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OJ Peyton: A Teacher and a Friend



Oliver J. Peyton was a science teacher at Warren High school for 36 years. To every student who had the pleasure of having him as their teacher, he was known as Mr. Peyton. After high school, he was simply OJ and he never forgot a student's name.

He took a long journey to get to Warren. He was born in Enderlin, ND, but moved at an early age out to the oil fields in northwest North Dakota to a town called Flaxton, where he graduated in 1947. He thought he would work for the railroad because that is what the Peytons did. In 1948, though, he found himself on the other side of the state in Grand Forks at the University of North Dakota. After one year, he ran out of money and enlisted in the

Navy. He served overseas as a corpsman for 4 years, 5 days, and 12 hours. He went back to UND in 1953 where he met and married his wife, Lea, in 1955. They were married for 52 years until Lea passed away in 2007. They raised sons, David, Michael and Bradley and all three are WHS graduates. He also has four grandchildren.

He graduated from UND in 1956 with a double major in science and social studies. He only had a minor degree in education, but that was good enough for then WHS Principal L.J. McKinnon to hire him. OJ said he always liked science and the whole school atmosphere so it was a good decision to take the job (not to mention he needed the money.) In his early years at Warren, he also taught civics and U.S. government. He taught every class of science that was on the curriculum.

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Pony basketball book documents Coach Schuler's tenure in Warren

A detailed history of Coach Gary Schuler's tenure as coach of the Pony basketball team from 1973-1997 has been written by Pete Myszkowski, a 1985 Warren High School graduate and former Pony player. The piece is entitled, "A Golden Era in Pony Basketball History – How Coach Gary Schuler elevated the boys basketball program in the 70s, 80s and 90s."

It is a first-hand look at how Schuler, a hall of fame coach, changed the boys basketball dynamic in Warren and how his view of the way the game should be played and lessons learned helped transform a generation of players. Read about Schuler's early years, his coaching philosophy, how the community of Warren helped his efforts, as well as Schuler's take on his best teams, players, athletes, and games.

Over 60 pages, including many photos, document Schuler's tenure and the history of Pony basketball during this time.

The cost is \$25 with the majority of the proceeds to benefit the Gary Schuler Scholarship Endowment Fund. If you need the book to be mailed to you, an extra \$3 should be added for shipping and handling for a total cost of \$28. Checks should be made out to the WAO Education Foundation and sent to P.O. Box 125, Warren, MN 56762. Please make sure to note the check is for the purchase of the book. You can also visit the WAO website at www.wao.k12.mn.us for more information and view excerpts of the book. Go to the link, "Sports Zone" to view it.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Pete Myszkowski, author. Pete can be reached at pete-myszkowski@gmail.com



Elementary Winter Concert Refreshments

The Education Foundation board and volunteers will be serving refreshments in the high school cafeteria following the Elementary Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 3, with a free-will donation. A big thank you to Bremer Bank for donating the funds for the refreshments.



Billy Saetre at Celebrate Music April 22, 2010!

Celebrate Music, the Education Foundation spring fundraiser will highlight William (Billy) Saetre. Billy grew up in Warren through 8th grade. Though he graduated from Thief River Falls, Warren is still "home" to him. He resides in Hamburg, Germany where he performs in opera. Alumni and local talent will also entertain in the event.

Golf Scramble

The 6th Annual Education Foundation Golf Scramble will be held on Friday, July 30 at Warren Riverside Golf Course.

Marshall County Fair

July 28 – August 1, 2010

Class Reunions

If your class is planning a reunion, please contact the Foundation. We will 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.

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2009 Class Reunions



WHS CLASS OF 1969 — front row: Duane Swanson, Mike Cheney, Kay Hendrickson Root, Patti Olson Evin, Gerry Evin, Delsie Austinson, Bev Peterson Slocumb, Deb Anderson Robinson, Barb Anderson Jorgenson. Middle row: Jane Bennett Safar, Harvey Andreson, Dennis Mischel, Patti Jo Ovasak Koranda, Joyce Altendorf Von Feldt, Eileen Roley Larson, Renee Rehder Rosendahl, Maureen Hendrickson Fredrickson, Nancy Kliner Wagner, Janelle Kroll Schoenbauer, Linda Filipi. Back row: Dan Edman, Joel Engen, Ed Golden, Henrey Kliner, Norm Hals, Ed Rosendahl, Gayle Wittman, Janet Sorenson Foley, Bruce Lundgren hidden Sondra Maurska Weinzierl, John Mattson, Sonia Engstrom, Ken Palm, Jon Slusar, Jerry Sedlacek, Curt Myrfield.



