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WHS Coming Events

The 2019 Annual WHS Hall -of-Fame Banquet

This year's prestigious banquet will be held at the Washington Pavilion on Friday, October 25, 2019. Please complete RSVP and make reservation by October 1, 2019. See page 2 and 3 for complete information.

WHS Class of '54 - 65th Reunion

September 4, 5 & 6, 2019 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Sioux Falls
See page 4 and 5 for complete information.

WHS Class of '59 - 60th Reunion

September 5 & 6, 2019 in Sioux Falls.
See page 6 for complete information.

2020 Quinquennial All School Reunion Initial Survey Results & Report

See page 6 and 7

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

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May 13, 2019

WHS ATHLETIC HALL-OF-FAME

CLASS OF 2019 INDUCTEES

ATHLETES

Ashley Eide

Molly Sohlt

Casey Shade

Chelsea Cadwell

CONTRIBUTOR

Jason Lueth

Administrator

Kevin Kennedy

In 1995 Washington High School initiated an Athletic Hall-of-Fame with the expressed purpose to recognize athletes, coaches, administrators, and contributors who have made an impact on the tradition of Washington High School Athletics. Washington High School has had a long and rich athletic tradition and the WHS Athletic Hall-of-Fame is giving us an opportunity to recognize deserving individuals and their accomplishments. ***The 2019 Hall-of-Fame Banquet will be held at the Washington Pavilion on Friday, October 25, 2019.*** Please complete RSVP and make reservations by October 1, 2019.

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

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

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

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

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

Jenni Breum
Chairman

Jim Luce
Vice-Chairman

Nate Malchow
Activities Director

Washington High School Athletic Hall-of-Fame RSVP

Name _____

Please make the following banquet reservation:

Number planning to attend at \$40.00 per person _____

Name on ticket(s) _____

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Make checks payable to:

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL-OF-FAME

Mail to:

Nate Malchow, Activities Director
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501 N. Sycamore Ave.
Sioux Falls, SD 57110

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

WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL-OF-FAME CLASS OF 2019

WHS ATHLETIC HALL-of-FAME

CLASS OF 2019 INDUCTEES

ATHLETES

Ashley Eide

Molly Scholt

Casey Shade

Chelsea Cadwell

CONTRIBUTOR

Jason Lueth

Administrator

Kevin Kennedy

WHS Class of 1954

65th Year Reunion Registration

Name: _____

Spouse or Guest: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ **Email:** _____

Subject: Our 65th Class Reunion: September 4(Wed), 5(Thur), 6(Fri) 2019

1. **Reunion Hq:** Hilton Garden Inn, 201 E 8th St, Sioux Falls, SD 57104
(Register at Hilton Garden Inn 2pm – 5pm)

2. **Activities:** **Number Attending:** **Yes** **No**

Wednesday: 4:30 pm Reception at Hilton _____

Thursday: 5pm Reception & Dinner at Hilton _____

Friday: 9:30 – 11 am Brunch at Hilton _____

(Bonnie Assam Luke Memorial Brunch)

3. Costs:

- **Reunion package:** \$60 per person x _____ persons = \$_____

- (After June 15: \$75 per person)

- **Meals bought separately:**

- Wednesday reception: \$0 x _____ persons = \$_____

- Thursday dinner: \$40 x _____ persons = \$_____

o *Lemon Garlic Chicken* _____

o *Beef Medallions* _____

- Friday Brunch: \$20 x _____ persons = \$_____ Total _____

(After June 15: dinner \$50, brunch \$25)

Mail your response and check (made out to: WHS Class of 1954) to:

John Kittelson, 3201 West 33rd St, Sioux Falls, SD 57105

4. **Rooms:** We have reserved a number of rooms. This hotel is only about 3 years old and all rooms have appropriate amenities such as coffee maker, hair dryer, iron & board, WiFi, indoor pool, Whirlpool, airport shuttle, etc. There is free underground parking with elevator access. Rooms are normally \$200 per night plus tax. Our rate:

Traditional double Queens \$129 per night plus tax

Traditional King \$134 per night plus tax

For **early arrivals & late departures:** Rates will be same if made early.

Reservations: Your responsibility:

- (1) **Special reservations number 605- 444-4704**
- (2) **Identify yourself as Washington High School Class of 1954**

Please note that the Annual "Sidewalk Arts Festival will take place on Saturday. This event attracts thousands of people from a wide geographical area. **So, make your reservations as soon as possible.** If you have problems, call John (Jack) Kittelson at 605-334-3345.

A number of classmates from a distance away have indicated their attendance. We look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

The Class of 1954 Reunion Committee

Class of 1959 Reunion 60th Reunion

Note Change of Dates:
September 5th & 6th, 2019
(Thursday & Friday)



Connie Henline Nelson

Following is the information we have so far for our reunion:

Thursday, September 5th - 6:00 - informal no-host gathering in the bar at the Downtown Holiday Inn.

Friday, September 6th - 5:00 at Cherapa Place. Cash bar with heavy hors d'oeuvres.

