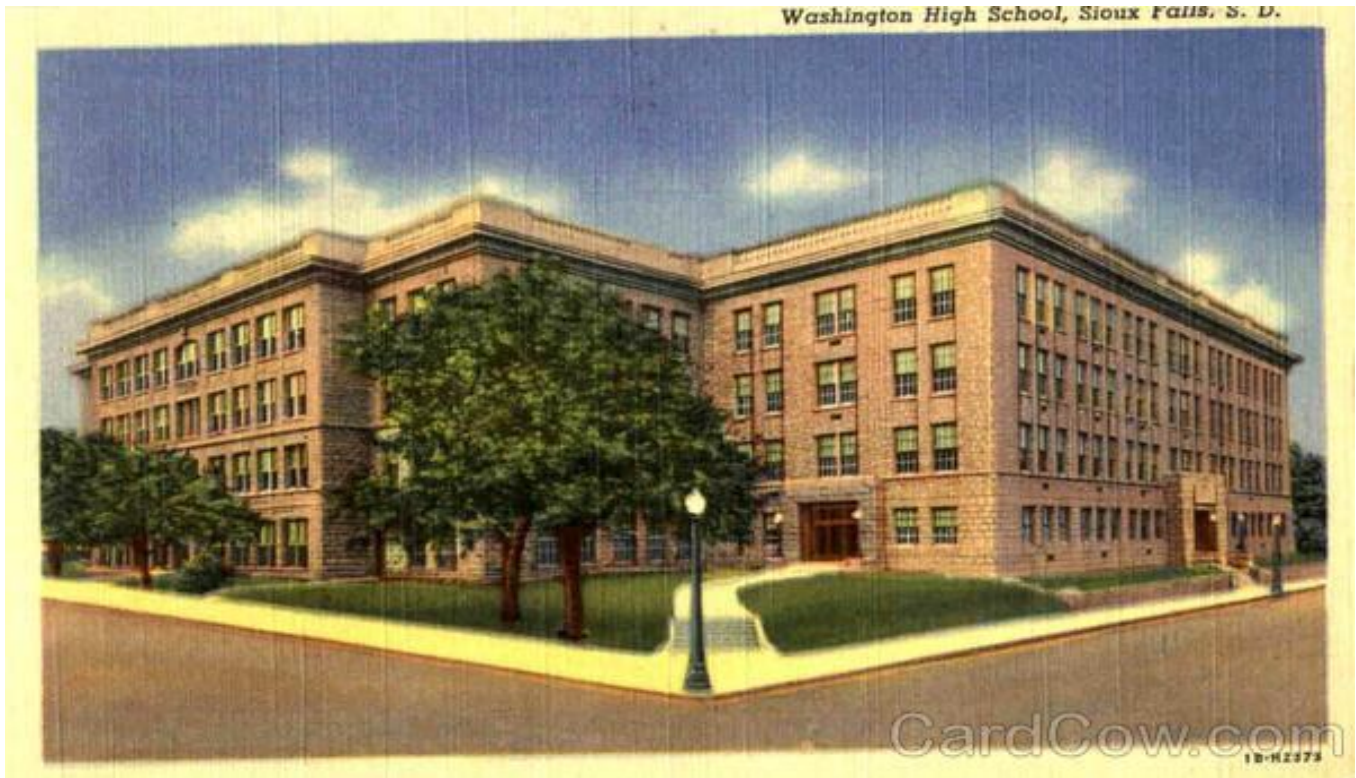




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**Thank you to dedicated Classmates that are reporting to the O & B!
Mary Montoya '59, Jim Carlson '58, Eric Gustafson '58, Peg Teslow '57
& Virtual Executive Assistant Bill Lobe '59**

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Jack & Debra Phillips

Letters to the O & B



Michael Zerr <zermick@gmail.com> wrote on April 28, 2026

Thanks Debra, lots of important memories to retain for the alumni folks.
Too bad each decade does not do the same.

