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**TWO NEW PATRONS
WELCOME & THANK YOU**



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Karen Jacomet Walters '56
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Sandy Brix Hembd '59
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Jack = 1/18/22

In appreciation for your dedication to the Students of the SAS! Your commitment is to be honored - Carry on!

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Karen Jacomet Walters '56
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Hi Jack

I have enjoyed reading the O&B for many years! Feel blessed to be able to send a small donation in appreciation .

Many of our friends have left us (including my dear friend of 75 years, Jodi Nesby recently . Quoting 1 of our other classmates it is so important if you are able to stay active at our age! My husband and I still golf 4 or 5 times a week (not as well as we use to) We became permanent Texas residents in 2010 after 11 years of just winters with summers in St Louis. We have 4 children. 14 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren

Again THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!

Karen Jacomet Walters

In memory of sister Frances Jacomet Deets, Class of '42 & brother Bill Jacomet Class of '50



Frances Jacomet '42
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



May 2021 gathering. Pictured left to right is Norm Walters, **Gayle Shaw Syverson '56**, **Donna Wagner Murphy '56**, **Jodi Nesby '56 Denevan**, (now deceased), **Karen Jacomet '56 Walters** and Mick Denevan.



Bill Jacomet '50
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Gayle Shaw '56



Donna Wagner '56



Jodi Nesby '56
Deceased



Karen Jacomet '56

**Thanks again
to Sandy and
Karen, our two
newest O&B
Patrons.**

All 4 of these ladies graduated from Whittier Grade School together and then WHS in 1956. They have gotten together every year in Sioux Falls since Karen and Norm moved to St. Louis, MO in 1975.

**The entire current list of Patrons can be
viewed on pages #20 - 24.**



I saw an ad for burial plots, and thought to myself that's the last thing I need.

My dad died when we couldn't remember his blood type. As he died, he kept insisting "be positive, be positive," but it's hard without him.

Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?



**Kent Scribner '56
WHS Senior Photo**

On Jan 28, 2022, **Allan Scribner '56** <allanscribner513@gmail.com> wrote:
Jack, Enclosed are my article on the growth of Sioux Falls and a photo. I hope this is
what you had in mind. If you have any questions, please give me a call: 360-878-7592.

Yes Kent, what you sent was perfect. Super interesting! Thank you so much! You obviously
spent considerable time and effort putting all of this together for the O&B and I'm sure my readers
will appreciate your efforts as much as I do. The facts you pointed out about the amazing growth of
Sioux Falls are indeed impressive and certainly makes me even more proud to call Sioux Falls my
"old hometown". As people say, *"Everyone loves a winner"* and our beloved Sioux Falls is definitely
a proven winner.

Thanks again Kent for sharing so much with us. I too hope our paths will cross again soon.
I hope my enclosed, **"Las Vegas Report"** (on page 12) will bring you and Camille this way. As you
can no doubt tell I do enjoy living in Las Vegas but Sioux Falls will always be my hometown.
Warmly, Your old friend, Jack



Camille and I visited Sioux Falls this past fall, partly to see new
attractions there. A spectacular one was the impressive new Arc of
Dreams sculpture downtown over the Big Sioux River between 6th
and 8th Streets. Created by a noted South Dakota sculptor, Dale
Lamphere, and lighted at night, the stainless steel Arc of Dreams is
a tribute to dreamers of the past and present, and also an
inspiration to dreamers of the future. The center of the span has a
15-foot gap, 85 feet above the river, representing the leap of faith
dreamers take to see their dreams come true. Camille took the
photo of me on the 8th Street bridge, with the Arc of Dreams in the
distance. A variety of pictures showing the \$2.6 million landmark
sculpture up close and from different directions can be seen at
lampherestudio.com/arc-of-dreams, or for more info, Google "arc
of dreams." **Kent Scribner '56**

Tracking the Astonishing Growth of Sioux Falls

By Kent Scribner

You and all of your readers know that Sioux Falls has grown a lot over the years. We've seen this when we visit
relatives in the "old hometown" or return to the city for Washington High School class reunions. But how does Sioux
Falls growth compare with other cities in Mid-America? I have kept track of US Census numbers since "way back
when," and I thought some of this research might be of interest to Orange & Black readers.

The Census Bureau has two ways to gauge how city populations can be compared: 1) city limits; and 2) metro area.
When we were students at WHS, city limits were the standard way to track growth. Sioux Falls had a population of
52,466 (1950 Census) when the Class of 1950 graduated and grew to 65,466 (1960 Census) soon after the Class of
1959 graduated. Guess what happened by the end of the 20th century? The 2000 Census listed Sioux Falls at 123,975,
and you can see that the city doubled its population in the 40 years, 1960-2000.

Next, I want to compare where Sioux Falls ranks among cities above 100,000 in South Dakota, the six states
surrounding South Dakota, plus Kansas and Missouri. I will call the nine states Mid-America for this essay. In the 21st
century, Sioux Falls has continued its spectacular growth. The Census number by 2010 was 153,888, and in 2020 it

was 192,517, basically 40,000 more people in ten years. In that decade Sioux Falls had a larger percentage growth rate, 25.10 percent, than any of the 22 cities over 100,000 in the nine states. Sioux Falls is now tenth overall among the 22, behind Omaha, Minneapolis, Des Moines and others, and ahead of Springfield, MO; Cedar Rapids and Fargo.

