

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, SIOUX FALLS, SD

Serving the Classes of The Great '50's Decade. Photos and Stories Requested!

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CLASS OF 1955
67TH REUNION
SEPT. 25, 26 & 27, 2022

ORGANIZERS



Jervin Wait '55



Dolly Tague Wait '55



Mavis Larson Carl '55



Ron Green '55

Sorry no
photo
available.

Christy Green

To help us plan and get a count of who might come, please email your response to one of the follow:

Mavis Carl at maviscarl@gmail.com,

Ron and Christy Green thegreenhouse122@gmail.org or **605-351-8737**

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WHS ATHLETE HALL OF FAME BANQUET

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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SIOUX FALLS, S.D. 57110

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6-17-22

In 1995 Washington High School initiated an Athletic Hall-of-Fame with the expressed purpose to recognize athletes, coaches, administrators, and contributors who have made an impact on the tradition of Washington High School Athletics. Washington High School has had a long and rich athletic tradition and the WHS Athletic Hall-of-Fame is giving us an opportunity to recognize deserving individuals and their accomplishments. ***The 2022 Hall-of-Fame Banquet will be held at the Great Hall in the Washington Pavilion on Friday, October 28, 2022 (5:30 PM Social Hour, 6:30 PM Dinner, 7:30 PM Induction Ceremony).*** Please complete RSVP and make reservations by September 19, 2022.

We have had outstanding attendance at all of our banquets. The warm response of the inductees and their families has been inspiring to all of us in attendance. An impressive display of past honorees adorns the wall in the Washington High School Commons.

We will continue to have annual expenses of approximately \$6000 to continue this excellent program. ***Plaque and pin costs have risen dramatically over the past few years, and this is an area we can use financial assistance.*** For those of you who have not yet had the opportunity to contribute, we are asking you along with many former athletes, coaches, and friends of Washington High School to consider contributing to the Washington High School Athletic Hall-of-Fame. For those of you who have so generously contributed in the past, we, on behalf of the WHS Athletic Hall-of-Fame Committee, would like to send a special thank you for your financial contribution. We would hope that you would consider contributing again to this outstanding project. We can continue this program only through the contributions of individuals such as you who are interested in recognizing Washington High School's great athletic tradition.

Please make your contributions payable to the WHS Athletic Hall-of-Fame and mail to:

Nate Malchow, Activities Director
Washington High School
501 North Sycamore Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57110

On behalf of the entire WHS Athletic Hall-of-Fame Committee, we thank you for your support.

**Washington High School Athletic Hall-of-Fame
RSVP**

Name _____

Please make the following banquet reservation:

Number planning to attend at \$50.00 per person _____

Name on ticket(s) _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL-OF-FAME

Mail to:

**Nate Malchow, Activities Director
Washington High School
501 N. Sycamore Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57110**

Your name tags will be placed on a table and may be picked up at the banquet hall the evening of the induction ceremony. Please circle the inductee that you are honoring with your presence.

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL-OF-FAME CLASS OF 2022
FRIDAY OCTOBER 28th, 2022 – 5:30 PM – GREAT HALL IN WASHINGTON PAVILION

WHS ATHLETIC HALL-of-FAME

CLASS OF 2022 INDUCTEES

ATHLETES

Matt Hermanson

Brandon Mohr

Devon O'Farrell

Alex Holm

Mercede Stotesbery

Sami Smith

Rachel Walters

COACHES

Marc Murren

Another Exciting WHS Event!

“OLD” - ORANGE LETTER DAY

WHS's Homecoming is 100 years old!!!



Jeff Herbert '74
WHS Senior Photo
28 years WHS
Teacher and Coach

From: Jeffrey Herbert <herbertj@sio.midco.net>
Subject: 100 years of OLD

This is a note connecting us----Principal Kari Papke and Assistant Principal Heidi Jorgensen are planning (WHS Homecoming Sept. 16th) a 100 celebration of WHS OLD (ORANGE LETTER DAYS). Many plans are being made, but specifically at this point, we will be inviting past Royalty (not only King and Queens) but all their Court. There will be celebration at the Football Game along with introductions (possibly before but at half-time also).

Both buildings will be honored----Brett Cooper, the liaison to the WHS Alumni Hall will be our communicator with the Pavilion (tours/visits to Alumni Hall), Mick Zerr is the Chairperson of the WHS Alumni Hall <https://www.whshc.org/> (please view the website as it offers many details of Washington High School's history).

Jack Phillips publishes the *ORANGE AND BLACK*, a publication for, but certainly not limited to, the 50's generation of Washington Warriors!!!! Jack, please add Kari Papke and Heidi Jorgensen to your mailing, and the 100 Committee (principals can forward their emails). We would love to have as many 50's Warriors as we can---and any that were Homecoming Candidates and Royalty will be especially recognized!

This is the first of many emails, but I wanted to get this out---we have a wonderful opportunity---and the chance to tailgate before the Homecoming Game is encouraged---there will be an area available to set up for your class/decade, etc. The Class of '74 has done this twice and loved experience---

Please send any questions to me---and I will connect---or feel free to directly contact the Principals---best wishes---Onward Sioux Falls, Onward Sioux Falls, you're the best of all.....all the happy days we spent here....."

