

OPINION



Lisa's Lines

by Lisa Ingebrand

I thought it would be fun.
I thought it would be good for them.
I thought it would be special for them to use the old typewriter that once belonged to their great-grandmother.
I guess it was... for about a day.
My daughter Anna, who is in the fifth grade, is working on her keyboarding skills.
Typing is an important skill and I wanted to help her master it (without breaking our family budget).
The answer was my grandma Lois Wann's old trusty electric typewriter.
Knowing my family, the machine would not have been tossed into the garbage. It was around, stashed on a shelf... somewhere.
Fortunately, my dad knew exactly where it was located and delivered it to my house for my girls to use.
Upon seeing the bulky thing, my curious 7-year-old Ellen questioned the machine.
"Mom, what is THAT?" she asked, looking dubiously at me while I blew a layer of dust off of it.
"It's a typewriter. You use it to type," I explained.

By then, both my daughters stood watching me unwrap the strange machine's cord and plug it in.
The power light near the keys lit up and the machine came to life.
"What are you doing, mom?" asked my 10-year-old—her eyes wide, obviously questioning her mother's sanity.
"I'm going to get this set up for you to practice your keyboarding," I explained.
"What?! That's for me? Why?" she spouted, making it sound like a punishment.
However, I could tell they were interested.
They wanted to push the typewriter's big black buttons.
They wanted to see what the contraption did.
So, proceeded to put a piece of paper into the machine with the girls giggling at the old-school cranking mechanism.
Then, I started to type, but it wasn't as exciting as I hoped. Nothing happened beyond the click, click, click of the skinny metal arms flying up and hitting the paper.
"Is something supposed to happen?" Ellen questioned. "I don't see anything."
The first portion of the old ribbon was dried up. Thankfully, as the ribbon advanced, letters started appearing—like magic—on the white paper.
"Wow! Let me try!" Anna said, waiting for me to vacate the chair in front of the typewriter.

I moved and let her bang away on the chunky keys.
"You really have to PUSH them!" she reported to her sister, who was watching closely.
When the slide of the typewriter had reached the far right edge of the paper, Anna was surprised that she could no longer type.
"What happened?" she asked, concerned she broke it.
I pushed the "return" button and my daughters' mouths fell open as the typewriter noisily zoomed back across to the left side and adjusted the paper's height appropriately.
"Do it again!" Ellen yelled.
For the next few minutes, my kids were entranced by the magic of the old machine. It was fun to watch their wonderment. I bet my grandma was smiling down on us, pleased they found interest in her once beloved typewriter.
Anna and Ellen sat and used the typewriter randomly throughout the day.
Anna, who enjoys playing school, was busy typing up "reports" (and was annoyed to learn that there is no "delete" button) and proclaimed her love for not having to deal with a printer. "Mom, it just goes onto the paper without a printer," she reported.
Ellen had fun typing her name and gibberish, making her fingers go as fast as they could across the keys. Her small hands found it tricky to hold down the "shift" button while typing a letter to capitalize it.
It was all fun and good until the next morning when little sister found a strategically typed note from her big sister that was still resting in the typewriter.
"Mom! What does this say? It has my name on it," she said, calling me over to read it for her.
The words, typed out as plain as day, read: Ellen is a butthead.
It was hard not to laugh. They can find ways to pick on each other even with a retro typewriter!
Ellen was furious and immediately wanted to type something in retaliation.
So, I had to pull the plug.
I had to cut the little squabble short and discipline Anna.
"Girls! This is not to be used in this manner," I heard myself saying while stashing my dear grandmother's old typewriter in our home office and closing the door to muffle my laughter.
Never in my life did I think I would have to regulate my kids' typewriter use.
They may never get cell phones.



Area Church Schedule

Thurs., November 14 - Wed., November 20, 2019

WATERVILLE Cannonville Community
20092 Tetonka Lake Road
Bible Believing
* Nondenominational *
507-384-2181

- Sun: 8:30 a.m. Church Service; 9:45 a.m. Christian Fellowship.

Evangelical United Methodist
Pastor Kathy King

- Thurs: 6:30 p.m. at RC Jail.
- Sun: 9:30 a.m. Worship.
- Wed: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Acts 29 Ministry.

First Baptist

- Sun: 8:45 a.m. 1st Worship Service & Sunday School for all ages; 10 a.m. Children's Christmas Practice & Coffee Connection; 10:30 a.m. 2nd Worship Service & Kingdom Kids & Children's Program Practice.
- Wed: 6 p.m. Awana Kids Club at Church; 6 p.m. 412 Youth at The Village.

