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Carol Anderson Has Always Been a Devoted Servant to Education and Warren Community



By Duane Swanson

This is the long overdue story of a North Dakota farm girl who earns a college degree and is hired to teach in Warren, MN. After teaching here for a few years, she makes Warren her life-long home. For over forty years, she has been a pillar of the education community as well as the Warren community.

Throughout those years, Warren and WAO alumni along with many friends she has made during this era have come to realize the good fortune we inherited when she decided to make this area her permanent home.

Carol Anderson's story begins many miles away from her present home. She was born in Fargo, ND and grew up in Sargent County which is way down in the southeast corner of North Dakota. She said, "Our family farm was located one mile north of the South Dakota line and 18 miles west of the Minnesota line." She went to a country school for grades 1-5. When that school closed, she attended school in Veblen, South Dakota through 9th grade, but then it was decided students were not permitted to cross state lines for schooling. She spent her

10th-12th grades at Lidgerwood, ND. She knew none of her new classmates and it was long distance to call there from her farm. She stated, "My main connection with classmates was with those I went to college with. Our class of 1964 had the distinction of being the largest class (51) as well as the last class to graduate from the old school building at Lidgerwood High School." When asked about her favorite and least favorite classes, she replied, "I took two years of typing and I recall speech class as being favorable. I disliked the sewing part of Home Ec. and Geometry."

Carol's immediate family consisted of her parents and one sister. Her parents moved from the farm to Wahpeton, ND in 2003. Her father died in 2010 at age 91 and her 98 year old mother lives in Breckenridge and was also a teacher. Her sister, Nancy, is a college Dean of Students in Michigan, so it is plain to see that education is an important priority in Carol's family. Being of Swedish heritage, Carol and her parents enjoyed family trips to Sweden four different times making many family connections that are still kept today.

After high school, Carol attended Valley City Teachers College where her mother and aunt attended years before. She received her degree in 1968. She commented, "Becoming a teacher had always been a dream of mine and I 'played school' constantly. My fourth grade teacher was my biggest inspiration. When I student taught at a Fargo public school, she happened to be a first grade teacher in the room right next to the classroom I was in. Years earlier, my mother had been her second grade teacher in country school."

Following her college graduation, it was time to find a job. She stated, "I had not heard of Warren,

MN until I found a brochure about the city in the placement office at Valley City. It portrayed Warren as a successful community in the Northern Red River Valley. I wrote a letter of application and former Warren superintendent, Melvin Hanson, called and asked for an interview. I met with him and former elementary principal, Richard Sauer. They told me during the interview, a bond issue had just passed to build a new open concept elementary school. The next day they sent me a contract and I returned it, signed. I came to Warren for a visit and met fourth grade teacher, Edla Winberg. She immediately welcomed me and became a wonderful mentor to me during my first year of teaching, which was her last year. Over the years, I formed great friendships with many colleagues and became life-long friends. I had offers to leave during my early years and seriously considered re-locating, but in the 70's I was getting more established in the community activities and some districts were starting to lay off teachers. I felt job security was better in Warren than other areas, so I stayed." And she stayed for 38 years. Was it mentioned that during those years and now into retirement she makes the best German chocolate cake ever?

With all the great friendships she has made with so many former students and fellow teachers, it is hard to talk about those types of memories without mentioning names. That will come when she decides to write her autobiography. However, there were some remembrances she wanted to point out saying, "The old elementary building had so much character whether you were on the upper level with the outdoor fire escapes on down to the paper storage room in the deep basement. The cleanliness and

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Join the WAO Education Foundation for their 12th Annual

Golf Scramble Fundraiser

Friday, July 22, 2016

at Riverside Golf Course, Warren, MN

18-hole, 4-person scramble or come for lunch and play 9 holes for fun.

Registration starts at 7:00 a.m.

Shotgun start: 8:30 a.m.

\$50.00/person

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Contact email _____ Contact Phone: _____

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July 23

8:30 a.m. - 12:00

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Sadie Scherber



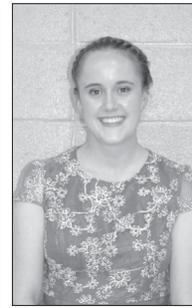
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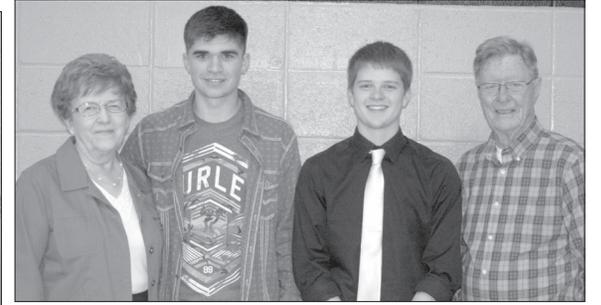
Greg M. Haugen Memorial Scholarship –
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Gary Schuler Endowment Scholarship
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Rogalla –** Payton
Gullikson



