

# Connections

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## Joe Corradi closing out 40 years in education



Joe Corradi

After four decades of teaching and coaching, Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Social Studies teacher, Joe Corradi, has decided to close his final book and retire. His many years in education have seen him touch the lives of many students from these three communities. His presence as a popular teacher and friend to all students will be difficult to replace.

Mr. Corradi's road to a career in education began in the central Iron Range area of Hibbing where he attended public schools and graduated in 1963. Besides himself, he pointed out many other famous Bluejacket alumni including NBA Hall of Famer Kevin McHale; former Minnesota North Stars hockey player, Mike Polich; the Los Angeles Orange County prosecuting attorney in the infamous Charles Manson murder trial, Vincent Bugliosi; and Robert Zimmerman who is better known as rock and roll legend, Bob Dylan.

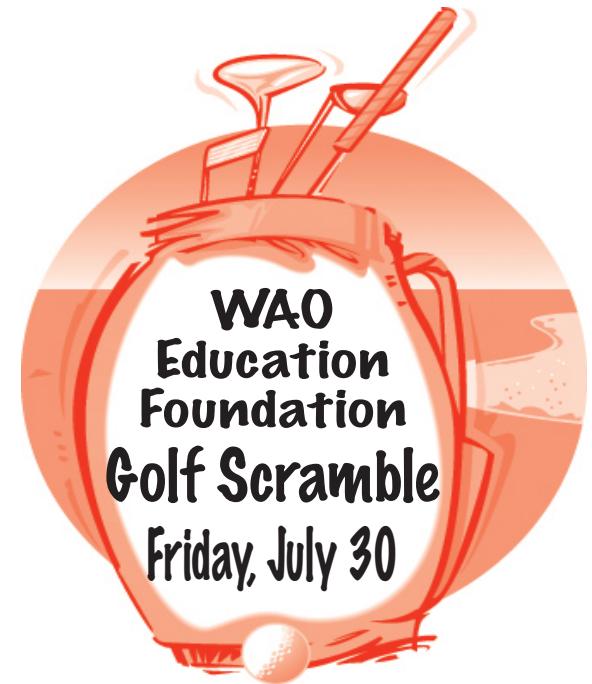
Following high school he attended Hibbing Community College for two years. Then he took a couple of years off from school and entered the work force being employed at various taconite plants in the Iron Range area. Because of his love for geography and history, he decided to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Studies at Bemidji State College where he graduated in 1970.

During his college years, he met his wife, Jean whom he has been married to for 40 years. They have two children including a son, Chris and a daughter, Erin, who are graduates of Valley North High School in Oslo. They also have four grandchildren.

Joe began his teaching career at Oslo High School in 1970 where he taught Social Studies and was the Bobcat's head girl's basketball coach. In 1987 Oslo and Alvarado co-oped and became the Valley North Raiders for extra-curricular events. He was also their long-time assistant volleyball coach. Then in 1994, Warren, Alvarado, and Oslo consolidated to become the WAO Ponies. He has taught in Warren for the last 16 years.

Joe is very well known for his Friday current events quizzes and for his huge I-tune collection of 1950's and 60's rock and roll songs. At Warren, he also continued as assistant volleyball coach until he stepped down in 2009.

For the last 10 years he has been the official scorer at Pony boys basketball games. He has always had a love for baseball and softball. He helped out coaching the Oslo Summer Rec baseball program for a number of years. Joe also played slow pitch softball for 15 years including a year when his team won the North Dakota Class A championship sending them to the National tournament played in New York. (Continued on Page 5)



Join the WAO Education Foundation for their 6th Annual  
**Golf Scramble Fundraiser**  
**Friday, July 30, 2010**  
at Riverside Golf Course,  
Warren, MN

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.

**\$35.00/person**

Pre-registration strongly suggested, see form on the left  
contact Marie Goodwin at  
(218) 745-4646 ext. 317 or  
email: edfoundation@wao.k12.mn.us  
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## Golf Registration Form

Please return this with your entry fee. (\$35/person)

Team Member's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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# William Saetre and many others entertain at “Celebrate Music and the Arts”



William "Billy" Saetre sang many opera, musical theatre and old favorites.



