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Palm Brothers Go Beyond Their Call of Duty With "Workshop for Warriors"

By Dewey Swanson



Lyle Palm



Timothy Palm

This is a very enlightening story of two Warren High School graduates, brothers, Lyle Palm (1978) and Tim Palm (1981) and the volunteer work they do with a veteran's program called "Workshop for Warriors" in San Diego, California. The main thrust of this state-licensed program is to help discharged service men and women make an easier

transition back to civilian life by learning a welding trade, while also learning to overcome some of the mental stress these soldiers are afflicted with after their service to our country.

The Palm brothers are both United States Navy veterans. Lyle served over 20 years before retiring as a Senior Chief Petty Officer while Tim first served in the National Guard and then joined the Navy as a gas turbine systems technician and served a total of 10 years. Even before completing his tour of duty, Lyle enrolled at Southern Illinois University and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Workforce Education and Development. He followed that up with earning a Master's Degree in Space Studies from the University of North Dakota. Tim put the skills he learned in the Navy to good use holding various technical positions which were

related to his expertise while on active duty.

After they had established their roots for a number of years in the San Diego area, the brothers decided to combine their knowledge and experience and begin a new venture. They opened up their own business called Old Swede Repairs which dealt with welding and fabrication projects and repairs. After 10 years, they began to feel a need to help out fellow veterans who were having a difficult time adjusting back to mainstream civilian life. They made the decision to go beyond the call of duty and get involved with a fledgling program called "Workshop for Warriors". It was founded in 2008 with Lyle and Tim playing larger roles in its success beginning in 2010.

Before exploring the important details of their commitment to this life-changing educational program, a view of the paths these two men took should be looked at beginning with their family and years at Warren High School. Lyle and Tim are the sons of Leland (WHS 1945, deceased) and Dorothy (WHS 1948) Palm. They have five other siblings including Ken (WHS 1969), Duane (WHS 1971), Doug (WHS 1974), Claudia Brooke (WHS 1975) and Cyndi Broekemeier (WHS 1979, deceased). Lyle has been married to his wife, Maria, for 34 years, who is from the Philippines. They have three children, Kenneth, Lyla and Lyndrel. They also have six grandchildren, ages 1 to 15 years old. When asked about his years at Warren Public Schools, he replied, "I had many teachers who were important to me during my education. Some whom I remember the most were Carol Anderson, Gladwin Lynne, O.J. Peyton, Carl Tengesdal, Carl Johnson, John Anderson, Erv Kallstrom, Phil Beving, Bill Porter, Peder Larson and guidance counselor, Percy Gilbert. Those people are the reason my favorite

classes were Science, Welding, Automotive, Typing, English Literature and Art. Sports also played a large role in Lyle's days at WHS. He stated, "I participated in football, wrestling and track. My senior year, I was fortunate to compete in the Minnesota State Wrestling Team Tournament and the State Track Meet in the high jump."

Lyle had very strong opinions about the advantages of where and when he grew up saying, "Growing up in Warren afforded me opportunities that large schools could not in most cases. Smaller class sizes, knowing great teachers on a personal basis, having first-class facilities along with knowing all your classmates. Warren High School gave me a very wholesome and nurturing environment to grow up in. At that time, it was an age without computers, the internet, cell phones or social media to corrupt my view of the world. To this day, I love to hunt, fish, hike and camp as well as participate in most winter activities all of which I was introduced to growing up in Warren."

Switching over to Tim, his immediate family includes his fiancée, Patty Edwards, his son, Jon, as well as a stepdaughter, Megan and her son, Landon. Responding to what were some of his favorite classes at WHS, he said, "I liked most science classes, especially Biology, History, Art and

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Timothy and Lyle Palm



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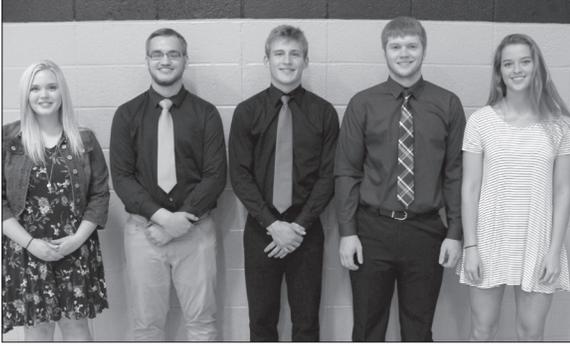
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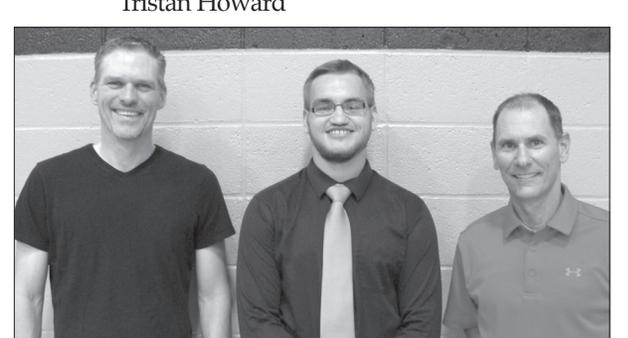
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WHS Class of 1959/Lyle Anderson Football Challenge
Austin Hoff

