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**ONE NEW PATRON  
and  
ONE EXISTING PATRON  
DOUBLING HIS CONTRIBUTION  
WELCOME and THANK YOU!**

**NEW PATRON**  
**Anita Robinson**  
**Bierman '56**



**Anita Robinson '56**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

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Jack,

We are pleased to become donors to the O & B.

I am a graduate of WHS circa 1956. I moved to Minneapolis, where I graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1960. Also in 1960, I married Larry Bierman, a Minneapolis native. We lived in Minneapolis for a short time, until Larry was recalled into the Army in 1961. We then lived in Tacoma, WA, for less than a year. In the fall of 1962 we moved to Sioux Falls, where we have resided ever since.

We raised our two daughters in Sioux Falls before they left to further their education and careers. They are now both married and we are proud grandparents of two granddaughters, who are both continuing their education in college.

We enjoy reading the O & B to catch up on former classmates and others that we have known through the years. Thanks for your untiring efforts in publishing the O & B.

Sincerely, *Anita Robinson Bierman*

Anita (Robinson) Bierman

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# EXISTING PATRON

## RUDI RUDISILL '56

### DOUBLES DONATION

Rudi, thank you so much for your 2nd generous donation.



Rudi Rudisill '56  
WHS Senior Photo

CLASS OF '56 Jack Phillips  
Harold A. Rudisill  
2120 N Indian Canyon Dr. Unit E  
Palm Springs, CA 92262  
Also Known As "HAL"  
OR "RUDY"  
Just a small note for the  
great work you do for  
ALL US GRADS OF WHS  
Great to see all my  
classmate accomplishments  
over these many years.  
Hope all are safe and in  
good health. Be safe  
during these hard times  
Best to all and to  
you and your family Jack  
Harold "Hal" Rudisill



Rudi, left, with his husband,  
Richard of 52 years.

Rudi, from one old Nickel Plate customer to  
another, thank you! We sure had good taste  
back then didn't we? Jack

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.



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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 Thoeke '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	

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51	Harold Rudisill '56 Palm Springs, CA	June 15, 2020	\$100.00	On January 27, 2021 Rudy donated an additional \$100.00 making his total PATRON contribution \$200.00
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, 2020	\$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

**\* ALUMNI WHS ORANGE & BLACK PATRONS      Page 4 of 4**

	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 Thaelke '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	
94	Anita Robinson Bierman '56 Sioux Falls, SD	Jan. 15, 2021	\$100.00	
95	Rudi Rudisill '56 Palm Springs, CA	Jan. 27, 2021	\$100 + \$100 = \$200.00 Current	Original contribution, PATRON #51, was \$100 on page #3 dated 6-15-20





**Jim Ward '53**  
**WHS Senior Photo**

## AFTER A BRIEF HIATUS WELCOME BACK JIM WARD '53

**Jim has always been one of the O&B's most prolific sources of great stories and wonderful strolls down old WHS memory lanes. Jim you have been missed.**

Hi Jack, Happy New Year. Goodbye and good riddance to 2020.

I have thought for some time that I sent you all the photographs I had in my albums that pertain to our 50s WHS generation. Then, I did a project on the history of Sioux Falls and Ward Lumber Company for a museum in Sioux Falls. I found more photos that pertain to our 1950s friends. Those of us who graduated in the early 50s recall the great celebration that took place in downtown Sioux Falls on V-J Day (the end of WWII). I went downtown with my folks and my cousin to watch the celebration by the GIs from the Air Force base. At one point, the GIs hijacked a jeep from the MPs and tried to drive it into the entrance of a downtown hotel. They set fire to something in the middle of Phillips Ave. This caused the fire department to come. Then, the GIs commandeered the hoses of the firemen. There was just no controlling what those happy GIs were doing. A huge crowd of local citizens came to watch the "fun." To get a better view, many of those attending climbed on top of cars. Some models of sedans from before the War had soft tops and we saw one person step through the top of a car. The antics went on for hours until the brass at the base finally sent in large numbers of MPs to load the GIs into buses to take them back to the base. Regrettably my photos are not the best but they will serve as reminders to those who saw the spectacle. They are attached as the first 4 attachments. One picture is of me and my cousin, **Connie Marsh, WHS '52** perched on a car (Connie is not listed on your deceased list – She passed away in Arkansas a few years ago – I believe she may have been one of those "mid-year" grads).

I found a few OLD float pictures. We Sanford Hi-Y members thought we were pretty hot stuff one year when we completely covered the truck our float rested on. We honored past OLD queens. The next year we g message: %3C0100017716c1fe74-278a7ecb-4a64-4be5-90c8-22d7ac57ac3c-000000@email.amazonses.com%3E ot ever fancier and made a merry-go-round that actually went around. The trouble was that the revolving of the device tilted the float so much there was danger of it tipping over. Therefore, our members had to walk along side to stabilize it. I see **Buzz Hyden, 53, Russ Pratt '53 and Jack White'53** next to the float but I cannot ID any other boys.

The last two pictures don't really fit your O&B Newsletter but I send them nonetheless. The first is a politically incorrect float of unknown vintage (probably 1950s) and the last picture was from the WHS class of '27. The shorter of the two girls is my mother, Juanita Senecal, WHS '27.

I know you love pictures – I am still looking. Thanks again for all you do.

**Jim Ward '53**



**Buz Hyden '53**  
**WHS Senior Photo**  
**Deceased**



**Russ Pratt '53**  
**WHS Soph. Photo**



**Jack White '53**  
**WHS Senior Photo**  
**Deceased**











Jim Ward '53





On Jan 18, 2021, **Jim Ward '53** <jcward1956@gmail.com> wrote:

Jack, as you know, I write all the time. At Christmas time, I was inspired once again. Attached is the resulting product. I really do not expect that you will use this in the newsletter as it does not exactly fit but I thought you might enjoy the piece. It is attached.

Also, I found three more photos of people from the WHS 50s decade. In the first picture are: Ed Pennock '53, ?, Bud Olsen '54, Russ Pratt '53, Wayne Gustafson '54, Mick McCarran '53. In the second photo are Ed Pennock, Mick McCarran, Russ Pratt and Buzz Hyden, all from the class of '53. In the last photo are: Dick Viehweg, Jack White, Ed Pennock, Bruce Bringgold, John Haggardt and John Ewing, all class of '53. I don't know the date or place of any of these photos – indeed, I don't even know how I got them. Obviously, they fall in the 1951-53 period.

