

## 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](mailto:jackmp@me.com)

### CONGRATULATIONS! HARRY HOILAND '54

Honored At

## “Wings of Heroes Gala”

**The *Wings of Heroes Gala*: A Salute to Human Space Exploration – From the X-15 to the Space Shuttle and Beyond**

“A black-tie gala to honor an extraordinary and historic gathering of human space exploration trailblazers from the past 50 years and to celebrate the grand opening of The Museum of Flight’s Charles Simonyi Space Gallery, the future home of NASA’s Full-Fuselage Space Shuttle Trainer and the Soyuz Capsule in Seattle, WA. The gala event took place on Saturday evening, September 22, 2012.”



**Harry Hoiland '54**  
WHS Senior Photo

“In attendance was an unprecedented gathering of astronauts, cosmonauts, flight directors, space travelers and other key individuals from all the programs involved in human space exploration over the previous 50 years: the X-15 Rocket Plane, Project Mercury, Project Gemini, Apollo Program, Skylab, Apollo-Soyuz Test Mission, Space Shuttle and the International Space Station as

well as the efforts of visionary entrepreneurs who are charting the course for the future human exploration of space.”

Check out the Honorees in attendance to the right. Very impressive group!

Continued on page 2.

## WINGS OF HEROES GALA

Honorees attending (as of August 31, 2012)

<b>X-15 Pilot</b>	
Joe Engle	
<b>NASA Research Pilot</b>	
Einar Enevoldson	
<b>Mercury Astronauts</b>	
Scott Carpenter (awaiting confirmation)	
<b>Gemini Astronauts</b>	
Gene Cernan	James McDivitt
Dick Gordon	Thomas Stafford
Jim Lovell	
<b>Apollo Astronauts</b>	
William Anders	Jim Lovell
Buzz Aldrin	James McDivitt
Gene Cernan	T.K. Mattingly
Walt Cunningham	Thomas Stafford
Dick Gordon	
and representing Apollo 1, Martha Chaffee	
<b>NASA Administration</b>	
George Mueller	
<b>NASA Flight Directors</b>	
Gerry Griffin	Glynn Lunney
Gene Kranz	Milt Windler
Chuck Lewis	
<b>NASA Mission Control</b>	
Jerry Bostick	<u>Harry Hoiland</u>
James Joki	Sy Liebergot
<b>Skylab Astronauts</b>	
Gerald Carr	Ed Gibson
Owen Garriott	Jack Lousma
<b>Apollo-Soyuz</b>	
Valery Kubasov, Cosmonaut	
Alexei Leonov, Cosmonaut	
Thomas Stafford, Astronaut	
<b>Shuttle Astronauts</b>	
John O. Creighton	Janet Kavandi
Bonnie Dunbar	Michael Lopez-Alegria
Joe Engle	Barbara Morgan
John Fabian	Scott Parazynski
Thomas Jones	
<b>Space Flight Participants</b>	
Anousheh Ansari	
Richard Garriott	
Charles Simonyi	



Shuttle

**Jack - It was nice talking to you tonight. Whatever you write will be fine with me. I had two fantastic evenings with some of the most elite people I have ever had the pleasure working with. They are all pioneers in the aerospace industry that have gone where no man or woman such as Dr. Bonnie Dunbar who had 5 Space Shuttle flights has gone before. I was especially happy to see Gene Kranz, the Chief Flight Director, who I worked for and Capt. Jim Lovell, the commander of the Apollo 13 mission. The last time I had talked with Jim Lovell was at the Splash Down Party that was held for only the Apollo 13 crew and the Flight Controllers. I got to talk to Col. Gerald Carr, the commander of Skylab 4 mission. He was the last to leave the Skylab which I was working on in Mission Control. The evenings were great because we also were honored to have two Russian Cosmonauts (one of which was the first man to walk in space) plus Dr. Buzz Aldrin ( the second man to walk on the moon after Neil Armstrong). If you recall, Neil Armstrong had died just shortly before this Gala and would have been there also but his two sons came in his place. Jack, I am very proud and humbled to have been included and honored at this event.**



Harry & Capt. Jim Lovell,  
 Apollo 13 Commander

**PS. I also designed the electrical package on the Apollo Descent Engines that are still on the moon.**

**Thank You,  
 Harry Hoiland**

**And yes, Jack, I am still very single and would be happy to hear from any of our classmates.**



Harry Hoiland '54  
 At his 55th WHS  
 Reunion in 2009



Harry & Dr. Bonnie  
 Dunbar, Astronaut



Gerald Carr, Skylab 4  
 Commander with Harry



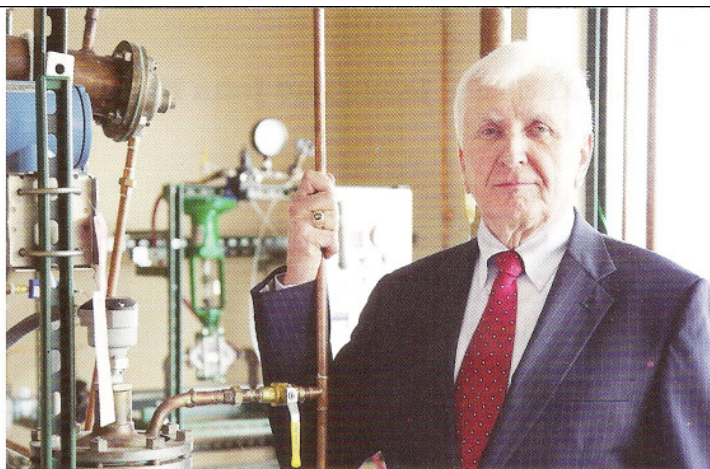
Harry & Flight Dir.  
 Gene Kranz

**Again CONGRATULATIONS, HARRY, on such a rewarding, interesting and exciting career!  
 For anyone wishing to communicate with Harry, he is now retired and living at 14703 45th Ave. Ct. NW,  
 in Gig Harbor, WA 98332. His phone 253-853-6565 and his email address is [paveknife@centurytel.net](mailto:paveknife@centurytel.net). I  
 know he would love to hear from you. And yes ladies, he's single.**



