

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, SIOUX FALLS, SD
Serving The Classes of the Great '50's Decade. Photos & Stories Welcome!
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Two Important Requests From Your Editor:

1st Request: Your help in maintaining as up to date deceased lists as possible is essential! It is truly appreciated when you, the readers of the O & B, take the time to write and notify me of the passing of a member of any WHS class from 1950 through 1959. Without your help, maintaining accurate and current deceased lists for each class would be impossible for me alone.

2nd Request: The Orange & Black's continued existence truly relies on stories from you, our classmates from the fifties. I feel I can only create a limited number of stories before you will grow tired of hearing from me. I am totally convinced that the 700 plus current readers of the O & B much prefer reading stories submitted by other classmates. **THAT IS YOU!** So won't you PLEASE consider submitting a story! Your story can be about anything you would like to share with all of us; your career, an interesting vacation, your retirement (good and bad), your memories of WHS and/or Sioux Falls, a lost classmate you would like to find, etc., etc. But PLEASE, always include photos.

I only have 2 favors to ask of you on submitting a story. I request that you submit your story in a finished form where it is ready for me to just copy & insert. I am sorry, but I no longer have the time to piece together your story from several different emails, or assist in rewriting it. Please also try and clearly and accurately I.D. EVERYONE in the photo that is connected to the story AND, try to I.D. all WHS Alumni with their class year. I always try to double check their class year, but if you provide me with the year you think they were in, it helps me a great deal.

The more stories from you, the more Newsletters you will receive. Frequently I find myself waiting to publish the next issue for more stories from you to fill it up. I really need your help to keep the O&B interesting for each year from 1950 - 1959.

Of course your suggestions on how to improve the O&B are also always appreciated.

Thank you.
Jack M. Phillips '54,



Jack Phillips '54
WHS Senior Photo





Stu VanMeveren '58
WHS Senior Photo

Hi Jack, I have certainly enjoyed reading the **ORANGE & BLACK** and will take you up on your offer to "send my story". The attached photo is from a recent "bucket list" trip to Africa. After graduating from WHS in 1958, I ended up in Vermillion at USD where I resided for seven years. I ended up graduating with a JD degree from the School of Law. In 1967 I wound up in Fort Collins, Colorado, via adventures in California and Tennessee.

My wife, Kathy, and I have produced 5 kids and are now, at last count, up to 16 grandkids. Presently

we basically reside in Fort Collins during the summers and Phoenix during the winter months.

Rather than bore you with 55 years of stories, I refer you, and anyone else who may be interested, to two articles: the May 2000 issue of **The Colorado Lawyer** entitled "Profiles of Success"; and, the Monday, November 22, 2004, issue of the **Denver Post** entitled "32-year DA Wore a White Hat". I presume these articles are still, somehow, available on the internet. As the title of the **Post** article infers, having survived 8 elections, I was the elected District Attorney in and for the Eighth Judicial District of Colorado for 32 years. For seven years following a career as the elected prosecutor, I practiced law with my son Bryan, also a USD grad, in Fort Collins, specializing in criminal defense and personal injury cases. I retired a year and a half ago and am thoroughly enjoying a surprisingly busy life of leisure. With kindest regards, Stu VanMeveren '58 vanmev@comcast.net

Editors Note: *Stu, thank you so much for submitting your most interesting story. I hope it sets an example to lots of other O&B readers to send in their stories. May you enjoy many more years of your deserved retirement. Jack*



Royce Adams '58
WHS Senior Photo

Jack, do you remember the Clint Eastwood movie "Gran Torino"? Well that movie inspired me to write about my "Gran" 1946 Plymouth. My sister, Shirley, owned the car and when she had a date, a date who owned his own car, she would leave her car at home. Now that '46 Business Coupe was easy to "hot wire" as most of the cars of that era were and the temptation to wire it was too much for me. One only had to use a thin dime, reach under the dash board and make contact with the three points on the starting switch and you had the car started and off you went.



Now to be sure no one was wise to that escapade I would detach the speedometer in case my sister had any idea of the mileage then she would not know the car had been used. I'd even put the car back in the position of the driveway as it was before I used it.

It was one hot car. Well, I thought it was because I had no idea what a hot car was. I could "peel out" if I started on sand or gravel then hit the pavement. It would give out with a wimpy "squeal" and I thought it was a hot rod. Those 6/16 tires would almost melt down with that power. Actually the tread was so worn off I usually was repairing or replacing those tires with some other used ones I could buy from Ogdie Salvage. We always placed the side of the tire that said "for farm use only" on the inside so that the cops would not see we were driving on "farm tires". It was illegal to use them for any use other than on the farm.

Because it was a business coupe which meant there was no back seat, seating was rather limited. You could only fit three in the car. I really fancied that car up by getting fender skirts on it, a Fulton Visor,

shiny hubcaps that actually would stay on, a "necker's knob" on the steering wheel (it had a red rose in the knob), and a speaker in the front of the car wired to the radio. That was for when we were at a drive in we could be outside the car and listen to the radio at or from Ray's Drive In.

I used that car from 1955 to 1957 when it was hit by a train as I was driving down 6th Street here in Sioux Falls, SD. Back in those days we didn't have cell phones or texting. What I had was the ability to day dream which I was doing at the time of impact. Fortunately the train was going very slow so I did not hurt the train at all. However it was the end of the '46.

Oh, I know every one is wondering what my sister thought of her car being destroyed by a train. Well, the explanation is this. About 1956 my sister bought a 1950 Chevy and she gave the '46 to me. When she bought the Chevy I asked her what she was going to do with the Plymouth. She said, "You can have it. Heck you stole it enough times it's as good as yours anyway!"

My first car and what a thrill. I'll never forget it.

Royce Adams '58 Litljump@aol.com



Peter Johnson '56
WHS Senior Photo

Hi Jack,

Enjoying, or at least pleased to receive the kind fruits of your e-labors. Many thanks.

Do you have any info on Solveig Steen, I am not sure what class, but no earlier than '53, and no later than '55, probably '54. [My annuals are in a storage locker, but I will retrieve them eventually.] She died within the last two years, I heard recently from Noel Muller, but I don't recall when. Her house burned down, and she was killed. She was a very fine pianist, teaching at Augustana and Sioux Falls College.

