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## Pursuing Her Passion: Laurie Rud's Story



By: Melanie (Fulks) Nelson  
"Everybody on?!" Her exuberant shout can be heard throughout the tour bus she's guiding today. As a New York City Tour Guide, Laurie Rud likes to use her tours as a stage. Her knowledge of the city, architecture and attractions is second to none and Laurie will excite you and persuade you into booking a magical tour of your own whenever you come to visit New York City. Be certain to look her up!

Laurie loves the activity and excitement and allure of New York City. She's been there since 2004 and though she adores Minnesota and the "lake life," she's not intending to leave her life in The Big Apple anytime soon. Laurie's days are filled with her tour business, guiding public and private tours, and tending to her busy social life. She's a Broadway Theater addict and a freelance film producer... in her spare time, of course. She is a cat lover and has two black cats who allow her to share their space, Simon and Emma.

But let's back up and take a look at what led Laurie to the excitement of NYC and her life there. Laurie began her education right here in Warren, Minnesota. While growing up she was an active member of the Triangle 4-H Club and the Marshall County 4-H Federation. She attended WHS, along with her older sister, Lynnae (WHS Class of '81). Laurie grew up on a farm southeast of Warren where her parents still reside. As a member of the Class of '89, Laurie, like so many Minnesota girls, dreamed of bigger and brighter things. As a young kindergarten student, Laurie, along with her class, attended the dress rehearsal for "The Sound of Music" production at the high school. Laurie remembers being "mesmerized" by the performance and production. She

didn't realize it then, but it would be a beginning of her love of theater and the arts. As a "Pony," Laurie speaks fondly of her beginnings here in Minnesota. One large attraction for her at the time was the music/drama department, led by Mark Maruska. Laurie participated both in "Brigadoon" and "Guys & Dolls" while in high school and instantly knew she had a passion for musicals and dreamed of the lights of Broadway.

Laurie was the senior class president, so she planned both the 10 and 20 year class reunions for her class and worked alongside Krissy (Craig) Potucek and others to put together the 30-year reunion, which was last summer during the All School Reunion.

One of the most memorable events for Laurie that occurred while attending WHS, included a trip to the Twin Cities, where she, along with Mrs. Dalzell and Suzie Jevning, saw two shows at the Guthrie Theater. This furthered her interest in theater and arts. But, it doesn't stop there for Laurie and her experiences at WHS. She knew she was unique and she was proud of being different. In 7th grade, she made the brave decision to start breaking the mold. Laurie visited with Erv Kallstrom and stepped out of the box by joining WHS Pony Wrestling as the team manager, a role she'd hold through her sophomore year. Laurie commented that she liked traveling with the team. Mr. Kallstrom and the wrestling program went on to remain a fond memory of her high school career. Additionally, Laurie enjoyed being on the yearbook staff and was a photographer for the *WAHISEAN*, a role she enjoyed very much. Superintendent Mel Hanson trained her how to use the darkroom. She used her skills in writing and photography, as her first job was working for the *Warren Sheaf* writing articles, taking pictures and developing film.

When contemplating influences in her life, Laurie was eager to talk about John Johnson as one of those individuals who helped her learn to live her dreams. Through him, Laurie participated in the Minnesota Governor's Scholar program. As part of this program, she attended a leadership conference in the Twin Cities and planned a senior project that included teaching Spanish to fifth graders and hosting a pizza party for high school A honor roll students as a way to give back, inspire others and contribute to the

community.

Following her high school years, Laurie entered the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis/St. Paul with the intention of earning a degree in the field of journalism, like her boss at the *Sheaf*, E. Neil Mattson. Her passion began to evolve and she worked with professors to develop an independent program combining journalism, theater and English. While attending the U of M, she had an opportunity to study abroad, so Laurie, along with other U of M students and a pair of teacher assistants, packed their bags, loaded themselves up and headed to London to participate in a Shakespeare program. While there she had the opportunity to intern at the theater and helped with a production. Laurie was becoming hooked on the allure of the theater and all that goes on behind the scenes to create a production.

Throughout college, Laurie found herself working in retail management in Minneapolis. She loved it, but found herself craving more. In 2000, Laurie decided to follow her dream of acting so she signed up to take acting classes at the Guthrie. She auditioned and got into the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Los Angeles, California. She was on her way to making her dreams come true. After being there for a year, Laurie met a private acting teacher and kept taking classes, including improv from Melissa McCarthy's husband, Ben Falcone. Laurie stayed in LA for four years, but became tired of all the driving. In 2004, on a whim, Laurie decided to sell her car and headed to NYC in October.

When she first arrived in NYC, she did a bit of extra work on shows like the *Sopranos* and *Saturday Night Live* and films "The Departed" and "Margaret." She also appeared on an episode of *Cash Cab*. Around that time, she took the test to become a tour guide. While she was doing tours, she had a part time job that had an opportunity in London. She jumped at the chance to live in London again and stayed there from September 2007 through June of 2008, but she found herself having "dreams of doing tours in New York City." Laurie knew then that New York would be her "home." She moved back there and found herself doing a few tours and working for a non-profit. In the long run, tours have won out.

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Join the WAO Education Foundation for our  
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**Friday, July 24, 2020**  
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Warren, MN

18-hole, 4-person scramble

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and leave a message. Your call will be  
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### Warren-Mesa Picnic

February 22, 2020 in Mesa, AZ  
See page 5 for more information.

### Class Reunions

Please contact the Education Foundation with  
your class reunion details for our next edition  
of "Connections." We would be glad to give you  
our most current addresses for your classmates.

In return we ask that you give us any  
address updates that you become aware of.

### Warren-WHS/WAO Florida Picnic

Feb. 29, 2020 - Noon to 5:00 p.m.  
Comfort Suites Maingate East  
2775 Florida Plaza  
Kissimmee, Florida  
See page 5 for more information

### Marshall County Fair

July 22 – July 26, 2020

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# 2019 Class Reunions



The Warren High School class of 1969 celebrated their 50th class reunion on July 27 at the Warren Riverside Golf Club. 41 class members attended the reunion and this class is the largest class ever at WHS with 83 graduates. Front row; left to right are: Ed Rosendahl, Duane Swanson, David Saetre, Beatrice (Peterson) Oberg, Kay (Hendrickson) Root, Mary Bjorgaard, Delsie Austinson, Patti (Olson) Evin, Gerry Evin, Beverly (Peterson) Johnson, and Mike Cheney. Second row; left to right are: Linda Fillipi, Patty Wrolson, Curt Myrfield, Renee (Rehder) Rosendahl, Eileen Roley, Patti Jo (Ovsak) Koranda, Nancy (Kliner) Wagner, Debbie (Anderson) Robinson, and Dennis Mischel. Third row; left to right are: Jane (Bennett) Safar, Joel Engen, Maureen (Hendrickson) Fredrickson, Sondra (Maruska) Weinzierl, Janelle (Kroll) Schoenbauer, Joyce (Altendorf) VonFeldt, Donna (Roley) Choate, Sonia Engstrom, and Jane (Miska) Sirek. Back row; left to right are: Gayle (Sorenson) Heldt, Brian Nelson, Henry Kliner, Glen Riopelle, Jerry Sedlacek, Jon Slusar, Harvey Andreson, Bruce Nelson, Dorothy (Swanson) Ahuja, Norman Halsa, Paul Morken, John Mattson, Donna (Edman) Strickler and Ken Palm.



