



Tiger Tales 2004 Newsletter

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Greetings on behalf of your White River High School Alumni Association. As I write this newsletter, it is mid April and snowflakes have danced around the windows all morning as if in celebration of spring. While I reflect on the past year's history I am always amazed at all that has taken place in our world, community and school. Some good, some bad. Of course, our focus is on your alumni association and its activities. This past fall the alumni association successfully hosted its first annual tailgate party at the first Tiger home football game. This fundraiser was well accepted and has raised needed money for our scholarship program. It helps provide a senior student of a WR alumnus a scholarship for use at the school of their choice. I present this scholarship at the annual spring awards night. Another project we have started is renovation of the picture display of all past graduates. This display has suffered from neglect so it was time to repair some of the pictures and the display case. We plan on using a purple and gold background to liven it up. I think you will be happy with the way it looks when you attend the next reunion. That brings us to the next item of news.

2003 Winner of the 3rd annual White River High School Alumni Association scholarship was John Egleston, son of alumnus Fred Egleston; class of '65.

Memorial Roll Call

We request that family be responsible to notify the alumni association when an individual should be listed in the memorial roll call.

Marvin Hill ' 64
 Carroll Andrews '48
 Rhoda Gatton Jans '36
 Lois Perry Carabajai '40
 Arlene McDonnell Edwards '41
 Sharon Huber Baumgartner '58

The last all school reunion was very well attended (700) and this next one should be even better. We are calling this reunion the "Cool Reunion" because we now have air conditioning in the community events center. We have had our first planning meeting and set the date of July 2 & 3, 2005 for the next all school reunion. Yes, it has been five years since Reunion 2000, so please begin your planning now to attend this fun event. We are including a magnet reminder with the newsletters that are mailed out.

Certainly if you have suggestions for our next reunion please make them known to us over the next few months. The next letter you receive will be your official invitation and reservation form. As always, please help us keep our address database up to date. I would also remind you that we rely on your continued donations to run our alumni association. Have a great summer.

Barry Jensen, Association President

Dear Alumni,

Hello again! We are in the home stretch of another school year at White River. My second year as the CEO has been just as challenging (and rewarding) as the first. Our middle school project is complete. Although the outside of the building remains the same,

Ruth Baumann Hollinger '44
 Harold D. Anderson '42
 William Bachelor '53
 Mike Baker '60
 Eugene Jones '47



The graduating class of 1954 will be honored at WRHS commencement exercises on Sunday, May 23, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. CST

Donna Keever Jackson
 Patty Patnoe Bechtold
 Shirley Johnson Gunner
 David Valandry
 Jane Burke Homan
 Mick Strain
 Linda Hutchinson
 Rose Reutter
 George Wang
 Raymond Harrison
 Maysie Brown Engel *
 Elaine Huber Viles *
 Franklin Krogman *
 Shirley Waggoner Hayward *
 James Monroe *
 Shirley McKee Lolley *

*Deceased

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the interior underwent a complete facelift. New walls, lighting, and ceilings have made the classrooms aesthetically more appealing. Safety issues were addressed by installing a required fire alarm and sprinkler system. Ramps were built to make the building handicap accessible... now, if we could just get air conditioning!

Students and staff at White River have been working diligently on meeting the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act. We've just completed the mandatory state testing for this year and wait anxiously for the results. We are optimistic that the curriculum and testing strategy changes that we made will improve our district scores. NCLB requires that schools are held accountable for student achievement. We have taken that as a positive and motivating piece of NCLB to improve our school.

Three years ago, when I first came here we had 15 staff openings. Last year we had eight and so far this year we have only four. I hope that this is a sign that our teachers feel like White River is a good place to live and work. NCLB not only expects students to become proficient, but also requires that we have teachers that are deemed Highly Qualified.

I've mentioned NCLB several times in this letter, which really didn't start out to be my intended topic. However, it is currently the driving force for schools to be measured on their success. It may seem impossible to meet the ultimate goal of NCLB (which is that every child will score at a proficient level by the year 2014) but it is a goal worth working toward. There are other acronyms for No Child Left Behind, like No Child Likes Broccoli, but we all know that broccoli is good for us. It's also midnight and I need to send this to Barry by tomorrow morning!!!

Last fall our middle school gym was named after former White River teacher and coach Fred Littau. I know that several of you have donated to the scholarship named in his honor. Our athletic director, Jim Calhoon, organized a scoreboard fundraising campaign that many of you donated to also. As a result the Fred Littau Gymnasium and the football field have state of the art scoreboards. In February the high school gymnasium was named after long time White River superintendent Don Barnhart.

There are also several other scholarships that are too numerous to mention that you as alumni help support. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continuous interest in the success of White River

The Mellette County Community Foundation was created to begin a "Community Savings Account" which will be permanently endowed. Upon being fully funded, earnings generated on the principal of the endowment will be awarded to non-profit organizations and charities within Mellette County upon the recommendation of the local board of directors. For more information write to South Central RC&D, PO Box 231, White River SD 57579 or Call 605-259-3547

students. Anytime you are in the area please feel free to come visit the school.

Sincerely,

Tom Cameron, CEO

WRHS Alumni Association Meeting : March 7, 2004 5:00 p.m. HS Library

Officers Present: Barry Jensen, Katie Jensen, Andrea Wade, Devota Hutchinson

Other Alumni Present: Donna Stromer, Susan Krogman, Ed Krogman, Betty Risseuew, Thelma Sayler, Janet Krogman, Rosie Glynn

Minutes of the last meeting were read. Motion by Devota, Second by Jan to approve minutes as read. Motion passed.

Due to the absence of Jerry Krogman there was no treasurer's report at this time. Barry presented bills to be paid: Paper, Labels, Envelopes, and Picture Mounting. This totaled \$268.61. Motion by Donna , second by Rosie to pay bills. Motion passed.

Old Business: Barry reported that the scholarship to John Egleston has been paid. He also reported that the tailgate party was a great success. Thank you to Ed & Susan Krogman for their generosity on the food donations. Motion by Devota, second by Katie to schedule another tailgate party this fall. Discussion followed. Motion passed.

Thelma Sayler volunteered to purchase a 2004 yearbook and donate to the Alumni Association to be housed in the High School Library.

New Business: Katie will prepare the spring invitation to the graduates of 1954 and organize the reception to follow graduation. Katie will also work on the scholarship letter to the Class of 2004 and their parents. These will be sent out immediately.

Date for the next reunion was discussed. Motion by Jan, second by Thelma to have the reunion on July 2nd and 3rd of 2005. Motion passed.

Jan suggested having alumni members put together their personal history for each class. These histories could then be available at the reunion. Discussion followed. No action taken.

Officers will begin preparing the next newsletter to be mailed this spring. When it is completed a date will be set and volunteers will be needed to address, stamp and stuff envelopes.

Andrea Wade announced she has to resign as secretary. A committee will search for a new secretary.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.