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WAO Custodians Have a Great Legacy of Excellent Service!



Webster's dictionary defines custodian as one who is entrusted to guard, protect and maintain property. The definition of a janitor is one who keeps the premises of a building clean, tends plumbing, heating and electrical systems and makes minor repairs. When you combine those definitions, you quantify some of the tasks which are done by the custodial/janitorial staff at WAO public schools. To list all of the duties done by the staff would be virtually impossible. However, adjectives such as friendly, helpful, knowledgeable, dedicated and dependable are traits that aptly describe the manner which they do their

The staff consists of Mike Cheney, Ken Hanson, Don Daley and Judy Stengrim at the high school and Ron LaBine and Larry Hanson at the elementary school. They have a combined 176 years of service keeping everything running smoothly at WAO. Four of the six are alumni and most of their children are also alumni. Here is a breakdown of the years of each employee:

Mike Cheney has been employed by WAO schools for 34 years and has the dual responsibilities as Head Custodian and School Bus Supervisor. He also has a regular bus route. He is a 1969 graduate of Warren High School and is married to Holly (Stone), (WHS 1970). They have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. He says his favorite part of the job is driving his route and knowing the students.

Ken Hanson started working for Warren High School while still in school and has been employed for 38 years. He is a 1973 graduate of Warren High School. His wife, Robin, is the high school secretary. They have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. Having interaction with his students and parents are what brings him the most enjoyment to his job.

Don Daley began working for the Alvarado Public School and then transferred to WAO with the consolidation. He has worked for the two school systems for 24 years. He is a native of Park River, ND and is married to Melodee. They have 2 children. His favorite part of the job is watching 7th graders grow and mature into fine young adults as they graduate.

Judy (Olson) Stengrim is a 1969 alumnus of Alvarado High School. She has been employed by WAO High School for 20 years. She is married to Arlyn and they have 2 children and 1 grandchild. She considers meeting and getting to know the students and also having a great staff to work with is the best part of her job.

Ron LaBine has worked at WAO Elementary School for 25 years. He is originally from Argyle and his wife, Linda (Grochow) is a Warren native. She is a high school paraprofessional. They have 2 children and 3 grandchildren. He feels the most enjoyable part of his job is observing the students as they come in as timid kindergartners and see them grow and gain confidence as they approach their (Continued on Page 5) teenage years.



Ken Hanson, Judy Stengrim & Don Daley

Golf Registration Form

Please return this with your entry fee. (\$45/person)

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Team Name:	Amount Enclosed: \$
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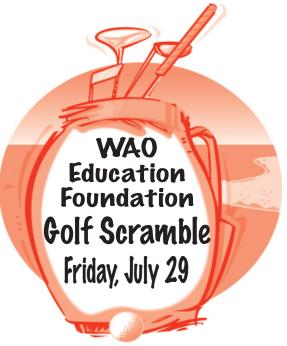
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18-hole, 4-person scramble or come for lunch and play 9 holes for fun.

Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. Shotgun start: 9:00 a.m.

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Pre-registration strongly suggested, (see form on the left) contact us at (218) 745-4646 ext. 317 or email: edfoundation@wao.k12.mn.us To reserve a golf cart, call 218-745-4028 or 5304 and leave a message. Your call

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will be returned.

"Celebrate Music and the Arts 2011"

The Foundation thanks Denise Gaber-Ostby and the many other talented performers that made the 2011 Education Foundation fundraiser held on April 7th a success.

Thanks also to emcees Wayne and Bev Torgerson, Steps Dance Academy for performing,

hanks also to emcees Wayne and Bev Torgerson, Steps Dance Academy for performing Megan Floerke for the video production and all the behind-the-scene volunteers.



Denise Gaber-Ostby performed inspirational music and messages.



Julie Rittmann



Emcees Wayne and Bev Torgerson



Trinity Trio



Donilyn Bergman, right, accompanied by Mona Schroeder, left



Roger Hille, left and Jay Tescher, right



Kelle Lavecchia

WAO Elementary School - Changes From the Inside Out

Lasting instructional reforms involve more than changes in curriculum and the way of teaching. Teachers must "own" the change and their work in it. Changes must occur from the "inside out". What has changed at WAO Elementary in the past few years? One change has involved more than curriculum and the way of teaching.