William Saetre accompanied by Marlys Murphy and Michael Ashton

## Vocal Performers

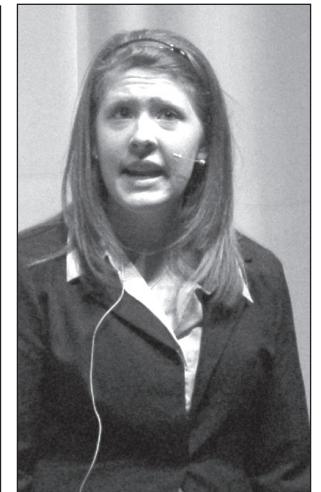


Sophia Maruska accompanied by Mona Schroeder

## Speech



Jordan Ranstrom



Melissa Mager



60's Chicks: Arlene Hampton, JoAnn Saunders, Joyce Knoll and Sharon Larson, accompanied by Carol Bowman.

The Foundation thanks William Saetre and the many other talented performers that made the 2010 Education Foundation fundraiser held on April 22nd a success. Thanks also to emcee Doug Safar, Kyle Bergem's class for the video production and all the behind-the-scene volunteers.



Maria Omdahl and Kelle Lavecchia

## Instrumental



Micah Hamm



Percussion Octet: Kirsten Kleven, Ryan Sha, Keaton Laymon, Zach Riopelle, Tyler Miller, Colton Laymon, Jordan Ranstrom, Tyler Holt

## Dance

Steps Dance Academy: Tiny Steps, Twinkle Toes, Fancy Feet and Kix



## News and Notes . . .

*I am a retired elementary school teacher who lives north of Mankato, MN. I have 5 kids and 3 grandkids. If you don't know me, you probably know one of my following friends: Betty (Anderson) Evin (WHS '47). We have been friends since we were big enough to walk across Fletcher Avenue. Frances (Pinkerton) Fanfulik (WHS '46) and I left Warren for college from the bus depot at the Warren Hotel and Eileen (Stinar) Johnson (WHS '45) is my only living cousin. All my Carlson and Nelson relatives were from Alvarado. My grandfather, Henry Nelson built the bank there. The building, with his name on it was still standing the last time I was in Alvarado.*

Joyce Carson Eaton (WHS '46)

*Dear Education Foundation. I'm honored to be an Education Foundation scholarship recipient. I appreciate your generosity and support of my continued education.*

Tyler Golden (WAO '09)

Dr. David A. Fischer, (WHS '62) has been team doctor for the Minnesota Timberwolves, Minnesota Vikings and the 1992 U.S. Olympic basketball team. Dr. Fischer, a founding physician of the TRIA orthopedic center at Bloomington, was the Vikings' medical director for over 25 years and has been the Timberwolves team doctor since 1989. Dr. Fischer an orthopedic surgeon, specializes in the knee and total knee arthroplasty, as well as sports medicine.

*Thank you for the gong! It will be put to good use!*

Band Director Bill Sedgeman and students Zach Riopelle, Bailey Jenkins, Colton & Keaton Laymon, Tyler Miller, Courtney Holub, and Ryan Sha

Did you know that Sig and Marlene Silnes of Warren are the great-aunt and uncle of twins Jocelyne and Monique Lamoureux of Grand Forks, the two stars that competed in the Vancouver winter Olympics as members of the US women's hockey team? There are six children in the Lamoureux family: Phillippe, Jacques, Mario, Pierre-Paul, Jocelyne and Monique. All the siblings are involved in hockey at some level. Their parents are Pierre and Linda of Grand Forks. Their grandmother is Edith Silness-Soli, (WHS '52) who grew up in Warren and now resides in Grand Forks. Great grandmother is the late Florence Silnes, a lifetime Warren resident.

*Thank you for your newsletter, I must confess that I have been curious about how things have changed since I attended high school way back when!! It has been at least thirty years since I was back there, and it obviously has changed a lot.*

Wayne Selness (Alvarado '65)

**The WAO Education Foundation appreciates any info sent in to be shared from past graduates from the Warren Alvarado Oslo area. Keep them coming!**

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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.*

# Tribute and Memorial Gifts

November 1, 2009 – April 30, 2010

**In Memory of Marian (Aamot) Heck**  
Jim & Diane Forbes

**In Memory of Erling Lundgren**  
Duane & Shari Swanson  
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**In Memory of Marlys Oien**  
Jerry & Patrice Pribula

**In Honor of WHS Class of 1948**  
Kenneth L. Johnson

**In Memory of Marguerite (Engen) Lidberg**  
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**In Memory of Betty (Dagoberg) Stanley**  
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**In Memory of Jim Nybakken**  
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**In Tribute to the WAO Education Foundation**  
Joyce (Carlson) Eaton

**In Memory of Bonnie Jagol**  
Shirley Kollin

**In Memory of Clinton & Margrette Lundgren**  
Mary (Lundgren) Hauck

**In Memory William (Slim) Omdahl**  
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Robert & Jennifer (Grochow) Audette  
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**In Memory of Robert L. Strandberg**  
Ruth Ann Strandberg  
Joyce (Carlson) Eaton

