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**Doug Olson '56**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

**Thanks To PATRON,**  
**Doug Olson '56**  
**For His 3rd \$100.00 O&B Patron**  
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Doug included this note with his 3rd \$100.00 Patron check.

***"I enjoy reading your newsletters. I hope you live forever. keep it going. Doug"***

Dear Doug, Words just can't express how the continued moral and financial support of you and the other Patrons of the O&B motivates and inspires me to continue publishing the Alumni Orange & Black for as long as I can. ***Please see the next story regarding the "Future of The O&B."*** Just so you know, I join you in hoping that I, "live forever". Thank you! Actually I suspect that my wife, Debra, and my three children join us in that wish so that makes six of us. Probably unlikely to come true, but it is so nice to be loved. On the subject of "Love" please see the ***"Dear Abby Letter"*** on page 2 of this O&B that testifies that we all need to be loved!

Doug, I truly thank you for your continued moral and financial support. Your annual non-solicited donation now totals \$300.00 toward the financial support of the O&B's on going expenses and it means more to me than you will ever know.

According to the post mark on your letter you live in Avon, Ohio, just 20 miles West of Cleveland and on the South side of lake Erie, but regretfully that is about all I know about you. I along with your many WHS friends would dearly love to hear more from you about your career, your family and how you ended up in Avon, Ohio? You are one the O&B's strongest supporters and sadly I know very little about you. Please consider submitting a story, long or short, about all or any part of your life and family since leaving WHS. And please include one or more recent photos of yourself, family, etc.. Jack

# The Future of The Orange & Black

Once again I feel it is time to discuss the future of the O&B. But this time I am **NOT** thinking of **retiring**. In fact just the opposite. For the last year or so I have been super busy, and I do mean **super** busy, liquidating all of my businesses and income properties in California, Nevada and Arizona.

I still have a few things to sell, but I am relieved to say that escrows have just closed in the last 10 days on my two largest and most time consuming and demanding businesses. Yes, I have sold both my nightclub in Modesto, CA, that I built 44 1/2 years ago and also, **Phillips Plaza Shopping Center** also in Modesto. Even though the escrow just closed on my nightclub 10 days ago, the new owner has been operating the club as his own since the middle of July on my liquor license as a temporary permit.

I am liquidating everything I own mostly because I am just tired. The pressure of my business's coupled with the amount of time required for the O&B has grown to be just entirely too much.

**Now to the future of the O&B.** The last full O&B Newsletter I published was on Sept. 4, 2022. That was over 3 1/2 months ago. I use to publish a new newsletter once a month, or a minimum of 12 per year. There have been two main reasons that have contributed to this slow down. The main reason is that I am just not receiving nearly the number of quality news items or stories from you, my readers, as I used to. There just hasn't been enough material submitted to fill a new newsletter every month.

The other reason has been kind of a blessing for me personally because of how terribly busy I have been. It would have really been difficult to push myself to get more newsletters out. When I don't receive what I call, "camera ready stories" from you, my readers, it then takes a great deal more time for me to make your contributions ready to publish.

It also takes a great deal of time when I have to create enough new stories to fill the issue. As we all know, (especially me), I am not a Tom Brokaw or Walter Cronkite. So for when I have to create stories to fill the newsletter it is very difficult for me and extremely time consuming. Creating new stories from scratch just doesn't flow easily for me.

In trying to honestly evaluate why you my readers are not submitting as many stories as you use to I have to ask myself if maybe the "Newsletter" part of the O&B hasn't perhaps out lived its life & popularity? Unfortunately I don't have an answer to that question. In considering what is best for the future of the O&B I am thinking of the following options and would appreciate your suggestions.

1 I just continue publishing the "**Special Editions**", which are the obituaries and I continue my efforts on maintaining` the deceased lists for all 10 class years of the fifties? My dear departed friend and classmate, **Bud Olson '54**, recognized how much time and work the full newsletter has always required, and suggested shortly before he died two years ago that I should discontinue publishing the full newsletter and just continue my efforts toward maintaining the deceased lists for each of the 10 class years of the '50's.

