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Mark Plencner is Making a Difference in the Fight Against Cancer



By Duane Swanson

A 1976 graduate of Warren High School, Mark Plencner had a definite plan of what he wanted to do with his life entering the real world. Being a fine athlete for the Ponies, he knew how to formulate a game plan. Following that game plan led him on a career path culminating as the Pharmacy Supervisor at the Roger Maris Cancer Center in Fargo, North Dakota, a position he has held since 1996. Before we learn of his duties there, a trip down memory lane will help inform you how he proceeded to achieve his goals.

He has many fond recollections of his years as a student/athlete at WHS as well as some interesting and amusing anecdotes about several of his favorite former teachers and administrators. He stated, "Chemistry, Physics and Math were classes I enjoyed which played a great role in my career choice. One of my favorite and most entertaining teachers was O.J. Peyton whose profound teaching moment always involved the "Rule of the Left Pinky." As I recall, it was his way of emphasizing an important point coupled with a hint that we might see it on a science exam. I must say I really

enjoyed the team of teachers and coaches at WHS. Each had their own style and flair. Teachers like Bob Mattson, Dennis Anderson and Bill Porter along with O.J. were like a band of brothers standing at the intersection of the hallways that converged just outside the chemistry classroom. They were hall monitors disguised as greeters. As I look back, I wonder if they were assessing what kind of game face they needed to bring to the classroom that day. During my time, Rick Schmiedeberg was a newcomer to Warren and was the first to introduce computer technology and hand calculators to the classroom. Guidance counselor Percy Gilbert helped me map out my career path which I followed to a "T". Superintendent Mel Hanson and then principal Jerry Dalzell were excellent administrators." They possessed a wonderful talent of being a friend to the students and faculty, but also knew when to draw a line in the sand. Athletic Director and Football Coach Howard Emerson did so much for all the sporting events. He was always able to keep the facilities, uniforms and equipment in great condition. Of special note, he always led the team in prayer prior to hitting the field for the game. What a simple, but kind, gesture seeking safety for the kids he coached. As for my grade school days, I very much enjoyed the teaching skills of Mildred Strobe, Marilyn Bennett, Louis Daniels and Ken Peterson. These were all very important and influential educators to me, but my biggest nod goes to Gary Schuler, who early on, recognized something in me and helped me identify the rewards for hard work."

Mark was a three-sport athlete for the Ponies. His senior year, he led WHS to their first district basketball championship since 1962. He commented, "My favorite extra-curricular activities

were anything that involved a ball, a hoop, a glove, a club or a racquet. Basketball was my overwhelming favorite and the one that I put the most time into. Coach Schuler laid out his vision and our class of '76 bought heavily into that vision and the results proved to be my fondest memories of WHS. I was fortunate to be a part of an awesome and talented class of young men and women."

Following his high school graduation, it was time to put his plan into action with a bit of an adjustment to start with. He explained, "I was always impressed by local pharmacists Ken Kroll, Phil Kotts and Chuck Steffan. As a youngster, the white coats and high counters caught my eye. However, I really caught fire to become a pharmacist during a career class day presentation. My presentation was on a career in aviation which I thought would be fun. My classmate, Steve Goodwin, presented a very compelling story on becoming a pharmacist and I was impressed. Later I met with Percy Gilbert and asked what I needed to do to get it done. I first went to Mayville State College for three and a half years. This was part of the plan set up by Mr. Gilbert to allow me to pursue my dream of playing college basketball at a school that had a pre-pharmacy curriculum. From there I went to North Dakota State University and obtained a Bachelor of Science Degree in Pharmacy in 1983."

After he received his degree, it didn't take long before he was gainfully employed. His first job was as a staff pharmacist at Dakota Hospital in Fargo. After 3 years, he was promoted to Assistant Director of Pharmacy which was a position he held for 10 years. His progression continued when he left that position in 1996 to pursue an opportunity to work at a Meritcare retail pharmacy. After only 3

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WAO Education Foundation Golf Scramble Friday, July 21

Join the WAO Education
Foundation for their
13th Annual

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Friday, July 21, 2017

**at Riverside Golf Course,
Warren, MN**

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play 9 holes for fun.

Registration starts at 7:00 a.m.

Shotgun start: 8:30 a.m.

