

# Connections

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## Bill Sedgeman Enjoys Making Music at WAO



Music is rewarding, and it often "takes hold" of people, giving them a lifetime of gratification. Bill Sedgeman, the current band director at WAO, found his place in his own high school's music program. It was this experience that sparked his interest in becoming an instrumental music instructor.

Bill Sedgeman grew up in Aurora, MN, where he attended the Aurora-Hoyt Lakes Public Schools, and was active in the band, orchestra, and choir. As a student of the clarinet, he participated in numerous local and state level solo and ensemble contests, and was selected to be a member of the Minnesota All-State Band during his junior and senior high school years.

After his graduation from high school, Bill attended Concordia College in Moorhead, MN where he majored in music education. While at Concordia, he was a member of the Concordia Concert Band, Concordia Orchestra, and the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony. Bill spent many hours attending the numerous music recitals required of music majors at Concordia, and he performed his own recital during his senior year. Bill graduated from Concordia in May 1973.

Mr. Sedgeman's first job as a music instructor was in Motley, MN, where he taught grades 5-12 band during the 1973-74 school year. However, that spring an opening for an elementary band and music instructor in Warren interested him, and he subsequently accepted the position beginning in the summer of 1974. Bill taught solely in the elementary school for many years, but the high school band program was added to his responsibilities in the fall of 2004. This change turned out to be a good thing as Mr. Sedgeman has also greatly enjoyed working with the older students. Indeed, "It has been rewarding following my students as they have grown musically and physically matured into fine young adults," he says.

Looking back to the early years, Bill remembers fondly when there were larger classes and enthusiastic participation in the band program.

There was one year when every student in the grade was in band! "Some of those elementary bands were capable of playing junior high music, and sounded great!" This was also a time when home practice was taken more seriously by the parents and students. "I remember having one young lady who consistently practiced seven hours a week. She was, of course, an awesome trombonist, and still actively plays her trombone in groups today!" One young man played Christopher Columbus in the "Spring Sing," excelled on his saxophone, and went on to become a band director down by the Cities. His brother is an excellent trombonist, and has established a trombone group out on the West coast. This group is capable of playing some interesting and high-level music! Yet, another great saxophonist enjoys playing in dance/jazz bands around Park Rapids, and

another former student plays his drums in dance bands in Tucson, AZ! There are many others who continue to use their musical talents. In each case, the key to their successes was their commitment to practice.

There were, of course, a few memorable students like the two girls who started trumpet one summer, practiced together, and saved their summer's spit in the same plastic bag! They would faithfully bring the bag to their lessons twice a week. One of those young ladies later recorded a Christian song that has been heard on national radio! Once, he had a couple young men with particularly active personalities that were always drawing him caricatures and writing him little notes, etc. One day they wrote a note about committing suicide by drinking their trombone oil. Evidently, they had read the fine print on the bottle that stated that the oil was harmful if swallowed! One of those gentlemen later went on to West Point, and sang a solo at the White House! Mr. Sedgeman relates that "One year I had a particularly good group. I also happened to have "connections" to Channel 8 TV that allowed the sixth grade band to perform live on a noon show at the station. "This was fine, but we weren't expecting to be the entire noon show! We ended up playing for the whole program, and had to perform a couple selections twice!"

During Mr. Sedgeman's first year as the high school director, he reinstated the fall concert and large group contests. "I didn't want to start the year practicing Christmas music, and I wanted the band to experience the adjudication process. These two events pushed the band to work harder, and required the students to work some pieces toward perfection. Goals are important!" It must have worked because the band has received superior ratings each year at the large group contests. There have also been numerous solo and ensemble superior and excellent ratings throughout the recent years.

In January 2011, Mr. Sedgeman made the decision to retire. It was a decision that was influenced by a number of factors, but it was the right decision at the time. Leaving his students, however, was far more difficult than he anticipated, and during school one morning he openly wept for several hours. "The reality of my retirement simply hit me during senior high band rehearsal. I started crying, and cried throughout the remainder of my classes that morning. The relationship with my students was very close and they handled the situation with empathy and understanding. They were simply great 'kids.'"

After a year and half hiatus from WAO, he began subbing and ended up as a long-term sub within the high school special education department. It was there that he realized that "it was wonderful being around the 'kids' again", and when the opportunity to apply for his former position became a possibility, he interviewed and was hired back.

"It didn't take me long to make the decision to reapply for my old job. I figured that since I was subbing anyway then I might as well teach in the area of my passion! Last year was a great year with the band, and I was greatly honored when they dedicated the annual to me in the spring." This is Mr. Sedgeman's second year back at WAO, and it is his 40th year of teaching music. The band just finished performing their fall concert, and they are in the midst of preparations for the Christmas Concert. Since this is a "band trip year," the band is busy raising the last of their funds, recording an audition tape for Disneyland, and they will soon be preparing their selections for the upcoming large group contest, as well as rehearsing numbers for their trip to San Diego and Los Angeles. This will be the third time Mr. Sedgeman has brought a group to California, a trip that has proven to be an exciting and varied set of experiences for the students.

Finding a balance between family time and music involvement is always difficult for a musician. "I decided early on that family time would be my priority." With that said, Bill has been involved with music at his church. He was also part of a men's quartet that sang the national anthem at a Minnesota Twins game in 1991, the year they won their second World Series. The other three members of that quartet were all graduates of the Warren High School: Doug Gloude, Mark Maruska, and Mark Swanson. While playing in the TRF Northland Band, he traveled to Australia where the band performed in the Sydney Opera House. "Not many people can say that they have played a solo in the Sydney Opera House!" The Northland Band took first place in that International Music Contest. Bill has also played in the Grand Forks Symphony. "More recently, rigorous pep band and concert schedules have kept me from playing my clarinet so, currently, my bands serve as my 'instrument of choice', and I enjoy making music with them."

