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NEWSLETTER

**WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, SIOUX FALLS, SD**

Serving The Classes of the Great '50's Decade. Photos & Stories Welcome!

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# WHS ALL-SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Sept. 18,19,20, 2015

Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse or Guest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Weekend Cost, \$50.00 per person – Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Registration: Sioux Falls Convention Center (Hallway)  
5 p.m. - Kickoff Homecoming Football Game (WHS vs. O’Gorman): Howard Wood Field  
\$5.00 per person Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please add this amount to check)  
7 p.m. Heavy Appetizers – Cash Bar - Sioux Falls Convention Center **Exhibit Hall 1**  
8 p.m. – 12 a.m. Visiting, dancing, getting reacquainted

### Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. Continuing Registration – Sioux Falls Convention Center (Hallway)  
1 p.m. to 4 p.m. “Just Visiting” will be available in venue to be announced. # \_\_\_\_\_  
Trolley rides – downtown Sioux Falls and The Falls # \_\_\_\_\_  
Tours of the Pavilion (Retired teachers/staff present in Alumni Hall) # \_\_\_\_\_  
**NOTE:** Destination tours Include: (Rotating Buses will be stopping at all 5 destinations)  
**Multiple Tours** “New” Washington High School # \_\_\_\_\_ Sanford Sports Complex # \_\_\_\_\_  
**May Be Signed** Veteran’s Memorial Park # \_\_\_\_\_ Joe Floyd’s Ford Car Collection # \_\_\_\_\_  
**Up For.** Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum # \_\_\_\_\_  
5 p.m. to 6 p.m. Social Hour – Cash Bar - Sioux Falls Convention Center **Grand Ballroom**  
6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Dinner (Seated by year of graduation)  
**Please check** \_\_\_\_\_ Oriental Glazed Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Glazed Pork Tenderloin  
7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. – Cavern Beat (Chicago, Il) Tribute to the Beatles (Concert)  
10:30 p.m. to midnight – Visiting

### Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

10 a.m. – Continental Breakfast (Venue to be decided) Please Indicate number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Blocks of rooms:

Sheraton Hotel	Comfort Inn and Suites	Holiday Inn City Center	Ramada Hotel & Suite
605-331-0100	605-275-9577	605-339-2000	605-275-2702
\$119	\$109 Single/Double	\$119	\$118
8/28 Cutoff	\$119 Suites	9/19 Cutoff	8/18 Cutoff
	9/1 Cutoff		

May stay at any of the other motel/hotels/campgrounds of your choice.

Make Check Payable to: WHS All-School Reunion and Send to:  
Marlys Hohman, 1127 North Covell Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57104

**Registration Deadline: September 1, 2015**

**No refunds after: September 1, 2015**

Any questions: Marlys at 605-271-9084 or [marlysanna@aol.com](mailto:marlysanna@aol.com)

**FOR INDIVIDUAL CLASS GET TOGETHERS SEE LIST BELOW.**



**Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

# Old WHS All Staff



**September 19\*, 2015 2-4 pm**

**at the Alumni Hall  
3rd floor of the  
Washington Pavilion**

**FREE REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE**

**-Informal atmosphere-**

**Be prepared to visit  
with old friends**



**Be you a former:**

Teacher  
Administrator  
Counselor  
Office Staff  
Custodian  
Cook  
Nurse

or any staff position,

Please come and share your stories and memories

• If you have memorabilia you wish to donate, please bring it.

• The WHS Historical Committee is currently searching for possible candidates for membership in the WHS Hall of

Distinction. If you know of any former students who might qualify, let us know at the reunion.

Qualifications for Hall of Distinction, and a list of members, can be found at our website at : [www.sfwhshc.org](http://www.sfwhshc.org) or on our Facebook page.



**\*Date coincides with the WHS All School Reunion**

For more information, contact Bob Caselli at:  
[recfancy@sio.midco.net](mailto:recfancy@sio.midco.net), or Mick Zerr @ [zermick@gmail.com](mailto:zermick@gmail.com)

# Old WHS All Staff



**Sept. 19, 2015 2-4pm**

Over the years you were at WHS, you probably had an interesting, funny, or otherwise memorable experience/photo or two. These stories/pictures would be great to share.

We encourage you to e-mail them to us, (preferred) or send them U.S. Mail. These stories will be compiled and put in a booklet which we can make available to all staff alumni. Even if you can't make it to the Sept. 19th reunion, please send us your story/photo.(we will send you a copy of the booklet.)