Now I'll switch beyond city limits to metro area populations. Again, Sioux Falls has also done well, with an increase of nearly 50,000 metro residents from 228,261 in 2010 to 276,730 in 2020. This performance moves the "hometown" metro area to 11th among 33 such areas above 100,000 in the same nine states. Sioux Falls has increased its footprint in Minnehaha County, and it has grown substantially into Lincoln County, which includes the fast-growing suburbs of Harrisburg and Tea. And guess what? The Sioux Falls metro area also had the highest percentage ten-year growth rate (21.23 percent) among all of the 33 areas.

Through the years, Sioux Falls has passed a number of Midwest cities that were once much larger. For example, Sioux Falls breezed past Sioux City in the 1980s, and the hometown is now over 100,000 citizens larger than the city to the south. Sioux Falls has also overtaken Cedar Rapids, Waterloo and Davenport in Iowa, though the latter's metro area is still larger. Within South Dakota, there is no competition. Sioux Falls and Rapid City were relatively close in size back in the 1940s and 1950s, with a 20,000-plus separation, but Rapid City stalled in the 1970s and 80s, and by 2000 Sioux Falls was double its western rival. Recently the differences have been stark—an 85,000 advantage for Sioux Falls in 2010 and 118,000 in 2020. The Rapid Citians always answer back, "But we have the Black Hills!" They are right, of course, and Sioux Falls families love to vacation out there, but they are also happy to return to Sioux Falls and its diverse economy and cultural opportunities.

Using data from only nine states might seem a bit narrow, but the history of the post-World War II years, including widespread availability of air conditioning, has given the West Coast and much of the South a shot of incredible growth. It seemed better to look at Sioux Falls among its nearby states as being a fairer competition. Still, it is always fun for me to compare Sioux Falls in the 1950 Census, for example, when its population of 50,000-plus was above that of Boise, Reno, and Tucson. It was particularly fascinating to check the 1950 population of Las Vegas and discover that it was 24,624, only half that of Sioux Falls. How about that, Jack?

Scribner Bio:

After my WHS graduation I enrolled at the University of South Dakota, where I was a political science major. I was active in student organizations, including the Volante newspaper, where I was editor the first half of my senior year. After USD, I completed a master's degree in public administration at the University of Pennsylvania and loved living in Philadelphia and later in the Washington DC area, where I had a year's internship. Then, fulfilling my ROTC training at USD, I served as a postal officer in 1963-64 for the five US Army posts in Augsburg, West Germany. During that time, I traveled extensively in Europe, including Berlin when the infamous Wall was in place.

When I left Sioux Falls, I didn't expect to return there, but after my experiences on the East Coast and in Europe I decided my hometown was the place to be. Beginning in February 1965 I began careers that, consecutively, included Northwestern Bell, Augustana College, Senator Larry Pressler, Dakotacare, and lastly, eleven years as a development officer at the USD Foundation, retiring in 2006. A daughter, Jennifer, came into my life in 1971.

My post retirement years have been on the go: five trips to Europe and extensive trips in North America from the Panama Canal to the Arctic Circle in Alaska, plus I visited my 50th state (Louisiana). I sold my condo in Sioux Falls in 2015 to live closer to Jennifer and her husband, Tracy, in Washington. Unfortunately, he has since passed away. In early 2017, I attended a history conference where I met Camille Bradford, a retired attorney, and we quickly discovered

that we had been Penn students at the same time! That broke the ice. After a long distance romance, we decided that we should be living under the same roof, and I moved to suburban Denver in late 2017 to join her in her lovely home. Camille and I agree that we were truly blessed to have found each other before Covid-19, because we can't imagine being alone during these trying times. We have traveled some in the US, but look forward to seeing more of Europe, and maybe Australia, when we can go abroad more safely.