**Jim Ward '53**



**Ed Pennock '53**  
**WHS Senior Photo**  
**Deceased**



**Bud Olson '54**  
**WHS Senior Photo**  
**Deceased**



**Wayne Gustafson '54**  
**WHS Senior Photo**



**Mick McCarran '53**  
**WHS Senior Photo**  
**Deceased**





**Dick Viehweg '53**  
**WHS Senior Photo**



**Bruce Bringgold '53**  
**WHS Senior Photo**  
**Deceased**



**John Haggardt '53**  
**WHS Senior Photo**  
**Deceased**



**John Ewing '53**  
**WHS Senior Photo**





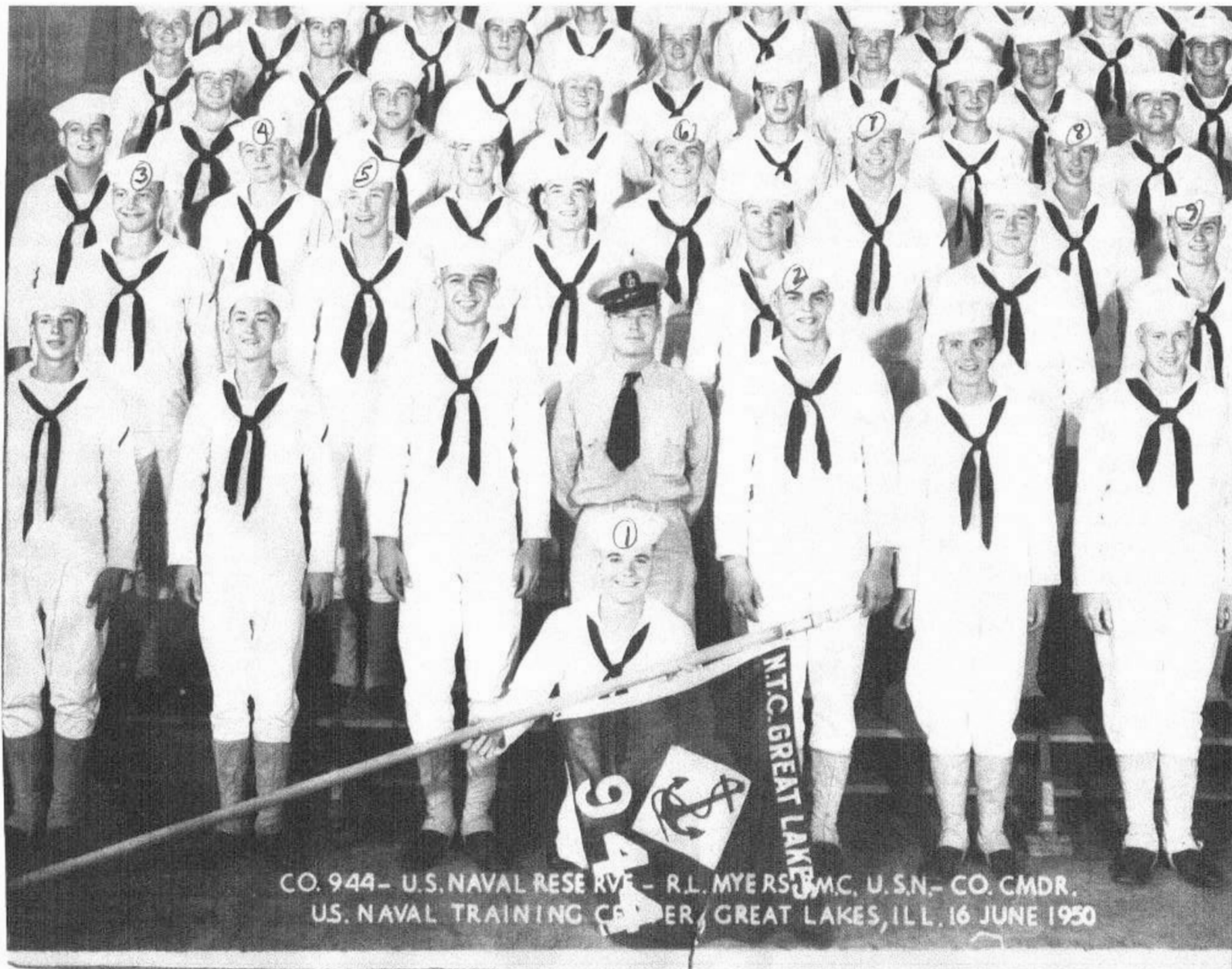
## Jim Redfield '50 WHS Senior Photo

**Thanks to Jim Redfield '50,** for sharing this great photo of himself and 8 other WHS Alumni going through Boot Camp at the U.S. Naval Reserve Center in Great Lakes, ILL on June 16, 1950.

Jack, the 9 guys I could recognize on the attachment are identified as : **1. Dick Kelly, 2. Marlow Neuberger, 3. Bob Beck, 4. Dale Barnhart, 5. Bob Bissel, 6. Jack Hamilton, 7. Jim Redfield, 8. Roger Bakke, 9. Jim H.Johnson.** Not sure of the spelling on all. Their hats are numbered accordingly.

This was fun & memorable to me. The only negative thing I remembered about boot camp was one night, after taps, some guys from Tennessee got a poker game going & the chief returned that night, very unhappy that we strayed from orders. He made us all get up put on our white uniforms & march thru a block long coal pile & then expected us to stand inspection the next morning with those blackened uniforms completely washed & worn. We were up hand washing uniforms the rest of the night!  
Lesson: FOLLOW ORDERS!

I stuck with the Reserve for 31 yrs thereafter, got a direct appointment & retired as a Commander! Even ended up with a small pension & Tri-Care for Life medical coverage - it was all worth it! Thanx so much for what you do for all of us 50's grads, Jack. Cheers. **Jim Redfield '50**







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Dick Kelley '50  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased

Marlow Neubefger '50  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased

Bob Beck '50  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased

Dale Barnhart '50  
WHS Senior Photo

Bob Bissell '50  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased



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Jack Hamilton '50  
WHS Senior Photo

Jim Redfield '50  
WHS Senior

Roger Bakke '51  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased

Jim H. Johnson '50  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased



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Janet Gerry Wilcox '56  
WHS Senior Photo



John R. Wilcox '52  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased

August 4, 1933 - November 12, 2020

You may view John's full obituary in  
his O&B, Special Edition #96-20  
dated 11-15-20.

