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**ONE NEW PATRON
WELCOME AND THANK YOU**



**Jeanne Friese Holm '59
WHS Senior Photo**

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	PATRON	DATE	AMOUNT OF GIFT	INCREASES or DONATION IN THE NAME OF, OR, IN MEMORY OF:
1	Dr. Dale '56 & Camille Larson '61 Peterson Wenatchee, WA	Dec. 27 2019	\$1,000.00	Dec.28, 2020 Dale '56 & Camille '61 donated an additional \$1,000 making their total PATRON contribution \$2,000.. Thank you Dale & Cammy!
2	Terry Bradley '57, Tillamook, Or.	Feb. 2, 2020	\$100.00	Siblings: Linda Bradley Benson '54, deceased, Nita Bradley Bale '49, Olive Bradley Beckett '48 deceased and Bill Bradley '46 deceased
3	Patricia Jorgensen Palagi '56 Seattle, WA	Feb. 3, 2020	\$50.00	
4	Jim '51 and Myrna Irwin '53 Wylie Prospect Heights, IL	March 6, 2020	\$250.00	
5	Patti "Trish" Wilder Swanhorst '59 Sioux Falls, SD	March 10, 2020	\$100.00	
6	Stuart VanMeveren '58 Sun City, AZ	Mar. 11, 2020	\$108.00	On Sept. 18, 2020 Stuart increased his Patron Donation. Thanks Stuart!
7	Jim A Carlson '58 Sioux Falls, SD	March 12, 2020	\$58.00	On July 2, 2020 Jim increased his Patron Donation. Thanks Jim!
8	Kipp Koester '55 Mequon, WI	March 12, 2020	\$100.00	
9	Royce Adams '58 Sioux Falls, SD	March 12, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	On April 25, 2020 Royce increased his Parton Donation. Thanks Royce!
10	Bob Berguin '53 Scottsdale, AZ	March 12, 2020	\$152.00	
11	Pete Hegg '57 Sioux Falls, SD	March 12, 2020	\$200.00	
12	Dr. Elliot Miller, '50 Topsham, ME	March 15, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
13	Gil Gjere '54 Viborg, SD	March 14, 2020	\$250.00	Siblings: Mary Gjere '58, Helen Gjere '56 deceased, Glenn Gjere '56 deceased.
14	Daryl '55 & Lois Bjerk '58 Fritz Mesa, AZ	March 15, 2020	\$100.00	
15	Marcia Blumberg Oleisky '57 Minneapolis, MN	April 6, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
16	James Eastman '59 Placentia, CA	April 6, 2020	\$100.00	
17	Jane "JJ" Anderson Johnson '53 Los Angeles, CA	April 10, 2020	\$100.00	
18	Don Brown '53 Santa Barbara, CA	April 10, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
19	Jerry Savold '56 Edwards, CO	April 11, 2020	\$100.00	Brother, Mike Savold '59 Deceased
20	Chuck Erickson '50 Overland Park, KS	April 13, 2020	\$200.00	
21	Dr. Jim Brown '56 E. Wenatchee, WA	April 11, 2020	\$100.00	Nov. 21, 2020 Dr. Jim Brown donated an additional \$100.00 making their total PATRON contribution \$200.00. Thank you Jim!
22	Darold Gieser '55 Michigan City, IN	April 12, 2020	\$155.00	
23	Barbara Taylor Sampson '62 Sioux Falls, SD	April 13, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
24	Judy Stevens '61 Arlington, TX	April 15, 2020	\$50.00	On 5-12-21 Judy Stevens donated an additional \$50.00 making her total PATRON contribution \$100.00 Thank you Judy.
25	Ken Eisenbraun '58 Bloomfield, Hills, MI	April 14, 2020	\$158.00	Dec.14, 2020 Ken Eisenbraun '58 donated an additional \$158.00 making his total PATRON contribution \$316.00. Thank you Ken.
26	Mary Taylor Herrick '56 Cleveland, OH	April 15, 2020	\$500.00	