Jeff Herbert '74
By Lura Roti

Mark Your Calendars
And Plan On Attending
All Three of The Above
Big WHS Events!

The Boys of '57

At the end of the last O&B Newsletter I signed off with this P. S. to Pete Hegg '57.

P.S. For Pete Hegg '57: Pete, I owe you a huge apology in next issue! Jack



**Pete Hegg '57
WHS Senior Photo**

I now want to officially and profusely apologize to Pete Hegg '57 for my huge and terribly embarrassing faux pas. On May 13, 2022 I received a very special invitation from Pete (see Pete's May 13, 2022 email below.) for me to be his guest this year at his most auspicious annual gathering of the **"Boys of '57"** at his Circle H Ranch in South central South Dakota. The annual "Boys of '57" is an exclusive gathering that Pete hosts for all male members of the WHS Class of '57. The O&B gladly always publishes the report on each year's event along with John Simko's '57 photos. I have always envied the WHS Class of '57 for having such a gracious and generous host as Pete for providing such a fun event for all of his male '57 classmates.

It was so kind and thoughtful for Pete to invite me this year and I just screwed up didn't read his email. The only thing I can blame my carelessness on is that I am now receiving over 200 emails every day (O&B, Personal Business and Private), and I frequently just glance at emails before filing them in their proper file for latter retrieval. Unfortunately, that is what I did with Pete's kind invitation. I mistakenly assumed it was the usual news release email on this years event and I filed it in the 'next newsletter' file to be inserted in the next O&B.

So once again, Pete, thank you so much for the kind and very special invitation and thanks to John Simko '57 for his, as always, great photo and report on this year's event.

Jack Phillips '54

On May 13, 2022, at 3:27 PM, Peter Hegg <peterhegg@heggcompanies.com> wrote:
Howdy Jack.....The "Boys of 57" will be gathering again this June and it would be great if you would join us. The schedule is as follows: June 2nd attend a dinner at the Crave restaurant located in the Hilton Garden Inn downtown Sioux Falls at 5;15 for cocktails followed by dinner at 6;30. This event the wives or significant others are invited. June 3rd the boys will depart for the Circle H Ranch at 12:30 noon from Hegg Companies office. Rides are available for those needing them. The road trip is three hours with a short refreshment stop in Platte for ice cream. Arrive Circle H Ranch around 3:30 pm and get room assignments and a Happy Hour at 5 pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30 pm followed by conversation, jokes, laughter. June 4th, breakfast at 8:30 a.m. followed by a side trip to Fairfax SD to visit a interesting local business . Back to the ranch for lunch and the afternoon is open for whatever you would like. Fishing is always popular and does not require a license or fishing gear. Playing horse shoe or corn hole throw. Shooting sporting clays and shot guns and shells are at the ranch. Golf at the local 9 hole and very nice golf course. Golf carts are available for those needing them. Share golf clubs for those not bringing any if some want to play. Five oclock happy hour with dinner again at 6:30. The evening may have a speaker but not determined yet. June 5th breakfast at 8:30 and depart for Sioux Falls around 10 am. with arrival Sioux Falls at 1 pm. for those arranging flights and other travel plans.

We would really enjoy your company if you would like to attend. We will also pick up your expenses. If you have any questions call me at 605-321-7899. Also for some reason you have dropped my name from your list for the Orange and Black news you send out and I really miss it. Would you include me in the future. As of today we have 24 people attending the Thursday night dinner and 18 folks attending the ranch outing

Sincerely, **Peter Hegg '57**



John Simko '57
WHS Senior Photo

On July 4, 2022 **John Simko '57** jmsimko@sio.midco.net wrote

Jack,

For eighteen years Pete Hegg has annually hosted the Boys of '57 at his Circle H Ranch south of Gregory, South Dakota. Over the years a total of about fifty or so of the guys from our class have been at the ranch for one or more of the annual get togethers. They came from Florida, Washington, California, Arizona, Virginia, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Colorado, Kansas, Minnesota, Georgia, Ohio, Iowa, and a few other states I've probably neglected to mention. The annual attendance has ranged from about a dozen to a couple of dozen guys. Pete's ranch is a first rate hunting ranch with accommodations to match. It's a perfect place to reconnect with classmates. Here is the group picture of those attending this year. Pete reminds us that all of the boys from the class of 1957 are invited to attend and reconnect through memorable stories which invariably produce lots of laughs and a few tears.

Best Wishes!

John Simko '57





Wally Boersma '54
WHS Senior Photo

On Aug 10, 2022, **Wally Boersma '54**

wboersma@commercialresources.net wrote:

I finally retired about six years ago and like most of us I was getting bored. So in the last couple of

years I have built a chicken coup and yard, planted sixteen muscadine vines, seven peach trees, two pear trees, five blue berry bushes and am growing black diamond watermelons. We also tore down the green house and it is now a butterfly garden.

Attached is a picture of the muscadines and of the chicken house. In a couple of years we plan on a grape stomping party and eating watermelons. You, of course, are invited.