Janet, thank you for writing and  
sharing more about your husband.

Whenever I hear of someone  
enjoying the O&B it always  
reinforces my dedication to  
continue for as long as possible.  
On behalf of all the readers of the  
O&B please accept our most  
sincere condolences on your loss.

Jack

January 18, 2021

Jack m Phillips  
2261 Lauren Dr  
Las Vegas NV 89134

Dear Jack:

I want to let you know about  
the death of my husband, John Robert  
Wilcox.

John really enjoyed your Orange and  
Black publications. Although in  
the last few years of his life, he was  
unable to see to read but I always  
read them to him. They often triggered  
memories of high school days and  
friends.

John had a bad heart and we  
assumed that was what caused his  
death. We made funeral arrangements  
but was told John tested positive  
for Covid 19 after death. I was  
tested and I tested Positive. We  
weren't allowed to have services  
at Church or funeral home so we  
buried John without services.

Sincerely,  
Janet



# **"STASH of GOOD OLD STUFF" Found.**

Over the years some of you have asked and complimented me on how I keep track of everything O&B related? I must admit keeping track of everything that is O&B related has become a full time job and I do screw up sometimes. An example is that after a fair amount of gentle urging from my wife I have been cleaning out some of my many old O&B files and found a stash of some great lost old stories and photos I had filed away and just found. I wish the new found "stuff" covered a wider range of class years, but unfortunately, it is mostly from my class year of 1954. The moral of that story is that those of you in other class years need to send more "Good Stuff" to me. **The newly found items in The OLD items from the "Stash" folder starts here on page 16 and goes through page 28. "Stash" simply means they were NOT sent to me recently and I apologize for not printing them sooner, especially this wonderful story on Sandy Ellis.**

## **The Sandy Sona Ellis '54 Story**

This first story is on my dear friend and classmate, Sandy Sona Ellis '54 and I sincerely apologize to Sandy for my being so tardy in publishing this very special story honoring and paying tribute to Sandy. As you read you will discover what an extremely special lady Sandy is and always has been.

Sandy was extremely active and popular while at WHS and her popularity was attested to when she was chosen homecoming "Queen" in 1953.

After high school graduation she attended the University of South Dakota where she met Bob Ellis, a fine young man from Sioux City, IA. Bob and Sandy were married in 1957 and eventually settled back in Bob's home town of Sioux City. By that time I had pretty much lost track of Sandy and Bob. In the early 2000's I needed to reach Sandy about a WHS Reunion matter but I was unable to find them in Sioux City. After completely exhausting every way I knew of to find them I remembered that Sandy was always a huge supporter of the Arts and since I was desperate, I called the Director of The Sioux City Arts Center hoping he might know of Sandy and Bob. I couldn't believe his response to my inquiry. It was like I was trying to locate the mayor of Sioux City or the Governor of Iowa. **BOY DID HE KNOW AND REVERE SANDY!** And my search was over. I now hope you enjoy reading what I have persuaded Sandy to share with us.



**Sandy Sona '54  
WHS Senior Photo**

From: Bob Ellis [bobellis@longlines.com]  
Sent: Monday, July 27, 2009  
To: Jack Phillips

Jack—What wonderful stories from Volume 3 of the Orange & Black (senior edition). Our classmates have certainly had interesting experiences. I loved reading about them. When you requested information, I reflected on our story and I realized that it is one that is not necessarily remarkable but in fact, is so very similar to so many of our classmates. We were privileged to grow up in a beautiful mid-western community and graduate from a wonderful school that I think prepared us well for the future. Some of us went on to college—others embarked on other paths and some may be pursuing new dreams even to this day!

After graduation I attended the University of South Dakota along with a number of our classmates. It was fun to make new friends, but I also enjoyed continued friendships with former WHS classmates that I see to this day when I return to Sioux Falls to see family. I met my future husband Bob Ellis my freshman year at a fraternity mixer when I was 18 years old. (who would know that this relationship would continue through 50 years when we celebrated our anniversary in Lake Como Italy.) While at USD it was fun to have Bob meet and get to know some of my former classmates including Jim Riemann, Jack Phillips and Dick Viehweg and many



**Jim Riemann '54  
WHS Senior Photo**



**Dick Viehweg '53  
WHS Senior Photo**



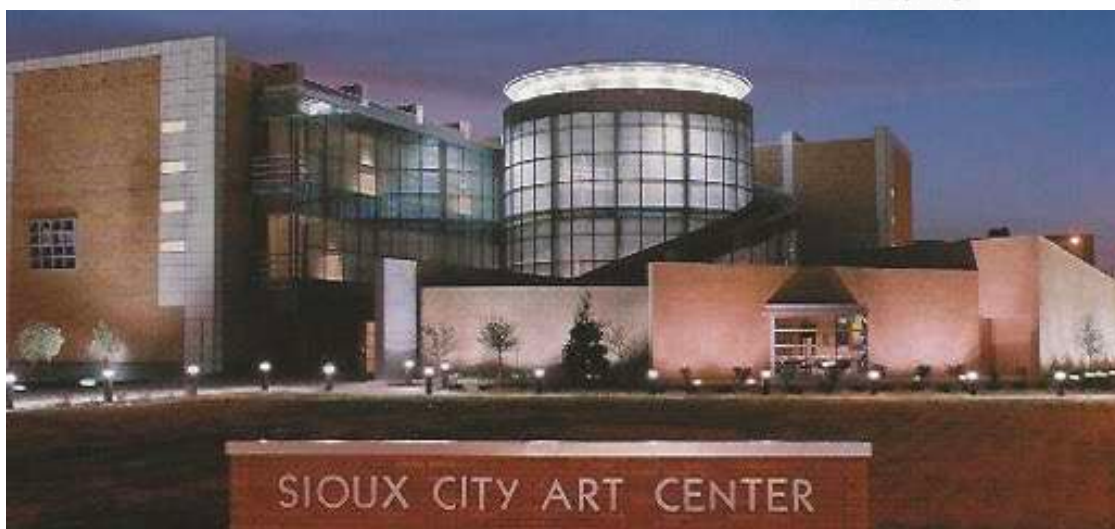
others. After USD I returned to Sioux Falls where I received my first teaching position at Horace Mann elementary school. After graduation from the USD Business School, Bob and I were married in 1957, moved to Sioux City, IA, and then on to Oklahoma. Bob fulfilled his ROTC commitment at the Ft. Sill Artillery & Guided Missile School and a number of years later in the reserves where he served as the Battery Commander of the 14<sup>th</sup> Artillery retiring as a Captain just prior to Vietnam. We moved back to Sioux City where Bob began a successful 42<sup>1/2</sup> year career in the automobile business working for the same wonderful company & people the entire time. It obviously was the right choice for our family. He received further education at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan and numerous other schools. Bob's management and leadership skills with Chevrolet made it possible for us to travel extensively throughout Europe, North Africa and the United States.

