



# Sedro-Woolley High School Alumni Association

*Founded October, 1994*



*Supporting Our Community through Education!*

**April 2012**

## SWHSAA Scholarship Winners announced

More than 60 people gathered at the Sedro-Woolley Senior Center on March 28<sup>th</sup> for the second annual event to recognize the SWHSAA Scholarship winners for 2012.

The winners, their families and friends were greeted by members of SWHS Alumni Association. Winners of the eight scholarships worth \$2,000 each are: Rebecca Duranceau, Spencer Egbert (the Susan Batey McKinley scholarship winner), Sunny Garza, Savannah Hoyle (the Ola Harang scholarship winner), Alysha Irons, Jacob Massey, Kristen Schorno, and Danae White.

Guest speakers at the event were County Commissioner Sharon Dillon, School Superintendent Mark Venn, School Board President Jim Kallio, SWHS principal Mike Schweigert, and State Street HS principal Barb Asklund.

Any graduate of SWHS or State Street HS may apply for the vocational scholarships each year, no matter when they graduated. Applicants may reapply for a scholarship twice. Applicants who do not receive a scholarship may apply again at a future time.



*Winners of the SWHSAA vocational scholarships for 2012: back row, l to r: Spencer Egbert, Savannah Hoyle, Jacob Massey, Rebecca Duranceau, Kristen Schorno; seated, l to r: Sunny Garza, Danae White & Alysha Irons.*

*Photo by Joanna Bruno*

## SWHSAA has a new logo!

The Alumni Association held a contest last fall to find a new logo for our website and publications. We received several very interesting entries, but one stood out from all the rest! Hillary Huggins created the winning entry, which you can see in our masthead, and on the website. Find out more about Hillary and her entry on page 4.

Greetings and "Happy Spring" from your SWHSAA - - With Spring comes growth and new beginnings and your SWHSAA is starting to bloom!! Many exciting things continue to happen. We have launched our own Web site and are well on our way to our ultimate goal of having your newsletter sent to you via email and saving our SWHSAA many \$\$\$ per year. Of course those of you who do not have email access will continue to receive your newsletter via the USPS. As you send in your annual dues or your picnic registration, be sure to include your email address so we can include you in our data base. Also, if you move, please email or send your new address - we can only keep our records updated if we are notified.



Our annual alumni picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 7th and we have already received many reservation/registrations for this great event. Last year we had well over 600 alumni attending! Many classes are making this their class reunion event. What an easy way to get together - no fuss - just register for the picnic and take advantage of the wonderful food. However, it is very important that you let SWHSAA know if you are planning your reunion at the picnic so we can have adequate room for your gathering.

The SWHSAA continues to meet on a monthly basis the fourth Wednesday of each month but we have changed our meeting times to make it more "user friendly" to those who work. Our April meeting will be at 6:30 pm at the Sedro-Woolley Senior Center; May's meeting will be there at 1:00 pm; June at 6:30 pm; moving through the remainder of the year - every other month will be a day and then an evening meeting. We have had several new faces at our meetings and invite you to join us - As I have stated in the past - It is not my association but "OUR" association. I invite you to be a part of this great group of dedicated alumni who continue to work for the success and future of SWHSAA - - -

**Pat Hyatt, President**

## Senior Project: Nursing

*By Alysha Irons*

For my Senior Project I shadowed Natalie Hunskor. She is an RNC-OB, which is a Registered Nurse with a certification in Obstetrics. She works in the Family Birth center, working closely with doctors and other nurses, providing exceptional care to mothers, babies, and families.



I met Nat through Natalie Weatherby, a midwife at the Women's Clinic in Mount Vernon. I shadowed Nat for three days during my winter break. I worked with her during her 10 hour shifts from 5 a.m. to 3 p.m. In the beginning of my project, Nat and I set goals that she and I wanted to accomplish by the end of our three days together.