ALVARADO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1957 REUNITES — Pictured are, seated, left to right, Violet (Demeyere) Anderson and Dorothy (Hagglund) Kiffmeyer. Standing: Emil Vanyo, Avis (Gulbranson) Iverson, June (Werpy) Kleven and Marlys (Hendrickson) Kleven.



WHS CLASS OF 1989: Back row: Steve Nowacki, Lisa (Erickson) Bye, Mark Jordheim, Garrett Molacek, Michael Erickson, Alan Pederson, Jerrod Hammerback, Bill Sabol, Nick Torrez, Dacian Bienek, Joey Potucek, Dean Narlock. Middle: Diane (Olson) Sherart, Terri (Frederick) Magnuson, Tracey (Peterson) Regimbal, Paula (Laudahl) Moug, Patrick DuBore, Michelle (Steer) Anderson, Kathy (Filipi) Kleinvachter, Lori (Lappegaard) Noll, Laurie Rud, David Laymon, Marc Kurz. Front Row: Kris (Parkin) Buchman, Tami (Halvorson) Shumacher, Gwen (Kiesow) Olson, Missy Jones, Kari (Strickler) Kujava, LaDonna (Fillipi) Bannach, Doni Loeslie, Karl Pawlowski.



WHS CLASS OF '44 — Front row, left to right, are June (Hamrick) Edgar and Eunice (Brosdahl) Cole. Middle row: Neil Kruger, Ruth (Kasprick) Beiswenger and Paul Morkassel. Back row: Calvin Melgard, Neil Mattson and Earl Swanson.



AHS CLASS OF 1949 — Former Superintendent E.W. Solyst was surrounded by classmates from the Alvarado class of 1949. Front row: Marilyn (Erickson) Mattson, Eileen (Haugen) Kollin, Supt. Solyst, Opal (Mathsen) Fisher and Margaret (Edman) Larson. Back row: James Bubb, Rueben Kleven, Rudolph Kleven, Ardia (Berg) Johnson, who was with the class through her sophomore year and graduated in Grand Forks, Lola (Hoff) Gowan, Ruth (Bergman) Moen and Robert Iverson.

2010

Class Reunion Contacts:

WHS 1960 - July 28-31
Bob Elseth, 218-745-4822
mbelseth@frontiernet.net
and ChrisAnn (Schantzen) Abrahamson
218-745-5810

WHS 1961: Dr. Charles Cheney
ccheney@battlelake.k12.mn.us

WHS 1980: July 30-31, Lori (Toupin) Johnson
ljjohnson@bremer.com

WHS 1990: July 30-31

WAO 2000: Cindy Franks
cindy_330@hotmail.com
218-745-7680



WHS CLASS OF 1959 — Seated, left to right: Wayne Oberg, Sylvia (Steinberg) Oberg, Lyle Anderson, Neil Morkassel, Judy (Johnson) Dallman, Sherilyn (Oberg) Wallace, Pat (Wilson) Bjorgaard and Eugene Ljunggren. Middle row: Ruth (Carlson) Goodrich, Karen (Hickman) Larson, Sharon (Wesolowski) Valley, Doris (Hedquist) Krogh, Marilyn (Strickler) Sirek, Bruce Johnson, Bob Bossman, Romelle (Vanek) Halfman, Warren Strandell and Brian Black. Back row: Rodney Carlson, Ina (Ranstrom) Loeslie, Pat (Anderson) Juvrud, John Omdahl, Tom Knutson, Gerald Corriveau, Gary Olson and David Hill. Also attending, but not pictured, were Joe Jagol, Donna (Eggen) Krause and LaVerne Rogalla.



WHS CLASS OF 1979 — Front row, left to right: Dee Dee (Evavold) Larson, John Myszkowski, Tracy Anderson, Chris Myhre, Mike Lamb, Teresa (Kozojed) Dahlstrom, Billy Saetre and Mary (Lundgren) Rickson. Middle row: Randall Piska, Curtis Harlow, LeeAnn (Omdahl) Mader, Diane (Narlock) Rokke, Susan Blish, Jane (Lamberson) Garmyn, Todd Lund, Julie (Christensen) Anderson, Kim (Roley) Myhre, Renae (Anderson) Troyer, Diane (Johnson) Bjorgaard, Jeff Olson, Becky (Potucek) Dennis and Brian Laymon. Back row: Tim Swanson, Kevin Peterson, Robert Norman, Joe Bienek, Steve Brekke, Duane Kasprick, Robert Hamrick, Marcia (Harlow) Hoad, Brian Fanfulik, Deb (Nielsen) Denesik, Gary Klegstad, Kathy (Clausen) Johnston, Todd Johnston and Paul Quanrud.