2 Also continue the "**Letters To The Editor**" so you will still have a voice to your classmates when you want it?

3 Make no changes other than I only publish full newsletters when I have received enough reader submitted articles, stories and identified photos that are "press ready" that will fill a full newsletter?

4 Has the O&B just out lived its time and should be discontinued?

5 Other suggestions that should be consider?

PLEASE LET ME KNOW OF YOUR THOUGHTS AND PREFERENCES. Thank you!

Jack Phillips '54



Jack Phillips '54  
WHS Senior Photo



**Peggy Servold Teslow '57**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

On Sep 5, 2022, **Peggy Servold Teslow '57** pwolset@sio.midco.net wrote:  
AND THEN IT IS WINTER You know. . . time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years.

It seems just yesterday that I was young, just married and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all the years went. I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is... the winter of my life and it catches me by surprise...How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go?

I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like. But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey...they move slower and I see an older person now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me...but, I see the great change....Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so...now I enter into this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!

But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last...this I know, that when it's over on this earth...it's NOT over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done...things I should have done, but indeed, there are many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet...let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!

Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can today, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not!

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life...so, live for today and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember...and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!

"Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one. LIVE IT WELL! ENJOY TODAY! DO SOMETHING FUN! BE HAPPY! HAVE A GREAT DAY!

REMEMBER:....

"It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver.

"LIVE HAPPY IN THIS YEAR AND EVERY YEAR!

LASTLY, CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

TODAY IS THE OLDEST YOU'VE EVER BEEN, YET THE YOUNGEST YOU'LL EVER BE SO - ENJOY THIS DAY WHILE IT LASTS.

~Your kids are becoming you.....

~Going out is good.. Coming home is better!

~You forget names.... But it's OK because other people forgot they even knew you!!!

~You realize you're never going to be really good at anything

~The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.

~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep".

~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch..

~You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"..."when?"... "what?" . ???

~Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.

~You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless"?!!!

~What used to be freckles are now liver spots.

~Everybody whispers.

~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.

~But Old is good in some things: Old Songs, Old movies, and best of all, OLD FRIENDS!!

Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!" Send this on to other "Old Friends!" and let them laugh in AGREEMENT!!!

It's Not What You Gather, But What You Scatter That Tells What Kind Of Life You Have Lived.



Royce Adams '58  
WHS Senior Photo

On Sep 25, 2022, **Royce Adams '58** <Litljump@aol.com> wrote:  
**THE DAY TOMMY REID AND I ALMOST BURNED WHS DOWN.**

I can talk about the incident now as I know I won't be sent to the "office".

In our Junior year I was a smoker and, if one remembers, we even carried our pack of Luckies rolled up in the shoulder of our shirt! We were cool. One day Tommy Reid and I were behind the curtain on the stage and were going to light up, have a few drags, and then head for class. We were using those book matches, the ones that had the little abrasive piece on them. Tommy struck a match and a small spark flew off the match and onto the stage curtain. The curtain was a bit "fuzzy" and that spark started

that fuzziness to slowly burn and travel over it in an expanding circular pattern. We frantically beat the slight fire out using our hands. Then being sure the place was not going to burn down we got the heck off the stage and headed to our class.

I just remembered that time today but can't tell you what I had for breakfast this morning - old age - eh!!.

**Royce Adams '58**

## YOUR DAILY DOSE OF USELESS INFORMATION....

**A SHOT OF WHISKEY:** In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink.

This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

**BUYING THE FARM:** This is synonymous with dying. During WW1 soldiers were given life insurance policies worth \$5,000.

This was about the price of an average farm so if you died you "bought the farm" for your survivors.

**SHIP STATE ROOMS:** Traveling by steamboat was considered the height of comfort. Passenger cabins on the boats were not numbered. Instead they were named after states.