The purpose is to encourage others to submit stories and pictures of where they are living and what they are doing. Apparently there are still a good half of us here. **Wally Boersma '57**

Wally, thanks for your life update and the photos. **AND, THANK YOU FOR URGING MY READERS TO SUBMIT SOMETHING TO THE O&B!** I have been urging, no, I have been **BEGGING**, for almost 13 years. Of course I get some response but never enough! I hope my readers listen to you better than they do me!!!!
Jack



Royce Adams '58
WHS Senior Photo



On May 14, 2022, **Royce Adams '58** <Litljump@aol.com> wrote:

Pictures from South Dakota 5-12-22

Subject: Fw: Yankton bridge and dust storm

Dirty Thirties all over again???? 2 days ago.

Royce Adams '58



On Jun 30, 2022, **Royce Adams '58**

<Litljump@aol.com>

wrote:

Jack Happy 4th of July, to come yet.

Did you know that Deanna has a "real" outhouse in our backyard. It is, however "Out of Odor".

One day, as we drove back to Sioux Falls from Dell Rapids, she noticed a farmer had placed an old outhouse in the fence-line near the interstate and had planted flowers all around it. Dee said 'I'd love to have one in the backyard.' Our friend Dale Wier heard of Dee's request and told us he was taking the old farmhouse down that was at the now Arrowhead Park which eventually became his and his wife's donation to the city. He told us there was an old UNUSED outhouse there and we could have it if we wanted it. We took it apart, loaded it on a trailer, reassembled it in our backyard, and placed it near the back fence. Then we invited a bunch of friends over, including Dale and Dorothy, and dedicated it as the Wier House,. We had BBQ's, lemonade with Baby Ruth candy bars in it, and chocolate cookies. What an unusual party that was. I use it to store some tools and for potting plants . It's a one "holer" also which still remains in retirement.

Royce Adams '58





On Jul 6, 2022, **Peggy Servold Teslow '57**, pwolset@sio.midco.net wrote:

It Matters When You Were Born

Born 1925 - 1955

The best years to be born in the history of Earth & we got to experience it all. Thank God for all the times, the adventures, wars won, technology developed. Generations after future generations will never experience what we did. What a generation we turned out to be.

To Those of Us Born

1925 - 1955:

At the end of this email is a quote of the month by Jay Leno. If you don't read anything else, Please read what he said.

~~~~~  
**TO ALL THE**

**KIDS WHO SURVIVED THE 1930's, 40's and 50's !!**

**First, we survived being born to mothers who may have smoked and/or drank - While they were pregnant. They took aspirin, ate blue cheese dressing, tuna from a can, and didn't get tested for diabetes.**

**Then, after that trauma, we were put to sleep on our tummies in baby cribs covered with bright colored lead-based paints.**

**We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, locks on doors or cabinets, and, when we rode our bikes, we had baseball caps, not helmets, on our heads.**

**As infants and children, we would ride in cars with no car seats, no booster seats, no seat belts, no air bags, bald tires and sometimes no brakes.**

**Riding in the back of a pick- up truck on a warm day was always a special treat.**

**We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle.**

**We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle, and no one actually died from this.**

**We ate cupcakes, white bread, real butter and bacon. We drank Kool-Aid made with real white sugar.  
And we weren't overweight.**

**WHY?**

**Because we were always outside playing..that's why!**

**We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on.**



**No one was able to reach us all day and, we were OKAY.**

**We would spend hours building our go-carts out of scraps and then ride them down the hill, only to find out that we forgot about brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.**

**We did not have Play Stations, Nintendo and X-boxes. There were No video games, No 150 channels on cable, No video movies or DVDs, No surround-sound or CDs, No cell phones, No personal computers, No Internet and No chat rooms.**

**WE HAD FRIENDS and we went outside and found them!**

**We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and lost teeth, and there were no lawsuits from those accidents.**

**We would get spankings with wooden spoons, switches, ping-pong paddles, or just a bare hand, and no one would call child services to report abuse. We ate worms, and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.**

**We were given BB guns for our 10th birthdays, 22 rifles for our 12th, rode horses, made up games with sticks and tennis balls, and although we were told it would happen - we did not put out very many eyes.**

**We rode bikes or walked to a friend's house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just walked in and talked to them.**

**Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment.**

**Imagine that!!**

**The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of ... they actually sided with the law!**

**These generations have produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers, and inventors ever.**

**The past 60 to 85 years have seen an explosion of innovation and new ideas.**

**We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all.**

**If you are one of those born between 1925 &1955, CONGRATULATIONS!**

You might want to share this with others who have had the luck to grow up as kids before the lawyers and the government regulated so much of our lives for our own good.

While you are at it, forward this to your kids so they will know how brave and lucky their parents were.

Kind of makes you want to run through the house with scissors, doesn't it ?

On Jul 20, 2022, **Peggy Servold Teslow '57** pwolset@sio.midco.net wrote:







Nona Wumkes '50  
WHS Senior Photo



On Aug 19, 2022, Debra Gray <usafagray@gmail.com> wrote:

Jack,

Just wanted to let you know that some of us are still around! Ha! On July 18th I celebrated my 90th birthday. We had a lovely time and I wanted to share a few pictures with you. Included in the pictures are my husband playing the accordian (94 years young, AF pilot), my daughter, Debbie, (AF retired navigator), and our granddaughter, Javanthi (adopted from India), who celebrated her 19th birthday on 25 Jul.

Thank you so much for doing what you do to keep all of us in the loop. I appreciate it very much. I do talk to a few people from our class and they also are thankful for all the work you do!

Best to you and your wife,  
Nona Wumkes '50 Dubbe



Nona & granddaughter  
Javanthi,



Nona & daughter  
Debbie.

Dear Nona, First of all Happy Belated Birthday! You look wonderful! I appreciate you letting me know you are "still around", and I am sure your WHS friends will be glad to hear from you and see your really attractive and healthy looking family.

Secondly, thank you so much for writing and sending all the great photos. From your wonderful photos it looks like it will a long time before I have to do a Special Edition on you. I sure hope so.

Sincerely, **Jack Phillips '54**

On Aug 31, 2022, usafagray@gmail.com wrote:

Jack, This is Debbie, **Nona's daughter!** They do have a computer and can be emailed at dubbe7215@nc.rr.com. Also, their home number is 9104837215....do leave a message as they don't always answer unknown numbers. Their address is 327 Wade Stedman Road Stedman, NC 28391.

My dad's name is Robert (Bob) and he attended Humboldt High School. He was an AF pilot and retired after 20 years of service. Then he taught Vocational education for 16 years in our local Jr. High School. Here is my cell number as a backup...9104940870.

Thank you for all you do to keep all in touch and informed!

Best, Debra Dubbe Gray

# Letters to the & B

**The O&B Has Lots and Lots of 'Letters To The Editor' to Catch Up On! Some Are Pretty Old But I Hope You Will Still Enjoy Them All!**



Dale Peterson '56  
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 19, 2022, **Dale Peterson '56** <dale1228@nwi.net> wrote:

Dear Jack,

I trust you and Debra had a blessed and beautiful Easter.

We continue to enjoy your many publications of the O & B as do so many others of the 50's at WHS. In my letter of encouragement three years ago, I was happy to offer financial

support at the time which I said would continue annually so you can imagine my concern when I saw I hadn't contributed last year, but perhaps not all that surprised as I find forgetfulness is a more frequent occurrence these days. In checking my records, I find that on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> I did send it in however and I needed to reassure you too. You continue to do an amazing job of publishing and I am happy to help in this little way on an annual basis.

Peace,

