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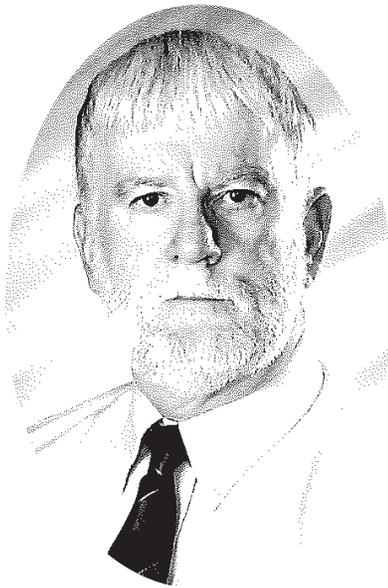
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Rick Schmiedeberg Has Seen Many Changes During 44 Years In Education

By Duane Swanson



Rick Schmiedeberg is coming to the end of a 44 year journey in education which began in 1975. That journey encompasses a career as a math teacher at Warren High School, Warren-Alvarado High School and Warren-Alvarado-Oslo High School. It also includes being a coach for those three schools as well as cooperatives Marshall County South and West Marshall. He has coached teams called the Ponies, the Wildcats and the Fusion with team colors of orange and black; red, white and blue and orange and dark blue. He has also seen many changes in class designations for athletic teams at these schools and others.

When you teach and coach at a small school for 44 years in Northwest Minnesota, you go with the changes of consolidation and sports co-ops and move on. At least through all those changes, the only thing that has changed about him, physically, is the amount and color of facial hair he identifies with. He may be considered old school, but you don't stay in this profession as long as he has if you don't adjust to changes in attitudes, discipline and education philosophies. He definitely has

seen it all.

Rick's immediate family begins with Marie, his wife of 45 years and they have a daughter and son. Their daughter, Kellie, who graduated from Warren-Alvarado High School in 1994, is married to Chad Wehrman. Kellie is a senior high math instructor at Sauk Centre, MN and Chad teaches senior high math at Melrose, MN. They have one daughter, Julia. Rick and Marie's son, Timothy, graduated from Warren-Alvarado-Oslo High School in 1997 and he is married to Emily. Both are registered nurses in Grand Forks, ND. They have two sons, Caleb and Cole and a daughter, Isabella.

Mr. Schmiedeberg's story begins on a dairy farm just northwest of Lancaster, MN which is about 60 miles north of Warren. He and his twin brother were the third and fourth of five children born to Harold and Joyce Schmiedeberg. Mr. Schmiedeberg commented, "I was taught a solid work ethic growing up on our dairy farm helping with the milking chores at 5:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. The summers were spent cutting and raking hay and then baling around 10,000 square bales of alfalfa and straw every year as well as cutting and packing corn for silage. There also was the continuous operation of cleaning up behind cows, chickens and pigs. In the fall, we were able to enjoy nature a little more as we went into the woods to cut the firewood for next year's winter."

As far as his interests in school, Coach Schmiedeberg had all the interests most boys had. He stated, "I participated in football, basketball and track when it didn't interfere with helping out on the farm. I always wanted to participate in summer baseball with my friends, but never did because it interfered with the haying season. My free time was spent riding motorcycle, fishing, hunting and going to drive-in movies. I graduated from

Lancaster High School in 1971 in a class of 32 students. (I graduated in May 1971 and my parents sold the dairy herd and switched to beef cattle in June 1971)." At least, they waited so he could help with the milking right up to graduation.

After high school, Rick attended college at Bemidji State University. His going to college had a special significance. He explained, "I was the first member of my family to attend college. I always held a great deal of respect for my high school Industrial Technology instructor as well as my high school math instructor. I started at BSU seeking a major in Industrial Technology. My high school instructors had tried to steer me towards a degree in Engineering. Two years into my college education, I switched my major to Mathematics Education and Computer Technology. That work ethic that I was taught on the farm was starting to pay off. I was able to earn a good share of my college expenses by working for the Soo Line Railroad during the summer months throughout college."

Graduating from BSU in 1975, Rick began looking for teaching jobs. He had offers to teach in Northhome, MN, Osnabrock, ND and Larimore, ND before taking a job at Warren High School. He said, "I was very fortunate that in March of 1975, Superintendent Mel Hanson and Principal, Jerry Dalzell decided to take a chance on a farm kid from Lancaster."

By the time school opened in the fall of 1975, he was part of a trio of new math teachers which included Dean Chandler and Walter King. Because of that situation, he relied on veteran instructors in the school system for advice and assistance. He stated, "I was very fortunate and thankful to receive mentoring from outstanding instructors like Lyle Pederson, Bob Mattson, Gary Schuler, Phil Beving, Bill Porter and many others. I still remember Art instructor, Carl F. Johnson's advice, 'If you're going to stay in

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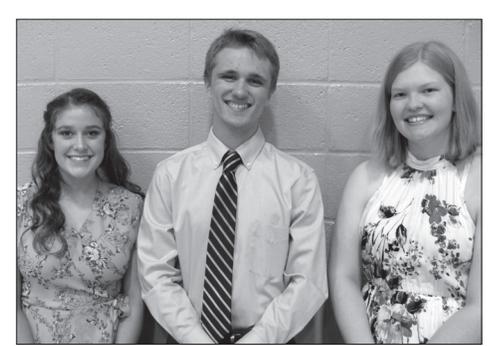
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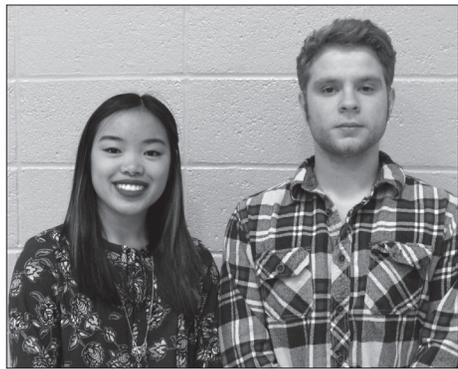
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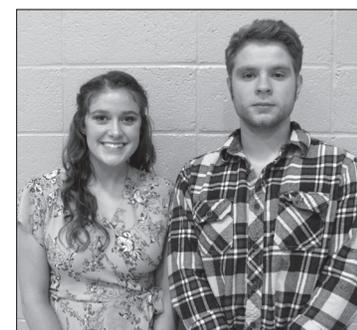
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Robert & Dolores (Elseth) Ricker
Rovella (Franks) Weiland
Steve & Marie Goodwin
Verona Poolman
William (Billy) Saetre

In Memory of Ron Skunes
Darlene (Torgerson) Dvorak
Donald & Melba Laidley
Friends & Classmates of Ron John & Sharon (Strunk) Carlson
Steve & Mary (Ovsak) Gazda
Treasure (Soltis) Omdahl

