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Lincoln High Newsletter

This week's topics:

1. Have you ever been to a "tourist trap"?
2. The airlines keep changing their baggage policies. What are your thoughts?
3. Do any home remodeling lately?
4. What's the most annoying thing about getting older?
5. How's your health? It always seems to be a favorite topic at reunions.
6. Where are all the geese? The places that are usually full of nesting pairs seem to be empty this year.
7. Ticks are out again. Did you ever contract Lyme disease? Any after effects?
8. Anything else you'd care to write about.

and responses:

Chad Lewis - chad.a.lewis@comcast.net

Just had our kitchen & appliances redone. Used wife's severance pay. Figured we'd never have money to do it later or might not be around to enjoy it later.

Been falling apart healthwise for years. Mostly goes back to Dr Spock having mom add Karo syrup to my baby formula and to Wis cheese & brats. Years of cholesterol & prostate meds ruined the rest of me but keeps me off Cheaters TV show.

Geese stay around here in Georgia at the neighborhood lakes pretty much year around. Luckily, we don't live right on a lake so we don't have to worry about sliding in goose grease. Can't say as much for our horse pasture.

Thanks for all your years of work on the newsletter!

Roger Fritz - fritzcat11@yahoo.com

1.. The Dells. Myrtle Beach also comes to mind, but at least they have the ocean.

3.. Retired in August 2012. Have been remodeling old cottage on the property including re-roofing that sucker. Took off 6000 lbs of old shingles. I was not meant to be a roofer!

4.. Waking up stiff and sore. I'm not complaining....at least I'm still waking up.

5.. I feel that my health is better now than when I was in my 50s. I hang around with my older neighbors, many of whom make me look and feel pretty good.

6.. Dam geese are all here in Virginia, shitting on my lawn. If you want them back, you can come and get them or I'll box em up and mail them to you. We also have turkey, vultures, deer and rabbits.

7.. We have deer and wood ticks but so far no Lyme's disease. Not many mosquitoes but last year I discovered chiggers. I think I prefer mosquitoes.

Don Solie - dg.solie@hotmail.com

1. Tourist trap.....Wisconsin Dells, I took my girls there when they were in Junior High, spent lots for nothing. My objective was to show them the Madison campus with the hope that one of the two might develop an interest for a Big Ten campus. Struck out in Madison and Bloomington, IN!

2. One benefit (possibly the only) for all my travel with American and Delta is that I achieved lifetime status in the rewards program and I pay nothing for baggage. Also get "free" upgrades to first class if seats are available. Usually seats are already reserved because Dallas is American's home, however I've been a member since inception of the program so my seniority gets me high on the list which means my wife also enjoys the benefit. Delta doesn't fly that much out of Dallas so we get little value.

3. Remodeling days and tasks are behind us. We upgraded three homes, one while living in the mess, the other two were upgraded after closing but before we moved in. Spent much, received break even dollars when we sold, however we enjoyed living in homes "tweaked" for our desires. We remodeled one pool, put in the fiberglass (rather than more gunite) that Marriott uses. It was quite expensive, but much easier to keep the chemicals balanced. It was a large pool requiring more than 50,000 gallons of water which meant lots of chemicals to keep it balanced. Good thing, it was guaranteed for 25 years so when we sold the home the guarantee passed to the new owners who were thrilled.

4. Golf = losing distance with age!

5. My health is very good, thankfully. My wife is scheduled to have her second knee replaced June 2.....that shoots all of June for me. And she contends that the tennis and her accomplishments have been worth the pain soon to be eliminated. First knee was replaced just about three years ago.

One more....#8. The idiots are clearly in charge. This morning I heard a news report and later researched that we recently released over 36,000 illegals into the general population. These weren't just illegals they were convicted felons, and Mexico didn't want them deported and wouldn't accept them. Of the 36,000, 123 were convicted of homicide some more than once!

Who in the hell is making these decisions. It is time for a complete housekeeping in DC. I realize term limits will never pass because of the power, influence, and money that comes with being a member of congress. As for the President, we've got a limp along with O who has no qualification and confirms it everyday. As for putting up a valid alternative, we appear to be incapable to locate an alternative since we're so focused on saying and writing anything that isn't offensive to anyone.

I think it's time for Belize. Come on along, they accept our near worthless green backs!

Roger Gray regraywolf@aol.com writes:

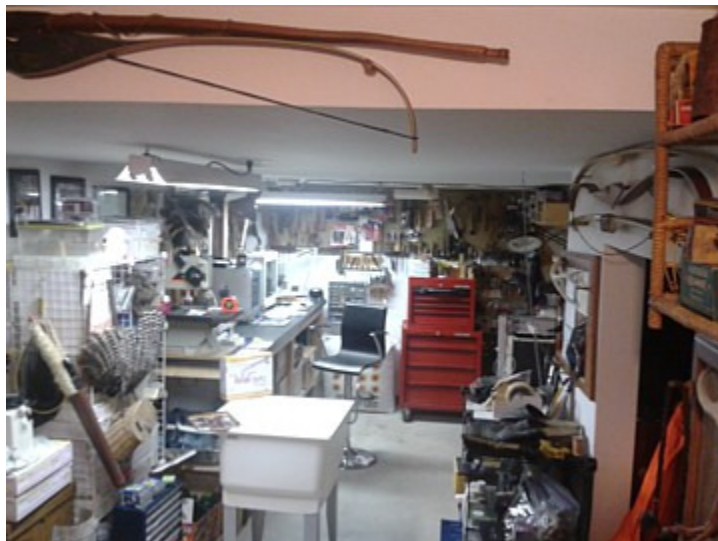
I just remodeled our fireplace - Here's the end result.



