

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, SIOUX FALLS, SD

An Internet Publication Especially for the Classes of the 1950's Decade. Your Photos & Stories Are Both Requested & Encouraged. Please Send to Jack Phillips: jackmp@me.com

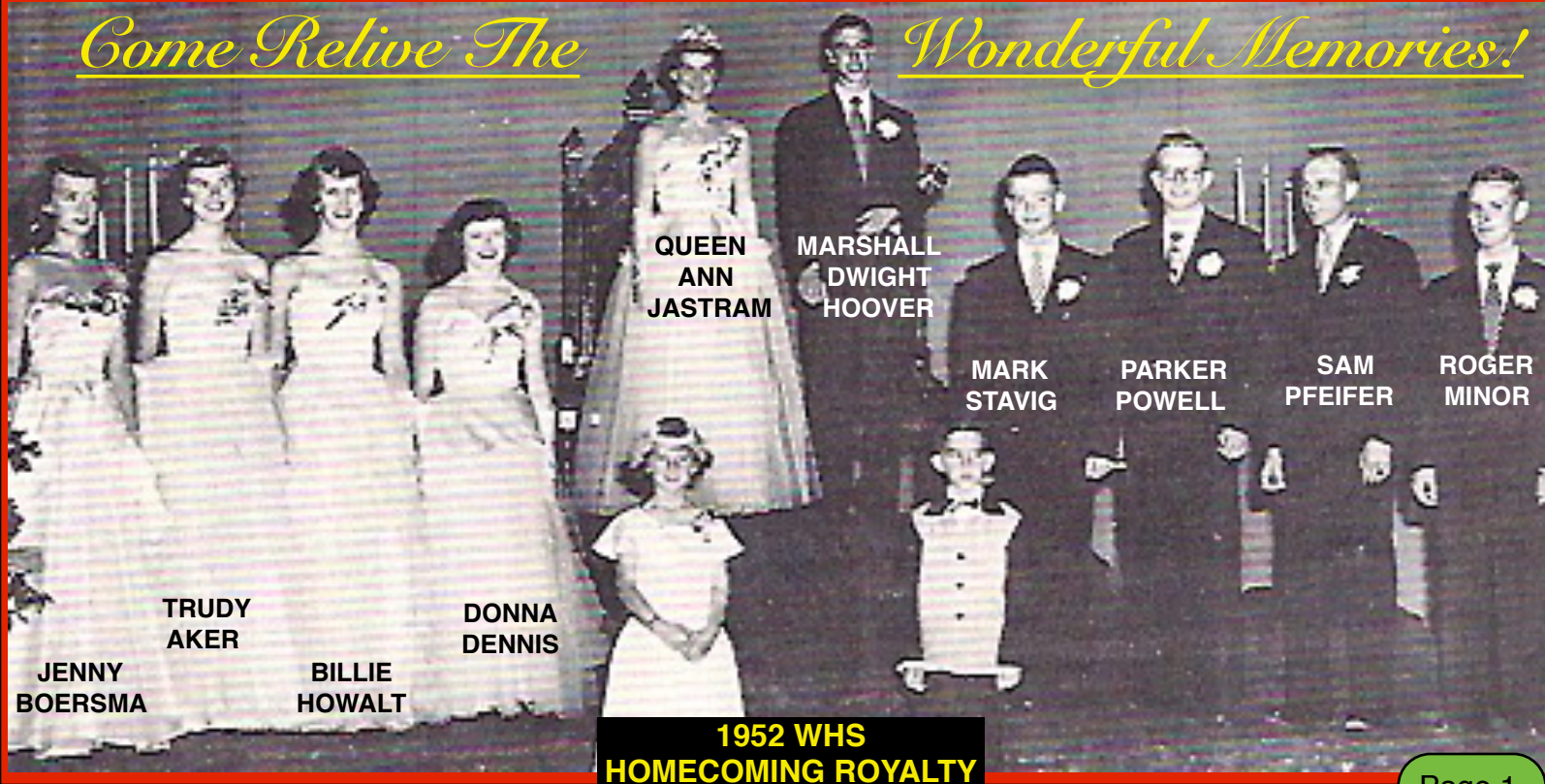
CLASS OF '52 REUNION

COMING TO SIOUX FALLS MAY 19 & 20!

