

Bisonalities Again



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Welcome to the **Newsletter** dedicated to the alumni (students, teachers, and administrators) of Waterford and Fort LeBoeuf High Schools. This **Newsletter** will be distributed quarterly. New issues will be posted for your reading enjoyment on the www.bisonalitiesagain.com web site on or about, January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1.

The success of this newsletter depends on you. I need story contributors. Do you have an interesting article, a nostalgia item, a real life story, or a picture you would like to share with others? Do you have a snail-mail or an e-mail address of an alumnus? If you do send it to me at the following e-mail address:

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Please, **NO** handwritten submissions.

This newsletter is available **free** on the Web to any and all alumni, teachers, and administrators, past and present, of Waterford and Fort LeBoeuf High Schools. If you know any alumni, teacher, or administrator who would be interested, tell them about the Web site.

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I dialed a friend's number and got the following recording: "I am not available right now, but thank you for caring enough to call. I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep. If I do not return your call, you are one of the changes."

Bisonalities Blog

Ah, summer has finally arrived. We had a really rough winter than went right on into spring. I realize that some of you had it a

LOT worse than we did with record snow falls and record cold, but we had it as bad as I ever want to see it.

Don't forget to check the Announcements of the www.bisonalitiesagain.com web site for class reunion information.

This issue includes an article sent to me by **Angie Tarr**, Fort LeBoeuf High School Library Media Specialist, about Grants awarded by the Fort LeBoeuf School District Foundation.

I hope to see you at Waterford Days and Alumni night at the Fire Hall! Information about Waterford Days may be found at:

www.waterforddays.com

The witticisms used in this issue were furnished by **Elizabeth Faulhaber Demmery-Potter**, WHS '55.

This is a short (3 pages) issue because no one sent me any stories to publish! **PLEASE** help me to keep this Newsletter going, send me a story of your experiences in school, or since!

The irony of life is that, by the time you're old enough to know your way around, you're not going anywhere.

Deaths

Joyce Post Shaffer	FLBHS - 1971	Mar 2014
Tommy Warner	FLBHS - 1992	April 2014
David Kranking	FLBHS - 1974	April 2014
Yvonne Fish Babcock	FLBHS - 1959	April 2014
Sue Bisbee Wertz	FLBHS - 1965	April 2014
Jessica Lynch	FLBHS - 2006	April 2014
Wilbur Osborn	WHS - 1934	May 2014
Roger Allen	WHS - 1943	May 2014
Bill Skiff	WHS - 1954	May 2014
Sam Faulhaber	WHS - 1951	May 2014
Kevin Kukuda	FLBHS - 1986	May 2014
Kathleen Hanlon Volk	FLBHS - 1969	May 2014
Kyle Waid	FLBHS - 2017	May 2014
Nancy Greenlee	FLBSD Teacher	June 2014
Valerie Johnson Kennedy	FLBHS - 1975	June 2014
Lesley Sherrod Proper	FLBHS - 1982	June 2014

God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.

FLB Foundation Awards Grants

The Fort LeBoeuf Foundation awarded several grants to teachers in all five buildings of the district.

At Robison Elementary Ms. Paula McGinnis and Mrs. Brenda McGowan were awarded ten tablets for their second and third grade classrooms for a program called TABLET: Teaching All by Lessons Enhanced with Technology.

For working with fourth graders at Waterford Elementary, Mrs. Friedman and Mrs. Sullivan were given money towards a Walking Classroom. Students listen to podcasts of both fiction and nonfiction topics to learn while they walk; each student uses a player to listen to individually.

For students at Mill Village Elementary the Foundation will help fund Fuel Up to Play 60, a program that encourages young people to eat right and exercise at least 60 minutes each day.

At the middle school, the Foundation will once again help assure that students who need scholarships to attend the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip will get to go with the rest of the class.

At the high school the Foundation will contribute to Business Week, a week long program that helps students learn how the economy works and discover their individual skills in various careers. Ms. Jennifer Peters was also awarded a grant for enhancing the Performing Arts Gallery outside of the high school auditorium. New equipment will transform the area into a professional exhibit space for student artwork.

For any questions on the Fort LeBoeuf Foundation, go to <http://flbfoundation.com/>.

I was always taught to respect my elders, but it keeps getting harder to find one (and that's no joke).

The Titanic Renamed

By Bob Catlin

See you next
quarter!

Those of you who regularly read this Newsletter know I love to fish. It is a hobby that started long before I retired.

It started in the early 80's when I had a heart attack. My cardiologist suggested I find a hobby to help me relax from the pressures of my job.

At that time my boss was going to Canada fishing every year and asked me if I wanted to join him and his group. I had not been fishing since I was a child so thought, why not! I went to K-Mart and bought \$30 worth of fishing gear and off I went for a week of fishing.

This trip hooked me on fishing!

My fishing season got off to a slow start this spring. Bad weather and then a problem with the boat were to blame.

During last years fishing season I had to change the name of the boat from "The Girl Next Door" to the "Titanic" because it developed "leaky boat syndrome."

My boat is a 14 foot riveted, aluminum Jon boat. The rivets, after 19 years of a lot of use, were all coming loose. To say this caused the boat to leak would be an understatement. It was more like, it became a sieve! I undoubtedly had the only Jon boat on the local waterways that had to have a bilge pump in it to keep it afloat.

This spring I took two weeks to remove all the paint from the bottom of the boat. Seal all 184 rivets with J&B Weld and then painted it forest green with two heavy coats of marine paint.

The bilge pump is no longer needed. It stays as dry now as it did when it was new.

The boat name has been changed back to "The Girl Next Door."

**Frustration is trying to find your
glasses without your glasses**