In Memory of Ronnell Yanish
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Carol J. Anderson
Jeanie Ulferts

In Honor of Sharon (Maruska) Kratt
Sondra (Maruska) Weinzierl

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Peter & Sharon (Maruska) Kratt

In Memory of Stuart "Stewey" Hurst
Arls Pederson
Bruce A. Nelson
Curt R. Kuznia
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Don & Corrine (Goplin) Slaughter
Elizabeth Yeado
Eric & Mary Stanislawski
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Pat Crummy
Patrick & Ann (Berget) Zavoral
Richard & Barbara Olson
Richard & Judith Bergen
Robert & Dolores (Elseth) Ricker
Vernon Borowicz

In Memory of The Taralseth Family
Robert & Linda (Taralseth) Donnelly

In Memory of Tim Bierman
Faye Wallsten

In Memory of Warren & Margaret Saetre
Anne (Saetre) Josephson

In Honor of WHS Class of 1959
Romelle Vanek Ferris

In Memory of Marion Vraa
Arlyn & Marilyn (Kuznia) Stroble

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ALL SCHOOL REUNION

Nomination Form

HALL OF FAME

The all-school reunion committee would like to recognize former graduates of the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo schools for their accomplishments after they graduated from high school.

We want kids to see what others who have walked the same halls have accomplished.

If you would like to nominate someone who has made an impact in business, military, sports, the arts, civic engagement, or any other category, please provide us with some information about who the person is and why they should be selected. All nominations will be reviewed by a committee (not the reunion committee), and 4 applicants will be chosen to be honored at the all-school reunion. We would like to make the selection of new candidates to be a yearly event, where new honorees would be recognized at the school awards day ceremony or a similar event.

Please leave your information should follow-up information be needed on the candidate you have nominated.

Person nominated: _____

Graduation year, if known: _____

High School graduated from: Warren Alvarado Oslo North Valley W-A W-A-O (circle one)

Reason for their nomination (tell us about their accomplishments): _____

Please add additional sheets, if needed.

Your name and contact information: _____

Please send all information to: **WAO Reunion** or mail to **P.O. Box 125, Warren, MN 56762. Deadline is June 30th, 2019**

All School Reunion Pre-Registration Form

Warren-Alvarado-Oslo will be hosting an all-school reunion during fair week of 2019 (July 24-28, 2019). Please let us know if you are coming, interested in attending, but not yet sure, and if you are interested in volunteering to help with the event. We will reconnect with you prior to the event to keep you updated.

Spouse/Guest: _____ (include maiden name, if applicable)

Address: _____ Phone # _____

Email _____ Year of graduation _____

School graduated from (circle the appropriate answer(s): Warren Alvarado Oslo Valley North W-A W-A-O

We will be providing a noon meal on Saturday, which will include BBQ Ribs, Smoked Chicken and Sides.

REGISTRATION FEE FOR THE MEAL & EVENT IS \$25/PERSON. REGISTRATION WITHOUT THE MEAL IS \$5 PER PERSON.

of meals _____

Special meal requirements _____ (vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, etc)

I am willing to volunteer prior to or at the event: yes no (circle one)

Send all information to

All School Reunion P.O. Box 125, Warren, MN 56762 or check on Facebook

DEADLINE IS JUNE 12TH, 2019

MEMORABILIA TO SHARE



Indians Bobcats Raiders Ponies

It's time to dig in the back of the closets or in the totes stored in your basement to find keepsakes from your school days! Classmates and alumni may wish to see what you've found. Tables will be set up where you are welcome to display whatever items you wish to share on Saturday July 27th at the school. The annuals that the school has will also be out for your browsing pleasures. Perhaps you kept an AHS, OHS, or WHS sweatshirt or lettermen's jacket. It will be interesting to see what you bring to share. PLEASE MARK ANY ITEM(S) that you bring so you'll get them back.

U.S.S. Marshall County

Veterans Program and Military Show

Saturday, July 27, 2019

Marshall County Fairgrounds

8:00-9:45 am Breakfast served at the 4-H Foodstand

for the first 500 people. Free to Vets and Free Will to guests

10:00- 11:00 a.m. Veterans Program in the Grandstand

Admission: Free will donation

11:00-1:00 p.m. Military Show in the Grandstand

Featuring Dave Boyer and the Classic Swing Band

(formerly the Dick King Swing Band)

U.S.S. Marshall County brings back the style of the USO with incredible high-energy performances featuring Dave Boyer and the Classic Swing Band. Our mission is to honor veterans, active military and their families by spreading a message of patriotism and hope. Your hearts will be touched forever with patriotism.

Our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude. America will never forget their sacrifices." - President Harry S. Truman

WILL YOU VOLUNTEER



A volunteer is a person who freely offers to take part in an enterprise or undertake a task.

The All School Reunion Committee is looking for people who fit the above definition. This could be for Wednesday afternoon at the parade staging area, on Thursday night at the Sky Vu Outdoor Movie Theatre for the Movie Tailgating Experience, or Saturday at the schools.

The simplest, easiest way to meet as many classmates in the shortest amount of time is to volunteer.

Seriously we could use willing volunteers! Please send your name, contact info, and the day or days that you would be willing to volunteer to: lynnkathy@invisimax.com

Many hands make for easier work!

SKY-VU MOVIE TAILGATING EXPERIENCE



The Sky-Vu Drive In Outdoor Theatre is one of the few outdoor theatres left. It is still a very busy place most evenings at sundown. People come from miles around by the car or pickup loads to watch a movie, have snacks, and meet up with friends. The Novak Family has offered the All School Reunion Group **Thursday Night at the Drive-In**. There is usually a grandstand event at the Fair, but it will be over in time for you to get to the movie! The Novak's will close the theatre to the public that evening and they are not going to charge per individual, car or pickup. Instead they are going to have a donation basket where movie-goers can give a free-will donation that will go to the All School Reunion. (A percentage of these donations will go to the Novaks for their expenses.) The snack bar will be open and they will have a wide variety of products available for purchase. Check out their website at sky-vumovies.com. All proceeds from the concessions will go back to the Novaks. They do not sell any beer or alcohol, but people may bring their own. The movie that they select for the evening will be family oriented because we're sure you'd like to bring your children along to experience the times you spent at the drive-in as a child. Bring your lawn chair, some food, if you wish, and plan for a fun evening of socializing, fellowship and fun!

Come Out and Join the All Class Reunion Choir!!



We are hoping for a great turn out. Mark Maruska has graciously accepted to direct this group. He is a WHS alumni from the Class of '71. He said the music will not be too hard!!

We are looking at former musical tunes and will close with "Beautiful Savior." He would love to hear from you if you are interested in singing. You can email him at mmaruska@invisimax.com or joanmp1956@yahoo.com. Joan (Grega) Peterson is a WHS alumni from the class of '74. Practice will be on Saturday, July 27th at 1:00 p.m. Please help make this a wonderful success!