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2018

Kenneth Poolman Memorial Scholarship

A lifelong member of the community and a 1955 graduate of Warren High School, Kenny will be remembered as a long time bus driver for the Warren/WAO Schools. He started driving a school bus when he was a senior in high school and drove for 52 years. Kenny passed away in 2015. This scholarship was set up by his wife, Verona, in honor of Kenny's life and his love for their children, twelve grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

Dennis & Louise Brekke and Family Endowment

The Brekke Family have been long time Warren Community residents. The five Brekke children, Steve, Kimberly, Michael, Scott and Chad, all graduated from WHS. Basketball was a great part of their lives for many years in both high school and college. Dennis Brekke was in law enforcement in Marshall County for over 30 years and sheriff of the county for 20 years. Louise worked at Warren Pharmacy for 20 years. This endowment was established by the Brekke Family and will be presented this spring.

Chat with the Chairman

Greetings from the WAO Education Foundation! Spring is finally here! It took a long time for the snow banks to disappear, but what a treat to have green grass, warmer temperatures, and new growth. New growth is appearing with the Foundation in more than one way! Last fall, I mentioned that we had a big problem of outgrowing our donor wall. Thanks to the dedicated, diligent work of office manager/board member, Carol Bowman, who studied and investigated many digitalized programs, we now have two touch-screen monitors that "house" our donor database. The original builder of the donor wall, Jon Holter, did the actual installation work. There are still some decisions to be made on the original donor plaques, but all of the computer information is as accurate as our most recent deposit.

Last week, we facilitated fifty-three scholarships in the amount of \$42,800. In addition there are seven renewable scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each for next four years. Thank you, scholarship donors for all of your wonderful support.

Last summer, we purchased, *Google Expedition* to be used for both buildings. Classes from preschool – seniors have used these goggles for a virtual reality tour on almost any subject material that the teacher wishes to enhance. It's interesting to hear the "wows" and "awesomes" from both staff and students as the teacher controls what the class is watching. The teacher is able to point out what type of insect, country, bird, etc. the students are seeing and give them up-to-date information on the particular item.

Come join us for a day of fun, food, and prizes at the Riverside Golf Course beginning with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. for our 14th annual golf scramble on July 27th. All paid golfers that are registered by July 20th will be entered into a drawing to receive their \$50.00 registration fee back!

The school buildings will be open on Saturday, July 28th from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. for anyone that wants to walk through, show their children where they attended school, or just come to look around! The gym should look different by then with a new paint job. Both the gym and auditorium floors should be ready to be walked on!

We continue to strive to keep our database as current as possible. Thank you to those of you that send us updates on changes in your address, e-mail or phone numbers.

This spring we funded \$14,317.88 in needs for the two buildings. In addition we donated \$2,000 to the WAO Robotics Team towards their trip to VEX World Championships in Louisville, KY. We also funded \$400 for water and snacks for the WAO students during their state testing.

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

Enjoy the days of spring and we'll look forward to seeing you in July. As our motto states, "We Can't Succeed Without You!"

Carol Anderson
cjanderson@wiktel.com



The WAO/Bremer Robotics team traveled to Louisville, KY April 24-29 to compete in the 2018 VEX Robotics World Championships. The team finished three days of intense competition, ranking 53rd out of 97 teams in the Research Division with a record of 5-5. 580 of the best high school robotics teams from over 30 countries were in attendance. The WAO team competed in matches with teams from China, Mexico, Singapore, Canada, New Zealand, and Puerto Rico. The 2018-2019 game called "Tipping Point" was released at the closing ceremonies on Saturday night and the team is already getting ready for the new season. Team members who competed were left to right, Erich Rittmann, Jesse Kilen, Ryan Pederson, Kyle Hanson, Tyler Estabrook and Anthony Gursky. They are coached by Nathan Wozniak (not pictured), WAO Industrial Tech instructor.

Tribute and Memorial Gifts

November 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018

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Where are they now . . .