Our goals were: to witness teamwork and communication, and understand the crucial role each of them plays. Another goal was to be part of the Nursing Process, from triage to post-partum. Our final goal was for me to get to experience the miracle of birth. We accomplished all three goals.

I got to witness three different births, and meet many amazing doctors, nurses, and families. After one of the births, I got to help Nat footprint the baby and I also got to listen to his little heartbeat just minutes after he was born. This experience was incredible. I am now more eager than ever to graduate high school and begin college, so I can eventually become just like Nat and work here in our local hospitals, delivering babies.

**Please visit our NEW website:  
[www.swhsaa.com](http://www.swhsaa.com) soon! Find out more  
about your Alumni Association...**

## SWHSAA 2012 Scholarship Winners:

	<p><b>Rebecca Duranceau:</b> Rebecca will graduate this year from SWHS. She plans to attend Skagit Valley College to study business management. She hopes to own a boutique in Seattle, featuring fashionable clothes at an affordable price.</p>
	<p><b>Spencer Egbert:</b> Spencer attends SVC in the Running Start program and will graduate this year from SWHS. He is well on his way to achieving one dream, to become a registered nurse. His other dream is to play varsity tennis. Spencer is the <b>Susan Batey McKinley</b> scholarship winner.</p>
	<p><b>Sunny Garza:</b> Sunny will graduate this year from SWHS. She plans to become a registered nurse, and would like to specialize in surgical nursing. She is active in sports, and won the "Sunny" award given to a positive athlete on the Cross Country team.</p>
	<p><b>Savannah Hoyle:</b> Savannah will graduate this year from State Street HS, and has also attended the NW Career &amp; Technical Academy in Mount Vernon. She is a self-starter who plans to become a Registered Nurse. Her long-term goal is to work as a psychiatric nurse. Savannah is the <b>Ola Harang</b> Scholarship recipient.</p>

	<p><b>Alysha Irons:</b> Alysha will graduate this year from SWHS. Her goal is to become a registered nurse specializing in labor and delivery. She has been active in the community and volunteers in the high school. She also has worked at local restaurants and LaConner Drug Store.</p>
	<p><b>Jacob Massey:</b> Jacob graduated from SWHS in 1997, and currently attends SVC in the Workfirst program, studying welding. His goal is building and repairing pipelines in the NW, and becoming a certified welding inspector.</p>
	<p><b>Kristen Schorno:</b> Kristen will graduate this year from SWHS. Her goal is to attend SVC where she will study Business, after which she plans to become a licensed beautician, with her own salon. She is active in various school programs, including cheerleading, and also has volunteered at a local veterinary clinic.</p>
	<p><b>Danae White:</b> Danae will graduate from SWHS this year. While helping care for her father, who suffers from Lou Gherig's disease, Danae decided she would like to become a registered nurse. She plans to attend the nursing program at Green River Community College. She is active in after school programs, and enjoys working at a local clothing store.</p>

# Logo Designer Plans to Integrate Art and Science

by *Hillary Huggins*

I decided to enter the logo contest because it offered a chance for me to do more art while also providing the challenge and learning experience of being creative within set parameters for a specific purpose. I'm not quite sure where the idea came from to make it look the way it turned out. I started by brainstorming a list of features that represent Sedro-Woolley, and narrowed it down to the mountains, the Skagit River, and, of course, the cubs, which somehow compiled itself into the final design. The mountains provide a meaningful, but not distracting, background for the bears and the river balances out what would otherwise be empty space to help the picture flow together. The bears themselves have another layer of meaning. There is the baby cub because when we attend and graduate SWHS, we are young and new to the world. Then we grow up into the adult bear to raise and help the next generations of cubs while still remaining a young cub at heart. That concept inspired the phrase "Forever a Cub."



