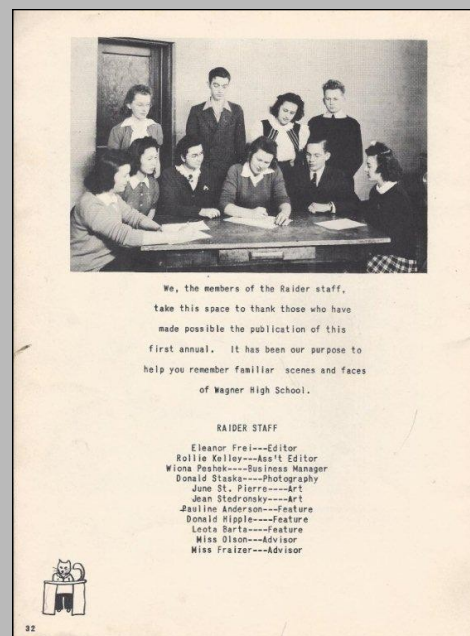


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First Annual Published in 1942

The very first page of the 1942 WHS annual tells us that this was the very first annual published. Some of the names of the first Raider Staff are still familiar Wagner names: Frei, Stedronsky and St. Pierre. We are planning on scanning this first annual and publishing it on our Facebook page.



Annuals Donated by Alums



Stacy Greger, WHS High School Secretary received the Alumni Committee's donation of old annuals. Stacy has them under

lock and key in the Principals office. We are confident that this precaution will preserve the collection. Unfortunately, over the years when the annuals were kept in the school library and during the move from the old school to the new school, they "disappeared".

The Alumni Committee hopes to be able to collect all the annuals or at least get them all copied to preserve the alumni information.

We presently need: 1945, 1948, 1953, 54, 55, and 56. Also: 1963, 64, 65, 66, 67,

68, 69, 1970, and 1980. If you are willing, you do not have to give up your annual forever, if you would loan it to us long enough to have it scanned and copied it would be appreciated. Contact Linda Soukup or Sandy Seiner.



2012 Homecoming
King Sage Zephier
and
Queen Justine Soukup

Homecoming Then & Now



The year was 1942. The King was Lambert Koupal and the Queen was Evelyn Fredrich. Standing next to Lambert on his left is Betty Frei and next to Queen Evelyn was Leota Barta.

The next row: (Some names have been given only as a last name) Schroeder, Gilreath, ? ?, Fredrich and ? ? Next Row: Sadler, ? , ? , ? , Don Youngbluth, Kolda, and ?

In the front: Myrna Connelly, JoAnn Broz, Fella Strohbehn, and June O'Connell Names were furnished by June O'Connell Van Zee.

If you have further information please let us know!



Home of the Scholars and Champions

Your alma mater is alive and well and it is truly an exciting time in education! Many changes are taking place and discussions abound as to the work that must be done to provide a quality education to the children of our country, our state, and our district. I am honored to be asked to share the news from the district with all of you.

South Dakota has been approved for an educational waiver to the "No Child Left Behind" federal legislation accountability model. Wagner teachers are ahead of the game! With leadership from their principals, they are integrating common core standards, collaborating to meet academic student needs, and focusing upon student interventions that work. Their success is evident as Wagner students ranked in the top 80% of schools in South Dakota that received a score of 70 out of 100 points. We have a great teaching staff!

The activities program has provided many opportunities for fans to cheer! The 2011-2012 wrestling team placed 4th at the state wrestling tourney and

Alumni News

FROM THE DESK OF SUPERINTENDENT SUSAN L. SMIT
November 28, 2012

the 2012-13 volleyball team placed 5th at the recent state volleyball competition. The oral interp team is headed for the state meet where the "Readers Theater" group took first place last year and is working to maintain that status.

JAG (Jobs for America's Graduates) students recently attended the National JAG Conference in Washington DC where Sage Zephier was selected to speak at the conference luncheon to 900 adult and student attendees. A representative from the BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) was present for the luncheon and was so impressed by the seven student representatives that he arranged for a meeting with BIA officials at the Department of Interior where students told their stories and provided information about the JAG program in Wagner.

