

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, SIOUX FALLS, SD
Serving the Classes of The Great '50's Decade. Photos and Stories Requested!
Published by Jack M. Phillips '54. jackmp@me.com
2261 Lauren Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89134 702-735-4111 Cell 702-496-3667

SIX NEW PATRONS WELCOME & THANK YOU!



LaDell Swiden '57
WHS Senior Photo



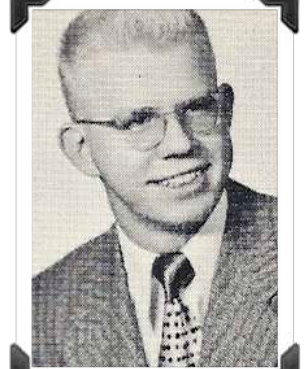
Jenny Boersma '52
WHS Senior Photo



Sam Pfeifer '52
WHS Senior Photo



Georgia Severson '56
WHS Senior Photo



Jim Redfield '50
WHS Senior Photo



Jean Redfield '54
WHS Senior Photo

LaDell Swiden '57
WHS Senior Photo



New Patron LaDell Swiden '57 Retired to Lake Madison, SD

Dear Jack,

Please find enclosed \$100.00 contribution to the Orange and Black Patrons, in appreciation for all you have done to keep us informed. You have done much to give us a break from the Pandemic for the past 9 months, and you have provided much needed information for the past 7 years. Thank you.

WE hope and pray that you are feeling better and can keep up the good work.

As for Phyllis and I, we are retired and live at Lake Madison on the Woodland Marina. Please stop when you are in the area as the coffee pot is always on. Phyllis is not from WHS but from Hendricks MN. I met her at SDSU (Nursing student). We started dating in May and were married in Sept of 61.

Love the Lake Life.

Sincerely,

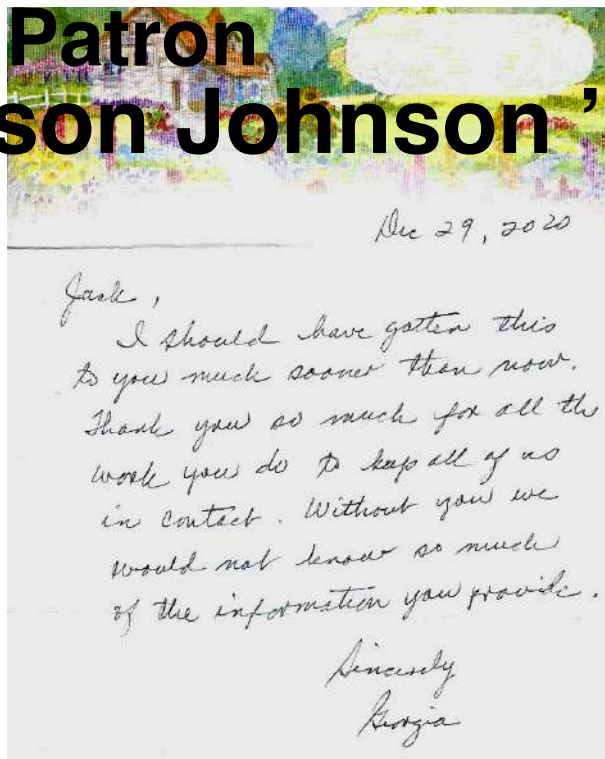
Ladell Swiden (57)

Thanks LaDell for your generous donation. Retired on Lake Madison sounds wonderful. I envy you in the summers but not sure about the winters? Jack

New Patron Georgia Severson Johnson '56



Georgia Severson Johnson '56
WHS Senior Photo



Dear Georgia, Since almost from the beginning of the O&B you have always contributed so much valuable assistance and information in helping me keep up with your class of '1956, it certainly was not necessary for you to now make your generous and much appreciated Patron contribution. I can now only thank you for all of your support. Jack

Page 2 of 22

New Patrons

Jenny Boersma Pfeifer '52 and Sam Pfeifer '52



Jenny Boersma Pfeifer '52
WHS Senior Photo



Sam Pfeifer '52
WHS Senior Photo

Dear Jack,
Since my brother, Wally,
got me signed into your WHS site
I have really enjoyed keeping track of
some of my classmates!
Thank you for all the work
you do to keep it up to date. I, for one,
really appreciate it!
Sam and I will celebrate our 69th
wedding anniversary this month. Only
wish some of the predators that said
"it will never last" were still
around.
Again --- thank you very much -
Jenny Boersma Pfeifer
and happy New Year!



Wally Boersma '54
WHS Senior Photo



Sam & Jenny Pfeifer



Jenny Boersma



Sam Pfeifer



Sam
quarterbacked
the Warriors
undefeated
1951 season.

**Jenny and Sam were
1951 Home Coming Royalty**

New Patrons Jim Redfield '50 and Jean Redfield Kracht '54



**Jim Redfield '50
WHS Senior Photo**



Brother/Sister, Jim Redfield '50 & Jean Redfield Kracht '54



**Jean Redfield Kracht '54
WHS Senior Photo**

**Jim, jimwred@cox.net, lives in San Diego with his wife, Joan. Jean, lives in Sioux Falls.
Thanks to both Jim and Jean for their support and most generous donation of the O&B.**