**WHS CLASS OF 1989** – Front row; left to right: Kathy (Filipi) Kleinvachter, Gwen (Kiesow) Olson, Missy Jones, LaDonna (Fillipi) Bannach, Cheryl Lubarski, Alan Pederson, Lori (Lappegaard) Noll, Jason Engelstad. Middle row; left to right: David Laymon, Jeannie Ringstad, Terri (Fredrick) Magnuson, Kari (Strickler) Kujava, Michelle (Steer) Anderson, Patrick Dubore, Tami (Halvorson) Schumacher, Laurie Rud, Joel Engelstad. Back row; left to right: Dacian Bienek, Lisa (Erickson) Bye, Jerrod Hammerback, Garrett Molacek, Karl Pawlowski, Joey Potucek, Mark Jordheim, Mike Erickson, Dean Narlock.



**ALVARADO CLASS OF 1964** — Left to right: Fred Pribula (former classmate), Virgil Olson, Mary (Everson) Wesley, David Larson, Jan (Haugen) Marciniak, Dale Hammerlund, Marvin Hedlund, Ilene (Nelson) Sherlock, David Arnold, Donald Larson, Rosemary (Bubb) Ferencik, Gerald Novak and Duane Kovar.



Warren High School class of 1959, 60th Class Reunion held on July 26, 2019. 1st row; left to right: Warren Strandell, Bob Bossman, Pat (Anderson) Juvrud, Ina (Ranstrom) Loeslie, and Karen (Hickman) Larson. Second row; left to right: Romelle (Vanek) Ferris, Evy (Kasprowicz) Aylesworth, Judy (Johnson) Dallmann, Sharon (Wesolowski) Valley, Marilyn (Strickler) Sirek, John Omdahl, and Brian Black. Third row; left to right: David Hill, Pat (Wilson) Bjorgaard, Neil Morkassel, Doris (Hedquist) Krogh, and Rodney Carlson.



**70TH CLASS REUNION** – Members of the Alvarado High School class of 1949 celebrated their 70th class reunion at New Hope Lutheran Church. Joining them was Beverly (Fladland) Thurun of East Grand Forks, left, of the 1950 class. Members of the 1949 class are Robert Iverson, Alvarado; James Bubb, rural East Grand Forks; Marilyn (Erickson) Mattson, Warren; Marlys and Rueben Kleven and Lola (Hoff) Gowan, rural Oslo. Pastor Gary Halvorson lead devotions. The reunion concluded with the Alvarado Lions Club Corn Feed.

## Laurie Rud's Story

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Currently, Laurie regularly does a 4.5 hour Brooklyn Food tour. She works with WorldStrides, which is a student travel organization, conducting school trips for 8th grade students. Laurie has added specific travel agencies to her repertoire, including Bursch Travel out of Waite Park, MN. Bursch offers a "Best of the Big Apple" tour with Laurie as the guide. She has also begun working with Bergan Travel in Thief River Falls, hoping to see more people from close to home on her tours.

Laurie loves her easy lifestyle and having the freedom of working whenever she chooses indicating, "My job doesn't feel like work." She also conducts tours for private individuals.

Laurie enjoys traveling and

comments that "working in travel is contagious." This year she has been to Cancun, London and Amsterdam, while last year she did a trip to Portugal and Morocco. She also loves to travel with her family. Last year they spent Christmas in Ixtapa, Mexico and are looking forward to a visit to Panama in 2020.

Laurie states that she sees her job as a "performing outlet; the passengers are my audience."

Now as fall becomes winter, Laurie is thinking about being home for the holidays to cherish time with her family and friends. She is looking forward to Christmas on the farm with her parents, **Faith (WHS Class of '65) and Larry (WHS Class of '62)** and sister, Lynnae. All the best to you, Laurie!

## 2019 ALL SCHOOL REUNION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Sue Miscik Shirek WHS 1976  
Cindy Rehder Anderson WHS 1973  
Betsy Peterson Stone WHS 1982  
Diane Narlock Rokke WHS 1979  
David Conely WHS 1974  
Don Loeslie WHS 1956  
Joan Grega Peterson WHS 1974  
Leslie Norman Widner WHS 1976  
Lynn Waldorf WHS 1970  
Mag Melgard WHS 1971  
Paul Potucek WHS 1975  
Russ Steer WHS 1972  
Susie Omdahl Jevning WHS 1956  
Carol Anderson

**VOLUNTEERS**  
Lon Jorgensen, WAO Superintendent  
TJ Bowman WAO 2017  
Peder Larson, Former Teacher  
Karen Larson  
Anne Miska Smith WHS 1976  
JoAnne Edgar Ranstrom ALV 1980  
Mary Beth Maruska Edman WHS 1971  
Jim Kuznia WHS 1976  
Dwight Anderson WHS 1967  
Sondra Maruska Weinzierl WHS 1969  
Ann Berget Zavoral WHS 1964  
Sandy Dagoberg Henneberg ALV 1975  
Lynnae Carlson Gilder WHS 1973  
Mark Maruska WHS 1971  
Denise Johnson Pesola WHS 1975  
Mark Plencner WHS 1976

## WHS Class of 1970 Reunion, SAVE THE DATE!

Warren High School class of 1970 is planning a 50 Year class reunion the weekend of the 2020 Marshall County Fair.

We have reserved the golf course in Warren for a Saturday night meal. More details to follow.



# Chat with the Chairman

Greetings from the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo/ Public School Education Foundation!

As I write this we are in the midst of a cold cycle. We've had snow, a WAO Snow Day, rain, more rain, warm temps, dryness, and almost every imaginable kind of weather since July. Our farmers are frantically working to get the bean and corn crops harvested. The beet harvest has been halted.

The summer of 2019 was a busy time with the All School Reunion, various class gatherings, the Marshall County Fair, and our 15th Annual Golf Scramble. We were in awe of our generous sponsors, donors, and 183 golfers who contributed to our golf scramble on July 26th. We cleared \$28,000. Wow! Thank you! Mark your calendars for July 24th for our 2020 event. Registrations are open for 2020 at this time. Send us your name and team members to get on the list!

In addition to the golf scramble, we held a raffle where only 100 tickets were sold at \$100 each. The winners were Shari Swanson-\$500, Nola Lindgren-\$500, and Jason Clark-\$4,000. The \$5,000 that the Foundation made will be used for classroom needs/requests, and for the scholarships that we fund.

The All-School Reunion program that was held on the afternoon of July 27th showcased many alumni as the MCs, the reunion choir director and pianist, and all members of the choir that sang, the homecoming queens over the years, volunteers, participants in the program and the Hall of Fame inductees. Special congratulations to Donald Mager (ALV '53), Lyle (WHS '78) & Tim (WHS '81) Palm, Ervin Rokke (WHS '57) and Dr. Harold Scheie (WHS '26) who were inducted into the WAO Hall of Fame.