ALVARADO HIGH SCHOOL "INDIANS" ALL CLASS



"SOCIAL GET TOGETHER"

To coincide with the Marshall County Fair and the WAO HIGH SCHOOL ALL CLASS REUNION in Warren an informal ALL CLASS "SOCIAL GET TOGETHER" of ALL former ALVARADO HIGH SCHOOL students, staff, and friends will be held at the Alvarado Community Center Saturday July 27th 2019 from 10am to 8pm. Each class should make their own plans when to meet with their classmates. Food and beverages will not be available at the Community Center. Attendees should bring their own snacks and beverages. Food will be available at the Lightning Bar and Grill in beautiful downtown Alvarado. There will be many sources for food in Warren either in the downtown area or at the Marshall County Fairgrounds. Also, a noon lunch will be served at the Warren High School cafeteria. **Come to the Alvarado all class "SOCIAL GET TOGETHER" and be prepared to reminisce and laugh about the "good old days" at ALVARADO HIGH SCHOOL.** See you in Alvarado on the 27th of July. Questions : Call: DelRoy Shane AHS 1960 Cell 612-730-3856 Alvarado City Hall: Jill Fanfulik AHS 1981 218-965-4911 Lightning Bar: Ann Eastad 218-965-4525

ALL SCHOOL REUNION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

JULY 24-JULY 28, 2019

Friday, July 12, 2019

Registration deadline

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

6:00 p.m. Marshall County Fair Parade

All are invited to gather classmates together to participate in the parade. Parade entry of homecoming queens through the years.

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Sky Vu Drive In:

6:00 p.m. Tailgating. Movie to be determined

6:00 p.m. Back Behind the Barn Boys at Marshall County Fair Grandstand

8:00 p.m. Sawyer Brown at Marshall County Fair Grandstand

Friday, July 26, 2019

7:00 a.m. WAO Foundation Golf Tournament/18 hole, 4 person scramble

7:00 p.m. Van Dell's 50's & 60's Concert at Marshall County Fair Grandstand

Dusk Fireworks at Marshall County Fair Grandstand

Saturday, July 27, 2019

9:00-4:00 p.m. Warren Elementary and High Schools open for tours and visiting. Self-guided tours at Schools. Maps available at entrances.

9:00-2:00 p.m. Registration at the east end of the high school

9:00-4:00 p.m. WAO Warehouse will be open all day

8:00-9:45 a.m. Veteran's Breakfast at fairgrounds.

10:00 a.m. Veteran's Program in Marshall County Fair Grandstand

11:00 a.m. Military Show with David Boyer & The Classic Swing Band

11:00-2:00 p.m. Lunch served in W/A/O High School Cafeteria

2:00 p.m. All School Reunion Program in W/A/O High School Auditorium

6:00 p.m. Baja Races at Marshall County Fair Grandstand

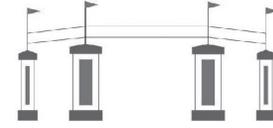
8:00 p.m. Jaycees Street Dance at Warren American Legion Band: 24/7

Sunday, July 28, 2019

9:30 a.m. Morning Worship at Marshall County Fair Grandstand with Lorie Line

1:00 p.m. Baja Races at Marshall County Fair Grandstand

MARSHALL COUNTY FAIR



MARSHALL COUNTY FAIR PARADE REGISTRATION

July 24, 2019 6:00 p.m.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE #: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ENTRY NAME: _____

(Please circle category of your entry):

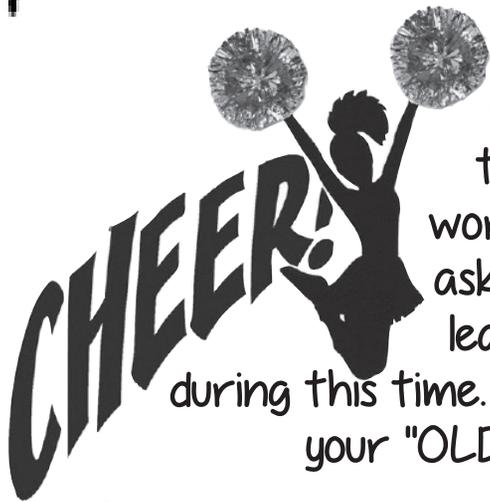
4-H/Church/Family/School Volunteer Org. Old Tractors/Machines

Commercial Old Cars/Trucks Animal/Animal Drawn Non-Profit

(Please write a sentence or two what you would like the announcer to say about your unit.)

Please send registration to:
 Marshall County Fair Parade
 PO Box 176
 Warren, MN 56762
 email: marshallcountyfair@gmail.com

Marshall County Fair, P.O. Box 176 Warren, MN 56762 • Phone: (218) 745-4445 •
 E-mail: marshallcountyfair@gmail.com • Web: www.marshallcountyfair.org



The school songs of all of the former schools will be used in the program. We'll have the words in the program, but we're asking any and all former cheer leaders to help lead the cheers during this time. Feel free to bring or wear your "OLD" cheerleading outfit!

125 ALL SCHOOL REUNION

1894 - 2019

Annuals

From 2001, 2003, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2017 will be available to purchase for **\$5.00 each**

From the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Education Foundation

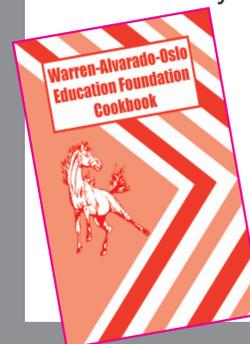
With the success of our first cookbook, we decided to produce a new cookbook featuring recipes from past, present and future WAO graduates in honor of the 125th All School Reunion will be July 24-28

We sincerely appreciate and thank all those whose fine spirit of cooperation made it possible for us to publish and market this book.

Funds from the sale of this book will help benefit the learning experience of young people in the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo School District.

We hope you enjoy this large variety of recipes. It has been exciting to hear from past alumni, current students, staff and faculty.

Thank you for your continued support!



Cookbooks will be available to purchase at the All School Reunion for \$15. If you would like it mailed it's \$20.