The 1952 Class will celebrate their 60th Class Reunion of WHS in Sioux Falls, May 19 & 20, 2012. The Headquarters will be the Ramada. Registration will be May 19 (Sat.) from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. For reservations for a room call 1-605-336-1020. Let them know before April 19. The rooms are under 1952 WHS Class Reunion. The Reunion Class will attend the Graduation of the WHS at the Arena, Sunday May 20. The 1952 Class picture will be taken at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Convention Center in a special reserved room, which is connected to the Arena. The Graduation of the 2012 starts at 1 p.m. The Class of 1952 will sit as a group. If you have any questions, please call Tom Lemonds at 605-371-1916 or call Donna Bishop Landsman at 605-351-2934.

Come Relive The

Wonderful Memories!



Editorial on Orange & Black

First of Two items: Because of the continually increasing amount of time required by the ever expanding O&B, and from my increased personal business demands, I am unable to continue acknowledging all of the emails I receive from you like I have always done and wish I could continue doing. I am still receiving between 100 and 200 emails each day and just can't find the time to continue replying with a thank you or a courtesy response.

It bothers me a great deal not being able to respond to each of your letters, but please know that I still love hearing from you and truly appreciate you taking the time to write. I assure you that I read each letter and I will, of course, still respond to the letters I feel need need a response. Sometimes it may take awhile before you receive my response, but hopefully if you are expecting an answer you will get it in time.

In January Debra and I went on a 14 night Panama Canal Cruise. When I returned I had over a thousand emails waiting for me and it takes such a long time to catch up when I continue receiving new mail everyday. I am glad to say that I finally, just two days ago, responded to the last of my backlog. What a good feeling. I really appreciate you all for being so patient and understanding.

Second item: As I guess most of you realize, I have not published a "regular" edition of the O&B since December of 2011. I have only published "Special Editions" over the last 4 months. The main reason for this is simply that I am not receiving stories or news items from you sufficient to make up a newsletter.

Understandingly, I occasionally receive some slightly disparaging remarks from some of you when there are no stories or items of interest relating to your particular class in an issue. I assure you, this concerns me maybe more than it does you. I would like nothing more than to have news items and/or stories on every class from the '50's decade in every issue. But the only way that is possible is if you send me items to print.

In the beginning of the Alumni version of the O&B I would publish at least one regular issue per month and I will be happy to do so again with your cooperation in providing me the stories. However, back to time restraints, I must now ask that you submit your news items in a "ready to print" format. It is difficult for me to find the time to put your story together from several fragmentized paragraphs and/or emails. And please, don't forget to always include identified photographs.

Thank you.

Jack M. Phillips '54, Editor.

Only #12 remains unidentified in this photo taken on "Bob Burns Day", November 21, 1981.



#1. Jim Parker '55, #2 John Peckham, '52, #3 Jim Luce '57, #4 Dean Mann '50, #5 Jim Skaggs '53, #6 Don Renner '54, #7 John Norberg '51, #8 Francis Chase '52, #9 Jim Faust, #10 Tom Robertson '53, #11 Bud Olson '54, #12 ??, #13 Jack Phillips '54, #14 George McKeon '54, #15 Keith Morrill '54, #16 Coach Burns, #17 Dick Hopewell '55, #18 Dick Erickson '51, #19 Jack Neuroth '53, #20 Pat Smith '54, #21 Coach Grant Heckenlively, #22 Jerry Nelson '54, #23 Ron Moon '55, #24 Bill Friedhoff '50 and #25 Ken Noel '51.

2015 ALL SCHOOL REUNION???????

Do You Have Any Interest In Another All School Reunion In 2015?

Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57 and I frequently discuss the possibility of holding a 6th, All School Reunion in 2015. As you probably know, Marlys, is the lady who first came up with the idea of having an All-School Reunion and then so capably made it happen by chairing not only that first one in 1992, but also the next three held in 1995, 2000 and 2005.

As for myself, I would enthusiastically attend a reunion for my class of '54 as well as an All School Reunion every year if we had them that frequently. I dearly love coming back and rekindling so many wonderful old friendships. I know that lots of you share that love and that enthusiasm, but do you share it enough to support another All School Reunion in 2015 with your attendance.

Organizing such a reunion is an enormous undertaking and can be a fairly substantial financial risk. Marlys and I would like to plant the seed here and now for you to start thinking about the idea and talking about it among your friends. I encourage you to voice your opinions on the subject both pro and con through this publication.

Jack Phillips '54

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



On Dec 25,
2011, at 1:25
PM, Dr.
Wayne

Boese wrote:

Dear Jack,
Many thanks
for the effort
you are
putting into this
project. It really
helps me
connect with my
hometown in a
very meaningful
way. May I wish
you and
yours a
Merry
Christmas

Dr. Wayne Boese '56
WHS Senior Photo



Sally Keiser Boese '61
WHS Junior Yr. Photo.