Rick Olson, WHS 1964, joined the US Navy after high school. Most of his military duty was spent overseas in Morocco, Africa. He was honorably discharged in October of 1967, and went on to attend the Northwestern Electronics Institute in Minneapolis. For 32 years, Rick worked in the communications field in North Dakota, Utah, Colorado and Montana. Rick and wife, Barb, have been married for 48 years, retiring in Billings, MT. They are experienced travelers and are active in their church and community. Rick and Barb have 4 daughters and 9 grandchildren.

Kari Jo (Herbranson) Hanson, was born and raised in Warren and grew up in the Warren Hotel which was owned and operated by her parents, Joe and Kari Herbranson. She graduated from Bagley, MN in 1957, after her family moved there her senior year. She recently published a short story, "The Proud Inn Keeper's Daughter," detailing her experiences growing up in a hotel. Kari taught high school English, was the wife of a pastor, raised three children and now is an inspirational speaker, sharing her faith and life experiences. She has a passion for music and the Norwegian culture. Kari lives in Moorhead, MN, enjoying her three grandchildren, the Sons of Norway Choir, playing cards, and time at the lake.

Stuart Hurst, WHS 1963, recently returned to Warren for a day of fellowship and a tour of his old stomping grounds. A gathering was held at the Landmark Center in his honor, with many friends stopping by to wish him well. Due to medical issues, Stuart has relocated to Ada, MN at Bridges Medical Center Nursing Home. His address is: 201 9th St. W., Rm #2, Ada, MN 56510.

Stuart would love to hear from you.

Henry Kliner, WHS 1969, attended UMC in Crookston. His intent was to major in the Forestry Program, but switched career paths and returned to the family farm near Euclid. He eventually ended up at UND graduating with a degree in aviation. Henry lived and flew out of several major cities in the US, but settled in Warroad, MN, where he flew for Marvin Windows and Doors for 33 years. He has piloted celebrity passengers, politicians and dignitaries from foreign countries, but his most memorable flight involved veterans from the Wounded Warrior Project traveling to the Northwest Angle for a sponsored fishing trip. In his retirement, Henry does flight testing for a company in Florida. He and wife, Hazel, have relocated to South Dakota where his special interest still remains in motorcycles. Family time includes 2 daughters and 8 grandchildren.

Sondra (Maruska) Weinzierl, WHS 1969, graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College with a degree in nursing. After working several years as an RN, she started her own business as a health consultant. Now in semi-retirement, Sondra works as a Faith Community Nurse, which is commonly known as a parish nurse. Her focus is to help senior parishioners navigate

the health care system and enhance their health within a faith community. She visits homebound congregation members, counsels, and offers health education programs. She and husband, Charlie, of 44 years, have one son, Matt, a professor at Harvard and one granddaughter. Sondra expresses her gratitude for the excellent education she received at Warren. Her memories are fond of "teachers who encouraged us all to THINK, work hard and treat others with respect." The Weinzierls live in Plymouth, MN.

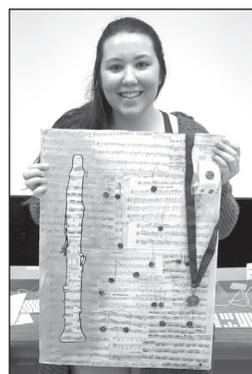
Murry Westberg, WAO 1996, is a Doctor of Optometry in Park Rapids, MN. He graduated with a mathematics degree from UND in 2001 and went on to receive his optometry degree from Pacific University, Oregon, in 2005. He moved to Park Rapids, MN, where he began his career at the Park Rapids Walker Eye Clinic. Murry is currently co-owner and senior partner, breaking ground for a new facility last September. April 2018, he and business partner Jen Keller, opened a new state of the art eye clinic. Murry, wife Amie and their 3 daughters live outside of Park Rapids. They enjoy lake country activities such as camping, fishing, canoeing and rock climbing.

Jeff Fagerstrom, WHS, 1988, directs the Northwest Minnesota Housing Cooperative in Thief River Falls, MN. With the help of government and nonprofit agencies, the cooperative is answering one of the region's biggest needs; smaller, more affordable homes. Jeff says, "The new housing results in permanent residents that pay taxes, go to school and shop downtown." Jeff studied construction trade at Moorhead Technical College and has served as director of the housing coop for over 20 years. He also farms and is building inspector for the City of Warren. Jeff and wife, Wendy, live in TRF with their 5 children.

Jim Ranstrom, WHS 1977, was recently named director of the Hugo's Family Marketplace in Thief River, MN. Jim is a former manager of Dale's Food's in Warren and has 43 years of experience in the grocery business. Jim and wife **Joanne Edgar, AHS 1980**, have 3 grown children and two grandchildren. They live in Warren where Joanne has been teaching in the WAO school system for 33 years and is currently a reading specialist.