Cover designs by Katie Kleven WAO Class of 2014

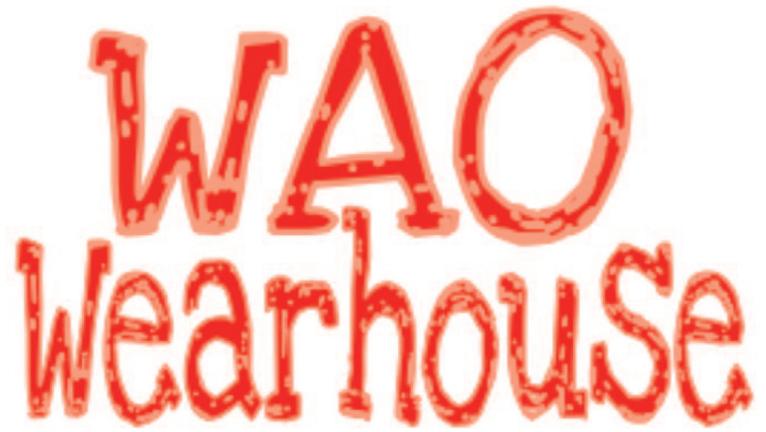
WAO ALL SCHOOL REUNION

LODGING OPTIONS:



Area Motels:

- Elm Crest Motel Warren 745-4721
- Quality Inn Thief River Falls 681-7555 Ten rooms held until June 1.
- C'Mon Inn Thief River Falls 681-3000 Deluxe continental breakfast, pool, hot-tub, 18 rooms including 1 handicap accessible held until July 1.
- Super 8 Grand Forks (701) 775-8138 Continental breakfast, 10 rooms held until June 24.
- Holiday Inn Express Grand Forks (701) 772-7700 Deluxe continental breakfast, pool, hot-tub, 24 hour fitness center, guest laundry, 24 hour business center, 15 rooms held until June 19.
- Cobblestone Inn Crookston 470-1111 Deluxe continental breakfast, pool, hot-tub, 10 rooms held until June 1.
- Crookston Inn and Convention Center 281-5210 Continental breakfast, pool, lounge, 16 rooms including 1 handicap accessible, held until June 24.



The WAO Wearhouse (our student-run school store) has greatly expanded from its original 1999 space. This is in great part to the WAO Ed Foundation. We are located across the hall from the WAO High School Office.

Be sure to stop by on Saturday, July 27th when you tour the school.

In addition to clothing, we now offer custom items using our new sublimation printer. We will have a whole host of items for you to check out:

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|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Key chains | Chapstick keychain holders |
| License plate frames | Cell phone card caddies |
| Baby bibs | Garden Flags |
| Lanyards | Umbrellas |
| Bag tags | Head bands |
| Earrings | And much much more! |

If you would like to pre-order/customize an item, email Beth Murray and she and the students will see what we can do for you.



We have a new Instagram page where you can preview some of the items currently in production.



We look forward to seeing you in July!

Beth Murray, Business Education/Computer Teacher

bmurray@wao.k12.mn.us
218-745-5628, ext 1220

Calling ALL Teachers!

Warren-Alvarado-Oslo All School Reunion

July 24-28

A special warm welcome is extended to all former and present teachers and administration. We hope you will come back to renew friendships and make new ones at the All School Reunion!

Possible Venues for All Class Reunion	Contact Person	Phone Number
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Warren		
Bremer Bank	Geralyn Loesie	218-745-4411
Godel Memorial Library	Dawn Korynta	218-745-5465
Riverside Golf Course		218-745-4028
Uptown Café	Lisa/Cindy	218-745-7636
Warren American Legion	Veronica Halvorson	218-745-5201
Warren Community/Senior Center	City of Warren	218-745-4190
W/A/O School	Lon Jorgensen	218-745-4646
Marshall County Courthouse	Leanne Novacek	218-745-4851
Our Saviors Lutheran Church	Wanda Gubrud	218-745-4478
First Lutheran Church	Carol Moen	218-745-4221
Evangelical Covenant Church	Barb Hess	218-745-4191
Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church	Donna Gehris	218-745-4511
Harvest Community Church (Opera House)	Margaret Deschene	218-745-0911
Grace United Methodist Church	Marilee Stenerson	218-745-4301
Zion Lutheran Church	Verona Poolman	218-745-4766
Angus Presbyterian		218-745-4301
Assembly of God	Jim Robberstad/Dann Pagler	218-745-7634
Alvarado		
Alvarado Community Center/Senior Center		218-965-4504
New Hope		218-965-4638
Oslo		
Oslo Community Center		218-695-3842
Zion Lutheran Church		218-695-2501
St. Joseph's Catholic Church		218-695-2641

Classrooms will be available in the school for classes to meet and will be assigned.
Maps will be available on Saturday for assigned rooms

If you are wondering where to stay for the All Class Reunion, there are camping options for those of you who love camping. Each site has online registration forms.

Holiday Park in Warren has camping: for information and pricing you can contact the Warren City office at 745-5343 or check out their website at www.warren-minnesota.com

The **Marshall County Fair** also has camping spots. A form for the Marshall County Fair camping can be found at <http://www.marshallcountyfair.org>

The **Marshall County Park at Florian** has camping, check it out at http://www.co.marshall.mn.us/residents_visitors/florian_park/index.php

The **Old Mill State Park** also has camping, check it out at https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/state_parks/park.html?id=spk00247#homepage

The **Red River State Recreation Area East Grand Forks** 218-773-4951

Rick Schmiedberg *cont. from pg. 1*

this profession, you need to be more flexible.' During my 44 years here, I have made many life-long friendships with both teachers and students."

Sometimes, teaching in a smaller school system is a stepping stone to moving on to larger schools and communities. Coach Schmiedberg was asked why he stayed at one place his entire career. He replied, "When Marie and I moved into Warren, we thought a town of 1800 people was a big town. Warren's location is just 60 miles from Lancaster and was perfect. (Close enough, yet far enough away). We have family living there and we wanted our future children to be close to their grandparents and family."

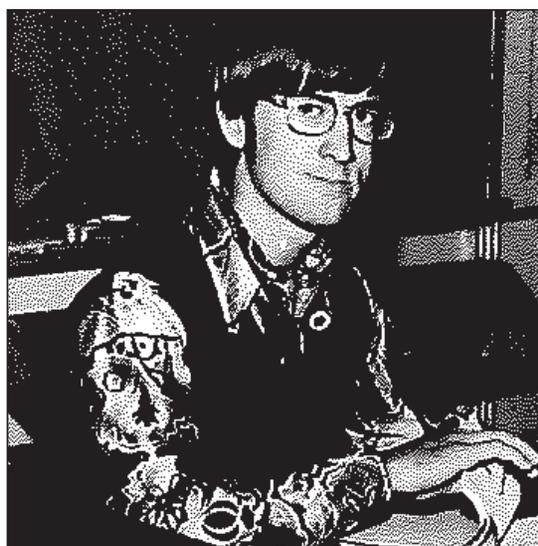
Warren has been "home" from the first day we drove into town. We have really enjoyed the community, school, church and social activities. Perhaps the most rewarding aspect living in the WAO community is we got to watch our two children develop great friendships, receive an outstanding school education, participate at a high level in extra-curricular activities and develop into outstanding individuals we are extremely proud of! It takes an entire community to provide leadership for our children and we sincerely thank our school communities. I've never felt living and teaching in a small community was ever a disadvantage for me."

