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Next week's newsletter will be sent out on Friday! Happy Turkey Day!

Responses to previous topics:

Norm Arendt - normarendt@gmail.com

Ever use tire chains? Used them alot when I was working as a means to get from place to place and when in Colorado and Wyoming at our company offices to drive through the ranges chains were required and I think still are required there. And still use them on tractors and plows.

Got jabbed with COVID booster? Received the booster about 6 weeks ago and have had rash and red spots showing up ever since heading to MD tomorrow and dermatology soon. Had similar reaction after the second Pfizer shot.

You got vaccinated many months ago. Any health problems since? Memory is worse since all three shots and rapidly seem to be losing short term more since the booster. Also had a rash develop after the second Pfizer and that has been sent to the CDC Vaers center. Very itchy and spotty.

Got a robot vacuum cleaner? Started with Irobot but it seemed o get lost and would actually run into an obstacle and just sit there. Also would clean the same spot over and over. Changed to the Ishark and that is much better. Still gets hung up every once in awhile on table legs and ramps. Otherwise for cleaning the main area of the house it is OK. We tried setting it to clean the whole house and that did not work.

Roger Fritz - fritzcat11@yahoo.com

I was traveling this past week and must have missed the list of topics. One mention I want to get in is about my stepfather, Earl Mras, who was a WW2 VET. Before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor, "Pops" enlisted in the army. His first deployment was to the Panama Canal, which was thought to be the next target. That was "easy street" for him until the buildup for the Normandy invasion. Pops was the most happy go lucky guy I've ever met, but while we were watching some Normandy invasion documentary or movie, he teared up and all he could say was "So many bodies". Later I found out that he was sent in on D-Day +2 to recovery bodies in the surf and on the beach. Never told me which landing site or any other details. He finished the war in Austria and had been wounded in the arm. I Still have his "dog tags", Which I wear on Veterans Day and when I feel nostalgic.

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Bill Cammack - billcammack@hotmail.com

I never had to use tire chains, but I was forced to buy them or wait for a storm to pass. Barb and I were on our way across the country going from San Francisco to Wisconsin November 1971. I had just been discharged from the Navy. They were kind enough to ship our car from Honolulu to San Francisco. We had packed up all our luggage and our two daughters in our 1970 VW squareback. We had enough money to get back to Wisconsin, but not much more. When we got just West of Reno we were told that if we were going to take I 80 West through the mountains that we must have tire chains in our possession or we would not allowed to continue West. We went to an auto parts store and bought a set of tire chains for \$29.95 so we could proceed. Although it did snow chains were never required to be put on. I never did get over the \$29.95, but I am thankful we didn't have to use them. Maybe that's why we moved to Florida as soon as we retired!!

Lenore Haferman - lenorehaferman@yahoo.com

Hi, can you remind all of us (LHS 65), that any one that wants to get together to

talk, remember and eat, will be getting together Dec. 1st, at the Stevens Point Country Club at 11:15. Come casual and enjoy chatting. You do not have to be a member. The next place will be determined at that time.

This week's topics:

1. Medicare commercials and more medicare commercials - call any of them?
Money added to SS?
2. What was your favorite part about high school? Your least favorite?
3. What keeps you up at night?
4. What is your least favorite chore?
5. Grocery store shortage? What?
6. Taking a drug for memory problems? Does it work?
7. Ever use 4 wheel drive? When? Why?
8. Change homes recently? Why?
9. J. C. Penney memories.
10. Whatever else you'd care to write about.

and responses:

Linda Edwards - ledwards6112@hotmail.com

3. What keeps me up at night? When my left hip, knee and ankle wake me up, I start to think about how much I despise whoever is running (ruining) this country. I have quite a long list of folks I suspect. The enormity of their arrogance, greed, lust for power, cruelty and selfishness is hard for me to wrap my head around. Call me naive...
4. Dusting, definitely dusting. Followed closely by cleaning windows and weeding.
8. I haven't changed homes since 2014 but my daughter and family are moving to

the country. They were 1.4 miles from me and now they will be 16 miles away. Great timing, considering gas prices. They bought a lovely log home on 30 acres. Funny that they haven't really put much effort into the 1/4 acre they currently have and yet they think 30 acres is fine. I put up all my best arguments but, in the end, it clearly wasn't up to me. She thinks they are going to raise chickens. LMAO!

Roger Fritz -- fritzcat11@yahoo.com

#2 I had a great time in high school. Meeting lots of new people and the exposure to lots of new subjects. [Some of the new subjects did not go so well]

#6 I'm having lots of memory issues including the C Nile and D Nile versus, but don't as yet take anything for it.

#7 I have a John Deere Gator and sometimes use 4wd while gathering firewood. Also had use of an old Jeep while working as a surveyor one summer. Never left me stuck. For snow and ice conditions, I think more weight on the two drive wheels is better than 4wd.

Ron Karnatz - karnatzr@wctc.net

Greetings all. Judy I hope you are doing well.

1. Medicare commercials; We have had multiple medicare phone calls in the past few weeks. One day alone we had 27 calls.

3. Thinking about my kids and grand kids keeps me up at night at time. Since last November, thinking about settling my mother's estate will wake me at night.