Dale's Foods has recently been sold and renamed Marketplace Foods. Former owner **Dale Ljunggren, WHS 1964**, is retired and lives in the Houston, TX area.

Matt Hendrickson, WHS 1988, is owner/director of Bertas Funeral Home and Cremation Center in Chaska, MN. In 1991, he graduated from the University of Minnesota with a bachelor's degree in mortuary science. He worked at Bertas for 13 years before purchasing the funeral home. Matt and wife, Mercy, have 3 children. They live in Victoria, MN. He volunteers his time as a counselor at Camp Amanda in Minnesota and is an avid fan of the Chaska Cubs baseball team.



Congratulations to Sarah Haugvedt, who received the spotlight award in Mixed Media recently at the Art Festival in Crookston. She was the only one in her category to make it to the State Art Exhibition in the Twin Cities.

WHS Class of 1969 Scholarship Endowment Fund Update

The WHS Class of 1969 Scholarship Endowment Fund has grown to \$10,600. Donations are still very welcome.

Next year will be their 50th reunion. Any classmate who is willing to be on the reunion planning committee will be appreciated.

Donations

November 1, 2017 - April 30, 2018

Amy Jo Huderle	Gerrie Bergeron	Patrick & Ann (Berget) Zavoral
Arlyn & Marilyn (Kuznia) Stroble	Gerry & Patti (Olson) Evin	Patrick & Kathleen (Vansickle) Carr
Art Vansickle	GFWC Mawami Club	Paul & Janet (Carlson) Aakre
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Connie (Paschke) Palmer	Jerry & RuAnn Deschene	Ruth (Kasprick) Beiswenger
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Dale Overson	John & Carol Bowman	Sharon (Botko) Kays
Dave & Mona (Heggstuen) Schroeder	John & Joyce Holmstrom	Sigvard & Marlene (Wittman) Sines
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David J. Engstrom	Jon & Julie (Fulks) Jonasson	Thrivent Financial Foundation
Dawn C. Hoepfer	Jon & Sue Holter	Tim & Jodi (Mattison) Kuznia
Dean & Mary Jo Chandler	Kathy (Howard) Ellis	Todd & Jan (Narlock) Mortimer
Denise Ortiz	Kennith & Joyce (Hedlund) Smith	Tom & Jan Aafedt
Don & Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler	Lee Hestnas	Warren area/AZ Picnic
Don & Pam (Howard) Slusar	Lon & Michelle Jorgensen	Wayne & Beverly (Hanson) Torgerson
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Duane & Jerrilyn (Olson) Potucek	Mark & Claudia (Roley) Thompson	Wayne & Shawn Spidah
Dustin & Faith (Swanson) Neuschwander	Mark & Judy (Evin) Flaten	Wendy (Rustad) Storey
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Fern (Hendrickson) Fleck	Michael & Donna (Laymon) Miller	
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Gerald & Sandra (Potucek) Maruska	Pamela Hesse / Robert Volker	

Dear fellow Pony Alums, Teachers & Staff (past and present),

I would like to invite you to the All-School Reunion for WHS, WAHS, and WAOHS. The reunion will be held during the weekend of the fair in the summer of 2019. Since the reunion will take place at the same time as the fair, plenty of activities and events will make the weekend a fun and busy time. If you haven't been home to the fair in many years, we will lead you through the activities and events that you can participate in. Wednesday night is the kickoff to fair week for many people. A parade that weaves through town and down the "main drag" gets everyone into fair spirit. We encourage as many classes as possible to enter a float, ride in the back of a stylish convertible, or march your way through town that night! The parade is fun, and it's a great way to start the celebration.

Friday of fair weekend is the EDUCATION FOUNDATION golf tournament. Please consider getting together with your golf buddies and enter the tournament to support the school. If you are not a golfer, this would be a great day to visit with friends and family, take in the sights and sound of the fair, eat lots of fair food and support the Warren business community.

Saturday will be a full day, with school tours, a meal, and other events. Different areas of the school will be designated as spots where you can connect with people from your class, so everyone will know where to find people they know. A street dance has been a big part of the Saturday celebration, so don't forget your dancing shoes.

Sunday usually starts with the ecumenical worship service, and we will be having an opportunity for those who are still in town to get together for breakfast before everyone heads back home.

We will be solidifying plans within the next few months and sending out information as it develops. Please consider joining the Warren Facebook groups for more information, and stay tuned to your newsletter for updates, as well. For specific questions, or if you would like to be a part of the planning committee, call Sue Shirek at 701-594-6007, or email at sshirek627@hotmail.com. We are looking for more ideas and input on things you would like to see and do that weekend, so please feel free to let us know how we can make this an event worth coming home for.