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Jake Steer, Glenn Johnson



Richard P. Nelson Memorial Scholarship –
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**WAO Class of 2003
Chris Riopelle
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– Brice Miller



**Warren Volunteer Ambulance
Corps. –** Hannah Hamrick,
Mark Jones



**Merrill and
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Sara Kostrzewski



**Merrill and
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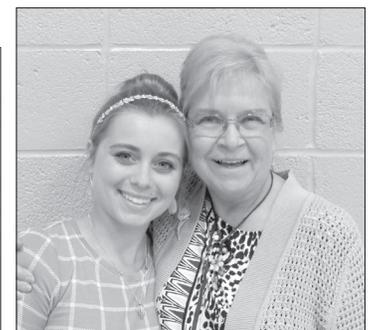
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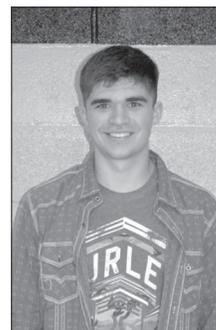
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O.J. Peyton Memorial Scholarship –
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Marlene & Sig Silnes



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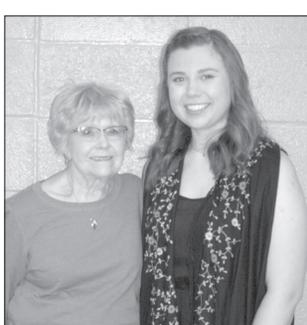
Alvarado Lions Scholarship –
Samantha Ortiz



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William G. Porter Memorial Scholarship –
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Elizabeth A. Porter Honorary Scholarship –
Eliz Porter, Louisa Bergman



WHS Class of 1959/Lyle Anderson Football Challenge – Ina Ranstrom Loeslie, Judy Johnson Dallmann, Karen Hickman Larson, Evan Deschene, Warren Strandell, Evelyn Kasproicz Aylesworth, Bob Bossman



Newell E. Aas Memorial Scholarship –
Evan Deschene



◀ **WHS Class of 1957 Scholarship –** John Peterson, Esmeralda Ortiz, Delores Anderson Sedlacek, Treasure (Soltis) & Roger Omdahl

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2016

O.J. Peyton Memorial Scholarship

With a strong interest in all students during their school years and after graduation, O.J. Peyton was a friend to the entire Warren Community. This scholarship was established by his family and friends for a student who is pursuing a degree in the field of science education.



The Justin "Huggie" Haugtvedt Memorial Scholarship



With a strong love for the outdoors and nature, Justin wanted a fishing rod, gun, or bow and arrow in his hands whether he was on the ice, water, or the woods! Justin passed away in 2015 when his boat capsized on a stormy night on Lake of the Woods. This scholarship was established by "Huggie's" family and friends and will be presented to two recipients.

The Merrill and Mildred Stroble Memorial Scholarship

This couple was very supportive of learning and education. They also valued the farming profession and lifelong learning in addition to involvement in community and hobbies. This scholarship was established by their four children in honor and in loving memory of their parents.



Warren Volunteer Ambulance Corps Scholarship

The idea for this scholarship originated with the members of the Corps who had served the community on the ambulance squad with no expectation for financial reimbursement. In 2015, the service was transitioned to North Valley Health Center bringing an end to a storied history of service to the community by the WVAC. This scholarship will be given to a student pursuing a degree in a healthcare field.



The Albert R. Chruszch Memorial Scholarship

With a strong interest in farming from the age of 17 years, Al farmed as long as he could. He loved being on a tractor, working with his dairy cows, and the peacefulness of his farm. He always said, "There is no room for mistakes in farming." This scholarship was established by his wife, Marilyn, in honor and in memory of Al.



2016 Outstanding Athlete/Scholar Grant

With a desire to remember his roots, Earl Rogalla, WHS 1961, has provided a \$1,000 grant. This is to be given to a male or female 2016 graduate who is the Outstanding Athlete/Scholar.

Chat with the Chairman

Dear Alumni and Friends of Education,

Greetings from the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Education Foundation!