Mike Zerr, Chair
WHSHC
whshc.org

Peggy Teslow Wolset <pwolset@sio.midco.net> wrote on April 28, 2026

Kudos!

Great edition was received in today's email box. Great info.

Peggy Teslow
Class of '57

Glenn Anderson <wlfsg914@aol.com> wrote on April 28, 2026

Thanks for keeping on keeping on!

Glen Anderson
Class of '57

Beverly Caesar Baartman <hbbaartman80@gmail.com> wrote on April 28, 2026

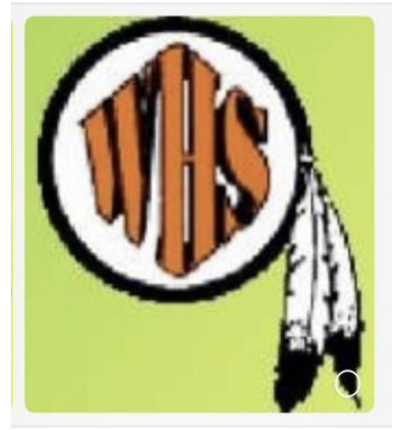
Class of 54. I have one more to add to the list of Deceased,
Mary Thormsgaard has passed away.

I try to keep the class list of deceased up to date. I'm sure many don't make our paper.

Just have to let you or me know of any new ones.

Love all these stories and pictures from our past!

Beverly Caesar Baartman
Class of '54



Harold Rudisill/Miller <richrudy@live.com> wrote on April 28,2026

Thanks for the great history of WHS. It was a good read and great writing. Glad to see the newsletter is still going so well.

*Harold Hal Rudisill
Class of '56*

Colette "Judy" Youngren Cadwell <ccaldwell@cfl.rr.com> wrote on May 2,2026

Thanks for the email and your generosity in keeping this project going.

Collette Cadwell
Class of '55

Janet Campbell Taylor Line <linesk@earthlink.net> wrote on May 12, 2026

Thanks Eric Gusfavson '58 and Janet Frey "58 for making sure that we saw Joyce Briggs Turnow obituary. She certainly lived a life of service. I feel proud to have known her. Washington High School provided the foundation for so many quality people.