To this day cabins on ships are called staterooms.





**Jim Carlson '58**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Nov 15, 2022, **Jim Carlson '58** <pegandjim@sio.midco.net> wrote:

After 42  
years of  
band  
directing, 21  
at WHS  
Arthur R.  
Thompson  
resigned, his

new mission the directorship  
of the Canadian-American  
Schoolgirls band at Brandon,  
Manitoba, Canada.

Unfortunately Thompson died  
of a heart attack at age 62 in  
May of 1951.

The 1950's classes  
will remember the new  
director Arden Foss who  
started in September of 1950.  
Foss said music should be  
enjoyed and our music will  
include everything from  
symphonies to spirited  
marches and popular songs.  
He stated he wants to install  
a proper spirit into other  
students to let them know the  
band is one of the schools  
main activities together with  
athletics and other extra-  
curricular activities. At a  
Friday September 22, 1950  
pep meeting he announced  
that the band is to play at all  
home games, and as many  
out of town games as  
possible.

Thursday January 25,  
1951 the band gave its first  
concert under the direction of  
its new director in the WHS  
auditorium. The performance  
was a benefit for the YWCA  
building fund. It was a free concert with goodwill offering.

I wasn't in the band, but do remember his accomplishments at WHS.

**Jim A Carlson '58**

## Music Enjoyment for All Is Hope of New Band Director; Boogie, Symphonies Planned

By DOUG KANE  
Argus-Leader Staff Writer

A coordinated program of music instruction for students from the fourth grade through high school is the plan of Ardeen Foss, 731 West Ninth st., new director of instrumental music in Sioux Falls public schools.

Appointed last spring following the resignation of Arthur R. Thompson, veteran Washington high school band director, Foss has spent the summer months outlining a program which he believes will enable all students who so desire to receive instruction in music.

And in instituting the program, Foss hopes to have the same success he did as director of instrumental music in grade schools here the last three years.

Climax of Foss' instruction in the grade schools was participation in music by 543 students in 1949 and a final mass concert in which 424 students participated and which earned the praise of educators and parents alike.

Foss reported that the instruction given to the Washington high school band this fall will be typical of instruction through the rest of the grades.

"I believe that music should be enjoyed," Foss commented. "And to enjoy music, you've got to have some fun. The emphasis will be on individual practice and not group drill. That is, we will expect



**Ardeen Foss**  
... expects new spirit

popular with the band members will give them more incentive to practice," he commented. "For instance, one of our numbers this year will be 'Big Time Boogie,' a popular number. If a band member learns his part for 'Big Time Boogie,' he's getting training that is similar to the part for most overtures."



**Only In Las Vegas:** In the past I have received positive responses on unusual and / or unique stories and tidbits I have passed on to you on Las Vegas, my home town for the last 22 years. The first of the following two items is that LV is now offering, **“Donut Tours”**. It is just difficult for me to imagine any intelligent entrepreneur investing money in donut tours??? But thank heaven, donut tours are now a reality in LV. The 2nd item I find unbelievable is **\$100,000.00 per night hotel room** for Las Vegas’s first **“Formula 1 Race”** next year. See more below.

**Item #1, “UNDERGROUND DONUT TOURS”:** LAS VEGAS is now offering **“UNDERGROUND DONUT TOURS”** The tours begin at 10 a.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$25 for children 10 and younger. I haven’t heard if they are selling out, or even if the donuts are good?

**Item #2 “FORMULA 1 RACE”, COMING NOV. 16 - 18, 2023:** The first Formula 1 race is currently an exciting subject in Las Vegas. A portion of the world famous Las Vegas Strip will be closed to accommodate the race course. The photo below is an artist’s rendering of just one of the elaborate viewing

grandstands to be constructed for the race. As you can see this grandstand will be built on the Strip in front of the world famous Bellagio Hotel and Casino and their beautiful fountains. None of that so far is surprising right? The reason I find this story worthy of sharing with you is

that the 59th floor penthouse at the Palms Place tower is available for rent for \$100,000.00 per night with a three-night minimum during the race. **ONLY IN LAS VEGAS!!!** But both Debra and I really love living here!