We were students of Bernice Halverson as children. Other names you might know that were our cohorts in piano recitals, always featuring ginger ale and orange sherbet afterwards, were: Jarolyn Johnson who married Jack White the mayor and then she was some sort of proprietor at the Senior residence at All Saints School, which is where our piano lessons occurred; Marilyn Hill, who married Jack's friend Dick Viehweg [She teaches piano now;] Sandra Taylor; Ross Olson; Sally Peterson; Elizabeth Helland [a cousin of Solveig's;] Elizabeth Eleeson; Cammy Larson, who married now Dr. Dale Peterson. All from '53-'56 except Cammy, who was younger, Dale robbing the cradle. To place-drop, Cammy's parents live [if still alive] in the John Hancock Building in Chicago, Dale told me at a not too recent reunion.

I always tell you more than you probably want to know. But Solveig was very special, a great musical talent, probably the most proficient pianist in Sioux Falls for many, many years.

Hope you're staving off decrepitude. I'm doing my best. About ready to send off for my 23andme DNA test...

While I think of it, if you have an obit for Jack White, I would appreciate that also. I don't know if you are set up to raise up individual obits on request... Thanks if you are.

Peter Elling Johnson '56 pejohns2@wisc.edu

Editor's Response to Peter Johnson '56: *Hi Peter, Thanks for writing and of course I am glad to hear that you enjoy the O&B.*

Solveig Steen, was in the WHS class of 1953, one year older than me, so I remember her wonderful piano talents too. She passed away on April 12, 2013. You will find Solveig's Special Edition that I published on April 13, 2013 on the following page, #4. It contains her full obituary.

Peter for your information here are the class years for the others you mentioned. Jarolyn Johnson '53, Jack White '53, Marilyn Hill '54, Dick Viehweg '53, Sandra Taylor, 54, Ross Olson '53, Sally Peterson '56, Elizabeth Helland ??, Elizabeth Eleeson ??, Cammy Larson '61, Dr. Dale Peterson '56.

Sorry, but surprisingly I was unable to find Jack White's obituary.

Jack Phillips '54

right; The beautiful Solveig Steen at her piano. Photo from the 1953 Warrior.



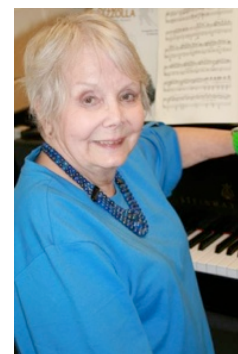
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Solveig Steen '53
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Margaret Solveig Steen

Washington High School, Class of '53
January 9, 1936 - April 12, 2013



Sioux Falls, Margaret Solveig Steen, age 77, died on Friday, April 12, 2013 at her home as the a result of a fire.

Visitation will begin at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 at the Reconciliation Chapel at Augustana with a prayer service to be held at 4:00 PM. Funeral services will begin at 10:30 AM on Wednesday at Bethel Lutheran Church, 1801 S. Valley View Road, Sioux Falls with burial at Bethany Cemetery in Colton, SD.

Margaret Solveig Steen, or better known as Solveig or Sos, was born on January 9, 1936 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota to Constant J. and Georgina S. (Dalen) Steen. Solveig received her education here in Sioux Falls, graduating from Washington High School and receiving her bachelor of arts in music education degree at Augustana in 1957. She then received her master's degree in music-piano performance from the University of Michigan and later became a featured soloist with the Michigan State University Orchestra.

Solveig taught piano as an adjunct professor at Augustana and was honored for 50 years of service in April 2012. She was scheduled to retire from Augustana next month.

Music and her strong faith were of the utmost importance to Solveig. She was a loving daughter, sister, aunt, cousin, colleague, teacher and friend who will be dearly missed.

Grateful for having shared her life are her brother, David Steen, Colman, SD; two nephews, Mike Steen and his wife, Kelly of Sioux Falls, SD and David E. Steen and his wife, Pam, of Mesa AZ; three great-nieces, Amy (Chris) McGaa, Katie and Ashton Steen; two great great-nieces, Emma Heisel and Aloma McGaa; special friend, Sam Gaeckle; and numerous other cousins and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Constant and Georgina (Dalen) Steen; one brother, Andrew Steen; and nephew, Daniel Steen.



Thanks to Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57, Frank Owens '53, Don Noordsy '58, Anne Shepler Christopher '53 and Judith Sonnichsen Schmuck '57 for informing the O&B of Solveig's passing. Solveig also attended Mark Twain Grade School.

A Special Tribute to a Special WHS Alum!

John Y. McCollister, WHS Class of 1939

United States Congressman from Nebraska, 1971 - 1977

June 10th, 1921 – November 1, 2013

Written by Jack Phillips '54



So many of us first met John McCollister '39 and his brand new bride, Betty Hanson McCollister '39 at the 2010 All School Reunion. Betty and John started dating in the 6th grade at Longfellow Grade School and remained sweethearts through WHS. But after

being separated by college they married others. John told me at the reunion that after their spouses died "we finally reconnected and married each other", at 89 years of age and just before they attended the 2010 Reunion. They were such a popular couple at the reunion, they were commonly referred to as the "King and Queen" of



Attending the WHS 2010 All School Reunion were John Y. McCollister '39, John's new wife, Betty Hanson McCollister '39, Betty's sister, Joan Hanson Cramer '43 and Betty's brother, Loren Hanson '47.



A kamikaze attack on the USS Birmingham on May 4, 1945 killed 51 crew mates and injured 81. McCollister who was unhurt, can be seen at right glancing toward the camera.

the reunion.

John was an extremely interesting man and I very much enjoyed staying in touch with him until just before his death.

Upon graduation from the University of Iowa, John was inducted into the United States Naval Reserve and was commissioned as Ensign in August, 1943. He was ordered to attend the Navy Radar Technical School at Harvard and MIT. Upon completion of that training in August of 1944, he served as RADAR Officer aboard the USS Birmingham, CL 62 in the Western Pacific. In January 1946 he was released to inactive duty with the rank of Lieutenant (jg)

John was elected Douglas County, Nebraska Commissioner twice and was elected to the US House of Representatives three times, 1971-1977. He was the Republican nominee for election to the United States Senate in 1976.

On July 21, 2013 John wrote to tell me about how "Pleased" he was with the visit he had just had from Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel. John helped launch Secretary Hagel's political career when he hired Hagel as an aide during John's first term in Congress in 1971.