News and Notes . . .

Former Warren Ponies Larry Golden (WHS 1955) and Marlin Fillipi (WHS 1957) were inducted into the Bemidji State University 2008 Team Hall of Fame during ceremonies held Saturday, October 18th, 2008. Golden and Fillipi were inducted as members of the 1957 BSU football team, Northern Intercollegiate Conference co-champions. Fillipi was also inducted as a member of the 1957 football team, also an NIC co-champion.

Thank you so very much for the generous gift you have given to the library and myself! The items purchased will be a great start for me to help get the library settled. I am looking forward to being "On Board" as WAO Staff!
Jeanne Johnson Elementary Librarian

Mari Lee (Fillipi) Stenerson WHS 1978 had her 25th piano recital on May 17th of this year. Over 25 years she has taught 162 students ages starting 5 years to adults. The Story that Mari Lee shared at the recital was this: "Jesse came to me when she was 5 years old, and wanted to take piano lessons, so I called my piano teacher, Sylvia Thompson, and asked her if she would teach Jesse. Sylvia asked me, "So, didn't I teach you anything? Why don't you teach her? You'll do just great!" So from that moment, I went ahead using the skills Sylvia taught me, and little bits of my own feel for music, to teach my 5 year old daughter how to play the piano. Within one year, I already had 5 more of her friends that wanted to take also, so it just grew from there. So thanks, Jesse, for wanting lessons, because look where it got me!"
Jesse (Fillipi) Scheie WHS 1997

I want to give you my sincere thanks for selecting me for the WAO Education Foundation and the Gary Schuler Scholarships. This money will go toward my continuing education at Lake Region State College at Devils Lake this fall. I have enjoyed all of my years at WAO & will cherish those memories.
Casey Larson WAO 2009

Aaron Kuznia (WAO 1993), who grew up in Warren and is now an engineering technician for the city of Edina, has been honored in that city with the Mayor's Community Involvement Commendation. Kuznia, the son of Fran and Marcia Kuznia of Warren, received the award for outstanding volunteer service to the community above and beyond his position with the city.

Never too old to give back! Helen (Nordling) Kitt, WHS graduate of 1939, gave a memorial donation. She requested the money go towards classroom needs. Helen operated a beauty salon in Arlington, VA for 30 years. She married artist Peder G. Kitt, had two daughters, and four grandchildren. Thank you Helen!

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Why Should I Give?

The cost of education is increasing at a rapid rate that far outdistances the resources of the present funding. The goal of the district is to provide each child with a quality education that will equip them with the skills needed to succeed when they leave this district to work, to continue their education at a college or technical school, or whatever they choose to do. It is important for our school to have a resource to assist them in this task.

How Can I Give?

- 1) Cash payment
- 2) Memorial gift
- 3) Life insurance
- 4) Testamentary trusts and gifts through wills
- 5) Appreciated assets
- 6) Pledge future donations

Establish a Named Benefactor Endowment Fund with an outright or irrevocable planned gift of \$5,000 or more. Scholarship funds and education program areas can be specially endowed with your gift; for example, the Gates Family Endowment for Math and Science.

Life for our children, our grand-children, and the neighborhood children will be better because of your efforts and contributions. Be a part of this campaign to ensure that our children are equipped to succeed.

Tribute and Memorial Gifts

May 1, 2009 – October 31, 2009

In Memory of Lea Peyton
Oliver Peyton

In Memory of Carol Potucek
Duane & Jerrilyn Potucek
Doris Erickson

In Memory of Leona Hendrickson
Kay (Hendrickson) Root
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Mildred Olson
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In Memory of Robert A Graham
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In Memory of Wilford Dostal
Vern & Brenda Borowicz
Jim & JoAnne Ranstrom

In Memory of Dorothy Olson
Deb (Olson) Cross
Jim & JoAnne Ranstrom

In Memory of Tom Sabol
Brian Black

In Memory of Jean (Wood) Rabon
Brian Black

In Tribute to the WAO Teachers
Joyce (Carlson) Eaton

In Memory of Emory Johnson
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In Memory of Joyce (Seward) Godwin
Leslie & June Seward