We were most grateful for those experiences. I continued to teach off and on through the years while I was busy raising our 2 children and involved in community service. I was offered a position with KWIT public radio as Volunteer Co-Ordinator, editor/list on air, and later Development Director. It was fun to work with all the young staff from whom I learned a great deal. I also ~~loved~~ <sup>enjoyed</sup> meeting a variety of interesting celebrities whom we interviewed when they performed in Sioux City. I especially loved the fun of visiting with Garrison Keillor and the group from Prairie Home Companion when they did their show at our Orpheum Theater. We entertained them at an informal party and we were pleased that they all showed up and visited for a long time. (something they don't always do, especially Garrison!)

Through the years we have enjoyed living in a community where we have been dedicated to trying to "make a difference" and have found it to be extremely fulfilling. Most of our efforts have involved the needs in the areas of education, the arts, Boy's and Girl's Clubs, social service needs, cancer research and just about anything that involves kids!! We have been blessed to have raised two children in a great community like the one I grew up in!! Our son Bob is a corporate attorney who just participated in the Des Moines Register's "Bicycle Ride Across Iowa". Daughter, Beth is a College Professor who has done 3 Marathons-including the Chicago Marathon. We enjoy our 2 granddaughters who like to "walk" and have participated with us in the Cancer Relay for Life and the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. A number of our loved ones have been affected by this disease so we will continue to do all that we can to eliminate it.

We have been fortunate to have many wonderful friends throughout our lives. It is also fun to think back on friendships of the past and the fairly uncomplicated lives we led growing up in Sioux Falls. Am looking forward to hearing "your stories" at our reunion in September. Bless Jack for all his efforts!!

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"  
 A dream come true for me - the new  
 Art Center. I worked on this (almost  
 every day for 5 years as Capital Campaign  
 Co-Chair and Art Center Association President.  
 (Worked with architects Skidmore, Owens & Merrill of Chicago, Illinois)  
 My greatest joy is seeing thousands coming  
 through the doors and enjoying the fun  
 of learning about art. My granddaughter  
 takes classes here! How I love it !!!

"I've always believed that 'art is for  
 everyone'."

"Everyone has to have some beauty  
 in their lives and I believed that  
 the new Art Center <sup>would</sup> increase the  
 potential of art to create that  
 beauty in Siouxland." - It has accomplished  
 this!

I received the Governor's <sup>Iowa</sup> Award on behalf  
 of the Art Center from then Governor Branstad  
 in Des Moines

It was selected as the Iowa Attraction of the  
 year also.

\* This picture is at —  
 Grand Opening Ball for new SC Art Center <sup>Son in law</sup>

right photo

### ELLIS FAMILY AT THE NEW SIOUX CITY ART CENTER,

Bob Ellis; Sandy Sona Ellis; Son,  
 Bob; Daughter In Law, Laura;  
 Daughter, Beth; Son In Law, Bert.





# Sandy Sona Ellis Named Woman of The Year

## Ellis named Woman of Year

Sandy Ellis, a longtime volunteer who has enriched the Sioux City community through her efforts, was honored Thursday as "Siouxland Woman of the Year for 1997" by Quota International of Sioux City.

Ellis, of Sioux City, received the award during a "This is Your Life" luncheon at the Hilton Inn.

Ellis was recognized for her contributions to the Sioux City Art Center, KWT public radio, Leadership Sioux City, Junior League, Sioux City Women's Symphony Guild, the American Cancer Society and Girls, Inc.

"Sandy Ellis is one of Sioux City's greatest assets," Quotarian Barbara Newhouse said. "A resident for more than 30 years, she has dedicated herself to improving the quality of life for all its inhabitants. Formerly an elementary teacher, she is currently volunteer coordinator and development associate for KWT. For many years she has been one of the driving forces behind the

campaign to create a new art center in Sioux City."

She is a past member of the United Way campaign cabinet and helped to raise \$2.4 million in 1991. Besides working for many organizations, Ellis has spearheaded new community initiatives. She was one of the founders of Leadership Sioux City and Girls Inc.

She was one of the leading volunteers for the Art Center Capital Campaign and president of the Art Center Association when the campaign began.

Recently, Ellis agreed to become a volunteer for the Woodbury County Unit of the American Cancer Society; and as chairman of the 1997 Relay for Life, more than \$40,000 was raised for cancer research, education and services.

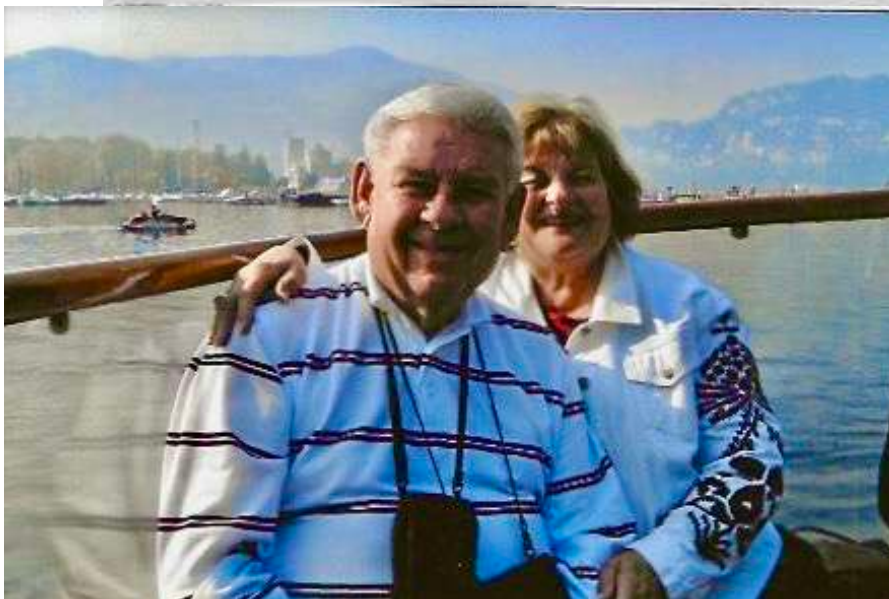
She has raised thousands of dollars for KWT and now arranges for other volunteers to help with fundraising campaigns.