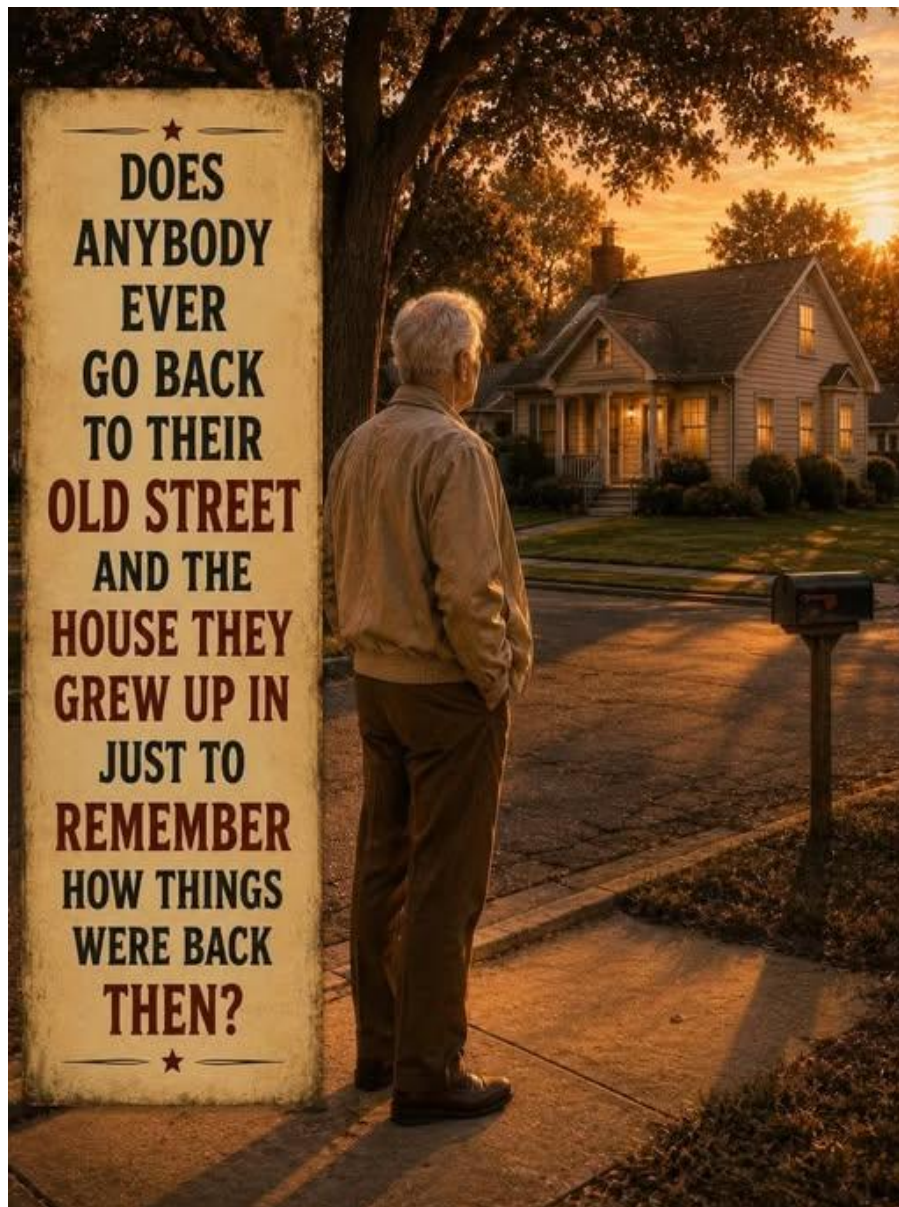
It also made me realize there is so much we don't know about each other's lives. There is no question in my mind that everyone has at least one interesting story to tell.

My best to all.

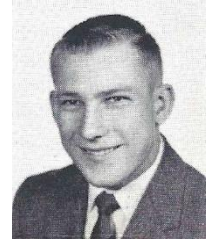
Janet Campbell Tyler Line
Class of '58

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Loren Little, WHS Class of '59
Silver Net winner of the Southern Region 2026
Mesquite Classic Golf Championship



by Bill Bowman, Nevada Golf in association with USGA

Loren Little posted five net birdies in his first eight holes of the opening round and went on to win the Silver Net title by three strokes, 71-77—148. It was Little's first win since he won the 2025 Cascata Amateur last August.

Little said his start was something he's been working on. "It's kind of a long story," he said of what has turned his game around. "I went back and looked at the last five tournaments and each round I averaged 22 shots above par. That's pretty consistent...consistently rotten."

The change came as he turned on the Golf Channel. "I was flipping through the channels and stopped on the Golf Channel," he said. "I realized what Martin Hall was talking about on his instruction show was a lot of what felt wrong about me. I ordered his DVD set and went through each one. I took notes and took them to the range and I started turning things around."

Now he's looking to make sure those lessons stay with him. "I'm going to be 85 soon," he said. "And I've finally started playing well again. I'm re-learning the swing principals I knew so many years ago but got out of the habit of doing them." He said he's anxious going forward with his play. "It's the new me...or maybe it's the old me who has just started coming back," he said with a laugh.



*From WHS Alumni O&B Editor Assistant,
Bill Lobe '59 –*

Never too old to reevaluate and relearn to better ourselves – the message I get from Loren's comments.

The WHC Alumni Orange & Black has published two articles of Loren's most recent golf conquests and can be accessed from our WHS Alumni News Letter Library website including [Issue 23-20, Pg. 16](#) and [Issue 02-23, Pg. 8](#). Also included is more information on Loren's accomplishments as a physician and accomplished musician.