This fall we facilitated \$23,176 in

classroom needs for the district. These are all items that are over and above what the district budgets for. All personnel were given the opportunity to submit requests for items that they would like to use for their classroom or department.

In addition we funded \$1,620 from the CJ Anderson Endowment for the Scholastic Book Program for grades kindergarten, 2, 4, 5, and 6. This provides each child in the classroom with a monthly book at their grade level. Preschool, grades 1 and 3 had theirs donated by an outside individual or organization. For some of the students this is the first book that they've been able to receive from a book order to take home to keep!

Each of the new full time WAO staff members received a \$200 gift from the Foundation for supplies that they wished to purchase for their classroom. In addition each received a \$50 gift certificate for "Pony" gear from the WAO Warehouse.

Have you purchased or received a copy of the WAO Education Foundation Cookbook that came out last December? It is filled with a wide variety of recipes from alumni, current staff/students and friends. They are available in many Warren businesses or at the school for \$15. We can mail them out to you for a total of \$20. This would make a perfect holiday or hostess gift. Proceeds from cookbook purchases will be used to fund items for the district.

During American Education Week this month we served lunch for all school personnel to thank them for all that they do for us and for our students!

Our faithful AZ and FL volunteers are working on gatherings for 2020. Janet Arnold Lee, Marion Miska Hickman

Pace, Kay Hendrickson Root, and Jane Miska Sirek have plans in place for the February 22nd gathering in Mesa. David Sholey has plans in the works for the February 29th gathering in FL. See the information for both gatherings on page 5.

Office manager/board member Carol Bowman has assembled thorough informative sets of information of all past and present scholarships that are part of the donor wall. There's a bio and picture of who the scholarship is named for along with a complete list of the names and years of all of the recipients of each scholarship. Stop in and take a look when you're in town. You will also find photos on the shelves of the donor wall in the east entry of the needs that were purchased this fall. During the summer and early fall we had the 2019 scholarship recipients photos there.

Our students are most fortunate as many alumni, classes, and families wish to give back. We currently have 4 new scholarships in the works for the WAO Class of 2020! Wow! If at anytime you should wish to donate online to the Foundation, the DONATE NOW button for the Foundation has been moved to the WAO Education Foundation pages of the WAO website to save confusion in paying for lunches or school things. Go under the heading DISTRICT, click on the WAO Education Foundation link at the bottom of the list and there you will find the DONATE NOW button.

Our Baked Potato/Salad Bar is scheduled early this winter on Friday, December 6th. Come out for a doubleheader where the boys and girls basketball teams will play Stephen-Arlyle. Serving will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m. This event, as well as our golf event would not be possible without all of our willing volunteers. They are the

spokes that keep the wheels turning. Thank you, volunteers, for ALL that you do for us!

Please consider making a donation to the WAO Education Foundation. Many workplaces have matching funds that are available to their employees. Please remember that when you send a donation or memorial to the Foundation, you may designate on the envelope, with a note, or on the memo line of your check that you'd like it to go to a certain scholarship, class or department. All undesignated donations go into our general fund.

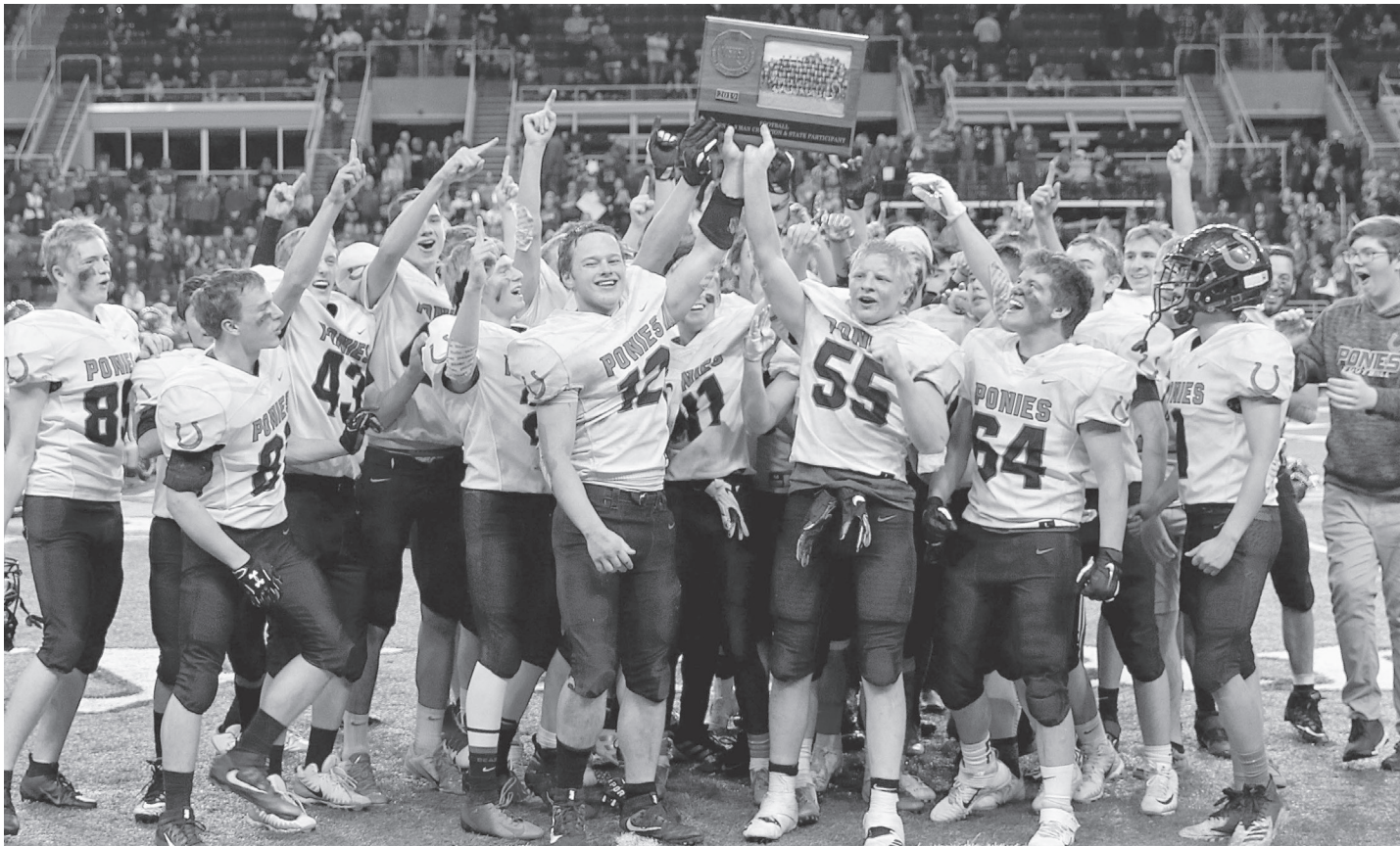
May the fall and winter seasons be a special time for you and your family as we give thanks for the year 2019 and look ahead to 2020!