## BUILDING BLOCKS:

50-year graduate Aldrich always ahead of the times



**ON A CHILLY** February morning, **Doug Aldrich** (ChE62) sits in his room reflecting on his life. He graduated from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in 1962, but he never really left. And, while it's cold out on this particular morning, Aldrich is anything but. His room is The Doug Aldrich Student Learning Center, the very place he sat studying one day 52 years earlier when the two-story unit operations lab caught fire across the hall, filling the building with smoke, forcing him to escape through a tiny window. He is on his way back to his Colorado home after the room dedication ceremony, a nod of appreciation to the immeasurable talents and time he has shared with the university. On this morning, he stopped in for what was to be a half-hour reflection on his life and times at the School of Mines. Two hours later, he left to catch his plane.

He has many stories to share, as well as wisdom. And he's imparted plenty of both over the years. After graduating from the School of Mines and a two-year stint in the military, Aldrich established his career with Dow Corning. He served the company for 38 years in numerous capacities. One of his roles was a company recruiter at the School of Mines, where he interviewed 1,041 students, hiring 83 of them. His involvement with Mines didn't stop there. He wrote a popular recruiting manual, still used today, to help students in their job search and find success in their new careers. He helped develop the technical communications curriculum, presided over the Alumni Association, and served on the University Advisory Board and the first chemical engineering Industrial Advisory Board. He secured lab equipment donations. In 1998, Aldrich was recognized as one of the university's four inaugural Distinguished Alumni Awardees and, in 2001, was bestowed an honorary doctorate in humane letters by the School of Mines. Most recently, during the 2012 spring commencement, he was awarded the

Guy E. March Medal, yet another prestigious honor given to him in recognition of his many gifts to his alma mater.

But perhaps his lasting legacy will have been lending his building-design expertise to the university's new Chemical and Biological Engineering and Chemistry Building, opened in January 2011. Ever the progressive thinker, Aldrich seems to see a new building almost as a metaphor for life, one that should be approached with a spirit of open-mindedness, cooperation, and collaboration. "Designing for the future is very important, particularly if you want to change attitudes and break down barriers. A school that teaches innovation should be practicing innovation," he explains. "To me, my front-room business is to communicate with lab people about the speed of change, not just how much it will cost." So he pulled from his experiences designing modern, adaptable facilities worldwide for Dow Corning and did the same on a smaller scale for the School of Mines. Aldrich offered consulting work, much of it pro bono, ensuring the design was made to advance with technology, the times, the students.

Aldrich emphasized an open-plan format that facilitates communication, builds teamwork, promotes the sharing of talents and, ultimately, if in an industry setting, would yield a faster product to the marketplace. His adaptable labs are sprinkled with conference rooms. "It's the serendipity that people love. When people work together they build a confidence and a trust, and it's a lot easier to solve problems. These students are going to be in that kind of team-building environment in the future. That's how innovation occurs in industry, so why not teach that to students now?" His input resulted in an expansion-ready design before earth was ever moved. Apropos for a man whose mantra to Mines students has been: Expand your horizons. "I try not to let any grass grow under my feet, and I have tried to be an ardent learner."

Thanks to Peggy Teslow '57, and Gary Roddel '59 for submitting this story on Doug Aldrich '57 that appeared in the the summer, 2012 edition of The South Dakota School of Mines & Technology magazine, "The Hardrock".



**Doug Aldrich '57**  
WHS Senior Photo  
Current contact info.  
13199 Logan St.  
Thornton, CO 80241  
720-977-9196  
[doug.aldrich@comcast.net](mailto:doug.aldrich@comcast.net)

### BE SURE TO VOTE!!!!

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle.

Winston Churchill

### AND REMEMBER.

When half of the people get the idea that they do not have to work, because the other half is going to take care of them, and when the other half gets the idea that it does no good to work, because somebody else is going to get what they work for, that is the beginning of the end of any nation!

And I fear we are almost there! The Editor



# You Are Invited To The Washington High School Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner and Induction - Nov. 2, 2012 Holiday Inn City Centre

**Tickets are still available. Plan on attending this great event.**

The Sioux Falls Washington Athletic Hall of Fame was founded on December 29, 1994. The purpose of the Washington High School Athletic Hall of Fame is to recognize and honor former members of the coaching staff, administration, athletes, and contributors for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the athletic programs at Washington High School.

## **There are four Induction Categories as follows:**

**ATHLETE-** An athlete who has excelled in athletics at WHS and has graduated at least ten (10) years prior to his/her induction.

**COACH-** A coaching staff member who has made a positive impact on the athletic tradition of WHS and has been out of coaching for at least five (5) years.

**ADMINISTRATOR-** An administrator, athletic or administrative, who has made a positive impact on the athletic tradition of WHS and has been out of administration for at least (5) years.

