

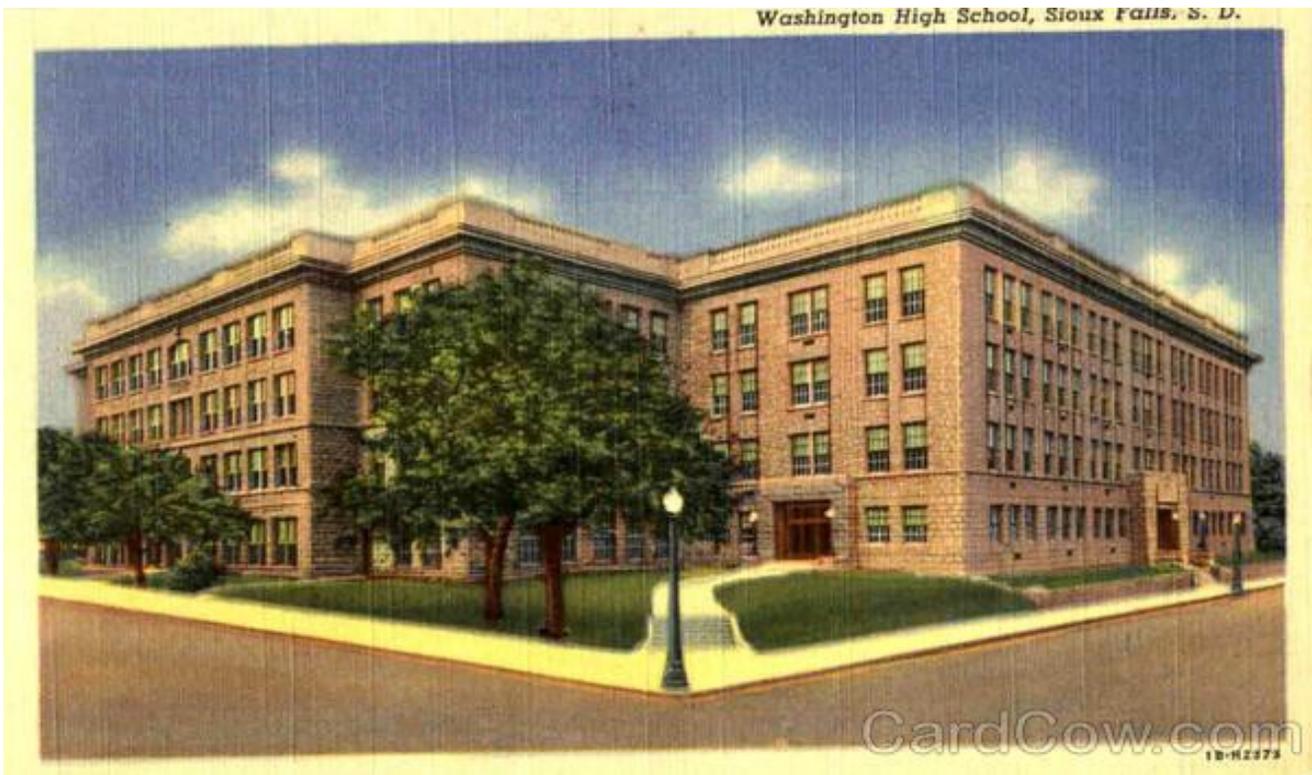
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Jack & Debra Phillips

Letters to the O & B



Sharon Reinan
<sharon.reinan@gmail.com>
wrote on January 27, 2026

I do enjoy getting the newsletter and apologize for not saying so earlier. My high school name was Sharon Knepper, and I graduated in '56. Two name changes later, I am Sharon Reinan and live with my daughter in Fort Collins, Colorado.

I spend my time doing puzzles, especially NYT's and Scrabble, and writing. I'm currently composing my 11th cozy mystery (think Miss Marple), and I keep the senior center writing (the QUILL Society) churning out memories. I have fond memories of Sioux Falls, especially Washington High. Keep the memories coming!

Sharon Knepper Reinan
Class of '56

Editor's Note: Thanks Sharon! Keep writing those mystery stories!

Wayne Boese <drwboese@gmail.com>wrote on January 27, 2026

Subject: WHS O&B Alumni Newsletter, Issue 01-26 for Dr. Wayne / Sally Boese

Thanks for your continuing efforts, Debra!

Here in the Richmond, Virginia area, we barely avoided a truly destructive ice event but the recent temperatures, in the single digits, remind us a tad of those traditional cold South Dakota winters.

Happy New Year!

Wayne Boese Class of '56
Sally Keiser Boese Class of '61

Editor's Note: Dr. Boese thank you for your kind words!

All the Alumni staff try and keep it going!



