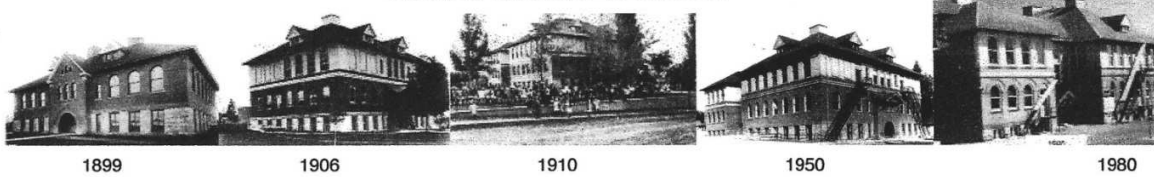


Grant Grade School



ALUMNI NEWS

OCTOBER, 2020

*Fall Luncheon on October 15, 2020, at 11:30 a.m. at Timbercreek Grill Buffet was **CANCELLED**.*

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We are well aware of how Covid-19 has impacted all of us in 2020. We hope this finds each of you well and healthy. We know that many people have been quite isolated during these past months and we hope that you are connecting with family and friends on a regular basis. We hope you have found creative ways to occupy your time.

Since we have not been able to gather together in 2020, we want you to know that you are thought of and prayed for often. We hope that we will be able to meet again some day. I apologize for not getting this *Alumni News* out on time. It is easy for things **not** to get done when one has plenty of time on their hands.

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Here's a little humor to brighten your day.



Obituaries



Judith (Judy) Ashley Ellis – Class of Jan 1946

ELLIS, Judith “Judy” Rae (Ashley)

Judy entered into rest on August 17th, 2020 at her home. She was born July 22nd, 1931 to Fred and Ruby Ashley in Spokane, WA and was named 14 days later after Dame Judith Anderson. She graduated from Grant Grade School and Lewis and Clark High School. Judy married John W. Ellis on August 3rd, 1951 and had seven children. Her life was baking cake that was eaten before it cooled off, and trying to make lunch with half loaves of homemade bread courtesy of her children. So, she was busy. Sew Easy 2 was her home away from

home in recent years where she created many blankets, quilts, and table runners for her grandchildren and great grandchildren which was quite a feat for a legally blind woman. Thank you to those who assisted. She also made hundreds of batches of homemade Almond Roca to give to family and friends during the holidays. Judy is survived by children Lynn (Thomas) Barnes, Alan (Tess) Ellis, Paul Ellis, David (Laurie) Ellis, Gail (Brian) Deichl, Susan, and Mark (Dawna) Ellis and her 20 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren and sister Patricia Howard. She was predeceased by her husband John W. Ellis, her brother Fred (Pete) Ashley; parents Fred and Ruby Ashley; sisters Anita Johnson, Josephine Peterson, and Grace Brodhead. Family graveside service was held on Saturday, August 22nd, 2020 at 10:30am. Friends were invited to drive by and pay their respects to Judy at the Fairmount Memorial Park from 11:30 am-12:00 noon.



Class of 1954

Harold (Hal) Clayton Durham Vosen 1940-2020

Hal passed from this world after a brief illness compounded by a fall which injured his neck and spinal cord. A Memorial Service is scheduled **for 12:00 MT time, Saturday, October 24, 2020**, at the Heron United Methodist Church in Heron, Montana, under the direction of Pastor Bill Warren. A graveside service is planned for July 2021 at the Heron cemetery. Those who knew Hal/Clayton appreciated his twinkly eyes, his love of people, his good humor,

his kindness and his willingness to spend time working on community projects. His life of faith, family and service leaves a priceless legacy behind and we treasure his memory.

Harold Clayton Durham Vosen was born in southern California in the spring of 1940. His family, with baby sister Phoebe, soon moved to the Heron, Montana area. As a child he went by his middle name, Clayton. He spent his early years living in a log cabin with his Grandma Mariam and following his Grandpa Earl through the green forests of upper Idaho and northwestern Montana surrounded by his maternal aunts, uncles and many cousins. He had numerous forest adventure stories from those days involving fish, bears, dogs and hornets to share with his children.