27	Roger '55 & Vonda Fritz '56 Peterson Sioux Falls, SD	April 15, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
28	Dr. Michael '56 & Carla Thoele '56 Gibson Reno, NV	April 18, 2020	\$50.00	Nov. 21, 2020 Mike and Carla donated an additional \$100.00 making their total PATRON contribution \$150.00.
29	Roger '55 & Permella Bedford '56 Kielman Peoria, AZ	April 20, 2020	\$100.00	
30	Merlyn "Chris" Christensen '54 Hudson, NH	April 21, 2020	\$100.00	
31	Dick Jensen '55 Naperville, IL	April 22, 2020	\$100.00	
32	Betty Holmoe Pfeifle '52 Sioux Falls, SD	April 20, 2020	\$100.00	
33	Walt Leyse '50 Sioux Falls, SD	April 20, 2020	\$100.00	
34	Tom '55 & Marilyn Rush '56 Simmons Gold Canyon, AZ	April 30, 2020	\$50.00	
35	Terry Robinson '57 Peoria, AZ	April 30, 2020	\$57.00	
36	Bob '55 & Peg Ogle '55 Berdahl Portland, OR	May 1, 2020	\$100.00	
37	Sharon Frank Johnson '53 Sioux Falls, SD	May 8, 2020	\$50.00	
38	Gene Bushnell '56 Rapid City, SD	May 8, 2020	\$100.00	
39	Terry Feay '56	May 12, 2020	\$60.00	
40	Dennis York '55 Rapid City, SD	May 12, 2020	\$100.00	
41	WHS Class of '54	May 14, 2020	\$300.00	
42	Dick Sweetman '54 Sioux Falls, SD	May 15, 2020	\$100.00	
43	Warner '54 & Karen Gurley '54 Brown Scottsdale, AZ	May 20, 2020	\$100.00	
44	Ronald Larson '59 Sioux Falls, SD	May 23, 2020	\$100.00	
45	Dr. Glenn Gravelle '58 Centennial, CO	May 26, 2020	\$158.00	
46	Dave '56 & Barbara Lease '55 Quigley Green Valley, AZ	May 13, 2020	\$100.00	
47	Wayne Gustafson '54 Rapid City, SD & Surprise, AZ	May 29, 2020	\$250.00	
48	Sherrill Wilcox Pohl '52 Amarillo, TX	June 9, 2020	\$25.00	
49	Marlene Rance '61 Sioux Falls, SD	June 11, 2020	\$100.00	
50	Lloyd '56 & Bernita Hagen '59 Greiner Loveland, CO	June 12, 2020	\$115.00	
51	Harold Rudisill '56 Palm Springs, CA	June 15, 2020	\$100.00	On January 27, 2021 Rudy donated an additional \$100.00 making his total PATRON contribution \$200.00.
52	Patricia O'Rielly Miller '59 Chicago, IL	June 12, 2020	\$500.00	
53	Dennis Luce '54 Rapid City, SD	June 16, 2020	\$100.00	

54	Jody Syverson Vanderploeg '54 Okoboji, IA	June 18, 2020	\$100.00	
55	Vincent Keenan '59 Sioux Falls, SD	June 18, 2020	\$100.00	
56	Barbara James Byrnes '57 Overland Park, KS	June 30, 2020	\$100.00	
57	Hal Erickson '54 Surprise, AZ	July 1, 2020	\$100.00	
58	Dick Wold '53 Sioux Falls, SD	July 1, 2020	\$100.00	
59	Doug Olson '56 Avon, Ohio	July 2, 2020	\$100.00	On March 6, 2021 Doug donated an additional \$100. — making his total PATRON contribution \$200.00
60	Roger Teigen '56 Norman, OK	July 7, 2020	\$250.00	
61	Tom '58 & Linda McCahren '59 Graham Sioux Falls, SD	July 12, 2020	\$200.00	
62	Dixie Utesch Tilden '58 Montevideo, MN	July 15, 2020	\$200.00	
63	Dean Mann '50 Sioux Falls, SD	July 20, 2020	\$50.00	
64	Andy Weber '52 Houston, TX	July 24, 2020	\$100.00	Sister, Mildred "Millie" Weber Edwards '53 - Deceased
65	Romain Oliver Nelsen '53 Davis, CA	July 24, 2929	\$100.00	
66	Anonymous Patron Sioux Falls, SD	July 30, 2020	\$100.00	
67	Mary Larson Montoya '59 Sioux Falls, SD	August 1, 2020	\$100.00	April 8, 2021 Mary increased her Patron contribution significantly. Amount of increase private.
68	Wally Boersma '54 Marshall, TX	August 1, 2020	\$50.00	
69	John Hedland '58 Anchorage, AK	August 4, 2020	\$100.00	
70	Gary '57 & Kathy Rea '58 Conradi Sioux Falls, SD	August 4, 2020	200.00	
71	Mavis Larson Carl '55 Sioux Falls, SD	August 5, 2020	\$120.00	Husband, Ronald Carl '54, deceased; Sister, Shirley Larson Wermers '54; Brothers, Dale Larson '58; & Lyle Larson '61; Dear friend, Mary Lou Jewett '55 deceased.
72	Lorraine Fremming Forslin '54 Bloomington, MN?	August 8, 2020	\$100.00	
73	Deane Grav '58 Sun Lakes, AZ	August 20, 2020	\$25.00	
74	Bob '54 deceased & Connie Hammit '54 Zimmerman, Mesa, AZ	August 20, 2020	\$100.00	Donation from dear friend, Jack Phillips '54
75	Kent '54 deceased & Judy Morstad Sioux Falls, SD	August 20, 2020	\$100.00	Donation from dear friend, Jack Phillips '54
76	Robert Miller '57 Sun City West, AZ	August 26, 2020	\$100.00	
77	Joe Floyd '54 Sioux Falls, SD	August 31, 2020	\$50.00	
78	Debra Phillips Las Vegas, NV	Sept. 7, 2020	\$100.00	Donated by Jack Phillips '54, in appreciation of the ever increasing time my wife Debra spends working on the WHS O&B.
79	Sharon Johnson '54 Frank & Bill Frank '52 Wayzata, MN	Sept. 7 2020	\$100.00	Our dear friend, Arthur "Bud" Olson '54 deceased.
80	Gary Robertson '58 Dove Canyon, CA	Sept. 11, 2020	\$102.50	