When asked about the Education Foundation, Bill mentioned that "The WAO Education Foundation has been a great partnership, and the band has benefited appreciably from this partnership." Indeed, over \$25,000 in funds has helped the WAO bands with instrument purchases. These funds have been given by the Education Foundation, or have been given by generous donors through the Foundation. There has also been a Hartz Grant that was generated through the Foundation. Additionally, one of Bill's former students has money deducted monthly from his paycheck that goes directly to the band. This form of gifting to the band can be arranged through the Education Foundation, and is greatly appreciated. What a wonderful way for band alumni to help keep our instrumental music program alive and well.

Bill has been married to his wife, Carol, for 33 years. Carol has worked at the Warren Good Samaritan Nursing Home for the past 32 years, where she is the social worker in the facility. Their two sons, Peter (2002) and Adam (2005), are graduates of WAO and both sons graduated from one of NDSU's engineering programs. They also received their Masters' Degrees at UND and the University of Arizona, respectively. Their youngest son, Adam, will be getting married in Tucson, AZ, on January 11th. Bill's parents moved to Warren about 10 years ago and enjoy attending WAO concerts when they are able.

While teaching in Warren, Bill has taught for the Warren Public Schools, the Warren-Alvarado Public Schools, and the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Public Schools. Each year has had its own unique joys and challenges, but they've all been good years. Bill has always greatly enjoyed the relationships that he has formed with his students as they've worked together making music. Bill says, "I love challenging my students musically, and I love watching them as they mature into fine young adults. Most of all, however, I simply love my students."

**Ed. Foundation Fundraiser**  
**Baked Potato**  
**Supper**  
**Jan. 6, 2015**  
**WAO Ponies**  
**vs. Stephen/Argyle Storm**  
**Boys Basketball Game**  
**WAO High School Cafeteria**  
**Serving: 5-7 p.m.**

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**WHS CLASS OF 1974** — Saturday, July 26, the Warren High School Class of 1974 held their 40-year reunion at the home of Joan and Gary Peterson. Front row: Mike Danielski, Cleo (Sedlacek) Fogal, John Golden, Jon Oien and Jerry Johnson. Second row: Lori (Swanson) Thurston, Nell (Torgerson) Beito, Scott Johnson, Dave Conely, Dave Peyton and Kathy (Bruneau) Lemelin. Third row: Sheila (Bodell) Hoerner, Carolyn (Amundson) Jorgenson, Patty (Kasprick) Vasek, Linda (Huderle) Jones, Sara Hedlund, Marcia (Bjorgaard) Goin, Julie Vanek and JoAnn (Olson) Saunders. Back row: Jeff Gustafson, Darlene (Torgerson) Dvorak, Rick Bustrack, Doug Palm, Tony Howard, Peggy (Ullevig) Howard, Mike Kvamme, Joan (Grega) Peterson, Marlys (Steer) Halfman, Jon Hapka and Jim Stinar.



**WHS CLASS OF 1964** — During the Marshall County Fair, the Warren High School Class of 1964 held their 50th class reunion. Top photo, left to right: Yvonne Rogalla, Ron Loeslie, Patty (Gilbert) Carlson, Mark Horgen, Yvonne (Engelstad) Bossman, Dick Rominski, Rick Olson, Carol (Parkin) Loeslie, Gaye (Wages) Oehlke, Doreen (Maryska) Pagnac, Ron Abrahamson, Veronica (Dobias) Nordby, Bob Albaugh, Ken Carlson and Alvina (Pederson) Olson. Middle photo: Barb (Jankowski) Gray, Steve Kotts, Shirley (Fillipi) Larson, Cheryl (Larson) Hangsleben, Stuart Morgan, Sara (Rogalla) Vegge, Gary Engstrom, Diane (Swanson) Bergeron, Doris (Kasprowicz) Rost, Gerri (Hooas) Rogalla, Pat (Stroble) Emerson, Tom Drews, Carol (Eggen) Duffy, Joyce (Andresen) Way, John Hess, Paul Kaliher and Gwen (Charboneau) McIntyre. Bottom photo: Bev (Anfinson) Stennes, Jackie (Slusar) Gustafson, Terry Slusar, Alan Schoenack, Dale Ljunggren, Peggy (Jones) Djus, Mike Franks and Ken Ferencik.



**OHS CLASS OF 84** — First row: Danny Gerszewski, Duane LeTexier, Scott Larson, Mike Lund, Chris Lavecchia, Second row: Marshall Anderson, Joni (Lind) McEnroe, Tamara (Narlock) Hennessy, David Kallock, Lynelle (Simonson) Popowski, Michelle (Devine) Lindquist, Dawn (Nordling) Tostenson, Third row: Michele (Swanson) Knutson, Leann (Gowan) Grzadielewski, Pam (Pokrzywinski) Pawlowski, Sue (Gowan) Kenner, Reed Veralrud, and Mike Czapiewski.

# 2014 Class Reunions



**WHS CLASS OF 1984** — Back row: (partially blocked) Terry Nicholls, Ed Gulden, David Pribula, Howard Fulks, Debbie (VanSickle) Carlson, (partially blocked) Denise (Gabor) Ostby, Randy Pearson, Jeff Feltman, Middle row: Andrea (Korynta) Orbich, Brenda (Owens) Ose, Jane (Olson) Kobetsky, Veronica (Lubarski) Halvorson, Laren (Loeslie) Lorenzen, Kathy (Lamb) Fulks, Tami (Copp) Reynolds, Sharon (Ranstrom) Larson, Chad Vesey, Dan Nowacki, Front row: Jeriann (Jevning) Jones, Michelle Kasprick, Mark Carlson, Michael DuBore, and Price Jenkins.



**WHS CLASS OF 1959** — The Warren High School Class of 1959 held their 55th reunion in Bemidji the weekend of August 22. Because of the untimely death of one of the classmates, Lyle Anderson, a day before the reunion, they decided to take up a collection and donate it to the WAO Education Foundation in memory of all deceased classmates (Judy Fournier, Merle Kalsnes, David Mauch, Gary Olson, Tom Sabol, Martin Tangen, Jean (Wood) Rabon, Conrad Solmonson, Carole (Jensen) Sass, Devon (Dirks) Whitlock, Mildred "Mimi" Maryska, Olaf Solvik, Sharon Confer and Lyle Anderson). Classmates pictured are, front row: Romelle (Vanek) Ferris, Sherry (Oberg) Wallace, Marilyn (Strickler) Sirek, Ruth (Carlson) Goodrich, Judy (Johnson) Dallmann and John Omdahl. Back row: Rodney Carlson, Evy (Kasprowicz) Alyesworth, Pat (Anderson) Juvrud, Sharon (Wesolowski) Valley, Gerald Corriveau, Brian Black and Neil Morkassel.