One of the reasons Debra and I love living here is because it is truly the, **“Entertainment Capitol of The World”**. One of the shows we recently enjoyed and you no doubt will remember the group well was, **“THE LETTERMEN”**. They were great! As you can see we had great seats and during the show I found my self wishing all of you could be enjoying it with us. (Many in the audience were from the Philippines.)  
Jack





**Karen Gurley '54**  
WHS Senior Photo

A very special thank you goes to **Karen Gurley Brown '54** and **Warner Brown '54** for alerting the O&B of **Dick '54** and **Kathy Sweetman's** wonderful and most generous philanthropic gift to the people of Sioux Falls. The author was Jodi Schwan and the story appeared on Nov. 14, 2022 in "**SiouxFalls.Business**", a locally owned digital news organization serving the Sioux Falls business community.



**Dick Sweetman '54**  
WHS Senior Photo

The O&B's  
apology but no  
high school  
photograph was  
available for  
Kathy Buysee.

**Sorry**  
**Kathy**



**Warner Brown '54**  
WHS Senior Photo

Every generation has that one defining moment — a single iconic event that changes the course of history and alters our understanding of the world and our place in it.

For Dick and Kathy Sweetman, that moment occurred in December 1968.

Then, they were Dick Sweetman and Kathy Buysee. He was the oldest of five kids, had an interest in engineering and was already working for the family business, Sweetman Construction. She was the youngest in a family of nine kids. As a girl growing up in the Cathedral District, she loved looking up at the stars.

That December, they each watched as Apollo 8 transmitted images of the lunar surface with Earth in the





For each of them, watching the moonshot unfold on their family's small black-and-white television created feelings of excitement, wonder and sheer joy. It was an unforgettable moment that fueled a lifelong love of science, astronomy and discovery.

Dick and Kathy eventually met, got married, raised a family and ran a successful business. Throughout the years, they've been active members of the Sioux Falls community — giving of their time, their ideas and their resources to help enrich and enhance the city they've called home all their lives.



Photo by [Emily Spartz Weerheim](#)

But they never forgot the sense of excitement and joy they felt at seeing that first moonshot.

Earlier this year, when the couple found themselves in a position to make a major gift, they knew they wanted to do something that would help spark that same sense of joy, excitement and wonder in others.



So they turned to the Sioux Falls Area Community Foundation for help.

“With the sale of Raven Industries, we’d made a sizable stock transfer to our charitable fund at the Community Foundation. We knew we wanted to do something special for Sioux Falls, but we needed some time and some help to be really thoughtful about how and where a gift could have the most impact,” Dick said. “The Foundation helped us by researching some giving possibilities that really aligned with our interests.”

The result was a transformational gift to the Washington Pavilion to establish South Dakota’s first planetarium.



When it’s complete, the Sweetman Planetarium will feature one of the most advanced planetarium systems in the United States and will offer exciting programs and experiences, including live space launch viewings, thought-provoking discussions on our place in the universe and opportunities for children and adults alike to learn about space and space exploration.

### **Connecting passion to purpose**

The ability to connect passion to purpose is one thing that sets the Community Foundation apart, said Mary Kolsrud, vice president for philanthropy.

“The true joy of giving comes from seeing how your gift will elicit joy in others,” Kolsrud said. “So we take our donors through a discovery process that helps identify their passions, their values and the kind of legacy they wish to create. From there, we can research giving opportunities that align with their hopes and dreams for the future. Dick and Kathy’s past experiences and the things they love really inspired this investment.

They obviously love Sioux Falls, and they wanted to help make this community even better through a gift that will create something the entire community can enjoy.”