## FALL 2019 NEEDS

Funded by the Ed. Foundation

- Blue Tooth Speaker - Elem Phy Ed, J. Hanson - \$107
- Rug - 4th grade, A. Vongroven - \$589
- Classroom Library 1st grade, F. Neuschwander - \$300
- West entry update - WAO Elem. A. Schoepp - \$450
- Inside Recess - incimate weather days, Paras - \$140
- Sensory calming kits- Elem and HS, Paras - \$816
- Improving speech/language, M. Edman - \$533
- Math carts and stools, Second Grade - \$138
- Increasing Diversity of Classroom materials, Preschool - \$1,197
- Math extensions/guided reading, Kindergarten - \$765
- Guided Reading Collection for K-2, C. Gilbert - \$7,085
- Makerspace and beanbag chairs, Elem Library - \$142
- MN Forestry Center Field Trip, 5th grade - \$200
- FCCLA, J. Pribula - \$600
- (Family Career & Community Leaders of America) Calculators with tape - B. Murray, Business Ed - \$289
- Tenor sax - M. Fridstrom, Band - \$1,575
- Math Games - HS Special Ed, S. Steer - \$168
- Be the "I" in Kind - HS Special Ed M. Stanislawski - \$429
- Honor Roll Recognition Magnets M. Stanislawski - \$410
- Junior Library Guild subscription renewal - HS Library, D. Hartel - \$1,205
- Magnetic Stirrer Hot plates - K. Longtin, science - \$938
- 3D Printers - Industrial Technology, I.. N. Wozniak - \$4,100
- Put-In Cups - HS art, C. Kirchner - \$1,000
- TOTAL: \$23,176**

# Ponies Section 8 9 - Man Champions



WAO Pony football team continued their dream season beating the top-seeded, 10-0 North Central Stars, 14-12, at the Fargodome for the Section 8 9-man championship. The Ponies scored with 59 seconds to go in the game, but the outcome was in doubt until the last play as they held on for dear life to earn a tremendous victory. WAO's season continued on as they played in the state playoff for the first time since 2011 when they were still in Class A. Their quarter-final round opponent was the Section 6 champions Win-E-Mac Patriots and the game was played at Moorhead State High School on Friday, November 8 at 7 p.m. Their season came to an end when the Win-E-Mac Patriots beat the WAO Ponies.



# Tribute and Memorial Gifts

May 1, 2019 - October 31, 2019

## **In Memory of Alfred ‘Jim’ Oftedahl**

Marian Oftedahl

## **In Memory of Allen Erickson**

Arlyn & Marilyn (Kuznia) Stroble

Carol J. Anderson

Doug & Jo Sorenson

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Greg & Maureen Potucek

John Hess

Mick & Jan Riopelle

Richard & Mary Beth (Maruska) Edman

## **In Memory of Ann Fayette**

Mylo & Marlene (Bonnette)

Carlson

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## **In Memory of Arden Lind**

Marvin & Lynnett (Tinnes)

Hedlund

## **In Memory of Barbara (Dougherty) Bergeron**

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## **In Memory of Basil Tweten**

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## **In Honor of Bev Torgerson’s Retirement**

Dr. Sarah Roley & Greg Yeager

## **In Memory of Carolyn Nelson**

Bob & Marlene Carr

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Janet (Sorenson) Foley

Jill (Johnston) Anderson

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Randy Gubrud Family

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## **In Honor of Charlie Marie Klassy**

Carol J. Anderson

## **In Memory of Chesley (Chet) Sommers**

Sharon Sommers

## **In Honor of Class of 1959/Lyle Anderson Challenge**

Judy (Johnson) Dallmann

## **In Memory of Darlene**

**(Johnson) Vansickle**

Jill M. (Johnston) Anderson

## **In Memory of Darlene Hinrichs**

Glenn & Ruth Ann (Lundberg)

Johnson

## **In Memory of Darlene Nelson**

Allyn & Susan (Matcha) Roley

Arlyn & Marilyn (Kuznia) Stroble

Arlys Trudell

Bette (Grega) Swanson

Bill & Yvonne (Engelstad)

Bossman

Carol J. Anderson

Darlene (Torgerson) Dvorak

Darlene Haave

Doug & Jo Sorenson

Dwight & Janis Peterson

Earl & Linda Johnson

Ina (Ranstrom) Loeslie

Keith & Linda Storstad

Ralph & Cindy (Sabol) Melgard

Richard & Margaret (Olson)

Nelson

Richard & Mary Beth (Maruska) Edman

Robert & Phyllis (Edgar) Nowacki

Ron & Jean Leverington

Ronald & Sharon (Edgar)

Abrahamson

Steve & Marie Goodwin

Terry & Gwen (Nicholls) Nelson

Verona Poolman

## **In Memory of Dee Stumpf**

Glenn & Jane (Miska) Sirek

## **In Memory of Delores Kaml**

Carol J. Anderson

Margaret Melgard

Richard & Mary Beth (Maruska) Edman

## **In Memory of Donn Knudson**

Dwight & Janis Peterson

## **In Memory of Doris Johnson**

Cameo Folz

## **In Memory of Earl Swanson**

Duane & Shari Swanson

## **In Memory of Elaine Myrfield**

Marc & Beth Kurz

## **In Memory of Elizabeth “Bette” Edman**

Betty Melgard

## **In Memory of Ethel Olson**

Carol J. Anderson

## **In Memory of Fern Bosard Stokke**

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## **In Memory of Frances Chandler**

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## **In Honor of Francis Kuznia**

Robert & Phyllis (Edgar) Nowacki

## **In Memory of Francis Nicholls**

Allyn & Susan (Matcha) Roley

Arlyn & Marilyn (Kuznia) Stroble

Arlys Pederson

Betty Melgard

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Elva (Nordling) Bustrack

Gerald & Suzie (Omdahl) Jevning

Gladwin Lynne

Glenn & Ruth Ann (Lundberg) Johnson

Ina (Ranstrom) Loeslie

John & Rachel Peterson

Karen (Hickman) Larson

Mick & Jan Riopelle

Murray & Betty (VanBaalen) Goodwin

Mylo & Marlene (Bonnette)

Carlson

Robert & Phyllis (Edgar) Nowacki

Stanley & Marilyn (Strickler) Sirek

Verona Poolman

## **In Memory of Frank Judovsky**

Betty Melgard

## **In Memory of Gary Carlson**

Duane & Jerrilyn (Olson) Potucek

Frances (Pinkerton) Fanfulik

Murray & Betty (VanBaalen)

Goodwin

## **In Memory of Gertrude “Gertie” Kuznia**

Aldon & Janice (Botko) Filipi

Allyn & Susan (Matcha) Roley

Bette (Grega) Swanson

Bill & Carol Sedgeman

Bill & Yvonne (Engelstad)

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Cindy (Riopelle) Filipi

Clayton & Jodi (Olson) Quade

Conrad Goroski

Curt & Deb (Wages) Myrfield

Dale Grega

Darby Boe & Amanda

Liebersbach

Darlene (Torgerson) Dvorak

Darrell Rindy

Dave & Mona (Heggestuen)