	PATRON	DATE	AMOUNT OF GIFT	INCREASES or DONATION IN THE NAME OF, OR, IN MEMORY OF:
1	Dr. Dale '56 & Camille Larson '61 Peterson Wenatchee, WA	Dec. 27 2019	\$1,000.00	Dec.28, 2020 Dale '56 & Camille '61 donated an additional \$1,000 making their total PATRON contribution \$2,000.. Thank you Dale & Cammy!
2	Terry Bradley '57, Tillamook, Or.	Feb. 2, 2020	\$100.00	Siblings: Linda Bradley Benson '54, deceased, Nita Bradley Bale '49, Olive Bradley Beckett '48 deceased and Bill Bradley '46 deceased
3	Patricia Jorgensen Palagi '56 Seattle, WA	Feb. 3, 2020	\$50.00	
4	Jim '51 and Myrna Irwin '53 Wylie Prospect Heights, IL	March 6, 2020	\$250.00	
5	Patti "Trish" Wilder Swanhorst '59 Sioux Falls, SD	March 10, 2020	\$100.00	
6	Stuart VanMeveren '58 Sun City, AZ	Mar. 11, 2020	\$108.00	On Sept. 18, 2020 Stuart increased his Patron Donation. Thanks Stuart!
7	Jim A Carlson '58 Sioux Falls, SD	March 12, 2020	\$58.00	On July 2, 2020 Jim increased his Patron Donation. Thanks Jim!
8	Kipp Koester '55 Mequon, WI	March 12, 2020	\$100.00	
9	Royce Adams '58 Sioux Falls, SD	March 12, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	On April 25, 2020 Royce increased his Parton Donation. Thanks Royce!
10	Bob Berguin '53 Scottsdale, AZ	March 12, 2020	\$152.00	
11	Pete Hegg '57 Sioux Falls, SD	March 12, 2020	\$200.00	
12	Dr. Elliot Miller, '50 Topsham, ME	March 15, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
13	Gil Gjere '54 Viborg, SD	March 14, 2020	\$250.00	Siblings: Mary Gjere '58, Helen Gjere '56 deceased, Glenn Gjere '56 deceased.
14	Daryl '55 & Lois Bjerk '58 Fritz Mesa, AZ	March 15, 2020	\$100.00	
15	Marcia Blumberg Oleisky '57 Minneapolis, MN	April 6, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
16	James Eastman '59 Placentia, CA	April 6, 2020	\$100.00	
17	Jane "JJ" Anderson Johnson '53 Los Angeles, CA	April 10, 2020	\$100.00	
18	Don Brown '53 Santa Barbara, CA	April 10, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
19	Jerry Savold '56 Edwards, CO	April 11, 2020	\$100.00	Brother, Mike Savold '59 Deceased
20	Chuck Erickson '50 Overland Park, KS	April 13, 2020	\$200.00	
21	Dr. Jim Brown '56 E. Wenatchee, WA	April 11, 2020	\$100.00	Nov. 21, 2020 Dr. Jim Brown donated an additional \$100.00 making their total PATRON contribution \$200.00. Thank you Jim!
22	Darold Gieser '55 Michigan City, IN	April 12, 2020	\$155.00	
23	Barbara Taylor Sampson '62 Sioux Falls, SD	April 13, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
24	Judy Stevens '61 Arlington, TX	April 15, 2020	\$50.00	
25	Ken Eisenbraun '58 Bloomfield, Hills, MI	April 14, 2020	\$158.00	Dec.14, 2020 Ken Eisenbraun '58 donated an additional \$158.00 making his total PATRON contribution \$316.00. Thank you Ken.

	PATRON	DATE	AMOUNT OF GIFT	INCREASES or DONATION IN THE NAME OF, OR, IN MEMORY OF:
26	Mary Taylor Herrick '56 Cleveland, OH	April 15, 2020	\$500.00	
27	Roger '55 & Vonda Fritz '56 Peterson Sioux Falls, SD	April 15, 2020	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	
28	Dr. Michael '56 & Carla Thoele '56 Gibson Reno, NV	April 18, 2020	\$50.00	Nov. 21, 2020 Mike and Carla donated an additional \$100.00 making their total PATRON contribution \$150.00.
29	Roger '55 & Permella Bedford '56 Kielman Peoria, AZ	April 20, 2020	\$100.00	
30	Merlyn "Chris" Christensen '54 Hudson, NH	April 21, 2020	\$100.00	
31	Dick Jensen '55 Naperville, IL	April 22, 2020	\$100.00	
32	Betty Holmoe Pfeifle '52 Sioux Falls, SD	April 20, 2020	\$100.00	
33	Walt Leyse '50 Sioux Falls, SD	April 20, 2020	\$100.00	
34	Tom '55 & Marilyn Rush '56 Simmons Gold Canyon, AZ	April 30, 2020	\$50.00	
35	Terry Robinson '57 Peoria, AZ	April 30, 2020	\$57.00	
36	Bob '55 & Peg Ogle '55 Berdahl Portland, OR	May 1, 2020	\$100.00	
37	Sharon Frank Johnson '53 Sioux Falls, SD	May 8, 2020	\$50.00	
38	Gene Bushnell '56 Rapid City, SD	May 8, 2020	\$100.00	
39	Terry Feay '56	May 12, 2020	\$60.00	
40	Dennis York '55 Rapid City, SD	May 12, 2020	\$100.00	
41	WHS Class of '54	May 14, 2020	\$300.00	
42	Dick Sweetman '54 Sioux Falls, SD	May 15, 2020	\$100.00	
43	Warner '54 & Karen Gurley '54 Brown Scottsdale, AZ	May 20, 2020	\$100.00	
44	Ronald Larson '59 Sioux Falls, SD	May 23, 2020	\$100.00	
45	Dr. Glenn Gravelle '58 Centennial, CO	May 26, 2020	\$158.00	
46	Dave '56 & Barbara Lease '55 Quigley Green Valley, AZ	May 13, 2020	\$100.00	
47	Wayne Gustafson '54 Rapid City, SD & Surprise, AZ	May 29, 2020	\$250.00	
48	Sherrill Wilcox Pohl '52 Amarillo, TX	June 9, 2020	\$25.00	
49	Marlene Rance '61 Sioux Falls, SD	June 11, 2020	\$100.00	
50	Lloyd '56 & Bernita Hagen '59 Greiner Loveland, CO	June 12, 2020	\$115.00	

