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Red beach - Lake Wazeecha

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Responses to previous topics:

Gene Hafermann - [genehafermann@charter.net](mailto:genehafermann@charter.net)

1. My understanding is that wearing masks after vaccination is to protect people who have not yet been vaccinated. I think it hasn't yet been determined whether a vaccinated person can transmit the virus even if they may be protected from getting sick themselves. I think the masks, social distancing, and better hygiene has helped a lot in stopping the spread of colds and flu, and that's great. I don't think following these protocols is any big deal and I actually prefer going to businesses (like Costco and Menards) that require and enforce masking and distancing. If I go into a business with unmasked employees or patrons, I leave as soon as possible and find alternative places to shop and dine.

2. My wife and I were able to get both Pfizer vaccine shots without much problem here in Madison. We registered with our provider and were told we would be notified via their MyChart system. But we were also given a phone number to call if we hadn't heard anything by Jan 29. I called on Monday, Feb 1 and we were put on the list for our first shot that afternoon. Then received second dose 21 days later.

Actually received notice from MyChart several days after we had gotten our shots.

3. To me a good person has respect and empathy for others and does what they can to help those in need.

4. I am pretty sure we had 4 valedictorians (Lynn Schroeder, Tom Dekarske, Marsha Rocus, and Betty Parsons). I know I finished 9th having B's in senior english and sophomore typing. But I didn't have harder classes like biology, foreign language, or chemistry.

6. I try not to drive too much at night, but it's mostly because the headlights on my 10 year old Jeep aren't very bright. That will be a priority if I ever buy a new used vehicle. Next month my current Jeep will be paid off and I only have about 120,000 miles on it. My last 3 Jeeps I drove well over 200,000 miles, so as little as I drive now, I figure barring an accident I am probably good for at least 5 or 6 more years.

7. The highlight of my week was that the results of a PET scan I had showed no detectable cancer. I had a cancerous prostate removed 5 years ago and my PSA numbers have been rising slowly. So for now doc will just continue to monitor.

8. I don't really like the snow and cold anymore, but I don't want to move south and can't afford to go to warmth for more than a couple weeks.

9. I am probably a mix of my mom and dad. My mom gave me the math gene and my dad gave me the handiman gene. Personality wise I think I'm more like my dad.

10. I like the science and engineering it takes to get sensing and transmission equipment to Mars and I think all the knowledge gained helps devepment on earth, but I don't think they will find signs of previous life on Mars.

11. My wife is 60% Irish and she loves the corned beef fare (i am not a fan), so we will be out to dinner someplace despite our favorite place being out of business. We have walked in the Irish parade around the Madison capitol a couple times, but that won't be happening this year.

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Roger Fritz - [fritzcat11@yahoo.com](mailto:fritzcat11@yahoo.com)

Kent,

I must have missed the LHS newsletter? But here is what I would have put out there:

#1 & #2: I will stop with the mask two weeks after my second shot. I have no confidence that politics and shaky science have not been a big part of the mask "policy". Unlike the effort to get out the vaccines ("Warp Speed"), getting the shots out was/is pathetic (Operation Chaos"?)

Many folks have experienced the shot reaction in their arms. The photo of your arm looked quite severe. Did this also happen with your second shot?

#6 & #8: Drove up to Pennsylvania to see our daughter. On the way back we had about four hours in a pretty intense snow storm with very bad road conditions. Snow, ice and sleet. I was pleased to see I still had the driving skill to get us thru. I attribute that to the practice I had in central Wisconsin winters.

#9: My father died when I was two but the many relatives connected to farming showed me a good work ethic. My Mom who died at the age of 96, tried hard to impress me with education. (I'm sure she must have been the Valedictorian of her class at Pittsville High school) My step-father was and is still my biggest influence. I'm tearing up just thinking about him. Never finished high school, joined the army before Pearl Harbor and served thru the entire war and was slightly wounded. Back in Rapids he was a salesman for Frank Garber Co. His dad ran their scrap yard What a great bullshitter Pops was. Easy going and could talk to anyone.

Also: About your Military Newsletter

Pull the troops out of Afghanistan? Hell! When are we going to pull the troops out of Washington DC?

I used to enjoy playing with a beach ball at Red and White beaches. Maybe your readers have stories regarding Red and White Beaches in Kellner?

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This week's topics:

1. What have you been reading and who are your favorite authors
2. Any reactions to the Covid vaccine?
3. Are you a cat or dog person? Do you have any pets? Best pet story
4. Still using cash for anything? What?
5. Aside From TV/Reading, What's Your Favorite Indoor Activity?

6. If you were giving a presentation, what would the topic be?
7. Are you looking forward to anything in the next few weeks?
8. What is the silliest way that you've been injured?
9. How is climate change affecting you?
10. What old person tendencies do you have?
11. Memories of Red and White Beaches in Kellner?
12. Topic for next week?

and responses:

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Chuck Hiners - [chuck@crgfinancialconsulting.com](mailto:chuck@crgfinancialconsulting.com)

Susan thinks I am an actual dog—who knows I may be someday

On 12/1/1953 our 1953 state champion had a litter of 8 puppies. The first one had the AKC name Ce-pine Sandy Duke. His mother was named Chuck's Patti of Puckaway. We brought her home to Rapids June 3, 1950. We bought her from Art Stubbe who ran a bar and raised Chesapeakes in Montello. After she won State in 53, Bill Hoard suggested that his great dog Trigger and Patti produce a litter. Trigger was the 1949 state champion. A guy way up in Winnipeg named Cyril Hicks bought Duke for \$800 in March of 1954. Duke became the Canadian National Champion in 1959 and appears in the picture with Cy Hicks

The pictures of Bill Hoard's Trigger and Duke are from a book by Eloise Heller Cherry published in 1981 devoted to Chesapeakes. She offered my dad \$5,000 for Patti in 1954 at a field trial in California. My dad declined but offered me instead! The picture of Patti and others are from a montage in my office. They were taken with this old thing called a Kodak camera. Andy Devine was also at the field trial in California. He was an old drunk. Takes one to know one.