**CONTRIBUTOR-** A community or school person who has made a significant contribution to the WHS athletic program.

**The members of the 2012 Athletic Hall of Fame Committee are:** Jeff Herbert, Chair, Jim Luce, Vice-chair, Kevin Kennedy, Asst. Principal Activities/Treasurer, Dave Bakke, Jenni Breum, Secretary, Don Erickson, Brian Hermanson, Ken Kessinger, Nate Malchow, Kari Soyland-Wiley, Dan Goeman, Jill Joyce-Hazard, Lynn Reding

## **The 2012 Hall of Fame Inductees are as follows:**

Administrator; *Jan Nicolay • 1988-1996*

Contributor; ***Dave Munson 1960***

Athletes; *Bob Pfeifer 1948, Bob Amundson 1956, Mike Moller 1974, Paul Tschetter 2000, Brooke Dickmeyer 2001, Laura Hensley 2001, David Medema 2001*



**Dave Munson '60  
WHS Senior Photo**



**Dave Munson  
as Sioux Falls  
Mayor '02 to '10**



**Bob Amundson '56  
WHS Senior Photo**

## **On a sad note, Cutler Mikkelson, of Cutler's Drive-In has passed away.**



Cutler Mikkelson, 84, of Story, WY, passed away Sunday, August 5, 2012, at Sheridan Memorial Hospital. Cutler was born March 24, 1928, to Ole and Virginia (Olson) Mikkelson. He was raised in Garretson and Sioux Falls, SD. He served in the Army and was a businessman for most of his life. He married Marlys LaVonne Saunders in 1949 and they had four children. Cutler enjoyed reading, working in his yard and playing the trumpet and loved big band music. He owned Cutler's Drive Inn in the fifties-That was the place to go!!! Cutler was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, son, Lance Olaf Mikkelson, a grandson, Edwin Alexander "Alex" Love and his sister, Connie Reid. He is survived by his daughter, Chon Love, Rapid City, SD; son Kerry (Clella) Mikkelson of Sheridan and daughter, Nancy Pilch of Sheridan; and sister, Gayle Mulkey, Sioux Falls, SD. He is also survived by three grandchildren; Elizabeth (Betsy) Love, Kristian Amos and Amy (Joe) Bales.

Cremation has taken place and services will be held in Sioux Falls, SD at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at Miller Funeral Home. On line condolences may be

written at [www.kanefuneral.com](http://www.kanefuneral.com). Kane Funeral Home has been entrusted with the local arrangements.



## **Beverly Caesar Baartman '54**

**6509 E. Quartzite Dr.  
Sioux Falls, 57110  
605-339-1448**

**[hbbaartman80@gmail.com](mailto:hbbaartman80@gmail.com)**

The following is a story on a super nice lady from my class of '54 and her fun, likeable and just really neat husband. For a long time now I have wanted to run a story on Beverly Caesar Baartman '54 and her husband, Howard, because their story is such



**Howard & Beverly enjoying the  
2010 All School Reunion.**

**Beverly Caesar '54  
WHS Senior Photo**

a fun and interesting story.

I begin getting to know Beverly better through the excellent and mostly thankless job she has done for about 35 years of keeping our class of '54 records up to date. Just keeping those records has required a tremendous amount of time and work, but as you read this article you will see what an amazing woman Beverly is by her managing to also fit all of the many other jobs and activities in her life.

In getting to know both Beverly and Howard better I have come to realize what wonderful people they both are and I consider myself most fortunate to be able to call them both really good friends.

Beverly, grew up in Sioux Falls, but Howard lived in Leota, MN through the 8th grade and then moved with his family to Colton, SD. This December, Beverly and Howard will celebrate their 32nd wedding anniversary. Together they have 12 children, Beverly 7 and Howard 5. They have 22 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.



The hard working, and hard playing couple own and operate two very successful trucking companies in Sioux Falls. From all I have gathered from talking to both Howard and Beverly, building their trucking business has definitely been a joint effort that they both shared in.

When I asked Beverly, actually it was really more like pleading for several months, for more information on the companies for this story she wrote, ***"Funny---we have 12 of those big red beasts. (Actually after more digging I discovered they have 13 large tractors and 16 trailers like the one in the attached photo.) We are licensed to travel in all 48 states. We haul meat out of John Morrell and ice cream and stuff from Schwans in Marshall Minnesota to all over the country. We haul just about anything we can find back. We have a beginning of a web site---Crystal Red Transportation. Check it out some time.***

***When I met H he was driving for someone else-we bought 1 truck and he drove it. That led to more and more and now he only drives on occasions when a driver is sick or if Brad get too many loads..***

***We had the trucks leased to a Cookie and candy company and I said I needed more to do. I wanted to get my own authority to haul products ourselves---he finally said I could take 1 truck and see what I could do. Now we have none leased to anyone else and we have other people leased to us. It really grew way out of my expectations. We had a large shop but when we had to get our own trailers we had to build on so we had a wash bay big enough for tractor and trailer.*** Cont.





Shortly after Beverly & Howard married, Howard started building and racing street stock class cars. He races at I90, which is West of Hartford, SD and Husets Speedway, which is south of Brandon, SD. Both tracks are 3/8 mile dirt tracks. Howard started racing in 1982, thus the number



on his car. Beverly told me that she and some of their kids were his pit crew for a few years until they were *"gradually replaced by guys who knew lots more about dirt track racing"*. Howard has won season Championships in his class and has accumulated lots of trophies. He has done well racing and is respected by many



Beverly & Howard seeing some Las Vegas sites when they came to visit Debra & I in 2010.

of his fellow racers. The younger generation guys now come to him for advice. This year he finished 9th in points at Husets.