I have also entirely gutted our 1978 yellow tile bathroom, no vent, iron shallow tub and tiled, plumbed, and rewired for a deep massage jet/whirlpool tub and shower and all the other necessities for a bathroom. Start to finish took 3 weeks...I learned a lot. Passed code!

Next up is the laundry room.

The laundry room remodel has begun with the initial plumbing of the utility tub in the man cave.



Be advised this is where I make and store home brew (last one was an Irish Stout), have my fly tying, hunting, Viet Nam era stereo stuff, TV, cassette tapes, good junk, and workbench/tools. I can get distracted!

I'm avoiding the remodel of the laundry room....

Perhaps others might be interested in the following sites:

www.duolingo.com

www.learnalanguage.com

www.openculture.com

www.FSI-language-courses.org

They are all free.

I am currently using duolingo for Spanish. I like it and I don't have pesky Dan McGlynn sitting behind me shaking my desk whenever I was asked to read and/or translate something in Ms L's class. Plus I'm learning useful phrases like, El elefante bebe agua. Los patos comen el arroz. and Te gustaria ir a tomar una cerveza? Ah, cada loco con su tema.

From the Newsletter 10 YEARS AGO - MAY 13TH, 2004

Editor's restaurant review:

Judy and I went to Bernard's Country Inn <http://www.bernardscountryinn.com/> in Stevens Point last Friday night.

Their internet menu caught the eye of the editor, since I like German food.

However, it was Friday night and Friday night is "fish-fry" night thruout Wisconsin! So, we had fish! Bernard's caters to the whims of the "eco-friendly - hey, it's a University town!" inasmuch as it only serves fish raised in captivity and not from the ocean stocks which are rapidly being depleted. Sooo, the fish choices were Tilapia and Salmon! Judy opted for the deep-fried Tilapia and I had the "Tilapia ala Bernard".

A very elderly couple were seated a table away and they asked the waitress, "What the heck is Talapia?" I digress!

The meal started with drinks (very expensive - \$4 - and very good - top quality brandy) and with very thin Italian breadsticks which were presented with a garlic cheese spread and an authentic "duck's liver fois gris". The cheese was great! The "fois gris" is an acquired taste - could have used a bit of onion or herbs to make it more palatable.

Next came the salad (for the editor) and cole-slaw for Judy. Salad greens were mixed "baby greens" that would be appropriate for a European restaurant and very good. I chose the Blue Cheese dressing which was rather bland and unremarkable. Judy's "dill-flavored" cole slaw was probably the best tasting cole slaw I've ever encountered! It could have been improved, however, with more cabbage and less dressing!

Two wonderful French rolls came along with the salad/coleslaw. They were served with a cruet of garlic/herb virgin olive oil!

Best part of the meal! We poured a bit of the oil onto our "bread" plates and moistened the bread with same before eating each mouthful! Great!

Main Course! - Judy's deep fried Tilapia had a very thick crust of breading that was very "bland!" It lacked any hint of flavor (beer or otherwise) and since Tilapia doesn't taste like much of anything to begin with, it was poor match. My Tilapia "ala Bernard" also seemed to lack inspiration. A tomato sauce with onions and herbs covered the fish and the "first bite" was interesting but after that, I wondered what was missing!!!

Judy's "potatoes au gratin" were great but could have used a bigger "hint" of onion (to my taste). My "parsley potatoes" were evidently in storage too long and had that "basement mildew" flavor that is so common in Central Sands potatoes this time of year!

Judy's fish fry cost \$7+. My Tilapia ala Bernard was \$10+. Most of the entrees on the menu cost between \$15 and \$20.

We will definitely go back to sample their German cuisine some other night! There were definitely "hints of greatness" in the menu and presentation! Having spent several years in Germany with only one "bad meal", I hope that Bernard's lives up to their European heritage!

JOKE?

Report of missing wife

Distraught husband filing a report on his missing wife:

Husband: My wife, Misty, she went shopping two days ago and still has not returned home.

Officer: What is her height?

Husband: I never noticed.

Officer: Slim or healthy?

Husband: Not slim, can be healthy.

Officer: Color of eyes?

Husband: Never noticed.

Officer: Color of hair?

Husband: Changes according to the season.

Officer: What was she wearing?

Husband: Pant suit or dress... I don't remember exactly.

Officer: Was she going in a car?

Husband: Yes.

Officer: Can you tell me the make, model, color and license number and any outstanding details of the car?

Husband: Black Audi A8 with supercharged 3.0 liter V6 engine generating 333 horse power teamed with an eight-speed tiptronic automatic transmission with manual mode. And it has full LED headlights, which use light emitting diodes for all light functions license IS HAS-GO! and it has a very thin scratch on the left front door.

...and then the husband started crying...

Officer: Don't worry sir, we'll find your car.