After World War II, his family moved to Spokane where his sister Rosemary was born. He attended Grant Grade School and Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane. He graduated in 1958. At the University of Idaho in Moscow he majored in forestry and began using the name Hal. After graduation, he began working for the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

In 1965 Hal married Lynne Christine Patton of Spokane, WA. They began their married life in Jordan, MT, and moved to Denver, CO, Farmington, NM, and finally Malta, MT where they had three children, Christina, David and Victor. In Malta, Hal joined the National Guard and a Toastmasters speaking club. His job took him to Havre in 1976 where he celebrated his 40th birthday with a new title, Major Vosen. In 1980 he moved the family to Miles City, MT, where he served as a range conservationist until his retirement in 2000. With this relocation Hal was transferred to the Army Reserve Armored Cavalry division and retired from the military in 1991. Though Hal was often gone especially in the summers due to various commitments, he remained supportive and active in community, church, and family activities. He loved music, gardening, hunting, fishing, a good softball game, talking with people and battling noxious weeds wherever and whenever he found them.

In 2006 after several summers in Clark Fork, ID, Hal and Lynne moved to their retirement home near Heron, MT--next to his grandparents' ranch. In their new community, Hal became active in many community organizations. Hal and Lynne hosted many friends and family at their home and travelled extensively to visit grandchildren in Montana and Minnesota. They also reunited with childhood friends through the Grant School Alumni Association.

In 2012 Hal was reconnected with his biological father's family and travelled to California and Nevada to meet cousins and his half-sister Patsy. He was broken-hearted when his wife Lynne succumbed to cancer in 2014 after 49 years of marriage.

In 2015 Hal met and married Carol Bailey. They made their home in Heron and Priest Lake and travelled the world and the US. Hal and Carol recently celebrated their 80th birthdays and 5th anniversary.

Hal's gifts to his family, friends and community of time, knowledge, thoughtfulness, humor, peacemaking and kindness will be sorely missed. Memorials can be made to the Heron United Methodist Church, Heron Senior Community Center, Heron Library or the charity of your choice.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Lynne, his parents Ralph and Christine Vosen of Colville, WA, a sister (Lisa) Ethel Elizabeth Durham Hutchison, and several other relatives.

Hal is survived by wife Carol Bailey, children, Christina (Mark) Ostendorf, David (Elyse) Vosen and Victor Vosen; stepsons, Erin (Jennifer) Ayles, and Scott (Nancy) Ayles; several grandchildren; sisters, Phoebe Daniels, Patsy Durham Aldrete, and Rosemary (David) Daniels, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, their children and children's children.



Class of 1956

**KIRKEBY, Susan J. October 26, 1942 -
October 2, 2020**

"Flip a coin?" That's what I heard from my children as they were talking about me, "Who's going to write the obit and who's going to clean out the basement? I thought, since I'm still here, I'll write my own obituary and then they BOTH can clean out the basement! I was born to Donald and Katharine (Storaasli) Kirkeby on October 26, 1942, in Spokane, WA. At home waiting for me was my brother Donnie. In 1946 my brother Russell joined us. I grew up in Spokane, going to Grant Grade School and graduating from

Lewis and Clark in 1960. I traveled and would work several jobs. In 1963 I would marry Bill Parker and have my daughter Tami. In 1967 I would marry Dan Smelcer and of that marriage came my son Todd. In 1986 I would marry Spencer Hampton, who would become my best friend after the divorce. I'm single. How I loved the working world. "Ma" Bell", as an Information Operator; Columbia Lighting, Switchboard Operator; Secretary at Morning Star Boys Ranch, and lastly, I worked at Fairmount Cemetery on Saturdays, as a lead in for funerals, and always on call. How I cherished this job. Of course, there are stories to go with each job and I've written a book on my life for my grandchildren. I belong to the Sons of Norway, Daughters of Norway, the Rotary, and the Lakeland Village Association. My mom taught me to bowl, golf, and play pool and have fun. It's been an incredible journey. How lucky did I get to have all the heartfelt friendships I have and all those that crossed my path. Thank you all for the laughter, for sharing your life with me and the love. To my precious ones: daughter Tami (Marc); son Todd (Lisa); grandchildren Nikk, Anna, Tayler, and great granddaughter Charlotte. I love you. I was preceded in death by my parents: Donald and Katharine, my brothers Donald and Russy and my precious granddaughter Kjrsten and my best friend Spencer Hampton. Please, no tears, just wonderful memories. And if you would like, I'm sure the chosen one would like some help in the basement! No flowers please, but if you would like to honor my memory, please make memorial contributions to the Women and Children's Kitchen or the Spokane Humane Society.