Also, please consider giving back to the Warren community. Consider a gift from your class that would go to the foundation into an endowment or scholarship fund. Support the Warren businesses. Look for ways that we can make Warren a place that current and future generations will be proud of. Leave a legacy. Thank you all. I hope to see you in Warren in 2019!

Go Ponies!

Sue Shirek

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any Shop class I could get into such as Metals, Construction Trades and Auto Technology. Being an average student seemed to work for me. I participated in three sports until 10th grade and then decided I'd be better off working after school. I liked being active in the Audubon Society as well as science fairs. I really didn't have a favorite teacher but I can honestly say, I liked them all. I actually had a lot of friends whose parents were teachers and we did many weekend activities together. Unfortunately, I know for a fact some teachers had a few special names for me which I hold dear to my heart. As much as I would like to, I can't reveal them."

Tim was asked the same question Lyle had about pertaining to likes or dislikes growing up in a smaller community. He answered, "I think a small town allows one to get a good focus on school which can assist them for figuring out what kind of a career to go in to. I appreciated the fact that I was able to grow up in a town like Warren without having the pressure and stress sometimes associated with living in a large community. Myself, I did not know what I wanted to do with my life at 17. I decided if I joined the military I would be exposed to things that might be beneficial to me when I was discharged."

This brings us to their long careers serving our country in the United States Navy. After completing a 10-month welding program at Northland College in East Grand Forks, Lyle enlisted in September of 1980. He said, "I knew exactly what I wanted to do which was learn to weld. My real motivation to join the U.S. Navy was to serve my country like many of my family members have done over the years. During my twenty-plus years, I found a great career, received a world-class education and gained a wonderful family. I eventually retired from the Navy in April of 2001 after serving as a welder on three different ships and at three different bases, two in Hawaii and one at San Diego."

Tim began his military career while still in high school joining the National Guard in the summer between his junior and senior years of high school in 1980. After graduating with unemployment being high and the advice from Lyle, he joined the Navy. As was mentioned before, his duties were being a gas turbine systems technician which he put to good use following his discharge. His welding expertise was learned at Dakota County AVTI before he enlisted. He spent some time in Australia before settling in the San Diego area.

As previously stated, the Palm brothers went into a welding business partnership for about 10 years. They have moved on to new endeavors since then. Lyle, currently, is back where he started working for the Navy as a full-time welding instructor training sailors (men and women) how to weld at Camp Pendleton, California. However, in May of 2018, he will move to a full-time position as Dean of Welding at the "Workshop for Warriors". Tim works for an environmental company and is involved in plant operations and maintenance. He also deals with Hazardous Waste Operations, is a Certified Welder, Licensed General Contractor and a Licensed Industrial Waste Treatment Plant Operator. Add to that is his role as a welding instructor at "Workshop for Warriors". He said, "When I get a free moment or two, I like to walk on the beach and try to remember what I forgot yesterday".

In 2010, when the brothers were still business partners, they met the founder and CEO of "Workshop for Warriors", Mr. Hernan Luis y Prado. They were downsizing their business and decided to donate welding equipment and supplies to "Workshop for Warriors" to aid in the program's training effort. Soon they were donating their knowledge, expertise and time to the program. Lyle began as a part-time Dean of Welding in 2013 and Tim came on board as a welding instructor in 2014. With their tremendous educational and leadership contributions to the welding program, "Workshop for Warriors" has graduated hundreds of ex-service men and women who are fully certified to enter the welding industry. Lyle stated, "There are big expansion plans for "Workshop for Warriors" which includes six regional training hubs supporting over a hundred veteran training centers across the country."

Each was asked why they are involved in this program. Lyle replied, "My motivation and satisfaction is two-fold. I am 'paying it forward' to our men and women who have sacrificed and served in the military.

Training them at "Workshop for Warriors" gives me the opportunity to pass on my forty years of welding experience. Also, being able to witness these students' success is overwhelming to me and brings a great joy and satisfaction to me." Tim's response was, "Seeing these people get a job and successfully integrating back into the civilian world is my biggest enjoyment at "Workshop for Warriors". It can be a rude awakening and I tell it like it is. Besides teaching a skill, I try to show them how I transitioned back and it seems to help a lot of students. Some students have severe disabilities and we get them the extra help they need. I try to do the best I can, but it's really up to them."