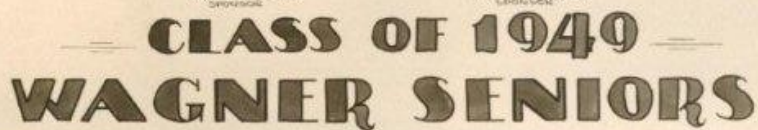
Cultural Coordinator Vanessa Iverson invited Famous Dave Anderson (FAMOUS DAVE RIBS) to visit Wagner and speak to students in November. Students read his book "Report Cards to Paychecks" prior to his presentation and came away with the message that success comes from the desire to make life better for others.

I could go on and on about the many academic, co-curricular, and extra-curricular activities taking place in the school district, but perhaps the best way for you to truly "get the feel" is to come for a visit!

Before I close, I would like to bring you up to date on building projects. During this past summer the original roof was replaced. A hot water renovation was also completed and the pump station at the football stadium was upgraded. Plans for summer of 2013 include renovation of the Family and Consumer Science classroom, replacement of temporary walls in the original high school area, painting of the gym and the ag department, and replacement of lighting in the elementary side of the building. These projects are always aimed at making sure the building and grounds meet current industry standards and will be in the best possible condition to provide a teaching and learning environment conducive for the highest quality education in a changing society.

Come visit us! We are the home of athletics and scholars!!!!





Please ask your parents and grandparents about their Wagner school days. We wonder what has happened to all the pictures, annuals, and school memorabilia that students had. Does it get thrown away when Mom or Dad or Grandpa and Grandma pass away? Or possibly put in some boxes and left to rest in the attic, basement, or the back of a closet?

If you know where some of these artifacts are, please retrieve them if you can and share them with us or loan them to be copied or photographed.

Class of 1942 Celebrates 60 Years!



Back Row: Myron Engel, Ben Slama, Arlen Kucera, Vernon Sip

End Row: Fella Strohbehn, Clarice Rohla, Elaine Geidd, Elaine Weber, Leona Kafka, Ed Novak

Sitting: Don Vesper, Janis Trantina, Jane Horner, Myrna Connelly, June O'Connell

The Wagner High School Class of 1942 held their 60th year reunion on Saturday, September 1st at the Two Spurs Restaurant in Wagner. They had 39 members in their graduating class. 11 have passed away. Sunday morning the group had breakfast and visited again. They are looking forward to their 65th reunion in 5 more years.

Class of 2002 Celebrates 10 Years!

Classmates attending were from left: Ross Beeson, Jonna Carda Puckett, John Holzbauer, Kim Leibel, Adam Kafka, Nicole Krcil Otto, Gavin Weber, Tracy Fousek Blaha, Scott Link, Cari Uecker, Melanie Villmow Hericks, Amy Blaha Weiers, and Jillian Jaeger Minihan



Class of 1957 Celebrates 55 Years!



Back Row:

Leo J. Soukup,
Merle D Bartunek,
Vernon Peterka,
Maureen DeNoma Brink,
Melvin Horner

Front Row:

Monica Payer Soukup,
Janice Ishmael Fisk,
Douglas Kaberna,
Irene Kafka Krcil,
Elaine Rokusek Bartunek,
Marlis Duncanson Davies

Class of 1962 Celebrates 50 Years!

Back Row:
John Uecker,
Dan Cuka,
Wayne Wagner

3rd Row:
LaVern Koupal,
Dan Horner,
Elmer "Gene" Jespersen,
Wayne Aubert,
Ralph Horner,
Tom Von Eschen, and
Cliff Doyle



2nd Row: June McDonald Stone, Judy Uherka Kaldun, JoAnn Hron Beeson, Donna Cihak Vornhagen, Linda DeWald Soukup and Judy Wiechmann Wagner

First Row: Connie Fischer, Jean Peterka Hall, Judie Mach Fauth, and Fred Eitemiller

Wagner's New Community Development Coordinator

Brittany Chaplin has finally found her home in Wagner, SD. She was born in Lincoln, NE and grew up in Lawrence, KS. Both of which are booming, college towns. She had visited South Dakota many times as a child with family in Winner and always loved coming to "God's Country". Her husband, Cody, who currently works at Fred Haar, had been a frequent visitor of Wagner throughout his childhood and always pictured himself in this area.

