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Thank you to several Classmates that are reporting to the O & B !

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Letters to the O & B



Paul Kotsines wrote paulkotsines@comcast.net on June 13, 2025

Jack/Debra I would like to thank you and your staff for restarting the O & B newsletter. It is refreshing to hear from my fellow students and friends at WHS. Keep up the good work and I will be anxiously awaiting the next newsletter.

Regards,
Paul Kotsines.
Class of '57

Dr. Wayne E. Boese wrote, drwboese@icloud.com on June 13, 2025

Hi, Debra,
Many thanks for continuing Jack's incredible work.
My classmate and friend, Bob Amundson, WHS 1956, passed away last December. If I missed that in your previous issues, I apologize.
Bob had a very impressive biography, including serving for years on the South Dakota Supreme Court. His wife, Kathy, and my wife, Sally Keizer, graduated from WHS in 1961.
Thanks again. God's Blessings.

Cordially,
Dr Wayne E Boese
Class of '56

PS. Sally and I gratefully celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary, June 6, 1965, on Sunday, 8 June, with a well-attended Open House.

Jack used to say Happy Wife, Happy Life! Debra



**CONGRATULATIONS TO WAYNE & SALLY ON
60 YEARS OF MARRIAGE!**

**They say
marriages
are made
in Heaven.
But so is
thunder and
lightning.**

~ Clint Eastwood

Bizwaremagic's Funny Quotes

From: Judy H. <judyandles@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, July 12, 2025 9:34 PM
To: WHS Alumni News editor@whsalumninews.com

My name is Judy Hobbs. I graduated in 1958. My maiden name was Judy Stark. Are there any plans for another re-union?
I love getting the Orange & Black! I live in Lakewood, Colorado.
I moved here the day after I graduated in 1958.
I loved living in Sioux Falls. My best friends were Judy Johnson and Karen Tuttle. Sorry to say they are both gone now. I might consider coming to another re-union. Glenn Gravel lives here in the Denver area.
Thank you for taking on the job of the Orange & Black.

Judy Hobbs '58
judyandles@comcast.net

Dear Judy: Thanks for the note! I contacted Marlys Hohman'57 who organized a few of the All School Reunions and she said that there are no plans at present to have another reunion. It would be wonderful if someone would step up and start planning one! Debra Phillips



Submission by Dr. Doug Aldrich '57

An Addition to Stephen Veenker's Teacher Feature

Without a doubt, my favorite was Dorothea Riter, not only for what she taught me, but also how her lessons impacted my life. I had her for sophomore English and senior Rhetoric. Her courses were times of learning, challenge, growth, and critiquing.

Her lessons were clear and meticulous, with grading in red ink for signs of needed improvements. One time I got back a paper with no red marks on it, but a B grade. When I asked why, she replied, "That's because you can easily do A work." I bought a typewriter and learned how to make it convey my words and paragraphs to her growing satisfaction. We were given an assignment about science fiction. Chad Boese and I took views of the Past and Future of SF. She thought our papers were good but speculative.

One day, I lamented to her that I was consistently losing out to classmates in speaking competitions such as DAR and FSE. She replied, "You don't work at speaking like you do writing; either improve it, or always be behind." That became a wake-up call: good communications (written and oral) were critical.

During my recruiting at Mines for Dow Corning, I framed a three-part technical communications program; a professor did the syllabi. Those courses are still being taught today. On a trip through Sioux Falls, I spent an afternoon with her talking about the value of her lessons in my life. I then funded the Riter English Award in her honor and as a signal to students how important her lessons were. The nice part was that Dorothea was living when informed of it. Her picture, the award criteria, and recipient plaques grace the Liberal Arts building at Mines today.

Dorothea's teachings were used during my careers and even today. I've written several magazine articles, been on editorial advisory boards, appeared on two magazine articles, and authored chapters in two books. My writing and speaking paid rich dividends in church leadership, overseas construction projects, and facility positions...largely due to lessons from Miss Riter!

Dr. Doug Aldrich
Class of 1957

March 12, 1952

Bill Zabel, WHS Student, Finds Old Edition of High School Lyre

On February 7, 1895, under the editorship of Helene George and Harriet Walts, Washington high printed its second edition of the semi-monthly paper, "The High School Lyre". Subscription rates were five cents per month.

Burd Stringham and Kathryn Gregory were business managers.