**ALVARADO CLASS OF 1964** From left to right: Mary (Everson) Wesley, David Larson, Marvin Hedlund, Virgil Olson, Jan (Haugen) Marciniak, David Arnold, Ilene (Nelson) Sherlock, Dale Hammerlund, and Donald Larson. In attendance but not pictured is Duane Kovar. Unable to join the reunion were Gary Bren, Rosie (Bubb) Ferencik, Mike Dudinsky, Donna (Mackie) Laudal, Nancy (Martin) Bitz, and Gerald Novak.



**WHS CLASS OF 1994** — Pictured left to right: Jason Morken, Joe Vesey, Brian Strickler, Cheri (Wimpfheimer) Pagnac, Joe McGregor, Vanessa (Folz) Royer, Tony Abrahamson, Steve Johnson, Jeremy Knutson, Britt (Ebertowski) Lindquist, Brian Cheney, Jeanna (Myrfield) Kujava, Melissa (Jones) Schwengler, Tim Erickson, Tamara (Johnson) Oberg, Jarod Peterson, Kellie (Schmiedeberg) Wehrman, Scott Fredrickson, Laura (Hess) Ronngren, Adam Danielski. Missing from photo but attended: Bryan Murphy, Chris Johnson, Belinda (Lynne) Bye, Vicki (Bergeron) Ellefson, Lisa (Ouhl) Maki, and Janelle (Laymon) Fick.



**WHS CLASS OF 1969** — The largest class ever at Warren High School, with 82 graduates, gathered to celebrate their 45th class reunion Saturday, July 26, at Riverside Golf Club in Warren. The 31 classmates who attended are, front row, left to right: Sondra (Maruska) Weinzierl, Beatrice (Peterson) Oberg, Donna (Roley) Choste, Patti (Olson) Evin, Beverly (Peterson) Johnson, Mike Cheney and Kay (Hendrickson) Root. Second row: Maureen (Hendrickson) Fredrickson, Renee (Rehder) Rosendahl, Joyce (Altendorf) VanFeldt, Nancy (Kliner) Wagner, Gerry Evin, Ed Rosendahl, Debbie (Anderson) Robinson, Dennis Mischel and Patti Jo (Ovsak) Koranda. Third row: Eileen (Roley) Larson, Jane (Miska) Sirek, Sonia Engstrom, Patty Wrolson, Harvey Andresen, Jane (Bennett) Safar and Duane Swanson. Back row: Curt Myrfield, Jon Slusar, Joel Engen, Norman Halsa, John Mattson, Henry Kliner, Dan Edman and Ken Palm.



## 2014 Class Reunions



**OHS CLASS OF 1970** — The Oslo All Class Reunion was held Saturday, June 21, 2014 at the Alerus Center of Grand Forks, ND. A good time was held by all two hundred fifty attendees. There has been no future reunion plans made at this time. Front row, left to right: Kathy Duray, Georgine (Bayne) Johnson, Leona (Hoverson) Hambrecht, Arlene (Duray) DeMers. Back row, left to right: Bernie Duffy, Joe Paschke, Duane Erickson and Dianne (Anderson) Boroski.

**OSLO CLASS OF 1964** — Front row: Jane (Anvinson) Bushaw, Peggy (Duffy) Tynen, Janice (Sherlock) Smidt, Second row: Diane (Tillett) Atkins, Paulette (Parr) Reitan, Diane (Ebertowski) Wysocki, Colleen (Eide) Anderson, Back row: Susan (Martin) Gottlieb. Missing from picture but attended the reunion: Donna (Storbakken) O'Shaughnessy, Laura (Johnson) Berger, and Ione (Sczesny) Duray.



**WHS CLASS OF 1944** — Four graduates of the Warren High School Class of 1944 gathered at Settler's Square Saturday of the fair. Pictured in the front row, left to right, are: Dale Stark, who left WHS to attend the Northwest School of Agriculture at Crookston, June (Hamrick) Edgar, Calvin Melgard and Neil Mattson. In the back are Neil Kruger and his new wife, Peggy. There are four other living class members out of 36. They are: Lola (Berg) Fulks, Ruth (Kasprick) Beiswenger, Helen (Brotten) Schantzen and Earl Swanson.



**AHS CLASSES HOLD REUNION** — Members of the 1949 and 1950 Alvarado High School classes celebrated their 65th and 64th anniversaries at New Hope Lutheran Church. To conclude the reunion, they attended the Alvarado Lions Club corn feed. Pictured in the front are: Margaret (Edman) Larson, Beverly (Fladland) Thureen, Marilyn (Erickson) Mattson, Rudolph Kleven and Rueben Kleven. Back row: Harlan Anderson, Donna (Miller) Pape, Ardia (Berg) Johnson, who was with the 1949 class through her sophomore year and graduated in Grand Forks, Lola (Hoff) Gowan and Ruth (Bergman) Moen.



**WAO CLASS OF 2004** — The Warren-Alvarado-Oslo High School Class of 2004 held a class reunion at Mick's July 25. Pictured in the front row are: Adam Sorum, Danelle (Chandler) Klassy, Emilee (Torgerson) Staehnke, Mallory (Westberg) Craik, Laura (Jenkins) Ondrovich and Amanda (Johnson) Altendorf. Second row: Megan (Lydeen) LaTourelle, Heather (Erickson) Gerszewski, Tim Nelson, Chelsy (Johnston) Davey, Krystina (Edgar) Potucek, Tyson Giles, Ashley (Gubrud) Reinier, Annie (Erickson) Olson, Abby Sorenson and Rebekah (Stinar) Aakre. Third row: Aaron Gerszewski, Catie (Blanchard) Deutsch, Ryan Swanson, Ben Hamrick, Tony Hamrick, Lee Morberg and Dain Olsen. Back row: Adela (Martinez) Wisk, Brittany Kasprovicz and Corey (Saunders) Velez. Not pictured are Cody Rick and Stacy (Moen) Kroll.