"She is truly an inspiration and role model for those who know and work with her," Lynn Swanson, executive director of Leadership Sioux City, said.

Other people giving tributes were Ginny Peterson, Jan Klimiades, Gretchen Gondek, Margaret Ann Everist and Beth Ellis Kollars.



Ellis



Bob and Sandy  
celebrating their  
50th wedding  
anniversary on  
beautiful Lake Como  
in super picturesque  
Italy.



# Miscellaneous photos from the ***“Stash”***.



Jane Shingledecker Miller '54  
WHS Senior Photo

If I had to bet on who from our WHS 50's decade holds the record for world wide traveling I would definitely bet on Jane. Here she is petting a cheetah in Sierra, South Africa.

Jane, Pretty good for an Emerson girl. We are all envious.



*Cape Town, South Africa*

*4/07*

I first met this cheetah, Sierra, in South Africa in April. I was visiting Spier Winery near Capetown where there was a cheetah outreach program. I learned about cheetah conservation programs. One interesting one was training dogs. The dog is then given to a farmer who will use it to keep the cheetahs away from the farm animals so the farmers do not shoot the cheetahs.

When I was in South Africa they mentioned Sierra was moving to Safari West in Santa Rosa CA the next week. Then when I was at Safari West in October she was there. Her name had been changed to Sahara.

Cheetahs are the fastest of all animals. They can reach speeds of up to 70 miles an hour. With its small head and long powerful, muscled legs it is built for speed. However the speed cannot be maintained for long periods of time. A cheetah is a sprinter and prey is caught after short burst of speed. A cheetah has been known to catch its prey and then have to rest. At this point the prey may be stolen by another animal such as a hyena.

In 1900 an estimated 100,000 cheetahs ranged across Africa. By 2000 the African population had declined to less than 15,000. It may become extinct in the wild within the next 20 years. Hopefully these conservation programs will prevent this from happening.

*Happy Holidays!*  
*Jane Miller*





**Jane Shingledecker Miller '54, Marilyn Olsen Smolinski '54, Jody Syverson Vander Ploeg '54, Lois Rossow Gellerman '54**



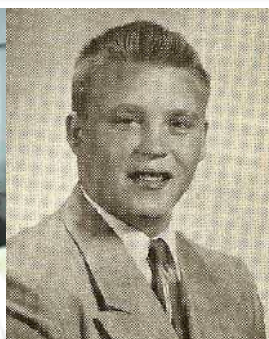
**'54 ladies attending their 20th Reunion 1974. Janice Johnson Erickson deceased, Lorraine Fremming Forslin, Helen Eggers Olson deceased, Mary Lee Posz Altman, Karen Gurley Brown.**



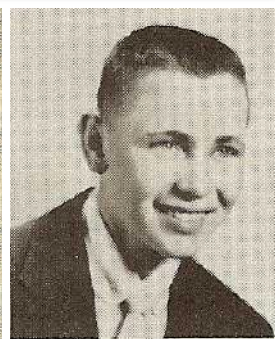
**Sandy Taylor Bauman '54 and my wife, Debra after the 3 of us had lunch in Las Vegas while Sandy was here on a real estate conference. Circa 2005.**



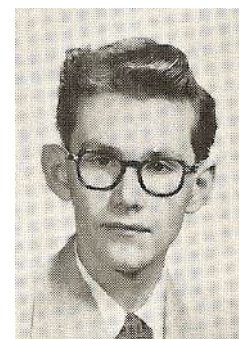




Dick Johnson '54



Dennis Luce '54



Joe Floyd '54

Left Photo: Dick "Tank" Johnson '54 and Dennis Luce "54 I think the photo was taken while they were visiting Joe Floyd's '54, Auto Museum during a '54 Class Reunion.



Mavis Larson Carl '55  
WHS Senior Photo



Roger Peterson '55  
WHS Senior Photo



Ron Green '55  
WHS Senior Photo



Ron Nelson '55  
WHS Senior Photo

Hi Jack..

*Received Nov. 17, 2011*

Here are some pictures that were taken at Roger and Vonda Petersons home this summer.

They hosted a picnic for a group of our fellow classmates...

The food was great and so were the rides in Rogers convertible.

Hope you can include some of the pictures in your next O&B.

Thanks for keeping us all informed of our deceased classmates.

We will be having our annual Holiday Party at Ron Greens the end of the month with hopefully more pictures.

Take Care  
Mavis Larson Carl



Jim Parker '55, Mavis Larson Carl '55, Sue Parker, Dolly Tague Wait '55



Roger Peterson '55, Ron Green '55, Ron Nelson '55

Dear Mavis, I apologize for taking so long getting these great photos published. I really thank you for sending them with such great ID attached. I hope late is better than never? Jack



Jim Parker '55  
WHS Senior Photo



Dolly Tague Wait '55  
WHS Senior Photo





**Jeanne Sweet Simunek '55, Jane Ackerman Davis '55, Vonda Fritz Peterson '56**



**Stan Cadwell '55, Jervin Wait '55, Karen Johnson Espeland '55**



**Jeanne Sweet Simunek '55  
WHS Senior Photo**



**Jane Ackerman '55  
WHS Senior Photo**



**Vonda Fritz Peterson '56  
WHS Senior Photo**



**Stan Cadwell '55  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased**



**Jervin Wait '55  
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**Karen Johnson Espeland '55  
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**Diane Nelson, Linda Brasel Hall '55, Joyce Portice Graff '55, Judy Allan Portice '55, Lorna Cooper Luther '55.jpeg**



**Jim Teslow '53, Mavis Lubbinge Teslow '55, Lois Ross De Vnies '55**



**Linda Brasel Hall '55  
WHS Senior Photo**



**Joyce Portice Graff '55  
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**Judy Allan Portice '55  
WHS Senior Photo**



