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This week's topics:

1. What would you do if you couldn't use the internet or watch TV for a month?
2. Do you wake up by yourself, to an alarm, music, or have someone else wake you up?
3. Soda fountain memories.
4. Covid D is on the rampage. Still not vaccinated? Why not?
5. Been to a public gathering like a ball game, concert, etc. recently? What?
6. Have a computer problem? What? How did you fix it?
7. Have an insect invasion in your home or yard? What bugs? Dealing with it how?
8. Bubble gum memories.
9. Clothing size change recently? What? Why?
10. Dentist memories.

11. Whatever else. A topic for next week?

and responses:

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

1. What would you do if you couldn't use the internet or watch TV for a month? - Finish the book I am writing which is a sequel to Insider Trading in the Life Insurance Market we published in 2015.

2. Do you wake up by yourself, to an alarm, music, or have someone else wake you up? - Our dog Molly and I generally wake up at same time. This morning I set an alarm for 6 since I had to get to a golf tournament 90 minutes from home. Molly and I were up at 5:58!

4. Covid D is on the rampage. Still not vaccinated? Why not? - I am an anti vaxxer. Got sick on Salk polio vaccine and all the shots I had to get in the army.

10. Dentist memories. Who was your first? - Orville W. Oakes (OW Oakes) who worked with a foot pedal activated drill in his office across the Street from Anderson Drugs. Had many cavities and he never used novocaine to drill. Never had novocaine until army dentist injected me in 1971.

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Caroline (Kehrberg) Casper - [tchertcher@wctc.net](mailto:tchertcher@wctc.net)

On Sadie Hawkins Day I asked Jerry Bubolz to a movie and then we went to the Friendly Fountain. I think that was the only time I was there. Funny note: Jerry broke his leg a week or so before that so he had a full leg cast on.

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

Living in the country makes the Internet and TV not relevant. We only have free over the air TV and questionable Internet (although we are trying Starlink now to see if that works). We have gone over a month with no TV or Internet at the farm and only received emails/texts occasionally on the phone when in areas that have

reception. So what did we do? Reading, photography and country walks. We have two large pollinator fields and it is fun to see what flowers are blossoming while being careful not to get too close to wild parsnip, poison ivy and golden alexander plants. We still seldom watch TV but the test with Starlink is very promising although a bit pricey, a lot better than having restricted use cell internet service. Do a lot of coaching the junior rifle team and that takes a lot of time even in the summer. Time will tell if Starlink solves our problems with connectivity but so far that is good. But when not functioning there is a lot to do in the country. During down time you might say we stop and smell the roses.

Been to parties at the Capital Brewery and we are heading to the Brewer game in a couple weeks, have a group that will sit in the restaurant and watch the game. Interesting that it also includes food and drinks. Not sure what level at Miller Park it is located on but should be fun. Heading to the Packers this fall whether or not they have a QB.

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

#4 Couldn't care less about Covid D. Dem oligarchy is having diarrhea pushing the scenario that we're all gonna die,..again.. with the new variant. Been vaccinated, so therefore no longer accept the premise that I'm not protected. It's all about the Dem Oligarchy controlling you. Some of you need that...so go for it.

We never really cut back, going out for dinner and other events. Flew Southwest Airlines numerous times during the pandemic. Absolutely loved having the center seats empty. Only limitation was a few restaurants and businesses reducing service. AZ figured out the false premise early on, so went with the science. We are living the worst nightmare for Democrats.....thriving and happy, love this country, going out, having fun.

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Kathy Gotter - [gotterkd@yahoo.com](mailto:gotterkd@yahoo.com)

10. Dr. Spaeth was my first memory of a dentist. What a wonderful, kind man for a six year old to have as a dentist. I'm sure I went before we moved to Wisc but it made no mark on my memory. And I have never had a problem going to the dentist. Started every 4 months and as an adult, every 6 months to this day.

The Class of 64, 57th reunion is coming on July 24th.



RSVP by Saturday, July 17 so that we have a number for the caterer.  
Text Kathy at: [gotterkd@yahoo.com](mailto:gotterkd@yahoo.com)

\$10 per person will be collected at the door for the food.

Looking forward to visiting and reminiscing. I apologize not emailing sooner to all classmates of LHS 1964. My phone took a swim in the Gulf of Mexico as I was taking picture of frolicking dolphins. I forgot for a moment that I am old and experience dropsy way too often. So just a reminder that we will meet from 12-6 pm on July 24 at the Elks (formerly the Brig) but we can stay longer. Thank to Judy, Pat and the committee for all their hard work in a short time.

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Gene Santoski - [k9utq@solarus.net](mailto:k9utq@solarus.net)

1. I would read, go walking/biking and talk to the world on my radios and cruise around in my Vette!

2. I wake by myself (usually 6:30-6:45) unless I have reason to be up earlier.

3 I remember patronizing Herschleb's, Friendly Fountain, Anderson Drugs, Woolworth and Johnson & Hill fountains as well as the Sugar Bowl. The cherry cokes there were awesome! Also, 13th street grille.

6. Screen went out on a laptop so replaced the whole computer as it was about 6 years old. Have had several since.

8. I remember chewing Black Jack, Juicy Fruit and Topps gum to collect baseball cards. I had the complete 1954 Milwaukee Braves set, including Hank Aaron's rookie card #128! Found out some years later (after throwing them away) that that card alone was worth over \$1000!!! Also had Eddie Matthews and Warren Spahn

in that collection. Never threw anything away since!!!