These two Warren High School graduates have found a niche everyone in the WAO community can be proud of. They each had words of advice for future WAO graduates. Lyle said, "Don't ever give up on yourself. America offers great opportunities. You can join the military, attend technical school and learn a trade or get a college degree. My father, Leland Palm, was a lineman at PKM Electric Cooperative for over forty years. He did not have a college degree, but he learned a trade which allowed him to support a family of seven kids. He always gave me sound advice and it helped me become what I am today." Tim stated, "Warren is a great small town to learn and grow up in. I raised my son with a lot of the same values I was taught and he is doing fine. My best advice is to hold your head up and stay out of trouble! Everything else will fall into place." Well said by a couple of Navy men who definitely have gone beyond the call of duty and are truly making a difference in the lives of our returning armed service veterans. For more information on "Workshop for Warriors", go to the website: www.wfwusa.org



Lyle (left) and Tim Palm stand behind a pool pump they built and then donated it as a silent auction item for a Workshop for Warriors fundraiser gala.

All-School Reunion

The 125th anniversary of WAO is next year!
We have begun planning an all school reunion for July of 2019.

No matter where you live or what year you graduated we wouldn't mind your assistance. Please visit our Facebook page at: edfoundation@wao.k12.mn.us or email sshirek627@hotmail.com to get further information. And remember it's not truly an All School Reunion if you aren't there.

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WAO Education Foundation leaders: Back Row: Amy Trudell, Pam Jubie, Carol Anderson, Russell Miller and Duane Swanson. Front Row: Sally Roller, Ellen Strickler, Carol Sedgeman, Carol Bowman, and Ed Rosendahl.

2018 Class Reunions

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| <p>AHS 1968
June 26 & 27
Rex Selnes
rexselnes@gmail.com
Mark Vanyo</p> | <p>WHS 1978
July 28
Dawn Korynta
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June 13
Marlene Silnes
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July 27
Kaydi (Strickler) Grunhovd
218-289-2966
Cole Wittman
218-201-0766</p> |
| <p>WHS 1958
July 25-27
Jo Hess Sundby
218-979-7267</p> | |
| <p>WHS 1963
July 30
Faye Wallsten
651-895-2111</p> | |
| <p>WHS 1968
July 25-28
Beth Solmonson DeZwarte
920-539-0428</p> | |

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 . . .

The WAO Foundation Board of Directors, school personnel and students would like to express their sympathy on the passing of Carol Anderson's mother. Fern Anderson passed away March 6th in Breckenridge and would have been 100 years old on Easter Sunday. Education was very important to Fern as she too was a teacher for several years. We thank the Anderson family for their support of the WAO Foundation.

Jacob Fillipi, WAO 1999, and wife Jenessa, have started a nonprofit organization in the Fargo/Moorhead area to end homelessness for families. What started as a one-time service project for their family has now grown into Down Home. They help families transition from homeless shelters to permanent housing. The Fillipi's have partnered with area organizations working to supply furnishings and home decor to families moving into a stable residence. They establish a relationship with the families to address their needs and look for ways to help them feel more connected in the community. Jenessa says "If we can provide stability to the family and reduce stressors, we will see how that can positively affect the next generation. We just want to help families see it is possible." The Fillipi's have four children, Elise, Adrian, Alaina and Emmaline. They live in Moorhead where Jake operates a handy-man business, Jake of All Trades, and Jenessa is a school counselor at Washington Elementary in Fargo.

Congratulations to **Danae (Vansickle) Erickson, WAO 2012**, on the grand opening of her new hair salon, Meraki. She recently purchased the former Mane Studio from Linda Hamre. Danae graduated from Josef's West Academy in Fargo, working in St. Cloud and Fargo before returning to Warren. Danae and husband **Christian Erickson, WAO 2011**, live in Warren. He graduated from Concordia College and farms near Viking.

Renting a chair, **Karen (Miska) Rietmeier, WAO 2000**, completes the staff at Meraki Salon. In 2002, Karen graduated from Northland Community College, TRF, MN with a degree in cosmetology. She worked in the suburbs of St. Paul, MN before returning to Warren. She was employed in Grand Forks until she joined Mane Studio in 2017. She and husband, **Curtis Rietmeier,, WAO 2003**, live in rural Warren. Curtis works for Monroe Farms.

Brooke Bauer, WAO 2016, had a successful season boxing this year. She is the first female to be North Dakota Golden Glove Champion. This is Brooke's first year dedicated to this sport. She trains in Fargo and advanced to the upper mid-west regional tournament in Walker. She participated in the tournament in late April and won her opening match. However, she was eliminated in her next bout by the 8th-ranked boxer in the nation by a close decision. She has come a long way in a short time in women's boxing.