In Memory of Doris (Nordling) Lundeen
Helen (Nordling) Kitt

In Memory of Doris (Gehrls) Hoper
Jim & Janice Pulkrabek
Harvey & Ina Loeslie
Ken & Verona Poolman
Jim & Diane Forbes
Charles Ranstrom

In Memory of Charlotte Berdahl
Alvin & Hazel Hendrickson

In Memory of Debra Jean Kollin
Twyla (Torgerson) Conner

In Tribute to Willis & Janice Grochow's 50th Anniversary
Carol J Anderson
Jeanie Ulferts

In Memory of Marilyn (Bjorgaard) Kliner
Mary Bjorgaard

In Memory of Lora Mathison
Jerry & Suzie Jevning
Carol J Anderson
Arlyn & Marilyn Stroble
John & Sharon Carlson
Doug & Jo Sorenson

In Memory of Dwight Anderson
Cal & Betty Melgard
Howard & Nancy Sturman
Phil & Gloria Thompson
John & Sharon Carlson
Ron & Sharon Abrahamson
Florence Steffen
Lou Ann Beck
Frances Fanfulik
Jim & Jody (Pulkrabek) Owens
Vernon & Shirley Roley
Ken & Verona Poolman
Jim & Janice Pulkrabek
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Dr. W. L. & Janice Lamb
Ken & Kathy Dagoberg
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Dean & Mary Jo Chandler
Carol J Anderson
Darlene Haave
Jerry & Rita Dalzell
Jim & JoAnne Ranstrom & Family
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Arlyn & Marilyn Stroble
Don & Ellen Strickler
Leonard & Cleone Plencner
Ed & Linda Turn
Selmer & Elaine Heck
Rick Roley
Bob & Viki Kliner
Bernice Rehder
Richard & Diane Abrahamson

In Memory of Willard Johnson
Jim & JoAnne Ranstrom

In Tribute to Jim & Shirley Johnson's 50th Anniversary
Carol J Anderson
Jeanie Ulferts

In Memory of Ronald Sabol
Elmer & Janet Sabol
Ralph & Cindy Melgard
Don & Sue Lundgren
Duane & Jerrilyn Potucek
Claudia (Daby) Risnes
Myke Knutson
Dick & Sharon (Rood) Myers
Alden & Betty (Sorenson) Carlson
Aldon & Janice (Botko) Filipi

In Memory of Lone Copp
Howard & Nancy Sturman
Selmer & Elaine Heck
Alvin & Hazel Hendrickson
Steve & Marie Goodwin
Jim & Janice Pulkrabek

In Memory of Paul Anderson
Richard & Diane Abrahamson

In Tribute to the Warren Class of 1946
Art VanSickle

In Memory of Van & Neil Dahlman
David & Monica (Dahlman) Starrett

In Memory of Louis Deere
Jeanie Ulferts
Earl & Linda Johnson
Jerry & Susie Jevning
Carol J Anderson
Rick & Marie Schmiedeberg
Steve & Marie Goodwin

In Memory of Wayne Grochow
Jeanie Ulferts
Carol J Anderson
John & Jean Walker
Selmer & Elaine Heck

In Memory of Dennis Vesey
David & Monica (Dahlman) Starrett

In Memory of Clif & Richard Adrian
Aaron Kuznia

In Memory of Sophie Grzadzieski
Arlyn & Marilyn Stroble

In Memory of Lowell Westberg
David & Monica (Dahlman) Starrett

In Tribute to the Raymond Miska Family
Jan (Miska) Sirek

In Memory of Frances (Chwialkowski) Sorvig
Don & Connie Omdahl

In Memory of Paula (Pribula) Hamman
Jerry & Patrice Pribula
Alvarado Class of 1977

In Memory of Marian (Aamot) Heck
Corrine (Goplin) Slaughter
Carol J Anderson

In Memory of Dorothy (Hanson) Olson
Clara (Hammerback) McLeod

In Tribute to Mylo & Marlene Carlson's 47th Anniversary
DeAnna (Carlson) Zink

In Memory of Bruce Wallsten
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Ron & Sharon Abrahamson
Gerald & Sharon Nelson
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In Memory of Marlys Oien
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High School Sunshine Committee
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In Honor of the Warren Class of 1969
Jane (Bennett) Safar
Sondra (Maruska) Weinzierl
Mary Bjorgaard
Jane (Miska) Sirek
Kay (Hendrickson) Root
Jerry & Mary Sedlacek
Harvey Andresen
Janelle (Kroll) Schoenbauer
Duane & Shari Swanson
Ed & Renee (Rehder) Rosendahl
Linda Fillipi
Beatrice (Peterson) Oberg