I have always enjoyed art ever since I was little. Growing up, I was always entering coloring contests or doing origami, making little sculptures out of clay or doing paint-by-numbers. However, I first became seriously interested in art when I took Mr. William's class my sophomore year. Ironically I took it only to meet the graduation requirements but I ended up loving it so much that I keep taking more classes. This is my third year of high school art.

The medium I'm most comfortable with is pencil, which I like for drawing animals. Lately I've been improving my painting skills, which I usually use for still life or landscapes. I also like to doodle abstract geometric designs.

While I plan to study either science or math at college and likely get a job in one of those areas, I fully intend to continue with my art. I am looking forward to taking more art classes in college to improve my skills and work with other creative people and I will always continue art as a hobby.

It is more a collection of people rather than one specific person who inspires me, and it is more their work that I find inspirational. I find inspiration in things that are done artfully. Of course this includes the work of traditional artists, but also other things as well. I love books that are so vividly described with life-like characters that capture the imagination, and movies that are wonderfully directed, skillfully acted, and brilliantly scored. I love the music of talented musicians and comedy that is perfectly timed and delivered, among other things. All of these things inspire me to imagine, think, laugh, and create.

## ***Senior Project: Square Dance Calling***

by *Jarrett Payton*

My senior project was square dance calling. I chose this project because I love to dance. My dad used to call. It was a challenging task and will forever be challenging. I truly loved this project.

There are 7,000 total moves in square dancing; however I only know mainstream. In mainstream there are 59 movements. One difficulty (for me) in square dance calling is the timing. There are many things that I need to do in order to become a better caller. I will strive for the top and make it a hobby.



## ***Senior Project: Garden Trellis***

by *Rachelle Brown*

For my senior project I built a memorial garden for my grandmother in memory of my great grandmother. While working at the Skagit River Resort Eatery in Rockport, I stayed at my grandmother's house during the last two summers. Over this time I grew a friendship with her. Last summer when I was trying to think of an idea for my senior project, my grandma mentioned that she wanted to do something with her back yard to make it look more appealing. I also overheard her say she wanted to make a trellis in my great grandmother's honor and plant flowers around it and put it in a garden.

Because my mom's boyfriend is a construction worker for a living, I asked him if he would be my mentor and guide me through this project. We originally decided to make a trellis that people could walk through as they entered the garden, but after it was built we thought a bench would really complete the trellis and make it more personalized. When it gets warmer outside I will plant climbing roses on each side of the trellis. I will be using yellow and pink roses, because they were my great grandma's favorite colors for roses. Around the garden I will be planting flowers that will be sure to attract hummingbirds. My great grandma would sit in her chair every day and watch the hummingbirds hover around; she absolutely loved them. I am glad I chose this as my project, because it was a fun and personal project that my grandma and I can enjoy for years to come.

## 2012 ALL CLASS PICNIC

*by Barbara Ward Thompson*

Over 600 people basked in a perfect summer day last July 9 as they attended the 2011 All Class Reunion and Picnic at Riverfront Park in Sedro-Woolley. Most enjoyed the buffet picnic lunch catered by Joy's Bakery as they visited and reminisced, not only with their own classmates but with classes both ahead of and behind them.

Several classes set up their own class tents for a mini-reunion within the all class reunion, and other classes, with perhaps fewer attending, reserved portions of tables for their own gathering. Both seemed to meet the needs of those attendees.

Winners of the several tempting raffle items left the picnic extra happy. Smiles and "Thank You"s directed at the committee indicated a successful day.

Plans are under way for next year's picnic, again at Riverfront Park, set for the traditional "first Saturday after July 4" falling this year on July 7. A few classes have already reserved tent space. Those who might be considering having their own tents, or wanting to reserve table space, should contact Barbara Ward Thompson '47 (360) 855-0293 as soon as plans are firmed up. And, of course, anyone wanting to volunteer to join the cast of thousands who help put the picnic on should do the same, or anyone wanting to donate a raffle item.