**In Memory of Phyllis Stinar**  
Steve & Marie Goodwin  
Frances Fanfulik  
Carol J. Anderson  
Richard & Mary Beth Edman  
Ruth Ann Strandberg  
Earl & Linda Johnson  
Ed & Linda Turn

**In Tribute to WHS Class of 1957**  
Roger & Treasure Omdahl  
Anonymous

**In Memory of the Taralseth Family**  
Linda Donnelly

**In Memory of Percy Gilbert & In Honor of Fern Gilbert**  
Pat (Gilbert) Carlson

**In Memory of Donna Patterson**  
Gary & Shawna Schuler

**In Memory of Gregory Haugen**  
Erman & Betty Ueland

**In Honor of Robert & Mona Rae Fagerstrom's 50th Anniversary**  
Carol J. Anderson  
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**In Memory of Harold Myhre**  
Justin & Kim Myhre  
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Carol J. Anderson  
Dr Tom & Rebecca Bro  
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**In Tribute to WHS Class of 1959**  
Romelle Vanek  
Russell & Pat Juvrud

**In Memory of Patricia Hoggarth**  
Arlyn & Marilyn Stroble

**In Honor of David Duckstad's 80th Birthday**  
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**In Memory of Newell E Aas**  
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Dick Rominski

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**In Memory of Nancy L. Olson**  
Family of Nancy L. Olson

**In Tribute to Dewey Swanson**  
Warren Sheaf

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Doris Erickson

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**In Memory of Alger Johnson**  
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**In Memory of Joan Rokke**  
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Peder & Karen Larson  
Leona Neegard  
Roger & Treasure Omdahl

**In Memory of Ann Marie (Botko) Ash**  
Elsie Conely  
Aldon & Janice Filipi  
Romelle Vanek  
Jim & Janice Pulkrabek

**In Memory of Ervin Broten**  
Doris Erickson  
Ruth Ann Strandberg

**In Memory of Lois Confer**  
Steve & Marie Goodwin  
Paul & Janet Aakre  
Allyn & Sue Roley  
John W. Johnson  
Richard & Mary Beth Edman

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Carol J. Anderson  
Arlyn & Marilyn Stroble

**In Memory of Isabelle Matcha**  
Darlene Haave  
Carol J. Anderson  
Russell & Pat Juvrud  
Richard & Mary Beth Edman

**In Tribute to Art & Donny VanSickle**  
Joyce (Carlson) Eaton

**In Memory of Lloyd Nordling**  
Mildred Olson

**In Memory of Micky Nicholls**  
Joyce (Carlson) Eaton

**In Memory of Bob & Myrtle Dahlstrom**  
Ruth Ann Strandberg

**In Memory of Nell Kruger**  
Cal & Betty Melgard  
Betty Evin  
Ruth (Kasprick) Beiswenger  
Carol J. Anderson  
Roger & Treasure Omdahl

**In Memory of Edwin Anderson**  
Family & Friends  
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Phil & Gloria Thompson  
John & Jean Walker  
Rick & Nancy Mattson  
Eric & Lori Johnson

Alan, Lana, Sophia Maruska  
Tom & Jan Aafedt  
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Jeanie Ulferts  
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Duane & Shari Swanson

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Earl & Linda Johnson  
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Roger & Treasure Omdahl

**In Memory of Vivian Olson**  
Lynette Holter

**In Memory of Marie (Brda) Schumacher**  
Frances Fanfulik

**In Memory of Daphine Olson**  
Selmer & Elaine Heck

**In Memory of Willard Elseth**  
Sharon (Botko) Kays

**In Memory of John Weiland**  
Steve & Marie Goodwin  
Sharon (Botko) Kays

## 2010 Class Reunion Dates and Contacts

**WHS 1960 - July 28-31**

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Sharon Botko Kays

**WHS 1970 - July 31**

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Marilyn Stroble  
amstroble@frontiernet.net

**WHS 1980 - July 30-31**

Lori Toupin Johnson  
ljjohnson@bremer.com  
Connie Tress Kliner

**WHS 1990 - July 30**

Michelle Kirkland Stricker  
mstrickler@mncable.net  
Jan Mortimer

**WAO 2000 - July 30-31**

Cindy Nowacki Franks  
cindy\_330@hotmail.com

## Golf Scramble Update

Due to the high number of participants in our golf fundraiser, we will be changing the format from an 18-hole tournament to an 18-hole scramble with the first 9 hole's scores to determine the tournament winner. The main objective of the day is for alumni and classmates to spend a relaxing fun-filled day together. Please join us on Friday, July 30th and remember to call the golf course (218-745-4028) to reserve golf carts.