In Memory of Thomas Gullikson
Carol J Anderson
Rick & Nancy Mattson
Duane & Shari Swanson
Ken & Kathy Dagoberg
WAO Sunshine Committee
Steve & Marie Goodwin
Paulette Thompson
Arlyn & Marilyn Stroble
Richard & Mary Beth Edman
Allyn & Sue Roley

In Honor of Cliff & Marilyn Bennett's 60th Anniversary
Alvin & Hazel Hendrickson
Joan Johnson
Carol J Anderson

In Memory of Erling Lundgren
Don & Ellen Strickler
Carol J Anderson

In Memory of Gladys Erickson
Carol J Anderson
Steve & Marie Goodwin

Peyton

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For 25 years he was the public address announcer and official time keeper at athletic events. During the summer months he was employed as a hail insurance adjustor.

In his 36 years of teaching, he witnessed a lot of changes with many teachers and students coming and going. The one main constant he saw was the standard of education at WHS was always at a high level. He was always thankful for the fine administration he worked under and for the most part students were well behaved and respectful.

He retired from teaching in 1992. After recovering from a serious illness that same year, he spent many years working for the US Department of Agriculture. He has also been very involved with various senior citizen organizations.

The highlight of his summers are attending as many class reunions as he can. He thoroughly enjoys reuniting with former students. He also finds time to volunteer for the WAO Education Foundation when needed.

OJ achieved so much as an educator at Warren High School. Perhaps his greatest accomplishment, however, is the fact that everyone in this community and beyond who knows him are proud to call him their friend.

Foundation receives Hartz Foundation Grant

The Education Foundation is thankful for a recent donation from the Hartz Foundation for \$12,000. The money was used to purchase additional smart boards for the district. WAO Schools currently has twelve smart boards in use, of these twelve, nine were purchased through generous donations to the Foundation.

Thank You!

The WAO Education Foundation is a nonprofit organization and every contribution is greatly appreciated. Even though we have carefully compiled this list of Memorials and Donations, please notify the Foundation if you believe any error has occurred.

Donations

May 2009 – October 2009

Ben & Kari (Stinar) Miska	Art & Char Drenckhahn
Sarah Roley	Warren Lions Club
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Chat with the Chairman

by Jon Holter

Hi Readers,

It is that time of year again, school has started, ball games underway, and harvest in high gear. Lots, almost too much, is going on all at once.

Anyway, to re-cap the foundation's activities since the last newsletter, this is what we have been doing: During the Marshall County Fair, we held our 5th annual golf scramble. Weather was marginal but that did not affect a great turnout. Many alumni and others participated in a day of golf and, undoubtedly, lots of reminiscing. Through the generosity of our many sponsors, we were able to provide many prizes for drawings and competitions throughout the day and raised over \$8,000 for the WAO School District. For all their support, the foundation thanks all who helped or participated in this fundraiser. Next year's scramble will be held on July 30th.

A short while ago, our board received a check from the Hartz Foundation for \$12,000. This came from a grant we submitted in 2007. These funds were turned over to the district for the purchase of additional smart boards. As of this writing, the school has twelve smart boards in use, of these twelve, nine were purchased through generous donations to the Foundation. A big thank you to the Hartz Foundation for your support of this new technology.

By the time this publication reaches you, we will have conducted our Fall needs survey for the faculty and staff. This year we were able to grant \$5,628 for classroom materials that the district was unable to fund.

We will once again be serving cookies and ice cream following the Elementary Holiday Concert in December, where we will display some of the items that the Foundation purchased for the WAO school district. There will be a free will offering with the proceeds going back to the elementary classrooms.

Also mark your calendars for the upcoming Celebrate Music & the Arts schedule for April 22nd, 2010. The 6th annual event will feature Billy Saetre, former Warren resident presently living in Germany, along with local and WAO student talent. It should be a very entertaining evening.

This past summer, several board members visited class reunions and explained to them who we are and what we do. These short meetings present a good opportunity for alumni to start thinking about donations or endowments to the foundation for future scholarships. We have had excellent responses from reunion classes in starting their own endowments. It appears that when folks come back and hear what the foundation has done and what it can do, this seems to spark a desire to create their own legacy at the school.

This spark was hit by the class of 1969, when they voted during their 40th reunion to establish a Scholarship Endowment Fund. They feel that this scholarship will be a tremendous legacy to the alma mater - Warren High School.

