost always feel great. When I don't, I usually know why!!!

Just a thought to anyone soon to retire. Make sure you have something to do. That may seem to be an odd statement, but I know people that have retired that have no hobbies other than their jobs, and they are miserable.

Ed note! I Concur! I edit four weekly newsletters: LHS, Fort Atkinson Alumni, Retired Military, & Family! Would get "very old" if I didn't have something to occupy my mind!

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Host's advice: Keep camping 'simple, easy'

By [Karen Madden](#)

Rapids Daily Tribune Staff

Spending a few days camping can be a great way to find some quality family time, but it also can be intimidating for someone who has never camped.

Terri Marks, 49, of Madison and her husband, Dana, 50, have been camping since their children were young, but it's only been the last three or four years that they've done it extensively.

"My advice to someone thinking about camping is to just do it," she said. "The one regret I have is that we didn't do it more with the kids."

Starting simple is Dana Marks' best advice for new campers.

"You can spend a lot of money," he said. "Keep things simple and easy, maybe borrow a pop-up camper from a friend."

Camping can be as simple or complicated as a person wants it to be, Terri Marks said. Cooking over a campfire may be one person's idea of fun, while someone else may decide to use convenience foods or eat at a restaurant.

The key for beginning campers is to not be constantly working, said Kris Ginter, 40, of Wisconsin Rapids. Like the Marks, Ginter was camping at the South Wood County Campground <http://www.co.wood.wi.us/parks/countyparks.asp> by Lake Wazeecha this weekend.

"Make (camping) about family; relax, play games and have fun," Ginter said.

Don't forget to have plenty of wood for fires, Ginter advised. Fires are good for cooking, keeping warm and atmosphere.

"It gets everyone sitting around in a circle, getting them to talk and visit," Ginter said.

A camping spot that has shade also is an important thing for new campers to remember, Terri Marks said. It's something that is definitely a must on hot, sunny days.

Dana Marks has his own view on the most important thing to take camping -- someone you love. He wouldn't think of going without Terri. The couple bikes, golfs, sets up camp and does everything together

on their camping trips.

Campground host Bonnie (Brandt) James (LHS 64) chtbon@uniontel.net said reservations are advisable this year. The South Wood County Campground has been busy this season. Sunday through Thursday are the easiest days to get a camping spot.

There is one item that sticks out in James' mind when it comes to what campers forget the most -- a can opener.

"That's the one thing they come up and borrow most often, a can opener, a sharp knife and matches," James said.

Gary Flaminio (65) g.flaminio@verizon.net writes:

Dear Classmates,

I have been having a ball this summer !!!!! I have either won or been bequested 100's of millions of dollars. I have been a winner in every lottery there is in Europe and I have been left tons of money by poor widows whose husbands have died and each of them have esophageal cancer (exactly the same story) time and time and time again. Trouble is, I haven't received a penny. I have been playing their game and enjoying the hell out of myself. Every one of these situations have had a catch:
-- they want me to send them some money before they will send me some money. Do I look like I have DUH on my forehead. I have received numerous phone calls, which must have cost them a pretty penny and they even sent two people to the US and wanted me to deliver the money to them in Houston and in Miami. That must have cost them. These have all been scams and I want you all to be extremely aware of them. They use every trick in the book to try and get your money. I play them along and then hit them with the fact that I have no money to send. The first company wanted \$18,000. One company wanted \$680, then they came down to \$380, and it finally got sown to \$95 and I still wouldn't send them anything. DO NOT GIVE THEM ANY MONEY OR ANY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION !!!!!!!!!!!!! Especially bank transfer information. You will be sorry.

As you can tell, I don't have a lot to do, but I sure have been having fun with this. And, if they are tied up with me, it keeps them from trying to rob someone else for a little while. Hang on to your info and your pocketbooks and you will not be sorry.
Just something for your information !!!

Gary Flaminio