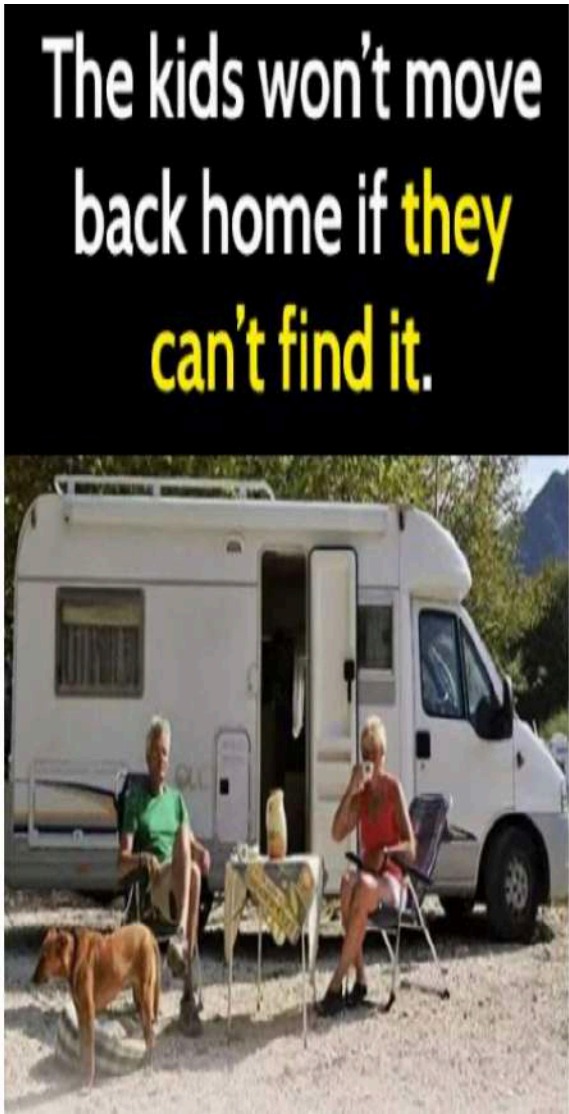


Mary Woods '52
WHS Senior Photo

Photo of **Kent Scribner** and Camille Bradford in October, 2021, at the Washington Pavilion for the opening concert of the South Dakota Symphony Orchestra's 100th year season. The SDSO's concerts are performed in the **Mary Woods '52 Sommervold Hall** of the Pavilion, which opened in 1998 as part of a \$34 million transformation of the previous Washington High School building into an Arts and Science center for Sioux Falls. Mary, from the Class of 1952 at the high school (then **Mary Woods**), was a board member and president of the Orchestra during major growth in the early 1970s, and later she was a leader in the drive to renovate the building into a revitalized treasure for the city. Kent, Class of 1956, was an SDSO board member, 1968-1883.



OH, NOTHING MUCH, JUST ABOUT TO PUT
SOME BROWNIES IN THE OVEN.



SNOWBIRDS & RETIREES DON'T OVERLOOK LAS VEGAS

FROM JACK PHILLIPS '54

For the last 20 years I have thoroughly enjoyed spending my retirement years living here in Las Vegas, NV. In my opinion Las Vegas has so much more to offer retirees or snowbirds, than any other American city or area.

Like most retirement areas Las Vegas offers a year round golfing desert climate but Las Vegas offers so much more. Las Vegas offers very low humidity (as low as .01% sometimes) and is frequently a bit cooler in the summer. Also, LV has absolutely no tornadoes, chiggers or ticks and very VERY FEW flies, mosquitoes, etc..

However, Las Vegas offers so much more than just a great climate, safe weather and no flying or crawling pests! Without a doubt Las Vegas is the entertainment capital of the world! The exceptionally nice thing about having the never ending variety of world class shows and entertainers available year round when you want it but go totally unnoticed if you don't wish to partake in that glitter and glamour side of LV when you don't want it.

Debra and I live on one of the dozens of golf courses in Las Vegas that are all playable year round and we are just 15 minutes from the world famous "Strip" where we will always find the finest and most popular entertainment anywhere in the world when we want it but it is like it is not even there when we don't want it. An example of that is that three weeks ago we attended an NHL hockey game our Golden Knights played in their home in the beautiful T-Mobile Arena. Then two Fridays ago we enjoyed the George Strait concert in the same T-Mobile Arena.

The following Friday we attended the truly excellent Andrea Bocelli Concert in the MGM Grand Garden Arena.



Jack '54 & Debra Phillips
attending Golden Knight
hockey game.



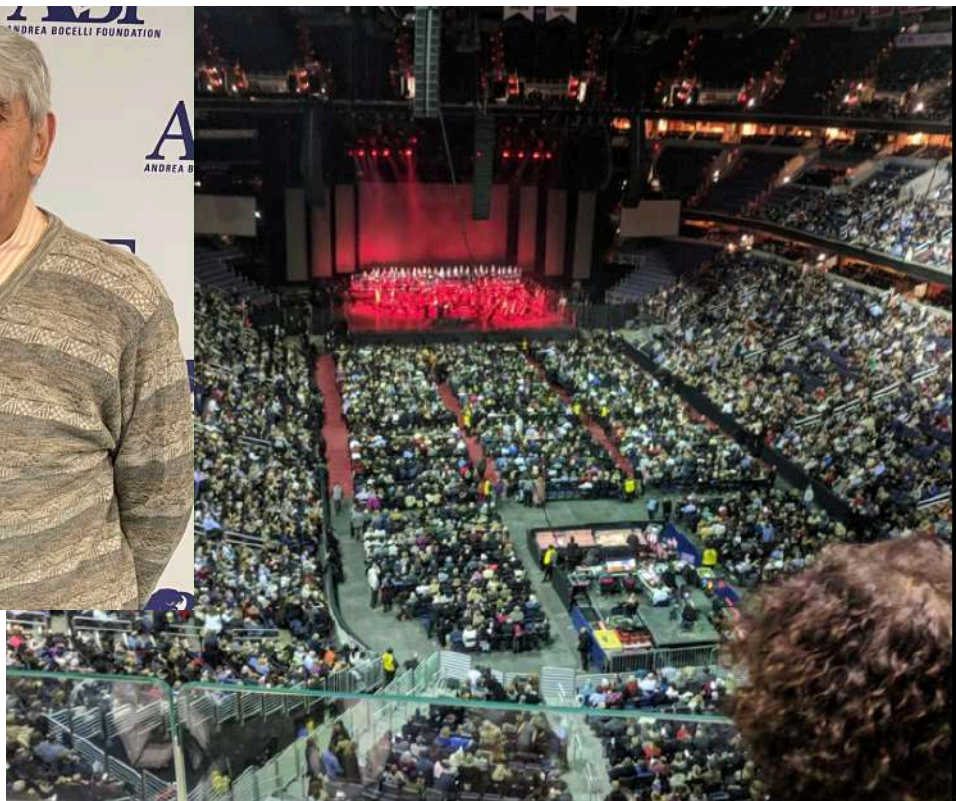
Andrea Bocelli at the
MGM Grand Garden Arena