Howard took 2009 off to have back surgery, 2010 off to paint their home & 2011 off to build a new roof over the deck on their home. But he is now back at it because Beverly couldn't come up with any more big projects to keep him out of racing this year.

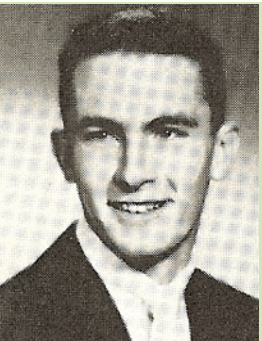
In addition to all of this they both enjoy traveling to warmer climates in the winter in their motor home. I sincerely wish them many, many more years of happiness and success together.

Jack Phillips '54

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On Aug 2, 2012, at 7:19 AM, **Pat '54 & Shirley Lemke '54 Smith** wrote:

Jack, thank you for your very swift and informative reply to our request thru Rose Ann Egan. Shirley and I reside in Nisswa, Mn. which is in the heart of the lake country in central Mn. We are very fortunate in that four of our 6 children and 12 of our 16 grand children all reside on lakes within two miles from where we live, and the other two families are within a 1 hour drive and are with us almost every other weekend to enjoy the lake country. We enjoy lots of fishing, hunting, boating and during the fall and winter seasons we are kept very busy at football games and hockey games along with snowmobiling and ice fishing. Shirley's sister Sharon still lives in Sioux Falls albeit not in the best of health so we make the trip to see her about once a month during the off season but during the summer months we can't be torn away from here. Please pass along our regards to all of the alumni of decade of the 50's at Washington High. We think of them quite often as we recall our wonderful days W.H.S. I am often times invited to partake in reunion gatherings of the Brainerd High School class of 54 in that I did attend school in Brainerd through 8th. grade. The high school in Brainerd at that time was also known as Washington High and the teams were known as the Warriors so I feel almost at home. We would like to echo Rose Ann's thanks for all that you do for the classes of the 50's





On May 26, 2012, at 11:27 AM, **Darold Gieser '55**, [ruthgt@comcast.net](mailto:ruthgt@comcast.net) wrote:  
Jack, Thank you so much for all the work you do on the "O&B". These are the only non-business emails I save. My friends and grand daughter can not believe I still look forward to receiving my next high school newspaper. I asked to see my grand daughter's high school newspaper and she had to inquire as were to get a copy. In an attempt to be helpful I point out, this addition lists Ray Syverson in both the class of 1955 and 1956. (I believe he start with the class of '55 but graduated with the class of '56.) Jerry Hagen is listed in 1956 and 1957. (I believe he was in '56 but he had a brother only a year younger.) THANK YOU again for your dedication to this project. Darold Gieser Emerson '51, WHS '55

On Jul 15, 2012, at 5:53 PM, **Jack Phillips '54** response to Darold Gieser '55:

Dear Darold,

First of all please let me thank you for your letter pointing out the duplications in the deceased lists. And then secondly please forgive me for taking so long getting my response to you. Normally I receive between 100 and 200 emails a day, but for the week or two of writing the O&B and just prior to it's mailing I have to neglect pretty much every thing else in my life. And then immediately after each mailing I am pretty much deluged with reproses to it. So bottom line is I get behind in answering my mail and I apologize to you.

When I first started publishing the Alumni version of the Orange and Black I ran into several issues that required decisions to be made on how those issues would be handled. Solutions to some were simpler than others and I consulted other WHS classmates on many of them for other opinions. What you wrote about is one of the issues that continues to come up.

The original case that was kind of the "landmark case" that set the policy was regarding my class of '54 and the class of '53. A friend of mine by the name of Fred Sykes, was definitely in the class of '53 all through his first four years at WHS. His senior photo even appeared with the senior class in the 1953 yearbook. But for whatever reason, Fred did not graduate with the class of '53, he graduated with my class of '54. He is listed in our class of '54 Commencement Program and as a result his name has always been included as a member of the 1954 class. I would bet his name will also always appear on some lists as a member of the class of '53.

I assure you, I thought a great deal about how to handle this type of situation. I knew there would be other similar situations in the 10 years of deceased lists that I try to maintain. And sure enough there has been. Ray Syverson, another friend of mine, is another perfect example. Ray was definitely a member of the 1955 class and I think he will always be considered a member of the class of '55 by his the majority of his friends and classmates. But Ray also actually graduated a year later with the class of '56. And as I say, there are several others in similar situations throughout the fifties decade.

You also mentioned Jerry Hagen. He is another perfect example. Jerry is pictured with the seniors in the 1956 yearbook so I would think that he was really a member of that class during his first 4 years of high school. But he evidently didn't graduate in '56 and was then listed under, "Seniors Without Pictures", in the 1957 yearbook and I would bet his name would appear with the class of '57 in the 1957 Commencement Program. I just don't think I have the right to decide which class Jerry, or the others should be listed with and ignore his association with their other class.

Therefore, after considering the situation long and hard I came to the decision that the safest and the best solution was to list them with both classes. Listing them with both classes causes no harm that I can see. And if for example, a friend of Rays from with the class of '55 should only read the '55 deceased and another friend from the class of '56 should only read his class of '56 list I want them both to know of Ray's sad and very untimely passing.

I hope this explains the overall problem and the reason for the policy I adopted on the matter. If you have any further questions or comments I, of course, will be glad to hear them.

Again, thanks for writing.