A major instructional change in the way teachers deliver literacy instruction, was made possible through a grant from the Minnesota Department of Education, one year prior to my start at WAO Elementary. The vision of the administration, lead by principal Ron Leverington, focused on staff development and training in a method of teaching reading, called "guided reading".

Guided reading is an instructional setting that enables the teacher to work with a small group of students to help them learn effective strategies for processing text with understanding. The purpose of guided reading is to meet the varying instructional needs of all students in the class, enabling them to greatly expand their reading powers.

Guided reading is a teaching approach that is designed to help individual students learn how to process a variety of increasingly challenging texts with understanding and fluency. Guided reading occurs in a small-group setting because the small group allows for interactions among readers that benefit them all. The teacher selects and introduces texts to readers, sometimes supports them while reading the text, engages the readers in discussion, and many times performs a mini-lesson while reading. Sometimes after reading a text, the teacher extends the meaning of the text through writing, text analysis, or another learning activity.

Changes in curriculum and the way of teaching have evolved at WAO Elementary over the past 10 years. In that time, each of us have played different but complementary roles in the change in literacy instruction. As we look back, we must not forget that these valuable changes have occurred from the "inside out", as our teachers continue to create the aforementioned conditions for their students on a daily basis at WAO Elementary School. A special thank you to the WAO Ed. Foundation for their past and present support, in providing new books for our guided reading library.

By Kirk Thorstenson - Principal

Ed Foundation Bids Farewell to Marie Goodwin Long-time WAO Ed Foundation

board member Marie Goodwin resigned from the board at the end of her recent term. She was also the Foundation's office manager for the past eight years. During her tenure as office manager she accomplished many objectives to make the Ed Foundation more efficient, informative and accessible. She set up a data base for all alumni from Warren, Alvarado and Oslo. She established the Foundation office and organized meetings with donors while she also acted as a liaison between the board and the public school staff. She organized the golf fundraiser which has become very successful.

For all she has contributed to the Ed Foundation, we the board, thank you, Marie for your leadership, vision, patience and a great job well done.

Where are they now . . .

When the mailings were done last fall, it was noted that the Connections Newsletter went to 15 foreign countries They are: Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, England, Fiji Islands, Germany, Kenya, Namibia, Norway, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, and the Vatican. We are truly an international publication.

Don Vettleson, WHS 1962, is retired after 40 years as a mechanical designer for Unisys, a computer company in St. Paul. He and his wife, Karen, have 2 daughters and 3 grandchildren. They reside in Blaine, MN, and spend their winters in Phoenix, Az.

Shaun Havis, OSLO 1987, is vice president of resource development with the United Way of Grand Forks. He is responsible for the planning and implementation of the United Way's annual fund raising campaign. He is very active in the community and recently completed the Impact Foundation's North Dakota Emerging Leader's Program. Shaun and his wife live in East Grand Forks, with their 3 children, Alex, Aaron and Brynn.

Darrell Vanyo, ALV 1966, retired after 32 years of work for Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Dakota; most recently as the Chief Information Officer (CIO). He served the city of West Fargo as a city commissioner for 13 years and is currently in his 8th year as a Cass County commissioner. Darrell and his wife Dena, have 4 grown children and 10 grandchildren.

Laurie Rud, WHS 1989, lives in New York City, where she is a licensed tour guide. She works for a non-profit group and freelances as a film producer. Laurie recently completed a successful Kickstarter Campaign to fund a short film that will be ready to submit to festivals this summer. It is called "Girls Who Smoke." The story was originally told at The Moth and later on NPR's "This American Life." It's about a chance meeting between two young women who bond over bad boyfriends and bad habits.

Linda Short, WHS 1974, has opened Studio 74, a professional music and communications business in Warren. This is a private studio offering voice lessons, coaching for speech forensics and public speaking. Over a span of 40 years, Linda has performed in Europe, in front of political figures and at famous venues across the United States. Linda resides in Warren.

