

TIGER TALES

2010 NEWSLETTER



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Dear Fellow Alumni,

As the saying goes, time certainly flies when you're having fun. We are now well into 2010 and just one year away from another White River High School All-School Reunion and the big Mellette County Centennial celebration. You may recall that the Alumni Committee plans to host the next reunion in conjunction with Frontier Days and the Centennial Celebration of Mellette County and the City of White River. This celebration is scheduled for the week of August 14-21, 2011. Plans are shaping up for both, and we hope that many of you will be able to attend these events.

The All-School Reunion will take place on Friday, August 19, 2011. Registration and socializing will be in the afternoon and supper followed by a program in the early evening. I know you will want to attend next year's reunion and celebration as it marks a milestone in the history of the area that we all have called home. I would suggest that you begin to make plans now for this event. You will want to keep the Alumni Assoc. updated with any change in address so we may keep you informed. Please help pass the word. Take note that we have lost an unusually high number of alumni this past year.

The celebration committee has asked the Alumni Assoc. to help publicize the Centennial. Therefore, next year's newsletter will feature a full schedule of reunion events with an additional schedule that highlights Mellette County's celebration plans.

Our fall tailgate supper yielded great results with a nice crowd of alumni, parents and visitors on hand. Once again we will be able to afford two scholarships to children of alumni from the class of 2010. White River High School continues to provide our youth a sound education, and they are fortunate to maintain a stable enrollment as other area schools continue to decline.

Something else to bring to your attention is that the American Legion is planning a Veteran's Memorial for Mellette County. We want to be sure that all veterans, especially our own WRHS alumni, are aware of this opportunity to be recognized. For more info on this contact Dennis @ 605-259-3399.

Thanks to Superintendent Cameron, Bert Banek, and Mary Judson for their contribution to the newsletter. We all enjoy reading school news from the present and the past.

Until next spring.

Barry Jensen, Alumni Assoc. President

MEMORIAL ROLL CALL

LeArley Bartlett Wilkes '40

Jim Deiss '76

Pearl Rickards Smith '39

Lois Harris Buam '42

Maureen McKean Liacos '47

Stanley McKee '76

Robert Till '57

Frank O. Perry '37

Edward Navin '49

Mary Gatton Egleston '38

Garnet Laird '38

Charlotte Laird Wylie '40

Leo Gregg '55

Bessie Petr Krogman '46

Irene Hight Schramm '35

Mabel Gunner Week '36

Tom Matthews – Band Director



Souvenir centennial placemats will be available for the holidays in 2010. These placemats will depict the location of all schools in Mellette Co. over the past 100 years. This project is sponsored by the Alumni Assoc. to help promote the next WRHS all-school reunion & centennial of Mellette Co. If you are interested in having some of these placemats to use personally prior to the reunion call 605-259-3215.

Editor's update

Lady Tigers finished 2nd in the Regions

Boys BB team finished 1st in State B

Dear Alumni

Change is coming! Beginning with the 2010-11 school year WRSchool District will be going to a four day school week. The change was approved by the Board of Education in March of last year with this year being used as planning year. The board felt that having a year ahead to make plans gives families more time to make the adjustment. A calendar committee is putting together a recommendation to be presented to the board at the March meeting. The administrators are working on a plan for Friday tutoring and in-service activities for the 2010-11. A grant application has been submitted for a 21st Century After School program, which would be on Friday's.

I may have to correct myself, maybe the biggest news isn't the school calendar. The volleyball team won the Lakota Nations Invitational and placed 4th at this year's state tournament. Our boys' basketball team is having another outstanding season and is entering tournament play hoping to make their fifth consecutive state tournament appearance. This year's team won the Jones County Tournament (also for the fifth year in a row), and the Lakota Nations Invitational. The girls basketball team is headed to the region championship game and hoping to make it's first state tournament appearance since 1992. The girls won the Southern Plains tournament and are the Western Great Plains conference champions. I would like to take this opportunity to commend our students, parents, fans, and alumni for showing their pride in our community.