Laurie Ciglar <Laurie.Ciglar@rustbullet.com> wrote on January 27,2026

Thank you for sharing this Newsletter Deb! Good job and thanks to you and to all the staff for their time and effort putting this together for the enjoyment of others. I can't wait for the Valentine's issue to see the cute pics people might share. I hope they send in a bunch. I can officially join the "older than dirt" club... yahoo and yay for me!! The only things I don't remember is Butch wax, Howdy Doody, Packards, apparently all before my time. I'd like to get my hands on some of that Butch wax now for my husband. What a great product name and that hair style is back. Love you!

Laurie Ciglar
Rust Bullet, LLC

Daughter of Jack M Phillips

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Editor's Page

Wishing all Alumni Subscribers a Happy Valentines Day!

Then...

Robert Legvold and Gloria Welch
Washington High School, Class of 1958

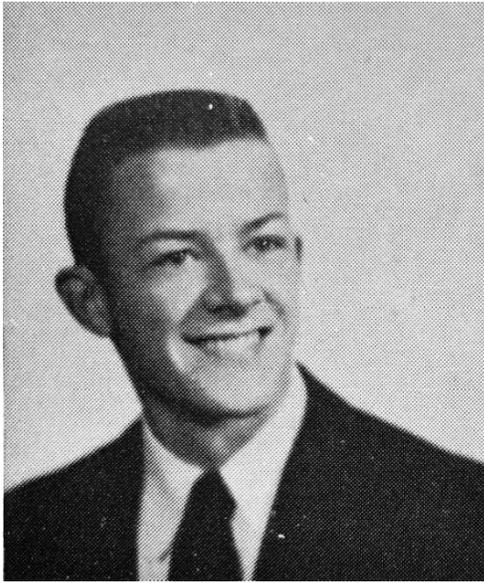


And, now still...

Robert and Gloria Legvold



Warner '54 and Karen Gurley Brown '54



Hawaii 2019



Permella Bedford Kielman '56 and Roger Kielman '55



Roger ('55) and Permella ('56) had a blind date in December 1952. They continued to date, with a few disruptions, and married in 1959.



Perm Bedford Kielman 4perm.roger@gmail.com wrote on February 6, 2026

I so enjoy seeing the Orange and Black come up in my in-box. I know that Jack is looking down beaming with pride as you carry on the tradition. We are all so appreciative! Our lives have definitely changed. Roger passed away in 2021. I bought a house across the street from my daughter soon after. It's the smartest thing I have ever done. I just had my 88th birthday. Unfortunately, I celebrated my birthday in the hospital. I had a stroke on January 1st. It's a heck of a way to start a new year. Somebody up there must like me, because I am back to my normal self. I feel so fortunate!
All my best to you!

Perm
Class of '56

Sending Wishes to all WHS Alumni & Friends "Happy Heart's Day!"



*Ladies & Gentlemen
The Orange & Black
Presents*



*The
Sweethearts
of
Washington High
from 1950 - 1959*

1950

MARY ANN DAVIS

1950 Sweetheart

Dan Cupid and valentine decorations symbolic of Valentine's Day were present at the high school gym on February 14 when Mary Ann Davis was crowned Sweetheart of 1950. She was presented with the traditional gold heart locket during the intermission by Dramatics Club president Mary Sampson. The four candidates — freshman Marilyn Clark, sophomore Carol Spear, junior Mary Ann Davis, and senior Joan Hill — stepped out of a big heart as each was introduced.

Sweetheart Candidates, 1. to 4.: Marilyn Clark, Carol Spear, Mary Ann Davis, Joan Hill.



1951



SWEETHEART

Valentine's day was the time for the annual Sweetheart dance which was sponsored by the Dramatics Club. The four candidates who vied for Sweetheart of 1951 are pictured above. They are: Roxie Davis, Frances Line, Donna McNamara, and Marilyn Hill. Each represented her class as a typical Sweetheart. Frances Line was announced Sweetheart of '51 at the Arkota Ballroom the night of the dance.