### SWHSAA website Live!

Want to know more about the history of SWHSAA? Find it on our new website! Looking for editions of our newsletter in full color? PDFs of most of our newsletters and meeting minutes are there too! Want to donate to the scholarship fund, pay your dues (just \$10 a year) or send a memorial gift? If you have PayPal, you can do that on the website also!

Find applications for the All-Class Picnic, membership, memorial gifts, etc. on the website too! The scholarship application can also be found there as a downloadable PDF. Remember, any graduate of SWHS or SSSH is eligible to apply for the vocational scholarship!

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## Class of 1977 Reunion

The Class of '77 will hold their reunion on Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at Eagle Haven Winery in Sedro-Woolley. Participants are asked to bring an appetizer. There will be a no-host bar, and dates are optional. For more information, contact Allison Norbeck Norelan or Brenda Suryan Sem, both on Facebook. Participants are also encouraged to gather at the All-Class picnic the following afternoon at Riverfront Park in Sedro-Woolley.

### SWHSAA Membership Supports Your Association

We know you care about SWHS and SSSH, and the best way to demonstrate that is to become a member of SWHSAA. Your \$10 yearly membership fee (or \$100 lifetime membership) supports our website, production and mailing of the newsletter, and the scholarship winners' recognition ceremony held each March.

It also helps put on the two fundraisers we host each year, to raise money for the Vocational Scholarship Fund. Currently we were able to provide eight scholarships of \$2,000 each thanks to the generosity of our graduates and friends, but that covers only part of one quarter in tuition and books at SVC! We would love to provide larger scholarships to more college-bound graduates, but we need your help.

If you can spare about two hours a month to attend one of our meetings, held alternately on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday afternoon or evening (except of course in Nov. & Dec., when we meet on the third Wed.) we would love your input. Our April meeting will be Wed., April 25 at 6:30 p.m. May's meeting will be Wed. May 23 at 1 p.m. Check the website for all times and dates of our meetings and fundraisers. All our meetings are held at the Sedro-Woolley Senior Center. We would love to see you there!

*Website Live Cont'd*

Also on the website is a calendar of events, which includes our meeting dates & times, reunion information, etc. Be sure to alert us when your class plans a reunion!

We are planning to add class photos and names of those who have passed on when we have that information. You can send us an email directly from the website with any information or photos you want us to add. Visit [www.swhsaa.com](http://www.swhsaa.com) to access all the above information....please let us know how we are doing, and what you would like to see on YOUR website! Email us at [swhsaa@hotmail.com](mailto:swhsaa@hotmail.com).

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## **CLASS OF '52 ALERT!!!**

It's time for our 60<sup>th</sup> reunion so mark your calendars for Saturday, July 7, 2012.

We will be incorporating our special day with the SWHSAA annual picnic at Riverfront Park. This combination makes it easy for all of us "old" people-- no fuss, no muss, just lots of fun. All that is required is to complete the SWHSAA registration form that will be included in the spring, 2012 mailing. So save the date and join your classmates for a day of reminiscing, fun and fellowship.

You will receive a separate class mailing in the spring with further details. Questions?

Contact Pat Hyatt email: [grammaguy@comcast.net](mailto:grammaguy@comcast.net) or cell, 360-319-3228.

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## **CLASS OF 1942 TO CELEBRATE 70th Reunion**

Time has gone by quickly for the 112 that graduated in 1942. It was the "War Years" and many went into the service before graduation and later studied for the GED in the military or when they returned from the service.

The Class plans to have their special tent at the SWHSAA All Class Picnic and hope several in the area will plan to attend.

We do not have addresses for June Shumshak, Della Stout, Frank Adema, Vena Andrews Heath, Eleanor Bennett Schlicht, Donald Currie, Christing Faaberg Metcalf, DeWayne Hauenstein, Carol Ketchum Schacht, Merrle Latham Hunter, Jeanette Rarey Fagerness, Margaret Rutledge Hoaglund, We would appreciate information on these people. Please contact Lola Wood Ellestad at 360-424-7243 or at [lolae@wavecable.com](mailto:lolae@wavecable.com).