81	Jane Shingledecker Miller '54 Dillon Beach, CA	Sept. 26, 2020	\$5,000.00	
82	Mike '58 & Bunny Aikens Howes '58 Sioux Falls, SD	Oct. 12, 2020	\$327.00	Also for brothers, Tom Howes '53 and Dick Howes '51 deceased, and their respective wives, Joyce McFarland Howes '54 and Donna Kranz Howes '53. \$327.00 for the total number of their WHS class years.
83	Lee Lane '58 Manchester, MO	Oct 19, 2020	\$300.00	In memory of Lee's deceased sisters, Jane Lane '55 and Janet Lane '56, and Lee's deceased friend, Dick O'Connor '58.
84	Col. (Dr.) Joyce Wait Teters '57 Twentynine Palms, CA	Nov. 4, 2020	\$100.00	
85	Dr. Michael '56 & Carla Thaelke '56 Gibson Reno, NV	Nov. 21, 2020	\$50 + \$100 = \$150.00 Current	Original contribution, PATRON #28, was \$50 on page #2 dated 4-18-20
86	Dr. Jim Brown '56 E. Wenatchee, WA	Nov. 21, 2020	\$100 + \$100 = \$200.00 Current	Original contribution, PATRON #21, was \$100 on page #1 dated 4-11-20
87	Ken Eisenbraun '58 Bloomfield Hills, MI	Dec. 14, 2020	\$158.00 + \$158.00= \$316.00 Current	Original contribution, PATRON #25, was \$158 on page #1 dated 4-14-20
88	Jane Winnett '54 Dallas, TX	Dec. 14, 2020	\$100.00	
89	Dr. Dale '56 & Camille Larson Peterson '61 Wenatchee, WA	Dec. 28, 2020	\$1,000.00	Original contribution, PATRON #1, was \$1,000 on page #1 dated 12-27-19
90	LaDell Swiden '57 Madison, SD	Dec. 30, 2020	\$100.00	
91	Georgia Severson Johnson '56 Sioux Falls, SD	Dec. 30, 2020	\$75.00	
92	Sam '52 & Jenny Boersma Pfeifer '52 Omaha, NE	Jan. 4, 2021	\$100.00	
93	Jim Redfield '50 San Diego, CA & sister, Jean Redfield Kracht '54 Sioux Falls, Sd.	Jan. 8, 2021	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
94	Anita Robinson Bierman '56 Sioux Falls, SD	Jan. 15, 2021	\$100.00	
95	Rudi Rudisill '56 Palm Springs, CA	Jan. 27, 2021	\$100 + \$100 = \$200.00 Current	Original contribution, PATRON #51, was \$100 on page #3 dated 6-15-20
96	Wanda Shelp Chinnery '55 Lees Summit, MO	March 4, 2021	\$100.00	
97	Douglas Olson '56 Avon, OH	March 6, 2021	\$100 + \$100 = \$200.00 Current	Original contribution, PATRON #59, was \$100 on page #3 dated 7-2-20
98	Mary Larson Montoya '59 Sioux Falls, SD	April 8, 2021	2nd amount private	On August 1, 2020 donated \$100. 2nd donation amount private.
99	John Hisel '57 Aberdeen, SD	May 4, 2021	\$100.00	
100	Judy Stevens '61 Arlington, TX	May 12, 2021	\$50.00 + \$50.00 = \$100.00	Original contribution, PATRON #24, was \$50.00 on page 1 dated 4-15-20
101	John Beal '59 Naples, FL	July 30, 2021	\$300.00	
102	Harry Hoiland '54 Gig Harbor, WA	August 4, 2021	\$50.00	
103	Jeanne Friese Holm '59 Wayzata, MN	Oct. 10, 2021	\$100.00	



**New Patron
Jeanne Friese '59
WHS Senior Photo**

Oct 28, 2021

Jack -

Thank you so much for getting me back on the subscription list for your Orange & Black updates!

I enjoy them so much and appreciate your work!

Please accept my donation for all your work! It's greatly appreciated!

Jeanne Holm (Friese)

At the request of the O&B Jeanne submitted the following.

On Dec 1, 2021, **LELAND/JEANNE HOLM '59**
<jlholm@aol.com> wrote:

Hi Jack!

I'm including a photo below and here is a little bit about me:

I'm living in Wayzata, MN and have children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren all living nearby!