Janie Hockett



Marietta Hansen



Janet Sporn



Betty Holmoe

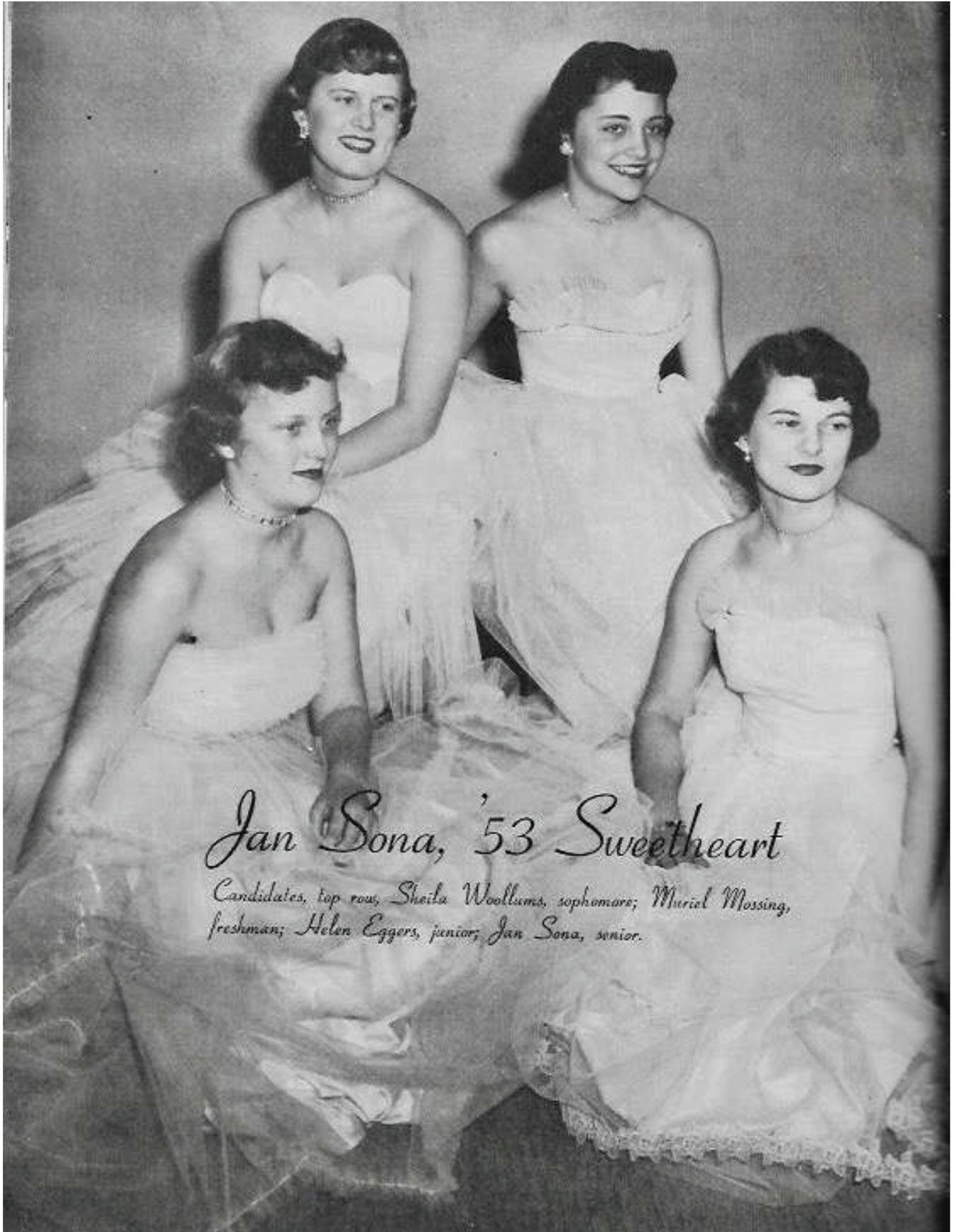
Sweetheart

February 22 was a happy day for senior, Betty Holmoe. During intermission at one of our favorite dances, that evening, vice-president of the Dramatic Club, Jim Ward, presented Betty with a gold locket meaning that she had been honored by those attending the dance to hold the title of "Sweetheart of '52."

The Sweetheart is an annual affair sponsored by the Dramatics Club and given at the Arkota. The officers of this club have the task of selecting the four candidates, one from each classification. They are chosen on the basis of sweetness and personality, and their identity is revealed in the special assembly a few days before the dance. Those attending the dance are given a ballot when they enter.

The other candidates for the honor were: Janet Sporn, freshman; Marietta Hansen, sophomore; and Janie Hackett, junior.

1953



Jan Sona, '53 Sweetheart

Candidates, top row, Sheila Woollums, sophomore; Muriel Mossing, freshman; Helen Eggers, junior; Jan Sona, senior.

1954



1954 Sweetheart Sonja Oyan



KAY SEVERSON
'54 Junior Sweetheart Nominee



FERNELLA BEDFORD
'54 Sophomore Sweetheart Nominee



KAREN OSGOOD
'54 Freshman Sweetheart Nominee

1955



1955 Sweetheart Wanda Shelp



URSULA McMANUS
'55 Junior Sweetheart Nominee



LINDA CARLSON
'55 Sophomore Sweetheart Nominee



BEVERLY HEWLETT
'55 Freshman Sweetheart Nominee

1956



L to R: Shirley Boyum, Junior;

Connie Papas, Sophomore;

Julie Johnson, Freshman;

Queen-Marilyn Rush, Senior

1957



Sweetheart for '57, Jenene Michael

Jenene Michael, Senior

Shirley Kittelson, Sophomore

Jan Campbell, Junior, Seated

Note: In 1957 the Freshman Class was eliminated and Washington High School became a three year high school.