Debra & Jack attending
George Strait Concert at
T-Mobile Arena

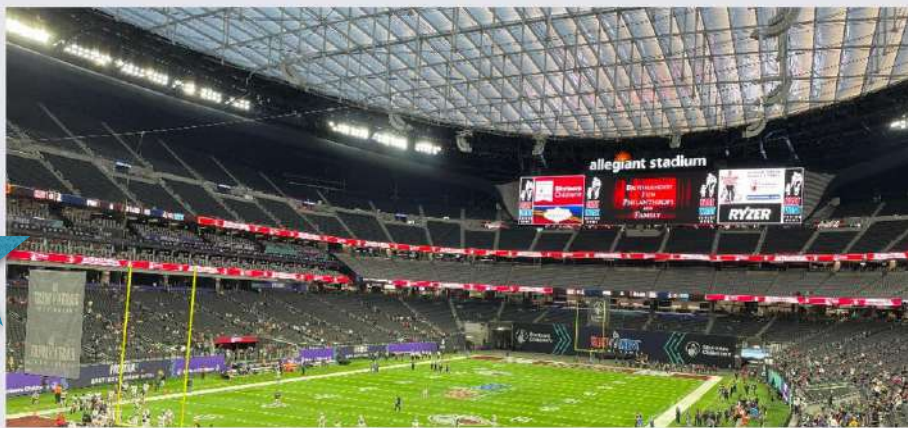


above: Debra and Jack attending the Bocelli Concert.

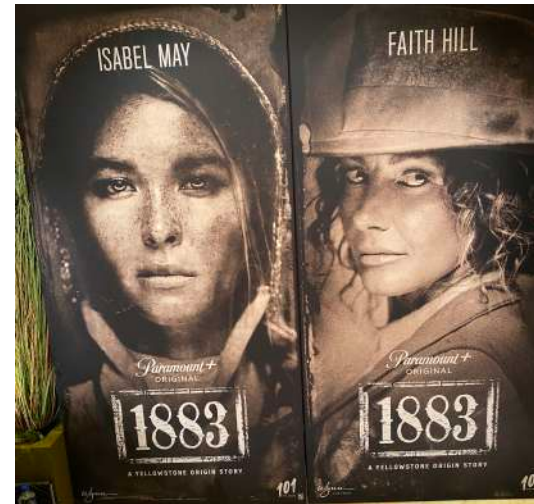
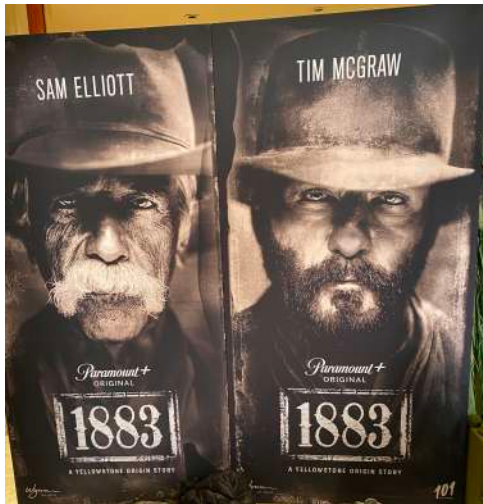


right: Stock photo of the MGM Grand Garden Arena, capacity 17,000 people

3 blue stars on right:
On Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022
Debra and I attended the East
West Shrine Football Game at
the new magnificent Allegiant
Stadium, Capacity 65,000,
home of the new NFL team,
the Las Vegas Raiders..



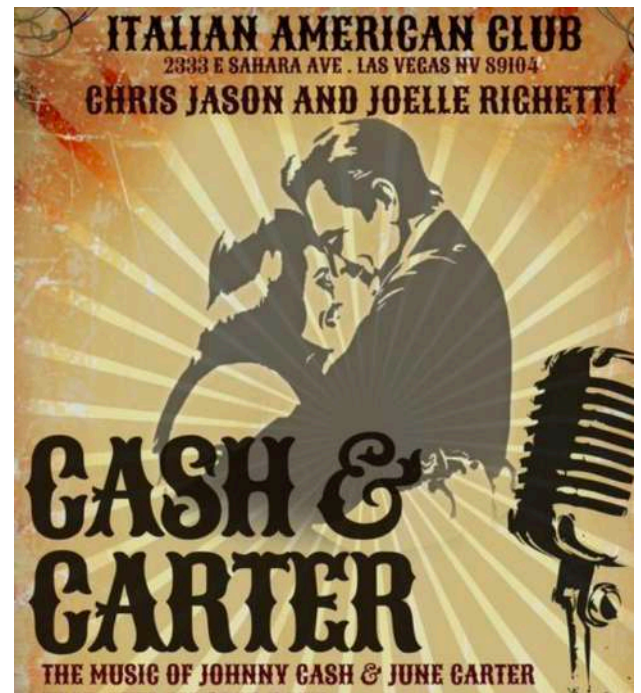
AND,,,, in December Debra and I attended the World Premier of the movie, “1883” at the Wynn Encore Theater in Las Vegas.



