

“SOMETIMES IT’S NOT WHAT YOU KNOW,
IT’S WHO YOU KNOW”

Part Five of Series On

Myron Lee and The Caddies

By Myron Lee Wachendorf '59



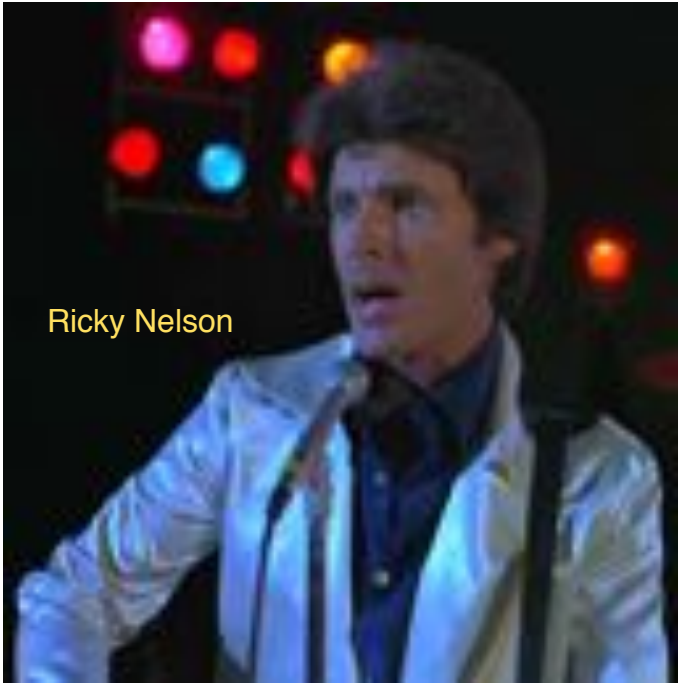
Myron Lee Wachendorf '59
WHS Senior Photo



We were back in Canada for three weeks in January of 1963 on tour with Dorsey Burnette, who had two big hits at the time: *Hey Little One* and *Tall Oak Tree*. Dorsey was the brother of Johnny Burnette who also was a singer and both brothers were good songwriters. Dorsey could see that my band was going over well with the Canadian audiences and Dorsey offered to produce a recording

session with me in California as soon as the tour was done. Recording during those days was most often done using studio musicians, not bands that were use to playing for live audiences. When I got to Los Angeles, Dorsey picked me up at the hotel and on to the studio we went. I was thrilled when Dorsey told me the musicians he had lined up. They were Ricky Nelson's band, the ones we saw each week on *The Ozzie and Harriet Show*; Earl Palmer was on drums, James Burton lead guitar, Joe Osborn on bass and Glen Campbell on rhythm guitar. Glen was a studio player and was not famous yet at that time. We had four girl background singers and Dorsey sang harmony with me on each of the four songs we recorded.

Dorsey placed *Town Girl* on the Keen Record Label and it became a regional hit for us. It was such a thrill for me to be able to work with people like that and after the three-hour session, we stopped by the Ozzie and Harriet studio, where all the weekly TV shows were done, and I got to meet Ozzie who produced and wrote all those shows. As we drove in the back parking lot, the



Ricky Nelson

first four parking spots were marked “Ozzie”, “Harriet”, “David” and “Ricky.” Those people live in a whole different world than most of us will ever experience.



In the summer of 1963, we were once again on tour with Bobby Vee. We mostly traveled 200-300 miles a day between dates. Once in a while we would have a longer drive, like the time we played the grandstand show for the Regina, Saskatchewan (Canada) fair and two days later we played the Pennsylvania State Fair. That was quite a drive!

Later that summer, we played a whole week in one spot. It was the Texas Teen Fair in San Antonio, Texas. George Jones opened each show at 10:00 a.m. with his big crossover hit *The Race is On* followed by Bobby Rydell. We were the third act on stage, but were out of there each day by 1:00 p.m. and had the hot Texas afternoons to spend in the swimming pool at the Holiday Inn. The group that closed the show each morning you may have heard of: they were the Rolling Stones. Around ten years

ago, Keith Richards of the Stones was doing a show at the Target Center in Minneapolis and my drummer, Stu Perry, got to go back stage after the show to visit with Richards. A conversation about that week in Texas back in 1963 came up and Keith said he still remembered the name Myron Lee and the Caddies because that was their first tour to the U.S. and we were the first American band that they worked with.