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Grandmothers "Receet" for doing the family wash

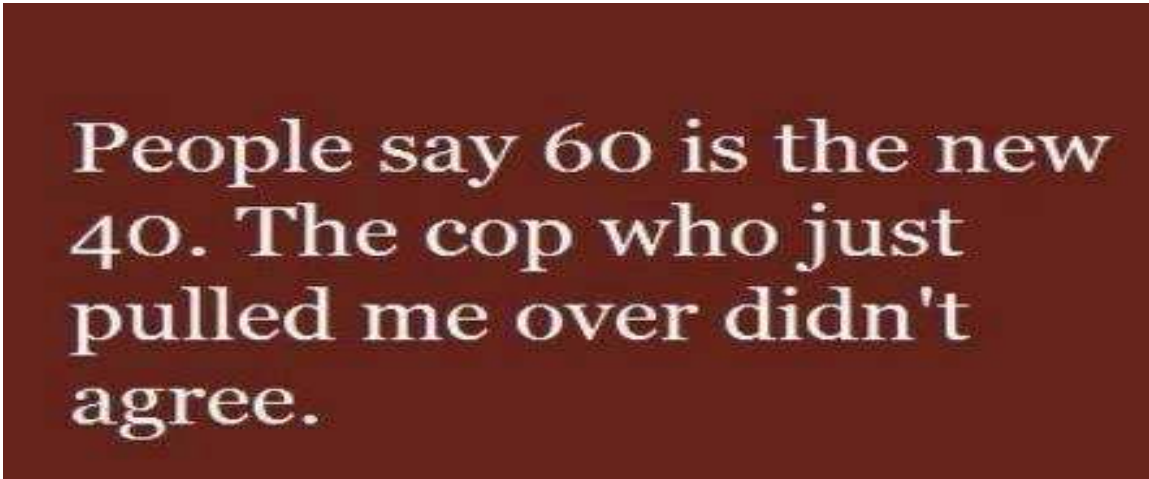
1. bild fire in back yard to heet kettle of rain water.
2. set tub so smoke won't blow in eyes if wind is pert.
3. shave one hole cake lie soap in bilin' water.
4. sort 3 piles. 1 pile white, 1 pile cullord, 1 pile work britches & rags.
5. stur flour in cold water to smooth then thin down with bilin' water.
6. rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard, then bile. Rub cullord but don't bile- just rench & starch.
7. take white things out of kettle with broom stick handle then rench, blue & starch.
8. spred tee towels on grass.
9. hand old rags on fence.
10. pore rench water in flower bed.
11. scrub porch with hot soapy water.
12. turn tubs upside down.
13. go put on clean dress smooth hair with side combs—brew cup of tea—set & rest a spell & count your blessins.

Did any of you have to do the wash this way???????????

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I remember when we had a wringer washer. My grandmother let me help by giving me a hankie to wring. The wringer took my arm up to the elbow. Ouch.

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Article from The Spokesman-Review
September 10, 2020

Timber Creek buffet in Valley closing

The Timber Creek Grill Buffet is permanently closing in Spokane Valley, the restaurant announced Wednesday.

In a Facebook post, Timber Creek Grill Buffet said it's liquidating equipment and decor, including ovens, grills, kitchen utensils, dinnerware, wall art, tables and chairs, among other items.

Timber Creek Grill Buffet, at 9211 E. Montgomery Ave. in Argonne Village, will be open 12-4 p.m. daily for the liquidation sale, according to the Facebook post.

The restaurant encouraged patrons in the Facebook post to "come show your support one last time to a local restaurant veteran as he begins a new venture."

Timber Creek Grill Buffet was unavailable for comment.

Father-and-son duo Paul and Greg Klinke opened the restaurant in 2008, according to a Spokesman-Review article.

Brent and Greg Klinke are the current registered owners of the restaurant, according to Washington State Department of Revenue records.

**BREAKING NEWS... swimming
pools to re-open from the 4th
July, but due to continued
social distancing regulations
there will be no water in lanes
1, 3 and 5.....**