1958

Sweetheart Candidates, 1958



*Joan Miller, Sophomore; Queen, Anne Feuerhelm, Junior;
Betsy Adams, Senior*

1959



Margaret Ann Drey, Sophomore. Marg Starkey, Senior. Marilyn Tyler, Queen.

Dramatics Club
Sweetheart Hopefuls

Anyone remember this building?
Peg Teslow Class of '57
Located on Main between 10th and 11th Street



ANSWER:

The building between 10th & 11th on Main was Dickenson Bakery. Mr. Dickenson immigrated from England and had a home on 10th & Cliff (nw corner up on a hill). He belonged to some off-beat church that believed the devil lived in every corner, hence the rounded turrets at the bakery and his residence. I remember fondly him slipping me a piece of ribbon candy when my parents and I visited the bakery at Christmas time.

Peg Teslow
Class of '57

I'm Positive You Will Not Know
What This Is. If you really know
this then you must be old.





WHS DECEASED LIST for 2025/2026					2/14/2026
FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME	CLASS	OBITUARY LINK <i>Red denotes NEW in 2026</i>	DOD
Solveig	M	Beckman	50	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/solveig-beckmen	07/08/25
Jack	William	Hamilton	50	https://www.millerfh.com/obituary/jack-hamilton	01/31/25
Mary	Ann	Costello	50	https://www.millerfh.com/obituary/mary-costello	12/25/24
Corlus		Caldwell	50	https://www.millerfh.com/obituary/corlus-caldwell	12/16/25
Vivian	Helen	Wehling	50	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/vivian-wehling	01/12/26
Richard	A.	Kinsley	50	https://www.heritagesfsd.com/obituary/richard-kinsley	01/13/26
Dina	Brandt	Holgate	51	https://www.millerfh.com/obituary/dina-brandt-holgate	02/22/25
Lavonne	Joyce	Schildhauer	51	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/lavonne-schildhauer	08/17/25
Verla	Joyce	Fehrenz	51	https://www.millerfh.com/obituary/verla-joy-fehrenz	08/21/25
Stephen	Henry	Jensen	51	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/Stephen-jensen	10/08/25
Joan	Mabee	Tate	51	https://www.chapelhillfuneralhome.com/obituaries/joan-tate	01/20/26
Clinton	Gerald	Philips	51	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/clinton-philips	01/30/26
Donald	M	Branson	52	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/donald-branson	09/10/25
Joan	Perrenod	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	05/26/25
Ronald (Ron)	F	Mattice	53	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/ronald-ron-mattice	05/29/25
Lowell	Eugene	Larson	53	minnehahafuneralhome.com/obituaries/lowell-eugene-larson	06/17/25
Wayne	Lee	Steensma	53	https://www.millerfh.com/obituary/wayne-steensma	07/02/25

Rodney		Bird	53	https://www.millerfh.com/guestbook/rodney-bird#45780563	07/26/25
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Kay		Reiner	53	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/genevieve-rainer	09/21/25
Barbara	Juanita	Pinnell	53	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/barbara-pinnell	11/13/25
James	H	Page	53	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/james-page	
Luann Kay	Loge	Greear	53	https://www.heritagesfsd.com/obituary/luann-loge-greear	01/14/26
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
James	R	Waldner	54	https://heartlandfunerals.com/james-waldo-revillo-waldner/	09/02/25
Loetta	Lee	Munson	55	https://www.millerfh.com/obituary/loretta-munson	01/13/25
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Donna	Mae	Murphy	56	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/donna-murphy	03/17/25
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Richard "Dick"		Miller	58	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/richard-dick-miller	03/02/25
John	S	Hedland	58	https://adportal.adn.com/adportal/listing/JohnS-Hedland/W0052259.html	04/16/25
Ron		Updegraff	58	https://www.millerfh.com/obituary/ron-updegraff	05/29/25
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William	Bill	Kullander	59	www.millerfh.com/obituary/william-bill-kullander	05/11/25
Susan (Sue)		French	59	https://www.hansenfuneralhome.com/obituaries/susan-french	05/22/25
Patricia	O'Reilly	Miller	59	https://www.martinson.info/obituaries/Patricia-O-Miller?	08/09/25
Vaughn		Neshiem	59	https://www.wightandcomes.com/memorials/vaughn-neshiem	09/12/25
Beatrice "Bea"		Baumberger	59	https://www.millerfh.com/obituary/beatrice-bea-baumberger	10/20/25



*Happy
Valentine's
Day*



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