Above: Guests arriving for The World Premier of “1883” at the Wynn Las Vegas Resort.

“Tribute acts” continue to be popular in Las Vegas and Elvis Presley continues to be the most popular impersonated artist.

Debra and I recently thoroughly enjoyed “Cash & Carter”, a fun and well done tribute to country music stars, Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash. See photo at right.



I mention the above shows Debra and I have enjoyed recently just to give you an idea of the wide variety always available on the LV entertainment menu. As you perhaps noticed I didn't even mention gaming (gambling) which is probably the biggest draw of all to Vegas. I didn't mention it simply because neither Debra nor I gamble at all and we still have more fun and exciting things to choose from than we could ever include in our schedule.

In conclusion I would just like to add that in the 20 years I have lived here I have never heard anyone ever say, ***"I'm bored! There is never anything to do here."***

I hope you will come check out probably the most fun, exciting and unique city in the world.
Jack Phillips '54



On Jan 30, 2022, **Jim '53 and Carole Ward** <jcward1956@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Jack, I was looking at some pieces I recently wrote – writing is obsessive compulsive with me, as you know. I realized that possibly the attached piece is short enough for your use. I love reading your O&B and I keep trying to think of material for you. So here it is.

Jim Ward '53

Jim Ward '53. WHS Senior Photo

Jim, thanks as always. You know how much your literary contributions to the O&B are appreciated and this one is no exception. This one is a most interesting report on such an important day in Sioux Falls history! Jack

V-J Day in Sioux Falls

Do you remember V-J Day? I do. I was an about-to-be 10-year-old living in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. (I generally don't tell people where I lived because it makes them very jealous.) The Japanese Emperor announced on August 14, 1945 that he had to accept the surrender demand of the Allied Forces. Due to time zone differences the word came

to the US on August 15 and informal celebrations broke out all across the country. We got the word early in the day on the 15th and it seemed like the entire town gathered to celebrate.

Sioux Falls, a town of about 40,000 people had a typical

downtown with hotels, restaurants, stores, movie theaters, etc. and that was where the celebration took place. The photo left was taken not long after the War. The civilian population was joined by thousands of personnel from the US Army Air Corps base on the north side of our town (aerial photo on right). There were 40,000 G.I.s stationed there during the War.



My folks, Charles and Juanita Ward took me and my cousin, Connie (her dad, my uncle, was serving in the US Navy in the Pacific) downtown to see the celebration. My dad was too old to serve in WWII and he had been too



young for WWI. We drove downtown in our 1939 LaSalle automobile. Connie and I are seated on someone's car. There were instances of people climbing on top of cars and in a few cases of the roofs caving in on 1920s and 30s model cars.

I don't know how the GIs got downtown from the Air Corps base as it was a couple miles north of downtown. In the event, they were there in huge numbers. Some even perched on the roof of our favorite men's clothing store.

Most of the crowd was there just to observe but inevitably with a mass of young men suddenly free from the prospect of fighting the Japanese, there were mischief makers. I would bet that there was a great deal of alcohol consumed. The antics of these men became the focus of the crowd's attention.



As things got rowdy, the Military Police from the base



arrived. They came in jeeps and tried to control the boisterous crowd but the GIs commandeered the jeeps and began to drive them about. At one point, the rowdy ones tried to drive a jeep in the front door of the largest hotel in town. The hotel had been a gathering spot of military personnel.



Then, on the street, a fire broke out – it may have been a car. The local fire department arrived and put out the flames. Before they could retire from the scene, however, the GIs took over the fire hoses and began to pull them down the street. From that point, things got really rowdy. We continued to watch as reinforcements came for the MPs and big buses arrived from

the base. Drunk and disorderly GIs were rounded up and sober ones were induced to board the buses to be taken back to the base. The party was over.

Truisms That Are So True!

I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a driver's license and my own car. The people I hang around with are not scared of getting pregnant and I don't have acne. Life is great. I changed my car horn to gunshot sounds. People get out of the way much faster now.

> Gone are the days when girls used to cook like their mothers. Now they drink like their fathers.

> I didn't make it to the gym today. That makes five years in a row. I decided to stop calling the bathroom "John" and renamed it the "Jim". I feel so much better saying I went to the Jim this morning.

> Old age is coming at a really bad time.

> When I was a child I thought "nap time" was a punishment. Now it feels like a small vacation.

> The biggest lie I tell myself is... "I don't have to write that down, I'll remember it".

> I don't have gray hair... I have "wisdom highlights"! I'm just very wise.

> If God wanted me to touch my toes, He would've put them on my knees.

> Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. We haven't met yet.

> Why do I have to press one for English when you're just going to transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?

> Of course, I talk to myself. Sometimes I need expert advice.

> At my age "Getting Lucky" means walking into a room and remembering what I came in there for.

> I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names.

> Now, I'm wondering... did I send this to you, or did you send it to me?

If you have
integrity, nothing
else matters. If you
don't have integrity,
nothing else
matters.

Yup, some people can't handle the truth!



My Favorite Animal

Our teacher asked what my favorite animal was, and I said, "Fried chicken."

She said I wasn't funny, but she couldn't have been right, because everyone else laughed.

My parents told me to always tell the truth. I did. Fried chicken is my favorite animal.

I told my dad what happened and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much.

I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef.

Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal's office.

I told him what happened, and he laughed, too. Then he told me not to do it again.

The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was.

I told her it was chicken. She asked me why, so I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken.

She sent me back to the principal's office.

He laughed, and told me not to do it again.

I don't understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn't like it when I am.

Today, my teacher asked me to tell her what famous military person I admired most.

I told her, "Colonel Sanders."

Guess where the f _ _ _ I am now....



Carl Turco '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Feb 14, 2022, **Carl Turco '58**
<mmparadise@suddenlink.net> wrote:

Subject: Fwd: OLD?

Some really good grins here. As long as we can laugh at ourselves, we will never run out of good material.

Carl Turco '58



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**Where there is a will,,,,,
I want to be in it.**

Letters to the



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Rudi Rudisill '56
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 17, 2022, **rudy '56** & richard= rudisill & miller <richrudy@live.com> wrote:

Ok JACK! All went well until the "tuna" joke...LOL Many thanks for the newsletter. Don't know what we would do without you. **Harold "Rudy" Rudisill '56**...and still getting around, thank the Lord.



Jim Wylie '51
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 17, 2022, James Wylie <jimwylie@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

WOW ! This was an informative, extended edition.....must have kept you u late at nite.....appreciated it all.....loved the joke re. the bar and the wheelchair call.

Thank you Jack. I think you have paved the way for something that should be SOP for high schools and perhaps colleges and Universities as well.

Your work has been a mental health treatment in times when that concern is again to the fore.....the contributions are the message. **Jim Wylie**

WOW Jim! You sure are good at helping to build a guy's confidence! Thank you! Jack



Jim Redfield '50
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 18, 2022, **JIM REDFIELD '50** <jimwred@cox.net> wrote:

Jack: Got it & sent it. Jeanie said she plans to be home by this weekend from rehab. So good of you to pass it along.

BTW, my Navy time was mostly Reserve service with weekend training & two weeks active duty each year.

Emerson got me to WHS which got me to USD which got me a job & facilitated a promotion from enlisted to Officer status, and finally a couple of retirement checks each month . I'm a very lucky guy! Thanx for all you do for us '50's folk.

Jim Redfield. '50



Jeff Herbert '74
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 19, 2022, **Jeffrey Herbert '74** <herbertj@sio.midco.net> wrote:

Jack...thank you---we are hooked on 1983---remember, I lived in Lead, Graduated from Black Hills State---my grandfolks were born where the Open Cut is ('84 and '86 respectfully)---my history runs deep---(I lived on Terry Peak and Bald Mt. in the day too)-

If you ever get a chance, please thank these folks for bringing the western back in true form---and hello to Katherine Ross---I have been in

love with her my whole life ♡ —

Jeff Herbert '74 and WHS Teacher and Coach for 28 years.



Sandy Brix '59
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 18, 2022, **Sandy Brix Hembd '59** <sandyhembd@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi Jack: I don't know what happened to the first email? Lord only knows – I could have accidentally deleted it. We now live in Alabama instead of beautiful CO. Thanks so much for resending this issue.

Would like to send in a check as a Patron for continuing the O&B. Will send to 2261 Lauren Dr unless you tell me different. Have meant to do this for a long time – just seems the days fly by and details get stuffed somewhere. Between the move and covid, our life has been greatly interrupted. 😊 So ready to get back on track!

You are forever appreciated for this gift of the O&B to the students of the 50s!!!!!! I have loved every issue. **Sandy (Brix) Hembd '59**

From: Jack Phillips <jackmp@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 18, 2022 11:11 PM
To: Sandy Brix Hembd <sandyhembd@comcast.net>
Subject: Sandy; Re: Problem Opening All Pages

Sandy, thanks for the correct phone number. Hope you like AL. I am a huge college football fan, especially Oklahoma University, but I really like and respect the Alabama football coach and team. Disappointed they didn't win the National Title.

Yes, 2261 Lauren Dr. address is correct. What ever you send will be greatly appreciated. Thank you. I am planning on sending out another O&B Sp Ed tonight on Dennis Luce '54. I hope you can get it okay.

Jack

On Jan 19, 2022, **Sandy Hembd '59** <sandyhembd@comcast.net> wrote:

Jack: Just read the Donna Lutz obit. So got that just fine. 😊

The check is in the mail as they say!