2016 is becoming another exciting year with the Foundation! New and exciting things are happening in 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 for your reunion or the Fair. Our remodeled donor wall is awesome, thanks to you! Check out the reels of plaques! We're also going to have a display of pictures on the shelves above the donor reels.

Another plus about visiting the buildings on July 23rd is that the gym and auditorium floors will be done after that date. You'll be able to walk on them, show your children where you stood when you made the winning basket, etc.

Another school year is almost in the history books! Along with that our thoughts are turning towards summer, class reunions, golf and fun! Come join us for a day of fun on July 22nd for our 12th annual golf scramble. The clubhouse is a great place to gather, visit, and to check out our silent auction items.

Last week, the Foundation facilitated 53 scholarships to the Class of 2016. The total for these scholarships and the seven renewable scholarships was \$60,200! We are so fortunate to have many donors who have entrusted us to facilitate their scholarships. Our board spent many hours studying the applications prior to our meeting. We tried our hardest to select the student who fit the criteria of the donor(s).

The winner of the "High Heels" Quilt was Denise (Goroski) St. Germain of Argyle. A very special thank you to Gloria (Hedquist) Casey for making and donating the beautiful quilt to us. The proceeds were over \$1550!

We had our annual "Baked Potato Supper and Salad Bar" in February. We were 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!

Last fall we funded a staff request for a magnet maker and supplies. This resulted in many magnets being placed on student lockers. Each magnet represents a WAO school sponsored activity and recognition for being on the A or B honor roll for a specific quarter. It has been a great way to honor our students.

The new lighting has been installed in the auditorium with \$5,000 funding from us and \$750 from the Warren Area Community Fund Grant that we received. It is a treat to be able to see the people on the stage! WAO will now be able to host the sectional one act competition this winter.

The yearbook project is complete thanks to the many folks that let us borrow their yearbooks to be scanned. Special thanks to the former student who initiated this project and did all of the scanning. You will find an order form in this issue if you'd like to order one or many years of yearbooks from any of the districts that now make up WAO. They can be put on a DVD or flash drive for a minimal fee.

Does your business or company have matching funds for donations? We've had a number of donations that have been matched during the past year. If this fits into your life, contact us for our tax ID number as you will need it to fill out the forms for the match.

The new WAO Elementary Playground construction project is complete and the students enjoyed it the last days of school. Thank you to the many alumni/friends that sent a donation through the Foundation for this great project. Stop in and check it out when you're in Warren.

Along with the fun things, we have funded over \$13,600 for classroom materials/items in 2016.

Amy Trudell is our newest board member. We're so pleased that she agreed to join us. A very special thanks to Tim Finseth for all of his work and contributions to education and the board. We miss you, Tim!

We appreciate all of the address updates that have been given to us. Thank you!

Please consider making a donation to the WAO Education Foundation. If our board can be of any assistance to you with more information, please feel free to contact me or one of our board members. "We can't succeed without you!"

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

Enjoy the warm days ahead and we'll look forward to welcoming you back "home" this summer!

Tribute and Memorial Gifts

November 1, 2015 – April 30, 2016

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Gavin Gullikson

In Memory of Albert “Sonny” Chruszcz

Marilyn Chruszcz

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Marlys (Mattson) Nelson

In Memory of Hank & Mary Johnson

George & Susan (Hill) Lee

In Memory of Harold (Hank) Johnson

Duane & Jerrilyn (Olson) Potucek

Richard & Mary Jane (Hendrickson)

Emerson

Don & Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler

In Memory of Helen Bystol

Roger & Treasure (Soltis) Omdahl

In Memory of Helen Miska

Karen Myszkowski

Renae Myszkowski

Sharon (Botko) Kays

Rovella (Franks) Weiland

Paul & Janet (Carlson) Aakre

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In Honor of 1953 Classmates

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In Memory of Shelia Davis
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In Memory of Sylvia Marek
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 Robert & Linda (Taralseth) Donnelly
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 Jeff & Dawn (Chruszcz) Olson
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In Memory of Vivian Olson
 Lynette (Olson) Holter
In Memory of Warren Hickman
 Ronald & Sharon (Edgar) Abrahamson
 Dwight & Janis Peterson
 Gerald & Sandra (Potucek) Maruska
 John & Sharon (Strunk) Carlson
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 Jack & Delores (Anderson) Sedlacek
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 Mary & Willis Laraway
 Karen Larson
 Darla (Conely) Jones
 Don & Connie Omdahl
 Tom & Judy (Maruska) Yutrenka
 Milo & Lois (Rokke) Monroe
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 Jerry & Jan Hickman
 Todd & Trish (Plencner) Riopelle
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 Ken & Arlene Paulson
 Gail (Norman) Vesey
 Dennis & Gayle Mischel
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 Mark Hickman
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 Wayne & Carole (Stroble) Edgar
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 John Short
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 Mylo & Marlene (Bonnette) Carlson
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 Glenn & Jane (Miska) Sirek