We played our last date that summer in LaCrosse, Wisconsin and were headed home. I was riding with Bobby Vee that day and he said that he would be the headliner for *The Dick Clark Caravan of Stars* in November. Clark needed a



band that could back up twelve major acts and he asked Bobby if he knew of anyone. Bobby said he did and would get back with him. Now here comes the line – “Sometimes it’s not what you know, it’s who you know.” The chance to get to work for a guy like Dick Clark is slim to none, but Bobby got me the job and we worked the 1963 North American Tour and came back and did the next one in 1965. We had a lot of big music stars on these shows ... so we’ll go on tour next time.

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WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet & Induction Ceremony Saturday, October 11, 2014



Jeff Herbert '74
WHS Senior Photo

*T*his years annual prestigious WHS Athletic Hall of Fame banquet and induction ceremony is now just over a week away. **Jeff Herbert, WHS class of '74**, chairman of this year's Athlete Hall of Fame Committee has informed the O&B that tickets are still available by just contacting Nate Malchow, WHS Activities Director, at 605-367-7968. This years event is being held at the Washington Pavilion, at 301 S. Main Ave, in Sioux Falls. A social hour will begin at 5:30 pm, tours of Alumni Hall at 5:15, dinner at 6:30 and the induction ceremony at 7:30 pm.

The Sioux Falls Washington Athletic Hall of Fame was founded on December 29, 1994. On that date, a meeting was called which included Ken Kessinger, Dick Day, John Odney, Jim Denevan, and Wayne Carney. At that meeting the concept of establishing a Washington High School Athletic Hall of Fame was discussed. It was decided at that time that a committee consisting of Ken Kessinger, Dick Day, Bob Johnson, Virg Sandvig, Arnie Bauer, Chris Dummermuth, JoElle Benson, John Odney, Jim Denevan, Marc Murren, Dean Mann, and Wayne Carney put together a constitution and by-laws for the Hall of Fame. At the January 31, 1995 meeting, Ken Kessinger and Dean Mann were selected as Co-Chairpersons of the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee. At the March 8, 1995 meeting, JoElle Benson was selected as secretary and Marc Murren was selected as treasurer. Under the direction of Ken Kessinger and Dean Mann, the Constitution and By-Laws of the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame were drafted and approved at the April 26, 1995 meeting. The formal acceptance of the initial WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee was established with the following members: Ken Kessinger, Dick Day, Bob Johnson, Virg Sandvig, Arnie Bauer, Chris Dummermuth, JoElle Bensen, Jim Denevan, Marc Mureen, Dean Mann, Bruce Odson, and Wayne Carney.

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.

This year's Hall of Fame Inductees are:

Coach, Pam Johnson Murra • 1981-1991

Contributor, Jack Phillips

Athletes, Mike Gibson 1956, Rich Hall 1968, Phil Hamman 1976, Roger Christion 1999, Justin Reilly 1999, Josh Rave 2001

Athletic Hall of Fame Committee 2014: Jeff Herbert, Chair, Jim Luce, Vice-chair, Nate Malchow, Asst. Principal Activities/Treasurer, Dave Bakke, Jenni Breum, Secretary, Don Erickson, Brian Hermanson, Ken Kessinger, Dan Goeman, Jill Joyce-Hazard, Lynn Reding, Mike Moller and Jim Trett

Editors Note: The WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Committee appreciates donations, memorials or any other financial consideration supporters might give. As Jeff Herbert recently wrote me, "We live by wonderful, generous folks year to year---yet, in order to secure the Pavilion and meet other expenses, we welcome any amount folks might be willing to donate. This is not a tithe Sunday appeal, but I am not sure many are aware they might give to the wonderful evening!" So now knowing that the HOF needs extra financial help, please consider giving a little extra.



Jeff Herbert '74
Chairman of The WHS Athletic H of F taught English and Amer. Literature and coached football and girls basketball at WHS for 20 years. Jeff boosts of a long lineage with WHS. His Dad and Uncle graduated from WHS in 1943 and 1949 respectively. Jeff graduated in 1974 and now his children are attending WHS or have graduated. He was on the football, basketball and track teams at WHS and was a member of the homecoming royalty in his senior year. His Mom, Lois, substitute taught at WHS for 50 years.

