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Serving The Classes of the Great '50's Decade. Photos & Stories Welcome!
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OH, THE WEATHER OUTSIDE IS FRIGHTFUL!

Snowbirds, You Might Want To Delay Coming Home?

April 11, 2013, Sioux Falls has 6 inches of snow over ice.
First time in recollection school is cancelled 3 consecutive days.









LOTS
OF
WORK
AND
LOTS
OF
FUN!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Wally Boersma '54
WHS Senior Photo

PERFECT TIMING from WALLY BOERSMA '54

On Apr 12, 2013, at 5:24 AM, **Wallace Boersma '54** wrote:

Jack, My youngest son, Edward, started a web site called "upreport.com" several months ago that highlights only positive news from around the country. There is currently an article about Sioux Falls that is a good example. If you think it is a good idea, send out a note to everyone about the upreport.com. I enjoy your emails and a good comment in these times is a breath of fresh air. Hope to see you at least before next year's reunion.

Wally Boersma '54

KIRK RESTAURANT OWNER DIES

Lawrence C. Kirk, age 98, passed away Tuesday, April 09, 2013, at his home in Sioux Falls. The family will greet friends from 5:00-7:00 pm followed by a Celebration of Life service at 7:30 pm, Monday, April 15th at Miller Funeral Home, 13th and Main Avenue. A private family committal with military rites will take place at Hills of Rest Memorial Park.

In 1937, Lawrence and his three brothers began Kirk's Inc., which included restaurants and real estate. He remained actively involved in business with his brothers for fifty years. Mr. Kirk's full obituary can be seen on Miller's Funeral Home web site.



Thanks to Don Noordsy '58 for advising the O&B of Mr. Kirk's passing.

On Apr 11, 2013, at 4:08 PM, **Laurel Pierce Hampel, '55** wrote:

Hi Jack, Thanks much for resending the O&B issue I missed. It is an excellent issue & I enjoyed seeing all the pictures of "old" Sioux Falls contained therein. Also the very wintry photos sent in by Arnie Zueger! I remember him well. He used to sing all the old Hank Williams songs & was an excellent yodeler too! It's funny how some things like that tend to stick in your mind for so many years, even though you had not thought of that person or those incidents in years! Good memories! The photos of all that snow made me glad I live in California, out of the extreme snow zone, however!

Thanks again. I appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Laurel Pierce Hampel, WHS Class of '55



Laurel Pierce Hampel '55
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 8, 2013, at 2:49 PM, **Bill Kullander '59** wrote:

Jack,

Just wanted you to know, I struggled through loading Adobe Reader and now have the complete 18 page newsletter available to read. You do a fantastic job in keeping WHS graduates informed. Keep up the good work.

Bill Kullander Class of 1959



Bill Kullander '59
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 5, 2013, at 10:12 AM, **Pat Jorgensen Palagi '56** gppalagi@aol.com wrote:

Jack, Thanks for #1-13. It was so interesting and fun to read. I have the following announcement that I would like included in your next O & B.

The Pacific Northwest Class of 1956 is organizing a luncheon reunion on September 9, 2013, for all PNW 1956 classmates, spouses and other WHS graduates if they wisht to attend. We will be meeting at noon in the Bahama Breezes Restaurant in the NW corner of the Southcenter Mall parking lot. The mall is just off of I-5 in Tukwila, WA, which is just south of Seattle. By August 26th I would like a count of those planning to attend, but I will send another reminder before then.

Two years ago the Class of '56 had 16 people attend our NW reunion. We could not remember all the words to the school song so if anyone can remember them, please send them on.



Pat Jorgensen '56
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On Apr 5, 2013, at 9:17 AM, **Nancy Schneidreman Cummings '56** jonacum@sio.midco.net wrote:

Thanks Jack, especially on the old historical photos of God old Sioux falls. My Grandfather Henry Schneidreman and Aunt Bessie Bendt Both drove the trolley cars. In Fact that is where my grand ma Jenny and Henry met and were wed. It is interesting reading about our town. and old friends, Thanks again.

Nancy Schneidreman Cummings '56



Nancy Schneidreman '56
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 4, 2013, at 9:57 AM, **Jim Redfield, '50** jimwred@cox.net wrote:

Jack: What another great job! Sorry to hear about the Cox rejection; I plan to contact them at the local office here in San Diego where they have a lot of competition from ATT, Dish, & Time Warner and I've been a customer for a long time.

Especially nice to hear about Wayne Gustafson who used to go with my sister, Jean, Jim Wylie who I remember from track & Keith Hill whom I met again at he reunion couple of years ago, when I saw you for the first time in eons!

I'm still here in San Diego, now an octogenarian & still volunteering with the USS Midway Museum as a Sr. Advisor to the Volunteer Director. We have over 700 active folks volunteering in nine different departments and one of the most visited attraction in town.