5. Grocery store shortage; most recurrently it was diced ham. Several weeks ago it was 12 grain bread.

7. 4 wheel drive. I used 4 wheel drive on my truck multiple times in my 10 years driving to work at the Marshfield Clinic. Our car is all wheel drive. My current truck is 4 wheel drive and in the last year I used the 4 wheel drive twice, both times last winter.

9. Many of my clothes came from Penney's or "MonkeyWards" when I was young.

My mother was a Penney's shopper to the end of the store. Her last winter coat was from Penney's shortly before they closed.

Wishing all a Blessed and Thankful Thanksgiving.

Dick Trudeau LHS '64 - dickmerry77@hotmail.com

MEDICARE COMMERCIALS -- I'm going to modify this topic by saying we don't watch ANY commercials. We record the shows we wish to view and fast forward through the commercials. At a time when our national conscience is so focused on racism, I can't help but observe that black people, who represent 13% of the population make up at least 50% of the people doing commercials. I can't handle the hypocrisy of it all. By the way, is there something I'm missing about Medicare?

FAVORITE/LEAST FAVORITE PART OF HIGH SCHOOL? -- My favorite part was the baseball team. My least favorite was algebra and chemistry. They were a struggle for me. I cringe at the thought that those two subjects, which played absolutely no role in my life after high school, could have denied me a high school diploma, a subsequent college degree, and a moderately successful life.

WHAT KEEPS ME UP AT NIGHT? -- I'm sound asleep a few minutes after I lay my head on the pillow. Merry, on the other hand has insomnia issues. I think genetics has a lot to do with it. Her whole family has struggled with insomnia.

LEAST FAVORITE CHORE? -- Yard work, only because it cuts into my play time.

4-WHEEL DRIVE? -- I tell people we haven't experienced winter since we left Wisconsin over 50 years ago, but all 3 of our vehicles are 4-wheel drive. We really need 4-wheel drive for the mountains. Growing up in Wisconsin Rapids we experienced 5-foot-tall snowbanks and roads of solid ice, yet we got by with two-wheel drive. We were tougher souls back then, weren't we?

CHANGE HOMES RECENTLY? -- We lived in the same house in Eagle, Idaho for 42 years. Two years ago, we moved to get farther away from the population center. Since that time thousands of homes have been built in our area to accommodate the exodus from California, Portland, and Seattle. We want to move again, but where to go? All the conservative states are experiencing the same problem. Alaska's looking rather attractive these days.

Geno Hafermann - genehafermann@charter.net

Favorite parts of high school were sports and music. Least favorites were typing and English, but they probably helped me in my career more than anything.

What keeps me up before bed is watching sports. What interrupts my sleep is usually dreaming about some project I am working on during the day where I am trying to fix something and don't have enough knowledge or experience.

Least favorite chore is cleaning up after making a mess doing a project. If it's a home project requested by my wife, she does the clean-up.

I have only used 4WD and AWD vehicles since 1980. Almost always living on a hill requiring better traction in winter or off road driving for hunting, etc.

Built a new home in 2015, moved in March 2016, and don't plan to move again until my life ends or I can't maintain our house anymore.

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6 - Memory problems

On August 6 of this year, my husband Larry had a scary episode of temporary memory loss. We were driving to our son's house about 7 miles from ours when he became confused about where to turn into our son's neighborhood, even though we'd been there countless times. When our son met us in his driveway, Larry had forgotten we were there to pick up our grandkids.

I drove Larry to the ER, and he had lots of tests including a CT scan. There was no evidence of a stroke, and he was talking normally with no facial drooping or weakness. After about 3 hours, the confusion was gone. He was stable and was discharged with an appointment for an MRI and a visit with a neurologist.

The physician's assistant in the neurology office looked at all the test results and said he had an episode of transient global amnesia. Older people are at higher risk for this temporary amnesia. The memory returns to normal, but there's a "blank spot" for the 3 or 4 hours when the episode is occurring.

Larry remembers getting discharged from the ER, but he doesn't remember arriving

there.

Luckily he returned to normal very quickly, but doctors don't know what causes this temporary amnesia.

Karen (Goetzke) King - yayaec@ymail.com

We asked our insurance agent about those Medicare ads. He advised we keep what we have. DY-NO-MITE!

I loved high school. I loved the classes and the homework and the social value too. I even loved the hour talk. Nerd was not a term back then.

My kids and grandkids keep me up some nights, but ultimately I remember I am not in charge, I cannot change oh, so many things, and I finally sleep.

My least favorite chore is anything that requires me to get in the car and go do something. I'd rather stay home and fold laundry or even clean the bathroom.

I have two J.C. Penny memories. One, the catalog that came in the fall. It was so lovely to sit with my mom as we browsed; we seldom bought anything but was so wonderful to just look and wish. And the second one is when I had to take my youngest there to get some decent clothes for a funeral but as I went through the racks looking for something appropriate, he was posing as a mannequin in the boys' department. I honestly could not find him for a time but it made the entire event ever so much more do-able and memorable.

And a question for some: when is the last time you used a safety pin or a pipe cleaner? Remember when those were everyday items in the home. I'll go first. I used a safety pin this week to hike up my oh, so old corduroy pants. I cannot part with them yet.