PEG'S PAGE

By Peg Teslow
Class of '57

**I'm Positive You Will Not Know
What This Is. If you really know
this then you must be old.**



ANSWER:

**Clip-on earrings the precursor
to pierced earrings.**

What is the purpose of these tools?



There was a time when music wasn't just something you heard, it was something you truly felt deep within. In the mid-1950s, as the world slowly recovered from difficult years, unforgettable songs emerged melodies that still live on in our shared memory. These tunes became the backdrop for first loves, youthful hopes, and moments that linger forever.

Which of these hit No. 1:

1. Great Balls of Fire - Jerry Lee Lewis
2. Unforgettable - Nat King Cole
3. Jailhouse Rock - Elvis Presley



Debra & Jack
Phillips <orangeandblackonline@gmail.com>

Editor's Page

HAPPY MEMORIAL DAY TO ALL!

Please take time to read Jack's Memorial Day Military Issue dated May 28, 2021. The issue remembers and honors the fallen WHS Classmates from the 50's decade.

Click on the Link below

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Debra Phillips



WHS DECEASED LIST for 2026

as of 5/21/2026

FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME	Class	OBITUARY LINK <i>Red denotes NEW since last Newsletter</i>	DOD
Vivian	Helen	Wehling	50	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/vivian-wehling	01/12/26
Richard	A.	Kinsley	50	https://www.heritagesfsd.com/obituary/richard-kinsley	01/13/26
Tom		Amburn	50	https://www.skrochfc.com/obituaries/thomas-amburn	05/01/26
Joan	Mabee	Tate	51	https://www.chapelhillfuneralhome.com/obituaries/joan-tate	01/20/26
Clinton	Gerald	Philips	51	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/clinton-philips	01/30/26
Lois	Stevens	Brown	51	https://www.millerfh.com/obituary/lois-brown	04/02/26
Marianne	Hauge	Vatne	52	Legacy.com/obituaries/name/marianne-vatne-obituary?pid=211191344	01/22/26
James	H	Page	53	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/james-page	
Luann Kay	Loge	Greear	53	https://www.heritagesfsd.com/obituary/luann-loge-greear	01/14/26
Myrtice	McAlpin	Jellis	53	https://heartlandfunerals.com/obituaries/page/2/	03/05/26
Joyce	Barthel	Kemp	54	https://www.chapelhillfuneralhome.com/obituaries/joyce-kemp	02/10/26
Carolyn	Rae	Vollan	54	https://www.millerfh.com/obituary/carolyn-vollan	03/14/26
Mary Ann	Thormo dsgaard	Leafstedt	54	https://www.heritagesfsd.com/obituary/mary-ann-leafstedt	04/07/26
Helen	Gildemei ster	Van Liere	55	https://www.millerfh.com/obituary/helen-vanliere	02/08/26
Sharon	R	Jolivette	56	https://www.heritagesfsd.com/obituary/sharon-jolivette	02/05/26
Doris	Matthies	Tate	57	Barnett Lewis Funeral Home	02/11/26

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Marlynne	Portz	Gustafson	57	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/marlynne-gustafson	02/12/26
Judy	L	Schmuck	57	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/judith-judy-schmuck	04/08/26
Archie	Lee	Stutenroth	57	Unavailable	06/15/1993
Judy		Harvey	58	https://www.isburgfuneralchapels.com/obituaries/Judy-Harvey?obId=48026525	04/02/26
Mary	Lemke	Thornburg	58	https://www.drinkwinemortuary.com/obituary/Mary-Lemke	04/17/26
Joyce	Briggs	Torrow	58	https://everloved.com/life-of/joyce-elaine-briggs/?flow=201	04/24/26
Nell	Williams	Luce	58	https://www.millerfh.com/obituary/nell-luce	04/30/26
Wayne	Carl	Wieczorek	59	https://www.georgeboom.com/obituary/wayne-wieczorek	04/28/26

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Jack Phillips & The WHS Alumni Staff