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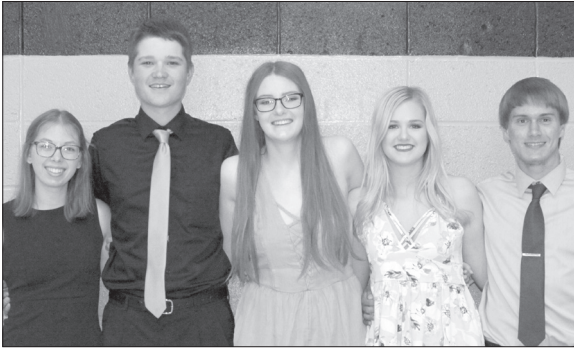
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Roller, Josie Chapman, Callie Tescher. Not pictured is Dylan
Bayne.



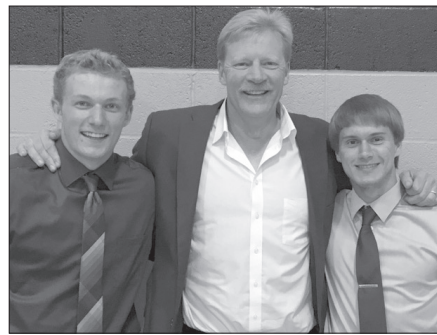
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Olivia Strickler



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Rudy Johnson



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Aakre, Callie Tescher,
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**WHS Class of 1953
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Taylor Swanson



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Cassidy
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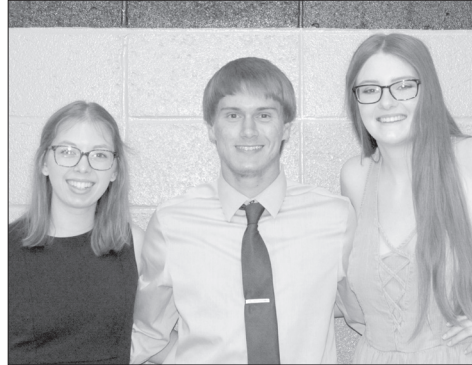
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**WHS Class of 1959/Lyle Anderson
Football Challenge**
Ina (Ranstrom) Loeslie, Matthew
Korynta, Karen (Hickman) Larson



Don and Shirley Mager STEM Scholarship
Ranae Pageler, Matthew Korynta,
Sydney Olson



**Newell E. Aas
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**Gladys June Dosen
Memorial Scholarship**
Taylor Swanson,
Kaitlyn Anderson



**WHS Class of 1957 Scholarship – Roger Omdahl, Shirley (Mykleby)
Hamrick, Treasure (Soltis) Omdahl, Norelee Rodriguez,
Delores (Anderson) Sedlacek, & John Peterson**

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2017

Don & Shirley Mager STEM Scholarship

With a strong interest and work ethic with computers Don spent all of his working days working with them. Don founded and became CEO of Printware, a company where they developed a laser imaging system that provided a means of generating printing plates directly from a computer. This scholarship was established by the Magers for students pursuing a STEM (science, technology, engineering or math) based career. Don graduated from AHS in 1953.

Gladys June Dosen Memorial Scholarship

With a love of nursing and volunteering during her entire lifetime, the Dosen Family established this scholarship for a student that is entering the nursing field. June was a 1945 WHS graduate.

Foreign Language Camp Scholarship

The WAO Education Foundation has established a scholarship fund for students interested in attending a foreign language camp. This fund is designed to help kids by matching dollar for dollar money raised by the student. Most of these camps are during the summer months and have proven to be very beneficial to the kids attending. If you are interested in donating to this fund, please designate 'language camp' on your memorial or donation.

Pending Scholarship

WHS Class of 1969 Scholarship Fund Pending

The WHS Class of 1969 is still seeking donations to become fully endowed. Any donation to this fund would be greatly appreciated. Please designate on the donation envelope if you are adding to this fund. The scholarship fund is now at \$9,860.

Chat with the Chairman

Hello Alumni and Friends of the Foundation,

Greetings from the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Education Foundation!

The grass is green, the tulips are in bloom and all signs are pointing towards the beginning of summer.

2017 is another exciting year for the Foundation.