Schroeder

David & Donna Gehrls

David & Muriel Olin

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Elva (Nordling) Bustrack

Frances (Pinkerton) Fanfulik

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George & Marlene Neys

Gerald & Marilyn (Steer) Kuznia

Gerald & Suzie (Omdahl) Jevning

Gladwin Lynne

Glenn & Ruth Ann (Lundberg) Johnson

Greg & Sandy (Jagol) Johnson

Harvey & Leslie Sedlacek

Hazel Hendrickson

Helen (Johnston) Plencner

Janice (Hanson) Pulkrabek

Jeanie Ulferts

Jerred & Tara Copp

Jerry & Rita Dalzell

Jim & JoAnne (Edgar) Ranstrom

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Kent & Michelle Woinarowicz

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Lloyd & Adelaide Kasprick

Lynn Harrier

Mark & Julie (Hess) Nowacki

Michael & Betty (Bjorgaard) DuBore

Michael & Kay Baird

Michael & Susan Drury

Mick & Jan Riopelle

Mike & Shirley Lundgren

Murray & Betty (VanBaalen)

Goodwin

Peter & Virlynn (Anderson)

Hanson

R. Duane & Diane Michalski

Richard & Mary Beth (Maruska)

Edman

Rick & Marie Schmiedeberg

Robert & Jan Greer

Robert & Mona Rae Fagerstrom

Robert & Phyllis (Edgar) Nowacki

Roger Woods Farm

Ron & Janna (Torgerson) Wolff

Ron & Jean Leverington

Ronald & Sharon (Edgar)

Abrahamson

Sharon Nelson

Shirley Kircher

Tim & Bonnie Howard

Todd & Kathy (Filipi) Kleinvachter

Todd & Nancy Woinarowicz

Tony & Michelle Gullikson

Wallace & Josephine Woehrle

Wayne & Carole (Stroble) Edgar

## **In Memory of Gladys Bodell**

Betty Melgard

Bill & Yvonne (Engelstad)

Bossman

Carol J. Anderson

Ed & Beryl (Bossman) Palmer

Frances (Pinkerton) Fanfulik

Ilayne Potucek

Jim & Jan Johnston

Kelly & Pamela Foerster

Mark & Stacy (Toupin) Plencner

Mick & Jan Riopelle

Steve & Marie Goodwin

Tim & Jodi (Mattison) Kuznia

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Irmy Haugen

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Carlson

Paul & Janet (Carlson) Aakre

Richard & Mary Beth (Maruska)

Edman

Rovella (Franks) Weiland

## **In Memory of Hubert Anderson**

Gerald & Sandra (Potucek)

Maruska

Hubert Anderson Family

Rick & Paty (Engelstad) Gould

## **In Memory of James Pulkrabek**

Betty Melgard

Jill M. (Johnston) Anderson

John Short

## **In Memory of Janet (McGregor) Zutz**

Doris (Wimpfheimer) Erickson

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John & Deb (Zutz) Copp

Rose Fulton

Wendell & Michal (Loeslie) Sands

## **In Memory of Jeff Evin**

Jill M. (Johnston) Anderson

Nancy (Evin) Christman

## **In Memory of Jim Kolar**

Glenn & Jane (Miska) Sirek

## **In Memory of Joel Flaten**

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# The Warren WHS/WAO Florida Picnic 2020

WHERE:  
Comfort Suites Maingate East  
2775 Florida Plaza  
Kissimmee, FL, (Kissimmee is located directly south of Orlando)

**WHEN:**  
**February 29, 2020**  
**12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m.**

SITE INFO:  
The location is a very nice place – rated the #7 best venue (out of 160) of the Orlando area, by Trip Advisor. The location is near all major attractions – Disney, Universal, Sea World, & more. Nearby is Old Town – an unusual complex of unique shops, a magic show, haunted house, live music, and a classic car show (every Saturday night). In addition, Old Town puts a heavy emphasis on the 1950's & 1960's. Easy access - site is two miles east of Exit 64 on Interstate 4 (on Irlo Bronson Highway).

EVENT DETAILS:  
Everyone is invited to bring at least one food item. Cooking foods at the site will not be feasible. Additional foods will be ordered in. Multiple shops, stores, and restaurants are nearby. Beverages and ice will be available at site. Voluntary donations appreciated.

QUESTIONS OR INQUIRIES CAN GO TO: [dsholy@sandslandscaping.com](mailto:dsholy@sandslandscaping.com)



**Jackie (Arnold) Lee**

says it's that time again

**Warren-Mesa Picnic  
Is Coming!**

## Come to the Desert

When the weather gets cold, plan to spend some time in Mesa, Arizona. The traditional Warren-Mesa Picnic will be February 22, 2020 at Red Mountain Park in Mesa. There is always a good reception from Warren visitors, Arizona residents (originally from Warren) and even Warren out-of-state visitors. It is a great gathering of about 100 people, reconnecting with old friends, neighbors, and classmates.

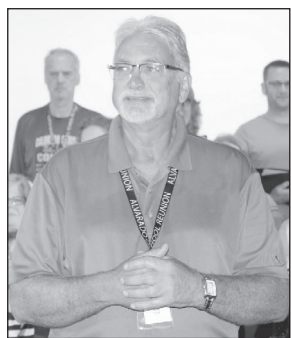
Plan to attend! Circle your calendar for February 22. See you there!

Warren-Mesa Picnic Committee

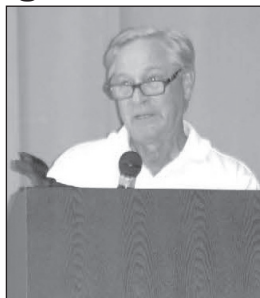
## 2019 All School Reunion Program



Ann (Berget) Zavoral, WHS 1964, graduate and Sandra (Dagoberg) Henneberg, ALV 1975, graduate welcomed the All School Reunion attendees at the 125th All School Reunion Program held at the WAO High School Saturday, July 27.



Mark Maruska, WHS 1971, was the choir director for the All School Reunion program.



Rev. David Saetre, WHS 1969, spoke the benediction at the All School Reunion program held during the 2019 Marshall County Fair.



Some members of the All School Reunion Choir singing at the program. In the back are Judy (Evin) Flaten and her daughter Angela and Leslie (Norman) Widner in front.



Billy Seatre, former Warren student, treated the audience to a few solos at the 125th All School Reunion program at WAO High School.



Phyllis Novak, WHS 1949, left visits with Helen Plencner (Johnston) at the All School Reunion program.