	PATRON	DATE		INCREASES or DONATION IN THE NAME OF , OR IN MEMORY OF:
51	Harold Rudisill '56 Palm Springs, CA	June 15, 2020	\$100.00	
52	Patricia O'Rielly Miller '59 Chicago, IL	June 12, 2020	\$500.00	
53	Dennis Luce '54 Rapid City, SD	June 16, 2020	\$100.00	
54	Jody Syverson Vanderploeg '54 Okoboji, IA	June 18, 2020	\$100.00	
55	Vincent Keenan '59 Sioux Falls, SD	June 18, 2020	\$100.00	
56	Barbara James Bymes '57 Overland Park, KS	June 30, 2020	\$100.00	
57	Hal Erickson '54 Surprise, AZ	July 1, 2020	\$100.00	
58	Dick Wold '53 Sioux Falls, SD	July 1, 2020	\$100.00	
59	Doug Olson '56 Avon, Ohio	July 2, 2020	\$100.00	
60	Roger Teigen '56 Norman, OK	July 7, 2020	\$250.00	
61	Tom '58 & Linda McCahren '59 Graham Sioux Falls, SD	July 12, 2020	\$200.00	
62	Dixie Utesch Tilden '58 Montevideo, MN	July 15, 2020	\$200.00	
63	Dean Mann '50 Sioux Falls, SD	July 20, 2020	\$50.00	
64	Andy Weber '52 Houston, TX	July 24, 2020	\$100.00	Sister, Mildred "Millie" Weber Edwards '53 - Deceased
65	Romain Oliver Nelsen '53 Davis, CA	July 24, 2929	\$100.00	
66	Anonymous Patron Sioux Falls, SD	July 30, 2020	\$100.00	
67	Mary Larson Montoya '59 Sioux Falls, SD	August 1, 2020	\$100.00	
68	Wally Boersma '54 Marshall, TX	August 1, 2020	\$50.00	
69	John Hedland '58 Anchorage, AK	August 4, 2020	\$100.00	
70	Gary '57 & Kathy Rea '58 Conradi Sioux Falls, SD	August 4, 2020	200.00	
71	Mavis Larson Carl '55 Sioux Falls, SD	August 5, 2020	\$120.00	Husband, Ronald Carl '54, deceased; Sister, Shirley Larson Wermers '54; Brothers, Dale Larson '58; & Lyle Larson '61; Dear friend, Mary Lou Jewett '55 deceased.
72	Lorraine Fremming Forslin '54 Bloomington, MN?	August 8, 2020	\$100.00	
73	Deane Grav '58 Sun Lakes, AZ	August 20, 2020	\$25.00	
74	Bob Zimmerman '54 deceased & Connie Hammit '54 Zimmerman, Mesa, AZ	August 20, 2020	\$100.00	Donated in memory of my dear friend Bob Zimmerman '54, by Jack Phillips '54.
75	Kent Morstad '54 deceased & Judy Morstad. Sioux Falls, SD	August 20, 2020	\$100.00	Donated in memory of my dear friend Kent Morstad '54, by Jack Phillips '54

PATRON	DATE	AMOUNT OF GIFT	INCREASES or DONATION IN THE NAME OF, OR IN MEMORY OF:
76 Robert Miller '57 Sun City West, AZ	August 26, 2020	\$100.00	
77 Joe Floyd '54 Sioux Falls, SD	August 31, 2020	\$50.00	
78 Debra Phillips Las Vegas, NV	Sept. 7, 2020	\$100.00	Donated by Jack Phillips '54, in appreciation of the ever increasing time my wife Debra spends working on the WHS O&B.
79 Sharon Johnson '54 Frank & Bill Frank '52 Wayzata, MN	Sept. 7 2020	\$100.00	Our dear friend, Arthur "Bud" Olson '54 deceased.
80 Gary Robertson '58 Dove Canyon, CA	Sept. 11, 2020	\$102.50	
81 Jane Shingledecker Miller '54 Dillon Beach, CA	Sept. 26, 2020	\$5,000.00	
82 Mike '58 & Bunny Aikens Howes '58 Sioux Falls, SD	Oct. 12, 2020	\$327.00	Also for brothers, Tom Howes '53 and Dick Howes '51 deceased, and their respective wives, Joyce McFarland Howes '54 and Donna Kranz Howes '53. \$327.00 for the total number of their WHS class years.
83 Lee Lane '58 Manchester, MO	Oct 19, 2020	\$300.00	In memory of Lee's deceased sisters, Jane Lane '55 and Janet Lane '56, and Lee's deceased friend, Dick O'Connor '58.
84 Col. (Dr.) Joyce Wait Teters '57 Twentynine Palms, CA	Nov. 4, 2020	\$100.00	
85 Dr. Michael '56 & Carla Thoeke '56 Gibson Reno, NV	Nov. 21, 2020	\$50 + \$100 = \$150.00 Current	Original contribution, PATRON #28, was \$50 on page #2 dated 4-18-20
86 Dr. Jim Brown '56 E. Wenatchee, WA	Nov. 21, 2020	\$100 + \$100 = \$200.00 Current	Original contribution, PATRON #21, was \$100 on page #1 dated 4-11-20
87 Ken Eisenbraun '58 Bloomfield Hills, MI	Dec. 14, 2020	\$158.00 + \$158.00= \$316.00 Current	Original contribution, PATRON #25, was \$158 on page #1 dated 4-14-20
88 Jane Winnett '54 Dallas, TX	Dec. 14, 2020	\$100.00	
89 Dr. Dale '56 & Camille Larson Peterson '61 Wenatchee, WA	Dec. 28, 2020	\$1,000.00	Original contribution, PATRON #1, was \$1,000 on page #1 dated 12-27-19
90 LaDell Swiden '57 Madison, SD	Dec. 30, 2020	\$100.00	
91 Georgia Severson Johnson '56 Sioux Falls, SD	Dec. 30, 2020	\$75.00	
92 Sam '52 & Jenny Boersma Pfeifer '52 Omaha, NE	Jan. 4, 2021	\$100.00	
93 Jim Redfield '50 San Diego, CA & sister, Jean Redfield Kracht '54 Sioux Falls, Sd.	Jan. 8, 2021	Patron requested \$ amount not shown	



**Jane Winnett '54
WHS Senior Photo**

**Follow Up Story on
Patron #88
Jane Winnett '54
Dallas, TX**

Chosing to leave South Dakota and venture into the world, I started hitch-hiking west. Living on the road taught me a great many things I hadn't learned at Washington High.

