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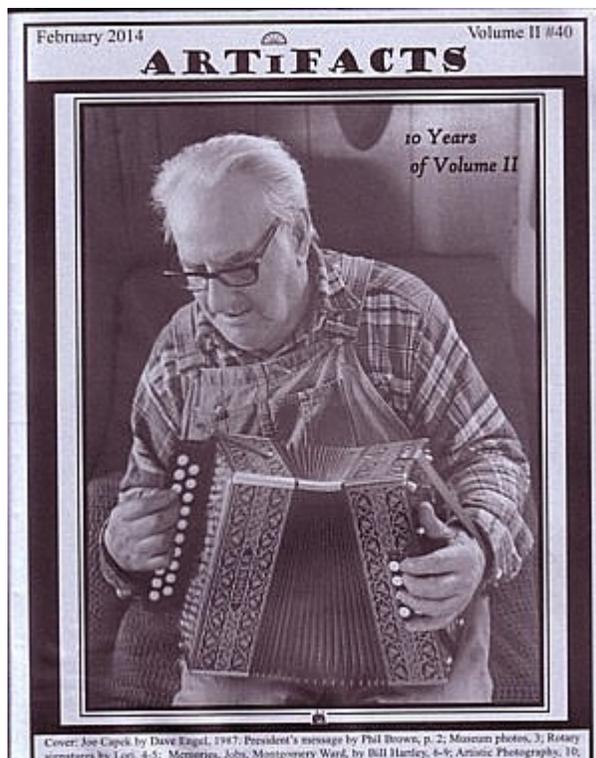
## *Lincoln High Newsletter*

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### Editor's note:



I see that the LHS newsletter got mentioned in this month's copy of Artifacts, the **South Wood County Historical Corp's** monthly magazine.

**Bill Hartley wrote a couple of excellent pieces for this month's magazine.**

**You might want to subscribe to the magazine by joining the SWCHC.**

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**More responses to last week's topics:**

Margaret Glenn – [maggiglenn-colburn@att.net](mailto:maggiglenn-colburn@att.net)

This is great! Thanks for adding me.

I don't remember having a favorite Milwaukee Brave. How many of you, though, like me, when you were little, thought they were singing “.. and the home of the Braves,” in the Star Spangled Banner? I remember being in the 5th grade watching the Series on a TV my teacher brought in for the occasion. No lessons that day! Also, I remember my uncle watching the Braves and listening to 2 other baseball games on the radio all at the same time.

Dad's chair – never sat in it when he was around – never DARED to sit in it when he was around – I guess he needed a refuge from 4 daughters.

No pets, love animals, raised kids (we had guinea pigs, hamsters, hermit crabs, dog, cats, birds, etc., etc.)

Medicare and supplemental insurance, which I am so fortunate to rarely need to use!

I don't look for Early Bird meals – geezh, we're not THAT old!

No unusual birds in my yard, only an indignant squirrel in the oak tree at the end of my driveway who bitches at me every time I open the garage door (guess I'm intruding on his territory)

Just an ordinary traveler at the airport, removing shoes, watch, rings, etc. (I've learned to do what they say)

I go to my new Yoga Room in my house for quiet time, meditating -- alternately, I go to a nice glass(es) of wine (After all, I DO live in California!)

If I had a Valentine, I would have a very special plan for Valentine's Day (you can only imagine)

In the bathroom, I read all the stuff I tell myself, “I should read this” (captive audience). (Maybe you're reading this lengthy tome there)

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**This week's topics:**

1. SAD - You have "seasonal affective disorder" and you're dealing with it how?
2. Do you have an art collection?
3. Have you built any of your own furniture?
4. Are you an artist? Do you paint, sculpt, weld, whatever?
5. Made in the US - Any American made product that you recommend - if you can find one, that is.
6. Have you ever done any public speaking?

7. Have any of your kids "followed in your footsteps" in your vocation?

8. Have you ever ridden an animal other than a horse?

9. Your thoughts about the Olympics.

10. Anything else you'd care to write about.

**and responses:**

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Kaaren Brehmer - [kaarenknits@solarus.net](mailto:kaarenknits@solarus.net)

3. I took a woodworking class. I made a nightstand for my son who had just accepted his first teaching job--teaching industrial arts. My husband, son, and grandson recently made a box for my mother's remains. We are keeping it at our house until she needs it. We plan to make our own too.

4. I knit. My sisters and I had a show at the cultural center in Wisconsin Rapids several years ago. I knit, Kristin quilts, Joy weaves, Jill does bobbin lace and Wendy is a seamstress. Our children and grandchildren also had pieces in the show.

7. Our children chose not to follow us in our occupation. They saw how hard we worked for how little and decided to do other things. They have both followed our avocation though and are both very active in the Boy Scouts. We now have 3 generations going to Boy Scout camp together.

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Candace Caylor - [klorkatz@att.net](mailto:klorkatz@att.net)

1. I'm definitely a sun person, but I just have to "grin and bear it".

2. I try to buy a painting from a local artist where ever I go on vacation.

3. NO!!

4. Another NO

5. Good question

6. Yes-- if you count teaching ACLS [advanced cardiac life support] to other R.N.'s, M.D.'s and paramedics.

8. No

9. I love them-- both winter and summer. I am in awe of what they can accomplish, win or loose they are all winners just by being there.