On May 24th, we announced that we facilitated 56 scholarships to 19 WAO seniors totaling \$64,300. We are pleased to have the additions of the following scholarships to the Foundation. They are the Gladys June Dosen Memorial Scholarship, and the Donald and Shirley Mager Scholarships. Thank you all for helping our students as they continue their education. We have increased the Lyle Engelstad Memorial Scholarships to \$2,000 each. This year three were given.

Students and staff are thinking summer vacation and we're thinking class reunions and our 13th annual Golf Scramble. Come join us on July 21st for a day of fun, food, and prizes at the Riverside Golf Course beginning with a shotgun start at 8:30. All paid golfers that are registered by July 14th 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 your reunions and the fair.

Saturday morning the WAO buildings will be open for anyone wishing to reminisce, walk through, stop in to see our donor wall, which will have the photos of the 2017 scholarship recipients on it, or just to look around. Again this year, the gym and auditorium floors will be available for you to walk on and show your kids where you stood when you hit the winning shot!

We had our annual "Baked Potato Supper/Salad Bar" in January. We are most appreciative of the donations and time spent working from the WAO staff, personnel, and the community. Our volunteers help to make this event a big success. Again, our motto of not succeeding without you came through loud and clear!

We are now ONLINE for donations, golf registrations, etc. The home page of the school website, www.wao.k12.mn.us will have a link to donations to the Education Foundation.

Thanks to the many donors we had a large industrial technology double match that brought in over \$8,000. The industrial tech department now has mobile carts with metric tools for their work stations, a plasma cutter, and a high definition projector and screen that allows the students to read and see every detail. Thank you, Dan Nowacki of NAPA of Warren, for providing an education discount through NAPA for the items that were ordered for the Industrial Tech Department.

We are often shocked to hear the news of the passing of a friend, a classmate, co-worker, etc. 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 inquiries of how people can leave something to the Foundation. The answer we've been told is that if it is stated in your legal documents that a lawyer has prepared that is sufficient. Some companies do require our tax ID number. If you need that, please have your company contact us for it. This winter the Class of 1953 and the Foundation each received \$25,000 from the estate of an alumnus who was a member of the Class of 1953. We were honored and humbled to receive these gifts, which will help with scholarships and classroom needs.

We continue to work hard at keeping our database as current as possible. We truly appreciate when people update us with changes of addresses or e-mail addresses.

Please keep in mind that any donation/memorial that is sent in the mail or done online can be designated to any scholarship, activity, grade/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 fund.

Jeff Steer, a member of the WAO Board of Education, is our second representative to the Ed Foundation and 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.

Thank you for believing and partnering with us. Join us as we continue to move forward with more expansion, growth and involvements in the future.

Enjoy the days of summer and we'll look forward to welcoming you back "home" in July!

Tribute and Memorial Gifts

November 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017

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In Honor of Mylo Carlson's Birthday

Wayne & Deanna (Carlson) Zink

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Irmy Haugen

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Jerry & Patrice Pribula

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Wesley & Renee (Kollin) Schon

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Patrick & Ann (Berget) Zavoral
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Patrick & Ann (Berget) Zavoral
George & Susan (Hill) Lee
John & Gay Oehlike
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Lynette (Olson) Holter

In Memory of Wayne Omundson

Darlene (Torgerson) Dvorak
Greg

Where are they now . . .

Danae (Vansickle) Erickson, WAO 2012, moved back to Warren recently and joined Mane Studio Hair Salon. Danae received her training at Josef's West Academy in Fargo. She was employed at Cloud 9 Salon and Day Spa, Fargo, for four years, while pursuing a degree in business. She recently married, **Christian Erickson, WAO 2011**, who graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, with a degree in Health/Physical Ed. He farms near Viking as well as an assistant coach for men's basketball at Northland College in TRF and a substitute teacher. Danae and Christian live in Warren.

Candice (Przybylski) Haugen, WAO 2000, graduated from Moorhead State University in 2005, with a degree in Early Childhood Special Education. She has worked in Austin, MN for 12 years with special needs children, birth to 6 years of age. Candy currently teaches children with autism and serves younger children in their homes. She also mentors families by giving strategies and resources needed and encourages parents to advocate for their child's needs. Candice and husband live in St. Ansgar, IA. They have 3 children, Griffen, Amelia and Evelyn.