## Chat with the Chairman

Greetings from the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Education Foundation!

By the time you read this, our awesome autumn weather will have disappeared. What a treat to have the lovely fall to make up for the slow start of spring and summer. No doubt the ground will be white and we'll once again enjoy the beauty of winter. It's good that we have variety in Minnesota!

The coolness of the summer didn't stop the warmth of classes gathering together for reunions with much enthusiasm. Friends were reunited and new friendships were made. The noise level was high at all of the gatherings. What a fun time.

Closure was brought to the Class of 1948 and the Fulks/Novak families at the dedication of the benches and planter along with a fitting plaque at the entrance to the parking lot between the two school buildings. A crowd gathered for the dedication that was held outdoors and continued inside with the sharing of memories of the 2 students and one staff member who drowned on an ag trip to Lake of the Woods in 1947. Thank you to Marvin Swanson, who planted the seed for this project, Melanie Fulks Nelson, who organized the dedication activities, all of the donors for their donation to this project, and to the many that attended the dedication.

Our 10th annual golf scramble was held during the Marshall County Fair with 141 golfers. We cleared over \$22,000! We are most grateful and appreciative of all of our sponsors/donors, golfers, and for anyone that helped in any way. We could not begin to do this event or many of our other things without our volunteers, which is an understatement.

Year in and year out, we turn to our volunteers to get the job done for our Foundation. These folks are living examples of individuals who are giving back with their time and talents. We want to thank them for everything that they do for the WAO Education Foundation.

We all have something to give. Once we give and realize that it is better to give than to receive, our life is more satisfying. This is so true with the many alumni and friends that have chosen to give back for what they received as a student/staff at one of the schools that now make up our district. I've heard many times from classes that wish to begin a scholarship that they want to thank the school for what they received as students many years ago. We are so fortunate to have all of your support. Thank you!

This summer, we updated our program that stores the database and the Foundation information to a newer version. E-mailing the newsletter could be in our plans in the near future. In order for you to receive this, we'll need your e-mail address. Please send it to us at [edfoundation@wao.k12.mn.us](mailto:edfoundation@wao.k12.mn.us). We will still mail out copies to those that aren't on e-mail. Thank you to the many of you that have already provided us with your e-mail address and other info for our data base.

Marlys Swanson, our office person for almost 2 years, received a full time teaching position out of the district so left us in late July. We miss her, but are glad that she could put all of her schooling to work in her fields.

You'll see an article about Jan Nice in this edition. We welcome Jan and are thrilled that she is working with us. She's usually in the office on Wednesdays, so if you're in the area, stop in and say hello.

An alumnus has volunteered to scan all of the yearbooks that the school has, onto DVDs. If you're in need of a copy of a certain year, let us know and we can provide that for you. We would also appreciate receiving copies of Alvarado and Oslo annuals so they can be scanned. We do have some that have been donated to us.

We recently completed a double match for the Industrial Tech Department. We provided \$2,500 and \$5,000 came in for welding materials. This department has top notch equipment thanks to the many matches that have come our way.

This fall, we facilitated \$5,524 in needs for the staff. All staff were given the opportunity to submit paperwork for items that they would like to have for their classroom/department. These are all items that are over what the district provides. During the summer we provided an additional \$7,100.

As we look ahead, come join us for treats following the WAO Elementary Holiday Concert on December 4th. The proceeds will go towards the new Benchmark Reading Program that is being implemented in the district. We are most appreciative of the support that Bremer Bank will again provide towards the cost of the refreshments. January 6th is the night of our Baked Potato Supper/Salad Bar that occurs the night of the Stephen/Argyle BBB Game. The free will donations go towards needs that we purchase for the district. Our staff are wonderful volunteers with this project as they provide salads, bars, and work.

What will \$25 buy you? Many people have bought a one year membership in the Foundation. This money along with undesignated money from donations and memorials is used for classroom needs/requests and for the six scholarships that we give. It's a win-win!

Please remember that whenever you give a memorial, donation, or gift to the Foundation, you may designate it to a specific department, scholarship, or grade. All things that are not specified go into the general fund.

Does your business/company have a matching gift program for donations? We've received a number of donations during the past year that have been matched. Please contact us if we can be of help in filling out the paperwork.

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.

The strength of our Foundation is directly related to the many alumni and friends who have chosen to give back. We are so fortunate to have this support. You are making our Foundation much stronger. As our motto states, **"We Can't Succeed Without You!"**



# Tribute and Memorial Gifts

May 1, 2014 - October 31, 2014

## In Memory of Ulric Johnson

Ginger A. Johnson

## In Memory of Wallace R Anderson

Robert & Francis (Anderson) Johnson

Howard & Virginia (Johnson) Berg

## In Memory of Agnes Aakre

Carol J. Anderson

## In Memory of Alice Flaten

Richard & Mary Beth (Maruska) Edman

Carl & Linda (Potucek) Gornowicz

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## In Tribute of Anthony & Sharon Kozojed

Cal & Betty Melgard

## In Memory of Arlyce Anderson

Paul & Janet (Carlson) Aakre

## In Memory of Arthur & Gladys Osterloh

Dale & Evie (Osterloh) Buehring

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Robert & Mona Rae Fagerstrom

Lowell & Shirley (Mykleby) Hamrick

Gerald & Suzie (Omdahl) Jevning

Dennis & Dee Myerchin

Deanna Swanson

## In Memory of Clarinda (Oberg) Huset

Arlene Huset

## In Memory of David Steffen

Lou Ann (Steffen) Beck

## In Memory of Deceased Classmates of WHS 1956

Dr. Donald & Ruth (Carlson) Goodrich

## In Memory of Deceased Classmates of WHS 1959

Dr. Donald & Ruth (Carlson) Goodrich

Allen Abrahamson

Brian & Diana Black

WHS Class of 1959

Eugene & Judy (Johnson) Dallmann

Romelle Vanek Ferris

John & Connie Omdahl

Stanley & Marilyn (Strickler) Sirek

## In Memory of Diane (Sands) Carlson

Alvarado Class of 1960

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## In Memory of Donald Fillipi