**Please include the following:**

1. The approximate year and location it took place. (such as: 1961, in the cafeteria)
2. Your position at the time (please indicate if you do not want your name included).
3. Do not give other peoples names in the story; just give their position at the time\*.  
(\*such as: assistant principal, senior, junior, janitor, cook, counselor, home-coming marshall, basketball center, etc).
4. Since photos can't be returned, please scan/copy your original if you want to keep it. Best is to e-mail a copy of the photo to us.
5. Restrict photos/stories to events that took place at WHS, or at a school activity. Photos of the building, both outside and inside, are welcome, even if no people are present. We can also use such photos for our website.

**Please e-mail your story(s)/photo(s)to: [sfwhshc@gmail.com](mailto:sfwhshc@gmail.com) or mail to:**

**Mick Zerr**

**6009 W. Jordan Ct.**

**Sioux Falls, SD 57106**

**For questions: [zermick@gmail.com](mailto:zermick@gmail.com)**



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Anyone with special dietary or wheelchair transportation needs, please contact Marlys.

Venues will be available Friday and Saturday afternoons for visiting.

### DESTINATION TOURS:

**The “New” Washington High School**, students will be available to give tours.

**Mary Jo Wegner Arboretum** is a historic 115-acre plot rich with evidence of the past - stone quarries, rail lines, building foundations, town roads, and more, which began as a dream. A local visionary for the environment, Mary Jo Wegner imagined a natural haven in Sioux Falls with wetlands, gardens and native plants. The Arboretum provides recreation and education. A living link to the past and a great stake in our future: the Arboretum will help future generations foster a relationship with the environment while sharing the story of how earlier cultures interacted with the natural world. 1900 South Perry Avenue, Sioux Falls, SD 57110

**Sanford Sports Complex** is 162 acres that will serve and excite people of all ages and all walks of life. If you can play it... it will be available on this complex.  
2210 West Pentagon Place, Sioux Falls, SD 57107

**Veterans’ Memorial Park** - The dream of a veterans' memorial that recognizes the military history of our community and allows for a place to reflect on the sacrifices that all veterans made has been realized.

First inspired by Msgr. James Andrasckho of Holy Spirit Church, the vision became reality as the City of Sioux Falls and veterans organizations embraced the idea. A committee began by researching various ideas, meeting with designers, veterans groups and the public. A professional design team refined those ideas and a master plan was developed for the Park.

The US Army Air Corps used the selected site, North of Terrace Park, during World War II. The park, which was dedicated on September 9, 2006, includes an entryway with flags, plazas, walls, and an amphitheater. The design of the park allows for memorials to be built over time in various spaces. 1021 West Bailey Street, Sioux Falls, SD 57104.

**Joe Floyd Ford Car Collection** – There are about 30 cars in the collection. The majority is the 1936 Ford. We do not have a complete collection of restored models. We have one of all the models Ford made that year (14). Then we have some examples of the Ford, Lincoln and Mercury “shoebox” design popular in 1949 thru 1951. Some trucks from the 1930’s and 1948 all Fords. Plus a FORD Model A sport coupe. We have a 1967 and 1958 Chevy convertible. The shop is located at 200 Industrial Drive in Harrisburg just behind the new sports complex. Take the drive marked Harrisburg Public Storage just to the rear of the sports complex.

Anyone interested in a tee shirt or sweatshirt may purchase such on: **Washington High School Warriors Apparel Store** Website.



## **UPDATED - Individual Class Activities - New Info. In Red**

**Many individual classes are planning a “get together” for just their class during the 2015 All School Reunion.** The O&B is most happy to list and help promote each of the class events. If your class has something planned and you do not see it on the list below, please let the O&B know.

**Class of 1946:** The class of '46 is holding a luncheon at 12 noon on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015 at Touchmark at All Saints located at 111 W. 17th St., Sioux Falls, SD 57104. For more information call Ardis Colby Williams '46 at 605-332-5384.