We haven't decided if we are going to ask for a contribution. We have some money left in our checking account and would like to be able to provide the food - not the liquor. We'll note in our mailing if there will be any charge.

Thanks Connie, **Connie Henline Nelson '59** connienelson59@gmail.com.

NOTE TO CLASS OF '59: If you are planning on attending your 60th reunion and need hotel rooms the class of '54 would be happy to share their block of rooms and you would enjoy receiving their reduced room rates. If interested contact, Jack Kittelson 805-386-5433 kittelison@Prodigy.net.

2020 Quinquennial All School Reunion

In issue #3-19 of the O&B Newsletter dated May 5, 2019, I wrote the editorial below (in blue) voicing my concern over the future of our All School Reunion. In that editorial I asked whether you want another All School Reunion in 2020 or not. Since I only received nine responses to the question, I guess that is somewhat of an indication of your lack of interest.

Three responses were not interested in another All School Reunion, three were interested and three were in favor of just a '50's decade reunion. One of the suggestions in favor suggested that it be held here in Las Vegas thinking "*it would be a lot less work for me*". Of course I appreciate the thoughtfulness of that suggestion, but I fear not very realistic.

Needless to say I am disappointed at the small response to my un-official survey. But it is the start of guiding me with your thoughts on the subject which is what I really need. Therefore, I am still asking for your thoughts on the subject and urge you to write and let me know if you want a 2020 All School Reunion, or a 50's only decade reunion, or you are just NOT interested in either and I should just give up on the idea.

The big prerequisite of course is having a chair or cochair person to organize it. If you might have any interest in volunteering for this most assuredly fun and rewarding job please let me know.

So **PLEASE**, it is still not too late to write jack@jackmphillips.com voicing your feelings on the subject.

Jack Phillips '54

Editorial: ALL SCHOOL REUNION: As it appeared in O&B issue #3-19 on May 5, 2019.

Wonderful “All School Reunions” are in DANGER of being No More!

Do We Want Another All School Reunion or Not? That is The Question.

For over a year now the O&B has been diligently searching for someone to volunteer chairing the 2020 All School Reunion. But sadly so far no one has stepped forward and since time is running short I fear that there may not be a 2020 All School Reunion. Unfortunately, if that happens I then have serious doubts we will ever have another ASR.

Farsighted **Marlys Ahrendt Hohman '57** organized the first ASR in 1992. I have attended all 6 of them and in my opinion all of the All School Reunions have been super successful and in many ways even more fun than our individual class reunions. It has always been great fun once again seeing my upper class heroes and idyls and then also seeing how well and mature those lowly underclassmen/women turned out. Strangely and to my surprise it always seems that they faired much better than I had ever thought possible.

Unfortunately, a time deadline is fast approaching for us to find a hero to save this wonderful event. We **must very soon** find some wonderful, a Godsent person or persons to organize the 2020 event or those wonderful past gatherings will be no more.

I frequently lay awake nights wrestling with how to save the ASR, but my solutions always hinge around someone coming forward to organize and save our unique and cherished event for 2020.

OPTION #1: Laying awake at night I keep coming up with the following option. Records from past All School Reunions have shown that our decade of the fifties has been the largest decade in attendance. So my suggestion is to just have a “**Fifties Reunion**”.

I think without any doubt the biggest and toughest job for the past committees has been that of reaching out and letting every one that ever attended WHS know of the reunion. Up to date mailings lists for many classes from the 1920s to 1992 are just not available. Marlys has always said that “organizing the actual reunion is a piece of cake, it is getting the word out to everyone that is so difficult”.

So having just a 50's reunion and utilizing the OB's mailing list would make it so much easier to reach the target audience. Of course the organizing committee would make all of the reunion policies but I would suggest that even though it would be primarily a '50's reunion that all classes wishing to attend be welcome.

Whether it be truly an “All School Reunion” or just a “Fifties Reunion”, **the main question that still needs to be answered is “do enough of us even care and even want another reunion???”**

I just do not honestly know the answer to that question. Therefore I am asking each of you to send me your brief opinion.

1 _____ **YES, PLEASE CONTINUE TRYING TO SAVE THE “ALL SCHOOL REUNION”.**

2 _____ **I WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF JUST HAVING A '50'S REUNION”..**

3 _____ **NO, I AM NOT INTERESTED, IN EITHER REUNION. JUST LET IT GO.**

4 _____ **I MIGHT EVEN CONSIDER CHAIRING IT OR WORKING ON THE COMMITTEE.**

REGARDLESS of your opinion you won't hurt my feelings, but you will help guide me and help me get more sleep at night.

I promise you I will read every response and make note of your opinion; I hope I receive lots of responses and in the event I do, please now accept my thanks for writing. However please understand that I just don't have time to personally reply to each of you. I am still receiving about 200 emails a day and I already have trouble answering all of those.

One other comment, I am reaching a point that I am having to consider retiring from publishing the O&B sometime soon. However, as long as there is a chance that we will have a “2020 Reunion”, I will commit to not retiring the O&B until after the reunion in hopes of assisting with its promotion and success.