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Jim & Janice (Hanson) Pulkrabek

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## In Memory of Donald Novak

Phyllis Novak

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## In Memory of Dorina (Slusar) Lindroth

Roger & Treasure (Soltis) Omdahl

## In Memory of Dorothea Abrahamson

Orland & Maxine (Paulson) Thoreson

Donald & JaNean Miller

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Doris (Wimpfheimer) Erickson

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## In Memory of Edith Peterson

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## In Memory of Ellen Skorseth

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## In Tribute to Farah Jade Pierce

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## In Tribute to Fern (Bjorgaard) Dahlman's 90th Birthday

Jeanie Ulferts

## In Memory of Flossie Steffen

Lou Ann (Steffen) Beck

June (Hamrick) Edgar

## In Memory of Harvey Loeslie

Roger & Treasure (Soltis) Omdahl

Don & Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler

## In Memory of Helen (Holt) Krogstad

Richard & Margaret (Olson) Nelson

## In Memory of Helen (Rudnik) Coetzee

Richard & Mary Beth (Maruska) Edman

Arlyn & Marilyn (Kuznia) Stroble

## In Memory of Henry Klegstad

Don & Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler

## In Memory of Howard Emerson

Richard & Mary Jane (Hendrickson)

Emerson

## In Memory of John “Jack” Bywater

Pat (Gilbert) Carlson

Roger & Treasure (Soltis) Omdahl

Richard & Mary Beth (Maruska) Edman

## In Memory of John Forslund

Don Vettleson

## In Memory of Keith Jankowski

Don Vettleson

## In Memory of Joye (Potucek) Olson

Irene (Sherry) Brock

## In Memory of Judy Munger

Carol J. Anderson

Richard & Mary Beth (Maruska) Edman

## In Memory of June (Goplin) Dewerff

Stanley Dewerff

Ronald & Sharon (Edgar) Abrahamson

Bill & Yvonne (Engelstad) Bossman

Lowell Goplin

Gwen (Charboneau) McIntyre

John & Gay (Wages) Oehlke

Richard & Barbara Olson

Duane & Jerrilyn (Olson) Potucek

Alan & Lana (Goplin) Schoenack

Jeff & Connie Schoenack

Don & Corrine (Goplin) Slaughter

Sara (Rogalla) Vegge

## In Memory of Carmelle Pinsonneault

Carol Anderson

## In Tribute to Kay Hendrickson Root

Richard & Mary Jane (Hendrickson)

Emerson

## In Memory of Kaye (Sorenson) Mock

Carol J. Anderson

Michael & Betty (Bjorgaard) DuBore

Bill & Yvonne (Engelstad) Bossman

Arlyn & Marilyn (Kuznia) Stroble

Jim & Paulette (Olson) Thompson

Michael & Judy (Gulden) Weiland

Allyn & Susan Roley

## In Tribute to Kenneth Sherwood

Richard & Mary Jane (Hendrickson)

Emerson

## In Memory of Kenneth Sinn

Rick Roley

Carol J. Anderson

## In Tribute to Kilah Jo Kotrba

Carol J. Anderson

## In Memory of Lance McFarland

John & Rachel Peterson

## In Memory of Lee Bren Goplin

Alan & Lana (Goplin) Schoenack

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# Where are they now . . .

**Dan Carlson, WHS 1982**, was featured recently in the GF Herald, over-seeing his 8th grade gym class at Valley Middle School in Grand Forks. He promotes the importance of physical activity, modifying gym games by veering away from those that may cause injury to students. This is Dan's 25th year of teaching P.E. and coaching 8th grade football at Valley. He has also taught Drivers Education for 14 years and is in his 10th year as head Boys Basketball Coach at Grand Forks Central. Dan and wife, Lori, reside in Grand Forks. They have 3 daughters and 2 grandsons that live in the area.

Evergreen Implement Company would like to announce **Laura (Sedlacek) Misselhorn, WAO 2003**, has joined their team. She will be working all 4 locations as an accountant. Laura is a 2007 graduate of Bemidji State University, becoming a Certified Public Accountant in 2009. Laura currently resides in Argyle with her husband, Jeremy, and 2 children.

**Detective Travis Halvorson, WHS 1993**, has been an officer on the Crookston Police Force for 15 years. He serves as a school liaison, officer in G.R.E.A.T., a Gang Related Education and Training program, commander in the Pine to Prairie Drug Task Force and a criminal investigator. Travis and wife, Kelly, live in Fisher, MN, with their four children.

"Who's in the kitchen?" an article featured in the Good Samaritan newsletter, paid tribute to their cooks that are on duty 24/7. Among them are; **Betty Graham, WHS 1972**, and **Cindy (Neegard) Nielsen, WHS 1976**. They are regarded as the unsung heroes of the kitchen. They both agree if you haven't worked in a kitchen, it's hard to understand the chaotic dance of a dinner rush. Betty lives in Warren and has worked at the Good Sam for 25 years. She has one son, **John, WAO 2002**. Cindy also lives in Warren and has been employed at the nursing home for 17 years.

**Doris (Hutton) Auxier, OHS 1970**, is Associate Professor of Visual Art at Trinity Western University in Langley, British Columbia. She has an MA in Gifted Education and an MFA in Visual Arts. She has been teaching in this field for 16 years. Her paintings and drawings have been shown in galleries and in juried exhibits across the U.S. Doris and husband, John, have 3 adult children and 2 grandchildren. They reside in Fort Langley.

