



**News of the Month – July 2015**  
**Memorial High School – Class of 1959**  
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Dear Classmates,

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! It doesn't seem possible that we are almost half-way through summer already. The long sunny days have arrived in Eau Claire, and, with the warm weather, everyone is ready to celebrate with fireworks, picnics, and lots of good times. But those of us in Eau Claire are not the only ones celebrating this summer. We just learned that our classmate, Bob Bjerke, and his wife, JoAnn Balsiger Bjerke, who have lived in Lewiston, Idaho, since 1978, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on June 12, 2015. Congratulations, Bob and JoAnn! You can see pictures and read more about Bob and JoAnn's life together during the past fifty years by going to "What's New?" on this website. (Don't forget to send information and pictures about your own celebrations whenever possible. It's always great to share good news!)

There has not been much response to our request for information from our classmates who have served in the United States Military during their lives. We really would like to honor those of you who have served our country and to show our appreciation for all you have done to keep our country free. I'm guessing that many of you are too modest to send your military history, so we can have it on our website, but we really do want to be able to thank you and to brag about you as the brave men and women from our Class of 1959. So, please let us know what branch of the service you were in. What years did you serve? Where were you stationed? What did you do? Any stories about those years would be most welcome.

Many of you remember our classmate, Connie Clark Arndt. Connie had been married to Robert Arndt for 22 years, when she passed away in 1987. Bob died in June of this year. There will be a committal service for him at Rest Haven Cemetery, Town of Washington, Eau Claire, at 2 p.m., on Friday, July 3, 2015. Everyone is welcome. You can read his obituary at "What's New?" on this website.

Recently, we've been having some problems with updating addresses for our class members when they move. Please, please, please, if you are part of the ECMHS Class of 1959 – or have ever been part of the ECMHS Class of 1959 – email or snail mail your new address to me, so I can keep you on our mailing list forever.

**Thank you to the people who have been sending donations to John Schaaf for our class treasury. Your gifts are truly appreciated.**

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