Plan Now To Attend And Call Nate Malchow at 605-367-7968 For Tickets

CLASS OF '54's

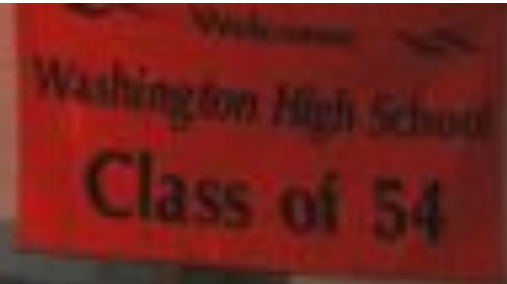
60TH REUNION

The 60th Reunion for WHS Class of '54 was a huge success by all standards. It was held in Sioux Falls on Sept. 19, 20 and 21, 2014 with the Holiday Inn City Center serving as the reunion headquarters. All events were held at the Holiday Inn except the Friday evening cocktail party was held at the Washington Pavilion. Tours of Joe Floyd's Auto Collection, the Pavilion and Sioux Falls were offered. Over 100 members of the Class of '54 attended plus their spouses and guests.

Class of '54's, 60th Reunion Committee

Wayne Mitchell, Marilyn Hill Viehweg,
Nancy Holm Renner, John Kittelson (chairman), Lois Rossow Gellerman,
Dick Sweetman.

Thanks For A Job Well Done!



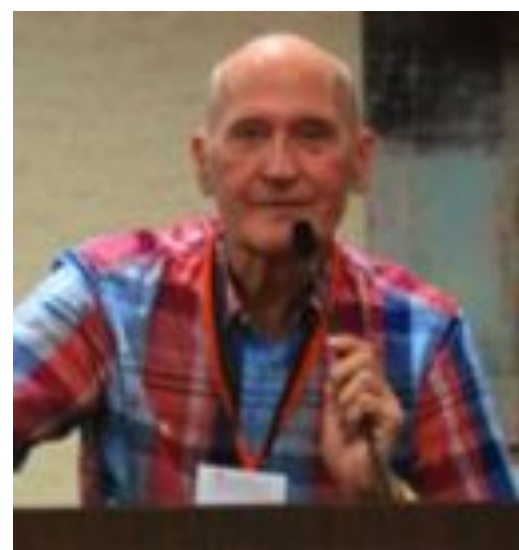
At The Podium



Glenn Gulbranson accepting the,
"Sherlock Holmes Award" for
finding lost classmates.



Chairman Kittelson
Presiding



Milton Riise Reminiscing



Wayne Mitchell '54
Singing, "If I Were A
Rich Man".



Beverly Caesar Baartman '54
Receiving Two Dozen Red
Roses For Her Many Years of
Class Record Keeping.



**Marlys Ahrendt
Hohman '57**
With An Update on
2015 All School
Reunion.



**Ron Veenker '54 & Dorothy
Langley Carlson '54**



Right: Dorothy Lee Josephson '54

On Sunday morning at our Bonnie Assam
Luke Memorial Breakfast, a 15 1/2 minute
slide show was shown paying tribute to
each of our 135 deceased classmates.

We sincerely thank Dorothy for sharing
her beautiful and loving thoughts on the
loss of our beloved classmates.



WHS CLASS OF '54 60TH REUNION



Keepsake
Medallion
to each
classmate



Nancy Holm Renner '54 & Lois Rossow Gellerman '54 manning the registration table early at the Friday evening cocktail party held at the Washington Pavilion. At registration each class member received the 2 inch engraved gold keepsake medallion shown at the left with both an orange & black neck ribbon and gold key chain.



This sign was posted around the hotel promoting the Class of '54's, 65th Reunion, in 2019. WE HOPE YOU WILL PLAN ON BEING THERE. IT WILL BE ANOTHER GREAT WEEKEND!

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It Was A Fun Group!



Jane Winnett '54 & Don Knutson '54



Tom Howes '53, Joyce McFarland Howes '54



Lorraine Fremming Forslin '54,
Les Larson '54

And A Truly Fun Weekend!