**Evy (Kasproicz) Goplin-Aylesworth, WHS 1959**, was the key coordinator of the class of 1959's 55th

reunion this year. She organized the event in Bemidji where everyone enjoyed the beautiful Paul Bunyan area. After high school, Evy graduated from Bemidji State University and worked for 32 years at First National Bank in Bemidji. She is now a realtor with Realty Experts in that area. She and husband, Jim, live in Bemidji. She has two sons, Craig and Erik Goplin, and 3 grandchildren.

A note from **Carl Johnson, OHS 1955**, finds him in Hendersonville, NC. After high school, Carl joined the Army with four of his classmates, Cliff Thompson, David Mendick, Harold P. Olimb and Quentin Overson. Carl worked for the Veteran's Administration, later joining the Foreign Service. He married in 1976, converted to the Civil Service and lived in Springfield, VA. His wife, Sylvia, died in 1991. He retired in 1992, and began working as a government contractor. In 2001, he moved to the Blue Ridge Mountains. He married Alexandra Das. He has one son, one foster son and three stepchildren.

**Father Craig Vasek, WAO 2002**, has relocated to Hallock, MN, where he is the pastor of Saint Patrick's Parish in Hallock and the Holy Rosary Mission, north of Lancaster.

**Julie (Stengrim) Dahlman, WAO 2004**, is a registered nurse, receiving her BS degree in Nursing from MN State University Moorhead. She has a background in cardiac nursing as well as medical and obesity research. She is school nurse for Stephen/Argyle Central and on the faculty at Northland Community and Technical College, both in EGF and TRF. Julie and husband **Todd, WAO 1998**, live in Warren with daughter Emma. Todd operates Solid Ground Construction Co.

**Irene (Sherry) Brock, WHS 1950**. In preparation for a 65th reunion for the class of 1950, Irene sent a note looking for addresses of classmates. Irene lives in Arvada, CO. She has one daughter, Allison, and one grandson.

**Lacy Riopelle, WAO 2009**, graduated from Bemidji State University in 2013, and is now teaching 4th grade in the Northland Community School System in Remer. She was featured this summer in the "Trophy Room" online gallery in the Grand Forks Herald, with pictures of her catch of slab crappies that were caught on the Ontario side of Lake of the Woods.

**Linda Short, WHS 1974**, left Warren in the cold and the snow of 2013. She has relocated to Hot Springs, AR.

## Golf Scramble

The 11th Annual Education Foundation Golf Scramble Fundraiser will be held on Friday, July 24, 2015, at Warren Riverside Golf Course.

## Class Reunions

Please contact the Education Foundation with your class reunion details for our next edition of "Connections." We would be glad to give you our most current addresses for your classmates. In return we ask that you give us any address updates that you become aware of.

## Oslo Class of 1965

The Oslo Class of 1965 is planning a get-together for their 50th anniversary on Thursday, August 13, 2015, at the Ramada Inn in Grand Forks, ND. No mailing is planned--please respond as soon as possible to Roger at RDQUERN@aol.com or 612-269-9550. Further information will be sent via e-mail or phone after your respond.

## Marshall County Fair

July 22 - July 26, 2015



## Meet Jan Nice



Greetings from the WAO Education Foundation office. I'd like to introduce myself to all of you. I have been privileged to become the Office Manager for the Foundation. My husband, Frank Nice, was an Oslo Class of '72 graduate. I have four grown children, Hatti (Briske) Olson, Grand Forks; Brandon Nice,

Oslo-Ardoch area; Kellie Nice, Erskine, MN; and Danny Nice, Grand Forks. The oldest three were students at Oslo Valley North and Alvarado-Oslo Schools until the Oslo School closed, so

we have many friends and fond memories in the WAO district. My youngest, Danny, graduated from EGF Central High. In August I made the big move to Grand Forks after living 13 years in Oslo. The Foundation does such great work for the school, students, employees and alumni of the district. In the

short time that I've been a part of the Foundation, it has become very clear that the board is willing to move mountains, if need be, for the good of WAO and is very welcoming of any ideas that improve the process of education, be it scholarships, memorials, tributes, classroom needs, and student performance. I plan to work one day a week, typically Wednesdays, except for busier times of the Foundation year. The office is on the west side of the WAO Library and I'm excited to meet and get to know all of you! Please stop in for a chat anytime you can.

Sincerely, Jan Nice

## K-6 Benchmark Literacy

Our school year is off to a great start and I am excited about the opportunity for a new beginning. A few changes have been made this year to increase student achievement, and I want to take a few minutes to explain them to you. First of all, I am very proud to serve this school community and pledge my commitment and leadership in helping to create a school that is an optimal place to learn, work, and grow. WAO Elementary is a great place, and I am proud to be a part of it!

Throughout last school year, we took a look at our literacy curriculums, made up of reading, phonics, English, spelling, and writing. We looked at data and compared how our students were performing with others, and how

we could best prepare our students.

After researching and studying options for our students, our teachers selected a comprehensive K-6 literacy program, called Benchmark Literacy. In addition to having a solid research base, Benchmark is made up of components that have been proven effective in multiple classrooms and schools. Over 20,000 schools across the country are currently using Benchmark for their literacy program. In addition, schools in our area are also using the program with success.

Earlier this fall, the WAO Education Foundation approved an Elementary School needs application for an assessment component. The Benchmark Assessment System is a one-on-one comprehensive

diagnostic test that determines students' independent and instructional reading levels, and is used for placing students into appropriate Guided Reading groups. The purpose of using Benchmark Assessments is to accurately be able to place and monitor growth in reading, and ultimately inform teacher's instructional decisions, throughout the entire school year.

Benchmark Literacy enables teachers to address the essential components of our new state specific Common Core reading/language arts standards. Our teachers are confident that Benchmark resources can make a significant academic difference in our classrooms.

Kirk Thorstenson,  
Elementary Principal

## Fund Being Set Up At WAO In Memory Of Lyle Anderson

Seniors on the 1958-59 Pine to Prairie championship football team are setting up a special fund through Warren-Alvarado-Oslo High School in memory of their teammate, Lyle Anderson, and challenge all teams in the last 55 years who have played in Warren to contribute to the fund. Anderson died on the eve of the class' 55-year reunion.