Paul & Suzanne Heideman
 Roger & Connie Hickman
 Karen (Hickman) Larson
 Arlys Pederson
 Don & Corrine (Goplin) Slaughter
 Patricia Pederson
 Marion (Miska) Hickman
 Lowell & Shirley (Mykleby) Hamrick
 Arnette (Johnson) Nelson
 Don Ziegler
 Bob & Cheryl (Larson) Hangsleben
 Ina (Ranstrom) Loeslie
In Memory of WHS Class 1969 Deceased Classmates
 Duane & Shari Swanson
In Honor of WHS Class of 1950
 David & Mary (Lundgren) Hauck
In Honor of WHS Class of 1955
 Henry & Phyllis (Roley) Troska
In Honor of WHS Class of 1958
 May Belle (Tucker) Gordon
In Honor of WHS Class of 1966
 Kenneth & Ruth Jorgenson
In Honor of WHS Class of 1981
 Cynthia Ann Braun
In Memory of William "Bud" & Arlyce Anderson
 Bill & Heidi (Anderson) Sabol

Where are they now . . .

Steve Golden, WHS 1990, relocated 5 years ago from Minneapolis to Playa Vista, CA. He is Director of Information Governance, Information Security for Sony Pictures located in Culver City, CA. Steve's wife, Joyce is a freelance photographer and on visits, shares her talent in the Warren area. They have one son, Parker.

Kip Loeslie, WAO 2008, has been hired as an integrated solutions consultant at True North Equipment in Grand Forks. He has a bachelor's degree in agriculture systems management with an emphasis on precision agriculture from the U of M, Crookston. Kip lives in Grand Forks.

Heads up to members of the **WHS class of 1967. Sally (Hill) Swanson** is chairing the committee to organize their 50th Class Reunion in 2017. The planning is in the early stages, but look for information in the future. Sally and husband Jim, live in Fayetteville, NC. She is retired from a long career teaching elementary school. They have two children and three grandchildren.

Older sister, **Susie (Hill) Lee, WHS 1963**, and her husband, George, are retired from the Sioux Falls, SD, public school system. They have three daughters and six grandchildren. Susie and George divide their time between their home in Sioux Falls, their cabin at the Lake of the Woods, and winter living in Arizona and Texas. They will celebrate their 50th anniversary in September.

Madeleine DuBore, WAO 2013, is a junior at Concordia College, Moorhead, MN. She has recently completed a semester of study at the National University of Ireland, Galway. While there she had the opportunity to travel to England, Italy, France, Norway, Czech Republic, Spain and Germany. She is majoring in English Literature and Communications.

Kim Swanson, WAO 2002, lives in West Hollywood, CA. She works at KTLA-TV Channel 5. She continues to pursue her career as a singer/songwriter under the artist name Kison. She has appeared on the KTLA News as a featured artist, sang before the Lauryn Hill Show at the Greek Theatre in Los Angeles, and performed the National Anthem for a crowd of 30,000 at the National Hot Rod Association Finals. Kison is currently working on writing a catalogue of songs for other artists.

Marlys (Mattson) Nelson, WHS 1953, lives in Shoreview, MN. She writes of fond memories at Warren High, especially in the music department where she earned the Brown Music Award. She has directed children's choirs for 18 years in her church and rings in the bell choir. She is a member of the senior choir and also directs a women's

group that performs for community activities. Marlys adds, "I'm so glad that I grew up in and went to school in the wonderful town of Warren. My education there trained me and taught me how to live in the real world and I would not trade it for anything."

Brian Peterson, WHS 1979, is the director of content for the Northland Outdoors Network, headquartered in Brainerd, MN. He serves as editor of Northland Outdoors Magazine and contributes to the network's website and 52 newspapers. He can also be heard on Northland Outdoors Radio that broadcasts across 25 affiliates throughout the Upper Midwest. In June, Northland Outdoors Television will debut on Fox Sports North and Fox Sports Wisconsin. Brian lives in Cross Lake, MN.

Brooke (Conely) Olson, WAO 2007, has recently been hired as head varsity coach for the Goodridge-Grygla Chargers High School Volleyball program. Brooke is a para-professional and husband Brady is a teacher and assistant track coach at the Grygla Independent School District. They live in rural Grygla.