After several interesting and unusual experiences, I ended up in Colorado. Loving the mountains, I settled in a tiny cabin high in the Rockies. I spent my time skiing and philosophizing with other goal-oriented people who were getting their "Rockie Mountain High".

Deciding the cold weather was not to my liking, I headed West again. Route 66 was the popular song of the day, so I followed it to the end, which was Long Beach Pier, California.

Living on the beach got difficult after awhile: the sand fleas were irritating, sleeping in all-night movie theaters was uncomfortable, and finding free showers was proving to be impossible. The sailors from the ships were very nice, and provided some diversity. They were very generous, so I always had enough to eat, and a little change for "extras".

I was now 21 years old and at last I was legal in California, I left the beach and moved to an inside life. The bars were always crowded with singles, so I had no trouble finding friends and overnight accommodations.

Soon I had saved enough money for a little place of my own, a small penthouse on the top floor of the Marlborough Hotel. I didn't need a car, because the limo and driver would take you anywhere you wanted, and wait. He also brought some very friendly people to visit me.

My favorite place was Hollywood, with its' glamour and movie stars and night life. I quickly got into the Hollywood scene, and lived it to the fullest. The premiers were the highlite of this period of my life, along the the movie stars I dated every night.

I soon tired of Hollywood, ready to settle down to a more relaxed way of life. These past 20 years here at Yankton have been very relaxing. Residents here at the Institution have such diverse personalities and are so interesting. We have marvelous food, my favorite being the Chinese rice we have for dinner every night. There is a wonderful park here with beautiful vines covering the high fence.

I wanted to make the 20th class reunion, but the chauffeur here couldn't fit me into the limo with the straps and bracelets I wear over my long white dress. I had a package of beautiful multi-colored capsules I was going to pass out for party favors at the Social

This year I will be at the 30th reunion. I saved all the beautiful capsules, emptied them into hot water, and now I have a colorful dress to wear to the dance. I have cut the dress short so you can see my new tennis shoes. I don't have my bracelets anymore, so I can easily carry my duffle bag.

The chaffeur will deliver me right to the downtown Continental Trailways station in Sioux Falls. I suppose you have a limousine you will send for me. I'm sure you'll recognize me, I haven't changed a bit.

Jane (Rudis) Winsett 1984.

Bit.

Jane Winnett's Story Continued.

Jane Winnett <winnettjane220@gmail.com>
To: Jack Phillips <jackmp@me.com>

Wed, Jan 6, 2021 at 3:47 PM

second version. I met my husband, a navy pilot in California and we married in 1957. He went with the airlines after the navy and became a captain for American Airlines. We have lived in Dallas since leaving California and raised our two kids here. My husband Jim died in 2003 of cancer. I lost my daughter to Leukemia at age 40 and now have a great son, Scott and wife, and two grandchildren who are both single. Hope to make it to great grandkids, I live in a high-rise condo and am hoping to get out someday soon. Hope you two are well. Don't know how to send pictures via email, but of course looking a little older now. Keep up the High school info as long as you can sit in a chair. As you can tell, everyone loves the stories, pictures, history of Sioux falls. Happy New Year.

On Jan 8, 2021, at 12:35 PM, Jane Winnett <winnettjane220@gmail.com> wrote:

I left out two years. My first year of college was at S.Dak. State. My second year was at the University of Denver. After that I left for California and did not return to school, except courses here and there. I was a legal secretary in California at North American Aviation where I believe someone else in our class worked as an engineer. I saw the first astronauts and space flights there.

Jane

Jane, thanks for responding so quickly to my request for a story on your life. No, I had never seen the original story you wrote in 1984. I thoroughly enjoyed reading it all. Sincere thanks, Jack '54



As freshmen the maze of large halls in our beloved old school could be somewhat frightening and forbidding, but as we matured through our four years they became as comfortable as home and held wonderful memories for so many of us.



Peggy Servold '57
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 1, 2021, **PeggyTeslow '57** pwolset@sio.midco.net wrote:

I have attached a story about Frank Gibbs who headed up Gibbs Hi-Y, most of the men from the class of '55. I hope you find it interesting enough to print in the O&B.

Happy New Year to you and Debra.

Regards,

Peg Servold Teslow '57

Peggy, of course it is "interesting enough"! It is a great story and I sincerely thank you for taking the time to write and submit it! Jack



Frank Gibbs
1925 - 2014
Gibbs HI-Y

I first met Frank Gibbs in 1961 while doing vacation fill-in at the Minnehaha County States Attorney's office located in the basement of the courthouse annex on North Main. Many years later we renewed that acquaintance when in 1982 he became US. Magistrate Judge and I was working for the Honorable John B. Jones in the federal building located at 12th & Phillips.

In the '50's the YMCA had a rule that each Hi-Y group was to be limited to 25 boys. Most of those in Gibbs' group had come from the Lowell Grade School area. Frank liked reminiscing about "his boys" in Gibbs Hi-Y during the '50's. On one such occasion he spoke of how his boys had gotten into mischief out at the fair one particular summer evening and how he had to talk Sheriff Harvey Scharn out of prosecuting them. Those miscreants shall remain anonymous, but those of you Gibbs Hi-Y members who receive this O & B know what happened.



Denny York '55
WHS Senior Photo

I was at the Gibbs' residence the day following **Denny York '55** calling "Mom Jan" about the passing of his wife **Bev (Ordal) '54**. Jan along with Frank felt "his boys" were very much a part of their family as their own children. Frank would oftentimes make reference to how each and every one of them was a success in their own right. One became a chancellor of a college in California, one became a doctor, a surgeon, one a dermatologist, a conservationist/game warden, another worked for Ma Bell, an engineer, several had a career in the military, lawyers, one a member of the Board of Patent Appeals in D.C., an architect, a realtor, another took over his father's business, just to name a few. One even became mayor of Lead, SD following his military career.