These funds will go to an all-around co-ed student who "needs the money" to pursue their future education.

Other seniors on that team are: Bob Bossman, Allan Abrahamson, Rodney Carlson, David Hill, Brian Black, Warren Strandell and Gerald Corriveau.

Donations to this fund can be sent to: WAO Education Foundation, PO Box 125, Warren, MN 56762. Designate the donation for "Lyle Anderson 58-59 Football Challenge."

With questions, email Brian Black at happynana\_1@msn.com.

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## WAO students using welding equipment



John Flom setting up to cut a diameter on his project with the new metal lathe that was purchased.



Ethan Woinarowicz machines a flat surface on an aluminum block on the new milling machine.



Jared Jevning makes a fillet weld with one of the new welders while Austin Erdahl watches.



Jorden Larson adjusts settings on one of the three new Miller 212 MIG welders purchased by the Foundation.

## WAO Ed. Foundation Planter



The WAO Education Foundation was one of many organizations/businesses that planted and cared for one of the planters in downtown Warren during the summer. Ours was located on the west side of Finseth's Hardware Store.



# News and Notes . . .

Congratulations to WHS oldest alumni, **Ida (Fischer) Meyer, WHS 1929**, on her 103rd birthday. She celebrated with family and friends at her residence in Lake Placid, FL.

**Joey Pederson, WHS 1993**, has recently been promoted in rank to lieutenant/assistant jail administrator of the Northwest Regional Corrections Center in Crookston. He has been a vital member of the center for over 18 years, serving the past 7 years as a correctional sergeant. Joey is also known as one of the top race car drivers in late models. He is a major force and winner at the River City Speedway in Grand Forks. Joey and wife, Julie, live in East Grand Forks with their 2 children.

The skyline of Warren has taken on a new look. As you enter Warren from the south on Highway 75, notice the new water tower that adds an updated look to our city. It holds 200,000 gallons of water and is 140 feet tall. A note to all alum that climbed the old tower by the power plant...I wouldn't try scale this one!

Siblings **Kristen Hanson, WAO 2000**, and **Kirk Hanson WAO 2005**, traveled to Tanzania in June 2013. Tanzania, in East Africa, is home to Africa's best Game Parks and Mt. Kilimanjaro, the world's highest freestanding mountain. They visited a Girl's Lutheran School and partnered with a local organization to provide for the well-being of vulnerable children and adults. They went on safaris and visited a Maasai village, where they were welcomed with singing and dancing. Kristen and Kirk spent time on Mount Kilimanjaro, hiking the Machame trail to the top. As the sun came up, they reached the summit. Truly, it was a trip of a lifetime.

After the 2014 elections, we acknowledge several alumni that were elected to serve our county and community. **Jason Boman, NVHS 1991**, is the new Marshall County Sheriff. Incumbents, **John Golden, WHS 1974**, and **Cam Fanfulik, WHS 1973**, will serve another term on the Warren City Council with **David Erickson, WHS 1996**, winning a seat as a write in candidate. **Deb (Wages) Myrfield, WHS 1970**, was reelected mayor of Warren for her second term. **Don Narlock, WHS 1985**, and **Krissy (Craig) Potucek, WAO 2000**, will serve again on the WAO School Board. CONGRATULATIONS!

**Tadd Vanyo, VNHS 1992**, has been promoted to lieutenant colonel in the Minnesota National Guard. He is deputy commander of the Guard's Camp Ripley. He served a tour of duty in Bosnia-Herzegovina and two tours in Iraq. Tadd works as a computer engineer for Unysis in St. Paul. He and wife, **Ranae (Olson), NVHS 1992**, live in New Brighton, MN, and have four children.

Leading up to "Meet Your Neighbor Days" in Argyle this past summer, area residents were given a very special treat. Monday was declared Jerrysota Day, featuring Jerry Kill, University of Minnesota Gophers football coach, as guest speaker. He spoke on epilepsy awareness, related Gopher football stories and signed autographs. Thank you to **Don Loeslie, WHS 1956**, for being instrumental in securing him as a main attraction and giving young and old a memorable afternoon.

Congratulations to DuWayne and **Rhonda (Jones), OSLO 1987, Heyd** in the recording of a country music album titled "I Love You Because." Their passion for music led them to Nashville where they recorded their original songs with some of the city's prominent musicians. Besides composing and recording beautiful music, DuWayne is owner operator of Heyd Construction. Rhonda works at Noridan Healthcare Solutions. They reside in Grand Forks.

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!

**Mark Swanson, WHS 1970**, president of Frandsen Bank and Trust, Warren, will retire on December 31. He has been with the bank since 1976, working his way up from insurance manager to market president in 2004. Mark has been very active in the community serving on several boards and in numerous civic organizations. He and wife, **Kathy (Peterson), WHS 1972**, a registered nurse in Warren, have 3 children and 4 grandchildren.

Word was received from Betty East on the death of her brother, **Rev. Donald Ranstrom, ALV 1951**. Donald was married to **Roberta Goodrich, WHS 1951**. After serving churches in Utah and California, he was a campus minister at University of California, Davis. They have 5 children and 8 grandchildren.

The story continues concerning the band, *Jerry LeRoy and the Arrows* that was mentioned in our spring newsletter. **Tom Vanyo, AHS 1962**, writes; "In 1961, I got involved with the band. I remember Johnny and Jerry Sersland, Tom Olson and myself jamming at the Sersland home. One of our first bookings was in Mountain, ND. We must have done okay, as the place was packed and we were asked to come back a month later. Over the summer we made quite a name for ourselves. We made only \$20-\$25 a booking, but I still managed to make enough money to buy a Fender Precision bass guitar and amp. After the band dissolved, I began playing with Jim Engen and The Young Knights."

**Jesse Hennesey**, who attended WAO, is part of a film making duo from Spokane, WA. He and Jason Young are finalists in an international 24-hour film festival. Selected to be one of the top 24 films among thousands of entries, they filmed and edited "A Drink in the Dark." All entrants had to construct their film involving the same theme, action and prop. As finalists, Jesse and Jason are invited to a special Gala Screening and Awards Ceremony in New York.