Sincerely,

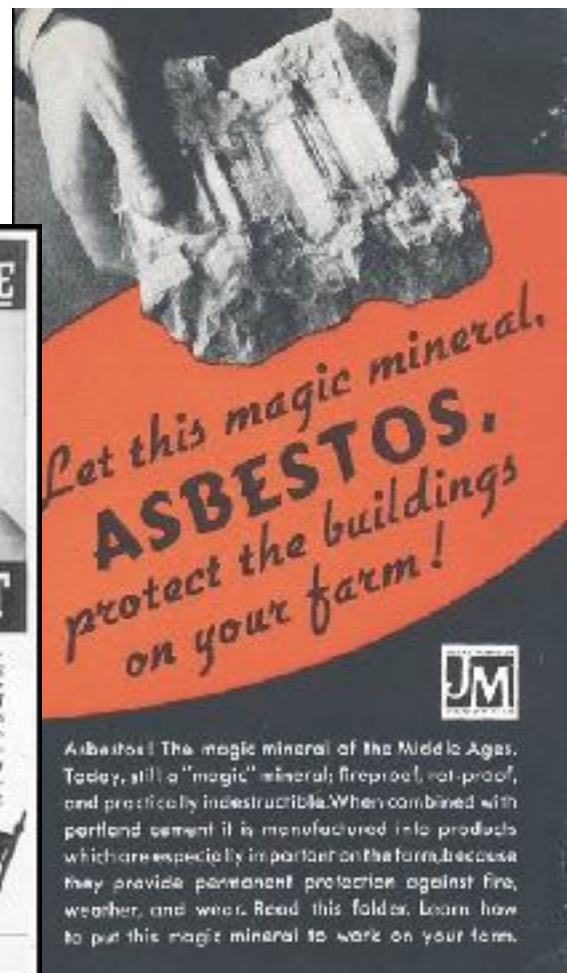
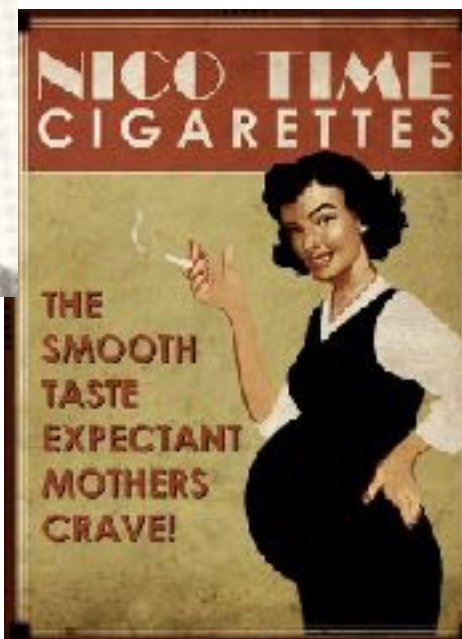
Jack Phillips '54



Some humor from Wally Boersma '54



Some old ads from Laurel Pierce Hampel '55 & Gary Norbraten '54



Letters to the & B

On Mar 13, 2019, **Mavis Larson Carl '55** <maviscarl@gmail.com> wrote:

Hello Jack,

Here are a few pictures that you can use in your next issue of the O&B or not. The first one is Miss Berry's homeroom. You probably know all or most of this class of '54. My sister, Shirley Larson is the first person in second row. Since I stayed in SD this winter, I had time to crochet hats. The next picture has four Washington Grads dressed up for the Winter Follies. Jackie Mellenbernt, '56. Joanne Ford, '54. Gail Smith, '55. Shirley Larson, '54. The only one still living is Jackie. Let me know if anyone from your class wants the original picture. Thanks again for all your work. **Mavis Larson Carl '55.**



**Ethyle Barry's home room #213.
Class of '54, Year photo taken unknown
but either class year of 1953 or '54.**



Jackie Mellenberndt '56
WHS Sophomore Photo



Joanne Ford '54
WHS Senior Photo



Gail Smith '55
WHS Senior Photo



Shirley Larson '54
WHS Senior Photo

Jackie Mellenberndt '56, Joanne Ford
'54. Gail Smith '55. Shirley Larson '54.

On Mar 13, 2019, **Jeff Kayl Sr. '69** <jeff.kayl@icloud.com> wrote:

Jack, The Feb. 3rd edition was a pleasure to read. I especially enjoyed Ms. Teters' (nee Walt's) comments about the Marines, as I am the second generation of four generations of enlisted Marines. My grandson (4th generation) is in the USMCR while attending college at Maryland.

So, the Kayls appreciate her comments about Marines who rescue downed pilots. If it were that you or any of your readers are familiar with the movie "Behind Enemy Lines," [The movie is based upon the heroic exploits of USAF Capt. O'Grady, who sued Fox over the film and a documentary on him.] then they might recall that, near the end of the movie, Capt. O'Grady (in the movie it's a different name) is informed that Marines from the USS Kearsarge are in the air to rescue him from the Serbs.