Whatever it is that the foundation is able to do, we can only do what our donations and gifts from you, alumni and community members, enable us to accomplish. Remember, "WE CAN'T SUCCEED WITHOUT YOU."

Can you help us find these missing Oslo grads?

We are adding Oslo graduates to our alumni database and would appreciate your help in getting correct addresses for the following list:

1933- Maybel Czapiewski, Edna Nelson; 1934-Raymond Emard; 1939-Dorothy Barto; 1941-Viola (Jenkins) Archacki, Ruth Haugen, Marjorie (Rierson) Steward; 1941- Katherine (Bushaw) Salwei; 1947-Mary Moen; 1949-Marion Nelson, Violet (Bakken) Sornson; 1950-Walter Majeski; 1972-John Barrett, Lynn (Kontz) Boer, Carol (Moe) Johnson; 1973-Mary Jane Meagher; 1975-June Babinski, Jerry Molenaar, Robbin Holter; 1977-John Bird; 1978-Kim Eagleson; 1979-LaTanya (Krogfoss) Cheek; 1980-Joy Purro; 1981-Syl Grabinski; 1983-Danny Thompson; 1985-Darrell Gerszewski, Terry Osowski; 1986-Kellie Jo Austad; 1987-Larry Hart; 1988-Cheri Domino, Shane Johansen, Brian Klein, Annette (Veralrud) Osowski; 1989-Nathan Montgomery, Lonnie Vannattan; 1990-Pat Henrickson, John Phillipson; 1991-Jeannie Montgomery; 1992-Laini Trelfa; 1993-Jeremy Phillipson

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Oslo All-School Reunion 2009 – Pat (Gerszewski) Campbell, class of 1982, reunion secretary; Ann (Carpenter) Walski, class of 1965, reunion president and Lynnett (Tinnes) Hedlund, class of 1965, reunion vice-president.

Where are they now . . .

Earl Swanson (Warren Class of 1944) and wife Marlys live in Houston, Texas. Their children, Dotty, Susan and Michael are also Warren graduates. They have 6 grandchildren.

Marilyn (Erickson) Mattson (Alvarado Class of 1949) and husband Neil (Warren Class of 1944) celebrated their class reunions this past summer. Marilyn was also honored as Warren’s 2009 Outstanding Senior Citizen. They have 8 children, all graduates of Warren High School, and 20 grandchildren. Marilyn and Neil travel extensively and especially enjoy historical landmarks and museums.

Marilyn (Strickler) Sirek (Warren Class of 1959) and Stan Sirek (Class of 1958) reside in Wahpeton ND. They own Smith Motors where their 2 sons, Joel and Jason are involved. Their daughter, Deanna lives in Illinois. They have 2 grandchildren.

Rita Vollmer (Oslo Class of 1966) recently relocated from Oslo to Devils Lake, ND. She has one son who also lives in Devils Lake.

Donna Larson (Oslo Class of 1966) moved to Alaska in the early 1970’s. Living in the wilderness, she was involved in a guide service. She also collected data for the National Weather Service. Recently, she is living on the North Ridge working in the communications field.

Gerry Evin and Patty (Olson) Evin, both (Warren Class of 1969) live in Vancouver, WA. Gerry is construction consultant for health care facilities. Patty is a seamstress specializing in gymnastic competition clothing. They have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

Todd Larson (Warren Class of 1979) and wife Becky live in Topeka, KS. They have 4 children. Todd is a supervisor with the United State Post Office. He also served in the Army National Guard.

Alan Pederson (Warren Class of 1989) recently returned to Spokane, WA. He is an Occupational Therapist specializing in geriatric care. Alan and his wife, Lisa, have 2 daughters, Brooke and Lilly.

Jarod Steer and Katie (Loeslie) Steer both (WAO Class of 1999) live in Hawley, MN. Jarod owns his own construction company, Steer Builders, and Katie is a stay at home mom to their 3 children, Anna, Isabel and Charlie.

Art Vansickle (Warren Class of 1946) and wife Nancy enjoy the newsletter from the Sacramento CA. area. He writes, “Three of my first cousins and I all graduated with the class of ‘46; Robert Strandberg, Mickey Nicholls, Don Vansickle and myself. Can you beat that!”

Clara (Hammerback) McLeod (Warren Class of 1948) is a resident of Las Vegas, NV. She has 4 children, 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. She is retired from the Delta Control Corporation.

Conrad Miska, (Warren Class of 1975) lives in Eagan, MN. He is currently in his 16th year as instrumental music instructor and chairman of the Performing Arts Department at the Eagan High School. Conrad is also active as a jazz musician in the twin cities and as a liturgical musician for several churches. He and his wife, Shirley, have two children, ages 15 and 18.