# Tribute and Memorial Gifts

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## In Memory of Roger "Buzz" Omdahl

Ina (Ranstrom) Loeslie

## In Memory of Roger Scott

Glenn & Jane (Miska)

Sirek

## In Memory of Ron Adrian

Betty Melgard

Bill & Carol Sedgeman

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Paul & Janet (Carlson)

Aakre

Richard & Mary Beth

(Maruska) Edman

Rick & Marie

Schmiedeberg

Rick & Nancy Mattson

Ryan & Dana

(Adolphson) Larson

## In Memory of Sandra (Stone) Forslund

Alan, Lana (Walker) &

Sophia Maruska

Allyn & Susan (Matcha)

Roley

Arlyn & Marilyn (Kuznia)

Stroble

Bill & Carol Sedgeman

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Charlotte (Vansickle)

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Kuznia

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Jevning

Harvey & Leslie Sedlacek

Howard & Nancy (Oberg)

Sturman

Ina (Ranstrom) Loeslie

Jerry & Rita Dalzell

Jessica Korynta

Jim & Pat (Wilson)

Bjorgaard

John & Sharon (Strunk)

Carlson

Ken & Robin Hanson

Mick & Jan Riopelle

Mollie Burlingame

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Paul & Janet (Carlson)

Aakre

Rick & Marie

Schmiedeberg

Rick, Nancy, Evan &

Daniel Mattson

Rita Walker

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Bette (Grega) Swanson

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James Duckstad

Justin & Kim (Roley)

Myhre

Margaret Melgard

Mark & Judy (Evin)

Flaten

Michael & Diane Kelly

Mick & Jan Riopelle

Murray & Betty

(VanBaalen) Goodwin

Murray & Kristi Sagsveen

Peter & Virlynn

(Anderson) Hanson

Richard & Mary Beth

(Maruska) Edman

Rick & Paty (Englestad)

Gould

Russell & Nancy

(Anderson) Erickson

Sharon Nelson

Tim & Becky (Potucek)

Dennis

## In Memory of Stephanie (Howard) Roufs

Arlyn & Marilyn (Kuznia)

Stroble

Bill & Yvonne (Engelstad)

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Slusar

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Richard & Mary Beth

(Maruska) Edman

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Howard

## In Honor of Thomas & Isabel Jones

Mark & Julie (Hess)

Nowacki

## In Memory of Tom Cook

Chuck & Betty

(Ranstrom) East

## In Memory of Tom Pinkerton

Carl & LaVerne Anderson

Ed & Beryl (Bossman)

Palmer

Murray & Betty

(VanBaalen) Goodwin

## In Memory of Tom Ritoch

Betty Melgard

## In Memory of Tracy Chruszcz

Marilyn Chruszcz

## In Honor of Tucker & Molly Franks

Mark & Julie (Hess)

Nowacki

## In Memory of Vernon & Shirley Roley

Karen (Roley) Bialozor

## In Memory of Wally Anderson

Frances (Anderson)

Johnson

Virginia (Anderson) Berg

## In Honor of Warren & what it has meant to us and our family

Robert & Robyn

(Soderstrom) Nelson

## In Honor of Will & Harriet Johnson

Brad Johnson

Bruce Johnson

## In Honor of William Kruger

Carol J. Anderson

## Golf Registration Form

Please return this with your entry fee. (\$50/person)

Team Member's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: WAO Education Foundation

Mail to: WAO Ed. Foundation, P.O. Box 125, Warren, MN 56762



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May 1, 2019 - October 31, 2019

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Denise Ortiz  
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Missy Jones  
Mitch & Stacy Franks  
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Narlock Farms  
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Nathan Peterson Farms  
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**PORTER PLACES 12TH IN DISCUSS AT STATE TRACK** — Pictured is Faith Porter at the State Track & Field Meet at Hamline University. Faith participated in the Discus on Friday, June 7. Faith took 12th overall in the event.

## 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.

1941 Oslo	Rose Czapiewski
1942 ALV	Betty (Pilgren) Nordling
1943 WHS	Hubert Anderson
1943 Oslo	Eleanor (Passa) Wosick
1944 ALV	Pearl (Nelson) Olson
1944 WHS	Earl Swanson
1947 WHS	Harvey Johnson
1948 Oslo	Carl Dennis Awes
1949 WHS	Duane Godel
1952 WHS	Darlene (Opsund) Hinrichs
1953 ALV	Marlan Pokrzywinski
1954 ALV	Kenneth Malm
1954 WHS	Chesley "Chet" Sommers
1955 WHS	Gary Carlson
1955 WHS	Thomas Pinkerton
1955 WHS	Larry Golden
1956 ALV	Delores (Larson) Veness
1957 WHS	Mary Lou (Sherry) Habermann
1958 WHS	Francis Nicholls
1958 WHS	Barbara (Dougherty) Bergeron
1961 ALV	Judy (Hendrickson) Higby
1967 WHS	Sandra (Stone) Forslund
1968 WHS	Joel Flaten
1970 WHS	Barbara (Jorgenson) Kostzewski
1971 WHS	Stephanie (Howard) Roufs
1974 WHS	Rodney Jones
1975 WHS	Paul Becker
1977 WHS	Paul Wages
1979 WHS	Allen Erickson
Cook WHS	Gertrude "Gertie" Kuznia
Para Warren	Darlene Nelson
Teacher WHS	Alfred Oftedahl
Teacher WAO	Daniel Jones
Friend	Ronald "Ron" Adrian
Friend	Duaine Sanden
Friend	Shirley Roley



# Where are they now . . .

Former teacher **Lee Hestnas, social studies WHS 1968-1975**, extends his gratitude to all who worked on the All School Reunion. He enjoyed being back in Warren, stating, "For the past 44 years I have built houses, additions and remodeled beautiful homes, but nothing compares to teaching at WHS! There we built relationships and transformed lives (including mine)." Lee and family live in Red Wing, MN.

**Gloria (Hedquist) Casey, WHS 1947**, is a talented and generous woman, donating hand crafted quilts to the WAO Foundation for fundraising. Anyone who is fortunate to win one of her quilts, will have an heirloom to pass on for generations. A beautiful Christmas quilt is next in line and will be raffled off before the holidays. Gloria is a very active 90+ year old, a retired teacher, married and lives in the twin cities area.

**Adam Sorum, WAO 2004**, is Healthy Living Director for Altru Family YMCA in Grand Forks, ND. He graduated from UND and for 13 years, managed the Medical Fitness Center at Altru Hospital. Currently at the YMCA, he is in charge of the fitness center, senior activities and sports academies. Adam and volunteers manage a very special project, planting and harvesting vegetables for the city mission and local food banks. 7,200 pounds of produce was donated this year. Recently they secured a parcel of land, given by the city of EGF. With grants and donations, the plan is to raise enough food to supply fresh produce to all food pantries in the area. Adam, wife Jody and son, reside in East Grand Forks, MN.

**Beth (Dagoberg) Parnow, ALV 1972**, graduated from Agassiz Valley Practical School of Nursing as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She retired in April, after nearly 46 years, working at Riverview Hospital in Crookston, MN. She worked in various areas, with her favorite being obstetrics. For the last 29 years, she and husband Fred, have sold Christmas Trees to the surrounding area. From Thanksgiving Day to Christmas, in all kinds of weather, they help pick out the perfect tree and treat customers to hot cider, at their rural home. Beth and Fred have 3 sons and 3 grandchildren.