Well, a South Dakotan, my youngest son (a Roosevelt High grad), was on this mission/detail with other 2nd Marine Division Marines (infantry) from the USMC Expeditionary Force. For two-and-one-half years prior to being transferred to the 2ndMarDiv, he served in Marine Corps Security Forces on the USS Independence, stationed in Yokosuka, Japan and one of MCSF's specialties is finding and rescuing downed pilots. Hence, the reason that he was assigned to this mission.

(Since his discharge from the Marines, he has worked in federal law enforcement for almost 20 years. His older brother, a WHS Class of '87 grad, is a U. S. Army [enlisted] combat veteran of Desert Storm and today is a teacher at Harrisburg Middle School and on the WHS Hall of Fame and Historical Committees.)

Jeff Kayl Sr. '69

Jeff, thanks for the great story and the outstanding service you and your entire family have given to us all. I am so sorry I don't have any photos of you. For my future possible needs I would welcome you sending me your '69 senior photo as well as a recent photo. Warmly, Jack Phillips '54

On May 26, 2019, **Connie Henline Nelson '59**

<connienelson59@gmail.com> wrote:

I have been informed that **Jane Graham '59** who is on the list of deceased from the class of '59 is in fact alive and well. Please remove her from our list. Thanks, Jack. I loved reading all three editions of the O&B

Connie Henline Nelson '59

Editors apology: Jane, my deepest apologies! I am so sorry for this mistake, but I am truly grateful that you are still with us. And Connie thank you again for all you do to help keep your class of '59's deceased list up to date. Jack



Connie Henline '59
WHS Senior Photo




Jane Graham '59
WHS Senior Photo



Tom Anderson '54
WHS Senior Photo

On Mar 15, 2019, Facebook <notification@facebookmail.com> wrote

 **Tom Anderson** shared **KELOLAND News's** post.
March 14 at 4:45 PM

Click Here



[View](#)

Thanks to **Tom Anderson '54**. I hope my readers can open your attachment above and see the Sioux Falls.



Doug Aldrich '57
WHS Senior Photo

On May 26, 2019, at 2:03 PM, **Doug Aldrich '57**
<Doug.Aldrich@comcast.net> wrote:

Jack, You might be interested to know---after your fabulous article about my father---that 2019 is the 75th year of his death. I sent Memorial Day flowers for the grave; they will send me a picture and program afterwards.

I gave my grandson (who's now serving) the 48-star my mother received four years after the war ended. His mother (my younger daughter), in turn, procured a flag case for it, which also shows my father's picture and Purple Heart in my home.

Everyone in my family knows of his service and sacrifice, and all have visited Lorraine American cemetery. Thank you again for not letting us forget our country is what it is today because of those who served but also didn't return.

Doug Aldrich '57

From: Jack Phillips [<mailto:jackmp@me.com>]

Sent: Sunday, May 26, 2019 1:10 PM

To: Doug Aldrich

Subject: Re: WHS O&B #5-19 Memorial Day Military Edition

Thanks Doug for taking the time to write such a nice note. I hope you are doing well on this wonderful holiday. I now think of you every Memorial Day.

Jack Phillips .54

On May 27, 2019, at 5:08 PM, **Doug Aldrich '57** <Doug.Aldrich@comcast.net> wrote:

Jack,

Dorothy Lee and her classmate Dorothy Langley (deceased) were well known by the Luther League members at Our Savior's Lutheran during the '50's. They were truly the sparkplugs for activities, catalyzed a group attending the Luther League convention in Missoula, MT and served as the sparkling hearts of our group. They made sure "newbies" like the freshmen/sophomores were truly welcome! After one such LL meeting, a group of us went to the Augie library when under construction and walked through where we shouldn't have been. It was such a pleasure knowing the two of them, reminded by the obit about D Lee. What a wonderful person and pair!!

Doug Aldrich '57



Dorothy Lee '54
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Dorothy Langley '54
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



From: Richard McGaughey '56 <rmcgx1@hotmail.com>

Date: May 25, 2019 at 6:33:22 PM MDT

Hi Jack! I'm a "1956er" and wanted to advise you of the passing of one of your own classmates, Dorothy (Lee) '54 Swanberg, now Josephson. She died at 1:00 am today at Brookstone Village in Omaha. The Obit will be in tomorrow morning's Omaha World-Herald. (Only mere *moments* after sharing with Dorothy's kids about you and what you do, your Deceased listing hit my Inbox.)

I am Dorothy's first cousin--"*the only brother that she never had*", just as she was "*the only sister that I never had*". We started out as next-door infant neighbors in Fridley, MN and have remained extremely close throughout these 80+ years.

I'll quickly add my sincere thanks and appreciation for the really incredible work you've been doing for all of us!