**Dale Peterson '56**

Dear Dale, I am always so impressed that you have every year, totally unsolicited, continued to send your annual **\$1,000.00 "Sponsors Donation"** to the Orange & Black to help defray some of the O&B's annual expenses. You are certainly a man of your word and I am so impressed when each year without any reminder or billing you just quietly put your \$1,000.00 check in the mail to me. Needless to say I sincerely thank both you and your wife, **Camille Larson Peterson '61**, for your extreme generosity, but mostly for your continued unwavering support of my admittedly amateurish journalistic efforts.



Eric Gustafson '58  
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 20, 2022, Eric Gustafson <egustaf@me.com> wrote:

Jack,

From a friend opening his cabin for the summer today. Thought you'd get a kick out of it.

**Eric Gustafson '58**



Jim Ward '53  
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 21, 2022, **Jim Ward '53** <jcward1956@gmail.com> wrote:

Jack, good on you! More fun stuff in the O&B. You seem to be getting more contributions and you may not want the piece that I am sending. I am reluctant to send you some of my very personal pieces. AND, this piece is a bit long. You will not hurt my feelings if you do not use it.

Jim



I had an  
epipha...y.docx





Jim Wylie '51  
WHS Senior Photo

On Apr 30, 2022, **James Wylie '51** <jimwylie@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

**Good Morning Jack.....**

**Your Don Merrill posting takes me back to my 6th grade years at Lincoln Grade School in S F.**

**It was a recall/relive event for me to read thru your posting. As we have noted clinically in the past.....in my experience, all of your/our postings are of interest because we at WHS are of the same "clan" .....that is recall and is of great interest to see how our friends lives played out.....that is RECALL; then there are the situations (like Don's story today) where early life experiences of the involved individuals move past "recall" to the function of RELIVING (Penfield research of the 60s) that is the recall is coupled with the feelings from the time (often many years past as in our case) and one experiences the emotion from the prior time being recalled (remembered). That's where there is additional current emotional value, or as we say in the clinic, BIG MEDICINE. Of further interest is the typical experience of this continuing to happen each and every time a particular recall recurs.**

**Of course the above depicts positive occurrences; as we learned from Dr. Sidlow in WHS Physics**



**(equal and opposite reaction ).....this same sequence holds for negative experiences and these typically may require assistance in sorting out.**

**Why do I take your time.....again.....with this observation.**

- 1) Today I experienced t again,**
- 2) it triggers a latent item on my brains bulletin board, namely...one of these days we will get another notice from Jack that he feels he must retire. I say well and good...certainly well earned.....but then what of the Alum O & B he has developed.**

**Choices:**

- 1) all good things come to an end,**
- 2) "Carry on !" Provision for continuance would be considered and plans developed if deemed warranted.**

**I have touched on this in the past because of the perceived mental health as well as personal value this experience continues to provide. When the financial support began to come in and be sustained at the level you have experienced**

my fantasy is I may not be the only one feels this way. As our culture has demonstrated.."Follow the



money.."

As regards the 50s folks.....great group as the stories show.....this matter will expire by attrition of course : as may be evident over time, I would vote for continuance at WHS as a controlled demonstration project and see if the S F schools have interest in proving out the model and if the experience is deemed useful and positive from a psychological/spiritual perspective take it to the next level of planning.

Jack, if I'm standing on your foot here, my apology. If we are at all in alignment even if not parallel, would I be out of line here to suggest we "take it to the troops" and see what may occur.

Because of the limitations of email and even our new friend Zoom et al, I wanted to suggest personal contact, starting with a phone call....possibly the second week in May of this year.

Finally, to be clear.....this is not a masked idea for my playing a leadership role beyond aspects of initial Organizational Development. Most of my life was spent learning to direct others to fulfill their capabilities--and also....

1) I am in my 90th year,

2) most of my life was spent as a Centurion.....as represented in the Scripture on two occasions, one when, in the interest of his daughter he approached Christ requesting recovery and as his I D summarized his

C V with the clarification..."I tell one to come and he comes and to another go and he goes..." ..... and then again at the foot of the Cross on that First Good Friday when he summarized the goings-on there with the exclamation.....  
"Surely this was the Son of God".

I look forward to your thoughts. Warm Regards,  
Jim Wylie '51

Jim, as always I enjoy and appreciate your letters and the never ending working of your wonderful 90 year old brain and thinking process. As I have told you before I truly appreciate the value you place on the O&B. I honestly can't ever imagine thinking you might be, "*standing on my foot*". I have always had too much respect for you for that,,, from 70 years ago when you were an awesome and admired god like senior and I was just a lowly freshman to now when you have become a vital 90 year old friend that I have always respected and looked up to.

Jim, I am indeed honored and flattered that you think my little amateurish high school alumni newsletter, "***might be deemed useful and positive from a psychological/spiritual perspective***" and that it perhaps could be taken to a higher level. Of course I am very honored at such a suggestion, but I have to tell you, I remain skeptical, not to mention just growing tired (but not yet ready to retire). Just so you know, I am currently in the process of selling both my 44 year old nightclub **AND** Phillips Plaza, my Calif. shopping center, to make more time available for the O&B and for my own relaxation. Always your respectful friend, Jack



The O&B Received 4 Letters On  
***“Touring America 1957”***

It Was Submitted by Loren Eggebraaten '59  