"This was a good group and most all went on to establish successful lives to the best of my knowledge," said **Phil Rysdon '55**

When Roger "Whitey" Axlund was killed in 1963, Frank and Jan's caring extended to Whitey's mother, oftentimes making sure she had rides to the grocery store, doctor's visits and church.

Frank's connection with the Masonic Lodge made it possible for me to borrow slides of old Sioux Falls which they have in their archives. I wrote a script for each slide, and we presented a program to various groups throughout the city. He said we did it 30 times, but I think you could easily shave that down to 20.

Quoting Phil Rysdon, "Frank was a mentor to all of us and we paid it forward in many ways. He had a fairly successful second Gibbs Hi-Y after we graduated. Several of the group went to USD and were fraternity brothers. Frank took myself and three others in the



Beverly Ordal '54
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Roger Whitey Axlund '55
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Phil Rysdon '55
WHS Senior Photo

Hi-Y cabinet in a 1951 Chevy to a national Hi-Y conference in Oxford, Ohio (Miami of Ohio) where we heard incredible speakers and I have served the Y ever since, including building a summer camp in Turkey in 1980 and have served as Chairman of the Board of our local Y and served on the board for just over 40 years. Frank and the Y made a big difference in my life.”

Ron Nelson '55, advised that at all class reunions, there always needed to be a picture taken of the Gibbs' boys. “They were a great bunch of guys,” Ron said.

Frank was not only a success but a true person of value. Frank and Jan had a strong faith which was exemplified in everything they did. Frank and Jan kept track of each and every one of the Hi-Y members and when traveling to art shows, galleries and used book stores looking for lithographs associated with artwork throughout the United States, they would visit many of “his boys.” During his career in the military, Denny York said he would check in with them coming and going to Europe, Africa, DC or Republic of Vietnam. The Gibbs family gladly opened their home to friends, including 7 foreign exchange students, numerous missionaries, artists, dignitaries, and those in need. I was blessed to know Frank and Jan, and felt I knew “his boys” without ever meeting some of them personally. Their successes were his success and they loved each and every one of them.



Ron Nelson '55
WHS Senior Photo

S.F. Jet Pilot Reported Down in Pacific Ocean

An Air Force jet pilot from Sioux Falls is down in the Pacific Ocean and an air-sea search is under way to locate him.

The pilot, 1st Lt. Roger Axlund, 25, was seen to eject himself from his F106 jet fighter after it scraped the bottom of an RB57 medium bomber early Wednesday 15 miles off the Washington coast, a spokesman for the Air Force said.

According to a report from The Associated Press, Axlund was making a pass at the bomber during maneuvers when the incident occurred.

EJECTED FROM PLANE

A crew member of the bomber saw Axlund eject himself from the fighter, the spokesman said.

An Air Force helicopter and Coast Guard units joined the search.

The spokesman did not say at what altitude the accident occurred.

The bomber, stationed at Hill AFB, Utah, returned to McChord AFB in Washington after the accident. Axlund was stationed at



1st Lt. Roger Axlund

... former WHS grid star

McChord, the base of operations for the maneuvers.

The F106 he was flying is a faster, more advanced version of the delta-winged F102 used by the

South Dakota Air National Guard.

Axlund, better known to Washington High football fans as Whitey, was graduated from WHS in 1955. During his senior year in high school, he was accepted for appointment to the Air Force Academy and in the fall of 1911 passed through the gates near Colorado Springs, Colo., as a member of the first class.

He was graduated from the academy in 1959 and from there went into training as a jet fighter pilot.

ACTIVE STUDENT

Axlund had a stellar grid career at WHS, played first-string halfback for then-Coach Bob Burns. He was active in many other school activities, attended Boys State and was a recipient of the YMCA Monfore Merit Award.

He married the former Judy Mace of Spokane, Wash., in August 1962. They are expecting their first child in November.

Whitey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kendall B. Axlund, 1208 S. Willow Ave.

Submitted by Peggy Servold Teslow '57

Editor's Note: Great story Peg! Thank you for putting it together.



Sara Hart '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 3, 2021, Sara Blizzard '58 <sara.j.blizzard@att.net> wrote:
Jack, I have been going to send this on since **Janet Herman Frey '58** sent it to several of the class of '58. We had quite a time figuring out several of them. Since I am really a computer illiterate I am unable to send several things at once (the 12 year old granddaughter is here and I think I need to have her give me lessons) so it will take at least one more email to get you the answers. I remembered most of them which was fun but the ones that stumped me were a surprise. Use this if you wish. **Sara Hart Blizzard, '58.**



Janet Herman '58
WHS Senior Photo

Can you identify these Sioux Falls landmarks? This was posted on the Sioux Falls Facebook site. Evidently they were sold at Ace Hardware and

Lewis Drug, but I can't figure out when. The person posting wanted to know how to find them today.



On Jan 9, 2021, **Sara Hart Blizzard '58** <sara.j.blizzard@att.net> wrote:

Hi Jack,

I am sitting here going through emails and was reminded of something several of us are wondering about. I think it will be two weeks ago come Wednesday that The Food Network's Diners, Drive-ins and Dives was to be in Sioux Falls and **Janet Herman Frey, '58**, gave several of us a heads up. I was really thankful for it as my one, and only, son and his family were here and I would have missed seeing that show without the notice from Janet.

Triple D, as Guy Fieri refers to it, was at a restaurant in Sioux Falls and the owner was praising "chislic" (my spelling may not be correct). I got into it a bit late and there was so much going on here I am honestly not sure exactly what it is but none of us Janet contacted had heard of it. Someone in the restaurant eating whatever it is said he had been eating it for at least 80 years. So now can someone in Sioux Falls fill us in as to exactly what it is where it was while we were there! Puzzles of all sorts are always fun and this is a huge one to me.

Sara Hart Blizzard, '58.

Sara, I don't recall hearing of it either, but it is strongly identified with South Dakota and I bet lots of O&B readers know of it. Here is what I found on the Internet.

