



# Tiger Tales 2006 Newsletter

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Spring is certainly in the air here at White River as the sight of newborn calves appear in the pastures and White River's track kids are out running to get in shape for the first track meet. Of course, there is much anticipation and talk about graduation for this year's senior class and for the eighth graders as they pass into high school.

Graduation means another class of students will be added to the list of alumni to graduate from White River High. That of course reminds me of the great times we had last summer at our latest all school reunion, the "cool Reunion." It was another great year to get together and all participants (500+) reported having an enjoyable and memorable time back at White River High. I want to again thank all of you who attended and contributed to the reunion and especially the great group of people that share my goals to keep the memories of our Alma Mater alive and well into the future. what a wonderful group of helpers I have had over the years. they really make it all happen without a glitch. We had a nice Saturday evening banquet followed by an evening of remembering and honoring some of those teachers and students who have made an impact on the White River School System over the years. The honorees at this reunion were: tom Mathews, Thema McCright-Davis, Ben Huber, Erna Laird, Ken Lolley, Luree Wacek and Muriel Bachelor. Sunday was a wonderful turnout for the ecumenical church service and a great message from our own alumnus Pastor David Marshall. Thanks to everyone for attending and helping to make the weekend a huge success. Remember, we plan to celebrate the next reunion with the 100 year anniversary of White River 2011. It is not too early to start thinking about returning to White River for what should be a huge get together.

I hope the fifty year graduates (class of 1956) are planning to come back to be honored at commencement on May 14. You should have received

## 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. Memorial list of WRHS Graduates 2005 - 2006 to date:

Geraldine Hutchinson Miles '25  
 Frank Witherspoon '30  
 Mildred Hutchinson tucker '31  
 Clara Krogman Adams '33  
 Rose Mary Brood James '34  
 Mabel M Hight Frank '35  
 Glenyce McCumber brumbaugh '37  
 Luella Littau Ring '40  
 John W "Jack" Navin '41  
 Kathryn Navin Barker '44  
 Donald G Jones '46  
 Floyd Valburg '48  
 Dave Valandry '54  
 Rose Reutter Sully '54  
 Janet Jensen Krogman '56  
 Arnold Week '56  
 John Jones '62  
 Edward Bordeaux, Jr. '66  
 Bernard First In Trouble '75  
 Stephen Six Toes '76  
 Harold Medicine Bear '84

## Class of 1956

Jim Chamberlain  
 Barbara Waack England  
 Sherry McCright Petera  
 Melva Lowry Vik  
 William Didier  
 Charles Mickel

your invitation by now and sent your RSVP back to Katie. This is a wonderful tradition that is quite unique for graduates of White River High School.

After over a decade of absence, cheers were heard again for the White River Tigers at this years Boys State B Basketball tournament in Aberdeen. The team represented White River very well and ended the year in fourth place. I saw many of our alums at the tourney, and needless to say we are all very optimistic about next year. Congratulations! Many of the school's extracurricular activities had great success this year, and are mentioned in the chairman's letter.

I want to make note of a couple of reminders - remember that only through your generosity are we able to give a senior scholarship to a child of a WRHS alum. Last year's recipient was Tyrell Tucker. We also really need your help with those change of addresses and assistance in keeping a record of deceased alumni. I just received word of the sudden passing of Robert (Bob) Spitzer this week. Bob was the shop teacher in the early seventies and a good friend.

Have a great summer, until we meet again.

Barry Jensen - Alumni Association President  
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- Robert Reichardt
- Lenora Goff Rhoden
- Curt Hight
- Betty Peterson Hass
- Richard Krogman
- Charles Hutchinson
- Virgle Bechtold
- Ken Lolly
- Ed Burnette
- Mick Harrison
- Leo Astleford
- Donna Kriege Ryberg
- Raymalee Krogman Mckee
- Lynette Perry Frederickson
- Robert Petera (deceased)
- Evelyn Sumners Dutoit (deceased)
- Janet Jensen Krogman (deseased)

2006 Anniversary Classes

10 year - 1996

25 year - 1981

50 year - 1956

President of the School Board

I appreciate this opportunity to share with WRHS alumni some of the projects, accomplishments and challenges of all the White River School District over the past year.

We have recently completed a major roof replacement on the high school. The old roof was removed and a rubber membrane was added with the new roof. Along with this project we were able to add air conditioning to the high school and new carpet and other minor remodeling to the second story. This much needed project was funded by a special allocation from Impact Aid after a lengthy application and review process which then had to be approved by Congress. I really appreciate the work Superintendent Tom Cameron and the consultant did in acquiring this funding. This was a million dollar project that I am pleased to say was accomplished without putting a burden on local tax payers. We also appreciated the way the students and the faulty handled being displaced from the entire second floor of the high school during first semester.

Also completed was a renovation of the west wing and kitchen which included removing the asbestos tile and replacing with stone tile. Finally, concluding the major construction was the replacement of gutters on the middle and high school buildings.

Our schools continue to face the challenges set before us by the federal mandate of No Child Left Behind. We are continually in training and adjusting in order to move forward and make progress on testing and scores.

The Reading First Grand under which we have operated for the last three years, and have re-applied for, is an aggressive reading program involving kindergarten through third grade. This program has been a plus for our school and has shown positive results.

The state's new graduation requirements being with next year's freshmen and have prompted the district to add advance placement courses including upper level math, science and finance courses along with a half credit of PE. These courses will be requirements in order to graduate at the highest of three levels.

This is the second year Lakota Language and studies have been included in our curriculum. We also have several courses offered through our distance learning center.

The district continues to support art, industrial arts, VO Ag classes, along with music sports programs and many extracurricular activities.

Dropping enrollment throughout rural areas in this state have often prompted questions of our own enrollment. Ten years ago our district had 450 students. Five years ago it was down to 400. Tow years ago it dropped to 380. This past year we were back up to 400. I believe if we offer a quality curriculum and activities in a well maintained facility , our enrollment will stay near or above the current levels.

Some extracurricular highlights this season:

Boys and Girls cross country both won region championships, and placed 8th and 10th respectively at the state meet.

The football team was 3-5 and should be competitive for the next few years.

Girls volleyball was ranked in the top ten, but was upset in the district tournament.

The one act play performance earned a top superior at the state contest - one of only six awarded.

The girls basketball team made it to the district championship game for the first time in several years.

The white river boy's basketball team finished fourth at the State B Tournament with a season record of 23-4.

The National Honor Society inducted seven new members into the Tiger Chapter.

The cheerleaders did a great job during football and basketball seasons of promoting school spirit.

7Teen continues to film and broadcast on local cable, and does a wonderful job of covering WRHS sports and many of the school activities.

I would like to thank the Alumni Association and the Parent Teacher Boosters for all they do to support the White River School System.

In closing, thank you alumni for continuing to remember where you come from, and for supporting our school and it's youth.

Bill Hutchinson

**The 2005 Alumni Association Scholarship was Tyrell Tucker, son of Lance Tucker class of '79**