Jared Sands, Valley North 1994, is featured in a Betaseed advertisement in the *Sugarbeet Grower* magazine spring 2018. After graduation, Jared attended University of MN, Crookston, majoring in farm business management. While he was going to school, he began farming with his dad, **J. Wendell Sands, AHS 1956**. Jared is the 5th generation of the Sands family that has farmed near Alvarado. He states, "I have a supportive family, great people to work with and a job doing what I love." Jared is active in church and community, including Director of EGF District Grower Board, member of the executive board of the RRV Sugar Beet Growers and the Farmers Elevator Board. He and wife, **Robbyne Risky, Valley North, 1994**, have 7 children. **J. Wendell, AHS 1956**, and **Michal (Loeslie) Sands, WHS 1961**, are semi-retired and enjoying the many activities of the grandkids.

Hunter Roller, WAO 2017, a member of the Northland Pioneers wrestling team, recently qualified for the 2018 National Junior CAA Wrestling Championships in Council Bluffs, Iowa. The team placed 33rd over-all in the tournament. During the season, he was also a conference/district champion in the 184 pound weight class. Hunter is also a member of the Pioneers Football team that participated in the state tournament last fall and plays Legion Baseball. He is a freshman at Northland Community Technical College in Thief River Falls, MN, majoring in criminal justice and also finds time to work at Pizza Hut.

Alexy (Johnston) Safranski, WAO 2008, was seen recently in the *Grand Forks Herald*, meeting and greeting Miss America, 2017, Cara Mund, from Bismarck, ND. Her purpose was to get an autograph to inspire her niece, Elise Davey of Warren. Elise is 4 years old and who was recently diagnosed with brain cancer. She is the daughter of **Chelsy, (Johnston), WAO 2004** and Paul Davey. Elise's grandparents are Mary and **Jay Johnston, WHS 1980**.

Thanks to **Kari (Stinar) Miska, WAO 2001**, the concept of an outdoor classroom is being discussed among staff, administration and school board. A pole-type structure could possibly be built in the rear of the elementary school, large enough for an entire grade to comfortably sit under the canopy. It would be constructed with the idea of classes doing a typical day's activities outside. Visiting with the elementary staff, subjects such as Word Work, Silent Sustained Reading time, spelling, science, art projects and even gardening/planting could be taught and enjoyed in this environment.

Receiving a note from **Kirk Thorstenson, elementary school principal**, we find out that the WAO Education Foundation has helped 5th grade students with one of their vocabulary words, "**non-profit**." Students were taken to the Foundation's donor wall to explain the concept of non-profit and in turn learned what the WAO Ed. Foundation does. It was a hands on experience bringing the word to life, teaching the importance of giving back and supporting projects important to their community.

Thank you...

Thank you WAO Ed Foundation for your generous donation that will help us attend the VEX WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP in Louisville, KY. For the last 3 years we have worked on our robots tirelessly. Our goal was to make it to Worlds. Without your help we would not be where we are today.

WAO Robotic's Team

Thank you for the virtual reality goggles. Recently my art class took a virtual field trip to an art gallery in Paris, France and a visit to Glasgow, Scotland to learn about metal sculptures. This virtual reality system is an invaluable resource that can be used to globalize our students. There is nothing like the real thing, but these goggles are as close as we can get without packing our bags and going there. We appreciate all that you do." **Chris Kirchner, Art Instructor**

After sponsoring a field trip, a special "Muchas Gracias" was received from the 4 students and teacher that attended Spanish Camp at the Concordia Language Village near Bemidji, MN. It was a weekend of "No Inglés Allowed!" Special events included native speakers highlighting Spanish culture, singing, dancing and authentic Mexican food. **Kim Wirries, Spanish teacher and students**

"Thank you WAO Foundation for the iPads and cases to run our SPHERO robots. We love them!" **Heidi Thorstenson and WAO Elementary Students**

"Thank you so very much for purchasing the microphone system for my classroom. Thank you for what you do for our community, students and teachers." **Kaytelyn Desrosier, Teacher**

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!

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.