McCollister was once Hagel's mentor and their relationship was often termed to be like a father and son relationship. Hagel had actually lived with John and his first wife during that time. But then the two had a serious falling out 6 years ago.

When Hagel learned that John was dying of cancer he made a private visit on June 19th to his old boss and mentor's home in Omaha to heal their disagreement. I could tell from John's last letter to me that Hagel's visit and the mending of their rift truly meant a great deal to John. Upon learning of John's passing Hagel praised him as a *"wise, balanced, complete leader"*.

John told me in his last letter that he was discontinuing Chemotherapy in hopes of easing the pain and allowing he and Betty to better enjoy his remaining years. He asked me if a 2015 All School Reunion was being planned and said he and Betty were planning on attending. I wrote him back on July 21, 2013 and told him that efforts were under way to have a 2015 reunion and how much I and so many others would be looking forward to seeing he and Betty again. John never responded to that letter.

Private Inurnment services will be held at Countryside Community Church Columbarium. A memorial service will be held at Dundee Presbyterian Church at 10:30 a.m. on November 8, 2013, followed by a reception in the Church's Memorial Hall. The family requests that memorials be made to the VNA Hospice program in Omaha or to a charity of your choice.



Sec. of Defense, Chuck Hagel, left, and former Rep. John McCollister sit together in McCollister's Omaha home in June 2013.

JOHN Y. MCCOLLISTER



Thank You For Your Service





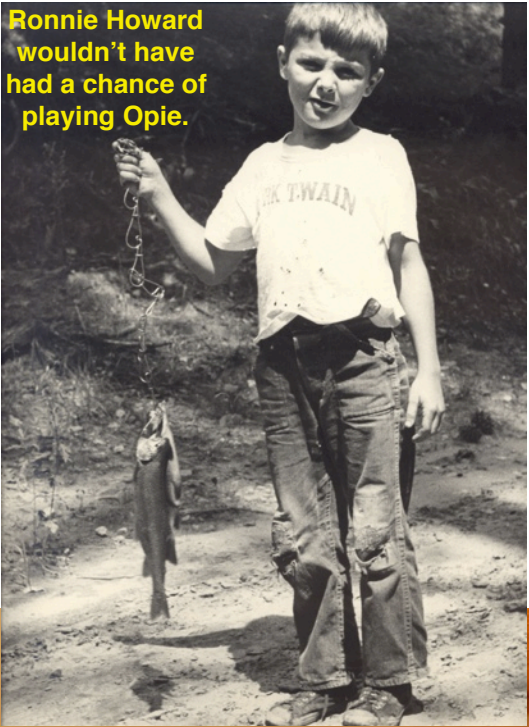
Mike Rich '57
WHS Senior Photo

From Mike Rich '57: Jack: I was sad to learn that they are going to tear down Mark Twain after all of these years. We lived across 27th Street from the school, and my brothers and I attended school there. I was lucky enough to spend all eight years at Mark Twain so was an eye witness to the many drubbing we administered to the likes of Lowell and Longfellow. I can still remember my teachers' names for grades one through eight: Mrs. Welch, Mrs. Beadle, Mrs. Miller, Mrs, Sorenson, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Wilhelm, and Mrs. Bledhorn, respectively, most of whom wore sensible shoes and print dresses and, in the Spring, I remember Mrs. Barnes always wore a sprig of lilac on her breast in place (not all that effective) of deodorant. On second thought, I believe Mrs. Welch was kind of a fox, and I had a 5 year-old's crush on her. Mr. Wilson (father of Roger Wilson '57) taught shop, and I still have a trivet that I made out of a piece of pine with a pattern created by hammering a phillips screw head into the wood. Mrs. Sells was the principal, and she had a rubber boot prominently displayed in her office that she used to enforce discipline—at least that was the fear among the inmates. The attached photo shows me wearing my Official Mark Twain T-Shirt. Note the stylishly distressed jeans and retro tennis shoes. I would fit right in today on Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills.

A couple of years ago, my oldest brother, Tom, and some of his classmates even came up with the words to the Mark Twain fight song, which I believe was to the tune of Onward Wisconsin. I remember our colors were maroon and gold, and our coach was Charlie Springer, whose football guidance was distilled into one Rule: If you see a loose ball, pick it up and run for the goal line—preferably the opponent's.

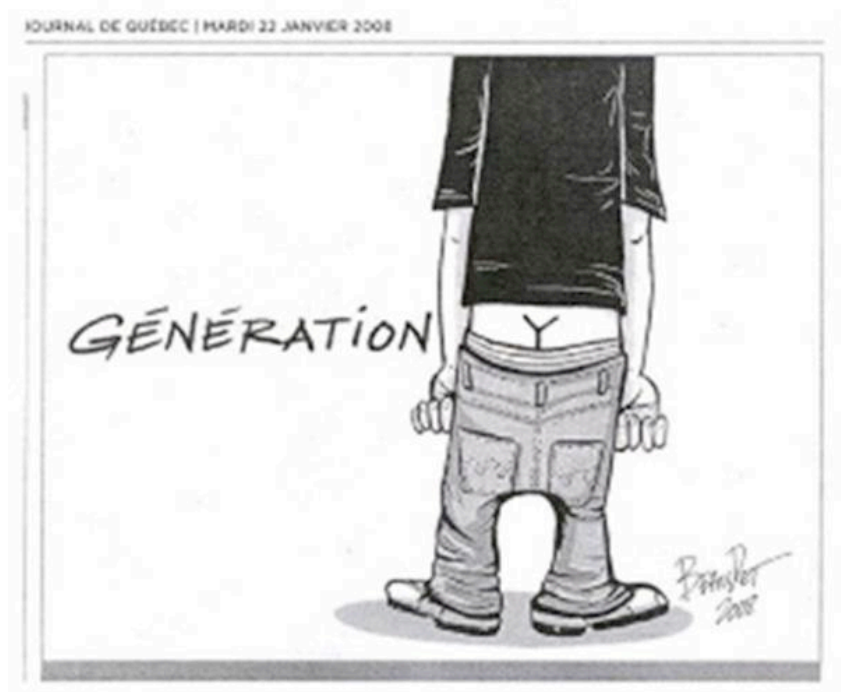
Anyway, here's the photo from the 2013 Boys of '57 trek to the Circle H Ranch. Our pre Ranch dinner at Minerva's was very well attended, and the wine flowed freely and tongues loosened. One lady even admitted to having dated the late Ted May. She probably regrets the candor. Although many of my classmates were over served, no fist fights broke out, and the evening ended peacefully, if not quietly. We're all looking forward to June of 2014. By the way, for those of the '50 classes who haven't been back to Sioux Falls for a while, the development along the downtown stretch of the Big Sioux is very impressive and well worth a visit.

