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Lincoln High Newsletter

This week's topics:

1. **Hangouts.** What were your favorite haunts/hangouts in the Rapids?
2. **Foreign languages.** Interesting experiences using what you thought you knew or what you learned.
3. **Where have all the birds gone?** All the blackbirds & robins seem to have left town. Only the "winter" regulars are left.
4. **Words from your heritage.** Any words from your ancestors still in your vocabulary - like Norwegian - Uufdaah!
5. **Class of 65 goes on Medicare this year.** Your thoughts.
6. **Your thoughts about Paul Ryan.**

and responses:

Chris Gorski karma@karma-inc.com writes:

Hi Kent: Here is something to share with our readers.

All of my life I have loved racing, whether it be stock cars, open wheel or motor cycles. I really got into moto cross racing when my twin sons, Sam and Matt were growing up.

When they were 12, I gave up golfing because both began racing in District 16 (Wisconsin & Northern Illinois)

From April thru October we spent our weekends traveling to District 16 tracks, camping out on Saturday and racing on Sunday. Then when they reached 17 and went off to school, those good times ended.

Not so, earlier this year my two grandsons, Joe and Zach, told me they would like to try motto cross racing. They knew that both their uncles raced motto cross and were mesmerized while watching the videos of them racing. So, I bought two bikes, made a practice course on some of our acreage behind our house and began instructing them on some of the basic techniques. (believe it or not, I got into racing motto cross at age 50 and learned most of the techniques the hard way).

Joe and Zach entered their 1st race early in July at the Aztalan Motto Cross Track in Lake Mills WI. I don't know who was more excited, them or me. It sure brought back memories of those races days with Sam and Matt back in the early 90's. I feel so blessed that I get a 2nd chance to spend weekends doing

something both they and I really enjoy doing together.

We have simple goals: enjoy the entire experience and have fun. So far after a few races under their belts, they are doing great, becoming more proficient, have had no injuries and are meeting all of other great kids. I wish all of you similar enjoyment with your grandchildren.

Here a few pics of Joe (#370 on a Honda CR 125) and Zach (#19 on a Honda CRF 150) at a race we entered this past Sunday. The old man in the pic doesn't look familiar but I think it is their grandpa.



Foreign Languages: Walter Hemp was our instructor of German at LHS. For my first quarter grade (which was not permanent) he gave me the grade of A-. I guess he could see that I was really trying. He wrote on my report card, "I think you can live up to this."

Well, don't you know . . . that was like pouring gasoline on a little flickering flame. I vowed then and there to do my absolute best to never let him down. And, so it was, that I maintained that good grades in German all through my sophomore and junior years.

Whenever I meet someone now, I can still use Deutsch when I detect they are a native speaker, as happened a couple of weeks ago in Colorado Springs. I'd like to see Leon Schmidt write an occasional line or two in our LHS newsletter, thanks to you dear Vasbys!!

Over these years, for how many of my students at NMSU have I extended the same faith and trust Mr. Hemp placed in me, when I have felt that a little timely incentive would take them to the next level on the grading scale, and maybe also in their life-long career?

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Those of you who live and vote in Wisconsin likely know much about Paul Ryan. The rest of us only know him by reputation. I look forward to learning more about him in the coming months.

The following has been circulated before, maybe even in this newsletter. It is often attributed to Alexander Tydler, a Scottish history professor at the University of Edinburgh during the late 1700's. We are approaching a unique presidential election. Never before have we had candidates who would lead our country in such completely opposite directions.

Now seems like a good time to re-visit it.

How Long Do We Have?

"A democracy is always temporary in nature; it simply cannot exist as a permanent form of government. A democracy will continue to exist up until the time that voters discover they can vote themselves generous gifts from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always vote for the candidates who promise the most benefits from the public treasury, with the result that every democracy will finally collapse due to loose fiscal policy, which is always followed by a dictatorship. The average age of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning of history, has been about 200 years. During those 200 years, those nations always progressed through the following sequence:

1. From bondage to spiritual faith;
2. From spiritual faith to great courage;
3. From courage to liberty;

4. From liberty to abundance;
5. From abundance to complacency;
6. From complacency to apathy;
7. From apathy to dependence;
8. From dependence back into bondage"

We are deeply into stage 7.

"2016: Obama's America" opened at theatres yesterday. Every voter should see it. Don't expect to be entertained.

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Tom Hornig thornig@vonbriesen.com responded:

1. Hangouts.

Liska's service station at 4th and Grand. When in my 5 - 10 period.

Doug Nieman and I would stop there like twice a day.

Orange Crush and a bag of peanuts.

5 cents for the peanuts.

Ahhh, those were the days. Have Bike will travel. I still bike - 30 on Saturday. Now almonds and water.

2. Foreign languages.

Four years of Spanish. Ms. Olson followed by Ms. LaP. Both great.

Not so great results with me. Its like I went to "Five Minute University instead !

Ms. LaP gave me B's because she liked me or was afraid of Rog - not sure which. I sure didn't earn them. NOW I can roll my R's. And Ms. LaP is passed. Nuts.

3. Where have all the birds gone? Damned if I know. Did ya ask 'em ?

4. Words from your heritage. Any words from your ancestors still in your vocabulary - like Norwegian - Uufdaah! Ya !

5. Class of 65 goes on Medicare this year. Not me. Still workin'. Thank God my firm's plan is better. Think I'll retire when I get old. OOOPPS !! O.K. many years after that !!!

6. Your thoughts about Paul Ryan. I was Paul's father's law partner for many years. Knew young Paul as "P.D." Great kid. Great young man. Great Congressman. O.K. His politics resonate with me - I admit it, but this is an outstanding and honest statesman. Take this to the Bank. He Cares.

Tom.

Kathy (Willems) Gotter gotterkd@yahoo.com writes:

#1. The white beach was a favorite hangout starting in 8th grade when we were at Children's Choice School. My good friend, Sue Heath Kromenacher, lived around the bend so we would spend all day. The exercise of riding my bike there didn't hurt either. Those were the days!!

#6. My son told me a year ago that Paul Ryan would end up as president soon. This may be the start of his run. He thinks the sun rises and sets with him. We'll see! I don't have much faith in any of the career politicians. But I would be very happy to be proven wrong. And I use to love politics! :(My husband says

I am so naive'. I just like to see the good in everyone but maybe when I grow up.....

One more time.....thanks, Kent , for all you hard work with this newsletter.

The man whispered, "God, speak to me."

And a meadowlark sang.

But the man did not hear.

So the man yelled, "God, speak to me!"

And the thunder rolled across the sky.

But the man did not listen.

The man looked around and said, "God, let me see you."

And a star shone brightly.

But the man did not notice.

And the man shouted, "God, show me a miracle!"

And a life was born.

But the man did not know.

So, the man cried out in despair.

"Touch me God, and let me know that you are here!"

Whereupon God reached down and touched the man.

But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.

MORAL: Don't miss out on a blessing because it isn't packaged the way you expect.