I enjoy traveling, playing tennis, bridge and pickle ball. Also lots of reading!

It's great seeing postings from classmates or getting surprise emails from you! We had such a wonderful class!

Those 4 years we all shared, were very special and great memories!

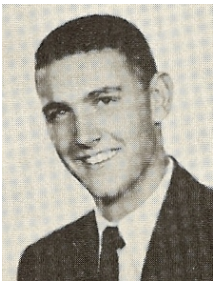
Blessings and good health to all.

Jeanne



Thank you Jeanne!

Jack



Jack Phillips '54
WHS Senior Photo

EDITORIAL NOTE: The last WHS O&B Newsletter, #13-21, was sent out on Sept. 6, 2021, that was over 3 months ago. That is longest time gap between O&B Newsletters ever. There are two main reasons for that unusual time span. One is that I have been exceptionally busy with many personal business matters and the other is that I just hadn't received enough news items from you, my readers, to warrant trying to come up with this newsletter. And because I have been so busy with my personal business matters I just didn't have time to try and create stories that you would hopefully enjoy and feel were worth your time.

I, of course apologize for this long gap between O&B Newsletters, but all of a sudden many of you begin responding to my on going and forever requests to submit your stories and I just can't thank you enough. I am totally convinced that it is **YOUR STORIES** that my readers want and is the reason some of you have stayed loyal readers for over 13 years. So I thank you all for your contributions and **PLEASE keep your stories coming.**

Jack Phillips '54 jackmp@me.com

On Sep 14, 2021, **Richard Smith '56** <diabetesspeaker@gmail.com> wrote:

Update on Richard "Dick" Smith WHS '56

Lived on West 15th street with his 2 older sisters, Shirley ('53) and Mavis ('55). Went to Emerson grade school (now a park). Both sisters have passed on. Father was a partner at Tri-State Tobacco & Candy on Cliff Ave. Had Miss Jordan (humorless) for history class, Miss Clint, Miss Hulse, and Mr. Simmons (coach). Miss Anna Mae Linther (msp) was the principle (big lady who struck fear into all of us with her big wooden paddle). Once a week all of us kids would line up in the hallway to get cod liver oil and a graham cracker chaser in order to get enough vitamin D and avoid rickets.

In high school Dick was a good student . . . went to Boys' State in Aberdeen, was president of the science club (Mr. Sidlo) and Hi-Y club . . . loved to dance . . . worked summers at Huberts Drive-in (West street) by the Starlite outdoor movie theater, and another summer at the Town & Country Drive-in on West 10th street (home of the sesame bun). Another summer Dick and Tom Savage built steel grain bins in Iowa. With the money earned he bought his first car, a '47 Ford stick shift (of course had to install dual pipes) . . . what a great feeling of freedom.

1958 – 1962 Vietnam was just starting to heat up . . . was on an aircraft carrier in the South China Sea working on aviation electronics. After the Navy Dick attended the School of Mines & Technology in Rapid City and then transferred to SD State University in Brookings and earned a B.S. in psychology in 1967. In 1964 married Arlene Rudeen (farm gal from Wessington Springs). We moved to Minneapolis. Had one daughter. We were married for 54 years until cancer took her life.

In 1969 started my career in medical diagnostics as a sales rep and then was promoted to division sales manager with 12 sales reps calling on hospitals and clinics in the Midwest. Was transferred to New England to lead a team of sales reps selling our big blood analyzers. Retired in 2000, but did not retire from life.

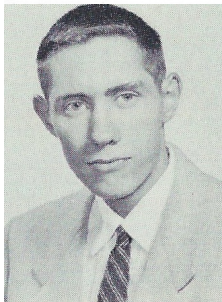
Over the years I gained a lot of knowledge about chemistry, physiology, biology, and especially diabetes. I started to give a series of seminars I created for hospital based diabetes groups and I have continued this to this day.

My non-work interests were/are reading books on leadership and personal development and creating seminars on these. At 83 I am still doing these seminars. I was also a very active tournament bass fisherman . . . and still am. Was president of the Minnesota Bass Federation (1981-82) and have been the conservation director for the New Hampshire Bass Federation for many years now. I serve on two NH State Boards.

To know more go to: facebook.com/dick.smith3 . diabetesspeaker@gmail.com



Dick Smith '56
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Jim Carlson '58
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On Sep 17, 2021, **Jim Carlson '58** <pegandjim@sio.midco.net> wrote:
Enjoy Friday's Funnies

*My friend told me
she wouldn't eat
beef tongue cause
it came out of a
cows mouth*

So i gave her an egg

The guy
at the furniture
store told me the sofa
would seat 5 people
without any problems.

Then it occurred to me,
I don't think I know 5
people without
any problems.

Be careful where you shop online. We
ordered a german shepherd and now this
guy lives with us.