Mike Rich '57



THE 'Y' CHROMOSOME

- > People born before 1946 are called - *The Greatest Generation*.
- > People born between 1946 and 1964 are called - *The Baby Boomers*.
- > People born between 1965 and 1979 are called - *Generation X*.
- > And people born between 1980 and 2010 are called - *Generation Y*.
- > **Why do we call the last group -Generation Y?**
 - Y should I get a job?
 - > Y should I leave home and find my own place?
 - > Y should I get a car when I can borrow yours?
 - > Y should I clean my room?
 - > Y should I wash and iron my own clothes?
 - > Y should I buy any food?
- > But perhaps a cartoonist explained it most eloquently below...
- > **Just thought you might want to know “Y”**



Charles, “Chuck” Mandsager

A Sad Lose To Members of the WHS Football Teams of '50, '51 & '52

Charles Byron Mandsager, 86, of Loveland, Colorado and formerly of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, died October 9, 2013 at McKee Medical Center in Loveland. He was born March 15, 1927 in Hardy, Iowa to Laurence and Jessie Mandsager. He attended country school, Renwick High School, and graduated from Augustana Academy, Canton SD and then enlisted and served in the [U.S. Marine Corps](#). He graduated from Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota in 1950. He later earned a Masters Degree in Sociology from the University of South Dakota.

Chuck met Sarah Christopherson at Augustana College and they were married in December 1949. They lived in Sioux Falls for 44 years where they were members of Our Saviors Lutheran Church, and after retiring to Colorado, were members of Zion Lutheran Church.

While a student at college he worked at the Minnehaha County jail with his friends, Howard Hovland and Luther Mandsager. In 1955 he started as a volunteer for the District Court of South Dakota and later was named as Chief Federal Probation Officer for the State of South Dakota. After retirement in March 1982 he kept working, first as a Hobie Cat sailboat dealer, and then as director of the Glory House, a halfway house for drug and alcohol offenders.

Sports were an important part of Chuck's life. He played football in college, being an honor athlete from 1949-50 and later was inducted into the Augustana Athletic Hall of Fame. Chuck loved water sports, hunting, and tennis where he participated in the Senior Olympics. He and Sally enjoyed traveling together. A favorite hobby of his was gardening.

Chuck is survived by his daughters: Miriam (Frank Kunstal) of Loveland, Colorado and Anne (Lane Williamson) of Charlotte, North Carolina; daughter-in-law Doreen Mandsager of Charlotte, North Carolina; grandchildren: Kirsten (Dustin Mackie) of Cleveland, Ohio, Rachel (James Graef) of Beaver Creek, Colorado, Ali Mandsager, Tedd Mandsager, and Carly Mandsager all of Charlotte, North Carolina; and great-granddaughter, Autumn of Charlotte, North Carolina. He is also survived by his siblings: Robert Mandsager of Marshalltown, Iowa, Mary Rogness of Hendricks, Minnesota, Janice Grinde of Maple Grove, Minnesota, and Rachel Pechauer of Sun City, Arizona; and two sisters-in-law, Susan Christopherson of Ridgefield, Washington and Kathy Mandsager of Loveland, Colorado.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sally; his sons, Tedd and Mark; and his brother, David.

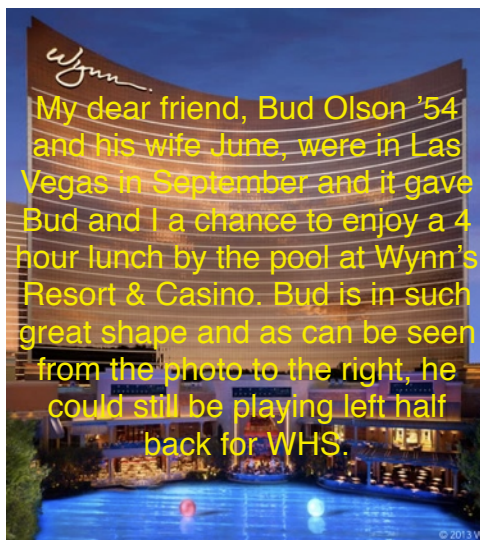
Services will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2013 at 3 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Loveland, Colorado and at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, October 18, 2013 at 1 p.m. followed by committal at Woodlawn Cemetery in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Memorials can be designated to: The Sarah Mandsager Music Scholarship at Augustana College; Glory House in Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Zion Lutheran Church, Loveland, Colorado; and ChildVoice International.

Editor's note: *Coach Mandsager was one of my favorite high school football coaches and I have often wondered about him. He was always such a class guy.*



**Bud Olson '54
WHS Senior Photo**



ALL SCHOOL REUNION IN 2015??????

Discussions are currently taking place as to whether another All School Reunion should be attempted in 2015 or not. Organizing a true "All School Reunion" is an enormous job and requires a considerable start up budget. It is being questioned whether there is sufficient interest from "ALL" classes to justify a true, "All School Reunion? Since records indicate that the majority of attendees in the past were from the classes of the fifties, it has been suggested that just a "**Fifties Reunion**" be held. This would mean that the logistics and expense per actual attendee would be reduced considerably. Of course, **ALL WHS ALUMNI**, from every class regardless of what decade they are from would be totally welcome. Your opinion is vitality needed. Please send your thoughts, preferences & interest to the O&B. Please send us your thoughts so planing can or cannot proceed.

The above blurb was run in the last issue of the O&B asking for your interest and preference regarding a 2015 All School Reunion?

You were offered the following choices:

- 1 NO REUNION (Discontinue it)**
- 2 A TRUE ALL SCHOOL REUNION FOR ALL WHS CLASSES.**
- 3 JUST A "FIFTIES" CLASS REUNION.** For classes from '50 to '59

Only two responses were received! Is that representative of you interest? Do you have enough interest to even vote?

Any chairperson and/or committee that might take on the job of putting it together needs a show of interest, support and enthusiasm! Do you have any interest? Please send your feelings to the O&B now.