Diane Rasmussen (Warren Class of 1982) from South St. Paul, writes that she enjoys the newsletter and reconnecting with friends and classmates on Facebook.

Carmen (Sands) Schuster (Alvarado Class of 1987) lives in Elk River, MN. where she and her husband Dr. Joe Schuster owned and operated a Podiatry Clinic. He is now affiliated with the Univ. of MN. Carmen is very active in the community and school where she works and coaches sports on the elementary level. They have 5 children, Wyatt, Sydney, Addisyn, Avery and Dylan.

Ben Ranstrom (Warren Class of 1993) received a Doctor of Nursing Degree from NDSU this spring. He specializes in pediatric care at the Hennepin County Medical Center. He is also an assistant professor of nursing at the University of St. Catherine in St. Paul. He has developed a program, “Taking Steps Together: A Lifestyle Modification Program for Obese Children.” Ben and his wife, Andrea, have 2 daughters, Amalia and Sonja.

Oslo All-School Reunion 2009



Betty Martin and Helen Wang- both of class of 1938 were the oldest graduates at the reunion. Also with them is Sister Pascal Martin, class of 1941 (sister-in- law of Betty).



The Oslo All-School reunion was held on Saturday, June 27 at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks. Pictured on the left is David Narlock, class of 1968 who was Master of Ceremonies for the reunion and his wife -Shari (Watts), class of 1971.

Thank You!

Nick Plencner, father of five WHS Graduates, recently named the WAO Public School Education Foundation as the beneficiary of a \$10,000 Certificate of Deposit. We appreciate Nick’s continued support for the students and staff at WAO.

Thank you, Nick! As our motto states, "WE CAN'T SUCCEED WITHOUT YOU!"



Entry in the Marshall County Fair Parade: Board members Shawn Spidahl and Mark Saunders, Hallee Spidahl, Sydney Moug, Ariana Porter, Paige Pederson, Kaely DeMars and Angela Spidahl.

Fast Facts

2009 Income
Year-to-date Sept. 30, 2009

Contributions	\$8,695
Memorial Gifts	\$3,430
Memberships	\$1,280
Golf Tournament	\$8,400
Celebrate Music	\$2,300
Schuler Endowment	\$9,145
WHS Class of 1957 Endowment	\$8,550
WHS Class of 1969 Endowment	\$2,375

2009 Distributions:

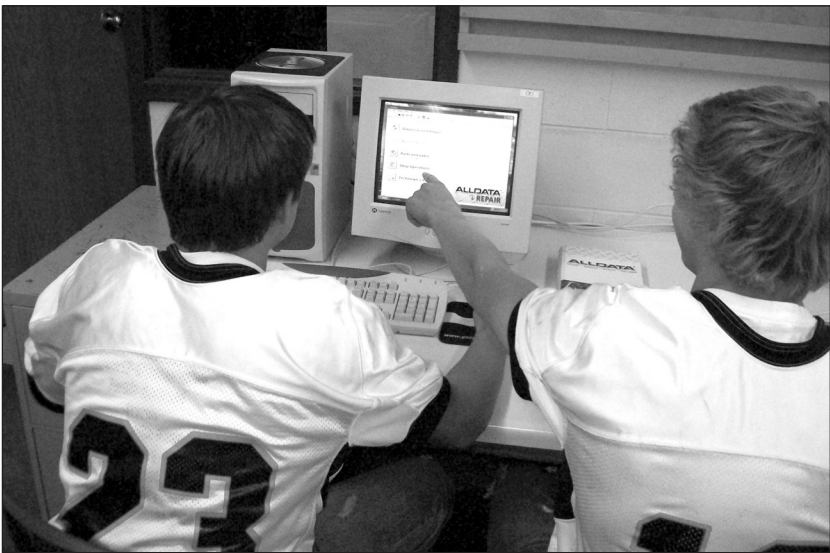
Spring Classroom Needs Purchases	\$6,535
Scholarships	\$26,660
Fall Classroom Needs Purchases	\$5628

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Please send information about yourself to WAO Ed Foundation so we can include you in our next publication.

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The WAO Education Foundation donated a subscription to ALLDATA, which is an automotive service information software. This software provides our students with the information they need to learn how to service and maintain today's complex vehicles. The information provided by this software is essential to the automotive technology courses at WAO high school.