YES, this IS the football state of the country. I'd say it's almost a religion here. The high school stadiums are enormous and you become either Roll Tide or Go Tigers. Most homes are split between the two so children grow up knowing and cheering for both teams – there are even books on how to survive the split allegiance. So, we've become mostly Alabama fans. (But, are still hanging in there with CU!) However, Saban made a big mistake yesterday by getting involved with politics and the fans are in an uproar here. We will see how it turns out. He signed a support letter supporting the elections bill. That would give the feds control of elections. I think it is a nail in his coffin. This is conservative country and they take something like that pretty seriously! TBD.

Thanks again. We have learned the Southern "Y'All speak" but can't get over the humidity here. And we now have a tornado shelter! 😊

Sandy '59



Greg Hall '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 19, 2022, at 9:27 AM, **Greg Hall '58** <sdlobo@pie.midco.net> wrote:

Good morning Jack. Am sitting here waiting for the service to start for Dennis Luce and was speaking to his oldest daughter Denise who graduated from WHS in 1978. I asked her if she was getting your O&B mailings and she did know a thing about them. So, could you do me a favor and add her to the list.

Denise (Luce) Sleeper email: toeshoe@gmail.com

Sent from

Greg C Hall '58



Dick "Tank" Johnson '54
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 19, 2022, **Dick "Tank" Johnson '54** evangelinaj@lycos.com wrote:
Hi Jack, Thankyou so much. I found all the missing emails in my spam foolder. Hope you are doing as good as we can expect at this age. Lina and I are doing fine. We went to Croatia for two weeks in Oct. Now we want to take a cruise. but now there are challanges with this covid. In May 2022 we have a trip to Disney World. Travelling in the States is not as difficult as Europe. In Sept. we are planning a cruise on the inland passage to Alaska.

Thanks again, Jack

Dick Johnson, '54



Marlys Ahrendt '57
WHS Senior Photo

NEED A '57 WHS YEARBOOK?

On Jan 27, 2022, **Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57** <marlysanna@aol.com> wrote:

Hi Jack,

Haven't talked to you for quite awhile. Hope everything is getting back to normal after Covid 19.

A widow of a classmate of '57 has an annual that she doesn't want. Can you ask in the next newsletter if anyone would want it? Thanks.

Hugs, **Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '59**

Thanks Marlys. Jack

Thanks to **Warner '54 and Karen Gurley '54 Brown** for submitting this fun photo of 7 dear friends getting together in Scottsdale, AZ for lunch on Feb. 5, 2022. The occasion was when **Dick Sweetman '54** and his wife Kathy were in town on business and the group of friends took advantage of the occasion for a fun get together. l to r: June Olson (widow of Bud olson)'54, Dick And Kathy Sweetman (Kathy graduated O'Gorman '69), Sharon Johnson '54 Frank, Bill Frank '52, Karen Gurley '54 Brown and Warner Brown '54





Dick Sweetman '54

Sharon Johnson '54

Frank

Bill Frank '52

Karen Gurley '54 Brown

Warner Brown '54

All WHS Senior Photos



Royce Adams '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Feb 19, 2022, **Royce Adams '58** <Litljump@aol.com> wrote:

Jack, My sister, Bettie Adams Williams, passed away on Jan. 28, 2022. Her memorial service is going to be sometime this spring. She was 88 years old. She attended WHS, however left school before her Senior year. She was a real hoot. I often said she was a mix of Phyllis Diller and Lucille Ball.

One year, for my birthday, she asked me what I would like for a gift. I told her, since she was a really good pie maker, I would like a pumpkin pie. She made one for me and brought to my house. I took the lid off the carrier and there was a wedge missing!! I said "What! You couldn't wait until you brought it to me?" She then told me that no one ate the missing piece but she took it out because that was where her cat stepped on it! I

could go on and on about her but you are limited to only so many pages and you ain't got enough for more about Bettie.

Royce Adams '58

On Feb 25, 2022, **Royce Adams '58** <Litljump@aol.com> wrote:

Jack, I am sending this to you and if you wish to use it you may and if not that's fine also. I wish to stress the idea of why we need to use seat-belts.

A month ago my son blacked out while driving and his car hit a retaining wall. He was not buckled in but the air bag did deploy.. The first responders thought he was deceased but he lived. He is now recovering from both legs being broken, a broken ankle, a broken pelvic bone, and many broken ribs. He has had four separate surgeries. Thank God for the angels called Doctors and Nurses. It's going to be a long recovery. If this article and picture of the car gets even one person to always buckle up it would serve the purpose of informing of the benefit of using the seat-belt. Thanks Jack!!!

Royce Adams '58



Dear Royce and Deanna, Please accept my deepest sympathy for the two tragedies that you and your family are having to deal with at this time. Please accept my most sincere condolences. I will keep you both in my prayers as I am sure your many friends and classmates will also. Jack



Don Amundson '54
WHS Senior Photo

On Feb 18, 2022, **Donald Amundson '54** <donald75075@hotmail.com> wrote:

Jack, Thank you for your call and message about **Jerry Nelson '54 (deceased)**. Betty Lou and I are doing well. Betty Lou had a mild case of covid 19, but no Treatment necessary. I have avoided any positive test results. I do have A cholesterol issue and Meds are working. This getting old with the aches and pains is no fun, but it is better than the alternative.