Sincerely,

Dick McGaughey '56



Harry Hoiland '54
WHS Senior Photo

On May 27, 2019, **Harry Hoiland '54** <paveknife@hotmail.com> wrote:

JACK, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL TRIBUTE TO OUR FALLEN CLASSMATES! IT REALLY BROUGHT BACK MEMORIES LIKE MEETING WHITEY AXLUND AT LOWRY AFB WHEN THEY OPENED THE AIR FORCE ACADEMY! THE CADETS HAD TO BUNK IN WITH US IN OUR BARRACKS AT THE BASE UNTIL ALL THEIR VACILITIES WERE READY AT COLORADO SPRINGS!! I JUST WISH THERE WAS

SOMETHING WE COULD DO FOR

YOU TO SHOW YOU HOW MUCH YOU HAVE DONE FOR OUR CLASSMATES! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!! HARRY

whoa..... we are soooo lucky

Subject: Some Time On the Beach

Harry Hoiland '54





Nona Wumkes '50
WHS Senior Photo

On Jun 1, 2019, at 9:27 AM, **Nona Wumkes '50 Dubbe** <dubbe7215@nc.rr.com> wrote:

Jack, Can't thank you enough for all the time and effort you put into keeping us up-to-date on my class of 1950. The veteran info was especially heartwarming. My husband Bob is retired from the air force as well as our daughter, Debbie Dubbe Gray who retired after 26 years as a navigator. She was in the first class of women to attend the AF Academy and retired in 1996 as the Vice Commander there. Do I sound like a proud Mom?

Do you know how I could find out info on an old friend from Class of 1949---Jim Herbert? I had lost contact with him after I graduated and moved to California. I had visited him at Colorado Springs, CO when he was stationed there in 1951. We stopped to see him while we were in Sioux Falls visiting relatives in later years but I can't recall the year. He was a dentist and had an office on So. Minnesota Ave. I teased him as he had no family pictures in his office. I worked in a dental office at Ft, Bragg for 10 years and said all dentists displayed family pictures in their offices!

When we attended my 50th class reunion, someone said he had committed suicide. I was shocked and heartbroken. Stopped to visit his mother, but don't think she remembered me. At least gave my regards. Have a lot of happy memories. Don't know who he married. Just reminiscing..... Perhaps you knew him and would know the date of his death or any particular info. Have a wonderful day. **Nona Wumkes Dubbe, Class of 1950**

From: [Jack Phillips](#)
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2019 11:51 AM
To: [Nona Wumkes Dubbe](#)
Subject: Re: Info on Class of 1949 (Jim Herbert)

Dear Nona,

Thank you for the nice email. I am glad you enjoy the O&B.

In regards to your inquiry about your friend, **Dr. Jim Herbert, Class of 1949**, I am sorry that I must confirm his death on April 5, 1977. Dr. Jim Herbert's nephew, **Jeff Herbert, WHS class of '74**, was the son of Jim's older brother, Kenneth, WHS class of '43. **Kenneth Herbert '43** is also now deceased. I called my friend, Jeff, and he confirmed that Jim is deceased.

I told Jeff of your inquiry about his uncle and he graciously indicated that he would be glad to speak to you about the passing of his uncle. Jeff's email address is herbertj@sio.midco.net if you would like to contact him.

Sincerely,

Jack Phillips '54

On Jun 7, 2019, at 10:46 AM, jeff herbert <herbertj@sio.midco.net> wrote:

Jack..thank you for connecting Nona and me! We had a very nice visit and some very good memories of Jim were shared—she seems like a lovely person! The connections you help make via the **ORANGE AND BLACK** are wonderful...so appreciative of all the work you do and the product! My very best wishes...

Jeff Herbert '74

Jeff, Your welcome! I am just so glad I can offer this service. Nona does seem like a very nice lady. Jack

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Jim Herbert '49
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Kenneth Herbert '43
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased



Jeff Herbert '74
WHS Senior Photo



Sara Hart '58
WHS Senior Photo

On Jun 3, 2019, **Sara Hart Blizzard '58** <sara.j.blizzard@att.net> wrote:

Hi Jack, Hope all is well out there. It is HOT here and we desperately need rain! Never thought I'd say that in Fla. I do wonder about the flooding in East River SD. We seldom get much news on that here but the other night they did show flood areas in SD, ND, and Minnesota on a map. I pray things are not as bad there as in Oklahoma and further East.

In the course of cleaning out things after my husband's death, my son, the last time they were down, brought two boxes in from the utility room and said "Mom, these moved with us from Minnesota and I don't think they have ever been opened. (he was three then so I have no idea how he knew they came south with us.) We need to see what is in them and get rid of stuff if it isn't needed." On jobs such as that I can procrastinate forever and have done so. However, several weeks ago I finally went through the boxes, ones I know I packed prior to the move south, have absolutely no memory of most of the stuff in them, and found a treasure of old pictures, a bathrobe and crib "spread" I honestly remember using!!! I spent several days going through pictures and finally reached the bottom of the one box, unearthing my FRESHMAN GREEN BEANIE!

Does anyone remember those days? My freshman year of HS I was at Cathedral High so my beanie is from there. I lived in fear of being "caught", having my face smeared with lipstick and having to go beg pennies but eventually a Senior girl I hardly knew hung the "collection box" around my neck and painted my face. I was so scared and mortified but I went up to Graff Motors where Dad worked and got him to throw some change in the box, as did others. My dad laughed his wonderful laugh and told me to enjoy the experience because if the girl hadn't thought I was worth "painting" I'd have been ignored. The rest of the afternoon was a much more pleasant experience. I didn't get much money for her as I recall but people laughed and told me to keep on going. I suppose such a "tradition" is really not PC today but I do think it was good for all of us. It certainly hurt no one, gave each of us some notoriety for a few hours and brought smiles and laughter to many. I can hardly wait for my 10 year old Granddaughter's next visit to show her the beanie and explain the tradition. She thinks many of the things I remember from back then are too weird so I will enjoy her reaction. If nothing else it will give her something to tell her friends about!