Barb Hess, WAO School Nurse, shows these first graders some of the harmful pills from the Drug Book that was donated through the Education Foundation. Left to right: Alise Juve, Courtney Nelson, Erin Jubie, WAO School Nurse Barb Hess, Maddie Swanson, Spencer Wittman, Thomas Jones, Kohl Zak.



The Language Memory Match Game was donated by Helen Nordling Kitt (AHS 1939) for use at WAO Elementary School by the students. These students are matching picture to the corresponding word for vocabulary development and CVC word recognition. The game includes cards for beginning letters, parts of speech, opposites, CVC words, contractions, rhyming words, blend words, and upper and lower case letters. This game incorporates important language topics for students in a fun and exciting game format.



Preschoolers using the CD/iPod player purchased by the Foundation. Back row standing: Joey Hoverson, Braden Narlock, Ethan Zutz, Molly Larson, Polo Knoll, Malachi Gerszewski, Alexis Narlock, Rosemary Vela, Dallas Erdahl, Dustin Moehrle. Sitting in chairs: Autum Mock, Hunter Bergh. Sitting on floor: Kenny Johnson, Samantha Kleven, Tyson Kostrzewski, Jacob Rodriguez, Sean Husfedlt.

These are some worthy needs brought to the attention of the Foundation Board. We are unable to fund these at this time, if you have the means, please consider helping us by donating toward them:

HP Designjet LARGE printer	H.S. Art	\$4795
(for printing students' graphic designs and photographs for art competitions)		
Character videos	H.S. Homerooms	\$359
(2) Ipods for book testing	H.S. Special Education	\$533
(2) Canon Scanners	H.S. Business Education	\$230
TOTAL NOT FUNDED		\$5917

If you would like to donate to any of these specific needs, please indicate so when sending a check to the Education Foundation.

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.

Class	1959	David Mauch
1929 Alv.	Gladys (Risteigen)Haarstad	1970 Bruce Wallsten
1937	Erling Lundgren	1971 Frances (Chwialkowski) Sorvig
1939	Ione (Oberg) Copp	1973 Dwight Anderson
	Bonita Belle (Lull) Fulton	1977 Alv. Paula (Pribula) Hamman
1940	Merton Olson	1981 Wayne Grochow
1943	Evelyn (Eliason) Moeller	1984 Alv. Tracy Lisell
	James Nicholls	1998 James Norby
1949	Laverne (Holmaas) Bolin	
1952 Alv.	Tom Bubb	Teachers Marian (Aamot) Heck
	Floyd Haugen	Flora (Skov) Mohring
1954	James Nybakken	
1955	Doris (Gehrls) Hoper	
1957 Alv.	Patricia (Strong) Bubb	

WAO Ed Foundation Golf Scramble Held July 29



First Place: Josh Steer (2005), Tom Borowicz (2007), Marcus Matz (2005) and Jesse Sundby.



Second Place: Tyler Evin, Nicholes Evin, Mitchell Flaten (1999) and Gerry Evin (1969).



Third Place: David Erickson (1996), David Durand, Casey Francis, Kurt Peterson (1991) and Bob Conely (1976).



Bev Torgerson (1972) and Bill Sedgeman were just a few of the many volunteers.



WHS Class of 1979, front row: Tim Swanson, Robert Norman and Jeff Westberg. Back: Kelly Turgeon, Kevin Peterson, Todd Lund and Steve Brekke.



Mark Swanson (1970), Lane Johnston (2003), Ryan Swanson (2004) and Jon Holthe.



Lana Walker Maruska (1981), Carol Wittman Kilen (1981), Melanie Fulks Nelson (1981) and Jody Westberg Pulkrebek (1981).

Thank You

We, the board of directors of the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Education Foundation, would like to sincerely thank all that supported the Foundation in the past months and years.

We have heard from many of you. Many of you have paid dues above and beyond what you needed to send or have given memorials or donations. We sincerely appreciate all your support. Without it, we would be very limited with our efforts.

Through your generosity, we are able to honor many requests made by the teaching staff at WAO and award scholarships for secondary education.

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

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

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Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

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- ☐ Mentor \$500 - \$999
- ☐ Scholar \$1,000 - \$4,999
- ☐ Benefactor \$5,000 or more

- ☐ \$25 Yearly Individual Membership
- ☐ \$_____ Scholarship for (Scholarship Name) _____

Name _____ Class of _____ (or) Friend of Education _____

Address _____ e-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

This gift is ☐ In Memory of ☐ In Honor of Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please detach and return with your gift to the WAO Education Foundation, P.O. Box 125, Warren, MN 56762