Merry Christmas! from the Boeses

and a Happy New Year.

I am attaching our Christmas
letter. You may find it of interest.
Most cordially,
Wayne Boese, Class of 1956

Sally & Wayne at The Falls

This year we drove 6,000 miles through rural & remote places in the vast American West, with our destinations chosen for special reunions with family & friends, some not seen in 50+ years. Memorable visits with 3 in our wedding party, special cousins, & Sally's Aunt Ruby, living life to its fullest at age 97+. Awesome progress on the monumental Chief Crazy Horse, Wayne's 1st rodeo in Cody, the wondrous beauty of Flathead Lake (MT) & the bottomless cup of hospitality that still refreshes us daily. We "live in the moment" day by day with Sally's mom, Imogene, who will turn 100 on February 3rd. The 3 grandkids are sweeping prizes in Taekwondo. Wayne's volunteer activities, my work, & our singing keep us young at heart. We are not exactly "aging in place!"

What: The Great American Road Trip: 2011

When: Summertime Out West

Where: Our Home Town: Sioux Falls, SD; the Black Hills of SD; Cody, WY; Flathead Lake, MT; Door County, Wisconsin

Time: 1956 & 1961 Washington Senior High School Reunions (Wow, are we getting old!)

Other: Please plan a visit: see Richmond 1st on the big screen in Spielberg's "Lincoln". Stay in touch: Wayne: drwboese@gmail.com & Sally: sally.boese@gmail.com

New Year's Blessings to you all!



Kay Otten '54
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 4, 2012, at 3:15 PM, Kay Otten Romans wrote:

Hi, Jack, That is a lovely New Year's message. I took one of the passages to a book study group yesterday. As luck would have it, we got a small bit of new snow as I was reading it.

"The New Year lies before you like a spotless tract of snow.

Be careful how you tread on it, for every mark will show."

All is well here, for now. I had my fifth abdominal surgery just before Thanksgiving. I had a MYRSA infection, which is an infection that doesn't respond to antibiotics. I will be a four-year survivor of pancreatic cancer May 15; I guess it doesn't count until five years, but I'll take it, by trying to live each day as though it is my last. I continue to thrive on thoughts

and prayers of friends like you.

2011 was a year of travel--more than I have ever done in one year. Arizona in Feb., upper midwest in March, Charleston, Savanna and Jekyll Island in April, southern Spain, Strait of Gibraltar and Morocco in May, grandson's high school graduation in VA then meeting my daughter in downtown DC in June, grandson's music camp at Interlochen MI in July and meeting two friends in Wis. in Sept. as the leaves were turning. Topped off the year with 15 of us (family) going to Cancun last week--just unforgettable, by all.

My eldest daughter moved to Cape Cod in Sept. 2010, which is a wonderful place to visit. I went Thanksgiving 2010. Since then she has bought a house and I am going February on President's Day weekend.



Mary Otten '57
WHS Senior Photo

The Otten Sister's Wonderful Mexican Vacation.

From Kay Otten Roman '54 & Mary Otten Morton '57



The pyramid at Chichen Itza, Mexico, is considered the greatest of all Mayan temples. The "Treasury" in Petra, Jordan, was carved out of a sandstone rock face. It was featured in the film "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade."

Mary on a horse at Petra.





**Jane Ackerman '55
WHS Senior Photo**

On Mar 8, 2012, at 5:04 AM, **Jane Ackerman '55** wrote:

Jack, We talked about this some time back and now I have finally found time to send you some interesting pictures of myself in some of the activities that I have loved to do. I have 2 sons and a daughter, 3 grandchildren and a new great granddaughter. Since graduating from high school in 1955 I have had some great opportunities in regard to a career. I was fortunate to work with Dr. Lloyd Sweeney and assisted him in forming the Family Practice Residency in Sioux Falls where I was the Clinic Administrator for 10 years. When I left there we had 36 doctors in training. I moved to Minneapolis and secured a position as the District Office Manager at Dakota County VoTech. I then returned to medicine and worked as the Administrator for a group of surgeons for the next 10 years.

We were busy establishing new offices and building several surgery suites. With the purchase of a 36 ft. cabin cruiser, a new adventure began leaving lock and dam one in Minneapolis, traveling the waterways throughout the US and crossing the Gulf of Mexico ending up at Ft. Myers, FL as the final destination. While living in Florida I was Administrator at two different medical offices. In 2005 I retired and moved back to Sioux Falls to be close to my family.