Finding a way to make an impact with your giving sometimes can seem overwhelming. But thanks to the help and guidance of the Community Foundation, the Sweetmans said, the process was easy and seamless.

“I don’t even know how we would’ve begun without the help of the Foundation –all the work they did to research needs and explore opportunities, as well as coordinating with the Pavilion and the city to establish the gift agreement, map out details and outline logistics,” Kathy said. “This gift wouldn’t have happened without the Foundation.”

Dick agreed.

“The Foundation is an indispensable vehicle for people to be able to put money in and either leave it to the Foundation to do good things for the city or to help donors steer it where they’d like it to go. The reality is that without the Foundation, many of the really meaningful philanthropic investments our city has seen over the years — think parks, support for human services, the arts and more — might not have happened,” he said.

Beyond helping the idea for the establishing gift come to life, the Foundation also helped develop a plan for the long-term care of the planetarium.

“We want the planetarium to be here for our grandchildren and for their grandchildren, so the Foundation helped us establish an endowment to support the facility into the future,” Dick said. “There’s a real peace of mind that comes from knowing this will be here for generations to come.”

## **A special legacy**

When the Sweetman Planetarium opens next summer, Dick and Kathy Sweetman will be excited to see their ‘moonshot-inspired’ idea come to life.

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The new planetarium technology will be installed in the current Wells Fargo CineDome, and the facility will be used as both a theater and a planetarium. The Sweetmans’ gift will provide for state-of-the-art technology, including:

- A Digistar 7 high-resolution (nearly 7K) projector, producing incredible visuals and effects.
- A new NanoSeam dome screen, making seams invisible for better viewing.
- An AstroFX Audio Advanced 5.1 surround system, creating an immersive experience.



“We hope the planetarium will help spark an interest in science, astronomy and discovery among all those who visit the facility,” the couple said. “We hope it will be a place where people of all generations can come



together to learn about and explore the universe we all call home.”

Giving a gift that brings people together illustrates the true meaning of philanthropy, Kolsrud said.





“As we often say, philanthropy is about people helping people. This gift will no doubt help our community to see and discover the wonder and beauty of space and the stars; it will spark thoughtful dialogue and discussion, and will encourage deeper understanding of the universe and our place in it,” Kolsrud said.

“Dick and Kathy Sweetman are two wonderful people who grew up in Sioux Falls, who love this community and who wanted to do something really special by giving back in a meaningful way. What a special thing to witness and what an extraordinary legacy of love and care. We are beyond grateful for their generosity.”





**Bob Solem '53**  
**Bridgewater High School**

On Nov 17, 2022, Robert J Solem <[skyking.rjs@gmail.com](mailto:skyking.rjs@gmail.com)> wrote:

Good evening, Jack!

**SUBJECT RE: Joan Perrenoud Odland (WHS Class of 1953)**

The "Alumni in the News" section of the November 2022 Augustana University alumni newsletter includes an article originally published in the Rochester, MN Post Bulletin newspaper on the occasion of the anniversary of her husband's long years of service as a Lutheran pastor but which some information about Joan which WHS alumni of the 50s might find interesting.

As always, I hope that things are well with you and thank you sending me your O & B newsletters.

**Bob Solem, Bridgewater High School, '53.**

Thanks Bob. As you can see I am printing excerpts from Loren Else's wonderful story on Elmer Odland and **Joan Perrenoud, WHS '53** Odland.

Elmer headed to Augustana College in 1953 to begin his studies and met Joan Perrenoud on day one of classes. This began a courtship of five years. After graduation from Augustana, Elmer spent a year in Neuendettelsau, Germany as a student and a teacher of English.