**Lorna Cooper Luther '55  
WHS Senior Photo**



**Jim Teslow '53  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased**



**Mavis Lubbinge Teslow '55  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased**



**Lois Ross De Vnies '55  
WHS Senior Photo**



**Derald Espeland '55  
WHS Senior Photo**



**Derald Espeland '55 & Bob Portice**



**Roger Peterson '55 giving rides in one of his "classic cars".**

**Again thanks Mavis Larson Carl '55 for sending all of the  
great photos of your 2011 Class of '55 mini reunion.  
And again I apologize for taking so long to publish them. Jack**

## **1953 & 1955 Warriors Are Needed!**

**If anyone has a '53 or '55 WHS yearbook that they would be willing to part with I could sure use either. My copies have served me well but they are totally falling apart. To avoid bothering more than one of you, please email me that you have one and would be willing to part with it so I can then decline other offers. Thank you Jack**



The much appreciated 2015 Argus Leader story on the O&B.  
Somehow this Argus story was never published in the O&B.



Jack Phillips stands outside the former Washington High School on Friday. The 1954 graduate keeps classmates from the 1950s in touch with a newsletter. ELISHA PAGE / ARGUS LEADER

## Newsletter connects classmates

That decade of students valued teachers, Washington High School, graduate says

JILL CALLISON  
JCALLISON@ARGUSLEADER.COM

**T**wo classmates served as team managers for all sports at Washington High School in the late 1950s: Sam Fantle and Bob Bottge.

Fantle was viewed as the easier touch, and the one athletes turned to when they had an equipment request, classmate John Simko said.

Peggy Servold Teslow had known Fantle since they were classmates at Mark Twain Elementary School. In fact, he was her date for the first

Job's Daughters formal Teslow attended. His mother called to inquire about the color of Teslow's dress, and the corsage of two huge gardenias was chosen with that in mind.

Small stories, right? But to Sam Fantle's daughter, Melissa Davis, whose father's early death left her with no memories, those anecdotes and others were priceless. Samuel Fantle III had died Jan. 5, 1968, after

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# Phillips

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he was ejected from the F-405 he was co-piloting during the Vietnam War.

The man who made it possible for Davis, then living in Germany with her family, to reunite with her father's former classmates is back in Sioux Falls this weekend. A member of Washington High School's Class of 1954, Jack Phillips for six years has kept his fellow graduates from the 1950s in touch through an emailed newsletter, the Alumni Orange & Black.

Not only that, but his support has been invaluable to the All-School Reunion planning committee, said Marlys Hohman, who has organized five of the last six group reunions.

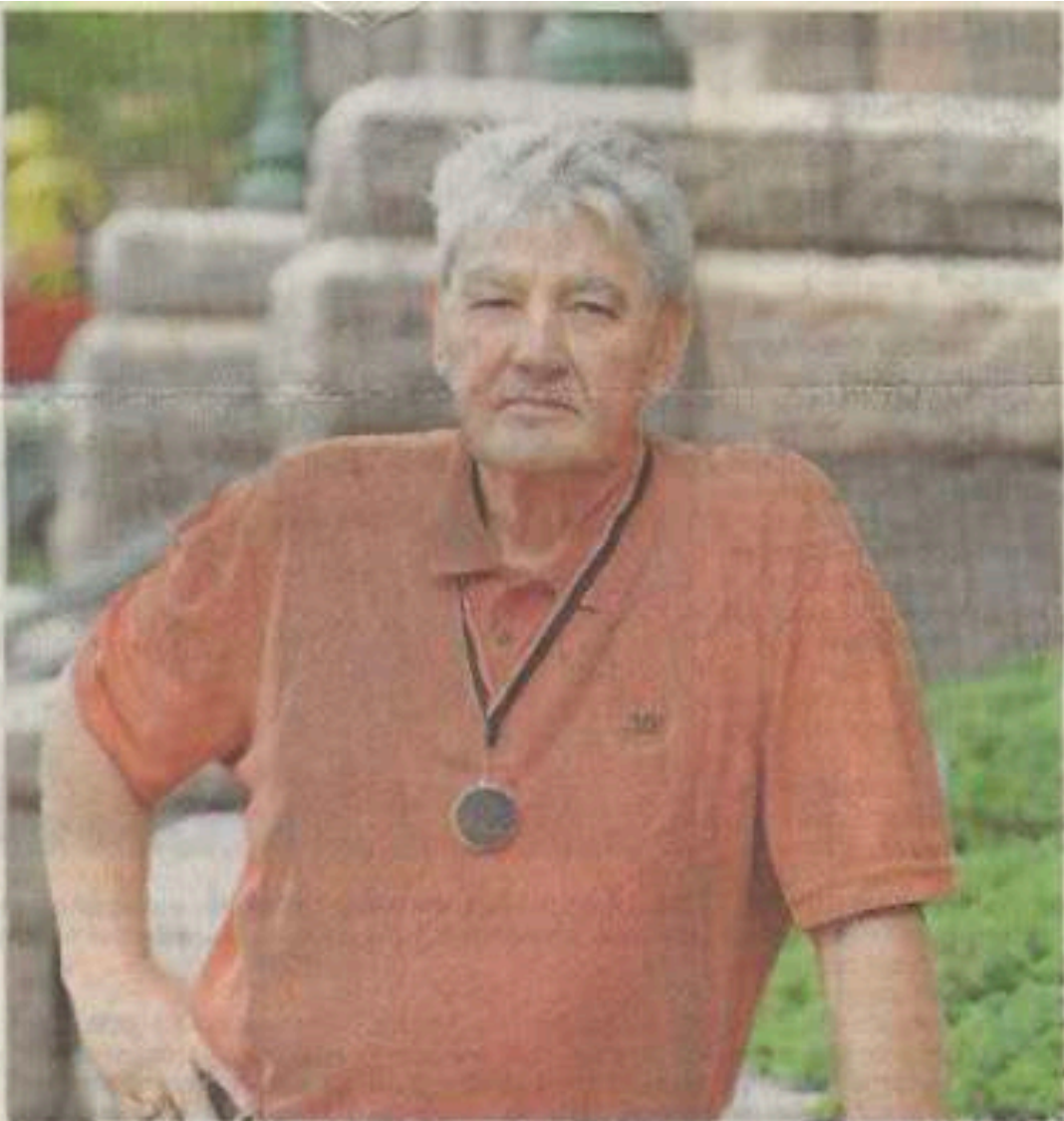
In an email in June, Hohman wrote, "I don't think this reunion would be happening without his O&B's."