In the advertising section the L. T., Dunning Drug Company advertised the newest thing out, "a Common Sense Curler" which could be operated by the right or left hand! This curling iron could be had for fifteen cents.

Common to the present day fashions, silks and velvets which E. J. Daniels, clothier advertised, had just arrived for the spring styles of 1895.

Sterling dress buckles, hair pins, side combs, hat pins, and an assortment of novelties were the products advertised by B. L. Gates, Jeweler, located at 121 South Phillips Avenue.

Due to the cost of printing, "Cash on delivery---Please do not ask for credit", was the notice seen in the "Lyre" for the students who wished to buy a paper.

This copy was the size of a current Time magazine. It contained a feature, "Birds of the Faculty" written to define the names of various faculty members. Ads comprised two-thirds of the fourth page. No pictures or cartoon drawings, were used throughout the entire paper.



Williams' Corner

Golly-gee, I'm really disgusted with Leap Year. So far I've had an "Unforgettable" number of refusals. It's kinda' discouraging.

The last po-lite nope came when I pleaded "Please Mr. Sun," "Be My Life's Companion." And all the "Slowpoke" would say was a drawled out "Never". I was about to join the "Little White Cloud That Cried" when along came "Charmaine." She advised me not to "Retreat" so soon cause "It's All in The Game." But I replied "I Can't Help It," I'm "Broken Hearted." Oh "Willow Weep For Me."

Oh, well... There's always "Solitaire" when the "Shrimp Boats" bring back the deck. Adv.

Thrill her
with a
**LANE
CEDAR
CHEST**



only \$1.25
a week!

from **D**onahue's

Submission by Bill Lobe '59

Most of our generation of 60+ were HOME SCHOOLED in many ways.

1. My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside I just finished cleaning."

2. My mother taught me RELIGION.

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

3. My father taught me about TIME TRAVEL.

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

4. My father taught me LOGIC.

"Because I said so, that's why."

5. My mother taught me MORE LOGIC

"If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."

6. My mother taught me FORESIGHT.

"Make sure you wear clean underwear; in case you're in an accident."

7. My father taught me IRONY.

"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."

8. My mother taught me about the science of OSMOSIS.

"Shut your mouth and eat your supper."

9. My mother taught me about CONTORTIONISM.

"Just you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"

10. My mother taught me about STAMINA.

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

11. My mother taught me about WEATHER.

"This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."

12. My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"

13. My father taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out..."

14. My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.

"Stop acting like your father!"

15. My mother taught me about ENVY

"There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."

16. My mother taught me about ANTICIPATION.

"Just wait until we get home."

17. My mother taught me about RECEIVING.

"You are going to get it from your father when you get home!"

18. My mother taught me MEDICAL SCIENCE.

"If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to get stuck that way."

19. My mother taught me ESP.

"Put your sweater on; don't you think I know when you are cold?"

20. My father taught me HUMOR.

"When that lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."

21. My mother taught me HOW TO BECOME AN ADULT.

"If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."

22. My mother taught me GENETICS.

"You're just like your father."

23. My mother taught me about my ROOTS.

"Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"

24. My mother taught me WISDOM.

"When you get to be my age, you'll understand."

25. My father taught me about JUSTICE.

"One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you!"

This should only be sent to the over 60 crowd because the younger ones would not believe we truly were told these "EXACT" words by our parents

They Call Us Elderly!

We were born in the 40-50-60's.
We grew up in the 50-60-70's.
We studied in the 60-70-80's.
We were dating in the 70-80-90's.
We got married and discovered the world in the 70-80-90's.
We venture into the 80-90's.
We stabilize in the 2000's.
We got wiser in the 2010's.
And we are going firmly through and beyond the 2020's.

Turns out we've lived through EIGHT different decades...

TWO different centuries...

TWO different millennia...

We have gone from the telephone with an operator for long-distance calls to video calls to anywhere in the world.

We have gone from slides to YouTube, from vinyl records to online music, from handwritten letters to email and "What's App."

From live matches on the radio, to black and white TV, and then to HD TV.

We went to the Video store and now we watch Netflix.

We got to know the first computers, punch cards, diskettes and now we have gigabytes and megabytes in hand on our cell phones or iPad.

We wore shorts throughout our childhood and then long pants, oxfords, Bermuda shorts, etc.

We dodged infantile paralysis, meningitis, H1N1 flu and now COVID-19.