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Kurt Halverson - [kurt2541@yahoo.com](mailto:kurt2541@yahoo.com)

I moved from Wi. to Az. about 40 years ago. In Wi. I had my real estate salesman and brokers license but pursued other opportunities in AZ. My wife Kelly always wanted to do real estate and obtained her salesman and brokers license 20 years ago. While my 2 daughters were in college, Kelly mentored them in real estate and they both obtained their licenses. After graduating college they worked for corporations but decided they preferred real estate careers. They chose Ca. for the weather and beaches. They teamed together and have worked the Santa Monica, Ca. real estate market for over 10 years.

Here is a crazy example (but not typical) of the Ca. market. A few months ago they sold a 50 year old home in Venice, Ca. The home was 650 sq. ft., no garage, on a 2000 sq ft. lot. It sold for \$950,000.00. The buyer paid cash and gave the home to her daughter.

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James Kuhn - [kuhnj@tds.net](mailto:kuhnj@tds.net)

There are a few things that are made in the USA and some of them even in Wisconsin. Some of the plastic utensils (\$.97 spatulas and spoons) and hangers found in the Wal Mart stores are produced at Tailor Made in Elroy, Wisconsin. The tags will say made in America on them. They are planning on a new kitchen utensil, coming out in June or July, with a metal portion on the handle. We know this as fact as our son is the plant manager. Watch for more manufacturing coming back to the US in the next five years as many Chinese imports will become more expensive.

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Jack Sultze - [jsultze@verizon.net](mailto:jsultze@verizon.net)

Art Collection? - Fifteen years ago my company moved into a new building and I ended up in a large office with big empty walls. I am a NASCAR fan so started covering the walls with limited edition NASCAR artwork, photos and other memorabilia.

When I retired, almost a year ago, my beloved collection became a problem. I have wall space in my home den for only a few of the art pieces. I had the usual die cast cars and many other items. I have been able to sell a very few items on eBay, at a fraction of what they cost me. I had some Dick Trickle items that I gave to family members living in Las Vegas who were customers. Much of the rest of it I am stuck with, stashing it away in my garage until I find someone to buy it or to give it to. Collectibles only have value if someone wants to buy them. I think back to the Beany-Baby craze. People were paying big bucks for them. They probably now have them stored in trash bags in their basement or garage, now worthless.

Seasonal Affective Disorder? We are sitting here in sunny California with temperatures in the 70s and 80s. Those of you freezing in snow drifts might have the last laugh though as our water supplies dry up. We have serious drought issues, something that happens in cycles. The fools who run the state know that this is going to happen yet do nothing to create systems that would bring water from the northwest (water that otherwise runs into the ocean) down to where it is badly needed.

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Jim Nickel (LHS 65) - [jnickel206@aol.com](mailto:jnickel206@aol.com)

We try to buy "Made in America" things whenever we can. Last week we finally upgraded from a 20 year old TV to a flat screen (Korean model made in Mexico- sounds like quality went in first, doesn't it. Time will tell). Now we needed a TV stand for the new TV and found an American made Sauder brand unit at Walmart of all places.

It was well made and went together well. All the parts were there and all holes precisely drilled. Overall we are very satisfied with it and are also glad we found it was made in Ohio.

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Tom Hornig - [thornig@vonbriesen.com](mailto:thornig@vonbriesen.com)

1. SAD - You have "seasonal affective disorder" and you're dealing with it how? - Yes. I just don't put on a coat. The frostbite is hell but it keeps my walking pace up.
2. Do you have an art collection? - Yes. But I seem to accumulate more Ralphs than Arts. Go Figure.
3. Have you built any of your own furniture? - Yes. The proctologist ("Ass Man") just about has the splinters out from my last effort.
4. Are you an artist? Do you paint, sculpt, weld, whatever? - No. The artistic ability in the family went right from my Mom, straight through me (without stopping) and into my girls. NOT fair.
5. Made in the US - Any American made product that you recommend - if you can find one, that is. Ice Cream !!
6. Have you ever done any public speaking? - A Lot. The citizens of Dane County and the local judges are getting up a petition to make me stop.

7. Have any of your kids "followed in your footsteps" in your vocation? - Fortunately, they are WAY too sane to have done that.

8. Have you ever ridden an animal other than a horse? - Yes. But Pogo, my cocker spaniel, didn't like it by the time I hit High School.

9. Your thoughts about the Olympics. - Olympics? What Olympics? Oh - the contest in Russia to see who can get to the double-poopers before the newspaper runs out? Oh Ya - - Hmmm - I try not to think about it. A Lot.

10. Anything else you'd care to write about. - Are you really sure you want to offer this to a lawyer ? I'll give you a second chance. I don't want to take advantage.

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Bob Schmidt - [2803chopper@gmail.com](mailto:2803chopper@gmail.com)

SAD-"Seasonal Affective disorder" We live in Carefree AZ, so sadly, I do have the SAD bug. I deal with it by asking my wife, "the next time you come out to the patio, could you bring the bottle of merlot. It's just too hot to get up. Thanks."