Jack Phillips Emerson '50, WHS '54

On Jul 17, 2012, at 5:31 AM, Response from **Darold Gieser '55** [ruthgt@comcast.net](mailto:ruthgt@comcast.net) wrote:

Jack, Thank you for this very detailed explanation. Once pointed out, I see all the potential grey areas. As a businessman, and financial businessman at that, I have follow that nearly nothing is quite as simple and straight forward as it might first appear.. You may want to save your explanation so that if the question comes up again you do not have to start from ground zero. Again. THANK YOU for all your work on the "O&B". These are the only non-business e-mails I save. Darold



On Aug 12, 2012, at 10:39 AM, **Donald Brown '53** wrote:

Hello Jack, A couple years ago I mentioned this book to you but I am not sure I ever followed up. Fredricks was in WHS class of '50 or '51, ( *Editor's note; Dick Fredricks was in the class of '51.*), so there is quite a bit in the book about WHS and his years there. If I remember correctly there is also quite a bit about West Sioux, where The books was a success and was followed up with a second volume: It Seems Like Yesterday...Lilacs Two--The 1950s

I will separately send photos of the two front covers and will scan the opening pages of this book.

Don Brown ('53--sort of)

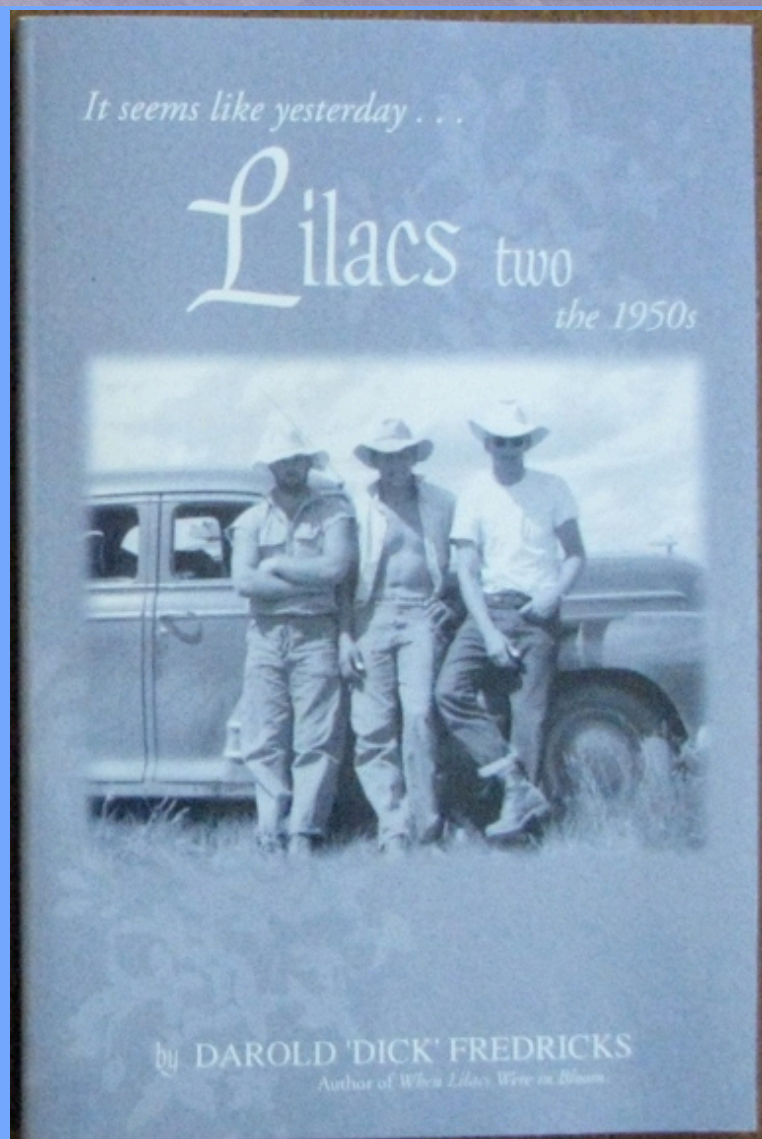
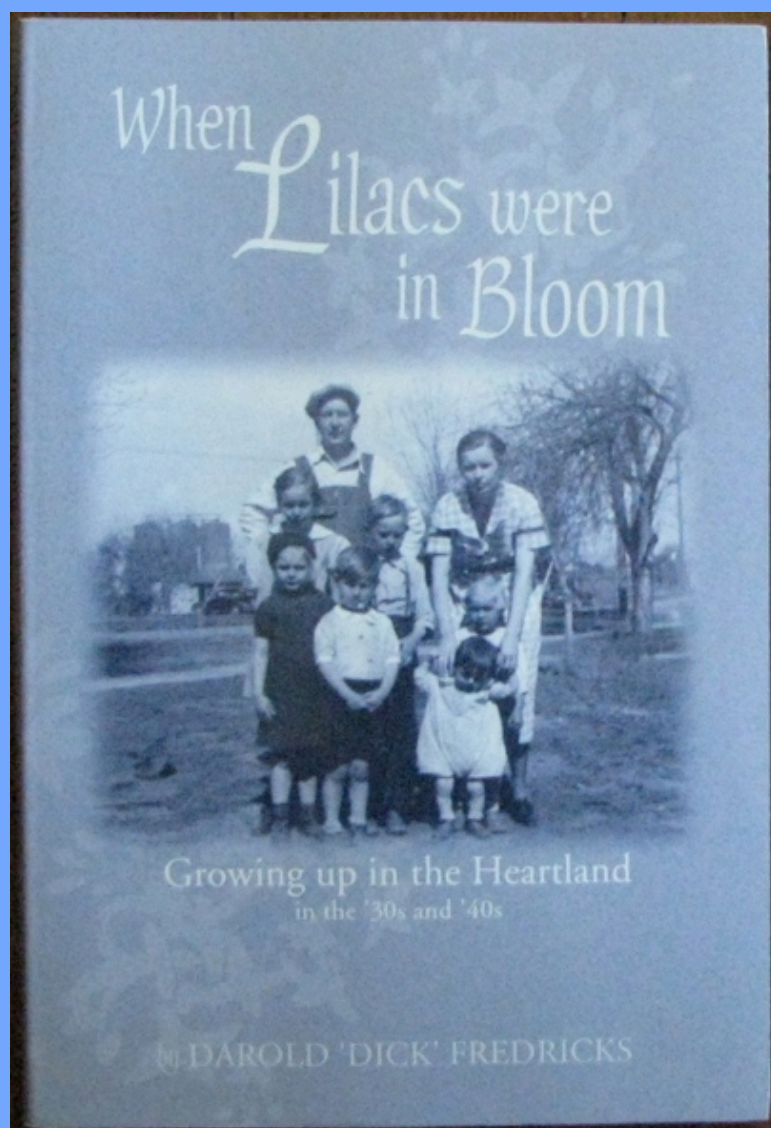
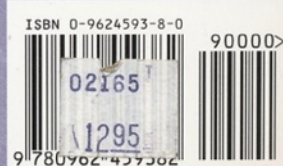