Brian Omdahl, WHS 1986, is an 8th grade history teacher at South Middle School in Grand Forks. Brian recently created a board game for his students, giving them a fun way to learn about the New England colonies. He used Google Earth to determine the size of his maps and what states/provinces would act as borders for each of the colonies. He purchased game pieces from Amazon, reinforcing them so they would stand. He included historical information on the game board and researched what flag the 13 colonies used before the American Revolution. Small wooden buildings, bought at a craft store, represents towns that the students can build in order to increase the size of their colonies and the income the colony produces. Many historical details and facts are learned while playing this game. We give Brian an A+ for the effort and ingenuity he used for this project. Brian lives near Warren.

While communicating and celebrating the memory of Ivy and Morris Maruska, we find family members **Sharon (Maruska) Kratt, WHS 1961**, living in Avon, Ohio, **Lynn Maruska, WHS 1962**, in Goodyear, AZ, **Sondra (Maruska) Weinzierl, WHS 1969**, in Plymouth, MN and **Mark Maruska, WHS, 1971**, living and farming near Tabor, MN.

Michelle (Fillipi) Blanck, WHS 1991, is state side after living in Macedonia for 2 years. Her family relocated to Tofte, MN. Michelle is a special education teacher in the Tofte school system. Darin teaches in Silver Bay and a pastor in the Zoar Church parish. They have 2 children, Elijah and Sophia.

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Carol Anderson Has Always Been a Devoted Servant to Education and Warren Community

(Continued from page 1) shine of all the buildings always stood out thanks to the devoted custodial staff and that trait certainly continues today. Classroom memories are plentiful. Our theme weeks where the school would be transformed into camping; a foreign country; pioneer life; fourth grade green party (those were the days you could bring food in); mini-classes; the first book fairs; making quilts for the Warren Centennial and numerous other projects." In this case, the word "numerous" is seriously understated.

With all the energy and tireless extra hours she put into her teaching career, one would think she would have little time for outside activities. If you thought that, you do not know Carol J. Anderson. Her service with education and community boards and committees is endless. It starts with the local Warren Education Association; the Kramer Brown Uniserv and the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, which she is still a member and had served on the chapter and state level as committee chairman. She has served Our Savior's Lutheran Church as a Sunday school teacher, on many committees including congregational chairman and currently serves as the wedding and funeral coordinator. Community boards she has served on include the Godel Memorial Library; the Landmark Housing Authority; North Valley Health Center; Girl Scout leader and Ninth District President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. Her involvement with the local Mawami Club, included with other members, brought Lifeline to the Warren area. She was named

in separate years, the Outstanding Young Woman of the Year and Educator of the Year at the Town and Country banquet. She was also named by a local Education Minnesota group as Friend of Education. She still had time to whip up those unbelievable German chocolate cakes!

Retiring from her teaching tenure in 2006 should have earned Carol well-deserved rest and relaxation, but she would have none of that. She had always been fascinated with the beet harvest campaign. Being a farm girl who never shied away from challenges, she decided to inquire about a job at the "beet dump". She stated, "After applying and getting hired, I worked the ground taking samples and shoveling beets the first year. By my third year, I began running the piler, which I have done from 2008-2015. I have also volunteered for a week during the summer the past ten years at the Medora Foundation in western North Dakota. During the school year, if the phone rings at 6:00 am, it's usually the elementary school asking if I can substitute teach which I enjoy doing. I've also spent many weekends with my mom in Breckenridge."

That brings us to one of her most cherished service commitments which is her years of being a board member including long-term chairman of the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Education Foundation. She says, "A board member asked me if I was interested in becoming actively involved with the Ed Foundation. I'd heard of the Ed Foundation over the years and was a dues-paying member. One thing led to another and before I knew it, I was on the board and eventually became chairman. Nancy Mattson, Marie Goodwin

and Denise Laymon were and still are my mentors and I have leaned on them often over the years. It has been gratifying to watch the Ed Foundation grow into the strong organization it is today. Probably the highest honor I've ever received was when an alumnus introduced a fundraiser which created an endowment in my name to help with some of our school's financial needs. Our board and Foundation members/volunteers work tirelessly to raise funds for our education community."