Doris (Anderson) Melberg, ALV 1949, sends her best as she was unable to attend her 60th reunion last summer. She explains she is a "permanent resident of the North." Doris lives in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada, with husband Fred.

Jen Conely, WAO 2003, a teacher at WAO High School, has signed on as an assistant women's basketball coach at the University of Indianapolis. Go Greyhounds!

Recently, **Janet (Anderson) Polucha**, WHS 1962, was looking for reunion information and shared that the Class of '62 would be meeting in Warren next summer for their 50th. Janet resides in Blaine, MN. She is a retired legal secretary and enjoys time with friends and family. She has two children and loves helping with her three grandkids.

Rachel (Vasek) Dauksavage, Oslo 1994, is an obstetrics nurse at Altru Health System in Grand Forks. She has delivered hundreds of babies during the past 14 years. She also teaches classes for new parents and a clinical to UND nursing students. Rachel and husband Larry live in East Grand Forks. They have three children.

Don Cavalier, former WHS teacher, was recently named Rotary Club District 5580 Governor Elect and will become District Governor in 2012. Don is the director of the Career and Counseling Department at the University of Minnesota, Crookston, and also teaches business. He has been with UMC for 35 years. He and his wife, Mary, live in Crookston. Don remains very active in the Crookston community.

"Thank You" Cards!

James and Holly Parker, left, with their daughter, Alexis, and her fourth grade teacher, Bob Miller, hold a newly designed "Thank You" card that the Ed Foundation and the Art Department created to personalize a thank you to a teacher or to make a donation. Alexis and Bob Miller are featured on the front of the card.





The Oslo High School class of 1960 celebrated its 50th class reunion on September 22, 2010, in Minneapolis. Back row, left to right: Wayne Anderson, Miles Quern, Pat (O'Keeffe) Hutton, James Bushaw, Maxine (Campbell) Bushaw, and Loren Quern. Front row, left to right: Mary Frances (Duffy) Gerszewski, Janet (Johnson) Smith, Mary Anne (Duffy) Haakenson, Rosemary (Gerszewski) Walden, and Linda (Durkin) Murphy.

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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 grandchildren, 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.

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November 1, 2010 - April 30, 2011

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2011 Class Reunions

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WHS 1956 - July 28 Suzie Omdahl Jevning suzie@mncable.net

WHS 1961 - July 29 & 30 Chuck Cheney ccheney@far.midco.net

WHS 1966 - July 30 Mary Conely Dahlman Marydahlman@hotmail.com

WHS 1966 - Sept. 17 & 18 Kent Peterson kent@peterson.us

WHS 1971 - July 29 & 30 Kathy Hillman Peterson

Kathleen.peterson@email.und.edu

WHS 1981 - July 29 & 30 Melanie (Fulks) Nelson dmnels@wiktel.com

OHS 1981 - July 15 & 16 Connie Nelson Strand cjstrand@gra.midco.net

WAHS 1991 - July 30 Mitch Franks Mitch.Franks8480@gmail.com

WAO 2001 - July 27, 29 & 30 Ashley (Pagnac) Anderson jakeash@wiktel.com

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.



The Foundation funds a pottery making class. Pictured are Keaton Laymon, top, and Danny Mattson, bottom.



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.

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November 1, 2010 – April 30, 2011

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Chat with the Chairman

by Carol Anderson

Dear Alumni and Friends of Education,

2011 has been another exciting year with the Foundation! New and exciting things have happened in the elementary and high school buildings thanks to the generous donations that have been provided to us. Our donor wall is awesome, thanks to you!

This spring we facilitated 29 scholarships to 23 WAO seniors totaling \$22,250. Thank you all for helping our students as they continue their education. Eight of these recipients have the potential of having their scholarship renewed for three more years which would leave them each with a scholarship that would value \$4,000. The Schuler Endowment has reached the goal that the group of fundraisers set. This scholarship will be awarded for the first time in 2013.