Chislic (or sometimes chislick) is a traditional dish of cubed red meat most commonly localized to the state of South Dakota (United States). Traditionally it is made from mutton or lamb, but has also been associated with wild game, deer and venison mostly, and even cubed beef steak depending on preparation. Chislic is a culinary curiosity that's has been woven into the fabric of South Dakota's story since before it became a state in 1889. John Hoellwarth, a German Russian from the Crimea region, brought the dish with him when he immigrated to Hutchinson County in the 1870s Jack



The top 10 winners in the Best Chislic in South Dakota category are as follows:

1. Mad Mary's Steakhouse - Flandreau
2. Meridian Corner - Freeman
3. **The Barrel House - Sioux Falls**
4. Red Rock Bar & Grill - Rowena
5. **The Attic Bar & Grill - Sioux Falls**
6. Bumpin' Buffalo Bar and Grill - Hill City
7. Safari Bar and Grill - Renner
8. Bud's Tavern - Marion
9. The Depot - Mitchell
10. **Botski's Bar and Grill - Sioux Falls**

Answers to the Sioux Falls iconic building quiz from previous page.



Jim Carlson '58
WHS Senior Photo

**First Lutheran Church, County Courthouse,
First Baptist Church, Cathedral, Rock Island Railroad Depot.**
Some people incorrectly thought the building on the right might be the Pettigrew Museum.
It was finally suggested that classmate, **Jim Carlson' 58**, who is Chairman of the
Minnehaha County Historical Society be consulted. Jim identified the 5th building as
the Rock Island Station Depot, on East 10th. The building is now the "Outdoor Store".
See photo of the Pettigrew Museum below.



The Rock Island Railroad Depot



The Pettigrew Museum



*Send the OEB
a photo of
you and your
Valentine
and let the OEB
wish you both a
Happy
Valentine's Day
in print.*

More On The Sioux River

In O&B issue, #20-20, dated Nov. 20, 2020 there was a story on the “*Sioux River - Then Til’ Now*”. The following two photos were included in that story showing the first official recreational development on the Sioux River in Sioux Falls at Sherman Park. The time was the early 1900’s, and now as you can see from the photos on the next page it appears that the Sioux River in the early 2000’s will again offer fun recreational opportunities.

Could The Sioux River soon be referred to as;
The Beautiful Sioux River?



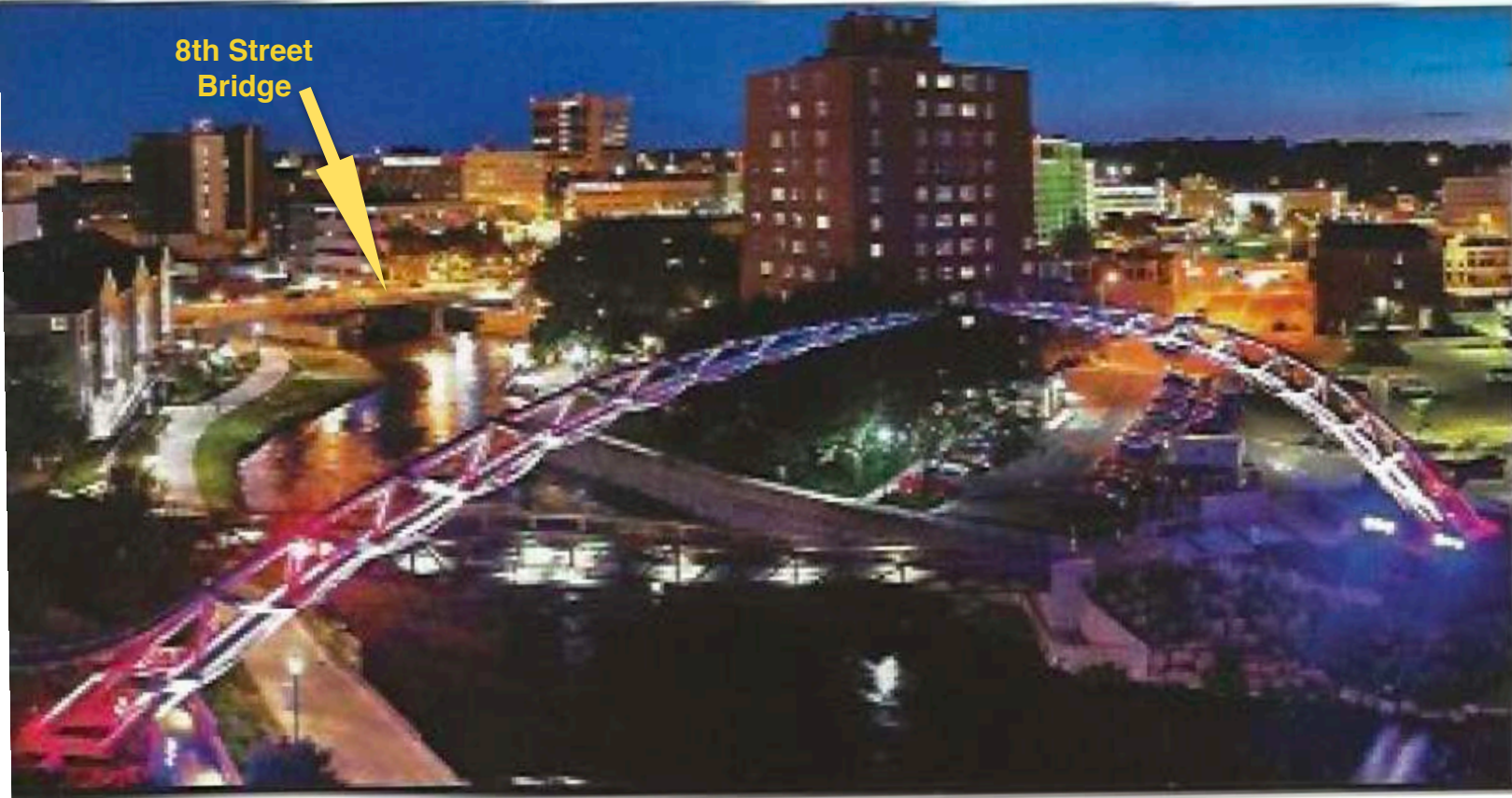
Photos at Sherman Park Circa 1915 - 1920