It took a few years of asking, pleading and almost threatening Carol to give her permission to do a feature on her. It was always "Nobody is interested in what I've done and it's no big deal anyway." After reading her story, I'm sure you will beg to differ. She has been a leader with no qualms about being a "mover and a shaker" in any organization, committee or group she has been associated with. She always claims she is the lucky one in all this and commented, "Over the past forty plus years, I've been proud to call Warren home. Many fine people, alumni and friends have been a huge influence on me. The quote by Flavia Weedn, "Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for a while, leave footprints on our hearts and we are never, ever the same," tells me I've been the recipient of many footprints."

For all who have come to know, respect and love Carol, we are so thankful that she decided to stay for a while. She has left her footprints on our hearts and we are better people having her in our lives. And she makes fantastic German chocolate cake!

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WAO students use items purchased by the Education Foundation



These pictures showcase some of the many needs requests that have been purchased by the Ed. Foundation.

2016 Class Reunions

WHS 1948
August 13

Maxine Paulson
Thoreson
omthore2@charter.net

WHS 1966
July 20-22

Jerrilyn Olson
Potucek
djpotucek@yahoo.com

WHS 1953
June 22-23

Marlys Mattson
Nelson
nelsonmarlys@gmail.com

WHS 1976 - July 23

Sue Miscik Shirek
701-594-6007

WHS 1986 - July 23

Stacy Bossman
Nicholls
218-289-7337

WHS 1956 - July 21

Suzie (Carol Omdahl)
Jevning
218-201-2265
SUZIE@MNCABLE.NET

WAO 2006 - July 23

Megan Maruska
Dagoberg
218-201-0574
WAO206WAO

OHS 1953 - June 11

Orrin Knutson
218-686-2800
Mary Jo (Gowan)
Richard
701-371-7500

WAO 1996

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WAO Class 1996
Reunion

OHS 1966 - May 21

Jon Holter
218-686-9720

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.

News and Notes . . .

Former Warren teacher and coach, **Gary Schuler**, is retiring from Fergus Falls Public Schools this summer. Prior to moving in 1997, Schuler's main duties were teaching Spanish and coaching boys' basketball in Warren for 24 years. During that time, he received many coaching honors and achieved a 425-145 record. In Fergus Falls, Schuler was an administrator and AD. He was inducted into the Minnesota State High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2012. That same year, the Schuler Endowment Scholarship for WAO High School was established by his former Pony players. Gary and Shawna have 4 grown children; **Trek, WHS 1986**, Berlin, MD, **Tatum, WHS 1992**, Olathe, KS, **Kison, WHS 1995**, Shakopee, MN and **Coley, WHS 1997**, Omaha, NB. They have 5 grandchildren.

Kelly Kliner, WAO 1998, was recently honored as a "Rising Star" by the Agriculture Retailers Association at their Annual Conference in Palm Desert, CA. He is the Seed Sales and Marketing Advisor for J.R. Simplot in Crookston, MN. Kelly and wife, Kyra, live in Crookston with their 2 children, Keatyn and Keeva.

Russell Erickson, WHS 1972, is retiring from Bremer Bank where he has worked for 34 years. He started as an agricultural banker in Grafton and since has worked as a Senior Lender, served as CEO and President of the Bremer Bank, Grand Forks Charter and recently has been serving as CEO of the Fargo Region. Russ and wife, **Nancy (Anderson) Erickson, WHS 1975**, have 2 adult children and 4 grandchildren. Besides Russ, there are 4 other bankers in his family, twin brothers **Joel Erickson**, in Bismarck, ND, **Jeff Erickson** in Mandan, ND, **WHS 1985**, brother-in-law **Brian Anderson, WHS 1978**, in Princeton, MN and son, Patrick in Sioux Falls, SD.

Molly Roller, WAO 2014, is one of the few personnel that transitioned from the Warren Volunteer Ambulance Corp. to the North Valley Health Center Ambulance Service. NVHC took over the Ambulance Service in 2015. Molly attends UND and works part time at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks as a CNA in the cardiology department. She lives in Grand Forks.

Kudos to **WAO Educators** for presenting the opportunity for special education students to participate in a sports competition. The first in northwest Minnesota, a WAO Adaptive Bowling Team has been organized and already been in competition with very positive results. The adaptive sport program gives students a sense of normalcy and social interaction.

Harvey Sedlacek, WHS 1966, has retired after 40 years with John Deere. In 1976, he started with Amundgaard Implement which is now known as Evergreen Implement Company. In 1985, Harvey became co-owner, and was later named president and general manager. He has sold his interest to long-time partners, Brent Lunke and **Gale Pawlowski, WHS 1977**. He has 3 grown children, **Jennifer Delgotto, WHS 1991**, Eagan, MN, **Steve, WHS 1993**, Minneapolis, MN, and **Kate Metzger, WAO 1998**, St. Louis Park, MN, and three grandchildren.