Students are playing the Memory Game which provides excellent practice for developing concentration and memory skills while matching various words. These students are matching rhyming words. Other skill cards included in the game are, beginning sounds, cvc words, upper and lowercase letters, parts of speech, and contraction words.

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

## Donations

November 1, 2009 – April 30, 2010

Wayne W Wood	Lindley Knoll
Ruth Beiswenger	Donna (Copp) Drews
John Holmstrom	Dale Haakenson
William C & Marie Sedgeman	Julie Eklund
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Sylvester & Carol Vanyo	Mark & Judy Flaten
Dale & Evie Ljunggren	Mintie Ferguson
Dr Ken Henry	Calvin & Amber Schoepp
Duan M Bjerke	Craig Peterson
Nancy Grabowski	Scott Brekke
Wayne & Shawn Spidahl	Mark & Claudia (Roley) Thompson
Faye Wallsten	June (Strandell) Myller
Alvarado Lions Club	Duane & Jerrilyn Potucek
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John P Mattson	Bryan & Kathy Thygeson
Robert Norman	Gerry Bergeron
John Norman	Myron & Irmy Haugen
Brent Loeslie	John Short
Connie Palmer	Roger Quern
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Lucille (Judovsky) Bruce	Warren Jaycees
James E Anderson	James R Olsen
Calvin Melgard	Raymond Larson
Pat (Neegard) Anderson	Norman Halsaa
Richard Cherveney	Betty (VanBaalen) Goodwin
John & LaVerne (Storbakken) Messelt	Anonymous
Ronald Nowacki	Darlene (Sherry) Sitko
Florence (Steer) Rood	Wanda Evin & Family
Wayne & Carole (Stroble) Edgar	Rodney & Janis Carlson
Tim & Kay Filipi	Phil Thompson & Associates
Wayne Jordheim	Anonymous
James P Boardson	Jon & Sue Holter
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Milt Sommers	Warren Chamber of Commerce
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Sharon (Botko) Kays	GFWC Mawami Club
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Neil & Marilyn Mattson	Ida Jo Nelson
Warren One Fund	Delray & Tammy Sparby
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Gay (Wages) Oehlke	Doug & Jane Safar
Carol J. Anderson	Jean (Mattson) Larson
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## Chat with the Chairman

by Carol Anderson

Dear Alumni and Friends of Education,

Greetings from the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo Education Foundation!

2010 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 continues to grow, thanks to you!

This spring we facilitated 30 scholarships to 21 WAO seniors totaling \$22,750. We are pleased to have the additions of the following scholarships to the foundation: Richard P. Nelson Memorial Scholarship, Newell E. Aas Memorial Scholarship, Wayne John Grochow Memorial Scholarship, Richard Melgard Memorial Scholarship, WHS Class of 1957 Scholarship, and the Earl and Treasure (Toby) McGregor Scholarship. Thank you all for helping our students as they continue their education.

Our sixth annual "Celebrate Music and the Arts" was very successful. William "Billy" Saetre, former Warren student, came back from Germany where he has been singing opera for twenty years to perform for us. He was accompanied by a friend from Germany and Marlys Murphy from Manvel. In addition to Billy's part of the program, many local dancers, speech entries, and local musicians performed. There is a wealth of talent in northwest Minnesota! Our willing and able volunteers were wonderful with the decorating, serving and clean up.

Jon Holter left our board at the end of 2009. At our March annual meeting, Tim Finseth was elected to serve the remaining term. Thank you for your service to the foundation, Jon!

Many class reunions are scheduled for the summer. We hope that alumni and friends from near and far will participate in our annual golf scramble that will be held on July 30th during the Marshall County Fair.

Our database is constantly being updated. We now have all of the Oslo alumni entered in, too. If you relocate, PLEASE send us an e-mail at [edfoundation@wao.k12.mn.us](mailto:edfoundation@wao.k12.mn.us) or call us at 218-745-4646, ext. 317, to give us your new address and phone numbers. Our database is only as accurate as you help make it.

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

## Corradi

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His most important activity for retirement will be to spend a lot of time watching his grandchildren grow and participate in school activities. He also hopes to do some traveling in the future. In past years, Joe and Jean were both very active and very talented bowlers, but he concedes those days are over. Whatever the future brings, he will have many wonderful memories of a job well done as an educator.