Darold 'Dick' Fredricks was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota during the depression of the '30s. He completed his education at Longfellow, Washington High School and Augustana College, then went to California to teach. For over 30 years he taught science at a high school in the San Francisco Bay area. His interest in history led to his writing and publishing two books on local history, as well as numerous articles for the newspapers. His heartland 'roots' and love of his experiences as a youth in the Midwest compelled him to write this book.

**W**hen *Lilacs Were in Bloom* by Darold 'Dick' Fredricks reveals the life and times of a midwestern family in the 1930s and 1940s. The Fredricks family, as well as many other families, strived to remain intact during trying economic times and, at the same time, pass on their family values to their children.

Washington High School gave me a new "lease on life" after my mother died. The new friendships I made there being on the Eastern South Dakota championship football team in my senior year gave me the confidence I needed to face the world.

Going to take a sentimental journey.....  
to renew old memories...





On Aug 12, 2012, at 11:06 AM, **Shirley Bock '59** wrote:

Hi Jack:



I truly enjoy your O & B News letters, you do a great job and it keeps us all up to date as the years pass. Thanks for taking the time.

I moved back to Sioux Falls two years ago and have connected with several classmate's. After being widowed several years I have alot of time to spend with old and new friends. At my age going out for coffee and a social drink becomes a frequent thing to do. Out at five, home by eight and in bed by ten!! Love it!!

The past two winter's I have visited my dear friend Vicki Brubaker in FL, we truly had a blast and the warm weather was wonderful!

Am enclosing some pictures that were taken with 1959 classmate's here in SF's. These three couple's were married over 50 years and I believe most of them dated all during high school - We had so much fun visiting and going back in time!! They are the greatest!! From left to right - Haskel & Julie Johnson Bee - Dennis Moller & Joan Thornburg Moller - Michael Savold & Mary Lou Ehde Savold!!

Second Picture - left to right - Karen Brende Hanson - Shirley Kittelson Bock - Linda Aksland Roozenboom - Mary Jane Covell Roberts - Joan Thorburg Moller - Jody Madland Byre - Julie Johnson Bee - Mary Lou Ehde Savold - several of us classmates meet for coffee often!!

Third picture - Shirley Kittelson Bock - Karen Schanck Welnhofner - Mary Jane Covell Roberts - Mary Lee Wickstrom Williams- Linda Askland Roozenboom - Deanna Kneebone Helgeson - coffee time!!!!

The last picture - we meet once a month for a social drink and keep up on all the news!! - so fun!! John Hegg - Connie Henline Nelson - Shirley Kittelson Bock - Dody Mundt Hopkins - Mary Lou Wieseler Jorgenson

Hopefully when classmates come back to SF's they will check in and have a great visit with all of us. I found many friends and classmates on Facebook - great sight to connect!!

Thanks again Jack ---- Shirley Kittelson Bock



On Aug 12, 2012, at 12:08 PM, **Vicki Brubaker '59** wrote:



Oh Jack - I was so treated to see the pictures of the Class of 52 on their 60th reunion....and even more treated to see the pictures of the Boys of 57!!!

I went to a dance with Ron Beck (I think it was my freshman year) - and I dated Terry Robinson for a bit too -- what a great dancer he was!!! They both look just the SAME to me!!!! Both were really neat guys and when I look back I'm grateful that my "dating years" began with two really great guys!

Once again Jack, I think it's wonderful that you find the time and then take the time to print all the wonderful "memories" you do for all of us who went to high school in the 1950's!!!

Vicki Brubaker 59'

On Aug 12, 2012, at 1:05 PM, **Royce Adams '58**, [Litljump@aol.com](mailto:Litljump@aol.com) wrote:



So many great stories and pictures of so many folks we know! I was especially connected to Dick Kelly's writing as we are, of course, class mates and I worried about him. It seems he surely is doing better and we, Dee and I, wish the best for him.