New owner, **Gale Pawlowski, WHS 1977**, joined Evergreen Implement in 1982 and became a partner in 2002. In 2010, Evergreen Implement acquired the John Deere dealership in Mahanomen. Gale moved to Mahanomen and became general manager of that location. He and wife **Laurie (Hoff) ALV 1978**, have 2 grown children, **Tyler, WAO 2003**, Hatton, ND, **Brianne, WAO 2007**, Grand Forks, ND. Laurie works at a bank in Mahanomen.

We want to congratulate **Myron and Irmy Haugen** on their 67th wedding anniversary, celebrated last September. The Haugens are founders of the Nordic Fiberglass Company in Warren and Devils Lake, ND where it first originated. They are long time friends and supporters of the WAO Foundation. Their generosity through the Greg M. Haugen Scholarship, has given many WAO students a much needed start in their college careers.

We have received word from **Richard Pearson, WHS 1966**, and **Ronald Pearson, WHS 1968**, that a memorial service will be held for their brother, **James Pearson, WHS 1972**, on July 9, 2016, 2:00 PM, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Warren. Jim passed away October 26, 2015.

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!

Susie Novak, WHS 1993, Executive Director of the North Country Food Bank, in Crookston, serves several counties in this region. Susie met recently with Minnesota Lt. Governor Tina Smith, as she visited the local food bank. A new 30,000 square foot facility is being considered because of North Country's affiliation with Feeding America. Susie lives in East Grand Forks.

Mark Poolman, WHS 1985, had much to be proud of as he watched the University of North Dakota Fighting Hawks hockey team skate their way to the Division 1 National College Championship title. He played a dual role as team trainer and dad of one of the stars on the team. Tucker Poolman, is a sophomore, a talented defensive player. Younger brother, Colton, will join the team next year. Son, Mason, who is an eighth grader, also plays hockey. Mom of this talented group is **LeAnne (Loeslie) WHS 1987**, who is a nurse at Bio Life Plasma Services in Grand Forks. They live in East Grand Forks.

Welcome to new school board member **Jeff Steer, WHS 1987**. Jeff farms in the Angus area, is a member of the WAO Booster Club and an avid supporter of school activities. Jeff and his wife, Sara, a para-professional at WAO High School, live in Warren. They have 4 children, **Erin, WAO 2012**, Grand Forks, ND, Jake and Max, seniors and Holly a sophomore at WAO High School.

Although, it has been close to a year since former **Pony basketball coach Irv St. John** passed away at age 83, it is worth mentioning. He was in Warren for nine years from 1958-66, and then went on to Duluth East and was head coach for 13 years. He tallied up a career record of 364 wins and 132 losses. He was a Hall of Famer multiple times, but is most remembered for being compassionate, kind, appreciative and respectful to his students, players and staff. Those that knew him said he was "one class act." He was married to his wife, Pat, for 60 years. They have 3 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandsons.

Several Warren graduates serve as 2016 Leaders on the Warren Volunteer Fire Department. **Tony Johnson WAO, 2003**, assistant chief, **Jeremy Linnell WHS 1995**, assistant chief, **Scott Jorgenson WAO 2007**, captain, **Cole Wittman WAO 1998**, captain.

Thank you...

"Thank you for your generous donation that allowed our music department to purchase a piccolo. It has helped me become a better musician."
Sydney Olson, WAO Junior

"On behalf of WAO #2176, the Music Department and the Arts, thank you for your contribution to the lighting of the high school auditorium. Thank you for making life better at WAO!"
Lon Jorgensen, Superintendent

"Thank you for the lunch you provided for the staff during American Education Week. Your continued support is appreciated."
Mary Beth Edman, Teacher

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Autumn Russell, Teacher

"Thank you for purchasing the WAO elementary computer classes OZOBOTS! The students love them and are excited to explore their capabilities."
Heidi Thorstenson, Teacher

"I appreciate the thoughtful gift you've given me to use in my classroom." Thank you!
Karla Polley, Teacher

"Thank you so much for the funds to purchase water and snacks for testing days".
Kirk Thorstenson, Elementary Principal

"Thank you for the funds to purchase the non-fiction books for the library. They will be of great use to the Social Studies department."
Ben Miska, Teacher

"Thank you for the books you donated to the library through the Fall Needs. You have helped us update our nonfiction section."
Ashley Anderson, Librarian

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.