Our seventh annual "Celebrate Music and the Arts" was held April 7. Denise Gaber Ostby from Roseau was our headliner. We had a wide scope of other wonderful entertainment, which ranged from cowboy poetry, dance, violin, solos and trios. At our last foundation board meeting we decided to take a year off from this event and we hope to come back in the spring of 2013.

Our office manager, Marie Goodwin, who also served as a board member, resigned in March, as did board member Cara Miller. Marie had served nine years and Cara three years. They were both dedicated board members, and are missed very much. Thank you for your service. At our annual meeting, Donna Jenkins and Russell Miller were elected to serve as board members. Welcome Donna and Russell! We know that you'll both bring much to our board.

This spring we funded over \$8,000 worth of need requests from the WAO staff.

An anonymous donor and Northwest Mutual Foundation offered a double match for Industrial Technology if we could raise \$1,500/up to \$2500. The project has far exceeded our expectations thanks to many wonderful folks!

Many class reunions are scheduled for the summer. The contacts that we've been able to gather are listed elsewhere in this paper. We hope that alumni and friends from near and far will participate in our annual golf scramble that will be held on July 29, during the Marshall County Fair. The fee is \$45.00. You may e-mail us to sign your team up!

Our database is constantly being updated. If you relocate, PLEASE send us an e-mail at edfoundation@wao.k12.mn.us or call us at 218-745-4646 EX 317 to give us your new address and phone numbers. We certainly appreciate all of the updates that we've already received. We are really trying to update our e-mail addresses also. Perhaps one day we'll e-mail the "Connections" out rather than mailing it! Our database is only as accurate as you help make it.

WAO Custodians

"We can't succeed without you!"

Larry Hanson is a 1976 graduate of Warren High School. He is currently employed at the WAO Elementary School, but has also worked at the high school. His total years of employment at both schools are 35 years. He says that getting to know the students and helping them when they need assistance are always fun parts of his job.

As one can tell by how these people feel about the WAO students, our school community is very

fortunate to have such a caring staff of custodial workers. Our students not only get a good education in the classroom, but they also have a special resource of people to learn from who have a great work ethic and are always there with a friendly smile. And remember this, when sporting events, concerts, Christmas programs, musicals or banquets are over, they are the people who are the last to leave and turn out the lights.

2011 Class Reunions!

Welcome Home! We hope that your class reunion planning is well under way and that many of you are able to participate in the events that are planned and multiplying! As a reminder, the American Cancer Society for the Marshall County Relay for Life chapter is working to connect with all high school alumni holding class reunions in 2011. The Relay "Alumni Team" represents all alumni, annually, in the Marshall County Relay for Life. The donations raised by the "Alumni Team" during your class reunion events contribute directly to the Marshall County chapter of the American Cancer Society assisting your family, friends and loved ones in the area impacted by cancer. This link contains more information regarding the Alumni Team and how to include the Relay for Life in your activities. The donations are open to all alumni and not limited to only classes with reunions this year! Anyone can use this link and form to include in your

charitable contributions regularly. http://www.wao.k12.mn.us/ education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectiondetailid =428&linkid=nav-menu-container-4-17618

The American Cancer Society Relay is a 501©3 organization. If your employer has a donation matching program, any contributions are eligible to be matched. Julie (Fulks) Jonasson, Class of 1980, is the captain for this team. Please visit the link and contact Julie regarding the matching program and any other questions you may have. Consider making it an annual practice to include the American Cancer Society as a part of your annual donation cadence. We appreciate your consideration, and the consideration of your class, regarding adopting the American Cancer Society for the Marshall County Relay for Life as your sponsored charity for your class reunion and beyond.

By: Julie (Fulks) Jonasson, WHS 1980



Ron LaBine & Larry Hanson

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News and Notes . . .

Chris Kujava, WHS 1988, currently serves both Norman and Marshall Counties as director of Social Services. Chris has served Norman County nearly 5 years and recently agreed to take part in "an experiment in the redesigning of public services governance." He will divide his time between the two counties. He resides in Ada, with his wife Kari (Strickler), WHS 1989, who is an administrative assistant at the Wild Rice Watershed District. They have two children, Payton and Taylor.