Coach Schmiedberg put a lot of effort into coaching Pony sports during his long tenure. He was an assistant football coach for 43 seasons plus was a volunteer this past season. Rick was the architect of many great Pony defenses during that time. He was head coach in track and field for 31 seasons as well as a volunteer during the last 8 seasons. Add to that, 24 seasons as an elementary school boys basketball coach and he also coached cross country for 8 seasons. That is quite a coaching resume.

Asked what brought him into coaching, he replied, "Some teachers teach to have the opportunity to coach. I guess I have always coached to have the ability to teach athletes. At a small school, especially, I got started coaching because it came with the teaching position. I very quickly learned that coaching gave me an avenue to get to know the student/athletes and that relationship carried very positively to the classroom. I guess my favorite sport would be football and track and field. I loved the development of schemes for defensive football and the creation of lineups for track and field meets."

After coaching 106 different seasons of Pony athletics, Rick related some highlights he experienced which included, "Beating Thief River Falls in football; the many True Team championships as well as watching hard-working individuals and teams qualify for the state Class A Track and Field meet and of course a second place finish in the 2000 State Class A Football championship game against Sleepy Eye. The 13-12 loss must have been my fault as I was the Pony defensive coordinator." Actually, it was missing a first down by an inch on a fourth down play late in the game that led to the heart-breaking defeat.

Mr. Schmiedberg has learned a lot after spending those 44 years in his chosen profession. When asked if he had any words of advice to anyone considering entering the field of education or coaching, he stated, "Be prepared to give your effort every day whether in the classroom or athletic field. We all know that every day will not be perfect, but you need to be prepared. Set your expectations, communicate and then be honest and fair with your student/athletes. Make sure you develop "thick skin." There will be times that a few individuals will let their emotions get the best of them and something or everything will be YOUR fault in their eyes. Fortunately, this doesn't happen very often and the MANY rewards of working with students and parents far outnumber the negatives."



In his long tenure teaching math, he has taught students in every grade. His curriculum has included Math 7, Math 8, Algebra 1, Algebra II, Geometry, Trigonometry, Integrated Math I, II and III, Career Math, Business Math, College Trigonometry, College Algebra, Computer Programming and Computer Applications. He commented, "One of the biggest rewards of teaching is we get to witness the maturing process of our students and athletes. I enjoy watching the understanding of math grow and develop in each student. I felt so strongly about this potential growth for my math students that for my entire career, I have always showed up for work an hour early to assist them with homework questions and/or tutor students having difficulty. If these students are willing to put in the extra effort, I was willing to help them become successful. As each school year progresses, my favorite time is watching their graduation ceremony. I see them get their diploma, read about each student's future plans and note the many scholarships they have earned. I have watched close to 2250 students become alumni. I feel content that I may have had a small part in their success."

Mr. Schmiedberg's teaching career has been much appreciated by students over the years. The high school annual has been dedicated to him three times. He said, "The classes of 1977, 2006 and 2016 all caught me off-guard with their senior annual dedications. These memories from the past will always be very special."

Now it is time for Mr. Schmiedberg to make new memories as his retirement begins in a short time. Instead of creating lesson plans, he will have recreational and traveling plans on his agenda. He stated, "Marie and I hope to spend a good deal of our time watching our grandchildren take part in many activities. I also enjoy spending time at our hunting camp working as well as playing. Woodworking projects still interest me so I hope to spend time on various projects. I'm still trying to improve on my fishing skills so I hope Marie lets me take more time to practice." We also hope to do more traveling throughout the United States."

Some final comments by Mr. Schmiedberg include, "I would like to thank the Pony Booster Club and the WAO Education Foundation for their continued support for WAO students. I hope our local communities and alumni realize how lucky we are to have these two great supporting organizations for the WAO school district. It has been a pleasure and an honor to work with students/athletes, school staff members as well as community members for all these years! Thank you for that privilege!" That goes both ways. Mr. Schmiedberg may be short in stature, but he stands tall as one of the most beloved, dedicated and respected teachers and coaches ever at this school district. From students, teaching colleagues, parents, friends and people from three communities, a collective THANK YOU for your 44 years of education in the classroom and coaching on the athletic field.

Donations

November 1, 2018 – April 30, 2019

2019 Warren – AZ Reunion	John & Paddy (Soderberg) Devins
Alvarado Lions Club	John Short
Amy Jo Huderle	Jon & Julie (Fulks) Jonasson
Anne (Saetre) Josephson	Jon & Sue Holter
Anonymous	Jordan & Brooke (Bork) Johnson
Autumn Schindele	Julie Eklund
Ben & Kari (Stinar) Miska	Karl Pawlowski
Bernie & Tammy (Murphy) Knutson	Kevin & Lisa (Amundgaard) Pagnac
Beverly (Peterson) Johnson	Kim Brekke
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Dean & Mary Jo Chandler	Patrick & Kathleen (Vansickle) Carr
Denise Ortiz	Peggy (Moen) Demeyer
Dennis & Louise Brekke	Petter & Stacy (Beving) Kommedal
Don & Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler	Richard & Barbara Olson
Don & Pam (Howard) Slusar	Richard & Margaret (Olson) Nelson
Donald & Melba Laidley	Richard & Mary Beth (Maruska) Edman
Doug & Barb Hess	Rickard Stanghelle
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Ervin & Pam Rokke	Scott & Tamara (Johnson) Oberg
Florence (Steer) Rood	Sharon (Botko) Kays
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Freddie Martinez	Stanley & Marilyn (Strickler) Sirek
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Gerald & Sandra (Potucek) Maruska	Sylvester & Carol Vanyo
Gerry & Patti (Olson) Evin	Terry W. Paulson
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Harley & Darlene Marek	Todd Beving
Helen (Johnston) Plencner	Tom & Jan Aafedt
Jacob & Ashley (Pagnac) Anderson	Tony & Michelle Gullikson
Jacquelyn Streiff	Travis & Mara Hanel
James Bustrack	US Bank - Jeanne E. Kotrba Trust
James Olsen	Van & Amy Hapka
Jared Goodwin	Verona Poolman
Jason & Stacy Hanson	Wayne & Beverly (Hanson) Torgerson
Jeanne Johnson	Wayne & Carole (Stroble) Edgar
Jeff & Sara Steer	Wayne & Deanna (Carlson) Zink
Jeremy & Jaime Woinarowicz	Wayne & Rhonda Jordheim
Jerry & Mary (Sorenson) Sedlacek	Wayne & Shawn Spidah
Jim & Pat (Stroble) Emerson	Wayne Wood
John & Joyce Holmstrom	William (Billy) Saetre
John & LaVerne (Storbakken) Messelt	

Chat with the Chairman

Dear Alumni and Friends of the Foundation,

Greetings from the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Education Foundation!