OK, just thought I'd remind people of long ago traditions! Cheers to all, **Sara Hart Blizzard '58**



Dick Sweetman '54
WHS Senior Photo

Dick Sweetman '54

On Jun 3, 2019, Richard Sweetman <rcsweetman@gmail.com> wrote:

RE: Joyce Portice

Jack, I started the Ellis and Eastern Railroad by purchasing 25 miles of track from the Chicago Northwestern Railroad in about 1988 - 90 (time flies - can't remember when we pulled our first set of cars). I named it the Ellis and Eastern RR - E&E RR - after my daughter Erin Elizabeth. One of our first employees was Kenny Dammer, who eventually became the chief engineer. He died suddenly - no warning, leaving a wife and kids. Because he was so respected by the crew, they requested and now every engine - 6 - running on the E&E has the initials KD on both sides in big letters. He was Joyce's son in-law and a great guy.



Joyce Portice '55
WHS Senior Photo
Deceased

Editors note: After a friendship of over 65 years I never stop learning amazing, impressive and wonderful things about my good friend and classmate, Dick Sweetman. Now I learn that he owns a railroad. What? Doesn't everyone? Dick, in addition to being one of the nicest people in our class of '54, he is definitely one of the classiest, most low key and unassuming people I know. See the top of the next page for some of Ellis and Eastern Railroad's most attractive rolling equipment.



Peggy Servold '57
WHS Senior Photo

On Jun 3, 2019, Peggy Servold Teslow '57
pwolset@sio.midco.net wrote:

Jack. Funny story about Carl Grupp you may enjoy: I need to preface this by saying that Carl dressed like old man Brandt did (Brandt the building mover), otherwise like a bum. Carl Grupp always liked to shop at the Hy-Vee located at 37th & Minnesota. One day he tripped going into the store, bloodied his face, scraped his hands and arms. While the employees there were trying to clean him up with wipes, a woman walked over and put a \$20 bill in his shirt pocket thinking he was homeless.



Carl Grupp '57
WHS Senior Photo

Class of '54 Address Updates

We need your current contact info.

Please send any changes to Beverly.



Beverly Caesar '54
WHS Senior Photo

On May 16, 2019, Beverly Caesar Baartman '54
<hbbaartman80@gmail.com> wrote:

How are you doing? We are fine here waiting for warm weather. We were in Yuma January, February and March. It was chilly and windy nearly all of the 3 months.

In your next publication would you ask our class mates to be sure our addresses are up to date. I'm sure some have moved since last list was made.

Also could you send me your current list of deceased for just our class. I think I may have missed some this winter.

Thanks so much and see you this summer.