10. I recall going to the dentist in the "Flat Iron" building after climbing creaky stairway to 2nd floor - Dr. Dalke. He would fill your mouth with dental tools then ask questions! I remember spitting blood into the little tray with circulating water and the drill with all the cords and pulleys on it. It was not a happy experience!!

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Bill Cammack - [billcammack@hotmail.com](mailto:billcammack@hotmail.com)

I have to admit, I do watch Fox News and many streaming services on TV. If it was gone for a month, I certainly would have to get my news from The Wall Street Journal, etc., but I certainly wouldn't be too upset. The internet might be problematic since all my bills are paid electronically, but I'm sure a month wouldn't cause any significant problems with creditors. Actually, now that I am thinking about it, I would probably pull out stacks of vinyl that I haven't listened to for many years. If I got through the records I could switch to CDs. Maybe getting off for a month could be a stepping stone to a better way of life.

Perhaps a bigger question should be what would Google and Big Brother do without being able to eavesdrop on us for that amount of time!!

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Sharon Mahoney - [mahoni66@wctc.net](mailto:mahoni66@wctc.net)

Hi Kent,, All of the reasons the people gave in the last newsletter apply to me as for not writing often. I read all of the newsletters and am so surprised how well written they are. Guess I don't trust myself.

On another subject I just wanted to give my view point of Covid. As my classmates know I had polio at age 4 in 1950. At the time there were no vaccines and I am still dealing with my polio 71 years later. I had a hip replacement in my polio leg in January and did not go as well as hoped but when I think of risking your life to Covid just seems a shame. Do we really need to have another 600,000 people pass away because of the fear and false info. All the best to all of you and stay safe!

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Toni Weller Olsen - class of '64 - [tonicrafty@gmail.com](mailto:tonicrafty@gmail.com)

1. If I had to go without TV or the internet for a month, I guess I'd try to exercise more and catch up on books I want to read. Finding things to do is never a problem for me, but I'd have to satisfy my news addiction by listening to the radio. That would be a novelty.

2. I wake up on my own after 7-8 hours of sleep; but if I have an early appointment, I set my battery-powered alarm clock. My 11-year-old grandson knows more about tech devices than I do, and he says I can ask my Echo Dot to wake me up by playing a favorite song. I'll try that soon.

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"LHS CLASS OF '65" Reunion is August 20-22, 2021.

If anyone has not received an invitation please email Sherry Trickle Cleveland at [sherry.cleveland1947@gmail.com](mailto:sherry.cleveland1947@gmail.com)

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## Rapids News - Governor Evers Vetoes Rapids Mill Bill

The bill, authored by Sen. Patrick Testin (Stevens Point) and Rep. Scott Krug (town of Rome), passed in the state Senate on June 30, after passing the Assembly on June 22.

AB No. 367 would have provided a \$50 million loan to a buyer for the Wisconsin Rapids paper mill and a \$15 million loan to a buyer for the Park Falls paper mill. Both mills are currently idle.

<https://wrcitytimes.com/2021/07/12/governor-vetoes-mill-bill/>

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## IN MEMORIAM



Mary Jo (Kuklinski) Panko, age 74, of Wisconsin Rapids, died Thursday, July 8, 2021 at Wisconsin Rapids Health Services with her family by her side.

Funeral Services will be held 11:00 AM on Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Wisconsin Rapids. Rev. Jerome Patric will officiate, burial will take place at a later date in Restlawn Memorial Park. The family will greet relatives and friends at Church on Wednesday from 10:00 – 11:00 AM.

Mary Jo Ann (Kuklinski) Panko was one of two identical twins born on October 3, 1946 in Oshkosh, WI, to Joe “The Pro” Kuklinski and Katherine (Groesbeck) Kuklinski. Her twin Kathy Ann, passed away two weeks after.

Mary Jo was three years old when they moved from Oshkosh to Wisconsin Rapids where her dad became the Golf Pro at Bulls Eye Country Club. Mary Jo grew up going to golf tournaments and playing junior golf. She was very excited to have made a “hole-in-one” playing with all the boys and loved when her parents hosted parties.

A 1964 high honors graduate of Lincoln High School, Mary Jo was a member of National Honor Society, Student Government, Choir, Pep Club and Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). Mary Jo married Ronald Panko on June 18, 1966. They recently celebrated their 55th anniversary.

She started her executive secretarial career at Nepco Papers and worked as the first Secretary to the Mill Manager, wearing a custom hard hat with her name painted on it. She left employment in 1970 to become a mother. After working as a stay-at-

home mom for more than a decade, Mary Jo went back to school at Mid-State Technical College to receive office management training. She worked at Fenander Chiropractic and then The Berry Company where she remained until her retirement.

Mary Jo was an excellent seamstress and created numerous matching outfits for her children, as well as Halloween costumes, semi-formal and formal dresses, and along with another mother, recital tutus for her daughter Betsy's entire dance class. She enjoyed knitting, quilting, and many other crafts before her extended illness.

Survivors include husband Ronald, three children, Charles, Wisconsin Rapids, Molly (Mitchell) Warren, Madison, and Betsy (Joey) Leonard, Madison. Four grandchildren, Tira (Chase) Prater, Christiana, TN, Wyatt (fiancée Sienna Preuss) Feaster, LaCrosse, Franklin Warren, Madison and Augusta Leonard, Madison as well as a special god daughter and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents and twin, her mother-in-law, Valeria Panko and father-in-law, Anton Panko.

Condolences can be left at <https://www.ritchayfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Mary-Jo-Panko?>