Keep up the good work,

Jim Redfield -'50



Jim Redfield '50
WHS Senior Photo

On Mar 31, 2013, at 9:17 PM, **Mick McCahren '53** wrote:

I enjoy the articles you send out to WHS alums. If you could furnish the grade schools each attended, I think it would be of interest. Keep up the good work. **Mick McCahren '53** Editor's note: Good idea! Send me your grade school and I will include it. Now please, Sioux Falls grade schools only. I bet very few of you care that I attended Lee Grade School in Coalgate, OK before Emerson in Sioux Falls.



Mick McCahren '53
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 4, 2013, at 9:34 AM, **Sandy Brix Hembd '59** wrote:

Awesome contribution to our memory bank. Thank you, Jack, for what you are doing. We were privileged to live in SFalls and attend WHS. Only over time do we realize what a huge privilege it was. What a base it gave us to launch from. We should all be recording our childhood/young adult memories because our country has lost the national pride and patriotism that was ingrained in us growing up in South Dakota. The future generations need to know what that means.

Keep up the good work! And, I'm anxious to read Steve Venker's piece. (Editor: Me too! He has been promising it to me for 12 years now!) He was a great writer in high school.....I still remember one of his murder mystery stories.

Sandy Brix Hembd '59

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Glory Community



Sandy Brix '59
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 1, 2013, at 1:16 PM, Don & Kay Stoterau wrote:

Hi Jack, Attached is a photo taken on the patio at Sheila Benning Ward's home in Gold Canyon on March 7. Mavis Carl was in Arizona visiting Sheila and this small group of "local" residents joined them for an afternoon of memories, good food and a little adult libation. **Kay Nordin Stoterau '55**

Pictured left to right; Dorothy Shrader Not WHS, Mel Shrader '55, Mavis (Larson) '55 Carl, Roger Peterson '55, Sheila (Benning) '55 Ward, Daryl Fritz '55, Kay (Nordin) '55 Stoterau and Don Stoterau Not WHS. Also attending were Sheila's husband, Bob Not WHS and Lois (Bjerk) '58 Fritz.



On Apr 4, 2013, at 6:18 AM, **Vicki Brubaker '59** wrote:



Vicki Brubaker '59
WHS Senior Photo

Jack - Oh my gosh, what a wonderful, wonderful O&B!!! They are always wonderful, but this publication is absolutely outstanding Jack.

As I have told you before via e-mail and phone conversations, your work, dedication and unending enthusiasm publishing our O&B is greatly appreciated, and not just by me, but everyone that I speak with who went to WHS but has not written you directly to express their appreciation, says the same thing! I wish I could have been of more assistance regarding your search for a couple classmates this past month. I think we both concluded that they were not "classmates" after all - HA. Again, your perseverance is unreal!

The 55th reunion for the class of '59 isn't until next year but at this point in time, we don't have any plans to organize one. That being said, I am planning on being in Sioux Falls in June to visit for a week or so and then Shirley Kittelson and I are taking a short "road trip" to Rapid City to see our darling friend Deanna Anderson, who was also a cheerleader with us in 1958 and '59. Of course, we are visiting Mount Rushmore and all the wonderful scenic landmarks that the Hills' offer. I haven't been to see Mt. Rushmore for over 40 years! Geez....of course, I was 3 when I last visited! HA. Anyway, I'm so looking forward to seeing many of my dear friends in Sioux Falls!

I promise I'll be better about sending "stories" and/or pictures. In fact, I'm contacting Shirley Kittelson that has some cruise pictures that we took in January. What a hoot!

Thanks again Jack for your "superman" efforts!

Vicki Brubaker '59

P.S. Yes, extra Kudos to my darling friend and my "wittiest partner", Steve Veenker ('59), for his work and service on the O&B in the "old days".....you're so special Stevie - love ya!

On Apr 4, 2013, at 5:33 AM, **Herbert, Jeffrey C '74** wrote:



Jeff Herbert '74
and current
WHS Instructor.

Jack...another wonderful ORANGE AND BLACK---just a note, the WHS Hall of Fame Banquet will be held on Sept. 28th at the Pavilion (we are coming home) this year---I will send a list of inductees also---if anyone is interested, have them contact Kevin Kennedy, 605-367-7970----thanks, Jeff...