I had a similar but surely not as urgent heart related incident on Feb. 15th, 2012. I woke up with an elephant standing on my chest and could not get air. I told Dee, "get in the car, we're going to Sanford now!" I drove because I did not wish to wait for an ambulance and I wanted to get there quick. Before I knew it I had a stent in the Left Anterior Descending Artery (LAD). It was 85% blocked by plaque. The Doctor told me after the inserting of the stent that he called that one the "widow maker" and I was fortunate to come off the table. Oh that made me feel

good!!! Anyway, in only 36 hours I was home and feeling fine, but being somewhat careful of any exertion for a while.

As Dick suggested, become a donor if you will, it may be the wonderful and miraculous difference in someone's life.

Again, great O&B and thank you!!!!!!

Royce Adams (58)

On Aug 15, 2012, at 5:58 PM, From Jenna Milleson, Administrative Asst. to Joseph Kerry, President:  
Here's a picture of **Audrey Aurit Tetrick** of the WHS Class of '57. Thank you for being a part of the Restoring Love Breakfast ☺ Along with Glenn, we hope you enjoyed a special and inspiring time in Dallas. We are especially thankful for your Mercury One support as we go forward with bold plans to restore America's history and charity in our next phase. Without you, Mercury One would not be able to fulfill its mission.



**Note From  
Audrey Aurit Tetrick '57:**

Pictured l. to r. David Barton, Glenn Beck, me and Governor Rick Perry of Texas. The occasion was a week long conference to learn the Constitution and volunteer to help others. The name of the conference was "Restoring Love".



**Restoring Love  
Arlington, Texas  
July 28, 2012**



**Blessed are those who can give without  
remembering  
And take without forgetting.**

**My wife and I had words,  
But I didn't get to use mine.**

On Sep 21,  
**Stephen Parezo, Owner of Gene's Studio's**, wrote:

2012, at 9:31 AM,

Hello Jack, I know your dedicated to the 50's but I thought you would like to see the 50 Year Reunion Photo that I had taken on Sept 8th at the old high school.

They were a great group and in a sense  
have joined "the 50's" have a great  
weekend.

Stephen

Stephen Parezo

Gene's Studio, Ltd.

5010 So. Minnesota Ave.

Thanks Stephen.

It is obvious that Gene's Studio is still doing outstanding  
work and wonderfully preserving the faces of WHS!

Jack



**Washington High School ~ Class of 1962  
Fifty Year Reunion 2012**

On Sep 21, 2012, at 3:24 PM, **Neil Getman '55**, [neil.ilse@verizon.net](mailto:neil.ilse@verizon.net) wrote:



Today was the end of a history making era and I happened (unintentionally) to be in the right location at the right time. I was in a shop talking to a friend when he received a telephone call from his wife about 12:30 PM. She informed him that the proposed Space Shuttle final fly-over of Los Angeles was enroute. We then went outside to see if we could catch a glimpse. After about 10 minutes, off in the western horizon, we could see it approaching (mounted on top of a Boeing 747) with a two Air Force fighter aircraft escort. My luck increased, as the closer it got, I began to realize that it was only a short distance from being almost directly overhead, flying at a low

altitude. Although, the sky was partly overcast, the spectacle flew into view within a clear spot of the sky. It sort of gave me "goose bumps" as it flew by. I believe that the Endeavour landed at Los Angeles International Airport and then will be trucked to the Science Museum as a final resting place. Even though I had a cell phone (with a camera ready app) in my car, I completely forgot about it.

Neil Getman (1955)



Neil, thanks for sharing what had to be an exciting and memorable experience. Since you forgot your camera I will provide the photo.  
The Editor

On Sep 16, 2012, at 12:40 PM, **Richard Norbraten '54** wrote: (Richard was known as "Gary" in high school.)  
(Editor's note: In reference to Ron Arneson, class of '54 & '55 who passed away on Sept. 13, 2012.)



I'm glad to have reconnected with Ron at our 55th reunion. I remember something silly we did as teens. Somehow, we got the idea that having clean shoelaces was the sign of a well-groomed man, and so we used to assiduously remove our laces, launder them, and hang them to dry over the floor heating vents, so that we would be two really sharp dressers the next day at school.

**Editors note: Gary, it must have worked because I remember you both as pretty**

On Sep 23, 2012, at 12:55 PM, **Jim Koons '55** wrote:

Jack: Glad to see that you honored Ron Arneson. He was a hunting and fishing buddy of mine all thru high school and for a few years after. He will be missed by family and friends.

Enjoyed catching up with you folks when you were in Kanab for Western Legends. If you come this way next year we will get you one of Patty's home cooked meals.

HAVE A HAPPY DAY!

Patty & Jim Koons  
373 East 300 North  
Kanab, Utah 84741  
1-435-644-5614



Editors note: In August, Debra and I attended the annual "Western Legends Roundup" in Kanab, UT. and discovered that Jim Koons '55 and his lovely wife, Patty, live there. We met for breakfast one morning and it was wonderful seeing Jim again and catching up on the last 57 years. He looks great and he and Patty seem extremely happy together in this unbelievably beautiful part of the country. Kanab boasts of being the setting of more western movies & television shows than any other city in the world except for Hollywood. Lots of Western Stars are in attendance each year for the "Roundup" including Clint Walker of "Cheyenne Bodie" and James Drury of "The Virginian". It was a great fun weekend!