In closing Joe commented, "I loved all the years I taught. The main reason for that was because of the students I had the pleasure to teach and get to know. It was my goal to make my classes interesting and fun, but also make my students know the main objective for them was to learn. Their willingness to do that always made my job easier."



## Recognize anyone?

This picture was taken in 1957 when these boys were 10 years old. Kathy (Dalquist) West, a published author and Warren High Graduate of 1966 received this picture from one of the boys in the class, Paul Short. Kathy's brother Richard Dalquist, deceased, is in the picture as well and she has decided to write a book on this group of men who are now in their 60's. Her working title for the book will be "My Brother's Class" and will feature mini-biographies of each of the boys as they have grown up. Some have passed away, many have moved away, and others are still in the Warren area. If you recognize anyone in this picture, please contact Kathy at [west.kathleen@verizon.net](mailto:west.kathleen@verizon.net) or 2310 Bahamas Drive, Garland, TX 75044.

If an individual in the picture is deceased, the family and friends are invited to share what information they would like in memory of that individual. Anyone who recognizes himself and does not wish to participate for whatever reason will have his wishes respected. Please, however, let Kathy know if you opt out of the book. Each participating family or individual will receive an autographed copy of the book when published.

## WHS Class of 1973

The WHS class of 1973 has created a web site called "WHS - Class of 1973" Check it out at <http://whsclass1973.shutterstock.com/>

**Marshall County Fair ~  
July 28-Aug. 1**

## Visit us the WAO website

Click on the WAO Ed. Foundation link at the school's website: [www.wao.k12.mn.us](http://www.wao.k12.mn.us) It is updated frequently with Foundation news.

## Where are they now . . .

**Brian Black** (Warren Class of 1959) former Pony All Conference running back and a tri-captain of the basketball team, was named County Citizen of the Year, during the annual Dayton, Washington, Chamber of Commerce Banquet. He was honored for his leadership in building the Columbia County Veteran's Memorial. It is an amazing structure that stands at the edge of Dayton. Brian is very proud that all funds for this project were donated and it was built completely by devoted volunteers. The county is very appreciative of Brian's dedication to this effort as it is a very inspiring tribute to the sacrifices given for our country. Brian worked as a power lineman until his retirement 4 years ago. He and his wife Diane have 2 daughters and 2 granddaughters.

**Dale Haakenson** (Oslo Class of 1958) is retired from the Boeing Company after 43 years as an electrical engineer. Dale and Diane now reside in Valley Center, CA. in rural San Diego County.

**Wayne Jordheim** (Warren Class of 1983) is a Supervisory Engineer at the Navel Undersea Warfare Center in Keyport, WA. He continues to excel in music being principal trombone for symphony, opera and ballet venues. He also enjoys playing in a brass quintet, trombone choir and jazz band. His new interest is a little grandson, Kaelan.

**Krista (Mallinger) Montgomery** (Oslo Class of 1980) was named 2009 Horsewoman of the Year by the Red River Horse Breeders. She received her Bachelor's Degree in equestrian studies from Findlay College in Ohio, and has been involved with horses her whole life. Krista, her husband, Shawn, and 3 children, own and operate the MonteRay Ranch at Manvel, ND.

**Kelly Mattson** (WAO Class of 1997) has recently returned to Warren, purchasing and managing the Elm Crest Motel.

**John Messelt** (Oslo Class of 1963) and wife, Laverne (Storbakken) Messelt, (Oslo Class of 1967) live in Kimball, MN. He does strategic planning for schools throughout the United States. He writes that many of the best districts have education foundations such as the WAO Foundation that enhance schools during this time of limited resources.

**Billy Saetre**, a native of Warren, and a 1979 graduate of Thief River Falls High School, recently was guest soloist at the "Celebrate Music" fundraiser. He graduated from St. Olaf College and holds a Master of Music degree from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. He has been singing professionally for 25 years, performing with many renowned opera companies throughout the United States and Europe. He resides in Hamburg, Germany.

Other members of Billy's family are; father, Warren, lives in TRF; mother, Margaret (Strunk), Warren Class of 1942, recently deceased; David (Janet), Warren Class of 1969, Ashland, WI.; Anne (Steve) Josephson, Warren Class of 1972, Eau Claire, WI.; Nancy (Knut) Thorsgard, Warren Class of 1973, Detroit Lakes, MN.; Linda (Steve) Ramirez, TRF Class of 1975, Crystal, MN.; and Steven, TRF Class of 1980, Ashland, WI.