Glenn Gulbranson '54,
Floy Brown Newman '54



Judy Erickson, Joyce McFarland Howes '54, Don Erickson '54,
Joan Flenner, Hal Erickson '54



Lenny Blue '54, Beverly Blue, Bob Zimmerman '54



Don Reid '54



Dorothy Lee Josephson '54, Larry Josephson



**Ron Veenker '54,
Dorothy Langley Carlson '54**



Bob Myklebust '54



Roslyn Lewin Bryner '54, Fred Bryner



**Sharon Moreen Reynolds '54'
Judy Morstad**



**Willette Dow Reichert '54, Floy Brown
Newman '54, Bonnie Omar Larson '54**



Beverly Kaiser & Joan Flenner



Joe Floyd '54



**Don Renner '54, Nancy
Holm Renner '54**



**Beverly Kaiser &
Wayne Gustafson '54**



**Judy Erickson, George Aker '54,
Dick Sweetman '54, Mary Aker**



Stella Van Loh & Jim Van Loh '54



Don Erickson '54 & Warner Brown '54



Starr Myklebust, Joanne Giedd, Jean Johnson



**Bob Myklebust '54, Kent Morstad '54,
Bill Johnson '54, Ron Giedd '54**



Warren Reed '54, Rhea Reed

**Lets
Do It
Again!**



Wayne Mitchell '54 & Dorris Mitchell



Chuck Bailin '54 & Jim Sorensen '54



**Marilyn Modica &
Darrell Modica '54**



Dick Kinsley '51 & Sherill Harvey Kinsley '54



**Brian Yates, Howard Baartman,
Beverly Caesar Baartman '54
Shirley Jones Yates '54**



**Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57
Mavis Larson Carl '55
Dick Sweetman '54**



Chuck Bailin '54, Jim Sorensen '54, Arlene Erickson, Dick Erickson '54



Gloria Olson & Harry Hoiland '54



Elaine Floyd & Joe Floyd '54



Ron Giedd '54 & Joanne Giedd



Bob Berg '54 & Sharon Berg



Jean Johnson & Bill Johnson '54



**Back row: Floy Brown Newman '54,
Ron Hammitt '54, Connie Hammitt
Zimmerman '54**

**Front row: Bernadette Brown Millard '54,
Willett Dow Reichert '54, Bonnie Omar Larson '54**



**Bud Olson '54, June Olson, Karen Gurley Brown '54,
Warner Brown '54, Anne Fuller West '54, Dick Erickson '52**



**Jack Phillips '54
Connie Hammitt Zimmerman '54**



Keith Hodge '54, Warner Brown '54, Jerry Moen '52



Kay Otten Romans '54



**Carol Capen Reistroffer '54,
Dick Sweetman '54**



Dick Johnson '54 & Lina Johnson



Kathryn Zirbes & Jim Zirbes '54



Carolyn Berry Christie '54



Ron Hammitt '54, Dennis Luce '54, Milt Riise '54



**Nancy Holm Renner '54, Don Reid '54,
Lorraine Fremming Forslin '54**



Jeannie Radamacher Wold, Jeannie Redfield Kracht '54, Joyce McFarland Howes '54



Corrine Albright Ludwig '54



Don Knutson '54 & Jane Winnett '54



Beverly Kaiser & Wayne Gustafson '54



June Olson & Bud Olson '54



**Marietta Hansen Shreve '54
Bob Shreve '55**



Carolyn Robson Hoyme '54 & Chad Hoyme '52



Glenn Gulbranson '54 & Harley Brown '52



Tom Howes '53 & Larry Kracht



Marcia Jones Hartshorn '54 & Ken Morstad '54



**Warner Brown '54
Karen Gurley Brown '54**

**Doesn't it look like everyone had a good time at our Class of '54's 60th Reunion?
An even better time will be had at the 2015 ALL SCHOOL REUNION!!!!
Reserve the dates NOW! Sept. 18, 19, 20, 2015.**



Evelyn Colwill '54 & Daughter, Marcia



Sandy Sona Ellis '54



Marilynn Hill Viehweg '54 & Dick Viehweg '53



Kay Otten Romans '54, Rose Ann Zeren Egan '54



Doug Egan '51, Lorraine Fremming Forslin '54



Ron Hammitt '54



Bob Ellis & Sandy Sona Ellis '54



Joan Flenner, Hal Erickson '54, Dick Erickson '52



**Standing: Bob Ellis, Sandy Sona Ellis '54
Seated: Sharon Moreen Reynolds '54, Carolyn Robson Hoyme '54**



**Lois Rossow Gellerman '54
Wauthena Nelson Brooks '54**



Judy Erickson, Don Erickson '54



Sherill & Dick won a music CD for couple married the longest, 59 1/2 yr.