Holy Trinity Catholic
Father Michael Ince

- Sat: 5 p.m. Mass.
- Sun: 10:30 a.m. Mass.

N. Waseca Lutheran ELCA
Pastor Kristen Anderson
40430 120th St., Waseca
507-234-6463

- Sun: 8:45 a.m. Worship.

St. Andrew's Episcopal
210 W. Lake St.
507-720-7251 • 362-8256
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- Sun: 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer; Snacks, Coffee & Fellowship to follow.

St. Peter (Bell) Lutheran
Rev. Russell Grabau

- Sun: 8:45 a.m. Sunday

School; 10 a.m. Worship (Guest Pastor Brian Johnston); Fall Dinner.
• Wed: 4:15 - 5:45 p.m. Catechism.

Trinity Lutheran LCMS
Rev. David Mumme

- Thurs: 1 p.m. Shut In Calls; 11 a.m. MNS Finance Committee Mtg; 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study.
- Fri: 1 p.m. Shut In Calls
- Sun: 7:45 a.m. Divine Service; 9 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School; 10 a.m. Divine Service.
- Tues: 6:15 a.m. Bible Study at Church.
- Wed: 3:45 p.m. 7th Gr. Catechesis; 5:15 p.m. 8th Gr. Catechesis.

ELYSIAN Bethlehem Lutheran
Rev. Russell Grabau

- Sun: 8:30 a.m. Worship (Guest Pastor Brian Johnston).
- Wed: 9 a.m. - Noon Elysian Quilters.

St. Andrew's Catholic
Father Michael Ince

- Sun: 8:30 a.m. Mass.

United Methodist
Pastor Dean Wolf

- Sun: 9 a.m. Worship (Karaoke); 10 a.m. Fellowship & Sunday School.

MORRISTOWN Bethlehem Lutheran
Pastor Travis J. Loeslie

- Thurs: 6:30 a.m. Bible Breakfast.
- Sat: 9 a.m. A.A. Mtg.
- Sun: 9 a.m. Divine Service/HC; 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class.
- Wed: 3:45-5:15 p.m. Confirmation; 7 p.m. Choir Practice.

Peace United Methodist
Pastor Elden Eklund
507-331-8901

- Sun: 9:30 a.m. Church Service with SS & Fellowship to follow.
- Tues: 7 p.m. Church Council.
- Wed: 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship at Church; 3:30 p.m. Kids at Peace for K-5th Gr.

Trinity Lutheran
North Morristown
Rev. Juan Palm
507-685-2307
Handicap Accessible

- Sun: 8:30 a.m. Bible Class; 9:30 a.m. Worship.
- Wed: 8:40 a.m. Chapel.

KILKENNY St. Canice Catholic

- Sun: 9 a.m. Mass.

St. John's Lutheran
Vacancy Pastors

- Sun: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

CLEVELAND Church of Christ
www.clevelandchurch.net
507-931-5924
900 State Hwy 99, Cleveland
Randy Hardy, Interim Pastor

- Sun: 10 a.m. Worship Service.

St. Paul's Lutheran on German Lake ELCA
P.O. Box 219,
Cleveland, MN 56017
10 mi. W of Waterville or
10 mi. NW of Elysian
Pastor Richard Jorgensen
507-332-8066
stpaulslutherangermanlake.com

- Sun: 9:30 a.m. Worship.