I have enjoyed so many fun things as you can see by my pictures. In the 70ies I raced snowmobiles in a 4 state area, participated in and won a destruction derby, have skydived, I am a Nascar nut and have gone to many races as well as raced a Petty Experience at 155mph. The longest ride I have had on my Harley, which I call my Scooter, was from Ft. Myers to Sturgis. Yes, I go to Sturgis and wear black leather.

I am a CASA volunteer working with abused and neglected children, mentor at the local high school, am a member of the American Legion and the Patriot Guard.

So, now that you know a little about me, where are some of my classmates and what have they been doing. Ride safe and keep the rubber side down. Calamity Jane





Tom Johnson '57
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 16, 2012, at 2:45 PM, **Tom Johnson '57**, johnsontt@comcast.net wrote:

Jack, I Thought you might be interested. "Many gave some...some gave all" ...for us. Sent to me from a lifelong friend. I did not know this existed. Tom Johnson '57

Tom, this is a wonderful site. I have used on numerous occasions. Thanks for thinking of sharing with everyone. Jack

This is really sobering. Click on the link and find the city you went to high school and look at the names. Click on the name and it will give details of the death.

First click on a state. When it opens, scroll down to the city and the names will appear. Then click on their names. It should show you a picture of the person, or at least their bio and medals. This really is an amazing web site. Someone spent a lot of time and effort to create it. I hope that everyone who receives this appreciates what those who served in Vietnam sacrificed for our country.

The link below is a virtual wall of all those lost during the Vietnam war with the names, bio's and other information on our lost heroes. Those who remember that time frame, or perhaps lost friends or family can look them up on this site. Pass the link on to others, as many knew wonderful people whose names are listed. <http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm>



Jim Redfield '50
WHS Senior Photo.

On Dec 24, 2011, at 11:59 PM, **Jim Redfield '50**, jimwred@cox.net wrote:

Jack: Fantastic recap of the folks by class that have departed. Several I saw at the all-years reunion only a couple of years ago! In the Class of '50 you can add the passing of Douglas Umbreit. On page 14, #4 is Dean Mann of Sioux Falls, very active in athletic coaching after high school. He & Joe Artman & Gordon Graff & I participated in the ESD track meet (880 yard relay) in Mitchell & our over-all SFHS team won the meet! We four guys placed & got our got our monograms even though we were only Freshman! Howard Wood was our coach at the time. Cheers! Jim Redfield '50



Royce Adams '58
WHS Senior Photo

Photo courtesy of
Dick O'Connor '58

**Thanks to Royce Adams for sending this photo of 1953,
Longfellow 8th Graders Visitation to John Morrell & Co.**



Front Row: Dick Moss, Dick Baker, Dick Houser, Ron Crane, ??, Roger Wieting, Don Tyler, James Gallagher, David Bain, Del Rasmussen, Jim ?, Tom Reid

Row 2: Royce Adams, ??, Nell Williams, Carolyn McClain, ??, Judy Snook, Marcele Bultena, Murial Fokken, Judy Geegh, Betsy Adams, Ann Lippert, Gene Gerry, Eric Gustafson. Row 3:

Teacher ?, Don Klovstad, Jim Bruns, ??, Carol Bauch, Dean Gerry, Connie Pappas, Bunny Aikens, Jeanne Hurwitz, Karen Rothenbuehler, teacher??, Mrs. Lien Row 4: Bob Baker, John Hedlund, ??, Mike Clark, Jim Howalt, Dick O'Connor, John Hansen, Jim Hathaway Row5: Tom Brown, ??, Sandy Hansen, ??, Delray Dvorchak. Row 6: Bernadine Byg, ??

Another Story Shared by Royce Adams '58

On Dec 30, 2011, at 2:27 AM, **Royce Adams '58** Litljump@aol.com wrote:

Jack, here is one of my stories of incidents that occurred at WHS. I never had a bad day at that school and I never had a teacher I did not fully respect. I tell that to the kids I teach today and they have no idea what it's like to enjoy school. Thank God for our teachers we had because they were the best! And thank God for the era we grew up in. It molded us into hard working, God fearing, productive, decent citizens.