**Class of 1950:** A true story: Two girls met the first day of college at Augustana in 1977. They became lifelong best friends. They soon realized that both their dads were graduates of the class of 1950 WHS! They are me - Kristi Erickson Clark (daughter of Charles Erickson) and Cathy Qualseth Bernard (daughter of Don Qualseth). We got together recently and decided to have a reunion for our dads and their classmates. Here are the details: We are doing it in conjunction with the all school reunion this fall. Friday Noon, September 18, Sioux Falls Convention Center: Luncheon, \$25 per person. RSVP and check made out to Cathy Bernard and sent to: WHS 1950 Reunion c/o Kristi Clark, 16516 Marais Drive, Olathe, Kansas 66062: Phone #s, Kristi, 760-525-4832 or Cathy, 507-213-1883

**Class of 1952:** A luncheon will be held at 11 am on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015 at Beef O Brady's Family Sports located at 2210 W. 69th St. in Sioux Falls. You will order from the menu. For more information, and/or a ride, contact, Betty Holmoe Pfieffe '52 at 728 E. Greenbrier Place, Sioux Falls, SD 57108. Phone is 605-310-8687. Email, [waltleyse@hotmail.com](mailto:waltleyse@hotmail.com)

**Class of 1953:** On Apr 24, 2015, Sharon Frank Johnson '53 <[shrnfaye@sio.midco.net](mailto:shrnfaye@sio.midco.net)> wrote: Hi Jack, Thanks for your call and efforts to get our reunion news into the O&B. Since we did not have a 60th reunion, we're calling our gathering an “80th Birthday Party for the Class of '53”.....seemed fitting, as we are all there or will be shortly. Plans are not totally finalized, but we have reserved Minnehaha Country Club for a brunch at 10:00 on Saturday Morning, Sept. 19. The cost will be about \$15 and Joanie Hobson Keuser will be taking the reservations and checks (separate from the reunion itself.) Her address is 2425 S. Main Ave., Sioux Falls, SD 57105. Her email is [dj.keuser@sio.midco.net](mailto:dj.keuser@sio.midco.net) for anyone who has questions, or my email is [shrnfaye@sio.midco.net](mailto:shrnfaye@sio.midco.net). That will give everyone time to attend the afternoon tours, which, I believe they will find interesting. Marlys has done a great job of getting things organized!

Thanks again.

Sharon Frank Johnson '53

**Class of '54:** A Class of '54 dinner will be held on Thursday evening, Sept. 17, 2015 at the Country Club of Sioux Falls, formerly, The Westward Ho Country Club. **The Trio Chairwomen for the evening are Marilyn Hill Viehweg '54, Lois Rossow Gellerman '54 and Mary Kay Houston Moen '54** There will be a no host cocktail party with a cash bar from 5:30 to 6:30 pm followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30 pm. **The price for the evening will be \$25.00 per person. (Reduced from the original price of \$39.00.)** Since this dinner is being held on Thursday night, Sept. 17th, the night prior to the beginning of the All School Reunion, all out of town '54 classmates should plan on arriving in Sioux Falls by at least that Thursday, the 17th. **Please send your check for \$25.00 per person to Marilyn Viehweg at 4315 Townpark Place, Sioux Falls, SD 57105.** Be sure and include your phone number and indicate if you will need a ride. Receiving your reservation as soon as possible will be greatly appreciated for planning purposes, but they must be in by Sept. 1, 2015.

**Class of '54 Special Note On Lodging:** A block of more economic rooms has been reserved for the Class of '54 at the **Dakotah Lodge**, 3200 Russell St. in Sioux Falls, 57107. Phone, 800-658-4508 for a price of **\$60.00 for Thursday night and \$80.00 for Friday and Saturday nights.** As long as they last, you will have a choice of a room with one king bed or one room with two queen beds. Breakfast is included each

## Individual Class Activities - Continued: - New Info. In Red

morning. You should ask for reservations under, **“WHS Class of ’54”**. The Dakota Lodge is 1.4 miles from the Convention Center. The Dakota Lodge’s email address is [frontdesk@dakotalodge.com](mailto:frontdesk@dakotalodge.com). Of course you are welcome to stay at any other hotel of your choice.

**Class of ’55:** Mavis Larson Carl ’55 has informed me that the class of ’55 will be holding a cocktail party on Thursday evening, Sept. 17, 2015 from 5 pm to 9 pm at Skellys Pub & Grill, located at 130 S. Phillips Ave. Sioux Falls, SD 57104, phone, 605-221-0244. “Heavy appetizers” will be served with the cash bar. Since this party is being held on Thursday night, Sept. 17th, the night prior to the All School Reunion commencing, all out of town ’55 classmates should plan on arriving in Sioux Falls by at least that Thursday. For more information you may call Mavis at 605-360-4546 or email her at [mcarl47071@aol.com](mailto:mcarl47071@aol.com)

**Class of ’57:** The **“Boys of ’57”** will be holding their 11th consecutive gathering at Pete Hegg’s Circle H. Ranch on Wednesday, Sept. 16th through Friday, Sept. 18th and returning to Sioux Falls in time for the All School Reunion. See Pete’s email next and then more information following his email.