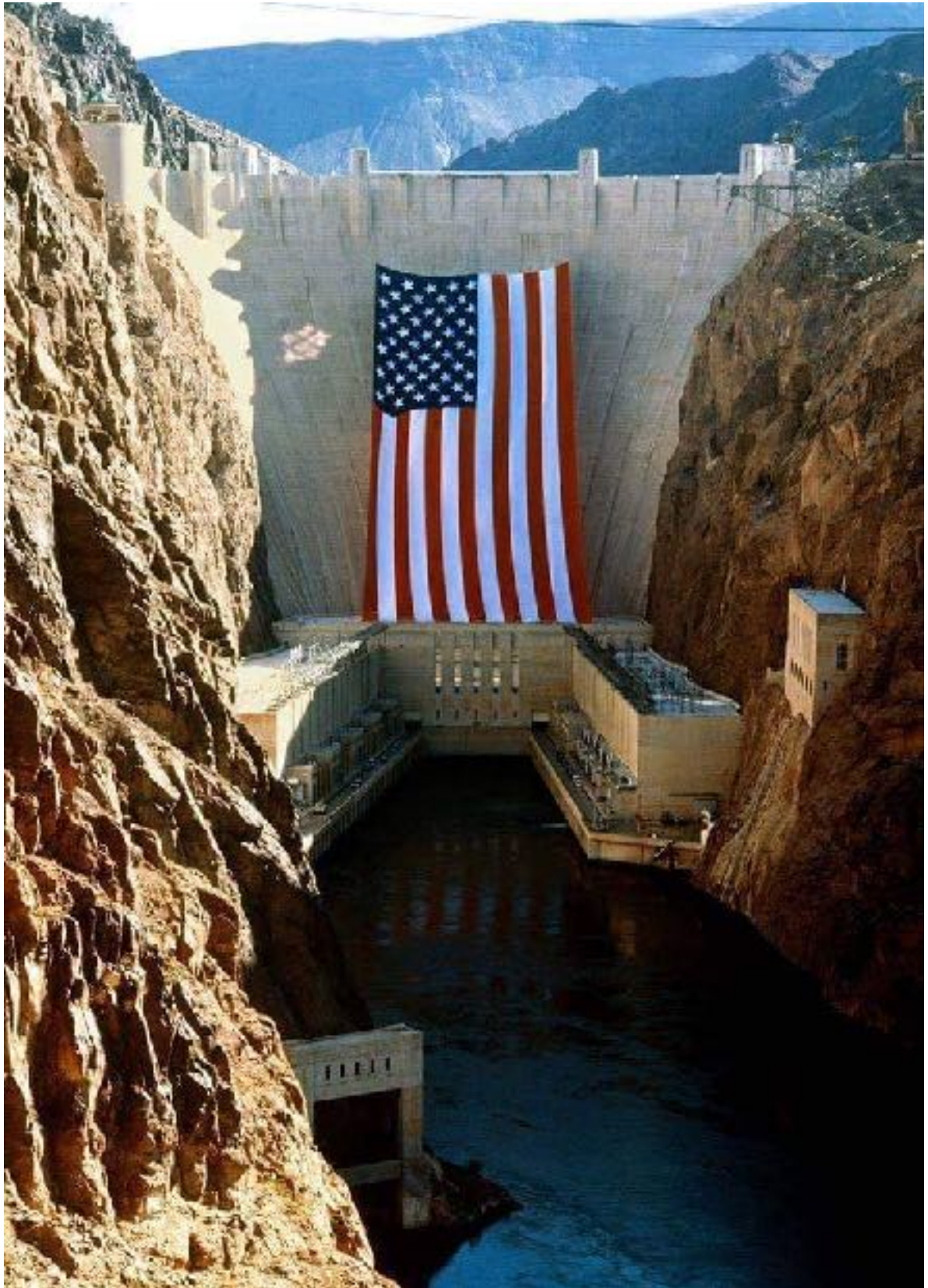
Beverly Caesar Baartman '54



**Debra Phillips
Not Fortunate
Enough To Have
Attended WHS.**

From my wife, Debra. I always especially appreciate it when Debra sends something good for the O&B.

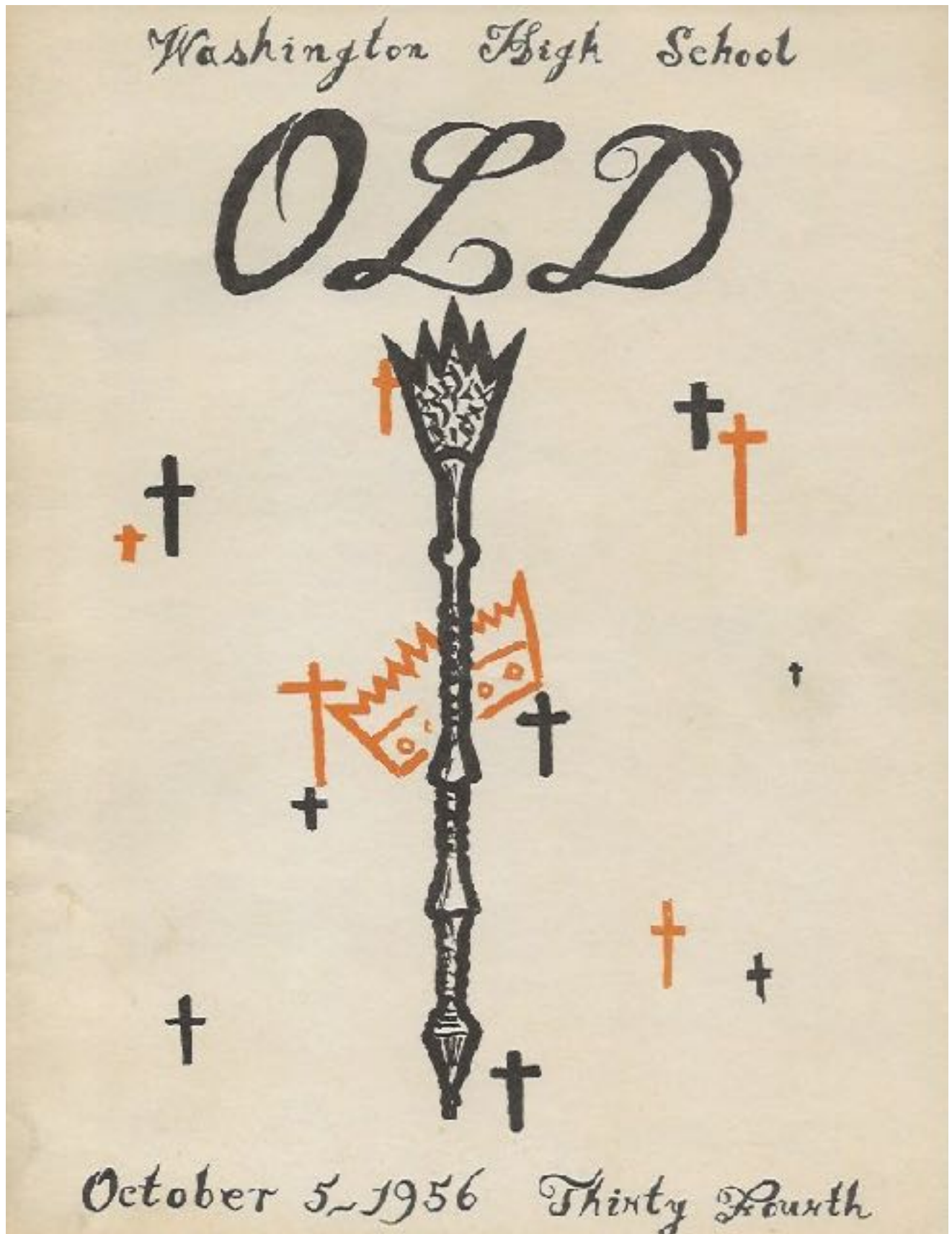
It is the largest American flag to ever fly at Hoover dam. It is 505 feet by 255 feet and weighs approximately 3,000 pounds. Each stripe is nearly 20 feet wide and each star measures 16 feet point-to-point.