My failure at Cartooning at WHS and my expulsion from Literature Class:

My sophomore year, about 1954, I was studying literature in old WHS. I always liked to draw cartoons but I was not so talented to attempt to put them in the O&B, Tommy Reid was a much better cartoonist than I and I should have left it to him. Our class had been studying the works of Edgar Allen Poe and in that study we had discovered that it was thought that Mr. Poe had a bit of a drug problem with alcohol and substances of a stronger nature. Of course in the early 50's, to hear about "drug problems" was rare and frankly it was a subject that raised a curiosity on the subject. Never the less, we studied on and one day that study brought us to the well known poem "The Raven".

The poem was one of a dark nature, it read very ominously, dedicated to a lost love, and it peaked my visual thoughts into drawing a cartoon. Again, my cartooning was not one I shared because it was not anything one would send to the New York Times for publication. Never the less, I struck out to doodle away as the class was engaged in reading and discussing "The Raven".

I sketched along, drawing my version of Edgar Allen Poe, passed out and slouched over his writing desk, quill pen in hand with pen to the side, the ink cup tipped over and ink spilled on the desk and on the piece of curled parchment paper, the general scope of the room was rather dim and murky, a tipped over drinking vessel beside his arm, a whiskey bottle on the desk, and beside him was a wooden box with several whiskey bottles showing. There was a logo on the box and lettering in an arc over that logo. The logo was one of a large black crow and the lettering read "OLD CROW".

Then there appeared over my left shoulder, Ms. Ollenburg! She found no humor in that drawing and she strongly suggested I leave the class and visit the office. I believe she was rather caught up with Mr Poe. In defense of Ms. Ollenburg, one could not have found a more dedicated teacher and she was one of those many WHS teachers that made that positive everlasting impression on a student's life.



Bill Lobe '59
WHS Senior Photo

Bill Lobe '59, Removed From Deceased List

Bill's first letter: On Dec 27, 2011, at 4:19 PM, **William C. Lobe '59** wrote:

I received the attached 90 Deceased document from my life long friend, Loren Little, Class of 59. He suggested I contact you as I'm not dead yet. Regards, Bill Lobe Brandenburg, KY

Bill's 2nd letter after Jack's apology. What a nice guy to take the mistake so well! Thanks Bill.

On Dec 27, 2011, at 5:31 PM, **William C. Lobe '59** wrote:

Jack, No apology necessary. I appreciate your taking your time to prepare and maintain a list such as this. Thanks again, Jack. Best Regards, Bill Lobe '59



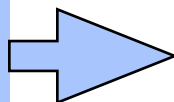
Vonice Dobson McDougall
'54 WHS Senior Photo.

On Jan 3, 2012, at 5:09 PM, **Vonice Dobson McDougall '54** wrote:

Jack, Our deep sympathy to Barbara Butts Family. So hard to lose a loved one. I lost the last of my 7 brothers, Larry Dobson, at the age of 72 on November 6, 2011. He is survived by his wife Linda of LeMars, a daughter Meredith and husband Gary Kurth of Rock Rapids and their two children, sisters Vonice McDougall, and Wendy Borgstrand of O'Fallon, Illinois, sister-in-law Betty Dobson of Sioux Falls. Larry, would have graduated with the class of '57 from

Washington if our parents had not moved. Has been hard to accept. He had attended Lowell school while in grade school. **Vonice Dobson McDougall '54**

**You just can't keep
South Dakota
Seniors at home!**





Joan Nason
Kittelson '54
WHS Senior



Karol Kittelson '56
WHS Senior Pic.

On Mar 5, 2012, at 10:22 AM, **Joan Nason '54 & Karol Kittelson '56** wrote:

Dear Jack, We haven't seen you in some time, so thought you might like to see what we look like now. Here are Karol and Joan at last formal night of our February cruise to the Caribbean. Our many thanks

for all that you do for WHS classmates and other

alumni. Karol and Joan Kittelson



Dr. Elliott Miller '50
WHS Senior Photo

On Mar 6, 2012, at 4:45 PM, **ELLIOTT V MILLER '50** wrote: *This is Dr. Miller's response to the news of John Wick's passing.*

Again, I thank you so much for this news letter. Loss of friends may be sad, but the recollections of good years in a great high school with many friends is uplifting to my soul. Please continue.

The courses in English were so good and the joy I had when taking the course on etymology have been wonderful for my life. I have even been a volunteer teacher in the high school next door for advanced placement English students especially in etymology. You would be even more amused in my career as an anesthesiologist. I had hundreds of surgeons as my captive audience, sometimes for many hours at a time, who became my students of etymology, a few even willingly!

Cordially,
Elliott

Elliott V. Miller, MD WHS 1946-1950.