Kathleen (Dalquist) West, WHS 1966, lives in Garland, Texas. Over the years, she attended Moorhead State College, lived in California for a short time, returned to the area and worked at two local radio stations. She later served in the Marine Corps. She married, divorced and moved to Texas where she raised her two children, Michelle and Gary. She has two grandchildren. Kathy

has published 2 novels and is working on a third. In her retirement she drives school bus for the Garland School District.

Kristina (Gehrls) Kjos, WAO 1999 lives in Thief River Falls with her husband, Justin, and their 3 children, Bryce, Tucker and Maddie. She is a registered nurse and certified diabetic educator at Sanford Clinic, TRF.

Gwen (Kiesow) Olson, WHS 1990, has relocated to Flagstaff, AZ. She and husband Trent got their start at Rydell Chevrolet in Grand Forks and now own Flagstaff Nissan Subaru car dealership. She is the Human Resource Generalist. They have twin daughters, Emma and Abby, 15 years old.

Steve Novak, WHS 1983, and his restaurant in Minto, ND, was recently critiqued in Marilyn Haggerty's column in the Grand Forks Herald. Beaver's Café is managed by Steve, where he is most often found turning out meals in the full service kitchen. His mom, Bernadette Borowicz, heads out the one person wait staff. He received great reviews on the food, good humor and cheery surroundings. Novak says, "Small towns are tough to make a go in the restaurant business, but you have to give back to the community."

Former **teacher, Irv Bergsagel** and wife, Kay, sent a note saying how much they appreciate the *Connections Newsletter*. Irv taught math in Warren from 1960-65. They are retired, living in Minnetonka, MN. Irv recalls their years in Warren as very enjoyable.

Oslo Class of 1976 hold 40 year class reunion



The Oslo Class of 1976 celebrated their 40 year class reunion on June 11, 2016. 20 classmates gathered in the Oslo Park for a steak fry. They also had the opportunity to tour the school. Many memories were shared. Back row from the left, Doug Olsen, Bill Solem, Jamie Bork, Orin Knutson, David Haugen, Terry Wang, Steven Nelson, Lori Holter Chisholm, Deanna Olsen Farnam, Scott Sherlock. Front row: Sheila Hendrickson Massie, Bonnie Solem Moteberg, Rhonda Teigen Palmer, Mary Jo Gowan Richard, Julie Lind Kosmatka, Mary Selnes Chisholm, Elsa Johnson Cook, Lynda Gowan Marvin, Vicki Lund Fruetel. Present at the reunion but not pictured is Deb Colbert Fillipi.

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Looking for Recipes soon!

The Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Education Foundation will be compiling a cookbook in the upcoming months to have ready by the 2019 All School Reunion. Check out our Facebook page and upcoming newsletters to find out how to submit recipes.



Mark Plencner is Making a Difference in the Fight Against Cancer

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months there, he was asked to serve in a management role at the Roger Maris Cancer Center. He has been with Roger Maris for 21 years.

His job description requires many important responsibilities at the Center. Asked to explain, he replied, "First and foremost, I lead a team of 7 pharmacists, 9 pharmacy technicians, 3 interns and a patient assistance specialist, each with important duties involved with screening, preparation and administration of over \$50 million annually of intravenous and oral chemotherapy and support medications. IV medications, most of which are considered hazardous substances due to the nature of their actions on human cells, are produced in a specialized clean room with filtered air 10,000 times cleaner than room air. Our integrated pharmacy management program utilizes barcode scanners and cameras to record all steps in the production of IV medications. The safety and accuracy is remarkable. We are actively involved in clinical research, always investigating ways to improve responses to specific cancers. I am also very committed, both locally and nationally, to patients with bleeding disorders having served as board chair for the Hemophilia Alliance and helped build the first and only not-for-profit national buying group for medication used to treat Hemophilia and other bleeding disorders.

"The most gratifying part of my job during the past two decades

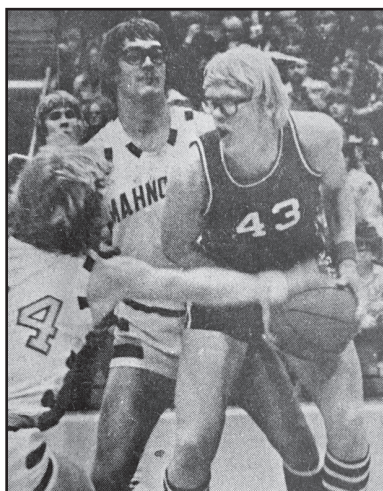
I have served here, is the fact our management team has been given great latitude to develop programs and services necessary to provide outstanding care and services to our patients. With that, I've had the great and humbling honor to serve a number of people from Warren and the surrounding area. I do not take this opportunity lightly. It's also been a pleasure for me to serve as a Preceptor for NDSU pharmacy students and I have taught institutional pharmacy practice and pharmacology to students at NDSU College of Pharmacy in Wahpeton, ND."