Written letters for one year kept them connected. These letters from Europe were historical markers and have been preserved for their family. Elmer and Joan were married on August 22, 1959, in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Joan graduated from Augustana and went to the University of Chicago for a master's in social work. Joan worked in various positions throughout their married life, which involved moves to different pastoral calls. Elmer remarked that Joan was amazing in her adaptability



Elmer and Joan Odland on their wedding day on Aug. 22, 1959. Some of Joan's work included social work with the Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota; adoption agency work in California, North Dakota and Minnesota; working to ensure quality care in nursing homes in North Dakota; a job on the Air Force base in Minot, North Dakota, as a nursing assistant; and finally back as a social worker.

She took some time away from a paid position and excelled as a mom of three children and a wife, volunteered in the community, and assisted Elmer in the parish.

How do you look back at a ministry career of this length? Teaching, performing marriages and funerals, and sitting with families in times of need. Pastor Odland reflected that you can't always comprehend the impact you may have. Years later, people often sought him out to say, "Thank you."



Pastor Odland served three congregations in North Dakota. In each community, he became involved outside his pastoral duties.

An example of connecting to the community was an interest he took in North Dakota history. Elmer was a driving force working with a local historical society in the early 1970s to build a replica of Fort Madan, where the Lewis and Clark expedition wintered on the Missouri River in 1804-1805. The replica fort, now 50 years old, is managed by the State Historical Society of North Dakota.

Even during retirement, Pastor Odland continued to serve. During the pandemic, he and other retired pastors provided services and communion to many living in The Homestead of Rochester. The isolation took its toll, and the work of preaching God's word was so important to those whose lives have always been centered on their faith.

Pastor Odland sees the struggles of churches. The pandemic has hurt its function of gathering people together. There is a need to re-image its mission. How will faith formation be carried on for the youth?

Pastor Odland has touched countless lives in this remarkable vocation of six decades. He wishes to be remembered as a good father, a good husband and someone who cared for all.

During his ordination in 1962, he wondered if he was up to this task. As other pastors placed their hands upon his shoulders, he knew all the promises he spoke were true, and he concluded with, "And I ask God to help and guide me."

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I hope you all agree that the beautiful  
Christmas card Nancy Holm Renner  
'54, sent out this year deserves to be  
shared with everyone.

**Merry Christmas to  
you too Nancy!**

Nancy Holm Renner '54  
WHS Senior Photo



**Debra Phillips' day with, Her Majesty, Prince Philip  
and The Royal Canadian Mounted Police!  
What more could any girl want?**



**Debra Meeting  
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II**

In honor and memory of the passing of England's, Queen Elizabeth II, I want to share a photo of my wife, Debra, meeting & talking to the Queen & Prince Philip in 1973. Debra was born and raised in Calgary, Canada and performed with **"The Young Canadians"** from age 8 through her high school graduation. The Young Canadian's annually perform in the world famous million dollar **"Stage Show"** which is part of **The Calgary Stampede and Rodeo**, billed as **"The Greatest Outdoor Show On Earth"**. In 1973 the stage show paid tribute to the **Royal Canadian Mounted Police** and was attended by Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip. This photo shows Queen Elizabeth II congratulating Debra (middle of the 5 Young Canadians), at the show's conclusion. As the photo shows Debra was very shy and nervous at meeting the Queen, but oh what an honor it was! Debra was particularly nervous after Prince Philip told Debra, **"My men don't look nearly as good in their red uniforms as you do"**

Jack Phillips '54

July 15, 2022 was the 49th anniversary of my wife, Debra's, meeting the Queen of England in 1973. (See story above.) **The Young Canadians** stage show with the **Calgary Stampede** that year was a salute to the **Royal Canadian Mounted Police**.

It was on July 15th of this year that, Debra was invited back as guest of the Calgary Stampede and once again had the privilege of meeting and spending time with the highly respected members of the **"Royal Canadian Mounted Police"**. A day she will fondly remember for the rest of her life.