and Appeared In O&B Issue #4-22.



Loren Eggebraaten '59  
WHS Senior Photo



On May 4, 2022, **Alma Johnson '53** <jayne\_johnson35@yahoo.com> wrote:  
This was so very interesting.  
Thanks for sharing.  
jj JJ Alma Johnson '53

JJ Johnson '53  
WHS Senior Photo

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On May 5, 2022, **JIM REDFIELD '50** <jimwred@cox.net> wrote:  
Jack: Touring America in 1957 did really takes us back in vivid colors to interesting  
places! Thanx for the efforts of all to remember "our 50's era".

Jim Redfield -1950 grad

Jim Redfield '50, WHS Senior Photo

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On May 6, 2022, **Bonnie Omar Larson '54** <boncharlie@live.com> wrote:  
Thank you so very much for sharing this beautiful Tour America '57 🙏  
I enjoyed it soooo much!!  
Bonnie Omar class if '54

Bonnie Omar '54  
WHS Senior Photo

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On May 5, 2022, **Carl Turco '58** <mmparadise@suddenlink.net> wrote:  
Hello Jack,  
This was a nice view of the 1950/60 but nothing, to connect with Sioux  
falls. Just memorabilia of the past.  
turco '58

Carl Turco '58  
WHS Senior Photo



Harry Hoiland '54  
WHS Senior Photo

On May 26, 2022, Harry Hoiland '54  
<paveknife@hotmail.com> wrote:

**JACK, I THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THESE  
REPORTS FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY  
HEART!! YOU HAVE DONE A FANTASTIC  
DEED!!! I FORWARDED IT TO GLORIA'S  
CLASSMATE, WANDA, WHO DID YOUR JOB  
FOR THEIR CLASSMATE REUNION AT MIAMI  
HIGH IN FLORIDA SO SHE HAS A GREAT APPRECIATION FOR  
WHAT YOU HAVE DONE!! HERE IS HER COMMENT!!  
THANKS AGAIN,  
HARRY  
P.S. WHO IS GOING TO CARRY ON AFTER YOU!!!!?????**

**From:** Wanda Fix <lewanda28@aol.com>

**To:** [paveknife@hotmail.com](mailto:paveknife@hotmail.com) <paveknife@hotmail.com>

**Subject:** Re: WHS O&B #5-22 Memorial Day

This man is an angel and the time and effort he has put in for your class is amazing. I know the thousands of hours I did research and this man not only researches but to find the deceased is so hard...If they all stayed in one place and did not have a whole lot like our 700...he would be considered a master and Hopefully all appreciate him...He is clever and makes each like a newspaper with all the trimmings...What a devotion....I remember when sitting for 1 1/2 yrs from 6am to 2 and 3 am searching from Oct 20 06 to March 20 08 preparing for our 55th reunion first one from David Siegel. We were in recession and being in real estate as broker, with Florida's main thing building and selling, etc...we got hit first like California so I started working on finding the missing classmates .... I am so glad the most is behind me as it was expensive in that all my gift cards were used on ink, paper, stamps, envelopes, and a computer gal expert that kept my computer clean as I did not want virus passed on...I loved meeting all by phones I never knew... I give this man credit as finding the deceased is almost impossible as research is mainly done by public records and we are not making any more. Gloria knows how it can be....No one tells me like children , just some classmates who find out...not the obits in papers anymore ....costly and probably thing who is alive that would appreciate it...

Thanks for sending...and he did a lot of work for a long time...I was still raising a family one living with me after marriage and it was only me...so also taking care of Alzheimer's Mother...so now I doubt there will be another reunion...but people are aging and frankly most do not want to travel and there is health and most on fixed incomes... I begged them to let 65th be farewell reunion...but no....they did not understand even when I explained it...and yet...shhhhh *when David saw over 300 at 65th reunion he said to David Pere, how come so many people who are not our classmates....duh....drivers and drivers spouses and they loved 4 days with all food given except Sat. night dinner...and also entertainment all nights...per David ...I love reunions just I knew the class so well and talked to so many over that last 5 yrs prior to each reunion...and*

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Gloria Olson, Miami High School '53, Miami, FL and **Harry Hoiland WHS '54** in attendance at a WHS Class of '54 Reunion in Sioux Falls.



**Harry and Gloria attending Gloria's '53 Class Reunion in Miami.**





David Siegel, Miami High '53, Gloria Olson Miami High '54 and Harry Hoiland WHS '54 attending Miami High's '53 in Miami, FL

by time 65th one I knew the pulse of our class and we were 83...to to another in 5 yr times he did we would be 88...At 83 he could have gone out with a bang...now it will fade away...I am so glad I got to know and see you guys ...

Take care and stay well and stay safe...

love ,

Wanda Fix

Miami High School

Miami, Florida

WOW Harry! Of course I truly appreciate the nice compliments from Wanda Fix, Gloria's '53 classmate from Miami High School and I really thank you for sharing her comments with me. I remember very well the photos you sent me from that fabulous '53 Miami High Reunion. It obviously was spectacular and I remember being super impressed with the awesome job that Wanda did putting it all together. Their classmate, David Siegel, generously paid for pretty much everything, hotel rooms, meals, live entertainment and even complimentary golf carts for everyone!!!

Here are some interesting notes I found on Mr. Siegel on the Internet. He is the founder of Westgate Resorts, a Florida timeshare resort firm and has a net worth of \$500 million dollars. (At one time \$900 million). He built the largest home in America for himself and his wife, Jackie, in Orland, FL, 90,000 square feet ( 14 bedrooms, 32 bathrooms, 11 kitchens and a 30 car garage.).

Again, thanks Harry and please thank Wanda for me for her kind words.

Jack



Sherry Terry '54  
WHS Senior Photo

On May 24, 2022, **Sherry Terry Perkins '54**

<perksher@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Jack,

From 2nd grade on, I was a classmate of Lenny Blue at Lowell School. I have fond memories of watching him in his motorcycle boots, launching himself down the steepest hill on the schoolyard, which was always solid ice!

I treasure reading these interesting lives that our classmates have had. Although it's sad to think about how many of us from '54 are gone.

I'm very happy living in Seattle with my little dog. My son Jeff just returned to Huntington Harbor, CA. He comes up a few times each year