Royce Adams '58
WHS Senior Photo

Thanks to Royce Adams '58 for sending the 1956 OLD Official Program. He called special attention to the great advertisements such as Harold's offering S&H Green Stamps.



HAROLD'S

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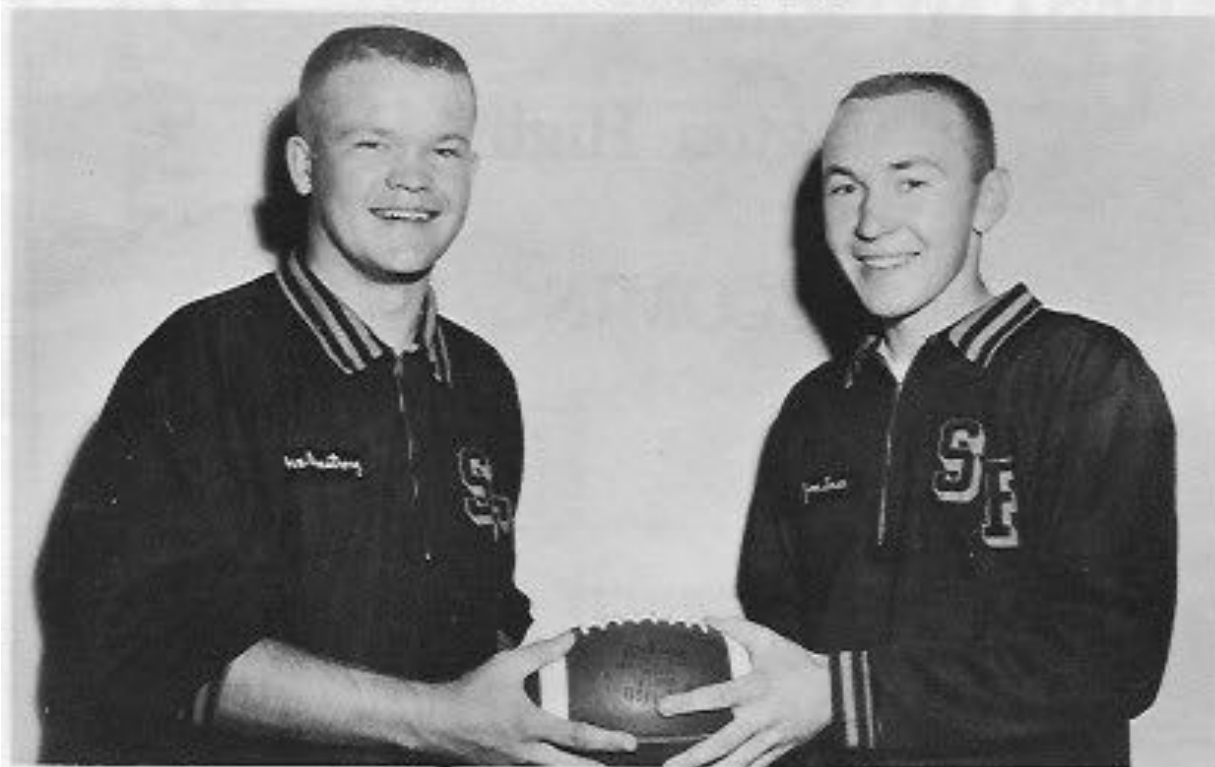
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1956 Sioux Falls Warriors



Warrior players are pictured above, back row: Wangsness, Cooke, Johnson, Brown, Peterson, Bishop, Bradley, Larson, Spitznagel and Armstrong; row 3 Graham, Bakeer, Houser, Stoakes, Eggers, Dinsmore, Fellows, Howes, Odney Robinson; row 2 Hegg, Anderson, Killalea, Scheinost, Common, Knutson, Bauch, Stordahl, Hansen, Seeman, Foster, Baker; row 1: Haaland, Marr, Mitchell, Werner, Brown, Eleeson, Luce, Line, Hecker, Qualset, and Simko.

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