2019 is beginning to be another exciting year with the Foundation. New and exciting things are happening at both the elementary and high school buildings thanks to the generous donations that have been provided to us. Plan to visit the buildings when you're back "home" for the fair and the All School Reunion in July. The buildings will be open all day on Saturday.

Our 8th Annual Baked Potato Supper/Salad Bar was very successful. We are most appreciative of all of the WAO staff/ personnel and the community. Our volunteers help to make this event a big success. We'll have 2 suppers in 2019 as the Stephen/Argyle Basketball game is scheduled for December 6th when there will be a doubleheader with both the girls and boys playing that evening at WAO!

On May 22nd we announced at Scholarship Night that we facilitated 39 scholarships to 61 individuals for the 20 WAO seniors, totaling \$47,800. In addition, 7 of these scholarships are renewable for the additional years of school in the amount of \$21,000. We are pleased to have the addition of the following new scholarships: the Jeanne E. Kotrba Scholarship, the Cecelia (Vanyo) Kovar Scholarship, the Ronald Leroy Jorgensen Mechanic Scholarship, and the Paula Laudal Memorial Scholarship. Thank you all for helping our students as they continue their education. You will find pictures of all of the recipients on the shelves of the donor wall.

Our spring has been cooler than usual, but the outdoor classroom at the elementary school has been in use. It was perfect for Earth Day, science projects, Mother's Day planting projects, and countless other things.

Another school year is almost complete. It went a bit longer with the many snow days this past winter. Along with scholarships to the Class of 2019, we are thinking about our 15th Annual Golf Scramble. Come join us on Friday, July 26th for a day of fun, food, and prizes at the Riverside Golf Course in Warren beginning with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. All paid golfers that are registered by July 19th will be entered into a drawing to receive their \$50.00 registration fee back! We're looking forward to seeing many of you when you come "home" for the reunions and the Marshall County Fair!

We have given over \$15,000 to WAO staff/students thus far in 2019. This is made possible because of your generous support. We all have something to give. Once we give and realize that it is better to give than to receive, our life is more satisfying. This is so true with the many alumni/friends that have chosen to give back for what they received as a student/staff at one of the schools that now make up WAO. I've heard many times from classes/individuals that wish to begin a scholarship that they want to thank the school for what they received as students many years ago. We are so fortunate to have all of your support. Thank you!

Jordan Johnson, a member of the WAO Board of Education is our second representative to the Ed Foundation and has recently joined us. Sally Roller, also a board of education member, is our first representative. Neither of them are voting members of the Foundation, but we appreciate their ideas and insight.

Each issue of "Connections" contains a list of recently deceased alumni, staff, and friends. We are often shocked to hear news of the passing of these people. It reminds us that we are really not in charge of anything and we never know when our time will come. It also reminds us that we can establish our own legacy. Have you thought about yours? We've had many inquiries of how people can leave something to the Foundation. The answer we've been told is that it can be stated in your legal documents that a lawyer has prepared what your wishes are. Some companies do require our tax ID number. If you need that, please have your company contact us for it.

Are you aware that there is an alumni choir directed by Mark Maruska that will perform at the All School Reunion Program on Saturday afternoon, July 27th at 2:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium? A rehearsal will take place at 1:00 p.m. in the band room. Everyone is welcome to join together. I understand that years back *Beautiful Savior* was often sung at the close of a concert. Please e-mail either Mark (1971) mmaruska@invisimax.com or Joan (Grega) Peterson (1974) joanmp1956@yahoo.com so they have an idea of how much music to prepare.

You will find the insert in this issue filled with information about alumni/reunion activities. Bring along your lawn chair, your comfortable walking shoes, your warm friendly smile, and be prepared to renew lots of acquaintances, meet classmates that you haven't seen since graduation, and have a great day. Both buildings will be open for you to wander through and say to your group "Do you remember when....." Rooms will be assigned for classes to gather together. There is an Alvarado gathering planned for the Senior Center in Alvarado in the afternoon. There will be various areas to display yearbooks, posters, banners, and whatever items you may wish to share. The only thing we ask is that you remember to take them back at the end of the day!

The reunion committee set up a Facebook page entitled Alvarado/Oslo/Warren All Class Reunion 2019. Check it out if you wish!

Our cookbook project was very successful. They will be available during the All School Reunion in various business places and at the school for \$15.00. If you wish to have one before then, we'll gladly mail one out to you for \$20.00.

Thank you to many of you that have contacted us with the change of address or the passing of an alumnus. We truly appreciate your assistance in keeping our database as current as possible.

Please keep in mind that any donation or memorial that is sent in the mail or completed online can be designated to any scholarship, activity, grade or department by indicating it on your check or on a note. If you are donating online, follow the prompts. All undesignated funds go into our general account.

We continue to grow, people believe in us, and we are going forward. Thank you for believing in and partnering with us. We continue to move forward with more growth and involvements.

If our board can be of any assistance to you with more information, please feel free to contact one of us. "We can't succeed without you!"

Where are they now . . .

Ron Larson, ALV 1963, is retired, living in rural East Grand Forks. He worked as a building superintendent for 40 years for Baukol Builders, in Grand Forks, ND. For the last 20 years, you could find Ron on the sidelines of high school football. He started taking stats for the Fisher Flyers and as area schools merged, he assisted the Climax/Fisher Knights and as of last year, the Polk County West Thunder, which consists of Climax/Fisher/Sacred Heart, EGF. He is a loyal fan, often encouraging the players. Ron also enjoys working in his large yard, which is immaculately groomed, summer and winter. With pride he spends hours assembling his Christmas display, which is outstanding and gives much pleasure to those who drive by. Ron and wife, Rowann, have 3 daughters and 5 grandchildren.

Ruth Ann (Wood) Sease, WHS 1963, lives in the red rocks of Sedona, AZ, with her husband Russ. She graduated from St. Cloud State University with a degree in elementary education. Teaching and learning have been central themes throughout her life. She is retired and currently volunteers to help adults learn English as a Second Language (ESOL). Ruth has travelled several times to Scotland with her sisters to celebrate their heritage. Hiking, Bridge, reading, gardening and friends keep her busy. Ruth has 3 married daughters and 8 grandchildren living across the country. She is often travelling from coast to coast to visit them. She admits to having deep Minnesota roots and strong connections to classmates, who keep calling her back home for reunions in Warren.

Iola (Johnson), WHS 1942, is an avid history buff and has often passed on pictures and information to other alumni from Warren. Iola claims she has done nothing outstanding in her 94 years, except for raising 4 children, who "turned

out pretty well." She said the smartest thing she ever did was marry, **Bob Hennebry, WHS 1939**. They were married for 69 years. After Bob retired from Railway Mail Service in St. Paul, MN, they moved to Bemidji, MN, where Bob passed away in 2011. Iola still resides in Bemidji.

