



## News of the Month – July 2013

### Class of 1959 – Memorial High School

### Eau Claire, Wisconsin



July 1, 2013

Dear Classmates,

Although I lived across the street from “our” old junior high school on the corner of Fourth and Grand Avenues in Eau Claire, it’s still hard for me to remember that it was torn down, and new apartment buildings were built on that property. So, when I read a short entry “From Our Files” in the *Eau Claire Leader-Telegram* this month, I had to ask, “Really?” It said, “Fifty-five years ago wreckers demolished the old junior high school in Eau Claire.” Can you believe it? No way! Has it really been that long ago?

During the month of June I received several *Information Update Forms* from some of our classmates. I was very glad to get them. Even though the annual letters to classmates with the forms in them were mailed to everyone in February, which was a while ago, I’m glad to have you return them, or send a note, any time your address or pertinent information changes. It really helps to keep all classmates’ information up-to-date, so feel free to send yours whenever anything changes for you. One address change that came in is from Jean Torgrimson Perry. Her new address is: 1412 Whipple Street, #108, Eau Claire, WI 54703. And Betty Ziehlsdorff Olson’s email address is: bettyo1212@yahoo.com. (The “o” after “betty” is not a number. It is the letter “o” in the alphabet.)

Janet Loken Tophooven, sister of our classmate, Steve Loken, died suddenly on June 13, 2013. Janet graduated with the Eau Claire Senior High School Class of 1957, so if you look for her picture in the *1957 Kodak*, I’m sure you’ll remember her as a very nice person – just like her brother. You can find her obituary by going to “What’s New?” on this website and following the link. We send our sincere sympathy to Steve and his family at this sad time.

And Harry Gibbs, “our” basketball coach and chemistry teacher at Memorial High School, died on June 8, 2013. We were fortunate to have a man we respected and admired as a person, teacher, and coach at Memorial while we were students there. His obituary and an article about him can be found at “What’s New?” on this website and following the links. Mr. Gibbs was 86 years old. With warm memories of a great teacher, we send our condolences to his family.



Our monthly **Class of 1959 – Lunch at the Farm** will be at 1:00 p.m., on Thursday, July 11, 2013. After some discussion at the end of June’s luncheon, it was decided to try another arrangement for the tables. (There’s so much room; it’s fun to experiment!) Long tables in a “U” shape will be used. Come and enjoy the food and fun!

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