Ed. note: The very likable and popular, Bruce (Choo Choo) Miller '53 was Elliot's younger brother.



Jerry Kersten, '53
WHS Senior Photo

On Mar 6, 2012, at 5:53 PM, **Jerry Kersten '53** wrote:

Thanks Jack, John Wicks was one of the people who shared many classes with me at WHS. It is interesting to read about his life which was pretty well discussed in this obit. It is surprising how many memories return after not having any contact with him since 1953. Not a close friend, but easily recognized.

Jerry Kersten, '53

Thanks to these three individuals, Tom Rich '54, Glen Jamtgaard '55 and Paul Anderson '56, for sending and urging me to publicize this Internet website address to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC. Visit it, you will be glad you did.

<http://www.virtualwall.org/>





Dennis Kolbrek '56
WHS Senior Photo

On Mar 19, 2012, at 7:01 PM, **Dennis L Kolbrek '56** wrote:

Jack, I really enjoy your articles, especially when they include mention of people that I know. My freshman year was spent at WHS where I especially enjoyed my time in the choir with Boyd Bohlke, whom my mother had as a director in the thirties. Not only is she still living but she and my father celebrated their 75th anniversary on New Year's Eve., the 75th anniversary of the powder house

blast. They are Loyal and Ida Mae Kolbrek of Trail Ridge in Sioux Falls.

Reason for writing, do you have any information on Jon Fromke? (Ed. note: Last name spelling, "Froemke", class of '59.) He was my neighbor on S. Prairie in the 50's. We moved east of Sioux Falls in the fall of 1953 so I spent my sophomore year at Brandon. I returned to WHS for my junior and senior years because I wanted to be in the choir and with friends like Doug Cook and Larry Jamison from Central Baptist Church. Oh, also Wendy Wikholm was our age. I think Jon would have graduated in 1958. His father was a professor at Augustana and had worked on the Manhattan Project. I have no idea what Jon went on to do but he was a very bright boy.

After pastoring local churches for 28 years and serving 12 years as a chaplain in nursing homes and assisted living facilities we have retired at Crosslake, MN. My wife spent summers there when growing up. This is our 9th year with SOWERS (Servants on Wheels Ever Ready), an RV group working three weeks at a time at Bible camps, conference centers, etc. Right now we are in Talladega, AL, coming back through Sioux Falls this coming weekend.

Thanks in advance for any information you might have. Keep up the good work.

Dennis and Carolyn Kolbrek, class of 1956

dkolbrek@crosslake.net



Ed. note; It was my sad duty to inform Dennis that his good friend, Jon Froemke, had passed away in 1998. Jon was married to Judy Cooks Froemke, class of '59.



Ron Veenker '54
WHS Senior Photo

Ron
Veenker '54
wrote:

Dear Jack,
Thanks as
a l w a y s
e v e n

though the news is not what we would have wished for. I wish I had known Marty lived in Evansville IN. That is only 70 mi from where I lived for 36 years, Bowling Green KY. I could have visited with him. Attached is a photo of Marty and me and some others in the 1st Congregational Children's choir. Late 40s/early 50s.

Ron Veenker '54

First Congregational Church Children's Choir: Late 40s - Early 50s



Front row: Ricky Johnson, Ron Veenker, Muriel Mossing, Andrea Grove, Larry Harrington, Jim Lease?
Row 2: Merry Lynn Skarda?, Gigi Johnson, ?, ?, Freddy Watson?, ?
Row 3: Joan Perrenoud, ?, Dave Dahlthorp, Freddy Bement, ?, ?, ?
Row 4: Marty Paulson, ?, ?, Luanne Loge?, ?, Lois Rossow, Buz Hyden?
Back Row: Nancy Voss, ?, ?, Carolyn Burns, Mary Lee Posz, Marietta Hanson, Nancy Morton?, ?
Organist? and Mrs. Griffith, Mark Twain music teacher.

**Bob '54 & Connie Hammitt Zimmerman '54
Host Two Mesa,AZ Parties.**



**Bob Zimmerman '54
WHS Senior Photo**



**Connie Hammitt
Zimmerman '54
WHS Senior Photo.**

All From Class of '54

**Front row: Connie Hammitt Zimmerman, Sharon Johnson Frank, Sharon Moreen Reynolds.
Back row: Sandy Taylor Bauman, Joyce McFarland Howes, Bob Zimmerman, Warner Brown, Lenny Blue, Mary Lee Posz Altman and Karen Gurley Brown.**

The WHS Class of '54 was blessed with so many beautiful ladies, some of which are shown at right in attendance at Zimmerman's recent home party in Mesa, AZ.