Mark gives a lot of credence to his progression of success to his upbringing in a small community like Warren. He said, "I give so much credit to my family, friends, the community of Warren and to the school system for helping a shy guy flourish. I feel Warren was a fantastic place to grow up. To me it was "Camelot" with a few challenges sprinkled in. Smaller communities like Warren and now Warren-Alvarado-Oslo typically have smaller schools and smaller student bodies. Each student has equal opportunities to participate in any or all of the arts, athletics and other programs offered, unlike larger schools. Larger schools may be more diversified in what they offer, but the participation funnel quickly narrows by Senior High. The odds of cultivating multiple interests favor small schools in my opinion."

Mark's immediate family begins with his wife, Stacy (Toupin)

who graduated from WHS in 1977. They have two married sons. Josh (Jessica) who is an assistant teaching professor at Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA, and Joe (Katy) who is a math teacher and assistant track coach in Honolulu, HI. Mark and Stacy plan on going to Hawaii in October for the birth of their first grandchild.

A loyal contributor to the WAO Education Foundation, he closes by saying "One of the great joys of summer is returning to the WAO Ed. Foundation golf scramble. The community and Foundation board deserves a shout out for making this event happen. Each year a number of 1976 grads return to play golf, tell old stories and walk the paths of the Marshall County Fair. Another day in Camelot." Despite the important work he does fighting cancer, there's always time for at least a ball and a club.



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WAO Students Use Items Purchased by the Education Foundation



Spanish I students took a trip to Las Ranitas restaurant in TRF to practice their language skills they had learned in their first year Spanish class. The students were instructed to use their knowledge to order in Spanish and converse in the target language during their meal. The class would like to thank the WAO Education Foundation for providing funds to our students to cover part of the cost. This opportunity was so beneficial for the students and eye-opening.



Damien Scherber and Grant Bergh use tools from the new tool carts provided by the Industrial Tech double-match program while doing preventative maintenance to a vehicle. With the mobile carts, students now have all the basic tools they need at their workstation which greatly increases effective learning time during class.



Junior High students receive instruction on 3D computer design with the new high-definition projector and screen purchased for the Industrial Tech department. The new screen is very large and the projector is incredibly clear allowing students to read and see every detail. Before this upgrade the projector was so poor that letters, numbers, and icons were illegible to students.



A brand new drum set was purchased by the Education Foundation just in time for WAO's spring concert. Senior TJ Bowman is pictured playing the drums with Kinzie Gullikson and Rylie Mortimer also assisting in percussion.



Students learn to use the new plasma cutter purchased with Industrial Tech double-match funds.

2017 Class Reunions

WHS 1953
June 7

Marlys Mattson
Nelson
nelsonmarlys@gmail.com

WHS 1987
July 22

Jana Walker Maruska
218-745-7567

OHS 1987
June 24

Betty Gerszewski
Borst
701-740-0828

WHS 1957
July 21 - Warren
September 16 -
Colorado Springs, CO

Arnette Nelson
arnette.nelson@gmail.com

WHS 1997
July 21-22

Bill Bienek
701-306-7649

WHS 1967
July 19-21

Sally Hill Swanson
910-308-5679

WAO 2007
July 22

Amber Kennedy
Basting
218-791-0818

WHS 1977
July 21-22

Jim Ranstrom
218-452-3715

AHS 1977
May 13

Annette Edgar Kuznia
218-437-8120

Class Reunions

Please contact the Ed Foundation with your class reunion details. We can give you our most current addresses for your classmates. We ask that you give us any address updates that you become aware of.

HIGH SCHOOL
REUNION

News and Notes . . .