On Jun 1, 2015, at 3:46 PM, **Pete Hegg ’57** <[peterhegg@heggcompanies.com](mailto:peterhegg@heggcompanies.com)> wrote:



**Pete Hegg ’57**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

Jack....thought you might enjoy seeing last years "Boys of 57" outing at the Circle H Ranch, This will be our 11th consecutive year of hosting that group and it usually runs from 15 to 22 guys that show up. A wonderful time is had by all. Just wish we had started this 20 years ago. Lots of story tellin, beer drinkin, and lots of laughs. A Great Bunch of Guys.... As we get older we can tell the same stories over again because most of us cant remember them from year to year. We have the following states represented almost each year:SD, Calif, Florida, AZ, WA, Maryland, CO, MN, Washington, DC,Texas and others. Our next gathering will be Sept. 16,17 and 18 just prior to the all school reunion. Why don't you come out and join us this year as a honor member.

Again thanks for all you do for WHS  
alums **Pete Hegg ’57**

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The great news for this year’s “Boys of “57” reunion is that Arthur C Mellette will be a guest speaker on September 17<sup>th</sup>. As most of you know, Arthur C Mellette was the last governor of the Dakota Territory and the first governor of South Dakota so obviously he personally will not be available to tell his own exciting story but will be portrayed by John Timm. Mr. Timm has done extensive research on the life of Governor Mellette which he has written about and performed living history portrayals of the governor statewide at different organizations since 1999.

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Pete has told me that all male members of the class of ’57 are invited however, accommodations at the ranch are limited to 30 so reservations are based on first come, first served. There is a charge of \$185.00 which includes room and board from arrival from on Wednesday between 4 and 5 pm through lunch on Friday. The ranch is 165 miles from Sioux Falls, (3hr. driving time). You can check the beautiful ranch out at [www.circlehranch.com](http://www.circlehranch.com)

For more information or to sign up for this years, “Boys of ’57” Reunion you can contact:



**Pete & Marilyn Hegg**  
**With Gus**



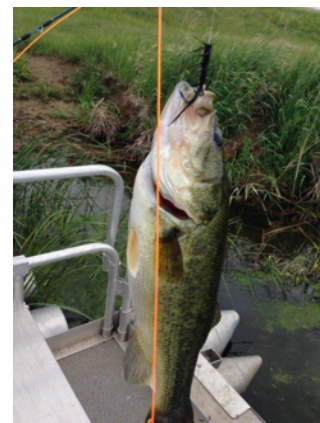
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Beautiful Bass  
caught by  
John Simko '57  
at last years  
"Boys of '57"  
Reunion.



**The Boys of '57 have gathered for 11 consecutive years at Pete Hegg's, "Circle H Ranch"**

**Editor's Note:** The O&B sincerely thanks Pete Hegg and the Boy's '57 for rescheduling their 2015 reunion to coincide with the 2015 All School Reunion.

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**Class of '59:** On Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> the Class of '59 will gather at Pappy's from 5:30-7:30. We will reminisce or just make something up if we can't remember what we did. There will be a cash bar (wine and beer only) and we will provide the appetizers. Pappy's is brand new and is located on the corner of 9<sup>th</sup> and Phillips. We will be the only ones there so don't worry about introducing yourself to someone who is not a part of our class. We will provide nametags also. There is outside seating in case we are experiencing one of our wonderful fall days.

There will be no charge for this event but since we will be ordering appetizers, it would be greatly appreciated if you could let me know if you are planning on attending and also if you are bringing a spouse, significant other, or your caretaker. My email address is [connienelson59@gmail.com](mailto:connienelson59@gmail.com) and my phone number is 605-261-9698.

This notice is being e-mailed to about 170 of our classmates – some addresses, of course, will not be current. Please send this e-mail on to any classmates in your address book and also tell those friends who may not have email. Remember to pass the word on to your friends and also to let me know if you are coming.

Thanks. **Connie Henline Nelson '59**

**Other Classes:** If your class is having a class get together but it is not listed above please let the O&B know the details and it will appear in the next O&B.

