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ONE OF THE UNIQUE THINGS WHEN IT CAME TO DOING STUFF FOR FUN WAS A LOT OF KIDS IN TOWN DIDN'T KNOW WHAT FARM LIFE WAS LIKE, SO WHEN WE WERE OUT DOING WHAT WE CALLED WORK AND CHORES, THEY'D COME DOWN WANTING TO HELP US, AND THEY THOUGHT IT WAS PLAY TIME

WELL WHEN WE GRADUATED HIGH SCHOOL, GIRLS WEREN'T EXPECTED TO GO ONTO SCHOOL. THEY WERE JUST EXPECTED TO GET MARRIED AND HAVE A HOME, BUT I WORKED. I WENT TO SCHOOL, AND THEN I WORKED UNTIL I GOT MARRIED. I WORKED IN THE DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT IN INSURANCE COMPANIES.

AFTER HIGH SCHOOL I GOT DRAFTED INTO THE NAVY AND HAD A CAREER THERE, AND THEN I WORKED FOR DUKE ENERGY THE LIGHT COMPANY, AND BACK THEN IT WAS CALLED THE PUBLIC SERVICE OF INDIANA. I WENT DOWN TO TAKE THE ARMY PHYSICAL, AND THEN A BUNCH OF GUYS SAID, "WE WON'T GO IN THE ARMY, LETS GO JOIN THE NAVAL RESERVES!"... OKAY... WE GO DOWN AND JOIN THE NAVAL RESERVES. SO WERE DOWN THERE RIGHT? AND ALL THOSE GUYS, WE FILLED OUT ALL THE PAPERWORK, TAKE THE PHYSICAL AND DO ALL THIS STUFF, AND ALL THE OTHER GUYS HAVE GONE OFF TO GET SWORN IN, AND I'M SITTING THERE IN THE OFFICE WAITING. FINALLY THE DETAILER COMES OUT AND SAYS, "WE'VE GOT SOME GOOD NEWS, AND WE'VE GOT SOME BAD NEWS". "OKAY... WELL GIVE ME THE BAD NEWS FIRST". "WELL THE BAD NEWS IS THAT YOU CAN'T JOIN THE NAVAL RESERVES". AND I'M THINKING ALL THIS BAD STUFF, LIKE "OH IT'S MY EYES. OH I'M GOING HOME. I'M NOT GOING TO HAVE TO BE IN THE MILITARY; I'M GOING HOME." "WAIT A MINUTE.. WHAT'S THE GOOD NEWS?" "BECAUSE WE ALREADY GOTCHA".

IT'S HARDER FOR OUR GENERATION TO ADJUST TO ALL THE CHANGES IN COMPUTERS AND I THINK PEOPLE KNOW THINGS. IF SOMETHING HAPPENED, YOU KNEW IT RIGHT THEN, WHERE WHEN WE WERE GROWING UP AND SOMETHING HAPPENED, YOU MAY HAVE NOT HEARD ABOUT IT FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS, WHEREAS NOW, THE NEWS IS JUST IMMEDIATE. THINGS HAVE JUST CHANGED SO MUCH. SOMETIMES I THINK THEY'RE CHANGING FOR THE WORSE, AND THEN OTHER TIMES I THINK, "WELL MAYBE THEY'RE GETTING A LITTLE BETTER." I BELIEVE RELIGION HAS CHANGED A LOT FROM WHEN I WAS LITTLE. I DON'T THINK PEOPLE ARE TURNING TO RELIGION AND DOING THINGS THAT I WAS MORE TAUGHT UP TO DO.

OH THE BIGGEST CHANGE IN MY LIFE DEFINITELY HAS BEEN THE COMPUTERS; THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. THE INSTANT COMMUNICATION AND INSTANT KNOWLEDGE THAT IS GOING ON. ANOTHER THING ABOUT COMPUTERS, IS YOU KNOW I'VE WATCHED MY GRANDKIDS SIT SIDE BY SIDE AND TEXT ONE ANOTHER, BUT WHY DON'T THEY JUST TALK TO ONE ANOTHER? YEAH I DON'T THINK WE DO ENOUGH FACE TO FACE COMMUNICATION BECAUSE WE JUST DO IT ALL OVER COMPUTERS.

I THINK BEING HAPPY, TRYING TO LOOK FOR THE BRIGHT THINGS, AND WHEN THINGS GET DOWN, TRY TO FIND SOMETHING THAT YOU DWELL ON THAT'S POSITIVE I THINK PEOPLE NEED TO KEEP LOOKING THAT WE'RE ON EARTH FOR JUST A SHORT TIME, AND THERE IS AN ETERNAL LIFE, AND IF YOU BELIEVE THAT THERE IS AN ETERNAL LIFE, THEN THERE IS A FUTURE, AND IT ADJUSTS THE WAY YOU LIFE YOUR LIFE TODAY.

SAM AND JANET HASKETT BOTH RESIDE AT THE CARMEL SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY HOMES, AND THEY BOTH CONTINUE LIVING EACH DAY AS FULL AS POSSIBLE. FOR

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