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Lincoln High Newsletter

This week's topics:

1. Why you love/hate winter.
2. Stuff you memorized in grade school / high school and still remember.
3. Homecoming memories.
4. Paper or Plastic?
5. Sadie Hawkins dances. Did you have Sadie Hawkins dances at LHS?
6. School bus drivers.

and responses:

Don Wylie dwyllie@chorus.net writes:

These are very personal topics:

1. I love winter. Why? Because when I grew up on the farm, summers were all work and no play. But in winter, when there was snow and Powers Bluff County Park. Skiing was free and for about \$1.50, Olie Arneson rented skies, boots and poles for all the fun a kid could get. Powers Bluff is still there but they don't make snow so skiers are at nature's mercy. It also has the most beautiful blooms of Trillium flowers in early May. Check it out around Mother's Day.

2. Stuff I memorized in school. Arithmetic - Chris Mattheis (LHS 65) and I went to a one room grade school, Altdorf on County D. Since there were 8 grades and 24 kids in one class room with only one teacher, we had a lot of free time. We drilled on arithmetic flash cards to break the boredom. Chris is now an accountant and once said to me, "Do you notice that for simple addition, subtraction and multiplication, you get the answer in your head before your hand gets to the calculator?" We learned it at Altdorf.

Some of the most useful math I learned was from Mr Wagoner's class at LHS - mainly trigonometry and geometry. Polly Sci and Government - I learned far more from Mr. Geotzke's class at LHS than the one BS course I took in college.

3. Homecoming memories - Where did all those Outhouses that always appeared on the LHS bonfire come from?

5. Sadie Hawkins dances - I remember Kathy Wittenburg (LHS 65) who usually sat in front of me in classes, asking "what would I say if I got twerped?" I said I'd give those usual answers that girls say

when they don't want to go out with you like, "I got a headache. I have to baby sit" Kathy said she was asking for someone else. I was a dumb teenager and I later found out that I really I blew it. At our ten year reunion, Karen Serchen revealed that she's the one Kathy was asking for. Karen was happily married by that time and so was I.

Gene Hafermann genehafermann@charter.net writes:

1. I love that after winter comes spring. I hate the bleakness if there is no snow. And I'm not too fond of extreme cold anymore.
 2. Words to many songs. A few Bible verses. SOHCAHTOA. A couple poems (Barefoot Boy and The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere).
 3. None.
 4. It depends. Frozen goes in plastic. Most everything else in paper or carry in bags.
 5. I think they had them, but I never was into dancing.
 6. Can't recall a one of them. Mostly car pooled though.
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Jack Sultze writes:

Winter?

Living in Southern California... what's not to love about the winters? We have had a long run of close to 100 degree weather this summer. Can't wait for a little "winter". It's about the only thing left that would make anyone want to live here.

Memorization?

"Thirth days hath September, April, June and November....."

Homecoming memory?

Participating in the theft of the outhouse that went on top of the bonfire. It was funny at the time, but it really was a "shitty" thing to do.

Paper or Plastic?

The following is a part of the signature that goes with my work e-mails:

Feel free to print this email!

Trees used for paper are a renewable resource.

They are fast-growing hybrids, farmed - like corn.

They are harvested and more are planted in their place.

These fast-growing forests absorb billions of tons of carbon and the pulp, paper and related industries employ hundreds of thousands of American workers.

I hate plastic grocery bags, though I suppose folks working in a plastic bag factory think they're great. Have the reusable bags but nine out of ten times forget to take them into the store. We recycle so trust that the bags we dispose of don't get into a landfill.

TIP: Tie them in a knot before putting them out. They won't blow around your neighborhood if the wind can't get inside.

Sadie Hawkins Dances.

We had 'em. I didn't do dances..... well, except at the Corpsman Hall where beer was involved. The kids now don't know that the concept originated from a comic strip.

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Kaaren (Berg) Brehmer kaarenknits@solarus.net writes:

The only good thing about winter is being able to be warm and snug inside by the fire. I don't like being too cold (or too warm) and having to bundle up just to go to the mailbox. I love the heated seats in the car and the fact that now that we're retired, I no longer have to shovel.

I can still sing row, row, row your boat in Latin! My husband can sing jingle bells in Latin. A friend who quite often sits next to me in church thinks I have all the hymns committed to memory--that's what 8 years of parochial school will do to you!

We try not to use paper or plastic. We have a large collection of cloth totes that we use. Cops even gives us a nickel off each time we use one.

I remember Sadie Hawkins Day at LHS. It was the only day the girls were allowed to wear pants to school---dress pants, not jeans.

Never rode the bus. Dick Calvi, whose Dad owned a bus company was in my class at Immanuel.

Chad Lewis chad.a.lewis@comcast.net writes:

The thing I remember memorizing in high school was "The Death of 69,000". Not appropriate for repeating here. Had to memorize Lincoln's Gettysburg Address in eighth grade and recite it in front of a crowd on Memorial Day. I left out one line but I don't think anyone noticed except my teacher.

I was asked to a Sadie Hawkins dance in eighth grade. It was winter time and when the girl came to get me. I slipped on the icy driveway and slid under my dad's car. I was embarrassed but unhurt and still had a good time.

40 days and 40 nights

Until the Presidential election

Testing whether this nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure.

Beyond Parody!

I'm from the government and I'm here to help you - from getting fat!

Michelle Obama's Share-the-Starvation School Lunch Program

http://www.americanthinker.com/blog/2012/09/michelle_obamas_share-the-starvation_school_lunch_program.html

Snacks: The USDA's Solution To Student's Healthy Lunch Complaints

Vilsack said the Obama Administration is working with school districts to create snack programs and encouraging parents to pack extra food for their kids.

<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/OTUS/snacks-usdas-solution-healthy-school-lunch-protests/story?id=17324285>