Take care and keep up your good work with the Orange and Black.
Don Amundson '54

On Feb 19, 2022, **Jack Phillips '54** <jackmp@me.com> wrote:

Dear Don, thanks for the nice note. I really enjoyed visiting with you and was glad to hear that you and Berry Lou are both doing well. The main reason I called was to tell you that our WHS football teammate, Jerry Nelson had died and that we now just have 6 members from our senior members still alive from our 1953 football team. Really sad every time we lose another one.

In checking my records I do not have any info on your wife, Betty Low. Did she attend WHS? If she did would you please give me her maiden name and her class year.

Please stay well! I don't want to be doing a Special Edition on you for a long time.

Jack Phillips '54

On Feb 19, 2022, **Donald Amundson '54** <donald75075@hotmail.com> wrote:

Jack, Betty Lou graduated from Luvern Highschool in 1958. we were married in 1959. Her maiden name is Jens.

It was great talking with you; I just wish it didn't always involve bad news about our old friends.
Stay safe.**Don Amundson '54**



Wally Boersma '54
WHS Senior Photo

On Feb 22, 2022, **Wally Boersma '54** <wboersma@commercialresources.net> wrote:

BEING A MAN!

Wouldn't it be nice if the news media was this factual!

Your last name stays put. The garage is all yours. Wedding plans take care of themselves. Chocolate is just another snack. You can never be pregnant. You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park. You can wear NO shirt to a water park.

Car mechanics tell you the truth. The world is your urinal. You never have to drive to

another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky. You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt. Wrinkles add character. Wedding dress - \$5,000. Tux rental - \$100. People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.

New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet. One mood all the time. Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds -- flat. You know stuff about tanks. A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase. You can open all your own jars.

You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness. If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend. Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack. Two pairs of shoes are more than enough. You almost never have strap problems in public. You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes.

Everything on your face stays its original color. The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades. You only have to shave your face and neck. You can play with toys all your life. One wallet and one pair of shoes - one color for all seasons. You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look. You can 'do' your nails with a pocket knife. You have freedom of choice concerning growing a mustache. You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes. No wonder men are happier!

NICKNAME · If Laura, Kate, and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Kate and Sarah. If Mike, Dave and John go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Bubba, and Wild Man.

EATING OUT · When the bill arrives, Mike, Dave and John will each throw in \$20, even though it's only for \$32.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back. When the girls get their bill, out comes the pocket calculators.

MONEY. A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs . A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale.

BATHROOMS · A man has six items in his bathroom: toothbrush and toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel. The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337. A man would not be able to identify more than 20 of these items.

ARGUMENTS · A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

FUTURE · A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband. A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

MARRIAGE · A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't. A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does.

DRESSING UP · A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the trash, answer the phone, read a book, and get the mail. A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

NATURAL · Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed . Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

OFFSPRING · Ah, children. A woman knows all about her children. She knows about dentist appointments and romances, best friends, favorite foods, secret fears, and hopes and dreams. A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY. A married man should forget his mistakes. There's no use in two people remembering the same thing!

Wally Boersma '54

Can a woman make you a
millionaire? Yes. But only if you
are a billionaire.

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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 Leye '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 Bymes '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	

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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 Thoeke '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 = \$400.	Original, PATRON #21, was \$100 page #1 dated 4-11-20 * 2nd donation of \$100 on 11-21-20 * 3rd donation of \$200.00 12-10-21 TOTAL \$400
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 Hise '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	
104	Dr. Jim Brown '56 East Wenatchee, WA	Dec. 10, 2021	\$100 + \$100 + \$200 TOTAL \$400.00	Original contribution was \$100 on 4-11-20; 2nd donation was \$100 on 11-21-20 and 3rd donation \$200.00 for a total of \$400.00
105	Jim Eastman '59 Sioux Falls, SD	Dec. 13, 2021	\$100.00 = \$100.00 = TOTAL \$200.00	Original contribution was \$100.00, plus 2nd donation of \$100.00 = Total donation of \$200.00.
105	Dr. Dale '56 & Camille Larson '61 Peterson Wenatchee, WA	Dec. 23, 2021	\$1,000 + \$1,000 + \$1000 = \$3,000.00	Original contribution, PATRON #1, was \$1,000 on page #1 dated 12-27-19. Each December they have added an additional \$1,000.00 Total now \$3,000.00

PATRON		DATE	AMOUNT OF GIFT	INCREASES or DONATION IN THE NAME OF, OR IN MEMORY OF:
107	Sandy Brix Hembd '59 Birmingham, AL	1-18-22	\$200.00	
108	Karen Jacomet Walters '56 Mission, TX	1-18-22	Patron requested \$ amount not shown.	In memory of Karen's deceased sister, Francis Jacomet Deets '42 and her decease brother Bill Jacomet '50.

Once again, thank each of you for not only your generous financial support but also for your on going moral support.

Both have meant more to me than you will ever know.

Jack

Friends

One day, all of us will get separated from each other. We will miss our conversations. Days, months and years will pass until our contact becomes rare.

One day, our children will see our photos and ask: "Who are these people?"

And we will smile with invisible tears and say...

"It was with them that I had the best days of my life.