Phillips, now 79 and a Las Vegas resident, is unwilling to take that much credit. He will admit to being delighted, however, at his role in bringing a diverse decade of students together through a newsletter that takes up so much time it almost could be considered a full-time job.

"I don't mean to brag, but I think the newsletter keeps them connected," Phillips said of a decade that ranged through childhoods that began in the Depression to those with only vague memories of World War II.

What ties them together, Phillips said, is a decade unlike any other.

"What connects the class of the '50s was what happened: The music, the



ELISHA PAGE / ARGUS LEADER

Jack Phillips stands outside the former Washington High School on Friday. The 1954 graduate keeps classmates from the 1950s in touch with a newsletter.

cars, the dress," he said.

"I dress so much better than my kids do," Phillips said. "We spent a lot of money on clothes. Kids today spend a lot of money, too, but on jeans with holes in them."

Another connection from the 1950s? "They all loved high school. They valued Washington High, our teachers, the whole period," Phillips said.

He has run into those who found high school difficult, however. Phillips solicits personal stories from Washington gradu-

ates, and he was taken by surprise when a former classmate revealed he was gay. Phillips assumed that would remain a secret, but three months later he received and printed the classmate's life story.

Not a single feather was ruffled, he said.

"I get funny stories, I get sad stories, I get all interesting stories," Phillips said.

He first started hearing his classmates' stories in early 2009 when he asked the reunion planning committee how he could help

from afar. The committee gave him a list of missing classmates, almost one-fourth of the 425 graduates.

He turned to search sites on the internet, and by the time the reunion took place, he had located all but five. He left the reunion with two more names and returned home determined to keep going.

"Not all were alive, some were deceased," Phillips said. "When I found somebody I would call them to confirm they'd gone to Washington High



and been in our class. They were always glad to be found."

The thought that no one else would hear those stories distressed Phillips, so he took the email addresses, put together a newsletter and sent it out. His mailing list has expanded from 200 to more than 1,000 as he started including other graduates from the 1950s.

He receives dozens of emails a day, and in addition to 16- to 20-page newsletters that go out every three weeks or so, he sends out special editions when someone dies.

As his cohorts die, the special editions sometimes come way too often.

"I had to send out three special editions in one day once, and sometimes two a day, but usually it's one a week, two a week," Phillips said.

In the last five years, he has collected yearbooks for every year in the 1950s, half of the 1940s books and one for 1960. When he publishes the information he receives, he likes to include a senior picture, a current picture and anything else that might be of interest.

Melissa Davis isn't the only person to ask about a deceased parent. A woman named Gentry Stanley wrote asking about her mother, Anita Prillwitz, who had died when Stanley was 12.

As with Fante's classmates, Prillwitz's friends responded with warmth.

"I was so happy when I got responses to both of them, and I was able to pass that on," Phillips said.

Phillips' own high school story revolves around football. He played football all four years at Washington High School and was part of a record-setting national winning streak

under the coaching of the late Bob Burns.

"I had to go to college to learn what defeat tastes like," he joked.

It was a difficult time for Phillips, who was injured his freshman year at the University of South Dakota and attended six other schools before returning, trying to find someplace he could pass the physical and return to the field.

Today he is retired, if you consider maintaining and managing 13 residential properties and owning a nightclub, the mall where it is located and a computerized sign and engraving store to be retired.

Along with the newsletter, though, it was getting to be quite a load. The newsletter, Phillips decided, would have to stop. He said as much in his 10th newsletter of the year, sent out earlier this summer.

In one day, he received 166 responses.

"Every single one of them said, 'We understand, but we're really sorry,'" Phillips said.

He was sorry, too. In his next newsletter, 11-15, he said he would continue for a while longer.

That pleases former classmates and Washington graduates Phillips has never met.

The newsletter is "the agent of reconnection for many of the classmates during the decades," Mary K. Moen, also from the Class of 1954, wrote in an email.

"Jack is a sentimental, unabashed promoter of South Dakota, Sioux Falls and the old WHS. It would be great if you would tell 'the world' what he has done and is still doing to further goodwill and to honor Sioux Falls."

Hey Fellows, it's here:

# Back to the Campus!

in a

One or Two Button

## HOLLYWOOD MODEL

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End of Argus Story.



# EMERSON 1950 GRADUATING CLASS

## WHS CLASS OF 1954



### Front Row:

Jim Meuer, Fred Klawiter, Lee Hayden, Hanford Twaddle, Bob Briggs, Dick Briggs, Warren Gedstad, Jack Phillips, Dick Bakke, Dennis Luce

### Second Row:

Miss Jordon, Pauline Stauffacher, Deanna Scott, Lois Rossow, Jean Redfield, Janel Cooper, Jane Shingledecker, Marilyn Lundberg, Rosalyn Gordon, Joan Fowler, Ann Ledyard, Carol Friessen, Miss Hulse

### Third Row:

Marjorie Myers, Frances Geyer, Kenny Carlson, Bill Timmerman, Roger Swenson, Carolyn Johnson, Karen Ogren, Corrine Albright, Barbara Denbow, Gwen Falor

### Fourth Row:

Lois Thomson, Marilyn Fintzel, Delores Skaggs, Shirley Hathaway, Joan Nason, Dwane Ellis, Jim Moe, Dale Colwill, Wynn Tabbert, Dick Zall, Bruce Umbreit, Janyce Howlett, Loretta Bossman, Doris Anderson, Nola Pearson, Donna Servold

Ronald Felcher not in picture

1950 - Emerson School



# Letters to the



# &B



**Don Brown '53**  
WHS Sophomore Photo

On Jan 14, 2021, **Donald Brown '53** <don@chubrown.com> wrote:

My usual sincere thanks, Jack! I promptly emailed **Jane Winnett '54**, as we both worked at the same aircraft company in the 50s. It was big, so our paths were not likely to have crossed. What an adventurous young lady she had been!

With continued very best wishes (in spite of all this year's bad news),



**Jane Winnett '54**  
WHS Senior Photo



On Jan 15, 2021, at 9:08 AM, Robert J Solem <skyking.rjs@gmail.com> wrote:

Good day Jack!

Just finished reading your latest O & B.

As always, it is a great read!

