

News of the Month – August 2016

Memorial High School – Class of 1959



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Dear Classmates,

As you have probably seen in the “What’s New?” section of this website, there was an article about Eau Claire in *Time Magazine* for July 11-July 18, 2016, during the past month. It was a special edition of the magazine to highlight 240 REASONS TO CELEBRATE AMERICA. Eau Claire’s music festivals and the people who have been working on them, plus other changes in Eau Claire during the past few years, give those of us who live here many reasons to celebrate these days. *The Eau Claire Leader-Telegram* also carried a couple of articles about the *Time Magazine* write-up. Stephen Koepp, a UW-Eau Claire graduate and self-employed journalist, wrote the article for *Time* and observed, “This is yet another reminder of why Eau Claire is such a special place to live...”

During the past month I have received several updates on classmates’ addresses and telephone numbers. Thank you very much for sending them. Please remember, if YOU move, to be sure to update your address and any other contact information by emailing or sending a note via regular mail, so we keep you on our current mailing list. Also, if you are going to be celebrating a special anniversary or a big birthday and want your high school friends to know about it, just email me, and I will put the news in my monthly website newsletter. (Some people have been calling me to get addresses for “old” high school friends to be able to get “in touch” again. Maybe putting it on the website might help you find them.)

Sadly, two of our classmates have had relatives die during the past month. Robert M. Severson, brother and brother-in-law of our classmates, Pat Severson Jensen and her husband, Bill Jensen, died on July 20, 2016, in Eau Claire. And Karen Waterman Pizette’s step-mother, Dorothy H. Waterman, died on July 21, 2016, in Eau Claire. (Karen’s dad, William “Bill” Waterman, died in March 1997.) We send our sincere sympathy to our classmates and their families at this sad time.



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