**Front row, Mary Lee Posz Altman, Connie Hammitt Zimmerman, Sharon Moreen Reynolds, Sharon Johnson Frank, Marilyn Hill Viehweg.
Back row: Karen Gurley Brown, Sandy Taylor, Bauman, Joyce McFarland Howes and Jody Syverson Vander Ploeg**



**At left are some of the guys in attendance.
l to r: Lenny Blue '54, Tom Howes '53, Bill Frank '52 and Dick Viehweg '53**

**ORANGE & BLACK
CONGRATULATIONS!**

This is the 100th anniversary of the real Washington High School Orange & Black.

**It is now a daily paper. Just go to
www.whsnow.com
to see how it looks at 100 years old.**

Zimmerman's 2nd Mesa, AZ party was held at the Alta Mesa Country Club in honor of Kent '54 & Judy Morstad's who were Bob and Connie's house guest from Sioux Falls.



Kent '54 and Judy Morstad



Warner '54 and Karen Gurley Brown '54



Above: Beverly Kaiser and Wayne Gustafson '54 with hostess, Connie Hammitt Zimmerman '54



Above: Bud '54 and June Olson

Words You Don't Hear Anymore

Be sure to refill the ice trays, we're going to have company.

Don't forget to wind the clock before you go to bed.

Be sure and pour the cream off the top of the milk when you open the new bottle.

There's a dollar in my purse, get 5 gallons of gas when you go to town.

Here, take this old Sears and Roebuck catalog to the toilet with you when you go, we are almost out of paper out there.

No! I don't have 10 cents for you to go to the show. Do you think money grows on trees?



**Remember
our
Buzz Books**



Vicki Brubaker '59
WHS Senior Photo

On Mar 28, 2012, at 10:45 AM, **Vicki Brubaker '59** wrote the following truism that I think most WHS Alumni totally agree with regarding the "Special Edition" obituaries and the deceased lists:

It truly doesn't matter if we didn't know them personally, but simply held a bond with all in being a Washington graduate. My sincere thanks.

Vicki Brubaker '59'



Peggy Teslow '57
WHS Senior Photo

On Mar 21, 2012, at 7:33 PM, **Peggy Teslow '57**, pwolset@sio.midco.net wrote: Sam Fantle's mother passed away this past week in Denver. She outlived three of her four children. She was a wonderful lady.

Peg



Jim Redfield '50
WHS Senior Photo.

On Mar 28, 2012, at 11:07 AM, **Jim Redfield '50**, jimwred@cox.net wrote:

Jack: I was in school with Vic & saw him at our last all year reunion of the 1950 grads, which you attended for a while. Time is running out for a whole bunch of us, unfortunately! Vic's wife Thenetta was also a friend and Vic's Mom, Leona, used to work for my Dad in his Real Estate office in the 40's. If there's a way to express my condolences to his widow, I'd appreciate it.

Thanks for all you do.

Jim Redfield

Information was provided to Jim on how to express his condolences to Vic's widow.



Jack Batcheller '55
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 9, 2012, at 7:11 PM, **John Batcheller '55** wrote:

I didn't know Hoss or Don, but their names bring back fond memories. When you leave home like I did you realize very soon that you left the most wonderful place in the world. Like Hoss, I'm soon to be 75 and the homeland tugs at my heart to return. Keep up the great work you do.

Jack Batcheller WHS '55

Jack it was good to hear from you after so many years. I hope all is well with you. I try to maintain up to date contact info on all O&B subscribers, but I only have your email address. Would you please send me your address, phone number & wife's name. If she attended WHS I would also like her class year and maiden name. Thank you. Jack Phillips '54



Don Klinefelter '54
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 10, 2012, at 12:36 PM, **DONALD KLINEFELTER '54**

wrote: Hi again Jack, Came across an (old memory pic) I thought someone might possibly be

interested in. Probably the late 40s or early 50s. If I remember right it was a YMCA camp and believe it was called Camp

Teepee Tonka. **Don Klinefelter '54**

PICTURED Leader-----Phil Troutner

Kneeling left is Vernon Howard--tee shirt--black hair.

Kneeling right is David Kruger---hat

Left to right on ground is Jim Barnett, Arvid Ervin, Don Klinefelter, Dick Klock, Everett Holmes, Larry Stevens and Wayne Mitchell.