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## ***“The Time Is Now”***

May I suggest that all of us from the fifties decade read this most poignant poem taken from “***Dear Abby’s***” booklet titled, “***Keeper’s***”. I suspect that it may remove many regrets later for not leaving precious words unsaid. Jack

## ***“The Time Is Now”***

**Author Unknown**

**If you are ever going to love me,  
love me now, while I can know  
the sweet and tender feelings  
which from true affection flow.**

**Love me now while I am living.  
Do not wait until I’m gone and  
then have it chiseled in marble,  
sweet words on ice-cold stone.**

**If you have tender thoughts of me,  
please tell me now.  
If you wait until I am sleeping,  
never to awaken, there will be death between us  
and I won’t hear you then.**

**So if you love me, even a little bit,  
Let me know it while I am living,  
So I can treasure it.**

**You may purchase Abby’s “Keepers” booklet for \$8.00 total price from  
“Dear Abby Keepers Booklet  
P O Box, 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447”.**



08/05/2022

TO: Jack Phillips

RE: "Old Gents from WHS Class of 1953"

Hi Jack, sorry I can not email this information to you; however my PC is out for service and they advised me that it will take a week to 10 days before they can get at it and may not be able to be fixed.

Thanks Frank for sending this great photo. I always appreciate your contributions to the O\$B. Jack

Bill Stanton had the enclosed picture taken at our monthly class lunch. Bill Baker, Roger Beckstrom and Jack Cullen started a class of '53 guys lunch program around 20 years ago in Sioux Falls. Attendance grew to around 18 to 20 folks as the word spread. We are now down to about 8 folks as "Father Time" has taken its toll on our age group.

We meet at Timmers Bar & Grill, 449 W 69<sup>th</sup> St, Sioux Falls, SD on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 11:30 am. All are welcome.

Names of those in the picture from left to right are: Bill Stanton, Dick Viehweg, Al Borgen, Marlin Olson, Jim Smalley, Frank Owens, Wayne Hansen, and Jack Cullen.

The guys send their thanks to you for the great job you do on the Orange & Black.

Thank you,

*Frank*  
Frank Owens '53



Bill Stanton '53



Dick Viehweg '53



Al Borgen '53



Marlin Olson '53



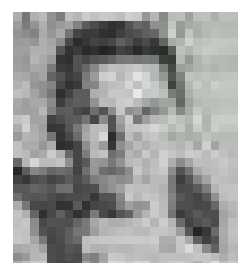
Jim Smalley '53



Frank Owens '53



Wayne Hansen '53



Jack Cullen '53  
WHS Sophomore  
Photo





# Letters to the



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On Jun 27, 2022, **Don Noordsy '58**

<heythere63@comcast.net> wrote:



Conversation between a man and a woman.

Very funny Don. Thanks for sending it.  
Jack

**Don Noordsy '58**  
WHS Senior Photo



On Sep 9, 2022, **Doug Aldrich '57**

<Doug.Aldrich@comcast.net> wrote:

Subject: Lewis Alter '57 Obituary.

Because of the spelling of our names, we often sat by each other. Lewis was a smart, personable individual... a privilege to interact often with him. Thanks for his service. **Dougs Aldrich '57**



**Doug Aldrich '57**  
WHS Senior Photo



**Lewis Alter '57**  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased

On Oct 4, 2022, **Constance Hammitt Zimmerman '54**

<bobconzim@cox.net> wrote:

Subject: Glenn Gulbranson '54 Obituary.

Jack, Without you I would never have realized the amazing achievements of our classmate Glenn Gulbranson. Our class has MANY amazing achievers! **Connie Zimmerman '54**



**Connie Hammitt Zimmerman '54**  
WHS Senior Photo



**Glenn Gulbranson '54**  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased



**Royce Adams '58**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

On Nov 18, 2022, **Royce Adams '58** <Litljump@aol.com> wrote:

Hey Jack - been a long time since we have heard from you guys. We are hoping all is well for you there in Balmy Las Vegas. Cold, 20 here, good ole wind but no snow. The 28th I am going to have back surgery for stenosis of the spine - hope to be rid of the constant pain and to be able to stand up straight and have no more bending over. As I walk bent over there is one positive - if there has been any change dropped from people's hands I'll spot it! Found about 37 cents so far, It's a treasure trove out there in the HyVee parking lot. Maybe I will be able to put the cane away too. Maybe not - one carrying it gets a lot of doors opened.