Boating was popular in Sherman Park about 1915. In 1910 E. A. Sherman, long time businessman in Sioux Falls, gave the city fifty-three acres of land along the river for a park. The city constructed retaining walls and a dam on the river to raise the water level for swimming and boating. In the late twenties or early thirties the city built cabins in the park to house motoring tourists. Center for Western Studies photo

Sherman Park Swimming Area, shown here, in the 1920s, was the first improved swimming facility in Sioux Falls, with the river being dammed and lined with retaining walls in 1912-1913. In 1917 the bath house was built. It was the city's only swimming pool until the early Thirties when a swimming area was opened at Correll Lake and the Drake Springs pool was constructed. The trolley line on Twenty-second Street provided transportation to the Sherman Park swimming hole until the trolley ceased operations in 1929. Siouxland Heritage Museums photo



8th Street
Bridge



ABOVE: BEAUTIFUL NEW PHOTO OF DOWNTOWN SIOUX FALLS SHOWING THE IMPRESSIVE NEW “ARC OF DREAMS” SCULPTURE THAT SPANS THE SIOUX RIVER AT 7TH STREET. PHOTO IS LOOKING TO THE SOUTHWEST OVER THE RIVER.

RIGHT: WITH THE CONTINUAL DEVELOPMENT AND BEAUTIFICATION OF THE SIOUX RIVER AS IT FLOWS THROUGH THE SIOUX FALLS DOWNTOWN AREA, I SUSPECT THERE WILL BE MORE AND MORE FUN ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THIS ONE ON THE RIVER.



**SIOUX FALLS
IS INDEED
A WOW CITY!**





On Jan 7, 2021, **Jeffrey Herbert '74** herbertj@sio.midco.net wrote:

Jack—

Always a pleasure to read and see the nostalgic photos. It is an impressive list of donors *and* donations to support keeping the Warrior Spirit alive.

I would also like to submit this to the *ORANGE AND BLACK*: **The WHS Historic Committee** <https://www.whshc.org/contact> is looking for items to support our history—we need of book cases (for yearbooks and other WHS publications), display cases, and many

more. Our current balance in our treasury is \$1000. The founding members of this committee have preserved a part of WHS that we would not have had otherwise. (We have cards in the classroom and/or I will be happy to email to anyone interested). For more information please contact me or **Mick Zerr** zerrmick@yahoo.com

Also, a noble cause is the WHS HOF Committee. Often, by the end of the banquet, our balance is near 0. We do fundraising and contact members and alumni. Your list might be very interested I would hope. For the HOF to be a bit more stable financially, please consider a donation. While I am not a member of the committee any longer, it is still a group that needs our alumni support. For more information let me know or contact Nate Malchow (the Activities Principal at WHS) Nate.Malchow@k12.sd.us

Best wishes---and I will be happy to direct anyone to the proper sources. Thank you—
Jeff Herbert, Class of '74 and WHS Teacher & Coach 28 years.



Mick Zerr
WHS Faculty 42 Years
& WHSHC

Editor's Note: After receiving the above email from Jeff Herbert '74, I wrote Jeff and Mick Zerr asking for more info. Here is Mick's response:

On Jan 10, 2021, **Michael Zerr** <zerrmick@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Jack. Thanks for doing this. The cards Jeff is referring to are donation cards. (photo attached). Our need is for cash donations, as our furniture needs (display cases etc.) must be very specific in size due to area constraints and Pavilion regulations. Donations need to be sent to:

[Washington High Historical Committee](#)

[Washington Pavilion.](#)

[301 S. Main Ave.](#)

[Sioux Falls, SD 57104](#)

"Part of WHS", refers to the old school (the Washington Pavilion). Specifically the classroom, alumni hall, and chronological display cases.

Attached is a list of current WHS Historical Committee members and a photo.

Jeff's reference to the Hall of Fame refers only to the WHS athletic hall of fame, which is separate from the Historical Committee's Hall of Distinction, ([Sioux Falls Washington High School Historical Committee - Hall of Distinction \(whshc.org\)](#)), which is limited to those accomplished folks who attended the old WHS only. The WHSHC duties do not include the WHS Athletic Hall of Fame mentioned by Jeff, as that is a separate group.

Thanks, and stay well

Mick Zerr,
Chairman WHSHC

Historic Committee continued next page.



Thank You for taking time to visit Alumni Hall

As you know, the programs, displays and upkeep of Alumni Hall are entirely funded by donations and administered by volunteer WHS graduates and staff alumni. We would be most grateful if you could become part of this historical preservation and education program by donating any amount to the WHS Historical Committee.

Donations can be dropped off,
or sent to:
WHSHC

c/o Brett Cooper
Washington Pavilion
301 South Main Avenue
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

*For more information on the work of
the WHS Historical Committee, see
our Facebook page or website
www.whshc.org*



Mick Zerr WHSHC 2020



WHS Historical Committee Members as of 2021

Betty Pfeifle	Bob Caselli	Mick Zerr	Tom Lemonds	Brett Cooper
Jeff Herbert	Charlie Rogers	Jan Klawiter	Don Erickson	
	Ken Schafer	Chuck Holmstrom	Dale Hart	
			Linda Hart	



Not pictured: Nina Cressman Nelson

Editor's Note: Thanks Jeff and Mick for making the O&B readers aware of The WHS Historic Committee's urgent financial needs. In my 12 years of publishing the O&B I have learned a great deal about the truly significant contributions the Historic Committee makes year after year to preserve both the history and the artifacts of our beloved alma mater.