When it came time to decide where to settle after their wedding, it didn't take long for them to fall in love with the idea of staying in Wagner. Luck had it that there was a rental house open and they jumped at the opportunity.

Brittany worked at the Ft. Randall Federal Credit Union for some time before finding her current position as Wagner's Com-

munity Development Coordinator.

A few of the projects that she is currently working on are:

1. The Home Address program, which is striving to build our community's capacity for developing strategic housing, now and in the future is starting off very strong. She is currently working with the four core housing organizations in Wagner to get a better flow of information between them so that housing projects will have a chance to be more successful.
2. A Youth Assessment through the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship out of Lincoln, NE. Craig Schroeder will be working with Brittany and some student organizations at the school to prepare and analyze a survey that will go out to junior high and high school students. The survey will help to make Wagner a more entrepreneurship friendly environment for it's youth. If Wagner's youth would like to stay or come back to their hometown at

any point, Brittany wants to make it as easy and friendly as possible for them to do so.

3. South Dakota's 3rd Annual Birding Festival at Fort Randall. This Festival continues to grow with each year that goes by and this year will be no different. The plans are underway and it hopes to obtain the title of "Best Birding Festival" in South Dakota. With activities for the young and old, birders and non-birders, it no doubt will achieve that goal. The dates are May 3-5, contact Brittany with any questions!

She is very excited to be promoting Wagner and it's wonderful businesses and community! She welcomes any ideas and would love to hear from Wagner's Alumni about this great community. You can find her in her new office in the Finance Office.

384-3741

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it's the only thing that ever has."

-Margaret Mead



Parkview Villa Apartments Completed!

This project truly shows the success that can come from a group of concerned citizens coming together! Housing is a concern that a lot of rural communities have. With the revamp and restructure of this facility, Wagner has eased some of that concern for a lot of people. The newly remodeled 31 units offer much needed housing for our elderly and disabled community members.

Please stop by to get your tour of this facility before all the units are full!

Contact Norm at (605) 384-4205 for more information on Parkview Villa today!



New Businesses in Town!

Complete Fitness

Wagner's new gym on Main St.

Contact Tony at (605) 691-4715 with questions!

Choteau Creek Cottages

39648 SD HWY 46 * (605) 384-4352

Connected to Lawn's Unlimited

Who needs to travel out of town for Christmas shopping when we have this hidden gem at our fingertips?!

Katie Swatek Photography

Studio still in construction but call Katie at (605) 469-5243 to schedule a session today!

S&K Truck Wash & Repair

39569 SD HWY 46 * (605) 384-3633

Businesses Remodeled

Blaha's Boutique

219 S. Main St * (605) 384-5151

Make sure to stop in and see how they've transformed this beautiful shop!

“Rotary Building” Clean-Up



On December 8th, the community of Wagner came together to start the process of saving one of the most historic buildings in town. The Barkl Building, also referred to as the Rotary Building, has housed: First State Bank, cafes, an Insurance Agency, Rotary Club, an optometrists office and many more businesses. Our goal is to revive the inside as well as the outside so that it can continue to be a corner stone in Wagner. Plans to redo the roof and some tuck pointing are in the works.

We will be planning another clean-up day for the historic building. If you could like to participate, please contact Brittany Chaplin at (605) 384-3741 to find out more details!



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To enhance and strengthen the ties between alumni and their hometown of Wagner, South Dakota.

The Wagner Alumni Association Welcomes...

- High School Graduates
- Teachers & Staff

Past & present residents of the community who did not graduate here but feel a connection to Wagner

We encourage you to join the Alumni Association to stay connected to your hometown, former classmates, and friends. Membership is completely FREE! You can obtain access to an Alumni Email Directory and receive email alerts on important events.

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