CLASS OF '54 - 60th REUNION IN 2014

A committee has been formed for the 60th reunion of the WHS class of 1954. It is planned for **September 19-21, 2014**. A Friday reception is planned at the Washington Pavilion. Saturday and Sunday activities will be at the Holiday Inn in downtown Sioux Falls. The hotel top floor (concierge) rooms have been reserved for the first to register. We are not taking reservations at this time however we are asking if you are interested in attending and have not yet let us know please do so now. Please respond yes, maybe, or no, to Kittelson@Prodigy.net or to **Jack Kittelson at 605-334-3345**. Your response will help us in our planning.

Thanks

P.S. We really have a fun weekend planned. This is a special reunion and we are striving for a large attendance. We look forward to hearing from you asap.

P.S. The room rates at the Holiday Inn have not been announced yet, nor has the event schedule or price of the event. As soon as this information is available it will be sent to members of the class of '54.

Letters to the O & B

On Jul 2, 2013, at 8:35 PM, **glenn gulbranson '54** <g.gulbranson@juno.com> wrote:

Jack, This e-mail is in reference to a request from Percy Tornow, 1953, for information on the whereabouts of Del Loris Kich in the WHS O&B_5-13, page 11. FYI, I looked up Del Loris' parents first names and then went down to the Sioux Falls main Library and looked up their obituaries in the Argus Leader. From that, she was shown as Mrs. Adolph (Del Loris) Obeslo. With this information, a search on the web came up with the following:

DEL LORIS G OBESLO

(605) 362-7879

Apt 304, 3560 S Gateway Blvd, Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, SD-57106

As always, I can't guarantee the above is correct, but I hope it is.

Glenn Gulbranson, '54

Editor's note: Thanks Glenn. As always you do amazing things when it comes to helping me find people.



On Sep 5, 2013, at 2:42 PM, **Royce Adams '58** Litljump@aol.com wrote:

Another great issue you have here and again thank you for your efforts. What a copy, and you didn't miss one "R". Glad you printed Justy Berger's '41, info. He was my CO and I flew with him often. He was the best commander I have ever served with. Dee and Royce '58 Adams

Royce Adams '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Sep 6, 2013, at 9:03 AM, **Paul Anderson '56**, Karslop <karslop@cox.net> wrote:

Jack Like all your e-mail recipients I applaud you for all your work keeping the old Washington High School spirit alive. I say again, thank you. I was surprised and saddened to learn that Jefferson Grade School is being closed. I still picture walking in the front door to a brand new school in September of 1949. The newness is still fresh in my mind. How could they dare close Jefferson, it's brand new. Oh well. I guess both senility and reality has finally set in. I continue to look forward to receiving the O & B, to refresh the memories of the "good old days" and to appreciate the "golden years" we grew up in.

Keep up the good work Jack,

Paul Anderson "56"



Paul Anderson '56
WHS Senior Photo

On Sep 7, 2013, at 7:41 AM, **Doug Aldrich '57** <doug.aldrich@comcast.net> wrote:

Jack, great issue as always!

But not Mark Twain!! Buildings in Europe last a millennium or two, and here our beloved elementary will be gone. Not only was the school a disciplined place for us "reluctant learners", but also it was a great playground for pick-up baseball and football. Without TV or texts, we created our own fun. Our group could meet late at night to view the stars from the west side where lights weren't bad. I also remember when our gang climbed the trees to avoid certain police cars after throwing water balloons in Dow Drug for kicking us out.

Ah yes, the memories and the fun we had.....

Doug Aldrich '57

ps: We were asked to leave Dow's soda fountain as we were too noisy about a basketball victory....our fault.

Doug



Doug Aldrich '57
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On Sep 9, 2013, at 9:23 AM, **kent morstad '54** <rigorkem@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Jack (don't say that in the airport)

I would ask a favor of you. Could you please put a comment or two in the O&B journal encouraging any and all former students of Mark Twain to write letters to the Argus Leader (perhaps addressed to members of the Sioux Falls School Board) to not change the name of Mark Twain school, when the new school is built. What is to be gained by this change? Seems to be a lot of feeling on both sides of the aisle here in Sioux Falls. It is a part of our heritage.

Hi to Debra.

Thanks, Kent

A couple of weeks ago, Dick Sweetman, Marilyn (Hill) Viehweg, Sharon Clapper, Alan Lewis & myself took a short tour of the old school. Many changes, and many fond memories.

Editor's note: Kent, I received several letters voicing their preference that the name, "Mark Twain"

be maintained as the name of the new grade school. I certainly concurred, but unfortunately I have learned that the name of "Susan B. Anthony" has been chosen. The Argus Leader ran a poll in a recent issue asking the question, "**Do you like Mark Twain Elementary's new name, Susan B. Anthony?**" The response was 17% liked the new name, 74% felt they should have kept Mark Twain and 8% felt they should have named it something else.



Kent Morstad '54
WHS Senior Photo

On Sep 7, 2013, at 8:23 PM, Donald Brown '53 <don@chubrown.com> wrote:

Many thanks once again, Jack, for the newsletter. I started another letter/story for you a few months ago, and hope to finish and send it before long.

In the meantime, I for one hope there could be an all-fifties reunion in 2015.

Best wishes,
Don Brown '53



left: Don Brown '53: Recent photo showing Don as handsome as ever.

On Sep 11, 2013, at 12:51 PM, **Permella Bedford Kielman '56** <4perm@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi Jack, The WHS class of 1956 had their northwest reunion this week. The first order of business was reciting the school song. Yes, we remembered all of the words this time. We had such a good time talking about our high school years that we forgot to take a picture of the group. I hope the O&B readers will use their imaginations. Just envision fourteen handsome, vivacious, and glamorous people enjoying lunch in Seattle. Yes, that's us! Those attending included Permella Bedford Kielman & Roger, Bob Pederson, Leora Capen Bass, Clara Jeffrey Amesbury & Bill, Gene Ross, Myra Scholten Swanson, Kent Scribner & brother Bruce, Sheldon Songstad, Pat Jorgensen Pulagi, and Andy Perlbachs & Carolyn. Carolyn was such a good sport listening to all our stories, as everyone else had attended WHS. It was quite nostalgic. We talked a lot about the memories of high school. Leora remembered that Bob Bass kicked the football straight up in the air at the football game in Casper, WY. This caused WHS to end its 44 game winning streak. Roger said that he is still depressed over that loss. We remembered many teachers from WHS. Gene certainly takes the prize for recalling the names of lots of the teachers at Emerson Grade School. Quite impressive. We agreed that our dances in the cafeteria after Fri. night home football games were special.