Lee Lane '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Sep 25, 2021, **Lee Lane '58** <leelane@charter.net> wrote:

Hi Jack,

I know this passé news but I thought you might like to see the display of flags at Forest Park in St. Louis on 9/11. They were there for 5 or 6 days. When we heard about it we took a drone down there and captured this video. There are over 7580 flags there. They represent all the military personnel, firefighters and first responders who lost their lives since 9/11. Each flag pole had a replica dog tag and small picture attached. If you walked row by row, which was permitted by the park, you would have walked 11.5 miles.

We went down there every day and one of the trips we took my wife's uncle Gordon, he's 98 years old. He was 18 years old at Pearl Harbor on Dec, 7th 1941, when the Japanese attacked. Later in the war he was on the Gambier Bay, a light aircraft carrier, during the battle of Leyte Gulf. The Japanese battleships displayed overwhelming fire power and sunk the Gambier Bay. Gordon spent 72 hours in shark infested waters before being rescued. He was hospitalized for two years before becoming a postal route walker... remember those?

Anyway, thanks for all you do for the O&B, and thank Debra also.

The pic is me and Gordon.

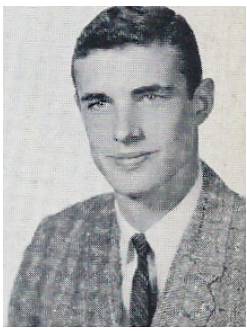
My best, **Lee Lane 1958**



Lee, thank you so much for sharing this beautiful St Louis tribute with us. WOW! It is spectacular! By the way, you look great! Please thank Gordon for his years of service to our country for us all. I would love to hear the stories he must have to tell.

Jack





John Beal '59
WHS Senior Photo

On Oct 14, 2021, **John Beal '59**
<johnbealsr@me.com> wrote:

Hi Jack,

Are you living the good life and staying healthy and safe ???,, I'm sure you are !!!

I'm working on giving you a short BIO of my life in the soft drink business, but it is so uninteresting,, I'll probably not send it.

I graduated from Drake University in Business and the best thing I accomplished in Des Moines, Iowa was finding the girl of my life, Bette Rae Romeo, and getting Married the following January 25, 1964. We celebrate 58 years this coming January 25, 2022. We were fortunate to have three children, Rachelle, Lorrie, and John Jr. They all grew up living in 18 different locations along the way.

They gave us nine Grandchildren from one year to twenty five years old. They now reside in Newport Beach, CA, San Rafael, Ca and Austin, TX, We travel to see them from our Home base in Naples, Fl.

We spent our career Manufacturing and selling Pepsi and Coca Cola products in various parts of the World, Had a great time and associated with many wonderful people along the way. Life has been good to us and we enjoy our family and many friends. We are in relatively good health with me turning 80 this month, October 22, 1941. Don't believe I made it this long !!!!

We now spend our time trying to stay healthy,, going to Doctors on a frequent basis, playing golf when necessary,, I'm terrible and Bette beats me every week. Eating meals out everyday,, no one cooks anymore,, and being with friends. We have been zooming church on Sunday mornings ever since the COVID,, we feel it's ok now to return to our church for Sunday mass... It was a lot more fun to zoom mass in your PJs, oh well. It's also cheaper.

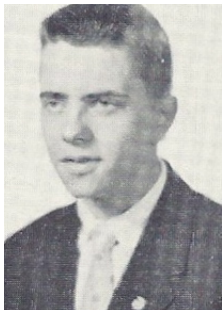
Jack, the reason I'm writing you today, is because you never cashed the check I sent you,, Thanks for the magnificent job you do keeping track of all of us and updating us on where and what we're doing.

You're the best, Kind personal regards

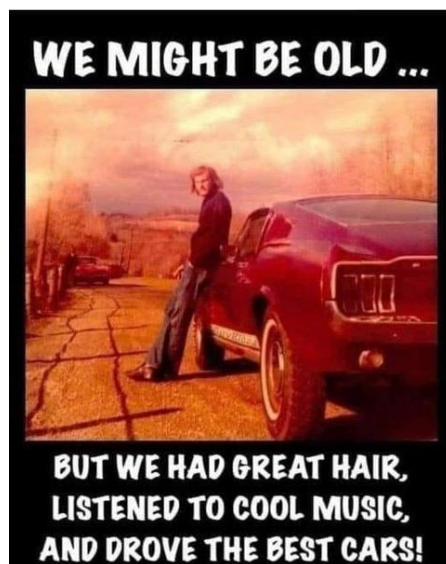
John Beal '59



John and Bette celebrating their 50th anniversary renewing their vows.