**Melissa Mager, WAO 2010**, recently joined Brady Martz & Associates in Grand Forks as a staff accountant. She received her accountancy degree in May from the University of North Dakota. Melissa is a native of Alvarado.

## Thank you!

Kudos to **Dianne (Anderson) Boroski, OHS 1978**, chairperson of the Oslo All Class Reunion committee. The event was a huge success! She thanks the WAO Education Foundation for the pens and brochures given to those attending.

A note was received from Florence Fillipi to thank all who made donations to the WAO Education Foundation in memory of her late husband, **Donald Fillipi, WHS 1954**.

"Thank you for the scholarships I received through the foundation. Your commitment and support to the WAO students is awesome! **Hayden Strickler WAO 2014**

"Thank you for all you do for the students of WAO High School. As a new graduate, I appreciate the encouragement by family, friends and community." **Issac Loeslie WAO 2014**

"Thank you to the Ed Foundation and a community that cares. You do so much for WAO." **Jesse Pineda WAO 2014**

"Thank you WAO Foundation! We are so grateful for what you do for our school and community. Your continued support and generosity makes WAO High School one of the very best! " **Matt Bergh, Danelle Pageler, Dara Narlock, Cassidy Mercil, Anne Pahlen, Thomas Helgeson, Kaitlyn Olson, WAO 2014**

# 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.

1929 AHS Olga (Boardson) Engevik  
1929 AHS Marion (Boardson) Johnson  
1933 AHS Helen (Holt) Krogstad  
1940 WHS Roy E. Johnson  
1940 WHS Norbert Kuzel  
1941 OHS Dr. Ralph Mallinger  
1942 WHS Helen (Slusar) Lindroth  
1943 WHS Margaret (Meyer) Flicek  
1943 OHS Rodney Zinke  
1943 OHS Ervin Knaus  
1944 AHS Cleone (Hoff) Doggett  
1944 AHS Delores (Pederson) Scheel  
1945 AHS Florence Dagoberg  
1946 WHS Gladys (Haugen) Smart  
1947 WHS Joan (Giese)Guerard  
1947 WHS Kenneth Sinn  
1948 WHS Dorothie J. Abrahamson  
1950 WHS Emma (Bennett) Erickson  
1950 OHS Kenneth Theige  
1954 WHS Donald Fillipi  
1955 WHS Charles Ranstrom  
1955 OHS Harold Olimb  
1956 AHS Beverly (Olson) Haugen  
1956 AHS Lowell "Bill" Boman  
1959 WHS Lyle Anderson  
1958 OHS Ronald Johnson  
1958 AHS Donna (Sersland) Qualls  
1959 WHS Sharron (Confer) Morden  
1959 WHS Wayne Oberg  
1960 AHS Diane (Sands) Carlson  
1964 WHS June (Goplin) Dewerff  
1970 WHS Helen Ann (Rudnik) Coetzee  
1972 WHS Randy Soderstrom  
1979 WHS Tim Swanson  
1981 WHS Kaye (Sorenson) Mock  
Friend WHS Arlyce (Hansen) Anderson  
Friend WHS/WAO Lynne Molacek  
Teacher WHS Gordon Dewald  
Teacher WHS Ellen (Cochran) Skorseth  
Administration WHS John (Jack) Bywater  
Friend AHS Sylvia (Bergan) Scott

## Fulks/Novak Memorial



Members of the Warren High School Class of 1948 are pictured with the 2 benches and planter donated in memory of the three young men who drowned at Lake of the Woods in 1947. The bench and planters are located near the bell in front of the schools, near Highway 1. Donations used to purchase the planter and benches were donated to Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Education Foundation in memory of the youth that perished in the 1947 tragedy.



# 2014 Ed. Foundation Golf Scramble



A friendly foursome of alumni golfers are from left to right: Russ Steer, WHS 1972, Bruce Schantzen, WHS 1972, Debra (Halin) Schantzen, Alv 1973 and Laurie (Johnson) Steer, WHS 1973.



Sister act and husbands are left to right: Todd Dahlman, WAO 1998, Julie (Stengrim) Dahlman, WAO 2004, Tami (Stengrim) Hoyt, WAO 2000, and Ryan Hoyt.



This quaint quartet of determined golfers are left to right: Mary Rose (Myrfield) Lizakowski, WAO 2002, Nikki (Boman) Peterson, WAO 2002, Amy (Nowacki) Jones, WHS 1993, and Ashley (Pagnac) Anderson, WAO 2001.



This dapper group of four alumni are left to right: Brent Strickler, WHS 1986, Joey Pierce, WAO 1999, Bill Bienek, WAO 1997, and Jerred Copp, WAO 1999.

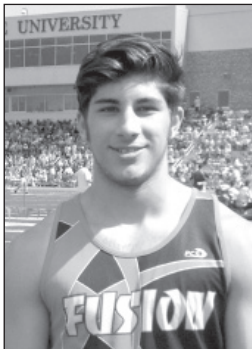


These four good friends golfing together are left to right: Tom Stinar, WAO 2006, Ben Miska, WAO 2001, Jordan Aakre, WAO 2003 and Zach Olson, WAO 2002.

## Elementary Winter Concert Refreshments

The Education Foundation Board and volunteers will be serving holiday refreshments in the high school cafeteria following the Elementary Christmas Concert on Thursday, December 4. Free-will donations will go toward purchasing items for the Benchmark Reading Series. Thank you to Bremer Bank for donating the refreshments.

## WAO Spring 2014 State Attendees



Jesse Pineda competed in the long jump at the state track meet at Hamline University June 6-7, taking 19th place.



West Marshall Fusion golfer TJ Bowman qualified for the state competition in boys golf on June 10-11 in Becker. He is a freshman at Warren-Alvarado-Oslo High School.



West Marshall Fusion 4x100 boys relay Section 8A champions, advance to the state meet at Hamline, June 6-7. Pictured in the front, left to right, Noelio Garcia and George Vela. Back: Jesse Pineda and Cameron DuBore.

### 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.

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