**Sandy (Dagoberg) Henneberg, ALV 1975**, graduated from NDSU with majors in Child Development and Home Economics. Most of her teaching career was spent in Crookston, MN where she created her own "out of the box" curriculum. She served as UMC hospital-ity and home economics recruiter, a consultant for a restaurant company, Wellness Coordinator for Polk County Public Health and coordinator for NW Minnesota Area Health Education Center. Sandy and husband, Gerry, are retired, living near Alexandria, MN. They have 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

**Scott Polley, WHS 1990**, just released a song and music video named, "So Into You." After dreaming about doing so for decades, it was his wife's cancer diagnosis that finally inspired him to chase his dream. For the last two years, he has been recording and shooting videos in Nashville. With Stacy doing well, they decided to live life to the fullest. Another video will be out soon with future plans for a live performance in the local

area. Scott and **Stacy (Novak) WHS 1990**, live near Tabor, MN.

**Leslie (Norman) Widner, WHS 1976**, majored in music at Moorhead State University. She is now retired after teaching music for 13 years at Heritage Christian School in Karlstad, MN. Leslie is a private piano instructor, a soloist, organist and pianist for many events and church services. She and husband, Neil, live and farm near Stephen, MN. They have 5 children and 14 grandchildren. Leslie sends greetings to all former graduates with best wishes for good health and happiness.

**David Saetre, WHS 1969**, gave the opening prayer and Benediction at the All School Reunion Program. David graduated from St. Olaf College and moved to Berkley, CA where he finished graduate school and seminary. He served as a Lutheran minister and then a professor of philosophy at Northland College in Ashland, WI. Now in retirement, he still lectures at Ashland and serves as a part-time Unitarian pastor. David and wife, Wisconsin State Senator, Janet Bewley, have 5 grown children and 4 grandchildren.

**Billy Saetre** entertained at the reunion program with a vocal solo. He also serenaded WHS-WAO homecoming queens with his rendition of Sweetheart of Warren High. After graduation from Lincoln High School, TRF, in 1979, Billy graduated from St. Olaf College, Northfield. He received his Masters degree from San Francisco Conservatory of Music and the San Francisco Opera Center. Billy has lived in Europe since 1991, performing in major opera houses in most European countries and the United States. He presently lives in Hamburg, Germany.

**Dona (Fagerstrom) Nielson, WHS 1954**, lives in Hutchinson, MN. She reports her girls are scattered around the country, with **Kathy Strom, WHS 1977**, living in Denver, CO. **Deb Denesik, WHS 1979**, resides in the Phoenix, AZ area. **Julia Ingebetson, WHS 1980**, lives in Alexandria, MN and **Valerie Grand, WHS 1987**, in Hutchinson, MN. Dona has 11 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

**Mary Jane (Jorgenson) Stor-troen, WHS 1976**, is August employee of the month at Riverview hospital in Crookston, MN. This is the second time she has received that honor. Mary worked at Riverview for 39 years as a CNA, medical aide and rehab aide. Co-workers praise her patience and meaningful care in the Memory Unit, her willingness to work extra shifts, and her diligence in training new staff. Mary and husband, Allen, live in Crookston. They have 3 grown daughters, 8 grandchildren and 1 great grandson.

Plans are being made for the Mesa/Warren Area Pot Luck Picnic. The date has been set for February 22, 2020, at the Red Mountain Park in East Mesa. Organizing the event are:

**\*Marion (Miska) Hickman-Pace, WHS 1961**. For 18 years, Marion worked in Warren, serving as Director of Nursing and was also employed at public health. Marion and husband, Warren Hickman, moved to AZ, where she helped open the Mayo Health System in Scottsdale. Warren passed away in 2016. She is retired, has 2 children, 3 grandchildren and 5

great grandchildren. Marion and husband, Frank Pace, live in Cold Canyon, AZ.

**\*Jackie (Arnold) Lee, 1969**, graduated from UND in communications with an emphasis on art. She worked as a floral designer, owning "Jacalyn's Gallery and Gifts" in Thief River Falls. Jackie featured over 200 plus artists, creating one of a kind artwork. She received "Entrepreneur of the Year" award from the MN Small Business Assc. Jackie moved to Mesa, AZ in 1996. She has 1 son and a granddaughter, Maya.

**\*Jane (Miska) Sirek, WHS 1969**, has worked in the nursing field since 1975. Now retired, she and husband, Glen, live in Alexandria, spending winters in Cold Canyon, AZ. They have 2 daughters and 6 grandchildren.

**\*Kay Ann (Hendrickson) Root, WHS 1969**, is retired from 3M Company. She and husband Robb live in Stillwater, MN and spend half the year in Mesa, AZ. They have 2 sons and 6 grandchildren.

## THANK YOU!

With much appreciation, we thank the WAO Foundation for the scholarships awarded to us. Your generosity will help us meet our college goals.

**2019 graduates, Jackson Steer, Kendra Tullum, Kinzie Gullikson, Ryan Pederson, Jessica Olson, Hallee Spidahl, Lindsey Pierce**

Thank you to the WAO Foundation for the flash drives given to the Senior Class at graduation.

**2019 graduates, Hallee Spidahl, Haleigh Davis, Jessica Olson, Kinzie Gullikson**

"Thank you for the contribution to our Costa Rica trip. We could not have this experience without your help." Third year Spanish students,

**Claire and Karisssa Wehri**

"Thank you WAO Foundation for helping fund our class trip to the Minnesota Forestry Center! We learned about history through a 3-D video, a museum visit and a logging camp guided tour. We visited Paul Bunyan and ended the day with a stop at Itasca Park. It was great fun!"

**WAO 5th grade students**

**Jakob Wurtzel**, a junior at WAO, sends a thank you for the donation from the foundation, to help fund his trip to Europe next summer. He was nominated and accepted to participate in the Minnesota Ambassadors of Music program. It will be an experience of a lifetime for this dedicated musician. Jakob is an accomplished baritone player.

Hand printed thank you notes have been received from elementary students, who receive a new Scholastic book monthly, funded by the Carol J. Anderson Endowment Fund. Through this program, each student has a book of their own to read at home as well as in school.

"Thank you for supporting the makeover, of the elementary west entry. Students and staff are already taking advantage of the space."

**Amber Schoepp, Elem Teacher**

"Thank you for the "New Teacher" gift card, used to purchase items for my classroom. Thank you also for all you do for the school."

**H. Wallace, Social Studies Teacher**

## WAO Education Foundation Golf Scramble Winners



1st Place winners of the WAO Education Foundation Golf Scramble held at the Warren Riverside Golf Course Friday, July 26 was from left to right: Gerry Evin, WHS 1969, Tyler Evin, Nickolas Evin, and Mitch Flaten, WAO 1999.



2nd Place winners of the WAO Education Foundation Golf Scramble held at the Warren Riverside Golf Course Friday, July 26 was from left to right: Kyle Olson, ALV 1986, Troy Boman, ALV 1984, Mark Nelson, ALV 1985, and Jeff Jacobson, ALV 1986.