1938 Warren - Alice (Olson) Allen

1943 Warren - Jack E. Sorenson

1943 Alvarado - Lorraine (Tinnes) Yochum

1944 Warren - Cal Melgard

1944 Oslo - Agnes (Overlid) Rolf

1945 Warren - Eileen Stinar Johnson

1945 Alvarado - Elvern Vanyo

1947 Warren - Ramona Monroe

1948 Warren - James Spilde

1948 Warren - Orrin Skunes

1949 Warren - Mary Lou (Johnston) Krueger

1950 Oslo - Joy (Paulson) Overson

1951 Alvarado - Orvis L Bergman

1952 Warren - Violet (Simpson) Lenhart

1953 Warren - Kai Herbranson

1953 Alvarado - Melville Johnson

1953 Warren - Gene White

1955 Warren - Kenneth Poolman

1957 Warren - Warren Hickman

1958 Alvarado - Robert Paulson

1963 Alvarado - Ronald Vanyo

1965 Warren - JoAnn (Hickman) Menk

1965 Alvarado - Beverly (Hendrickson) Confer

1966 Warren - David Knutson

1968 Warren - Janice "Jan" (Fillipi) Kuralle

1973 Oslo - Ricky Rakowski

1974 Warren - Mark A. Olson

1979 Warren - Cynthia (Palm) Broekemeier

1981 Warren - Richard L. LaCoursiere

1985 Warren - Paul Wilke

1985 Warren - Jill M. Anderson

Friend - Bonita "Bonnie" Blacklance

Friend - Arlene Neegard

Friend - Jill (Smart) Jenkins

Friend - Kenneth Knoll

Friend - Myrtle Dargus

Friend - Evangeline Anderson Myhre

Friend - John F. "Jack" Walker

Friend - Dorothy Erickson

Friend - Robert "Bob" Kliner

Teacher - Warren - Mary Patricia Allen

Teacher - Warren - Marlowe Hamerston

Teacher - Warren - Alan Adair

Teacher - Warren - Harold "Hank" Johnson

WAO Ed. Foundation Donor Wall



The WAO Ed Foundation Donor Wall was originally built and recently revamped by Jon Holter to provide more space to be able to recognize more donors.



WAO State Qualifiers

Angela Spidahl, left, qualified in the Visual Arts program with a piece of artwork that she created. Louisa Bergman, right, qualified for State Speech. WAO's robotics team also qualified for the state tournament.



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WAO Senior Honored on the National Level



Jose Pruneda, recently won a very special nationwide award. He was named the 2016 National Migrant Student of the Year by the National Association of State Directors of Migrant Education. He recently accepted

his award in San Diego, CA. Jose came to Warren from Mexico, ahead in credits and few classes to fulfill for his graduation requirements. He used his extra time to benefit his fellow students. He was

invaluable to the WAO Schools as a para-professional, peer tutor and translator to help those that struggle in English. The son of Mexican migrant parents, Jose divided his school year between Mexico, North Dakota and Minnesota. If he's not in class, he is working on a farm with his family.

Jose graduated in May. He plans to follow the path of his sister, **Miriam**, WAO 2011, by attending University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley, where his ambition is to major in mechanical engineering. His sister **Maria** graduated from WAO in 2007. Jose says, "WAO is a great place to learn. One gets all the help they need."

Quilt Winner

Congrats to Denise (Goroski) St. Germain of Argyle who won the quilt designed, pieced and quilted by Gloria (Hedquist) Casey, WHS 1947. The quilt is 107" x 96". Proceeds from the raffle will be used to enhance the educational experiences at our school.



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 \$9,285.

Have you misplaced your yearbook?

Did you throw it and now wish that you had it? A year ago a former Warrenite volunteered to put all of the yearbooks for the district on DVDs. The only stipulation was that we pay the postage to send them to him and also for the return postage. He had the opportunity at his place of work to use their high quality scanners to scan all of the yearbooks. The yearbooks are finished! We are working on the Alvarado and Oslo ones. If you are interested in a copy of any year(s), please use the order blank below.

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Alumni Yearbook Service Order Form

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

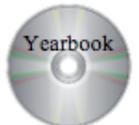
Once the desired years are copied, they will be put on a DVD, CD or Flash Drive and sent via mail to the address below.

Name: _____
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Email Address: _____

Phone: (Cell) _____

(Home) _____



Address to send to:
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City, State: _____ Zip Code _____

Yearbook year(s) you want copies of and circle the media choice:
 _____ DVD/CD or Zip Drive

_____ DVD/CD or Zip Drive

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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