From one alum to another...earlier this year, Rodney Jorgenson, WHS 1973, was presented his Fire Chief Badge by former chief, Wayne Larson, WHS 1978, Wayne was the head of the Warren Volunteer Fire Department from 2009-11. Rodney will serve as chief to 23 men who are currently on the roster for the Warren area.

Congratulations to Carol Anderson, WAO Education Foundation President, for being named "WAO Friend of Education". Education Minnesota honors exceptional people that give generously to their school and community.

A note was received from Annette Merriken, stating her mother, Evelyn (Fischer) Cernousek, WHS 1935, passed away Jan. 1, 2011, at the age of 93. Evelyn enjoyed attending the reunions and avidly read the newsletter. Evelyn and her sisters, Grace, WHS 1947, and Ida, WHS 1930, graduated from Warren. Grace passed away in 2007. Ida, will celebrate her 100 birthday, July 2, 2011, in Florida.

Eric and Lori Johnson, WHS 1980, were recently named Marshall County's 2011 Valley Farmer and Homemaker. The family farm, west of Warren, has been in production since the 1930's. Eric's dad, James, WHS 1954, and mother, Shirley (Strand) WHS 1956, are retired from the business. Eric currently farms with his two sons, Jordon and Justin and brother, Neil.

Celebrity talk around the Warren area, reports Jordan Hennessy, WAO 2009, appearing on TV's Funniest Home Videos. He and a friend recently won \$10,000 in the first round of competition and were flown to Los Angeles to compete for the top prize of \$100,000. The name of his video is "Wax on, Wax OUCH!

Marlene Carlson, WHS 1958, recently won first place in the East Grand Forks Campbell Library short-story contest with a story she wrote, entitled, "My Good Left Ear". It is about an elderly woman with Alzhiemer's Disease. Marlene and her husband, Mylo, are retired and reside at rural Angus. They have 4 children, 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Sunday Night Cruisers is a group of car enthusiasts that meet in Warren during the summer months. Members enjoy great fellowship and participation in area car shows, cruises, and parades. A 2011 calendar was made for a Relay for Life Team Fund Raiser with the help of this group. Former Warren Alumni who are involved and those who helped with the calendar are: Dean and Mary (Conely) Dahlman, Mike and Donna (Vansickle) Franks, Don and Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler, Ron, Joni (Potucek) and Brenna Ranstrom, Rolland, Cara and Brent Miller, Cindy (Rehder) and the late Dwight Anderson, Sandra (Stone) and the late Laurie Forslund, Stan Haugtvedt, Bruce and Bev Ranstrom, Bob and Mavis Elseth, Bob and Vicky (Nicholls) Kliner.

The WAO Foundation Board thanks the Warren Jaycees for the generous gift they gave to defray the cost of special events in the elementary school. It will help ease the expenses placed on families so every student may participate in the activities.

WAO Ed Foundation, Thank you for the treats (snacks/granola bars) provided for the students during the MCA testing. It's much appre-**WAO** teachers ciated.

"Thank you for the Flip Video Camera you purchased for my program. The children love watching themselves. I am in awe of what the foundation has done and continues to do for our children and those that help their eager minds along." **Patrice Pribula**

"Thank you for allowing me to purchase the three calculators needed for my class."

Thank you for the Flip Video Camera. It is a great tool to use in the classroom and for special productions. Mona Schroeder

"Thank you for the New Teacher Incentives for my classroom. I purchased equipment to enhance my multi-media presentations. Your generosity helps make the first year at WAO a great one."

We would like to thank the WAO Education Foundation and the anonymous donor for helping us purchase rain suits for the boy's and girl's golf program. This is an item needed for a long time and the extra money was a "perfect fit".

Golf Coaches, Bob Miller and Dave Schroeder

"I purchased a Mobile Organizer and Flip Video Camera for my classroom. Thank you very much. I am excited to share information with parents using this technology. ' Kari Miska

"Thank you so much for the Smart Station! We are all excited and very much appreciate your commitment to students at WAO."