Zak Carlson, WAO 2009, was recently honored with the “Golden Apple Award” for his dedication to the classroom and his students. He is in his third year as the vocal music director at St. Ansgar High School, St. Ansgar, Iowa. Music has always been his passion. His ultimate goal is to inspire students and encourage them to be free with their talents. His students say he always makes music fun. Zak hopes to instill in them that music will always be there for them no matter what is going on in the world.

Hearing from **Jodi (Olson) Quade, WHS 1978**, she mentions her retirement from Bemidji High School, where she taught for 24 years. She started her career in Warren, teaching Business Education for nine years. Jodi wondered if she was retiring before one of her former teachers and former coworker, **Rick Schmiedeberg**. Yes she is! Jodi lives in Bagley.

Jennifer Fillipi, WAO 1995, is employed by Serenity Assisted Living, Dilworth, MN, where she was recently promoted to health care services coordinator. Jenny joined Serenity in 2011. She graduated from Northland Community & Technical College in Thief River Falls, MN in 1999, as a licensed practical nurse. Jenny lives in Fargo where she is involved with the Big/Little Sister Program. She loves to cook and spend time with family.

Kristie Novak, WAO 2010, has been promoted to senior associate at Brady Martz & Associates, a certified public accounting firm in Grand Forks. Kristie graduated from the University of North Dakota in 2014, with a Bachelor of Accounting degree. She earned her CPA license in 2015. Her expertise is in the tax department, specializing in the agriculture industry. Kristie is engaged to be married on June 30th, to David Hunt from Argyle.

Joey Pederson, WHS 1993, is the Assistant Jail Administrator at Tri County Community Corrections in Crookston, MN. His secondary businesses include real estate and an ag trucking service. However, his lifelong passion of auto racing is what has put Joey on the map. 2017 is his 27th year of piloting race cars in MN, ND, SD and MB. His journey has been a successful one as he has racked up hundreds of wins and numerous track championships. Joey and wife Julie (Osowski) have two children. Kelsi and Tucker are following in dad’s “wheel tracks” involved in racing as well. They live in East Grand Forks.

A teacher who “believes in all his students” is **Mark Carlson, WHS 1984**. As a volunteer fire fighter and a fifth grade teacher at Hayfield Elementary, Hayfield, MN, Mark was at the fire station when he heard the scanner report a 10 year old boy had flipped his bike. Soon he learned it was one of his students. The boy suffered a brain injury not being able to continue in school. Mark saw the need to bring school to him. Principal Howe said, “There is only so much he can do, but Carlson knew giving him a little time at home is better than no time at all. Without hesitation he always steps up to the plate.” For Mark Carlson, this is the norm. Mark has taught for 28 years. Wife, **Mary (Duckstad), WHS 1983**, also teaches at Hayfield Elementary.

After corporate reorganization, **Mark Flaten's, WHS 1972**, American Family Insurance Office was closed in Warren. Mark and wife **Judy (Evin) WHS 1973**, pride themselves in serving the Warren community in the insurance business for the past 29 years. Mark has joined the staff at the

Ken Nelson/Jim Dagg Agency to continue his dedication to the industry. Mark and Judy have 4 grown children and 8 grandchildren.

Congratulations to WAO music director, **Mona (Heggstuen) Schroeder, ALV 1980**, on another successful musical. This year “Annie” came to life on stage with students doing a superb job of entertaining the audience with the many songs and antics that are so familiar. It is with regret that WAO schools will say good bye to Mona and husband **Dave** as they retire. Dave has been an educator since 1976, teaching math and coaching volleyball. Mona has taught choral music both in the high school and on the elementary level for 37 years. They have 2 grown children.

We also bid long time educator, **Mary Beth (Maruska) Edman, WHS 1971**, best wishes as she retires after 42 years as an elementary school teacher in Warren. Her focus was 1st, 3rd, 4th grades and Title One. As a very dedicated mentor, she was instrumental in the Reading Recovery Program. As often happens in a small town, Mary Beth will be missed and remembered by several generations of families in the Warren community. Husband **Richard, WHS 1967**, is also retired after many years at Edman Electric.

Congratulations **Rhonda Heyd, Oslo 1987** song writer and performer, who recently reached #1 on God’s International Country Music Chart, with her song, *I Want To Be A Soldier*. She and husband DuWayne have recorded music and entertained among the best in Nashville. They live in Grand Forks where Rhonda works at Noridian Healthcare Solutions.

Thank you...