While making desserts for "Celebrate Music", **Jean Leverington** shared the whereabouts of her family, all Warren graduates.

**Mark** (Class of 1984) graduated from the U of M in Mortuary Science. He and his wife Debbie own and operate a funeral home in Belle Fouché, SD. They have 4 children.

**Shari (Kim) Erdman** (Class of 1990) graduated from Moorhead Tech. She is an executive administrator for Reell Precision Manufacturing. Shari, Kim and their 3 children reside in Rush City, MN.

**Heidi (Tony) Gardner** (Class of 1996) lives in Madison, WI. She graduated from MSU in 2000 and is a stay at home mom at this time. They have 3 children.

**Paul** (Class of 1999) graduated from NDSU and is currently the CEO of Northern Tier Seed Company, Thompson, ND. He resides in Argusville with his 5 year old son, Kaden.

**Former teachers, Paul and Sue (Sorenson) Mark**, are retired and living in Phoenix AZ. Sue taught in the Warren Elementary School while Paul taught in the Jr-Sr High School in Oslo. He later went into pharmaceutical sales and Sue ran her own business. Their two children live in the Seattle area, which they visit often to see grandsons, William and Christopher.

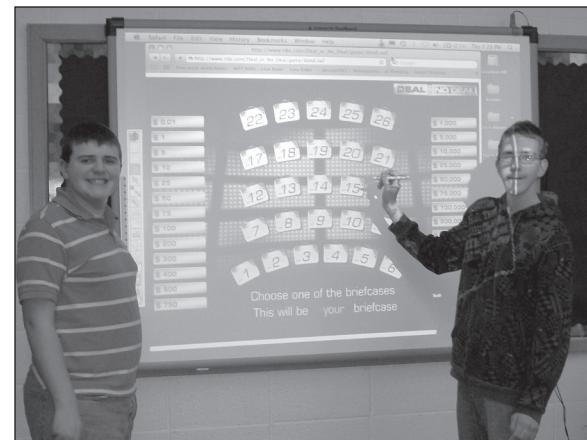
**Ruth Johnson Drews Nielson** taught in Warren from 1968-71 and again from 1979-85. She retired in 2002 after teaching special education for 30 years. She and husband Ken reside in Lindstrom, MN., where she now enjoys volunteer work and her 3 grandchildren.

**Mintie Ferguson** taught in Warren from 1963-67. She is retired and living in Plymouth MN. She has fond memories of the Warren school and the wonderful people she worked with. She spends the winter months in Florence, AZ.

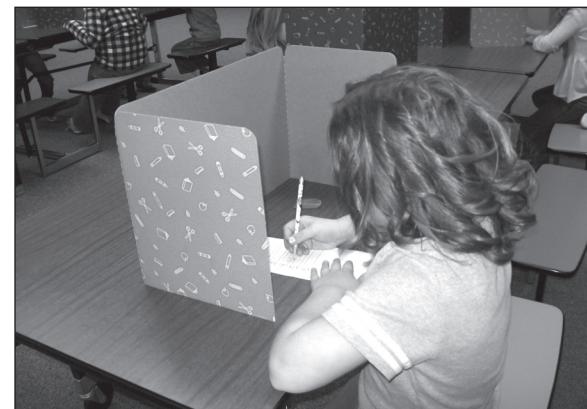
## Recently Deceased Alumni, Staff & Friends

These are death notices of alumni and staff that we have received. If you have additions or corrections, please contact the Education Foundation.

Class	1951 WHS	Rev. Thomas Herbranson	
1932 OSLO	Robert Dahlstrom	1953 WHS	Ann Marie (Botko) Ash
1934 WHS	Joan (Ivery) Rokke	1953 WHS	Carol Howe
1938 WHS	Marguerite (Engen) Lindberg	1956 WHS	Gene Johnson
1940 OSLO	Eddie Bushaw	1956 ALV	Bonnie (Haugen) Olson
1942 WHS	Margaret (Strunk) Saetre	1963 ALV	Bonnie (Lautt) Jagol
1942 ALV	Lloyd Nordling	1965 OSLO	Gary Sherlock
1944 WHS	Nell (Cheney) Kruger	1969 OSLO	Linda (Stadstad) Eggen
1948 WHS	Richard Melgard	1969 WHS	Steve Hoass
1949 ALV	Eileen (Haugen) Kollin	Teacher	Richard Cherveney



Seth Knute and Tim Schanil work at the Interactive DualBoard from eInstruction. The white board was purchased by the Education Foundation and used in the special education department.



Privacy Shield in Mary Beth Edman's class is used to prevent distractions.