Dick Kinsley '51 & Sherill Harvey Kinsley '54



Donna Tripp De Schepper '54, Corrine Albright Ludwig '54, Marcia Mehlhaff & Evelyn "Evie" Colwill Mehlhaff '54



Les Lamb '54 & Lois Lamb



Harley Newman '52 & Bernadette Brown Millard '54



Don Reid '54



Dennis Luce '54



Jim Van Loh '54, Stella Van Loh, Dennis Luce '54, Pat Smith '54



**Connie Hammitt Zimmerman '54, Jean Redfield Kracht '54, Kay Otten Romans '54,
Lois Rossow Gellerman '54, Jeannie Radamacher Wold
They just happen to all be Thetas from USD. Where's Frem?**



**Joyce McFarland Howes '54, Sandy Sona Ellis '54, Marilyn Hill Viehweg '54, Sharon Moreen Reynolds '54
They just happen to all be Pi Phis from USD.**



Les Lamb '54, Lois Lamb, Betty Bishop Hodge '49, Keith Hodge '54



Mary Kay Houston Moen '54, Karen McManus Kittelson '54, Kathryn Zirbes & Jim Zerbes '54



Carol Capen Reistroffer '54, Adrienne Grillet Hartman '54 & Bill Hartman



Carolyn Berry Christie '54, Lina Johnson & Dick Johnson '54



Beverly Blue, Len Blue '54, Les Larson '54



A wreath of flowers in memory of our 135 classmates that are no longer with us.



Bob Myklebust '54 & Starr Myklebust



Bob Riddle, Marlys Rose Riddle '54



Murdeen Johnson '54, DeLores Johnson, Carolyn Foss Vollan '54, Clare Vollan



Dick Viehweg '53, Marilyn Hill Viehweg '54, Fred Bryner, Roslyn Lewin Bryner '54



Marietta Hansen Shreve '54, Bob Shreve '55, Sandy Sona Ellis '54, Bob Ellis




**Bob Zimmerman '54
Harry Hoiland '54**

**Many thanks to the
following for contributing
photos to this issue;
Betty Bishop Hodge '49
Bob Zimmerman '54
Connie Zimmerman '54
Ron Veenker '54
Harry Hoiland '54**



Darrell Modica '54 & Marilyn Modica

**Okay, Now It Is Time To
Plan For The
2015 All School Reunion!
YEA! CAN'T WAIT!!!!
Reserve The Dates.
September 18, 19, 20, 2015.
More info will be forthcoming.
Please Reserve The Dates Now!**

Letters to the  & B



Jon Sunde '56
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased

On Sep 20, 2014, at 12:13 PM, Jsunde <jsunde@aol.com> wrote:
Hi Jack -

I'm going through my dad's email and I just sent a link to update information because I would like to receive the newsletter. It had to be a little weird to see a message come through from my dad. I just want to clarify it's his daughter from NY, not him from up above. lol,

All my best,
Jill Travers

Jill, It was a good feeling seeing an email from, "Jon Sunde", again. I miss him brightening my day with his emails. But Jill, it is nice hearing from you again. I hope you are okay.
Jack

On Sep 24, 2014, at 8:36 AM, **Rich, Mike '57** (USAVAE) <Mike.Rich@usdoj.gov> wrote:

Jack: I remember learning to swim here back in the '40s *sans* bathing suit. I doubt that skinny dipping at the Y is any longer in vogue. I also remember there being a ramped tracked circling above the floor of the gym accessible by a spiral iron staircase. And, my brother, Tom, set pins at the four [?] lane bowling alley. *Sic Gloria Transit Mundi.* Mike



Ron Veenker '54
WHS Senior Photo

From: Ronald Veenker '54, [mailto:ronald.veenker@wku.edu]

Sent: Saturday, September 27, 2014 8:24 AM

To: Tom Rich '54

Subject: Address Still Good?