Royce Adams '58
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A funny from my wife, Debra



A truth from my friend
Royce Adams '58
Litljump@aol.com



Kathy Briggs '52
WHS Senior Photo

On Thu, Oct 14, 2021, **Kate Briggs Naylor '52** <kmarienj@gmail.com> wrote:

Jack. Jim Zirbes info noted. I'm quite sure he knew my twin brothers Bob n Dick Briggs. Same class n they sang together. Their group was called "The Black Hawks" as I recall. I gave you some material about them at one of our class reunions. I have a picture of them singing with a young lady whom I don't know. Warm thoughts to their family. **Kate Briggs Naylor '52**



Clockwise from bottom left: Bob Briggs '54, Tom (Tucker) Zirbes Cathedral '57, Jim Zirbes '54, Dick Briggs '54, Center, Dee Dee Zirbes Cathedral '56. Sadly, the O&B believes that all are now deceased except for Tucker Zirbes.

Dear Kate, Thanks for writing regarding the recent death of **Jim Zirbes '54**. Yes, your brothers, twins **Bob and Dick** were in a singing group with the three Zirbes's. You referred to the group as "**The Black Hawks**", but it seems as I remember them as "**The Nighthawks**"??? Hopefully some of my readers can write and let us know which they think it was, "**The Black Hawks**" or "**The Nighthawks**"?
Jack

Thinking back remember when a "new hip joint" meant someplace to go on a Friday night.

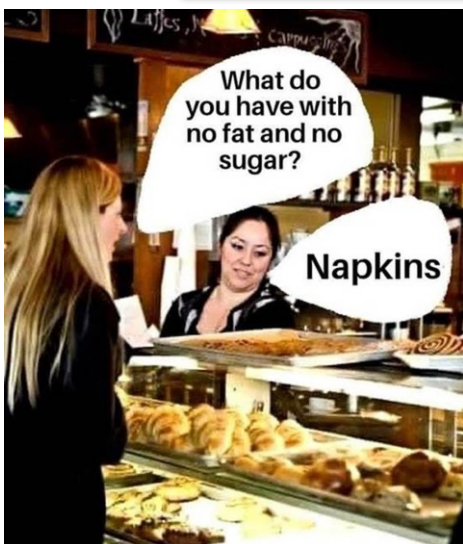


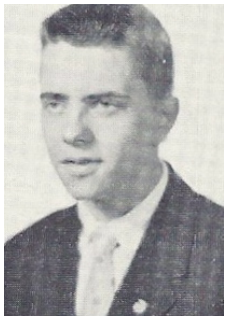
Pete Hegg '57
WHS Senior Photo

Thanks to **Pete Hegg '57** for sending this picture of the **"Boys of '57"** group who gathered at Pete's Circle H Ranch this past summer. Below is a list of everyone's name in the picture:

Front row, left to right: Palmer Peterson, Larry Gleeson, Pete Hegg, LaDell Swiden, Gary Conradi

Back row, left to right: Chad Boese, Mark Line, Roger Wangsness, Dave Eleeson, Bob Miller, Chuck Velure, Ron Warren, John Simko.





Royce Adams '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Nov 19, 2021, **Royce Adams '58** <Litljump@aol.com> wrote:
Here's a little column for you Jack. I am hoping all is well with you guys. It is here so far!

I am sitting here in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and happy I can put my cars into the garage to keep the fluffy quite stuff (and frost) off them. Also remembering times of long ago when we'd play around in the sun, fishing, hunting, baseball, and golf to name a few. Then remembered a couple things about that golf game and here they are..

Long ago I was a golfer! Not worth a hill of beans at it. East Elmwood Golf Course, the middle of July, I tee off on #8 and shank the drive and I'd hit a big Elm tree. I hit that darn tree almost every time I drove hole 8. Then the tree got sick, and it was cut down, much to my happiness. So here comes another drive on hole 8,

That infamous tree was gone!! There is a golf god!. I teed up, "addressed" the ball (You better go straight you little round piece of junk), took a mighty swing, whacked the orb, it roared off the tee like an f-16, shanked and hit the 6 inch high DAMN STUMP!!!!!!

It wasn't much longer that my partner of 17 years died and I left the game and never looked back.. There are many pro golfers, Snead, Nicklaus, Walter Hagen (well maybe not Hagen) etc who owe their success due to my dropping out of the sport.

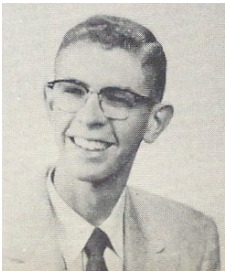
Every time I'd golf near water I'd hit the ball into the water, then I'd go to my bag and get a new ball, hit it right into the water again, went to my bag, hit the ball and did that four more times.

My partner said "Why don't you just use an old ball when you are near the water hazards?" I told him "I never have any!"

Royce Adams '58

Also, thanks to Royce for submitting this beautiful South Dakota in December photo.
Royce, it is truly beautiful, but I have to admit I prefer living in the Las Vegas desert.
Today was December 6th and it was 72 degrees on our busy golf course.