**Royce Adams '58**

Royce, I know it has been way to long since my last newsletter and I apologize for that. As I said in my first story I have never been so busy in my whole life. I started working on this newsletter in July. At one point along the way it was a "Happy Thanksgiving" issue, but now I am working feverishly to make it my "Merry Christmas" issue.

Sorry to hear about your back and having to have surgery. We all hope the surgery went as you hoped it would. Please let us know how you are now doing.

Jack



**Andy Weber '52**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

On Nov 23, 2022, **Paul Weber '52** <pawebertx34@att.net> wrote:

**Subject: Jim Howalt Obituary.**

Jack, I just read your article on Jim Howalt. I never knew Jim, but his parents, Bill and Lucille were good friends of my parents and I knew the family well. His sister **Billie Howalt '52** was in the WHS class of 1952 with me. Ruth Ann was a few years older. I don't know her class year but would be very surprised to find out that she didn't attend WHS. I would expect 1950 or a few years before.

Hope this is useful

**Andy Weber '52**

Hi Andy, Nice hearing from you and thanks for your input on the Howalt family. I searched my yearbooks all the way back to the freshmen home room photos in the 1950 Warrior but was unable to find a Ruth Ann Howalt. I hope you are doing well and I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and wonderful New Year. Jack



**Jim Howalt '58**  
**WHS senior Photo**  
**Deceased**



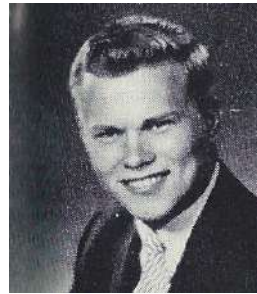
**Billie Howalt '52**  
**WHS Senior Photo**



JJ Alma Johnson '53  
WHS Senior Photo

On Nov 23, 2022, **Alma Johnson '53**  
<jayne\_johnson35@yahoo.com> wrote:

Hi Jack and Debra,  
Hope all is well with you. Jack I just read we're Jim Howalt passed. I had a phone number that Bob Berguin gave me, but it's no longer Billie Howalt Gustafason's number. I only have Bob's address. If you can get in touch with Bob please ask him to call me. My mother worked for the Howalts for years and also cleaned there business. My home phone is 323-299-3578, my cell is 323-793-8635.



Bob Berguin '53  
WHS Senior Photo

If not I understand, but I just wanted to reach out to Billie, she was in the class of 1953. (Correction, Billie was in WHS Class of '52.)

**jj Johnson '53**



Harold Rudisill '56  
WHS Senior Photo

On Dec 8, 2022, **Rudisill Miller '56** <richrudy@live.com> wrote:  
thanks for the alerts of passing WHS alumni. It seems like time is just passing away, no pun intended. At 84, I'm starting to feel the effects of aging. lol Many thanks for what you do and your help in letting us keep in touch with old friends and alumni. Keep up the good work. Harold "Hal" **RUDISILL '56**

Thanks Rudy and Merry Christmas. Jack



Peggy  
Servold  
Teslow '57

Thank you  
Peggy and  
Merry  
Christmas  
to you and  
your family.



For those of you who like myself no longer live in Sioux Falls this next absolutely breathtaking photo looking North on Phillips Avenue has to make you homesick! You can see the beautifully refurbished State Theater mid block on the right. The photo was submitted by Peggy Servold Teslow '57 who has submitted many wonderful items to the O&B over the years. This is certainly one of her most appreciated contributions ever!











*and*  
*A Happy New Year*  
*From Debra and Jack Phillips*