Las Vegas, My Unique Home Town

To close this Orange & Black issue I hope you don't mind me rambling a bit about my current hometown of Las Vegas, NV. During my lifetime I have lived in a baker's dozen number of cities and each one had its own unique qualities. Before I proceed any further it is important to me that I make it very clear that Sioux Falls is, without a doubt, my most favorite home town of all and the one I will always enjoy returning to more than any other.

As you probably would guess, Las Vegas is without a doubt the most unique home town I have ever claimed. But please, don't jump to conclusions that the uniqueness of Las Vegas necessarily contributes to it in a negative way. I prefer to feel the ever changing uniqueness of Las Vegas is just part of what makes it the most exciting, fun and interesting city in the world. It is a city I grow more fond of each year I live here. Maybe I should mention at this point that I NEVER gamble, so that is definitely NOT part of its attraction..

The reason for this story about Las Vegas at this particular time is because of some new and interesting occurrences are taking place here this week. I do receive inquiries about Vegas from a lot of you that are planning on visiting here requesting some recommendations. So here are some brand new things you may find interesting on one of your upcoming trips to Las Vegas.

"HANGOVER HEAVEN" is possibly the most innovative of the new things on my list to share with you. A local doctor came up with the idea that began its operation just last Sunday and according to all reports it is an instant success that really does work. **HANGOVER HEAVEN** is based on IV equipped buses cruising the Strip to pick up revelers with the promise of a quick recovery from incapacitating hangovers. The cost runs \$75.00 up to \$150.00.



Also this past Sunday, **MIKE TYSON** and now wannabe Super Showman opened his new one man show, **"Undisputed Truth"**, at the MGM Grand. "I'm really an animal, guys, I'm just dressed up nice." In a white cocktail jacket and black slacks, the former heavyweight boxing champion, recounts punching people in the face outside of nightclubs and having sex with prostitutes. It is all part of one of the more bizarre one-man shows ever staged on the Las Vegas strip, a production that also has the retired boxer gyrating and singing along to jazz tunes.

Even a curious **Evander Holyfield**, who had part of an ear bitten off by Tyson in Las Vegas, showed up on Sunday night. When Tyson got to the Holyfield stories in his show, a spotlight zeroed in on Holyfield as Tyson heaped praise on him and the "crowd went crazy".

This is Tyson's first big test in his personal goal of performing on Broadway in New York City and winning a Tony Award. He has said that is on his bucket list. I guess stranger things could happen. It does seem that Mike is trying hard to clean up his life. About 8 or 9 years ago Tyson's agent contacted me about him renting my high rise condo on the Strip. When I was told who was interested in renting it I immediately said no thank you. People do change. I hope he makes it.

Tickets to his show are \$117.49.



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TWO NEW GIANT FERRIS WHEELS FOR THE VEGAS STRIP

“**SKYVUE**”, a 500 foot super ferris wheel is being built across the Strip from **Mandalay Bay** and “**The High Roller**”, over 600 feet, is being planned close to **Caesar’s Palace**. They would be the tallest ferris wheels in the United States while the taller of the two, the “Las Vegas High Roller”, would be the tallest in the world.



“**Observation Wheel**”
is
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“**Ferris Wheel**”.

Passengers will ride in gondolas on each “**Observation Wheel**” and each gondola will hold up to 25 passengers. Developers say they will be available to be rented out for private parties with catering and drinks. Completion for both wheels is planned in late 2013.

So, my most interesting and unique current hometown, Las Vegas, NV, does without any doubt, have something for absolutely everyone. I hope you will come see for yourself all that it offers soon.

Jack M. Phillips, '54



2012 WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet.

Jeff Herbert, '74 is an instructor at WHS and is this year's chair person for the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame. His father, and his uncle, Jim graduated from WHS Jeff's son, Matt, ago from WHS and his will graduate this year. son, Carson who is in waiting in the wings. for the WHS baseball



WHS Athletic Hall of Kenny Herbert '43 Herbert '49 both as did Jeff in '74. graduated 3 years daughter Lindsay, They have one more the 7th grade and Carson is the bat boy team.

Jeff has asked that I let all of you know that the date for the **WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet** this year is **November 2nd**. It is truly a great event and both he and I hope you will put it on your calendar and plan to attend. Bob Amundson '56 will be one of the inductees this year. More information will be forthcoming.

UPDATED DECEASED LISTS COMING END OF MAY.

The updated deceased list for each WHS class of the '50s decade is published twice a year, on Memorial Day and Christmas. You will be receiving this years Memorial Day issue late next month. Your help in keeping each classes' list up to date is always desperately needed.