Jervin Wait '55
WHS Senior Photo

On Nov 30, 2021, **jervin wait '55** <jervinanddolly@live.com> wrote:

Jack, after reading some of your articles about our high school dances at the Arkota I thought you might find some interesting facts from my recollection of the past. My dad, Mark, worked there on weekends as a part-time bartender during the late 30's, 40s and early 50's. He met and got autographs from many of the big bands, Lawrence Welk (before he even headed to California), Kay Kyser, Tommy Dorsey, Fletcher Henderson, Perry Como and many other of the big bands of the time. During our high school days he would let Dolly and me in the side door to listen and dance to some of the bands. He

always danced the first dance with my mom before he went to work. A little side note, my uncle, Emmet Robertson, was the off-duty policeman in charge of security (my cousins were Tom and Jim Robertson). At the time it was (bring your own bottle and buy set ups). But you could not put your bottle on the table or Emmett could confiscate it for his own personal use. Said he never had to buy booze in his life. And Deloris Erickson, who went on to be Minnehaha County Treasurer, was the hat/coat check girl. I have many memories of seeing Louie Armstrong, and attending the high school dances, I vividly remember being told by my mother (under threat of bodily harm) that I would dance at least one dance with my sister Joyce whenever we were both there. I always enjoyed the last dance of the evening when everyone joined hands and sang the school fight song. We had good music back then, and we actually got to hold the girls when we danced. We were lucky to have lived when we did. Think back, we had the best music, best cars and best looking girls. Hope some of my classmates have as fond memories of our dancing days as I do. **Kervin Wait '55**



Letters to the & B



Jim Ward '53
WHS Senior Photo

On Sep 18, 2021, Jim Ward '53 <jcward1956@gmail.com> wrote:

Jack, I thought I had sent you all the pictures I have of WHS alums. Then, I was going through some old albums and found this one. Don't know for sure when (or where) it was taken. Could have been 1995 or 96. Seated are John Ewing, Jack White and Buzz Hyden. Behind them are Dick Viehweg, John Haggardt, Ed Pennock, Al Borgen and Bill Baker. As you know, all these '53 grads are gone now except John Ewing, Dick Viehweg and Al Borgen.

Use photo or not, as you see fit.

Jim Ward '53



Jim, I will always use great photos like this! Thank you for sending it. Jack



Jim Wylie '51
WHS Senior Photo



Myrna Irwin '53
WHS Senior

On Nov 24, 2021, **James Wylie '51** and **Myrna Irwin Wylie '53** <jimwylie@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Thanks Jack. **Linda Loomis '57 (deceased)**, was very close with my wife **Myrna Irwin '53**, or as we family call her---:The Head Nurse".

It brings home again the great value of this Mission. I am haunted by the thought that the human emotional quality is so great a business unit could be formed to go national.....

America is in a bit of a "mental health crisis".....all age levels and I have known personally how blessed I have been by your innovation and devotion to the enterprise.

Hope you have a wonderful T Day tomorrow.....it the midst of all we have much to be Thankful to God for. John 14:1-7. **Jim Wylie '51**

On Nov 29, 2021, **James Wylie '51** <jimwylie@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Greetings Jack

Once again the great value of the O&B is experienced. A special thakns to Peggy Teslow for the piece on Courtney Anderson.

We grew up together, Augustana Lutheran Church and were doubly connected through our parents who knew each other from their youth. After college years and after Med School for him and Seminary for me we met again in St Paul at Bethesda Hospital where he did what was known in those days a his Medical Internship. We both went into the health services field and moved about in a pattern of broad experiences.

I have spoken with you before about the neurological finding differentiating between "RECALL and RELIVING.....recall is remembering your phone number; RELIVING is recall but with the same feelings you had at the time of the original occurrence.

Jack, while much of your mission provides recall of great value (out memory function changes subjectively as we age), I am convinced that it is the RELIVING experiences your work triggers that is the primary element in the success of O&B from the graduate member base-----topped off of course by blood, sweat, and whatever hard work called for by you and your wife.

The Courtney piece took me there. Side note---not only are we out of the same tree & age...our wives are both named MYRNA.

Thanks for this experience with the detailed bio on Court. **Jim Wylie '51**



Daryl Ferguson '56
WHS Senior Photo

On Nov 21, 2021, Daryl Ferguson '56 <daryl.a.ferguson@gmail.com> wrote:
Jack,

First of all, many, many thanks for the incredible time you have put into reminding all of us what is really important in life. . . keeping in touch with the people who were a valuable part of our life.

I am also contacting you to see if you know of any publication who would be willing to cover news of a recently discovery of a fellow high school graduate.. This Washington High graduate would prefer to keep his name anonymous. He is simply driven by informing the country of his discovery which will be announced in March of next year.

This is an awkward request by me because I did the research for this discovery during the last eight years. My goal is simply to get the word out that we need to change our understanding of our history. It was not the English who first settled our country. It was Spain. That knowledge alone should give our legal Hispanics help in being better integrated into our society. For the rest of us it should help us better understand who; is part of this blanket of countries that formed our culture.