Stacy Hanson and 1st Grade Class

Colleen Welch

"Thank you kindly for the purchase of a membership in the Junior Library Guild. The many books that our elementary library will receive will be appreciated and enjoyed for years to come." Jeanne Johnson

"Thank you for the Flip Video Camera. The children will benefit from the use of the new technology."

Marilyn Edman, Renee Borowicz and Kindergarten Children

"A huge thank you for funding Guide Reading Books and Reader's Theater Scripts. They add interest and variety to our Guided Reading Library. This funding will enhance the education of our emerging readers." Mary Beth Edman

The WAO Education Foundation appreciates any info sent in to be shared from past graduates from the Warren Alvarado Oslo area. Keep it 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. 1930 WHS Gladys (Andeen) Johnson 1933 OHS Edna (Shane) Nelson 1935 WHS Evelyn (Fischer) Cernousek 1937 AHS Deloris (Mackie) Engevik 1938 OHS Madeline (Holter) Morberg 1939 WHS Alger Johnson Kenneth Helm 1939 WHS Marjorie (Stroble) Vanek 1939 WHS 1940 AHS Norma (Hanson) Nicholls 1941 AHS Geraldine (Bosard) McDonald 1942 WHS Eileen (Oberg) Filipi 1944 AHS Milton Sands 1944 WHS Constance (Sorenson) Brooks Evelyn (Grabanski) Feltman 1947 AHS 1947 WHS Emil Gollnick 1948 AHS Clarabelle (Hammerback) McLeod Betty (Meyer) Zutz 1948 WHS Joyce (Malm) Johnson 1948 WHS 1948 WHS Wallace Anderson Darlyne (Larson) Christianson 1949 WHS Donald Malm 1949 WHS Curtis Olimb 1951 OHS Rodger Miller 1952 AHS 1952 WHS Marilyn (Howe) Froehling 1954 WHS Bonnie (Swanson) Glass 1955 AHS Gerald Pokrzywinski 1955 OHS Edwin Plutowski 1956 OHS Mavis (Quern) Eliason 1956 WHS Karlene (Nelson) Jenkins 1956 WHS Yvonne (Potucek) Peplinski 1957 WHS LaVerne "Bud" Owens 1957 WHS Shirley (Sommers) Dillon Lowell J Anderson 1958 WHS 1958-60 OHS Charlotte Upham Patterson (staff) Gerald Heggestuen 1960 AHS Jeanette Dobias 1961 WHS 1965 OHS Elroy Jenkins 1965 WHS Ronald Miska 1967 OHS Scott Hoff 1968 WHS Duane Jagol

1976 WHS Catherine Mock

1996 WAOHSMichael Swanson Friend Alice (Myrfield) Ethier

Friend Elmer Sabol

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Wayne John Grochow Memorial Scholarship – Willis Grochow, Ian Tibert and Janice Grochow



Newell E. Aas Memorial Scholarship – Ian Tibert



Richard P. Nelson Memorial Scholarship – Emilie Nelson, Jayce Hapka, Bruce Nelson and Shiela Nelson



Jeff Evin Memorial Scholarship – Ben Rehder, Betty Evin, Wanda Evin, Nicholas Evin, Heather Evin and Tyler Evin



Greg M. Haugen Memorial Scholarship – Miriam Pruneda, Benjamin Rehder, Jessica Korynta, Keaton Laymon and Kendra Aakre,



Jumpstart Scholarship – Curtis Nelson



WAO Education Foundation Scholarship – Front row: Chris Deschene, Holly Ann Carlson, Katie Hess. Back row: Wade Narlock, Garrett Lysford and Dalton Rolland,



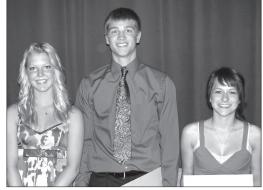
Vivian Olson Scholarship – Kristin Iverson



WHS Class of 1957 Scholarship – Bobbi Hedquist, Alvina Henrickson, Marilyn Kasprowicz, Katie Hess, Delores Sedlacek, Treasure Omdahl and Shirley Hamrick