Kent and Sheldon related all the changes in Sioux Falls. It is now such a dynamic city. We hope to return and gather there for our 60th reunion in 2016. Greetings from all of us to other WHS classmates who live across the country.

Permella Bedford Kielman



Perm Bedford '56
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On Sep 13, 2013, at 8:09 PM, **Dale Peterson '56** <dale1228@nwi.net> wrote:

Jack, Perm thought I should send this to you in follow up on our recent reunion. It was in response to what she reported about the reunion.

Dale

From: Dale Peterson '56 [<mailto:dale1228@nwi.net>]

Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2013 8:51 AM

To: 'gppalagi@aol.com'; 'gidocjb@gmail.com'; 'SR.Obrien@comcast.net'; 'robert.pederson@frontier.com'; 'akscrib@yahoo.com'; '4perm@comcast.net'; 'bobalee56@comcast.net'; 'Dmpswc@centurylink.net'; 'R.Lowell1938@gmail.com'; 'jgalgoczy@comcast.net'; 'caperlbachs@msn.com'; '4myras@gmail.com'; 'Marlysnewcomb@aol.com'; 'tootsntal@aol.com'; 'jewing1177@aol.com'; 'eugene-ross@comcast.net'; 'auwshucks@gmail.com'; 'srsongstad@msn.com'

Subject: RE: NW WHS Luncheon.

Sorry to have missed the reunion. My 88 year old aunt, Jean, wanted to get the family together in SD on the same weekend. Would like to see another one soon.

I'm surprised others remember that Casper Wyoming game. To me it was like yesterday. I still remember being well behind the secondary on a pass play with no one in front of me all the way to the goal line. Falkner under threw the ball, but I was able to get both hands on it, but unable to hang on and dropped it. I could hear Coach Burns yelling 60 yards down the sidelines. Bob and I shared the blacklist that night, but we beat them quite easily the following year in SF.

Thank you, Pat, for all you do in organizing these events and thank you Pam for writing it up. If another location is desired for a future event, I would be glad see what we could do as we are frequently in Seattle.

Blessings and peace,

Dale Peterson '56

From: Pat Jorgensen Palagi '56 gppalagi@aol.com [<mailto:gppalagi@aol.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 11:52 AM

To: gidocjb@gmail.com; SR.Obrien@comcast.net; robert.pederson@frontier.com; akscrib@yahoo.com; 4perm@comcast.net; bobalee56@comcast.net; Dmpswc@centurylink.net; R.Lowell1938@gmail.com; jgalgoczy@comcast.net; caperlbachs@msn.com; dale1228@nwi.net; 4myras@gmail.com; Marlysnewcomb@aol.com; tootsntal@aol.com; jewing1177@aol.com; eugene-ross@comcast.net; auwshucks@gmail.com; srsongstad@msn.com

Subject: NW WHS Luncheon.

Dear All,

Yesterday was a very pleasant and happy event. But we forgot to take photos as we did last time. It was good to see all of you who attended and thank you for your remarks and memories. Leora remembered that at a football game in Wyoming that Bob Bass

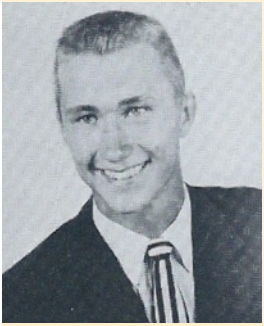
kicked the football straight up in the air causing WHS to end it's 44 game winning streak. Roger said that he is still depressed over that loss. I remember the team going to Casper because my dad went with the team to take movies of the plays as he did every game. We missed the others of you who could not make it.

I'm sorry the room was not quieter. A number of you mentioned meeting again before our 60th reunion in 2016. What do you think?

Would someone be willing to write up a paragraph on the luncheon for Jack Phillip's Orange and Black?

My best to you all.

Pat Jorgensen Palagi '56



Dale Peterson '56
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Pat Jorgensen '56
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Letters on the passing of Lorraine Carlson Mann '51



On Sep 19, 2013, at 7:48 AM, **Dean Mann '50**

[<dlmann@sio.midco.net>](mailto:dlmann@sio.midco.net) wrote:

Jack: Thank you for publishing Lorraine's obituary. We are all going to miss her very much!

Dean Mann '50
WHS Senior Photo

Lorraine Carlson Mann '51
WHS Senior Photo

June 12, 1933 - September 16, 2013



On Sep 19, 2013, at 10:18 AM, **James Wylie '51** [<jimwylie@sbcglobal.net>](mailto:jimwylie@sbcglobal.net) wrote:

So pleased to get this notice.....she was in my class and I ran track with Dean Mann in WHS (we had our own races and were on the Mile Relay Champ team) and later after Dean ret. from a hitch in Korean War, we were together again at Augustana.

This is of such value I say again we should pay for this service.....

Perhaps we could all toss in \$ 100.00 a year to a WHS Grads etc. and use the money in some way to cover general fixed and special operating expenses to keep this alive until the very last one of us . 😊

Editor's note: Jim, your thoughtfulness and most generous offer touches me and is greatly appreciated, but no thank you. Jack



Jim Wylie '51
WHS Senior Photo

On Sep 19, 2013, at 11:46 AM, **Dean Mann '50** [<dlmann@sio.midco.net>](mailto:dlmann@sio.midco.net) wrote:

Jack: I'm writing again. I appreciate what Jim wrote. We were best buddies when we ran track together. I remember his parents having me over for dinner with them between sessions of the Dakota Relays. Fond memories. Thank you for the nice poem.

Dean

On Sep 19, 2013, at 1:18 PM, **Dean Mann '50** [<dlmann@sio.midco.net>](mailto:dlmann@sio.midco.net) wrote:

Jack: Can you make a correction to Lorraine's obit? They left out her deceased brother's name. It goes after she was preceded in death by her parents, her brother LeRoy, etc.