Those Were The Days

125 Years Ago November 14, 1894
Don't wait until you get sick from wet or cold feet and it costs you a \$10 doctor bill, but come a running to Bliss, Greene, & Co.'s and get a pair of arctics. All sizes and prices from 60 cents to \$2.25.
Morristown has a new manufacturing industry, that of flat elm barrel hoops.
For the next 30 days I will give two dozen cabinet photos for \$3 to introduce my work and become acquainted with the people. Miss K.C. Fitzgerald, photographer
One of the first questions by prospective visitors to a town is: "Is there a good hotel there?" Speaking of Waterville we can we say emphatically, yes. At the Union House all the requirements of the traveler will be satisfied in every respect. Mr. McGuire, the genial host, is one of those whole souled, happy men liked by all that meet his acquaintance and who neglects nothing that will enhance the comforts of his guests. The sleeping apartments are nicely furnished, and the table as good as any \$1 per day house can afford. Free bus to and from all trains.
100 Years Ago November 14, 1919
The schools observed Armistice Day with exercises at the school, a street parade, and a very fine patriotic program at the Gem Theatre in the evening.
The Greenland store has been opened with Otto Guentzel in charge of the business.
Harry Hershey and Leonard Witter were killed last evening at the Uno Theatre in Morristown. They were making preparations for that evening's show. The accident happened shortly after six o'clock. It is believed that fire got to a pile of films causing an explosion. The bodies were not discovered until the fire had been nearly subdued. Building was somewhat damaged by fire.
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Loan. We at home are asked to invest our money in War Bonds. Your purchase of War Bonds furnishes the money to buy our fighting men the weapons and equipment they must have.
50 Years Ago November 13, 1969
Tom Ellingsworth, formerly of Elysian, and a graduate of Waterville High School, will be the new editor and publisher of the Barnesville Record - Review at Barnesville, Minnesota.
Mr. and Mrs. Al Comeaux of Waterville have sold the Tetonka Lake Resort and North Shore Greenhouse at Waterville to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wolfs of Bloomington. The Comeauxs who have been in Waterville for 17 years, are entering the greenhouse business at Marshalltown, Iowa.
25 Years Ago November 17, 1994
Pastor Erwin Meitz, pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waterville, gave the Veterans Day address at the Third Street Park in Waterville. Veteran Marlowe Burns played Taps on his harmonica because there was no trumpet player available. VFW members Herman Solyntjes and Glen Hildebrant gave the gun salute while John O'Leary stood at attention with both the American Flag and the VFW Flag.

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Letter to the Editor

Give us back our Constitutional Rights

In a recent Waterville City Council meeting the topic of restricting the amount of citizen time was brought forward by Councilman McIntyre.
This was an unexpected change. There is no history of a citizen doing a filibuster and talking hours-on-end unnecessarily? There was not a history of citizen-time being abused? Then why was this brought forward as a problem that needed fixing? Why is this even something the city council would discuss? Even if a citizen abused their time to talk, why take away the rights of all citizens?
On August 12, 2019 the city council voted to approve a policy which restricts the length of time a citizen can talk about a given subject.

The time was restricted to only 3 minutes. But this is not the worst part of the new policy. Now, only ONE citizen can talk about an issue. This means if something has already been talked about, no one else can voice their agreement in detail. Even if the issue impacts an entire neighborhood, segregated population or heaven forbid, the entire city. The person to speak first is now the spokesperson. Furthermore, the council will never know how many people feel the same way. This instantly diminishes the significance of an issue impacting the citizens of Waterville. The Mayor always has the ability to control a meeting, ask a citizen not to repeat themselves and manage time. The Mayor's job as the Chair of the meeting, is to manage the meeting.
I do question how this is

even legal. Can a city take away our 1st Amendment rights of Freedom of Speech, Freedom to Assemble Peaceably and to Petition the Government for a Redress of Grievances? What is next, taking away the Freedom of the Press so letters like this are buried?
Our Mayor and Council ran for office talking about improving communication. Remember that the next time they are up for re-election. In the meantime, let them know that taking away our constitutional rights is something you won't stand for.

By the way, if you read this letter one more time, you have exceeded your 3 minutes.
'nuff said

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Exaggeration postcards from Waterville's years gone by are not uncommon especially if they relate to fishing. Aren't these some nice big walleyes? (Postcard pictured is undated.)

THE BOOK CORNER

Kindness is free, let's pass it on.
"A Pound of Kindness" by Doug Cornfield—Children's Picture Book.
"A Passion for Kindness: Making the World a Better Place to Lead, Love, and Learn" by Tamara Letter—Adult Non-Fiction.
"A Little Spot of Kindness" by Diane Alber—Children's Paperback.
"Loving Kindness: Happy Feelings for Little Ones" by Whitney Stewart—Children's Board Book.
"The Language of Kindness: A Nurse's Story" by Christie Watson—Adult Biography.
"The Kindness of Enemies" by Leila Aboulela—Adult Fiction.
"Esther the Kindness Fairy" by Daisy Meadows—Junior Fiction.
"The Secret History of Kindness" by Melissa Holbrook Pierson—Adult Audiobook.
"Kindness Goes Unpunished" by Craig Johnson—Adult Large Print Fiction.
"Clara is Left Out: A Book About Bullying & Kindness" by Kerry Dinmont—Children's Non-Fiction Picture Book.
"Starworld" by Audrey Coulthurst and Paula Garner—Young Adult Fiction.
These titles and many more can be found at the Waterville Public Library or through the Traverse des Sioux Library System at tds-mt.iii.com.
"Be a little kinder than you have to." ~ E. Bennett