Melanie (Fulks) Nelson, WHS 1981, joined the WAO Foundation Board of Directors in 2018. In 1985, she graduated from MSUM in speech pathology and for 34 years has worked in 3 school districts, Marshall County Central, Crookston, and currently Win-E-Mac. In 2004, she earned her Master's Degree in K-12 Education, Leadership and Principalship. Melanie and husband, Darrell live in Argyle, where they own and operate Argyle Service, LLC. Melanie says "They are proud to live and work in small town America," where they raised 2 children, Danielle and Derik, and enjoy their 6 grandchildren.

James Strandberg, WHS 1953, sends congratulations to the WAO Class of 2019 and the recipients of the many scholarships made possible by the Ed Foundation. He is especially proud of the family scholarship given in the name of his brother, Robert Strandberg, by Robert's wife, Ruth Ann. After high school graduation, James went into the Armed Service, graduated from UND, and worked for 35 years with Firestone Tire and Rubber Company headquartered in Akron, OH. He and his wife, who recently passed away, raised 3 children and have 7 grandchildren. James says the Class of '53 faithfully keeps in touch and maintains a 5 year or less reunion schedule. He says, "We feel a need to honor the memory of some of our best days and watch each other grow older." He also encourages all alumni to be proud of their school and give back at every opportunity.

Some Of Those Who Attended The Warren Area Spring Florida Reunion



Carol Anderson, left and Sandy Dagoberg Henneberg



From the left; David, Nicholas and Olga Sholy

News and Notes . . .

Long time WAO High School English teacher, **Bev (Hanson) Torgerson, WHS 1972**, is retiring. She has been an amazing part of the staff for 28 years. Her motto is "Set high standards, but be patient." She specialized in English speaking, writing and reading. Bev has taught English as a Second Language and been a long term sub for social studies, chemistry and physics. Her first classroom consisted of 8th graders and over the years, Bev taught all levels of students, except for juniors. For 18 years she coached the speech team and was advisor for the National Honor Society for the last 8 years. She also says, "Teaching is an art that cannot be measured." Her favorite subject is English literature, and believes through the classics there is a definite connection to real life. Bev knows there will be no dull moments in retirement, as she is a crafter and has many unfinished projects. Her most pressing, she admits, is mastering the ukulele! Beverly and husband, Wayne farm in rural Warren. They have 3 daughters, Kaia, Megan and Kaitlin and 7 grandchildren, who will now be the center of a whole lot of attention. Congratulations Bev!

Also retiring is, **Becky (Nelson) Erickson, ALV 1975**, who worked as a paraprofessional in the elementary school for 13 years. She and husband, **Peter, WHS 1977**, farm near Viking. They have 2 grown children.

Barb Hess retires after 8 years as the school nurse in the WAO school system. Barb is a native of Bagley. Husband Doug works at the Marshall County Highway Dept. They have 3 children and 1 grandchild.

Congratulations **Ben Miska, WAO 2001**, who was recently named WAO High School Principal. He has been on staff since 2010, teaching social studies and coaching football, and track & field. Ben and wife, **Kari (Stinar) WAO 2001**, have 4 children. Kari is a speech pathologist in the elementary school.

Lindsey (Teigen) Johnson, WAO 2002, has been hired to join the staff of WAO Elementary School. She will teach Pre-Kindergarten. Husband **Tony, WAO 2003**, and Lindsey have 2 children and farm in the Warren area.

We recently heard that **Mike Lubarski, WHS 1977**, is still winning trophies, but he has handed over his basketball for horseshoes. Mike was presented (by his buddies), the Golden Horseshoe trophy for the highest percentage of ringers, in the Minnetonka Chapter of the Backyard Horseshoe League. Mike is Vice President of Retail Construction Inc., Lake Elmo, MN. He and wife, **Deidre (Mackie), ALV 1978**, live in Minnetonka, MN. They have 2 daughters and 2 grandchildren. **Bob Lubarski, WHS 1978**, is another participant in the "just for fun neighborhood league." He also works for Retail Construction Inc. Bob and wife, Sandy, live in Minnetonka. They have 2 boys, Bode and Wyatt. Living in the same area, **Jim Gornowicz, ALV 1977**, is part of the weekly gatherings. He worked in the Minneapolis VA Medical Center as a lab technician for 15 years and finished off his career in the IT department as a computer tech. He and wife, Jane, have 3 children and 1 grandchild. In retirement, he enjoys helping on the Gornowicz farm near Radium.

Basketball is the name of the game in the Kujava household. **Chad, WHS 1993**, and **Jeanna (Mryfield), WHS 1994**, Kujava, have two teenagers, Cora and Jarrett. They have racked up points and honors playing basketball for Kittson County Central High School, Hallock, MN. Both have been named All Conference several times, with Cora averaging 18 points a game

and Jarrett having several 30 point games. Chad teaches health and phy. ed at Lancaster, MN and coaches boys' basketball and baseball at Kittson Central. Jeanna is employed by Pembina County Public Health, Park River, ND. They live in Hallock, with children, Cora, Jarrett and Julia.

Welcome **Jordan Johnson, WAO 2005**, new school board member and liaison to the Education Foundation Board. Jordan and wife, **Brooke (Bork), WAO 2006**, are part of the fourth generation of the Johnson family to farm west of Warren. They have 3 girls.

The Education Foundation recently played a small part in the WAO Band trip to San Diego, California, by funding the shipping cost of the large instruments. Band members experienced activities both educational and just for fun. They were guests of Point Loma University, participating in a private Master Inclusion Class, where they were critiqued by a local professor. They also played on the grounds of Disney Land. Band instructor, Molly Fridstrom, 31 students, and 4 chaperones toured many famous attractions leaving them with a trip to remember.

While attending the All School Reunion this summer, check out the new Recreational Center located just west of the high school. It opened December 2018, offering an ice rink for hockey and skating during the winter and a large space for basketball and other activities during the summer. The Ed Foundation is proud that a portion of the memorials, given to the Special Education Department, in memory of **Stuart Hurst, WHS 1961**, will be used to purchase games and adaptive sports equipment for students that use the facility.

Congratulations to former **WAO staff member, Tim Lutz**, who has taken the position of superintendent of Bemidji schools. He moved from the Kelliher, MN school district at the beginning of the 2018-19 school year. Tim served as Principal in Warren in 2005. He resides in Pinewood, MN.

THANK YOU!

"Thank you for the Cricut machines and vinyl material provided to the elementary and high school. There will be some fun creative additions, decorating, bulletin boards and displays because of it."
Kari Miska, Special Education Teacher

"Thank you for your very generous donation for our new guided reading books. They are used by kindergarten and first grade students on a daily basis, as guided reading is our source of appropriately leveled instruction for our students."