### Fast Facts

#### 2009 Income Totals

<b>Contributions</b>	<b>\$17,817.00</b>
<b>Memorial Gifts</b>	<b>\$5,015.00</b>
<b>Memberships</b>	<b>\$1,955.00</b>
<b>Golf Tournament</b>	<b>\$8,732.87</b>
<b>Celebrate Music</b>	<b>\$2,320.83</b>
<b>Hartz Grant</b>	<b>12,000.00</b>

#### 2009 Distributions:

<b>Classroom Needs Purchases</b>	<b>\$14,157</b>
<b>Scholarships</b>	<b>\$32,900</b>

### Please Share!

#### Where are YOU now ?

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

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# Recipients of 2010 Scholarships facilitated by the WAO Education Foundation



**Wayne John Grochow Memorial Scholarship** – Tanner Conely. Pictured with Jennifer Audette, left and Janice and Willis Grochow, right.



**Muriel Maruska/Roley Scholarship** – Haley Johnston



**Richard P. Nelson Memorial Scholarship** – Dillon Nelson. From the left: Julie Eklund, Emilie, Sheila, Dillon, Carolyn and Bruce Nelson



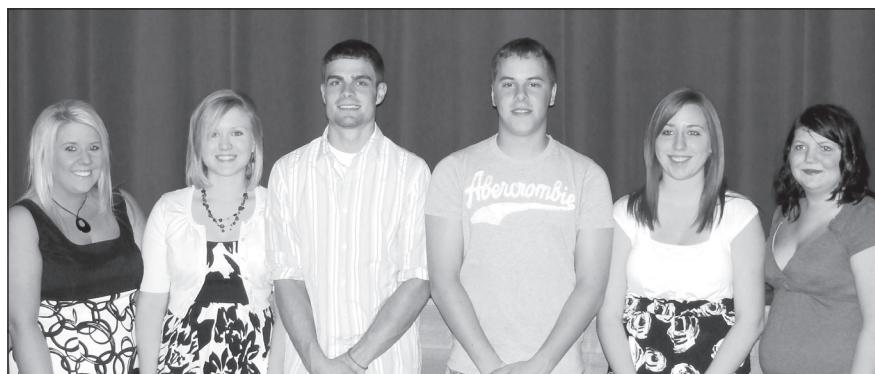
**Vivian Olson Scholarship** – Alexandria Alten



**Jeff Evin Memorial Scholarship** – Tanner Conely with Betty Evin



**Greg M. Haugen Memorial Scholarship** – Tyler Holt, Jeremiah Brackin, Melissa Mager, Kirsten Kleven, Dillon Nelson



**WAO Education Foundation Scholarship** – Faith Swanson, Emilie Olson, Lucas Goodwin, Kyle Borowicz, Sara Pahlen, Alexandria Alten



**Jumpstart Scholarship** – Katie Fayette



**WHS Class of 1957 Scholarship** – Megan Garfve. Pictured from the left: Roger and Treasure Omdahl, John Peterson, Megan Garfve, Dee Elseth Ricker, Marilyn Franks Kasprovicz, Shirley Mykelby Hamrick, Delores Anderson Sedlacek and Alvina Poolman Hendrickson



**Earl & Treasure (Toby) McGregor Agriculture/Healthcare Scholarship** – Danielle Gerszewski



**Richard Melgard Memorial Scholarship** – Faith Swanson, Megan Garfve

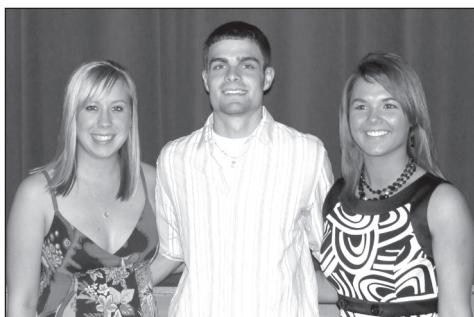
## Pending Scholarships

### WHS Class of 1957, 1969 and Schuler Scholarships Still Need Funding

The Gary Schuler and the WHS Class of 1957 Scholarships are now fully endowed, but still need extra funds to continue the awarding of these scholarships.

Also, the WHS Class of 1969 is still seeking donations to become fully endowed.

Any donations to these funds would be appreciated. Please designate on the donation envelope if you are adding to any of these funds.