The mention of chislic triggered childhood memories.

Growing up in Bridgewater, SD I remember family and friends going to Freeman, SD to enjoy eating chislic.

I remember it as being very tasty, very greasy and a real treat.

Did I read somewhere that it has since become the official state food of South Dakota.?

Interested O & B readers can find more information by searching on "chisic and Freeman, SD"

<https://www.sdchislicfestival.com/news/2019/6/20/the-definitive-amp-authoritative-history-of-chislic>

I wish you and your WHS schoolmates a Happy(er) New Year!

**Bob Solem (Bridgewater)HS Class of '53**



**Karol Kittelson '56**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 25, 2021, **Karol Kittelson '56** <kittelson@iw.net> wrote:

The article on Frank Gibbs sent me to the back shelf of my closet – to my dusty Box of Memories. There I found my connection to Frank Gibbs from 1954.

**Phil Rysdon '55** told about Frank driving four Hi-Y cabinet members to the 7th National HI-Y & TRI-HI-Y Congress held at the University of Miami campus in Oxford, Ohio. The other three in the car were **Bob Shreve '55**, **John Stenseth '57** and me – **Karol Kittelson '56**. I was a member of Bauer Hi-Y. The national gathering was a wonderful learning experience for all of us. We were with other HI-Y guys and gals (TRI-HI-Y) from all over the country – literally, coast to coast. (*See photos of my souvenir from the event.*) While the Congress was the purpose of the trip, the five of us were in

the same car for four days – going to and coming back. I remember that we stayed overnight at the Chicago YMCA going to Ohio. But think about it, Frank spending four days in a car with three teenagers. The car radio was our only source of entertainment.

But here is my fondest memory of that road trip. Frank decided to teach us the words to the song "Strip Polka", made popular by the Andrew Sisters. We must have sung it a lot because even today I can start it out from memory:

"There's a burlesque theater where the gang loves to go, to see Queenie the cutie of the burlesque show, and the thrill of the evening is when out Queenie skips, and the band plays the polka while she strips."

"Take is off, take it off", cries a voice in the rear. "Down in front, down in front", soon that is all you can hear. But she's always a lady, even in pantomime. And she stops, and always just in time."

Can you imagine that car ride? And there are three more verses. **Karol Kittelson '56**

**Phil Rysdon '55**  
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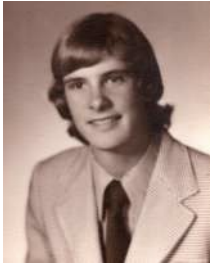
**Bob Shrive '55**  
WHS Senior Photo



**John Stenseth '57**  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased



**Souvenir of Karol Kittelson's trip.**



**Jeff Herbert '74**  
WHS Senior Photo

On Jan 25, 2021, **Jeffrey Herbert '74** <herbertj@sio.midco.net> wrote:  
Jack....several faculty members at WHS have created a podcast called THE WARRIOR WAY---it can be "gotten" via Spotify or simply by going to a podcast icon on a phone. This is an interview with John Odney, class of '61 (his brother Keith was a class of '57?)----thanks---and best wishes...

**Jeff Herbert '74 / WHS Teacher & Coach for 28 Years**

**From:** Herbert, Jeffrey C <[Jeffrey.Herbert@k12.sd.us](mailto:Jeffrey.Herbert@k12.sd.us)>

**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2021 9:40 AM

**To:** [sio.midco.net](mailto:sio.midco.net), herbertj <[herbertj@sio.midco.net](mailto:herbertj@sio.midco.net)>

**Subject:** Fw: Warrior Way Podcast



On Jan 29, 2021, **Don Noordsy '58** <heythere63@comcast.net> wrote:  
Jack.....a very nice tribute to Dick Wold. I remember him well as I was a basketball fan and went to many WHS games even while in grade school. Thank you for rekindling those good memories !  
**Don Noordsy '58**

**Don Noordsy '58, WHS Senior Photo**

On Fri, Jan 29, 2021 **Richard Sweetman '54** <[rcsweetman@gmail.com](mailto:rcsweetman@gmail.com)> wrote:

Good Morning Jack. Hope all is well in the Phillips household. I got my first COVID shot last night. No adverse reaction so far.

I want to let you know that Dick Wold died Tuesday at Dougherty House here in SF.. There has not been an obit yet. It was not COVID related.

Kathy and I have been spending the majority of our time in our home on the bluff west of Chamberlain. We left CA in late March and have been there since. Quite a change from either LaQuinta or Sioux Falls. We are north of Oacoma, pop. 300, and Al's Oasis is our only stop - groceries and gas.

We come back to SF once in a while for appointments, etc. When in town I try to have coffee with my pre-Covid gang, **Don Erickson, Dave Munson, Bob Amundson and Duane O'Connell**. As you probably know, Sioux Falls and the rest of SD is not suffering under the draconian rules imposed in CA and many other states. Our schools are open, as are restaurants, bars, stores, churches, etc. and the infection numbers as a percent of the population are not alarming.

i look forward to receiving your emails, and am in awe at the amount of time and effort you exert for all of us of the '50's. Thank you. **Dick Sweetman '54**

**See more from Dick Sweetman '54 on next page.**





Dick Wold '53  
WHS Senior Photo  
Deceased



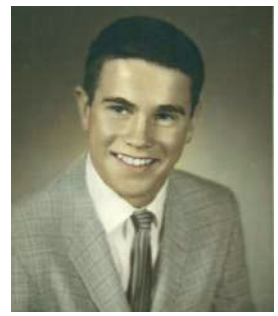
Don Erickson '54  
WHS Senior Photo



Dave Munson '60  
WHS Senior Photo



Bob Amundson '56  
WHS Senior Photo



Duane O'Connell '60  
Cathedral High  
Senior Photo

On Jan 29, 2021, **Richard Sweetman '54** <rcsweetman@gmail.com> wrote:  
Jack, I just looked at my emails . My news is old news on Dick. He was a great guy. I visited him in hospice about 10 days ago and he was comfortable, happy, and we had a good conversation. RIP



**Don't Forget The Next Issue of The O&B Is**

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**PLEASE SHARE PHOTOS OF YOU AND YOUR VALENTINE,  
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**ALSO INCLUDED IN THE NEXT ISSUE WILL BE ALL  
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FROM EACH YEAR OF OUR FIFTIES DECADE '50 - '59**