JoAnne Ranstrom, Charity Gilbert, Michelle Gullikson, Kaytelyn Desrosier, Lana Maruska, Faith Neuschwander, Elementary Teachers

"Thank you for funding materials that address social skills, speech and language development, problem solving and vocabulary. They are up to date, appropriate and even fun to use! Your dedication is always appreciated. I tell the students who the materials were funded by, in hopes they will also value the Foundation."
Marilyn Edman, Language Specialist

"Thank you for the speaker and microphone system for use in my classroom. It sure helps the kids engage more. How lucky we are!"
Michelle Gullikson, 1st grade Teacher

"Thank you for the document camera for my classroom. It is a game changer for my instruction! We had full engagement throughout the entire lesson."
Faith Neuschwander, 1st grade Teacher

Recently Deceased Alumni, Staff & Friends

These are death notices of alumni and staff that we have received. If you have additions or corrections, please contact the Education Foundation.

1943	ALV	Helen (Vanyo) Kliner
1943	Oslo	Irene (Stoltman) Mozinski
1943	Oslo	Loris (Lindemoen) Parr
1943	WHS	Florence (Steer) Rood
1944	Oslo	Elaine (Gowan) Farder
1945	WHS	Lois (Erickson) Wilson
1946	Oslo	June (Morberg) Holmstrom
1946	WHS	Mary Lou (Westberg) Gauthier
1949	ALV	Ruth (Bergman) Moen
1949	Oslo	Clive Jones
1949	WHS	James Pinkerton
1950	WHS	Janet (McGregor) Zutz
1950	WHS	Mary Ann (Olson) Laymon
1954	ALV	Shirley (Hanson) Grabanski
1954	WHS	Julia (Sabol) Nicholls
1954	WHS	Marvin Lundin
1959	WHS	Darlene (Gehrls) Anderson
1960	WHS	Jevon Lieberg
1963	Oslo	Gary Storbakken
1964	WHS	Rick Bro
1970	Oslo	Robert Hoverson
1971	WHS	Linda (Potucek) Gornowicz
1973	WHS	Monte Nicholls
1974	WHS	Ron Skunes
1975	Oslo	James "Jim" Gowan
1976	Oslo	David Haugen
1976	WHS	Debra (Kasprowicz) Alexander
1981	WHS	Jon Blish
1986	Oslo	Arden Lind
Friend		Carolyn Nelson
Friend		Courtney Christensen
Friend		Elizabeth "Bette" Edman
Friend		James Kasperon
Friend		James Pulkrabek
Friend		Mary Lynne
Friend		Peggy (Olson) Sandberg
Friend		Roger "Buzz" Omdahl
Teacher		Carl "Miles" Carlson
Teacher		Darlene (Johnson) VanSickle
Teacher		Ephraim Solyst

Recently deceased family and friends list is updated weekly on the Education Foundation link at www.k12.mn.us

2019 REUNIONS THAT WE ARE AWARE OF

WHS CLASS 1959	WHS 1969
July 26	July 27
Judy Dallmann	Duane Swanson
701-282-4309	218-686-6327
WHS CLASSES 1961, 1962, 1963	WHS 1974
July 26th	July 26
Chuck, John, Faye	Joan Peterson
701-740-2006	Joanmp1956@yahoo.com
WHS 1967	WHS 1989
July 27	July 27
David Sholy	Joey Potucek
dsholy@sandslandscaping.com	krissyptucek@hotmail.com

The WAO Education Foundation appreciates any information sent in to be shared by past graduates from the Warren, Alvarado, and Oslo area. Keep them coming!

Some Of Those Who Attended The Warren Area Spring Arizona Reunion

The 3rd annual Warren area residents and friends picnic was a great success. Every year there has been approximately 100 attendees with 45 new friends this year.

The 4th annual Warren area/ Arizona picnic to be held February 22, 2020 at the "Hawk Ramada", Red Mountain Park (7745 East Brown Road) in Mesa, AZ from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Watch for signs. The closest entrance is actually south on Sunvalley Blvd. off Brown Rd.

The event is potluck. Dinnerware and water will be provided. BY-

O Beverage — beer or wine (boxed only), no liquor and no glass containers.

Donations for expenses will be accepted the day of the picnic (ramada rental, beer license, supplies, etc.) Any additional funds will be donated to the W/A/O Education Foundation.

For more info or to get on the email list, contact Marion Miska Hickman (mlhickman68@gmail.com) or Kay Hendrickson Root (kayroot@gmail.com).



Mary Beth Maruska Edman, Sharon Botko Kays, Milo and Lois Monroe, Sharon Maruska Kratt and Inez Nelson Schwegler



Kate Wood, Claudia Thompson Roley, Cathy Anderson and Pete Gilbert



Suzie Omdahl Jevning



Pete Gilbert, Bill Gilbert and Pat Gilbert



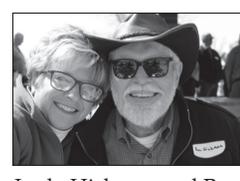
Marilyn Mattson, Kathy Lam and Jean Larson



Gerald and Sandra Maruska



Roger and Sharon Lappegaard



Lesly Hickman and Ron Hickman



Joanne and Dean Dahlman



Russ Hickman, Beth Hickman, Lesly Hickman, Ron Hickman, Marion Hickman Pace, Frank Pace, Glen Hickman and Jane Miska Sirek.



Gerry Evin and John Carlson



Sharon Lappegaard, Joanne Kostka Maruska, Cathy Anderson Hanson, Jacalyn Lee Arnold, Shirley Nelson, Mary Beth Maruska Edman, Becky Anderson Braden



Tom Johnson and his son Eric



Mary Ovsak Gazda and Hank Hendrickson

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Gifts of \$100 or more to the Foundation are recognized on an attractive donor board located in the east entrance of the high school.

Please Contribute The Ed Foundation would appreciate your financial support, so we can continue to send you this newsletter.

Give Us Your Ideas Let us know what is interesting to you or what other information you'd like to see in this newsletter.



Sandra Strunk Goulden, Bill Gilbert, Sharon Batko Kays, Jerry Dalzell



Rita Dalzell, Arlys Peterson and Karen Larson

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Make checks payable to: WAO Education Foundation
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This gift is in memory of in tribute to

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Your annual supportive membership is established with a gift of \$25 or more.

For accumulated gift totals of \$100 or more, an engraved recognition plate bearing your name will be added to the Recognition Wall in the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo School.

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Alumni Yearbook Service Order Form

•The yearbooks are being transferred to digital format (PDF - Adobe Acrobat)

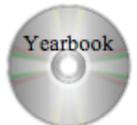
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Yearbook year(s) you want copies of and circle the media choice:
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Cost: \$10.00 for the first year copy and \$1.00 for each additional year copy
(Note: Multiple years may be copied on to one DVD, CD or Flash Drive)
TOTAL: _____ (Please send payment with order)

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