

# ALUMNI CORNER

The Alumni Association recently received correspondence from a former student of WRHS. It is a pleasure to feature Lucille Didier class of 1942. Lucille, who will be 90 yrs young in 2015, informed us that she has lost two husbands, both were B-17 pilots. This winter she is recovering from some health issues, but is looking forward to attending the 2015 all-school reunion in July and hopes her brother Bill will also attend with her. The following is her unedited note.

Memories of my high school days in White River by Lucille M. Didier Dwyer Beach

I entered high school in the fall of 1938 at a younger age than normal. I was only 17 years old when I graduated in 1942. I enjoyed 4 years of Latin by the teacher Miss Valley who was also the declam teacher. I competed in declam against Verna Navin, my classmate. My typing teacher always remarked how good I typed when my fingernails were so long. They grew pretty fast and were strong. I was a member of the Student Choir. I sang soprano. Our director was Mr. A.J. Beck. His son Bob Beck was our director for the majorettes who performed with the American Legion Band at many conventions around the state and several local areas. I played basketball on the team against my sister Katherine. I remember our geometry class instructor was Mr. Lauritz Petersen. It took a lot of time and thought to learn all these things but I did make it.

Mr. Gilbert Neiles was a good teacher. He did get married and transferred to Pierre and remained in education. I saw him once again when I attended a meeting in Pierre. I was also active in the political area. My father was a foreman when the new high school was built. He promoted many activities with students. One night my brother Nick was boxing against Altimo Tomsik. It was funny, nobody got hurt. It was fun to attend the school dances; pick a boyfriend and have a good walk after the activities. I remember Jack Dano, a classmate who looked me up when he came to Rapid City.



## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Winners of the 14<sup>th</sup> annual alumni scholarships are **William Chauncey** son of Shawn Chauncey class of '92 and **Casey Fairbanks** daughter of Myles and Brandy Tucker Fairbanks class of '93 and '94 respectively.



Have you lost your class ring?? A 1951 class ring has been found. Could be from WRHS or perhaps from one of the surrounding schools. It is well worn on the top, but appears to be a women's size with initials M.G.

Trivia – According to our records

The number of students that have graduated from WRHS stands at 1873

Deceased 499

Living in South Dakota 933

Living in White River 384

Does anyone out there in alumni land have any idea how White River High School became the home of the Tigers? Looking for some history on the selection of the Tiger mascot and the team colors of purple and gold. If you or someone in your family has any information about this please share with the Alumni Assoc.

Areas of giving that will be of great value to our future alumni:

Fred Littau Scholarship

Laura Ebbesen Patnoe Kirsch Scholarship

Lenore Matthews Scholarship

Joan Chamberlain Scholarship

Michael Glynn Scholarship

Nina Ozanne Scholarship

White River Education Association Scholarship

White River High School Alumni Scholarship

