

# ALUMNI CORNER

The Alumni Association recently received the following correspondence from former students at WRHS. It is a pleasure to feature Emma Littau Fawx '42; Louise Krogman Paulsen '32; Rosie Reichardt Glynn '46

**Emma** - I started high school in September of 1938 along with 44 other green and scared Freshmen. I took all the necessary subjects except for Latin which I refused to take. School was OK and we stayed at the dorm which was the old school building. Meal time at the dorm was the hardest, because I'd been taught to wait and take my food as it was passed. Everyone else seemed to grab the best food. Someone had set up an area in the new school where we could go and play games etc. My favorite was Chinese checkers and I was pretty good at it. I even got my name in the school news in the paper. Shortly after those of us from the dorm had to quit and have a study hall at the dorm. What I did was read ahead in our English literature Books. Which I did so I could enjoy them before we had to find out what the author was trying to tell us! On December 7, 1941 the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor; and our country was at war. We didn't have a radio at the time and on Monday we were all concerned as to what was happening. I know people were asking the teachers what we could do. Mainly as farm people who knew what was expected of us. As Seniors our class numbered 25 and shortly before school was to end we wanted to go on our sneak trip, but since there was a war on we were told we couldn't go to the Black Hills because of gas rationing. We'd need to stay closer to home. So we went to Valentine, NE and apparently had a good time. We did graduate and some of our class went into the service. I did attend our 50th reunion and the all class reunion in 2000.

**Louise** - I graduated from White River High School in 1932. There was no high school building so we met in a room above the grade school. There were a few small buildings around the parking lot where classes were held. We would dash across the parking lot in zero weather to class. The first two years I stayed with Chapmans. They had six kids so I felt right at home with a large family. The next year my sister Clara, Maudie Pigg and I lived in a room upstairs in Mrs. Day's rooming house. It was so cold we either had to wear our coats or get in bed. We spent a lot of time in bed! After that we had a room in the basement of the hospital. We kept warm there because the furnace was just outside our door. We had to be in our room by ten o'clock, because that's when Mrs. Keller locked the door. Twenty kids graduated that year.

**Rosie** - Miss Henderson was my favorite teacher as I loved shorthand class. There were five seniors girls that took 2<sup>nd</sup> year shorthand class with her. Darline Valburg Fuoss, Phyllis Hight, Bessie Petr Krogman, Betty Kaufman and Rosella R. Yonker. Rosella R. Yonker reported in the 1946 WR newspaper that she was the first shorthand student to be presented with a sterling silver pin and a Senior Transcription certificate awarded by the International Typing World, a magazine published in New York City. I am not positive about the qualifying criteria for the award, but it qualified me to hire on as a stenographer for the Mellette and Todd County Welfare Offices. I worked 2 years in those offices before I got married. I am proud to have had the opportunity to take this level of High School. I remember my husband Derrill Glynn telling me that on occasion he and a friend would visit me at school in hopes of getting a better grade in typing class.

It is my pleasure to greet the alumni of WRHS.

Daylight savings time has kicked in, March madness has begun, and baby calves are appearing in the pastures of South Dakota. All these are sure signs that the spring of 2014 is upon us and winter is losing its grip. Oh, what a winter it has been! Nearly all parts of the country have been affected by the excessive cold and snow.

I trust you find this addition of the WRHS alumni newsletter proving to be interesting and informative. Foremost, please note the large number of alumnus we have lost over the past year. Our sympathy goes out to the families and friends that have lost loved ones.

I would like to bring to your attention the alumni link on the White River School website. The website was being revamped and is now back and working again. The school has created a new, more interesting format. The alumni link is located on the home page. This is the official website for the school and can be found at [www.whiteriver.k12.sd.us](http://www.whiteriver.k12.sd.us). The site contains a considerable amount of information including the composites of all past classes. These pictures are a good source of reference to identify which year people graduated and may prove to be good for a laugh or two!

We are very excited to announce that we now have a Facebook page. For those of you who do social media, please "friend us". When exploring the Facebook site you can search for us at *WRHS Alumni Assoc.* Facebook is a handy tool to stay in touch and update any changes of address. A big thank you to Cleone Rada Rasmusson, Katie Mickel Jensen and Barbetta Krogman for the work they do to maintain the data base of alumni. This is a never ending job and you can help by keeping us informed of any address changes.

WRHS has created another opportunity for alumni by enabling the broadcasting of live events on the internet. Visit [www.highschoolcube.com](http://www.highschoolcube.com) and enter White River High School 01 as your school name. Events filmed by WR school group 7Teen are archived for 48 hours and then deleted from the website. Keep in touch with your Alma mater and enjoy school activities right from your own living room. Very cool!

Kudos and congratulations to the PT Boosters for their role in replacing the stage curtains in the Barnhart Gym. Also thanks to all who support our tailgate scholarship fund raiser and congratulations to this year's 50-year graduates - the class of 1964.

The all-alumni basketball and volleyball games are still popular with the community. The annual date is the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend in November. Write it on your calendar. Remember it's not too early to start making plans to attend the next all-school reunion coming up in 2015 on July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Good friends plus good times equal good memories! See you next year.

Barry Jensen, Alumni President

Winner of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship is Karlee Ludvik, daughter of Julie Jones Ludvik class of 1980



## Next all-school reunion coming July 4, 2015

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