3rd Place winners of the WAO Education Foundation Golf Scramble held at the Warren Riverside Golf Course Friday, July 26 was from left to right: Jerrod Copp, WAO 1999, Seth Olson, Rachel Kmeck, WAO 1999, and Brad Swanson, WAO 1999.



WAO Education Foundation golf scramble helpers were Rita and Jerry Dalzell. Rita helped serve food and Jerry golfed.

## Marshall County Fair July 22 – July 26, 2020

### The All School Class Reunion was a tremendous success.

The Hall of Fame Awards presented to our honorees during the program were an inspiration to all in attendance. This years recipients were Donald Mager (Alv. '53,) Michael (WHS '78) & Lyle Palm (WHS '81), Ervin Rokke (WHS '57) and Dr. Harold Scheie (WHS '26). We have many talented people from our schools who have gone on to do exceptional things in their communities. Community members and alumni are already submitting names to be considered for our next Hall of Fame recipients. The Reunion Committee is looking for people to serve on the Hall of Fame Committee. If you can contribute your time and talents to this effort please contact Cindy Anderson at 218-745-5232. or e-mail Cindy Anderson at ande3910@umn.edu.

The All School Reunion Committee



News and Notes . . .

**Jeff Beving, WHS 1995**, is on the road working his dream job. After studying for several years at NDSU in engineering, Jeff left school choosing to explore the world of cooking. He started at the bottom and over the years, eventually managed a steak house and deli. In 2009, Jeff acted on an idea that had gained popularity out west. The mobile food business was booming! He invested in his own food trailer, calling it “Chef Mobile.” At first it was only a weekend endeavor, but soon exploded into a full-time dream come true. Jeff travels to several states meeting, greeting and feeding the people. You may have visited Chef Mobile at the Marshall County Fair. If not, look for him next year.

**TJ Bowman, WAO 2017**, a junior at Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, participated in a two week, enhanced tour of federal offices and the national capital in Washington DC, with his professor and a select group of students from Concordia. He visited many department agencies, interest groups, regulators and lawmakers with briefings on issues interesting young people. TJ considers this trip a once in a lifetime experience and encourages everyone, especially young professionals, to get involved in our government process.

A summer fishing trip to Lake Ida, near Alexandria, MN, developed into an amazing experience for the father-son team of **Jerrod Hammerback, WHS 1989**, and 22 year-old Casey Hammerback. They were entertaining a family friend, trolling for northerns when a smaller pike latched on to the line. As Casey reeled it in, a muskie grabbed hold and it was a double hit. They didn’t have a scale or tape measure with them, so they improvised. They marked spots on the boat, at the nose and tail of the fish, to measure the distance when they got back to shore. It came in at 48 inches which converts to nearly

34.5 pounds. Both fish went back in the water and it was an experience the guys won’t forget. Jerrod is a financial advisor for Bremer Bank in Alexandria. He and wife, Joy, have 3 sons, Casey, Connor and Nathan.

**Richard Grega, WHS 1973**, joined the Army soon after graduation. He trained and worked as a tank mechanic, stationed at Fort Carson and Fort Hood. He also served 10 years in Germany and 7 months in Operation Desert Storm. He retired after 24 years of duty, with the rank of Master Sergeant. Richard returned to Warren working at Napa and for 12 years at the Warren Post Office. He retired from his duties as postal carrier, October 31, 2019. He is an accomplished woodworker, hand crafting Army tank replicas for display at the Military Museum and the Warren American Legion. He and wife, Rose, live in Warren. They have 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

**Elva (Nordling) Bustrack, OHS 1945**, was recently honored with the Marshall County Friend of 4-H Award. Elva volunteers during the Marshall County Fair, as superintendent for several divisions in the Domestic Arts exhibit building. She also sells tickets and helps promote quilt raffles for the Argyle Quilt Club. This year, the proceeds of the raffle, were given to the Marshall County 4-H program. At the age of 92, Elva is an inspiration for young people, and a loyal supporter of WAO music, theater and sports.

We are sad to report that friend of the WAO Education Foundation, **Duaine Sanden**, passed away this past summer. Many remember Duaine as he served brats and cold beverages on the golf course during the WAO Golf Scramble. For many years, he owned and operated a Grand Forks radio station, giving play by play of regional sports events, including Pony football.

He also taped Christmas concerts, replaying them on KNOX over the holidays.

Thank you to **Mark Maruska, WHS 1971**, for conducting the choir that performed during the All School Reunion program. Over 60 former students (with approximately 1 hour of practice), sang 3 selections with the finale being, Beautiful Savior. Those that sang under the direction of Carl Landgrebe, in the 1950’s & 60’s, will remember he ended each vocal concert with that hymn. Mark was coral director in Warren for 25 years, retiring in 2003. He and wife, Deb, farm near Tabor. They have 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

Accompanying the reunion choir was **Denise (Johnson) Pesola, WHS 1975**. She graduated from Concordia College in music education, following in her parent’s footsteps, **Wilfred and Harriet Johnson, band director and teacher at WHS**. Denise began her 35 year career in MT, ending with 28 years in Moorhead. She taught beginning and middle school band students. Denise is involved in the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony and accompanies recitals. She and husband, Russ, perform on cornets, in a Finnish brass septet, called Ameriikan Poiijat that travels the U.S. and Finland. Denise expresses gratitude “for growing up in Warren and being beneficiary of such a stimulating musical environment, that our school, churches and community provided.” Denise and Russ live near Rollag, MN, with a great collection of cats.

Although not an alumni, we recognize 95 year old veteran, **Walter Hillman**, who has lived in Warren for 74 years. He was featured in the Grand Forks Herald, with his story of service during World War II. In 1943, Walt was drafted into the Marine Corp. He eventually found himself on the aircraft carrier, USS Intrepid, helping fend off a

Japanese kamikaze attack in the South Pacific. The experience was one he’d never forget. After serving another year at sea, he was honorably discharged. He returned to Warren, married, raised 3 children and ran a construction company. Thank you, Walt, for your service to our country.

A salute goes out to **Russ Steer, WHS 1973**, for organizing and promoting the Marshall County Area Veterans Memorial Park, to honor veterans, past, present and future. It will be located on the west lawn of the Marshall County Courthouse, recognizing all branches of the military. Inside the courthouse will be a mural, a computer kiosk that will contain interviews of veterans and a roll of all who have served from this area. You can donate to this project in honor of or in memory of a special veteran. Donations can be sent to: MCAVMP at 208 E Colvin Ave. Suite 20, Warren, MN 56762.

**WAO Superintendent Lon Jorgensen** is proud to announce the ACT Composite Scores for 2019. Scores registered an impressive 23.4, which is 2 points higher than the Minnesota state average of 21.4. Congratulations WAO faculty and staff for the excellent preparation that will help students achieve post secondary goals.

**Barb (Steer) Milhem-Field, WHS 1987**, writes; “One of my greatest accomplishments in life was graduating from Warren High School. The friendships and knowledge I obtained while walking the halls of WHS have been a constant in achieving my goals. I am truly grateful for the time and dedication the WAO Foundation takes to keep us connected and to preserve the legacy set by teachers and mentors in past years.” Thank you.

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