Our Class song was a revision of "Keep Smilin" Through"...  
It's important for us to keep smiling after 70 years!

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## **Class of '61 Planning Reunion Week**

We have started the ball rolling. We are officially having a 2012 SWHS Class of "61" Reunion. Save The Following Dates:

- \*Tuesday July 3, 2012 Big Lake Fireworks and Parade Float Setup
- \*Wednesday July 4, 2012 Sedro-Woolley LoggeRodeo Parade And Pancake Breakfast at Senior Center
- \*Thursday July 5, 2012 Nothing Planned
- \*Friday July 6, 2012 Eagles Club Reunion Get-Together and Steak Dinner
- \*Saturday July 7, 2012 SWHS All Class Picnic

If you wish to donate to the Reunion Fund, Make Checks Payable to :  
SWHS 1961 50th Class Reunion,  
SWHS Class of 1961, c/o Brenda McGhee ( Burress ),  
107 N Reed St, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

We will have more details about the Reunion after the next meeting. For more information, call John Keene at 425-277-5095

SEE YOU THERE!

***Please fill out all forms you are sending in as completely as possible.***

**Our bookkeeper will thank you!**

**RESERVATION FORM FOR  
SWHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL ALL-CLASS PICNIC  
JULY 7, 2012—SEDRO-WOOLLEY RIVERFRONT PARK**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MAIDEN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

NO. ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK AMOUNT (\$15.00 per person): \_\_\_\_\_

CHICKEN: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR (not both!)** HAMBURGER (with condiments): \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to SWHSAA and mail in enclosed envelope. Registration deadline is 7/1/2012. If reserving under more than one name, please specify. You **MUST** pre-register and pay in advance to join in the catered lunch, provided by *Joy's SW Bakery*. **Registrations made after deadline: \$20**

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**Sedro-Woolley High School Alumni Association Membership/Donation Form**

Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Maiden Nickname

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/State Zip

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduation Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last Maiden

Annual Membership Dues, \$10: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paying for years: \_\_\_\_\_ Life Membership, \$100: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Lifetime membership card will be sent to you)

Memorial \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Honoree: \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Last Maiden

Name of Acknowledgement Recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

Their mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Acknowledgement will not be sent without an address) Street City/State Zip

Total Membership fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Scholarship Fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**The Sedro-Woolley High School Alumni Association uses membership dues for the operating expenses of the organization. Memorials and Donations go directly to the scholarship program funds. *Thank you for your support!!!***

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**Geranium & Bake Sale  
Coming In May**

**SWHSAA's  
16<sup>th</sup> annual Geranium & Bake  
Sale on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>  
9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the picnic  
building next door to the Sedro-  
Woolley Community Center  
building.**

**SWHSAA Life Members: *November 2011 to March 2012***

1959	Bonna Harrison Beitler	1956	Nancy Jane Fyfe Smith
1968	Marty Brown	1968	Ernest R. Allen
1971	Bradley E. Warfield	1949	Darrell Small
1945	Doris M. Jorgensen McLennan	1970	William H. Handy, Jr.
1967	Paul D. Johnson	1960	Alice Elizabeth Christofferson Hanson
1965	Gayle Ann Rings	1960	Mary Lutz Sherman
1962	John H. Hovey	1968	Diane Thompson Bixler
1960	Gordon F. Nelson	1943	Kathleen Elliott Convery
1955	Marge S. Sundal Keefe	1965	Roger G. Snell
1946	Quentin Clyde Belles	1957	Betty Jean Kemps Covey
1941	Herbert W. Drummond, JR	1949	Marcella V. Coates Hogg
1961	Jacque Snow Guedel	1946	Reidar Ytgard
1961	Kermit R. Larson	1972	Mike Bruce
1958	Robert P. Reim	1961	Robin Taylor