Thanks, Dean

On Sep 19, 2013, at 9:07 PM, **Jim Redfield '50** jimwred@cox.net wrote:

Thanx Jack. I remember Lorraine from the picture. Dean & I won our first (and my only) monogram together at an ESD track meet under Howard Woods direction as freshmen. Dean's wife was a sweetheart & saw her again at earlier reunions. I remember she teased me for not winning anything on the "Price is Right" years ago! My thoughts are with Dean & his family.

Jim Redfield '50



Good



Memories

On Sep 19, 2013, at 5:08 PM, **Jane Anderson Johnson '53** <jayne_johnson35@yahoo.com>

wrote:

Thanks again Jack. I remember Lorraine from Hawthorne. I want to think she was in my brother Kenny's class. I've been waiting for a program from Bently Jaco's wife, but she has never sent it. However, Bently passed in April 2013. I know he was born in October and attended an elementary school on the west side of Sioux Falls, but graduated from Washington High and I think it was 1951? If you want me to send or write what I know about him I will because it looks like his wife is not going to send anything. I tried to do a search of the newspapers there and the funeral home, but at the time the funeral home did not have a program either? Go figure. jj



Jane Anderson '53
WHS Senior Photo

Editor's note: Dear JJ, Yes, both your brother Kenny Anderson and Lorraine Carlson Mann were in the class of '51. Also thank you for advising me of Bentley Jaco's passing. As I am sure you know, Bentley was also in the class of '51. Below you will find the obituary I found on Bentley in the Kansas City Star as it appeared on May 5, 2013. I have added Bentley's name to the Master Deceased List for the 1951 class. Jack

BENTLEY JACO, WHS Class of '51 **Obituary From the Kansas City Star:**

Bentley Jaco, 81, KCMO, died April 30, 2013. Masonic serv. 11 a.m.-12 p.m. visit. 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., service 12:30 p.m. Wed., St. James UMC, 5540 Wayne. Burial 2:30 p.m. Leavenworth Nat'l Cemetery. Arr.: Lawrence A. Jones, (816) 921-1800.

Published in Kansas City Star on May 5, 2013



Bentley Jaco '51
WHS Senior Photo.



On Sep 24, 2013, at 6:33 AM, **Jim Adams '54** <adamswest@earthlink.net> wrote:

Dear Jack:

I've been meaning to write you to thank you for publishing, once again, a memorable Orange and Black, #7-13, with jokes no less. Always so enjoyable to read and re-read. I'm writing this not only to send thanks and acclamations but to tell you that I received a letter last week from **Carol Capen Reistroffer**, who was a close childhood friend and neighbor, also a '54 graduate of WHS. She has recently been introduced to email, but she wrote me in cursive from her home in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; she received my address from Gary Norbraten. To the best of my recollection, I have not seen her or heard from her since shortly after we graduated. I told her about your Newsletter and gave her your email address along with directions for downloading Adobe Reader, so I'm hoping that she will sign on with

you to receive these. She will be impressed with your efforts and most certainly with the tremendous diversity of accomplishments among our fellow classmates that the O&B so richly displays.

Ed. note: Thanks Jim. Carol is indeed now a subscriber of the O&B. Thanks for you help in that direction. I have spoken to Carol 3 times so far this year. The most recent conversation I had with her was when I called to see if she was planning on attending our class of '54's 60th Reunion next Sept. 19, 20 & 21, 2014 in Sioux Falls. I was very happy to learn that she is planning on attending.

Which, by the way, is more than I can say for you. Needless to say I was very disappointed when I learned that you were not planning on attending. I sincerely hope as the date approaches you and Sherry will change your mind and join us. Everyone enjoyed seeing you so much at our last reunion 4 years ago. It looks like it is going to be a great reunion. Last I heard we already have about 135 signed up.

Jack



Jim Adams '54
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Carol Capen '54
WHS Senior Photo

On Sep 28, 2013, at 12:02 PM, **Robert Amundson '56** <amundson@sio.midco.net> wrote:

I enjoyed the Miller (The Bob Miller story on page 1 of Issue #7-13) part of your Orange and Black Sept. 5. I don't know whether you are aware of the fact that I served on the same Supreme Court as Chief Justice Miller. Also, I should go down in the history of SD as the only Idle Hour pool player to be a member of the court. I wonder what Frank and Archie would think of an Idle Hour boy to end up in the position I was fortunate to be able to serve in. I realize any one from Mark Twain was not highly regarded at Emerson. Best Regards,

RAA (Robert A. Amundson '56)



Bob Amundson '56
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Chief Justice Bob Miller
WHS Senior Photo
(An Emerson product)

Ed. Note: Bob, I guarantee you, Frank and Archie would be extremely proud of you as all of us from the Idle Hour are. And of course, as Chief Justice Miller attests to, Emerson does set rather high standards.

On Sep 19, 2013, at 10:58 AM, **Les Larson '54**

LGLarsonrc@aol.com wrote:

Jack, Received your phone message regarding the Reunion, but I was fly fishing the North Platte River in Wyoming so am a little late getting back to you.

Yes, I am planning on attending the reunion by myself.

Attached is a picture of an 18" Rainbow Trout. Hooking one this size is like taking a tiger by its tail. They jump clear out of water and get ones heart going full speed! It is a great challenge to get one into the boat without losing it.



Les Larson '54
WHS Senior Photo

Best regards,
Les Larson '54

Ed. Note: Les, I guarantee you this photo makes you the envy of every reader I have. Jack



On Oct 3, 2013, at 9:28 AM, **Anne Shepler '53**, gerryanne@sio.midco.net wrote:

Jack, I've had the privilege to get to know **Dee Dawley '51** the past few years by volunteering with her at Avera McKennan Hospital. Not mentioned in the obit was the fact that her home farm now is the site of the east side Walmart development and Rosa Parks elementary school, besides the Dawley Family Village which is developing quickly now with diverse businesses that provide much easier access to shopping, eating, and medical care for those on the east and MN and IA. Future plans include housing and more development. Dee was very instrumental in providing this asset to Sioux Falls.