**Lyle H. Engelstad Scholarship** – Brenna Ranstrom, Lucas Goodwin, Kristie Novak



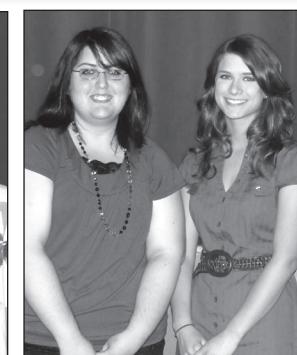
**Robert L. Strandberg Memorial Scholarship** – Jordan Ranstrom and Maria Omdahl. Presented by Ruth Strandberg.



**Myron & Margaret Carlson Scholarship** – Kirsten Kleven. Mylo Carlson, left, and Jan Aakre, right present the scholarship.



**Newell E. Aas Memorial Scholarship** – Tanner Conely



**Alvarado Lions Scholarship** – Katie Fayette and Sara Beaudry

## New Scholarships for 2010

### Richard P. Nelson Memorial Scholarship

A lifelong member of the community and a 1976 graduate of Warren High School, Dick will be remembered by many as a strong supporter of his hometown. As mayor of the community he was instrumental in tackling the issue of flood control for the town of Warren. Dick passed away in 2006 after a battle with cancer. This scholarship was established by his family as a lasting memorial to honor a great man, a wonderful husband, and a fantastic dad.

### Richard Melgard Memorial Scholarship

Dick was a 1948 graduate of Warren High School, where he was actively involved in many activities including basketball and football. He moved to Janesville, WI and was a programmer for General Motors. A family member established this scholarship to honor the memory of Richard Dale Melgard.

### Wayne John Grochow Memorial Scholarship

After graduating from Warren High School in 1981, Wayne tried many jobs, including farming, roofing, and construction. His reached his goal of owning and operating his own construction business. Wayne was truly a kindhearted person and his family wants this kindness to carry on to others through the establishment of this scholarship.

### Newell E. Aas Memorial Scholarship

Newell grew up in Oak Park Township and attended schools in both Oak Park and Bigwoods Townships while working on the family farm. He thoroughly enjoyed woodworking and was an accomplished craftsman. Newell also drove school bus in the Oslo area for 30 years and in honor of his time spent with children every day to and from school his family wished to establish this scholarship in his memory.

### Earl & Treasure (Toby) McGregor Agriculture Scholarship

Earl McGregor grew up working on the family farm, which became his life-long passion and career after graduating from Warren High School in 1956. He and his wife Toby appreciate the life that agriculture has allowed them to lead and are honored to bestow this scholarship on a WAO High School Senior.

### Warren High School Class of 1957

The WHS Class of '57 wish to reward a WAO senior who works hard and shows potential for success with a scholarship funded through donations from the class. The class's goal was to have 100% participation from all classmates. This scholarship was established in recognition of their 50th Class Reunion held in 2007.

## Thank You

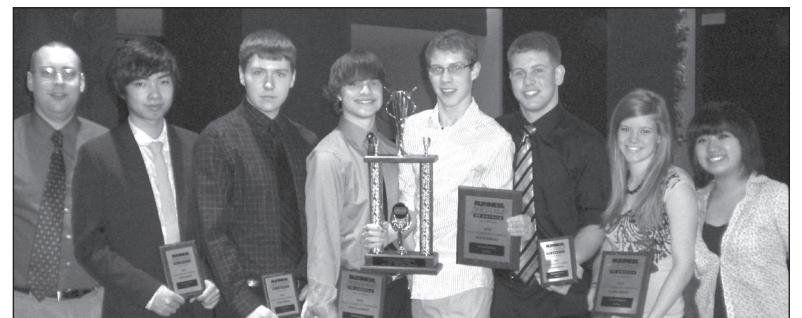
We, the board of directors of the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Education Foundation, would like to sincerely thank all that supported the Foundation in the past months and years.

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

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



Members of the Education Foundation Board are, front row, from the left: Carol Anderson, chair, Cara Miller, vice chair, Arthur Drenckhahn, secretary, and Shawn Spidahl, treasurer. Back row: Ellen Strickler, Mark Saunders, Tim Finseth, Marie Goodwin, office manager, and Duane Swanson.



These Warren-Alvarado-Oslo High School students competed in the state Business Professional of America conference in St. Paul after advancing from the regional conference. From left to right are Kyle Bergem, WAO teacher and BPA advisor, Ryan Sha, Ben Rehder, Chris Novak, Garrett Lysford, Keaton Laymon, Kendra Aakre, and Yiting Ling. For accomplishing a top five finish, Aakre, Lysford, Novak and Sha advanced to the National Leadership Conference held May 5-9, in Anaheim, Calif. The Education Foundation helped fund their competition expenses.

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