I have always thought it unfortunate that all these busy but extremely dedicated men and women had to spend so much of their valuable time dealing with solving the committee's limited financial needs. These hard working volunteers tirelessly work at preserving our school's past and they truly deserve our financial support! \$10.00 to what ever you can afford will make such a huge difference! I have sent \$100.00 and I hope you will also support their efforts on our behalf! Jack



ANOTHER INTERESTING MEMORY FROM MYRON LEE & THE CADDIES

From Myron Lee Wachendorf '59, myronwach@aol.com

WHEN MY GRAND DAUGHTER DANIELLE GOT ME STARTED WITH FACEBOOK SEVERAL YEARS AGO THIS IS ONE OF THE FIRST STORIES I POSTED OF ONE OF MY FAVORITE GROUPS.

Myron Wachendorf '59
WHS Senior Photo

THE EVERLY BROTHERS

It was so sad to hear that Phil Everly had died last week. Like every other teenager growing up in the late 50's, I was a huge fan of the Everlys. Besides playing in the band, I was also doing some promoting in the 60's. In those days you could buy artists like Roy Orbison or Bobby Vinton for around \$1000 for a show, but the Everlys were getting \$1500 a show which scared off many of the ball room operators in the Midwest.

I took a chance and hired them in 1962 for 2-45 minute shows in the Sioux Falls Coliseum. My band played the dance music in between their shows. All they carried was a lead guitar player, a bass player and a drummer, but they sounded just like their recordings. They traveled in a custom bus and oh yeah; Myron had a good night financially. The place was packed. Tickets were \$2.50 a piece.

In the summer of 1963, I rented the Spearfish Pavilion and again hired the Everlys and kids were lined up for three blocks to purchase tickets. Before the show, Curt Powell, our guitar player, was warming up playing a few licks like he always did when Phil Everly walked over to me and said "I've been watching your guitar player and where in the world did you find that guy? Other than Chet Atkins, he's the best I've ever heard."

About a month later, I received a phone call around 6:30PM. on a Thursday night from Walt Siegenthaler who ran the Ruskin Park Ballroom northwest of Mitchell, SD. Walt had the Everlys booked but he didn't read the contract right and didn't realize that the Everlys don't do four hour dance jobs, they do two forty-five minute shows. He said that the parking lot was already full of people and that Don and Phil would not get out of the bus, in fact, they would leave if a band would not perform in between their two shows. (Cutting to the chase), we had the night off and I was fortunate enough to find my band members available.

We drove the 100 miles or so as fast as we could. There was not any interstate then but we finally arrived at Ruskin Park Ballroom a little before 10PM. Walt had informed the HUGE crowd that we were on our way and as we drove in the driveway we received a huge welcome and several people helped carry our equipment into the ballroom. We did a quick set up, played a song or two, and I said to the packed wall-to-wall crowd, "Ladies and gentlemen, the Everly Brothers."

The last time I saw the Everly Brothers was about ten years ago when they played for the grand opening at the new casino in Flandrew, SD. Doug Lund had always been such a fan of the Everlys, so we along with our wives enjoyed them for one last time. They sounded as great as they always did. Buddy Emmons was with them playing steel guitar. Fantastic player.

The picture attached was taken back stage in 1962 at the Sioux Falls Coliseum. Lastly, the ticket you see is the original event ticket.



Myron Lee center, with the Everly Brothers 1962



Letters to the & B



Don Brown '53
WHS Soph. Photo

On Dec 28, 2020, **Donald Brown '53** <don@chubrown.com> wrote:
Dear Jack,

I have been complaining to myself about being cooped up too much of the time for too many weeks and months. But another O&B Newsletter sure changes my mood. I can only repeat my many many thanks.

And I will try hard to think of something new to send in for a future issue.

With best wishes again,
Don Brown '53



Don Noordsy '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Dec 30, 2020, **Don Noordsy '58** <heythere63@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi Jack, A couple of comments in the deceased list. First, I liked how you highlighted those that passed in the past year, as I don't recall that you bolded them previously, and had just put an asterisk on their names. Made it much more easy to locate those new to the list.

Secondly, I noted a typo on a name in the Class of 1958.....Curt Robinson's name should be Curtis, not Cutis.

Thanks for the updated list and the O&B from yesterday. As usual, I read it "cover to cover."

Finally, I am sending best wishes to you and Debra for a great New Year, and hopes that our next year will be a substantial improvement over what we have all endured this past year.

Best,
Don Noordsy '58

Don I just can't tell you, and all of my readers, how much I appreciate you pointing out my mistakes in the O&B. Unfortunately, as the years go by I am finding more and more mistakes I have made in an issue I have already sent out and I assure you that bothers me a lot. Just words misspelled, or a comma left out, doesn't bother me too much but it really bothers me when I misspell someone's name or send out a gibberish sentence. It is obvious that I need a proof reader but unfortunately I don't have one. So to all of you, please continue to correct my more flagrant mistakes.

Jack



Wauthena Nelson '54
WHS Senior Photo

On Dec 30, 2020, **Wauthena Nelson Brooks '54**

<wauthenam@sio.midco.net> wrote:

Good morning Jack and Debra,
Greetings from cold (22 degrees), snowy, Sioux Falls! Must be winter, not complaining just glad to have made it through 2020. This has been a year like no other in my lifetime, and am hoping it will be the only one. Had several health issues, now doing well, then having to stay home, wasn't my style! My daughter and I normally take a trip each year and have many great experiences. Have made visits to all 50 states and overseas trips. We agree our month in Fiji, Australia and New Zealand was our best.. Such beautiful countries! So this year we stayed home, looking forward for "normal" again. Thank you for your "looking good as always" Christmas card, it's good to hear from you. Wishing you the best for 2021, good health and better times. Thanks for your continued work on the O&B, it's always a

good day when it arrives in my e-mail.

Take care, stay well and best wishes and blessings for the new year,
In friendship,

Wauthena Nelson Brooks '54

Dear Wauthena, Thanks for writing and a happy new year to you too. Jack



Jim Wylie '51
WHS Senior Photo

On Dec 30, 2020, **James Wylie '51** <jimwylie@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Thank you for the year end update of class rosters noting the 2021 expirations. Each year I pan through the names all---and my mind relives the contacts and experiences we shared. Blessed indeed !

In closing please allow me to thank all of you who submitted something for this issue, and I urge more of you to submit something for a future issue.