WHS ATHLETIC HALL-of-FAME

ATHLETES

Hal Erickson '54
Paul Clare '55
Tom Clayton
Joslyn Johnson
Ryan Johnson
JJ Heyden

ADMINISTRATOR

Carla Midden

COACH

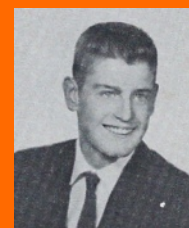
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CONTRIBUTOR

Chuck Davis



Hal Erickson '54
Football & Basketball



Paul Clare '55
Basketball



This is such a great event. Call Kevin Kennedy to get your tickets now.
Congratulations to Hal Erickson '54, football & basketball, and
Paul Clare '55, basketball, from the '50's decade.

On Apr 6, 2013, at 7:34 PM, **Richard McGaughey '56** wrote:

Hi Jack,



Dick McGaughey '56
WHS Senior Photo

Dick McGaughey here--Class of '56. First of all, a huge "thank you" for the amazing work you do with *The Alumni Orange & Black*!! I'm constantly blown away by the hi-quality work you do on our behalf--a very special service you provide that is greatly appreciated!

I need to have you change my email address from rmcgaughey1@cox.net to rmcgx1@hotmail.com

Also, the new snail-mail address is: 8172 Orlando Way, Arvada, CO 80005 and the phone contact is 402.972.7577.

Looking back I see it's been almost three years since I'd finally gotten onto your mailing list, and almost seven years (yikes!) since attending my last reunion event!

For me, lots of water's gone over those beautiful Sioux Falls falls during the past 56+ years, including 21 years of marriage followed by three years of single fatherhood with my three lovely daughters followed by gaining three more lovely daughters from a second marriage that's ensued now for the past 28 years. In the midst of all of that were 35 years with Western Electric/AT&T in various parts of the upper Midwest, culminating in Omaha in January, 1996. After having owned, for several years, a quiescent mountain chalet 10, 200' up on the shoulders of Mt. Silverheels outside of Fairplay, CO, (and driving nine hours from Omaha to get to it multiple times each year) we eventually purchased a townhome only 90 minutes from Fairplay on the Country Club of Colorado in Colorado Springs where we presumed we were set for "the duration".

But "lo and behold", just three years into *that* phase we were greeted with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease for Laurene---a mere "child" of just 60 years of age. So a year later we split the difference of miles and travel time between us and our widely scattered six kids and all the grandkids (today a total of 16) and moved to Laurene's home town of Wichita, where daughter Julie and family and Laurene's sister and brother live.

But after six years of steadily increasing 24/7 caregiver stress, we moved back to Omaha, from whence we'd come and settled into Maple Ridge, a fabulous independent-living apartment facility where Dick was able to completely disassociate from the whole world of food shopping, preparing, cooking, washing dishes, housekeeping, et al...and it was like "paradise--for the next 20 months.

But then on this past January 19th, while visiting our kids here in Arvada, CO, Laurene suffered a grand mal seizure and three days later I was in the same hospital suffering from acute gastritis—a condition I'd never heard of, but quickly found to be most unpleasant!

So with no hesitation, I considered these two incidents to be God's last two wake-up calls, and now here we are on the lovely western edge of Arvada, Co, with Laurene in a spectacular new memory-care facility (check 'em out at www.silveradosenior.com) and with Richard launched into intergenerational living with eldest daughter Erin and family just 3.1 miles north of Silverado.

So we're back in Colorado where we always wanted to be and now we each enjoy lovely mountain views from our respective abodes. We are both in better individual places *and* we can also enjoy lots of daily together time. God is good!

Thanks again, Jack! ('Haven't heard yet, but if there's to be a 60th 1956 reunion in 2016, I ought to be able to make that one! :-)

Dick McGaughey '56

4th period teacher Shaff

7th Period

Date 5-18-54

Name Jack Phillips Classification 42

is assigned to SEVENTH PERIOD in room 802 for 2 periods, beginning tomorrow.

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(4)

This period begins promptly at 7:30 o'clock a. m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Tardiness to seventh period calls for a tardy slip.

**Remember
7th Period?
The Most Dreaded
Of Punishments!**

Arnold L. Bauer
Beloved WHS Coach and Teacher
September 30, 1923 - December 3, 2012

**Arnie
Bauer,
WHS 1942
Homecoming
Marshall**

**This
Classic Photo
of Arnie Bauer
found in the
1942 Warrior**



Our Old Fight Song For All of You Who've Asked

WHS Fight Song Original -1920 Onward Sioux Falls

Onward Sioux Falls, Onward Sioux Falls
You're the best of all,
All the happy days we've spent here,
We will oft recall.
For your colors Black and Orange
We will gladly die,
And we will fight, fight, fight,
For Sioux Falls High.

New Version, 1965 WHS School Song

Onward Warriors, Onward Warriors
You're the best of all,
All the happy days we've spent here,
We will oft recall.
For your colors Black and Orange
We will gladly die,
And we will fight, fight, fight,
For Washington High.

Stay Warm Sioux Falls!