Muriel Maruska/Roley Scholarship – Rick Roley and John Knute



Lyle H. Engelstad Scholarship – Kelle Lavecchia, Danny Mattson and Julia Goroski and missing Aaron Judovsky



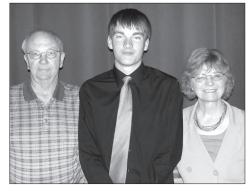
Richard Melgard Memorial Scholarship – Christian Erickson and Julia Goroski



Robert L. Strandberg Memorial Scholarship – Tyler Miller, RuthAnn Strandberg and Curtis Nelson



Alvarado Lions Scholarship – Ben Welin and Kristin Iverson



Myron & Margaret Carlson Scholarship – Mylo Carlson, Wade Narlock, Janet Aakre

Pending Scholarships ~ WHS Class of 1969 Still Needs Funding

The WHS Class of 1969 is still seeking donations to become fully endowed. Any donations to this fund would be greatly appreciated. Please designate on the donation envelope if you are adding to this fund.

NVHC Working Towards Replacement Facility

In 2007, Administration and the Board of Directors of North Valley Health Center (NVHC), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, began looking at the current facility as part of NVHC's strategic plan. With all the changes the organization has experienced and continues to experience, it was decided that something had to be done to assure that the delivery of quality care remained a fixture to the families and friends in the communities we serve.

NVHC received a planning and transition grant in 2008 that was used on a study to help decide whether to embark on an extensive remodeling effort or build a new replacement facility. This study identified the inefficiencies of the current facility and laid out pricing scenarios on possible projects that would correct those inefficiencies. Upon extensive review of the study, the decision was made to move forward with a replacement facility on a new site.

The current facility was constructed in 1958 and no longer meets the demands of today's healthcare standards. Our eight patient rooms have limited privacy as they were built as double patient rooms with a shared bathroom. The bathrooms are not handicap accessible and do not have private showers. Patients currently share one shower room throughout the facility.

At the time the building was constructed, few people knew about MRI's, CT Scans, ultrasounds, digital mammography, or any other commonly used outpatient procedures. Due to improved medical procedures and technology, approximately 70% of the care today revolves around these services. NVHC has taken steps to increase these services, but they continue to grow with new technology and patient demands. The current facility is in desperate need of more space to expand these services even further.

Other building inefficiencies include the location and cohesiveness of various departments, the need for a separate emergency entrance, the need for a drive-through ambulance garage, and a drive-up canopy with additional parking for our patients.

Planning and design of the new replacement facility began in 2009 and the construction documents are almost complete meaning this project is "shovel ready." NVHC is currently pursuing various financing options to fund the project.

NVHC believes the future of healthcare delivery in the communities we serve depends on the success of this replacement facility. This replacement facility will enhance the privacy, efficiency, and safety of all our patients. It will assure current services are provided, create the opportunity for new and additional services, and improve the recruiting and retention of medical staff and other employees.

Administration and the Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all the families and friends that choose our facility for their healthcare needs and support our various projects with donations along with all our providers, staff, and ambulance volunteers that provide exceptional care to our patients. Together, we can assure that medical services are available to all area residents!

Mitchell A. Kotrba Chief Financial Officer North Valley Health Center



The Ed Foundation funds Reading Theatre books for the WAO Elementary students.



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Pony Alumni Basketball Reunion

A Pony Ålumni Basketball Reunion will be held from 9 a.m. to Noon, Saturday, July 30, in the Warren Gymnasium. That's also the weekend of the Marshall County Fair. A social will be held from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., followed by a celebration of the establishment of Coach Gary Schuler's scholarship endowment fund. In addition, there will be about two hours worth of pick-up basketball games for former players to participate in. The cost is \$20 per player. With all proceeds to go to the school for either the basketball programs or however they want to use the money. If you are interested in attending, please connect with Brent Loeslie (507-398-3263) or Pete Myszkowski (507-271-8090) to sign up.

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.

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