“Thank you for the opportunities you continue to provide for area educators and students. Many students and classrooms reap the benefits awarded by the foundation. Best wishes for a successful 2017.”

Pat (Bossman) Hines, WHS 1956

“Thank you for the great opportunity for our new Spanish program. By having this fund, for language camp, students will be able to expand their global view and accept the diversity in other languages.”

Kim Wirries, Spanish Teacher

“Thank you for the Hokki Stools the foundation purchased for our classrooms. The students seem comfortable on the stools and their focus improves while using them. Your support in our school is beyond measurable!”

Mary Beth Edman, Amber Schoepp, Jeanne Johnson, Elementary Teachers

“Thank you for the generous donation for our junior high football program and the battery and cable for our end zone camera.”

Tony Gullikson, Coach

“Thank you for donating to the Christmas Challenge. We enjoyed the pizza and soda awarded to the winning team.”

Victorious Team of Reindeer Games

“Thank you for the WAO Foundation Scholarship I was awarded.”

Connor Swope, WAO 2016

“Thank you for the Greg Haugen Memorial Scholarship. I’m continuing my education at UND for accounting and finance.”

Taylor Mortimer, WAO 2016

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.

1942 Oslo - Helen (Hendrickson) Anderson

1942 WHS - Dennis Roley

1942 Oslo - Joyce (Holter) Holter

1943 WHS - Elaine (Johnson) Rey

1943 WHS - Harriet (Dalquist) Johnson

1943 WHS - Orville M. Haugen

1943 WHS - Henry Warren "Buz" Fulks

1945 WHS - June (Golden) Dosen

1946 WHS - Joyce (Schantzen) Corbett

1949 ALV - Donald Bergman

1951 WHS - Adeline (Lenhart) Wachter

1951 WHS - Elizabeth "Betty" Grembowski

1952 WHS - Marian (Berg) Allen

1953 WHS - Charles Potucek

1956 WHS - Maurice (Mike) Potucek

1956 Oslo - Kenneth "Kenny" Paulson

1958 ALV - IlaMae (Shane) Kozel

1959 Friend - Joseph Jagol

1960 Oslo - Loren D. Quern

1964 WHS - Stephen H. Kotts

1965 WHS - Coralyn (Erickson) Sedlacek

1968 WHS - Lynn Marek

1969 WHS - Wayne Omundson

1969 Oslo - Joyce (Shane) Devine

1975 WHS - Jerry Potucek

1978 WHS - Jane Grega

1987 ALV - Brad Olson

1993 WHS - Jason K. Johnston

Friend - Florence Ann Kuznia

Friend - Marie Ann Sedgeman

Friend - William C. Sedgeman

Friend - Laverne Norman

Friend - Sharon Klegstad

Friend - Al Jevning

Friend - Shirley Potucek

Friend - Doris (Anderson) Gloude

Friend - Mary (Maurstad) Pederson

Friend - Ralph Hanson

Friend - Lorraine Selnes

Friend - Duane Huderle

Friend - Crispine Nowacki

Friend - John "Jack" Potucek

Friend - Darlene Beck

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

Scenes from Warren Area February 4 Arizona Reunion



Jen Slusar, Al Gustafson, Jackie Slusar Gustafson, Donna Drews, Mary Ovsak, Julie and Rob Ovsak.



Roger and Bobbi Mischel, Gayle and Dennis Mischel.



Ruth Carlson Goodrich, Don Goodrich and Don Vetteson



Hank (Warren) Hendrickson, Dave Goroski, Curt Kuznia.



Class of 1969 - Gerry and Patti Evin, Jane Miska Sirek, Jacalyn Arnold Lee, Dennis Mischel, Kay Hendrickson Root.



Deanna Swanson, Arlys Peterson, and Karen Hickman Larson.



Danny and Carolyn Omdahl, Roger and Treasure (Soltis) Omdahl.



Hank Hendrickson, Lolly and DeWayne Miska, John Nelson and Brad Anderson.



Kathy Goroski, Dave Goroski, and Cyndi Goroski Routzahn.

Janet Johnson Arnold Gast, Larry Gast, Jackie Arnold Lee and Ruth Wood.



Wayne Wood, Jackie Arnold Lee and Don Vetteson.



Tom and Dave Johnson "borrowed" this banner many years ago.



Mary Ovsak and Jim Stinar.

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