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Lincoln High Newsletter



This week's topics:

1. Have you ever gone white water rafting?
2. You always stop to eat at _____ when you go to _____?
3. Have you ever taken a correspondence course?
4. You got out of the shower, looked in the mirror and thought.....
5. You're living down south now. How does that compare to the Rapids? Aside from the temperature!!!
6. Anything else you'd care to write about.

and responses:

Leslie J Fitz - lfitz@sjrmc.net

We have white water rafted for many years though not so much now. Being from Wisconsin, we were displaced "water rats" in New Mexico. Not the same opportunities to be on the water here but the rivers in Colorado and Taos NM are amazing for rafting. We get teased by the native New Mexicans. Forty years ago, when we first came to the high desert of the Four Corners, we had to have a big boat for fishing/water skiing at Navajo Reservoir. We graduated to a small motor boat, then to a canoe with a trolling motor, then to a canoe with paddles and finally to a dory for fly fishing. Simplifying is a process!

We always stop at Brunos in Cuba, New Mexico when we go to Albuquerque to see the grandchildren. Brunos' Northern New Mexican enchiladas with green chili are to die for!

Kathy Gotter - gotterkd@yahoo.com

2. My husband and I always try to stop at Portesi's when we get to town. The last couple of times have been Monday so we were out of luck. Our trips to Rapids are usually drive throughs and just a stop at the cemetery to visit my parent's and sister's grave site.

5. Is Oklahoma south? It sure is but the temps have been Wisconsin like this winter.....yuk!!! It is 8:47 am and only 10 degrees. Not going to get out of the 20's today. I missed being in Florida this winter and won't make the same mistake next year although they have been cooler than normal in Fort Myers this year.

Class of 64....keep an eye out for info on missing classmates. We all need your help.

Roger Fritz - fritzcat11@yahoo.com

We live in rural SW Virginia so it's "south" in the Civil war sense, but it's more often called "mid-Atlantic". Our area is mostly small farms raising black Angus cattle or wooded, with much logging. This area has a long history of country music, moonshine and NASCAR. Tobacco growing was big here but is now almost all gone. You see only the old tobacco drying sheds. Deer hunting is big. I feel more connected to the locals who seem more like central Wisconsin folks.

The transplanted northerners, are mostly older and better off economically. The group from New Jersey / New York especially stand out. Churches are mostly Baptist and Methodist. Darn few Lutheran or Catholic. We have the Blue Ridge mountains and windy mountain roads. There are many more historical sites to explore. Lots of large hardwood and southern pine trees. My neighbor has a large stand of white pine that their father planted, but they are not common. Kudzu, vines and chiggers in the warmer months are negatives.

I know you said aside from the weather, but that's the number one difference. Except for July and August, which are too hot for me, this place is perfect. Air conditioning, staying in the shade and living on a lake lake, make even July and August OK.

Everyone should check it out sometime.

Don Solie - dg.solie@hotmail.com

My family is living in the south and has done so since 1976 with the exception of about 18 months in San Diego....and that is southern CA.

Since our children are practically native southerners and have married real natives we feel very much at home in Texas. We've lived in Atlanta twice, Austin, San Antonio, and Dallas with the longest stay in Dallas. Although we've moved from home to home a few times we've actually lived in DFW (referred to as the metroplex) for thirty years.

In some ways living in Texas reminds me of the "old" WR. It is very conservative, and for those who think we'll elect a lying pretty face for Governor.....not a chance. We're gun toting Baptists who support life not pro choice. Dallas, Ft. Worth, and our major suburbs like Plano, Frisco, Arlington, Richardson, Garland, and Mesquite are pretty much all Republican strong holds, and rural Texas is Republican. Our population for the entire Metroplex is about five million so we're a bit larger than WR. Our public schools system isn't quite equal to the old WR system, but we have excellent private schools. As for golf, well instead of playing in summer only, I think that is August 14th, we play year around. Personally I don't play unless the raw temp is 50 or better and the forecast temp is at least 60. I practiced today and it got up to 80.

I think the one time of year that we miss WR weather is over the Christmas holidays. Snow and Christmas seem natural. The closest we get to snow is either sleet or ice, although we've actually had snow a few times.

I took my daughters to Madison and Bloomington, IN to visit my campuses of choice. They elected Arkansas because they didn't like the cold in Madison. Let's put this in the proper context. We left Dallas and it was 102, landed in Madison and it was 72. They immediately put jackets on and concluded that it was far to cold in the tundra. As for Bloomington it didn't get a fair evaluation as they said it was too far north. I brought out the ATLAS and drew a line between Fayetteville,

AR and Bloomington to show them that there was very little difference relating to global position. They said it didn't matter, people in Bloomington and Madison talked funny! Ya sure Sven!

Of course home is where you make it, and we're all of sound stock that we'd make do where ever we plant a tent.

I'm proud to have been raised in the WR that I knew, and I'm proud to have raised two high maintenance southern ladies.

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CNN has a sub article on "The Greatest things about cold weather...."
<http://www.cnn.com/2014/01/21/us/cold-weather-great-things/index.html>

It says that some bugs will be killed, we burn more fat - especially if you can jog in the cold, it helps your body fight inflammation, some critters live longer- mainly worms, and we pull out the old Cosby sweaters. It sounds more like Letterman's Top Ten list than real science.

Most of the country is getting this one. Lets cheer for some "climate warming."

Tired of winter? Head to Hawaii. Wednesday's Big Wave Surf contest was postponed because of "too much wind." Sounds like the 40-50 ft waves forecasted for Wednesday were a little to big.

JOKE

A man was seen fleeing down the hall of the hospital just before his operation.

"What's the matter?" he was asked.

He said, "I heard the nurse say, 'It's a very simple operation, don't worry, I'm sure it will be all right.'"

"She was just trying to comfort you, what's so frightening about that?"

"She wasn't talking to me. She was talking to the doctor."