One of the best success stories of the year is one that we should all be very proud of. The WRHS Quiz Bowl Team won the academic competition at the Lakota Nations Invitational for the second year in a row and several students won individual academic testing contests!!!

With all the challenges that we face in education today and with the state of the economy it is uplifting to see some positives things happening in our school. If you ever get a chance, come take a walk through our hallways and see all the good things that go on during the school day. There are many things that students do in school that don't get the recognition that teams on the playing field get. I feel we have a very dedicated staff that is willing to do what it takes to help students succeed.

Best Wishes from the office of the Superintendent.

Mr. Thomas Cameron

CLASS of 1960 – 50 YEAR GRADUATES

Class of '60 will be honored at graduation on Saturday, May 22, 2010 @ 3p.m. CST

Donna Shouldis Adrian

Richard Buckles

Michael Caple

John Decker

Ernest Endes

Verla Lawyer Fish

Darold Gere

Beverly Strait Johnson

Agnes Karlin

Marilyn Krogman Kent

Charlene Hill Lolley

Anita Banek Madson

Michael McCright

Elaine Iverson Murphy

Mary Lou Chapin Perman

Lavonne Ham Valburg

DECEASED

Marvin Bordeaux

Michael Baker

John Freddy Samuelson

Garry Harris

Duane Letellier



ALUMNI CORNER

The Alumni Association recently received the following correspondence from former students at WRHS. It is a pleasure to feature Bert Banek from the class of 1938 and Mary Williamson Judson from the class of 1939 as our contributors to the "Alumni Corner" of Tiger Tales.

If you graduated from WRHS during the 30's and would be willing to submit your high school memories please contact one of the alumni officers listed on the letterhead.

Mary - Greetings to all who have gone to White River High School ...A great school with many activities for students in the 1930's.

During my high school years, I liked Miss Valley as an instructor with all the declamatory contests and plays. Especially when we were practicing the plays and some of the play characters were practicing wrestling in the same room!

The school had a senior "sneak trip" each year in the spring. It was a secret from all the other classes. Our senior class of twenty one students took a trip to the Black Hills. We stayed in Hodges Cabins in Rapid City. Our trip through the Hills was a real treat as most of us had not been there before. Do you remember the goats pulling the wagon? We took a ride on their route through the Hills. FUN!!

The old school building where we started is long gone, but not forgotten. Everyone is happy that there is now a school with updated technology. See you in 2011 if the Lord keeps me around

Bert Banek's recollections of High School

My favorite teacher was the Superintendent Mr. Peterson. I would visit with him in his office, he was a friendly man.

Some of my classmates were the Voss Brothers, Ed Petranek and his wife Martha, Jo Stromer, and Wenonia Swan.

Football was introduced to the school as a sport while I was in High School. All we knew about the game was the ball was supposed to be kicked! You can imagine what it was like to coach a team that had to learn everything. Our football field was just a regular pasture. We wore very little padding and had leather football helmets, so when we were tackled and landed on a rock, it hurt!

Completing High School in White River allowed me to attend South Dakota State College in Brookings. After taking time out from college to fight in WW II, I graduated with an agricultural degree.

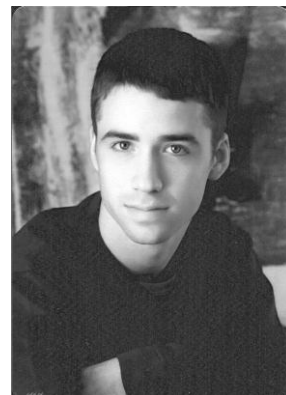
I purchased a farm in Kimball, raised six children, and made a good life. I am 91 years old and still live in Kimball.

Winner of the 9th annual Alumni scholarship is Clay Hutchinson - son of Bill Hutchinson class of '72



Anniversary classes
10 yrs.- 2000
25yrs.-1985
40 yrs.-1970

Plan a get-together soon



**Next All-School Reunion
Friday, August 19, 2011**

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Email katiej@gwtc.net
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