to fix things and mow my too-large backyard and take me out to dinner.

My best to you and your lovely wife, and for doing all this ...

Sherry Terry Perkins '54

206-372-0549  
12034 78th Ave S  
Seattle, WA 98178



Lenny Blue '54  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased

Hi Sherry, Its nice hearing from you. I am so glad to hear that you are happy in Seattle. Everyone that knew Lenny Blue '54 misses him. He was a good friend to so many in the class of '54. I hope you stay happy and will write more often.  
Jack



Sharon Knepper '56  
WHS Senior Photo

On May 26, 2022, **Sharon Knepper Reinan '56**

<sharon.reinan@gmail.com> wrote:

Heartfelt and awesome work of respect and love for all those that served and died.  
Thank you Jack. **Sharon (Knepper) Reinan, Class of 1956**

## Letters Regarding The O&B Memorial Day Issue, 5-25-22

On May 26, 2022, **RUDISILL MILLER '56** <richrudy@live.com> wrote:

Happy Memorial Day Jack.... you really outdid yourself with this issue. Such a wonderful tribute to our past and present survivors. **Having** served myself, it was great to hear about all the past alumni and the country they served. May they all be remembered forever. Again, thanks for a great job on this letter.  
**Harold Hal RUDISILL '56**

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On May 26, 2022, **Barbara Byrnes '57** <b39baye@gmail.com> wrote:

Jack: Wonderful edition! Thanks. We are fortunate to have you and count our many other blessings, especially those blessings we take for granted!

**Barbara James Byrnes '57**  
10101 W. 97<sup>th</sup> Ter  
Overland Park, Ks 66212

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On May 27, 2022, **JIM REDFIELD '50** <jimwred@cox.net> wrote:

JACK: Congrats on another block-buster issue, so appropriate for all those who served our country! Really enjoyed it & brought back some memories of those of us who joined the Navy Reserve in high school in the 50's. I never served on active duty except for annual training sessions & weekly meetings. Did "warm the bench" for 43 years and got my official retirement notice from the Navy in 1992! Your efforts on the O&B are truly appreciated and we all owe you continuing thanks>.

**Jim Redfield, '50.**



Jim Redfield '50  
WHS Senior Photo





**Sandra Brix '59**  
WHS Senior Photo

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On May 28, 2022, Sandy Hembd <sandyhembd@comcast.net> wrote:  
Outstanding edition! I've read a lot of books regarding WWII and I'm always asking myself why the stories affect me so much, why I read them, why the interest? I had 3 uncles and 1 cousin and a few 2<sup>nd</sup> cousins who were in WWII. I remember a lot of details discussed in my family, I remember sending art work to them, I remember my grandmother praying them home! And, they all came home. I also remember the homecoming parties. That time is fresh in my memory bank for some reason and it contributed to my never ending patriotism. Our generation loves this country and we're grateful for those who gave so much to keep America free and great. It is heartbreaking to see and hear those who wish to destroy America. This nation was blessed to be a blessing to other nations. I pray that we may continue to do so.  
**Sandy Brix Hembd '59**

Dear Sandy, what a nice letter with such a happy ending about your uncles and cousins all returning home. Your family was indeed blessed. Thank you for sharing some of your thoughts and feelings and memories. I think it is wonderful that your memories from that time are still fresh in your mind. You know that the O&B would encourage and truly welcome you to share more of your memories from that very, very special time. Jack

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**Jim Wylie '51**  
WHS Senior Photo

On May 30, 2022, **James Wylie '51** <jimwylie@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Thank you Jack; in these times, as we look about, we can indeed give thanks for those who gave "their last full measure of devotion" that I might at my own volition be free to be responsible and send you this reply....FREE and without fear !!!

**Jim Wylie '51**



**Bob Shuck '56**  
WHS Senior Photo

On May 29, 2022, **Bob Shuck '56** <auwshucks@gmail.com> wrote:  
Subject: Special Edition on **Dick Horn '52**

Jack, Sure appreciate your efforts on the Orange and Black. I didn't know Dick but he was a typical "salt of the earth" South Dakotan; Hunting, fishing, dogs, John Morrells.

Not many high school alums get to reflect on their teen years 60 years later with such details: dates and names.

**Bob Shuck. 1956**

On Jul 28, 2022, Lori Brandon <lbrando@outlook.com> wrote:

*Lori wrote thanking the O&B for publishing her Mother's Special Edition on July 27, 2022 and also for sending her other WHS info on her Mother, Diana Peters '55.*

Jack, thank you so much. I had seen the photo, but so appreciate the info about Mom's high school activities. I will share this with our family. Your dedication to maintaining this info is much appreciated as well. Lori



**Diana Peters '55**  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased



**Bill Lobe '59**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Jun 12, 2022, **Bill Lobe '59** 'bill@wclobe.com wrote:

Hey Loren,

Long time, no contact. Just wanted to make sure you're not out in the extreme heat trying to break one of your golf title records.

You and Jack Phillips ought to pool all of the money you've both made in Vegas and build an 18-hole air-conditioned indoor golf course.

Trust you're both doing well.

**Bill Lobe '59**



**Loren Little '59**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Jun 12, 2022, **Loren Little '59** tpts1@aol.com wrote:

Just finished a 2 day SNGA tournament at Reflection Bay 112 1st day, & 108 2d day.

Tied for 6th in the Net - I think I'm the oldest in my group, which is age 62 and above. Been able to win at least one tournament/year for several years. Getting more difficult now - MIGHT BE THE HEAT.

**Loren Little '59**

**CONGRATULATIONS LOREN!!!** You have always excelled in what you have undertaken in life; sports at WHS, medical, military, music, golf, and so much more. Always tough, determined and dedicated! You have made WHS proud! Just so my readers know, yes, *it certainly could be the heat*. Loren and I both live in Las Vegas and it is 109 degrees here today and will be 113 on Labor Day. Keep going Loren! Jack



**Richard "Gary" Norbraten '54**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Jun 13, 2022, **Richard Norbraten '54**

<norbraten@twc.com> wrote:

The unusual name "Szakats" caught my attention this morning, on the passing of Rose Marie Larson Szakats '56. I knew her husband, Louis Szakats, and his younger brother Julius. I met Julius when I was volunteering at the Sioux Falls Air Defense Filter Center, where we volunteers tracked the flights of aircraft in the area. This, of course, was in the 1950s when we thought America would likely be attacked by Soviet forces.

The father of the brothers, Dr. Julius Szakats Sr., was a justice on the Supreme Court of Hungary, and when he and his family came to America, he ended up working at John Morrell & Co., but he also provided the U.S. military with information on Budapest and Communist activities therein. Louis was a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, and drove vehicles for higher-ranking officers. Julius had boxed in his youth, before he and his family became displaced persons after the war. Julius Junior and Senior eventually ended up in El Centro, California, to escape the South Dakota winters, where the senior Szakats and later Julius passed away. The mother had passed away earlier in Sioux Falls. I visited them several times in El Centro, not too far east of San Diego.



**Rosemarie Larson '56**  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased





**Frank Owens '53**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Jun 29, 2022, **Frank Owens '53** <fowensfsd@sio.midco.net> wrote:

Greetings Jack, Thanks for all your efforts in the publishing of the Orange and Black. Had lunch last week with some of the guys from the Class of 1953. I had made copies for them of your recent obituary listing of our class. **Al Borgen '53** and **Dick Viehweg '53** advised me that **Karen Espe '53** was deceased. **Wayne Hansen '53** advised that **Dianne Becker '53** passed away 15 years ago. Karen was married to **Bud Olson '53** from our class; however they were divorced at the time of her death. **Bill Stanton '53** took a picture at our lunch. If he gives me a copy I will send it to you. It was not taken on a phone so that I could text it to you.

**Frank Owens '53**



**Dick Viehweg '53**  
WHS Senior



**Wayne Hansen '53**  
WHS Senior Photo



**Bud Olson '53**  
WHS Senior Photo



**Dianne Becker '53**  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased



**Bill Stanton '53**  
WHS Senior Photo



**Karen Espe '53**  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased

**Al Borgen '53**  
WHS Senior Photo



**Royce Adams '58**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Jul 5, 2022, **Royce Adams '58** <Litljump@aol.com> wrote:

The first of July I was visited by my classmate and long time neighbor John Bergeland, '58. For the past couple years John has been living in a memory care facility. His memory problems came on rather quickly and surprised everyone. So with the virus it was not easily possible to visit John. Now he has moved back to Sioux Falls and is in a Good Sam facility. It was nice to see my old friend from high school days, but also sad to see how he has "slipped" with his memory. There were a few memories that we

spoke about that we both could remember and laugh about and that was great. After John and Rachel, his wife, drove off my thought was "I wonder how many folks are living in that dreamworld and how many have no familial contact as John does"? I hope there are not many we may know of in that category but just by chance if anyone knows of such circumstances, be sure to visit them, no matter how hard it is to communicate with them. I think if I were having such problems, I'd enjoy a visitor.

**Royce Adams '58**

Perhaps you can use this- Thank You Jack, for all you do for us with the O&B.



**John Bergeland '58**  
WHS Senior Photo



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On Aug 6, 2022, **Jack Phillips '54** <jackmp@cox.net> wrote:

Dear Bo Skillman and Mick Zerr,

As publisher of the Washington High School Alumni Orange and Black Newsletter I want to thank both of you for getting the news of the passing of Rod Skillman '53 to me. Bo, you probably don't know who Mick Zerr is but your letter was forwarded on to him and he forwarded it on to me for publication in my free WHS newsletter covering the 10 years of the fifties decade. Mr. Zerr served 42 years on the WHS faculty and is still very active in WHS activities.

Mick, as always I thank you for passing Bo's email on to me.

Bo, I am deeply saddened to hear about the passing of your Father, Rod. He was a year ahead of me in high school but I knew him pretty well. He was definitely one of the good guys, and one of the cool guys. He was well liked and quite popular. I remember he always dressed very well even in high school. I am truly sorry to hear of his passing. I offer my deepest sympathy to you and your entire family.



Rod Skillman '53  
WHS Senior Photo



Mick Zerr  
42 Year WHS  
Faculty, Retired

Bo, you will find an attachment below to the Special Edition I publish for all '50s WHS Alumni at their passing. I would like to compliment you or whoever wrote your Dad's obituary. I have been publishing the O&B for 13 years now and have had occasion to read hundreds and hundreds of obituaries. In my opinion Rod's obituary is one of the best organized, most informative and interesting I have read.

Sincerely,

Jack Phillips  
WHS Class of '54

On Aug 6, 2022, Bskillman <skillmanbo@gmail.com> wrote:

Absolutely wonderful to hear from you and to know that you knew dad in high school. As you realize, no words can describe a person fully but my younger brother authored this and captured so many attributes of dad's amazing character and life.

Thank you, thank you!

Bo Skillman (Son of Rod Skillman '53 deceased.)



Dr. Jim Brown '56  
WHS Senior Photo

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On Aug 25, 2022, **Jim Brown '56** <gidocjb@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Jack, I am amazed and grateful for all you do to keep us informed about our fellow WHS classmates and friends. I don't know how you do it. I am still alive at age 84 and still pretty active and enjoying our years in Wenatchee, Wa. Lynn is from Lincoln, Nebraska and we met and got married there 60 years ago. Thank you so much for keeping us informed about our fellow WHS classmates.

We have been living in Wenatchee, WA. for 52 years now. **Jim Brown, WHS 1956.**