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Don Wylie - [dwyllie@chorus.net](mailto:dwyllie@chorus.net)

#6. Have you ever done any public speaking?

Yes, I gave a series of talks for the Speakers Bureau of UW Madison ([wisc.edu](http://wisc.edu)) on Climate Change to Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs. They were concerned about Obama's plans to deal with "the problem." I think I did more to muddy the waters and confuse them than enlighten them.

But on the shorter than climate scale, the National Weather Service has been doing a good job in predicting the storms that are ravaging the south and east. Warnings are being issued 2-4 days before the snow and ice start, which isn't a climate forecast, but certainly enough time to get snow plows and salt trucks ready. Georgian bureaucrats tried blaming their first disaster on the Weather Service which only showed that ignored the warnings.

9. Your thoughts about the Olympics.

The talking heads on the news are calling this the "warmest" of the winter olympic cities. The village may be warm, but did you notice all the snow in the mountains? Rain and fog (Tuesday) are nothing new to winter olympics. Nagano and Vancouver had worse weather and had to reschedule more skiing events than Sochi. Vancouver also used dry ice on the mogul course to prevent a total slush splashing disaster. The talking heads also complained about the long commute to the skiing events. That's also nothing new. Skiing events are usually 30 or more miles from the Olympic village. Sochi also has a train to get them there. The sportscasters are probably having a shorter commute than they have back home.

Otherwise its shaping up to be the same mix crying great athletes failing to medal and great performances from unexpected athletes that deserve metals. My vote for the worst disaster is Lindsey Vonn. NBC sent her to Sochi since she couldn't ski, and when asked about the controversial Bode Miller, Lindsey had no idea what happened and had nothing else to say about Bode or the team. She was part of that team 8 weeks ago. Her performance was Totally Blonde.

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Marcia (Olson) Ziarko '65 - [zerkeezia@yahoo.com](mailto:zerkeezia@yahoo.com)

1. I truly is SAD. We in the south suburbs of Chicago have gotten about 80 inches of snow this year, so far. We don't shovel, we hire someone else to do that so we watch out the window and complain like everyone else.

2. No art "collection" but, I do have a couple nice pieces. 1 Redbird original in chalk and a couple nice oils.

4. I affectionately call myself an artist but, I doubt others would agree. I sew and make quilts.

5. I actually have 4 bottles of vitamins made by vitafusion that are made in the USA. They are gummys and I like them.

7. One of my sons, David, did follow in my footsteps. I was a printer for 20 years and taught him the trade. He has continued to learn and passed me by long ago. Since I have been retired for years, I miss the smell of ink but, I don't miss the blue, purple, green, red fingernails

9. I have been glued to the TV for a week and a half. The games are great but, I think the Sochi was a poor choice to have them. They were not ready for the mass of people. Seems like Putin just wanted to show off but, it backfired on him. The politics stink. Sad thing is, I can't stop watching. That is spurred on by the fact that all the other stations have reruns on. Since I have DirecTV I can get the games live in the middle of the night and there I sit, like a zombie, glued to every game I can stay awake for. Good thing it only happens every 4 years.

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Pat Barton [patal@solarus.net](mailto:patal@solarus.net) sends this:

### How children perceive their Grandparents.....

1. She was in the bathroom, putting on her makeup, under the watchful eyes of her young granddaughter, as she'd done many times before. After she applied her lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye.

2. My young grandson called the other day to wish me Happy Birthday. He asked me how old I was, and I told him, 80. My grandson was quiet for a moment, and then he asked, "Did you start at 1?"

3. After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

4. A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like. "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods."

The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

5. My grandson was visiting one day when he asked, "Grandma, do you know how you and God are alike?" I mentally polished my halo and I said, "No, how are we alike?" "You're both old," he replied.

6. A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor. She told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked.

"I don't know," she replied. "I can't read."

7. I didn't know if my granddaughter had learned her colors yet, so I decided to test her. I would point out something and ask what color it was. She would tell me and was always correct. It was fun for me, so I continued. At last, she headed for the door, saying, "Grandma, I think you should try to figure out some of these colors yourself!"

8. When my grandson Billy and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in. Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use Grandpa. Now the mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

9. When my grandson asked me how old I was, I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure." "Look in your underwear, Grandpa," he advised "Mine says I'm 4 to 6."

10. A second grader came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting." she said...

"How do you make babies?"

"It's simple," replied the girl. "You just change 'y' to 'i' and add 'es'."

11. Children's Logic: "Give me a sentence about a public servant," said a teacher. The small boy wrote: "The fireman came down the ladder pregnant." The teacher took the lad aside to correct him. "Don't you know what pregnant means?" she asked.  
"Sure," said the young boy confidently. "It means carrying a child."
12. A grandfather was delivering his grandchildren to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the fire truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties.  
"They use him to keep crowds back," said one child.  
"No," said another. "He's just for good luck.."  
A third child brought the argument to a close. "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."
13. A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her. Then, when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport."
14. Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!
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