On Oct 20, 2012, at 9:36 PM, **Laurel Pierce Hampel '55** wrote:

Hello Jack,



Thanks to you for the recent edition of the O & B. Ramona (Mona) Schave was a good friend of mine in high school, & we stayed in touch for many years after I married & left Sioux Falls. Whenever I was back in town, I would look her up & we would have a visit about old times, etc. However, we somehow managed to lose touch a few years ago, & I have often wondered about her, so now I know....sadly! I was not aware that her husband, Del Haron, had passed so long ago either, so I welcome the information, even though sad for me. She was exactly the age I am now, but suffered from various health ailments for many years, mainly crippling rheumatoid arthritis. She was raised by her grandparents & I was a guest in their home many times during our years at WHS, & I will

always remember her as a very calm, kind person who took everything in stride & put mothering her children at the top of her list. She did raise a large family, including twin sons, so I am sure she will be missed by many. I owe a debt of gratitude to **Don Noordsy** also for helping you put all this information together for our WHS Class of '55 classmate. My thanks to you both!

I hope life is treating you & Debra very well & it sounds like you had a wonderful vacation recently! We have to do it while we still can, right? My husband, Fred, & I are planning an Amtrak trip next month from Sacramento, Ca., to Princeton, Il., to visit my brother & other friends & relatives in Illinois, where my husband is from. We have wanted to travel Amtrak for sometime now & are looking forward to it.

I love getting the O & B issues, so thank you so much for your considerable effort in that regard. Take care & God Bless!

Laurel Pierce Hampel  
WHS Class of '55

On Oct 21, 2012, at 7:55 AM, **Don Noordsy'58** wrote:

Laurel and Jack....



Thank you for your nice notes. I was pleased to hear that a friend of Ramona's learned about her passing as a result of my good fortune in finding enough information about her so that Jack could alert the 1050's era WHS community in a timely manner. While I did not know her personally, I know we all have a common bond through WHS, and that just has to make her a good person! From Laurel's description, it does not seem like Ramona had the easiest of lives. Hopefully she and her family are comforted by the fact that people from her past are also saddened by her passing.

Best,  
Don Noordsy  
Grantham, NH

On Oct 21, 2012, at 12:12 PM, **Laurel Pierce Hampel '55** wrote:

Hello Don,

It was nice to hear from you & I appreciate your response. Yes, Ramona was a very nice person & I was glad to have the updated photo of her as included in the obituary item, & as I said before your efforts in helping Jack to get this information into the latest O & B issue for others to see is very much appreciated. Keep up the good work! The O & B is a wonderful enrichment to the lives of those who shared in the WHS experience!

I sincerely hope that all is well with you & yours. God Bless!  
Laurel Pierce Hampel  
WHS Class of '55

On Oct 15, 2012, at 2:34 PM, **Linda Bradley Benson '54** wrote:

I'm sending this to friends/relatives of mine that are educators and/or college educated people. I wonder what you think of this "sample 8th grade exam"??? I was impressed!!! Linda Benson '54

## 1895 8th Grade Final Exam

What it took to get an 8th grade education in 1895... Remember when grandparents and great-grandparents stated that they only had an 8th grade education? Well, check this out. Could any of us have passed the 8th grade in 1895? This is the eighth-grade final exam from 1895 in Salina , Kansas , USA . It was taken from the original document on file at the Smokey Valley Genealogical Society and Library in Salina , and reprinted by the Salina Journal. The total exam took 5 hrs.

### Arithmetic (Time, 1 hour 15 minutes)

1. Name and define the Fundamental Rules of Arithmetic.
2. A wagon box is 2 ft. Deep, 10 feet long, and 3 ft. Wide. How many bushels of wheat will it hold?
3. If a load of wheat weighs 3,942 lbs., what is it worth at 50cts/bushel, deducting 1,050 lbs. For tare?
4. District No 33 has a valuation of \$35,000.. What is the necessary levy to carry on a school seven months at \$50 per month, and have \$104 for incidentals?
5. Find the cost of 6,720 lbs. Coal at \$6.00 per ton.
6. Find the interest of \$512.60 for 8 months and 18 days at 7 percent.
7. What is the cost of 40 boards 12 inches wide and 16 ft.. Long at \$20 per metre?
8. Find bank discount on \$300 for 90 days (no grace) at 10 percent.
9. What is the cost of a square farm at \$15 per acre, the distance of which is 640 rods?
10. Write a Bank Check, a Promissory Note, and a Receipt

### U.S. History (Time, 45 minutes)

1. Give the epochs into which U.S. History is divided
2. Give an account of the discovery of America by Columbus
3. Relate the causes and results of the Revolutionary War.
4. Show the territorial growth of the United States
5. Tell what you can of the history of Kansas
6. Describe three of the most prominent battles of the Rebellion.
7. Who were the following: Morse, Whitney, Fulton , Bell , Lincoln , Penn, and Howe?
8. Name events connected with the following dates: 1607, 1620, 1800, 1849, 1865.

Editors note: There are two other test categories, "Grammar" and "Orthography" (spelling & writing). If you would like the test questions on these other two categories let me know and I will send them to you. *"Just an 8th grade education" takes on a new meaning doesn't it.*

### Geography (Time, one hour)

- 1 What is climate? Upon what does climate depend?
2. How do you account for the extremes of climate in Kansas ?
3. Of what use are rivers? Of what use is the ocean?
4. Describe the mountains of North America
5. Name and describe the following: Monrovia , Odessa , Denver , Manitoba , Hecla , Yukon , St. Helena, Juan Fernandez, Aspinwall and Orinoco
6. Name and locate the principal trade centers of the U.S. Name all the republics of Europe and give the capital of each..
8. Why is the Atlantic Coast colder than the Pacific in the same latitude?
9. Describe the process by which the water of the ocean returns to the sources of rivers.