Tom,

Was just in Sioux Falls for the 60th and went to see Mark Twain before they tore it down. Your house is still standing proud.

The owners are taking good care of it. The new school is being built on the south end of the property, the old playground. They want to name it Susan B. Anthony because Mark Twain was a racist. What the _____?????

Ron Veenker '54



Tom Rich '54
WHS Senior Photo

From: "Thomas L. Rich" '54 <tl.rich@rcn.com>

Date: September 29, 2014 11:28:27 AM EDT

To: 'Ronald Veenker' <ronald.veenker@wku.edu>

Subject: RE: Address Still Good?

I never knew that Mark Twain was a racist. The times he lived in everyone was a racist.....So he was normal. I have been traveling to and from China for the last two months.....I couldn't make the 60 When the 50th

the country.....At 78 I wonder if I will make the 70

L. Rich, 446 East 20

www.phoenixenvironmentalsystems.com. My email address is tl.rich@verizon.net. My RCN address will also work but I am trying to phases it out.....My landline is 212-777-5208 and my cellphone is 917-250-5268. I have been widowed since 2003. Have been dating a cute lady who lives in Salisbury, North Carolina. Would love to drop in on you and your wife one of these days with Jo Ann Rust.

SENIORS & COMPUTERS - From Harry Hoiland '54

Yesterday, I had a problem, so I called **Georgie**, the 11 year old next door, whose bedroom looks like Mission Control, and asked him to come over. **Georgie** clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem.

As he was walking away, I called after him, 'So, what was wrong? He replied, 'It was an ID ten T error.'

I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, 'An, ID ten T error? What's that? In case I need to fix it again'. **Georgie** grinned...'Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before? 'No,' I replied.'Write it down,' he said, 'and I think you'll figure it out.'

So I wrote down: ID10T

I used to like **Georgie**, the little **** head.



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Mike Rich '57
WHS Senior Photo



The wood floor and exposed ceiling in this former YMCA gym will be part of the two-story apartments being built here. **RIGHT:** A former swimming pool is being demolished and converted into apartments at the downtown YMCA.

YMCA apartments feature views

1 to 4 bedrooms with exposed ceilings, wood floors, and some with an upstairs

By Jodi Schwan
Sioux Falls Business Journal

Some of the apartments being developed in the historic downtown YMCA building will have features that resemble other trendy lofts downtown, even though they will be rented at affordable rates.

The project is converting the south side of the building at 11th Street and Minnesota

Avenue into 52 units ranging from one to four bedrooms.

Some will even be two-story units in a renovated gymnasium that will retain the reclaimed wood flooring and exposed ceilings.

"What's nice is you're going to have a lot of character to them," said Erica Beck, vice president of development for Lloyd Cos., the developer and contractor on the project.

"These will be some of the best views of downtown Sioux Falls."

The project has required significant demolition but hasn't revealed any major surprises, Beck said. Former office and gym space as well as a swimming pool now are exposed as workers convert them into living spaces.

Residents will need to be income-qualified. Parking will be included across Minnesota Avenue.

"We want to have them ready by March or April,"

Beck said. "Once we're able to put in more of the exterior finishes, I think it will have a big impact."

The location will provide easy access to public transportation, parks, grocery shopping and the attached fitness center, Beck added.

"You have the Y right next door, which is a huge asset to families because they don't turn anyone away," she said. "We don't have that many kid-friendly living spaces downtown. Certainly not next to a recreation facility."



Glen Jamtgaard '55

On Sep 18, 2014, at 9:23 AM, **Glen Jamtgaard '55**,
<glenjamtgaard@yahoo.com> wrote:

Bill Pay had a photo shop here in town and thru the years he took many pictures around Sioux Falls. Some of them hang in my office and many bars and restaurants have them. They really provide a history of Sioux Falls.

Some of the guys in the picture are Gary Hartenhoff, Clark Dillion, Jim Lewis, Ray Laird, Dave Dinsmore,

Dr. Dick Tschetter, Ted Belbas, Dean Cravour (sp?), Ted Belbas, Wayne Donahue, Dewey McDowell, Jerry Sweetman and Dick Hopewell.



Mike Gibson '56, and myself, '54, hope to see you next Saturday evening, Oct. 11, 2014 at the Washington Pavilion for the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Dinner. Call Nate Malchow at 605-367-7968 For Tickets