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Norman Arendt - [normarendt@gmail.com](mailto:normarendt@gmail.com)

Had minor reactions to the first vaccine get the second one tomorrow so will know more then. IN theory you are supposed to have reactions that can knock you down after the second vaccine. Update - had the second shot - absolutely no side effects so far.

We are dog people and have two Keeshonds which are big fur balls. Love attention. Follow us around all the time.

Still use cash for most everything. Seldom use credit cards. ONLY use CC when absolutely forced to.

I give many presentations on safety mainly as I was an OSHA and MSHA outreach trainer for many years when still working. Will be giving a presentation in a couple weeks to WSPE and to the TEch Club on the Topic of Design for Construction Safety. Also do presentations on cyber security and cyber investigations - something I got into after retirement.

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#4-I do carry cash for a haircut and tipping; I feel those people need \$\$\$

#5-Bill and I play Scrabble most every night. It started (the every night thing) after his brain bleed so he could focus and remember. Our daughter and friend play a lot as well. It has always been a family contest. We also play cards with friends and I play MahJongg with girls.

#8-I've been stung by wasps and bees several times-once on Lookout Mt. on the way to Atlanta. After two days of itching and swelling we asked the hotel if they could recommend a hospital. I ended up in a (excuse the term black) hospital sitting next to a prisoner strapped and handcuffed to the gurney. The very nice, young doctor said I had quite a bad situation, gave me a shot and medicine which I think was \$3.00!

#10-everytime I look in the mirror I see my mother. But I feel younger than many others I see around because I've kept walking, golfing, working in the gardens and have kept my size to pretty normal.

#11-oh how we loved to ride our bikes to the beaches; it's funny now to think that in a small WI town we actually had sandy beaches. Any skin cancers we have had can likely be traced back to the hours of sunbathing at Lake Wazeecha! Fortunately it was safe to enjoy it by ourselves then.

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June Collman Stuhr LHS '64 - [jstuhr@me.com](mailto:jstuhr@me.com)

1. What have you been reading and who are your favorite authors - *Pianos and Flowers*, a collection of 14 short stories by Alexander McCall Smith, pub. 2019. *How to Change Your Mind, What the New Science of Psychedelics Teaches Us About Consciousness, Dying, Addiction, Depression, and Transcendence* by Michael Pollan, pub. 2018. *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles, pub. 2016.

*Mink River* by Brian Doyle, pub. 2010. *Tightrope*, by Nicholas Kristof & Sheryl WuDunn, pub. 2020. *I Heard the Owl Call My Name*, by Margaret Craven. 1973.

My favorite author(s)? That's a tough one. There are so many writers that I have enjoyed over the years. I suppose J.R.R. Tolkien, Wm. Shakespeare, and Leo Tolstoy top my list.

2. Any reactions to the Covid vaccine? - The only reaction I had to the vaccine was one of enormous self-satisfaction for having scored a dose.

3. Are you a cat or dog person? Do you have any pets? Best pet story - I like just about all animals. Our family had a lot of different kinds of creatures when I was growing up. The standard dogs and cats, a horse, lambs. And my sister Jeanie and I rescued a lot of woodland animals. Our mother was a saint, even let us bring an injured rat into the house to care for.

Pet story: One year my sister's horse - Cappy - got out of his pasture and ran to town. He was a big black and white horse so was hard to miss. The cops were chasing him with their sirens on! Too funny! The horse circled through town on Grand Ave, then past the Court House, then down Baker St and finally wound up running home straight into his barn stall. My sister was terrified our Dad would be furious. But Dad laughed so hard that tears rolled down his cheeks! I still get a big grin on my face when I think of it.

5. Aside From TV/Reading, What's Your Favorite Indoor Activity? - Cooking. But I prefer being outdoors.

6. If you were giving a presentation, what would the topic be? - Humor.

7. Are you looking forward to anything in the next few weeks? - Honestly? I'm looking forward to seeing what each day brings, whatever it is. Mostly I'm interested in tomorrow.

9. How is climate change affecting you? - Because I'm a Minnesotan, I can talk about weather and the climate endlessly, as can just about everyone else around here that I know. The topic seems to draw us in, like moths to a flame.

10. What old person tendencies do you have? - My husband and friends and daughters could probably tell you. I'm still working, and am too busy to think about age very much.

11. Memories of Red and White Beaches in Kellner? - All memories good.

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Linda Edwards - [ledwards6112@hotmail.com](mailto:ledwards6112@hotmail.com)

I enjoy spy thrillers and murder mysteries. Some of my "go to" authors are: Mcbain, Parker, Connelly, Wambaugh, Nesbo, Demille, Follett, Sanders, Clancy, Ludlum, Christie, Grisham. Now that my memory is slipping I'm enjoying some of their stories for a second time.

I always leave cash tips. Much appreciated by servers.

If I were to give a presentation it would be on the devastating effects of the left's policy regarding immigration.

Looking forward to golfing.

Climate change is normal and natural. It's been changing since the beginning and will keep changing long after we've all passed on.

My hearing is not great. I'm less patient but more mellow over all.

I was skiing Keystone in 1993, last hour of the last day of 6 days of skiing. I was standing still and just fell over. Broke my left leg in two places.