Of interest is the historical significance (at least to this area) that the big Powderhouse explosion took place on her farm back in the 30's, I think. Hiway 11 is the former Powderhouse Road that bordered the



Anne Shepler '51
WHS Senior Photo



Dee Dawley '51
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased 10-1-13

east side of her land.
Anne

On Sep 20, 2013, at 3:29 AM, **Peter Elling Johnson '56** <pejohns2@wisc.edu> wrote:



Peter Johnson '56
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Please add my e-address to your list. **Noel Muller '56** and wife were just here in Madison WI on their way to Boston, and we had dinner together and compared degrees of decrepitude. His 75-year-old Karen still looks smashing. He mentioned your beneficent tendencies to disperse news of those friends from our salad days, and I recalled that **Dorothy Langeley Carlson '54** [my old friend from your class] in Albany had also mentioned you, appreciating your e-efforts to keep everyone in touch.

I would be interested in news of persons in classes from 1952 to 1960. I was class of 1956.

Maybe **Don Erickson '54** [basketball player and later principal at Lincoln and sometime Augie Alumni president] was in your class; he is married to Judy Hoime, a cousin of mine who lived with my widowed mother and I when she was an Augie student, thus becoming my surrogate sister. Don worked at E C Olson selling clothes, and the

Olson son Garnis and I used to tool around in their Thunderbird, with the top down, of course...

Don and Judy's son Tom married a Nancy Niedringhaus [sp?], whose father was a Lutheran pastor in Brandon. Nancy is now the Secretatary of the Senate in Washington. She [and Tom, for a while] was #2 in Daschell's office until he was defeated. Judy Hoime Erickson's older sister Eunice Hoime also had lived with us during her Augie years [their widowed mother was an Augie house mother] and married basketball player Bob Minnick. Their older sister's husband, Bob Ode, farmed and eventually bought the next-door Brandon farm where the Newcomb twins grew up.

My mother's father was an 1888 Norwegian immigrant tool and die maker, selling bicycles from his machine shop on East 10th street across from the Rock Island Depot. He sold open Cadillacs from 1902 until 1911. That Fawick fellow that gave the David statue to S F used to hang around his shop, later inventing a clutch part still used. If you're interested, check out his car, the Fawick Flyer <<http://www.wehs.net/silent-sioux.html>> and Thomas L Fawick <<http://ech.case.edu/cgi/article.pl?id=FTL>>. My mother mentioned that Teddy Roosevelt tipped his hat to her, a 10-year-old girl, as he was driven by in the Fawick Flyer [in S F on his way to the Summer White House in the Black Hills]. This is all mentioned in the internet article.

While I'm name dropping, another unsung W H S and Augustana grad was **Sigurd Mickelson** <http://www.cbsnews.com/2100-201_162-176772.html>. Born in 1923, he probably was class of 1920 or 21 and Augie 1923 or 25. His mother was a friend of my mother and one of my S S teachers at First Lutheran. Look him up. **Sally Peterson Larsen's '56** [1956 homecoming royalty] husband's mother said she dated Sigurd when they were Augie students.

I missed my last Sioux Falls reunion and am still lamenting, in my dotage. Thanks for your efforts. It's a great service to us long-winded geezers...

Peter Elling Johnson '56

<pejohns2@wisc.edu> [I'm retired from the Univ. of Wisconsin Extension]

P O Box 827, Madison WI 53701-0827

From: Royce Adams '58 Litljump@aol.com

Subject: Biggest squash ever?

Date: October 18, 2013 at 6:15:12 PM PDT

Waiting for the county fair - mite win!!!!!! Grew in the back lot from a volunteer seed. Trying to figure out how to stuff it in the oven!

Royce Adams '58



On Oct 17, 2013, at 11:51 AM, **Vicki Brubaker '59** <brubakercheer@comcast.net> wrote:

Dear, dear Jack:

First, many, many thanks and much appreciation to you in spending almost a year in searching for a 1959 year book for me! As you know in my numerous moves across the United States, I lost my 59' year book!! My graduation year - my love, my friends, my life (or so it felt like for a bit there). I have kept 1956, 57', 58', and lost 59'. Soooo, after even enlisting the help of some other grads that you knew and people on several different committees throughout the entire 1950's (you were unbelievably diligent in trying to track one down), a former classmate provided me his copy of our 1959 yearbook. He had never even written inside of it, no autographs or notes of any kind. It is in mint condition!

My undying thanks to **Jim Stenseth, 59'** who happened to marry my good friend **Donna Bonine 59'**, who also was a classmate of mine at Whittier Jr. High!!! This is just another example of why it's great to keep in touch with your old friends! HA Jim provided me the annual several months ago (mailing it to Naples, FL from Sioux Falls, SD) and I've yet to "publicly" thank him for giving it to me. He said he really didn't pay that much attention to the annuals and of course, his wife Donna has one anyway. I'm so glad he didn't want his!

Anyway, again, as you know, this has been a long search for me and I wanted to give Jim allllll the thanks. He's a good guy for sure! It makes me so happy to thumb through it and see all my good friends cute 1959 Senior pictures!

Vicki Brubaker 59'



Jim Stenseth '59
WHS Senior Photo



Donna Bonine '59
WHS Senior Photo

On Oct 18, 2013, at 8:16 PM, **Carl & Marlene Turco '58** <mmparadise@suddenlink.net> wrote:

Hello Jack,

I just wanted to send you a short note, to thank you for the "article" I sent you, with regards to my trip to Sioux Falls, In June of 2013. Especially, to see and visit with my best friend Diana (Daggett) now Thorson.

I keep in touch with Diana and Ron very often. Diana seems to be holding her own; there have been a few very rough times for her, but she is strong, and determined.

I continue to wish that all who knew her, or have met her, would send her a card or an e-mail. Here is the info:

Diana wants to talk to or hear from everyone. Now is not too soon

Diana Thorson 521 E 26th St. Sioux Falls, So Dakota 57105 E-mail

keyboardgaldiana@gmail.com home 605-334-1077 cell 605-212-3130

Thank You Jack for all that you do, to keep everyone informed about our classmate's life, and happenings.

Sincerely,

Carl J Turco '58 3401 Tami Dr. Fortuna, Ca 95540 mmparadise@suddenlink.net



Carl Turco '58
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Diann Daggett '58
WHS Senior



Sheldon Songstad '56
WHS Senior Photo

On Oct 22, 2013, at 1:54 PM, **Sheldon R. Songstad '56** <SRSongstad@msn.com> wrote:

Thanks Jack, What a sad story.

I went to the Mini '56 Re-union in Seattle in Aug. I had a wonderful time

Pat did a superb job putting it all together. "No one had aged a day"

Sheldon

Sheldon says,