We rode skates, tricycles, invented cars, bicycles, mopeds, gasoline or diesel cars and now we ride hybrids or 100% electric.

Yes, we've been through a lot but what a great life we've had!

They could describe us as "exennials"; people who were born in that world of the fifties, who had an analog childhood and a digital adulthood.

We're kind of "Yaseen-It-All"!

Our generation has literally lived through and witnessed more than any other in every dimension of life.

It is our generation that has literally adapted to "CHANGE".

A big round of applause to all the members of a very special generation, which will be UNIQUE.

A precious and very true message that I received from a friend...

TIME DOES NOT STOP

Life is a task that we brought ourselves to do at home

When you look ... it's already six in the afternoon; when you look ... it's already Friday; when one looks ... the month is over,

When one looks ... the year is over; when one looks ... 50, 60 and 70 years have passed!

When you look ... we no longer know where our friends are.

When you look ... we lost the love of our life and now, it's too late to go back.

SO ...

Do not stop doing something you like due to lack of time.

Do not stop having someone by your side. Your children will soon not be yours and you will have to do something with that remaining time,

where the only thing that we are going to miss will be the space that can only be enjoyed with the usual friends.

The time which unfortunately, never returns ...

The day is today!

WE ARE NO LONGER AT AN AGE TO POSTPONE ANYTHING.

Hopefully you have time to read and then share this message... or else leave it for **Later** and you will see that you will never share it!

Always together, Always united
Always Brothers and Sisters
Always friends

Author Unknown

Janelle Wright, Contributor



WHS DECEASED LIST for 2025

FIRST NAME	NEE/Middle	LAST	CLASS	OBIT LINK	DOD
Solveig	M	Beckman	50	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/solveig-beckmen	7/8/2025
Jack	William	Hamilton	50	https://www.millerfh.com/obituary/jack-hamilton	1/31/2025
Mary	Ann	Costello	50	https://www.millerfh.com/obituary/mary-costello	12/25/24
Dina	Brandt	Holgate	51	https://www.millerfh.com/obituary/dina-brandt-holgate	02/22/25
			52		
Joan	Perrenoud	Odland	53	https://www.postbulletin.com/obituaries/obits/joan-m-odland	03/10/25
James	R	Smalley	53	https://www.millerfh.com/obituary/james-smalley	5/26/2025
Ronald (Ron)	F	Mattice	53	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/ronald-ron-mattice	5/29/2025
Lowell	Eugene	Larson	53	minnehahafuneralhome.com/obituaries/lowell-eugene-larson	6/17/2025
Wayne	Lee	Steensma	53	https://www.millerfh.com/obituary/wayne-steensma	07/02/25
Joseph	H	Floyd	54	https://www.millerfh.com/obituary/joseph-floyd	01/14/25
Charla	Farnsworth	Smith	54	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/charla-smith	05/24/25
Loetta	Lee	Munson	55	https://www.millerfh.com/obituary/loretta-munson	01/13/25
Ronald	Gene	Fisher	55	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/ronald-fisher	02/09/25
Robert "Bob"	Dennis	Thompson	56	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/robert-bob-dennis-thompson	02/11/25
Donna	Mae	Murphy	56	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/donna-murphy	03/17/25
John	E	Johannsen	57	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/john-johannsen	03/11/25
Marcia	M	Ostrem	57	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/marcia-ostrem	05/24/25
Charla		Smith	57	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/charla-smith	05/24/25
Dave		Herrick	58	https://www.heritagefsd.com/obituary/david-herrick	2/27/25?
Richard "Dick"		Miller	58	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/richard-dick-miller	03/02/25
Ron		Updegraff	58	https://www.millerfh.com/obituary/ron-updegraff	05/29/25
Robert		Wichner	58	https://www.millerfh.com/obituary/robert-wichner	06/27/25
John	S	Hedland	58	https://adportal.adn.com/adportal/listing/JohnS-Hedland/W0052259.html	04/16/25
Philip	S	Helland	59	https://www.argusleader.com/obituaries/pabd1123483	03/15/25
Stephen		Veenker	59	legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/stephen-veenker-obituary2	4/17/25
William	Bill	Kullander	59	www.millerfh.com/obituary/william-bill-kullander	5/11/25
Susan (Sue)		French	59	https://www.hansenfuneralhome.com/obituaries/susan-french	05/22/25

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Jack Phillips & The WHS Alumni Staff