AHS 1939	Darlyne (Sands) Magnuson
WHS 1939	Evelyn (Strom) Perry
WHS 1940	Lorene (Palmer) Engelstad
AHS 1941	Cecelia (Vanyo) Kovar
WHS 1943	Audrey (Berg) Cheney
WHS 1944	June (Hamrick) Edgar
Oslo 1945	MaryAnn (Nelson) Quernemoen
Oslo 1948	Carmen (Holter) Nicklin
Oslo 1949	Roger Enge
WHS 1949	Arlet (Strandquist) Jorgenson
Oslo 1950	Cleone (Swanson) Plencner
AHS 1952	Grant Ranstrom
Oslo 1953	Elaine Kollin
AHS 1953	Freida (Demeyere) Quicker
AHS 1954	Mary Ann (Lien) Brekke
Oslo 1955	June (Hoff) Swanson
AHS 1955	Lois (Skavlem) Bubb
Oslo 1956	Mylah (Peterson) Olson
Oslo 1958	Marvin Swanson
WHS 1958	Alice Lundin
Oslo 1959	Gertrude "Trudy" Gerszewski
AHS 1959	Diane (Erickson) Paulson
WHS 1960	Donna (Conely) Ljunggren
Oslo 1960	Wayne Anderson
WHS 1963	Bob Howard
WHS 1963	Meralee Giese
WHS 1965	Julie (Pumala) Ovsak
WHS 1966	Jim Frederick
WHS 1967	Richard "Dick" Engelstad
Oslo 1969	Robert "Bert" Eggen
WHS 1970	Larry Graham
WHS 1971	Floyd Joel Kliner
WHS 1972	Francis "Pick" Foerster
WHS 1973	Steven Bren
Oslo 1975	Diane (Braaten) Cooper
Oslo 1977	Jody (Holter) Clark
WHS 1980	Randy Stengl
WHS 1982	Dean Kasprovicz
Oslo Cook	Helen Grenlin
WHS Library	Kristine Larter
Friend	Marjorie Mae Sholy
Teacher	Louis Daniels
Friend	David Duckstad
Friend	Joan Pawlowski
Friend	Marjorie "Marge" Harlow
Friend	Adolph Hapka
Friend	Randy Jenkins
Friend	Fern Anderson
Friend	James Pribula
Friend	Randy B Swanson
Friend	Mary Jo Banks

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

Some Of Those Who Attended The Warren Area Spring Arizona Reunion

The second annual Warren area / AZ picnic was another huge success with almost 100 people in attendance. Suzie Omdahl Jevning and Treasure Soltis Omdahl were greeters at the registration table while attendees reunited with old and new friends.

Before saying a blessing, Kay Hendrickson Root announced herself as "The daughter of the voice of Warren bringing you the news from Marshall and Northern Polk County. Today's news is brought to you by Rexall Drug, Nelson Motors and the H&H store. Looking out our weather window we see clear skies with a high of 74 as reported by our weatherman L.L. Daby."

That was just the start of sharing favorite memories of the "Good Old Days" while partaking of the ever popular potluck lunch.

There were many photo opportunities with classmates, "the girls of summer," neighbors and the group shot.

Donations were accepted for expenses with the excess of \$200 going to the Education Foundation.

The third annual Warren area / AZ picnic will be held February 23, 2019, Hawks Ramada, Red Mountain Park, Mesa, AZ. This is a few weeks later in the month to accommodate late winter arrivals. We hope this works for everyone and that you consider this time when planning your winter vacation.

2018 committee members were: Marion (Miska) Hickman Pace, Jackie Arnold Lee, Jane Miska Sirek, Bobbi (Hanson) Mischel and Kay Hendrickson Root.



Brad Anderson, John Nelson, Jim Stinar, Mary (Ovsak) Gadza, Kim (Hanson) Jacobs



Jane (Miska) Sirek, Jackie (Arnold) Lee, Dennis Mischel, Kay (Hendrickson) Root



Janet Johnson, Faye Walsten, Dwight Sedlacek, Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler, Ruth Wood



Suzie (Omdahl) Jevning, Treasure (Soltis) Omdahl



Arlys Pederson



Carole & Ron Kuznia, Phyllis (Kuznia) & Henry Hammerback, Fay & Curt Kuznia, Carolyn (Kuznia) & Danny Omdahl



Jan Wood & Karen Vettelson



Danny & Donna Sorenson



Deanna Swanson, Terri (Swanson) Konchan



Duane & Marie Fillipi



Stan Sirek, Lois (Nybakken) Kresl, Larry Kresl, Marilyn (Strickler) Sirek, Ruth (Wood) Sease, Jane (Miska) Sirek, Marion (Hickman) Pace, Don Curtis Miska, Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler, Sharon (Botko) Kays, Dennis Mischel, Jackie Arnold Lee, Bobbi (Hanson) & Roger Mischel.



Maggie & Chuck Steffan



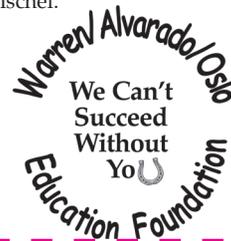
Eliz Porter & Donna (Ovsak) Drews



Lois (Rokke) & Milo Monroe, Gerald & Sandra (Potucek) Maruska, Karen (Hickman) Larson



Jerry & Rita Dalzell



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Looking for Recipes!

The Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Education Foundation is compiling a cookbook in the upcoming months to have ready by the 2019 All School Reunion. Check out our Facebook page to find out how to submit recipes or submit your recipe to:

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