**Dakota Lodge Block Now Available To All Classes:** A larger block of rooms have now been reserved at the Dakota Lodge so now **ALL WHS Classes** are now welcome to take advantage of the block of more economic rooms that has been reserved for the Class of '54 at the **Dakotah Lodge**, 3200 Russell St. in Sioux Falls, 57107. The reservation phone number is 800-658-4508. The price is **\$60.00 for Thursday night and \$80.00 for Friday and Saturday nights**. As long as the room supply lasts you will have a choice of a room with one king bed, or one room with two queen beds. Breakfast is included each morning. You should still ask for reservations under, **"WHS Class of '54"**. The Dakotah Lodge is located 1.4 miles from the Convention Center. The Dakotah Lodge's email address is [frontdesk@dakotalodge.com](mailto:frontdesk@dakotalodge.com).

#### **Current Lodging Information: Letter From Jane Winnett '54.**

On May 16, 2015, **Jane Winnett '54** <winnettjane220@gmail.com> wrote:  
Just made my reservations at the **Sheraton** and thought I would tell you she said there were only 2 more rooms available at the \$119 rate. But there is a special of \$114. for Thurs. nite.

#### **Additional Hotel Rates: From ASR Chairwoman, Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57:**

On May 13, 2015, **Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57**, <marlysanna@aol.com> wrote:  
Jack, I did some checking with the other motels that are in the area of the Convention Center and thought maybe these motels and approximate cost should be published.

Super 8 - 2 queens/2 people	\$75.80 (Before senior rate)
American Budget - 2 queens/2 people	\$65.00 (Before senior rate)
Sleep Inn - 2 queens/2 people	\$89.99 (Before senior rate)
Motel 6 - 2 full/2 people	\$65.99 (Before senior rate)
Best Western Ramkota - 2 queens/2 people	\$98.99 w/Senior Rate

These are the rates before taxes and people should read the reviews. You already have the Dakotah Lodge.  
**Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57**

## **Help The Committees... Make Your Reservations Now!**

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*Do you remember your first kiss?*

*Was it like this?*

*Click this link to help you recall.*

<http://965kvki.com/young-boy-describes-his-amazing-first-kiss-video/?trackback=fbshare>

*Reunions help you recall important moments like this.*





On Jun 4, 2015, at 4:22 PM, **Jim Ward '53** <J-CWard@charter.net> wrote:  
To fellow WHS grads who may have an interest in the history of Sampson:  
**Jim Ward '53**

## In Search of Sampson

As a member of the class of '53 at Washington High School, I came into contact with a school mascot and his story continues to interest me. I am searching for information about this mascot. Washington High was the home of the Warriors and Indian motives festooned everything about the school.

Members of the Sanford Hi-Y took the Indian mascot idea a step further by creating a paper mache grinning Indian statue. The picture attached shows Hi-Y members, Buzz Hyden, Jim Dalton and one other lad, making the statue.

For reasons I have never understood the mascot was named Sampson. I thought that a strange name under the circumstances but I said nothing as I was not directly involved with its creation. Sampson was displayed by Sanford Hi-Y on a number of occasions and our classmates thought we had created something special. When Sampson was not in use, he was stored in Buzz Hyden's garage.



The details are fuzzy with me but at some point there was an election being conducted at WHS and Sanford Hi-Y was supporting a candidate. Another candidate, Dick Wold, one of WHS's stellar athletes, was running in opposition. His supporters snuck into the Hyden garage and purloined Sampson. Suddenly, Sampson appeared on stage in the WHS auditorium with a large sign about his neck proclaiming "Sampson supports Wold." Some memories are indelibly imprinted in your mind. I can still see the look of incredulity on Buzz Hyden's face when he saw Sampson that day. The only other bit of Sampson's history I knew about before I began my search was that due to some rough handling Sampson's head was knocked off his body.

When recently I had the pleasure of discovering Jack Phillip's wonderful Orange and Black newsletter, I saw that the Sampson image still appeared from time to time. I learned from Ron and Steve Veenker who were graduates of classes later than mine that Sampson was burned in the boiler at WHS. I also learned that Steve Veenker's Dramatic's Club revived the mascot. Younger brothers of some of the class of '53 built a new Sampson. I have not seen a picture of it, nor do I know anything of its history.

I have been told that the administration of the school disapproved of the original Sampson - hence its demise in the boiler. This makes me wonder whether there was some early form of "political correctness" that objected to the Indian motive. I am totally uninformed on this and I confess that I do not even know if the Warrior motive is still in use.

I am writing this brief piece with the hope that some of the O&B newsletter readers might know more of Sampson's history.

**Jim Ward, WHS Class of '53**