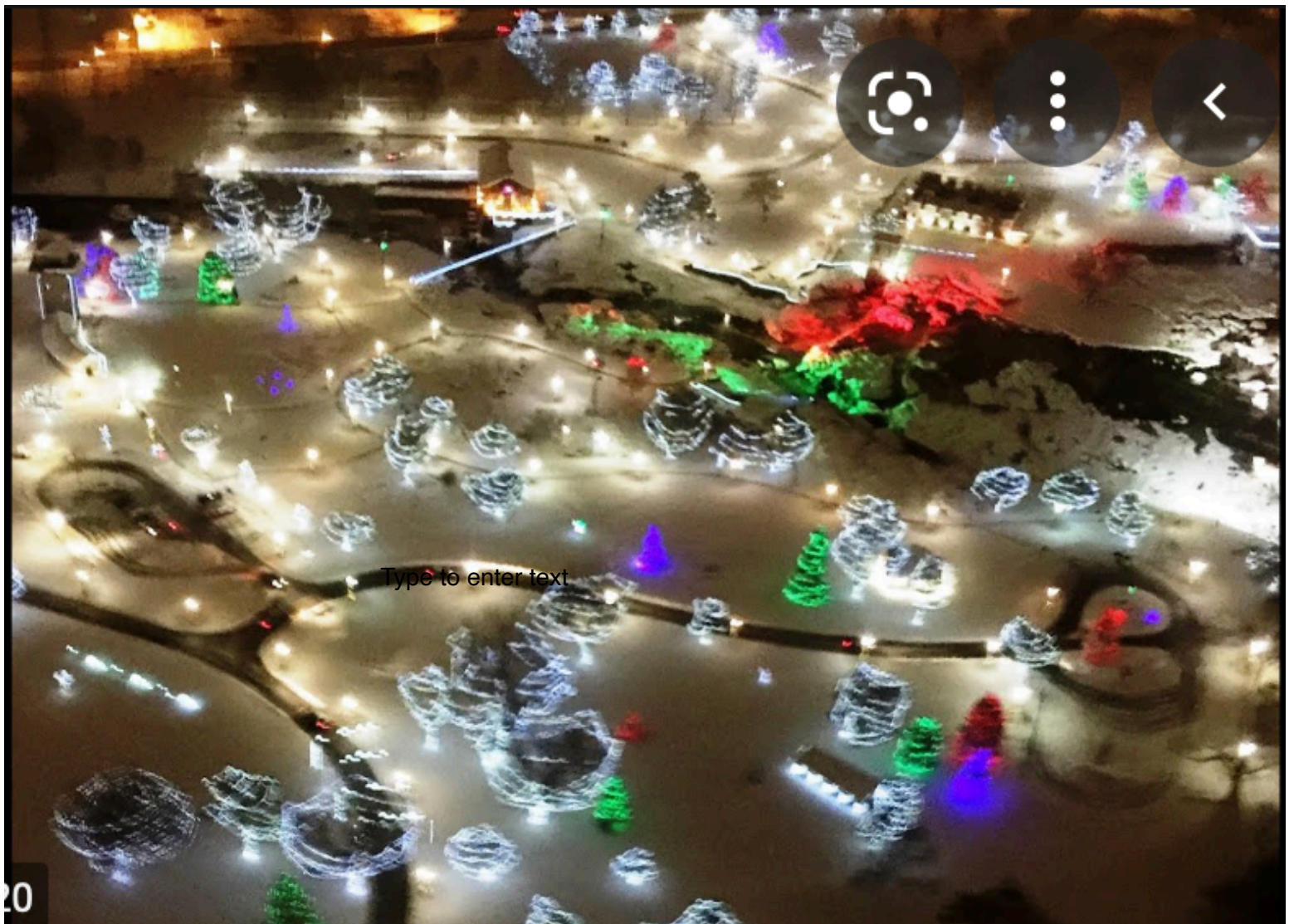
I have attached an early copy of the book that will reach the bookstores in March of next year. I would appreciate any thoughts you have on how I can get the facts behind this document out. I have absolutely no interest in publishing any book for either the money or the notoriety. And again. You have tackled a difficult task that is so positive to so many. Sincerely, **Daryl Ferguson, Class of 1956**

Editor's Note: Daryl included a link to his 302 page book, but Constant Contact no longer allows me to include such links in the O&B so if you are interested in obtaining the link you may contact Daryl directly at <daryl.a.ferguson@gmail.com>

*Sioux Falls at Christmas.
I'll Be Home For Christmas
if only in my dreams and photos!*



Beautiful Falls Park at Christmas



Helicopter ride over Falls Park at Christmas

*Colored Lights
On The Falls
After Dark*





**Sioux Falls
most
impressive
downtown
Christmas
Parade.**





*More Downtown Sioux Falls
Christmas Parade*



*Lighting ceremony of the giant Sioux Falls
Christmas Tree in front of our old Alma Mater,
now The Washington Pavilion*



*Merry Christmas
Happy New Year
Debra and Jack
2021*