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WAO EDUCATION FOUNDATION GOLF SCRAMBLE FRIDAY, JULY 31

Join the WAO Education
Foundation for their 5th Annual

**GOLF SCRAMBLE
FUNDRAISER
FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2009
at Riverside Golf Course,
Warren, MN**

18-hole, 4-person scramble
tournament or come for lunch and
play for fun.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.

Shotgun start: 9:30 a.m.

**\$35.00/person, pre-registration
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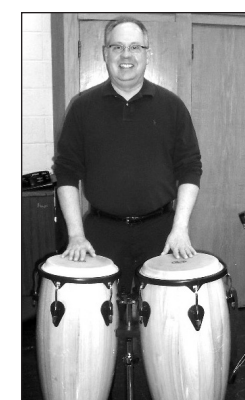
Jayce Hapka - baritone saxophone



Austin Owens and Tyler Holt - percussion



Vocal Instructor Mona Schroeder - Clavinova



Instrumental Music
Instructor Bill Sedgeman
- conga drums



Jessica Korynta - Bass
Clarinet

Music Department Updates Instruments

by Mona Schroeder and Bill Sedgeman

We are very grateful to the Education Foundation for all the funding they have provided for the music department at WAO. The new clavinova is used EVERY day in rehearsals, providing accompaniment for all concerts and other public performances. We have been able to update our instruments in all sections of the band. These new quality instruments have been major contributors to the success of our band program. Contest judges have commented on the band's tone quality each year. The students have pride in playing these fine quality instruments that have been purchased over the past few years through grants and donations received by the Foundation.

Thank you for the contributions that have helped enhance the fine arts programs at WAO!

GOLF REGISTRATION FORM

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

Team Member's Names: _____

Contact email _____ Contact Phone: _____

Team Name: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: WAO Education Foundation Mail to: WAO Ed. Foundation, P.O. Box 125, Warren, MN 56762

“Celebrate Music & the Arts” Showcased Many Talents

Vocal Performers



Joyce Knoll sang a variety of songs. She was accompanied by Rick Kitley and Carol Bowman.



Angela Flaten



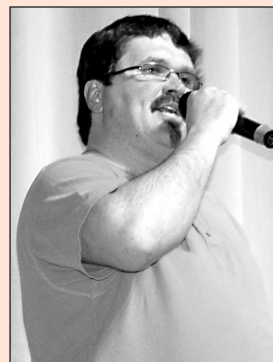
Jennifer (Kasprick) Kovar



Kendra Aakre & Zack Carlson



Mike, Zack & Mylo Carlson



Dan Taus



WAO Boys Ensemble: Zack Carlson, Austin Owens, Jayce Hapka, Aaron Judovsky, Jordan Ranstrom, Tyler Golden

Instrumental & Dance



WAO Jazz Band directed by Bill Sedgeman



ReAnne Mathsen and Kirsten Kleven



Steps Dance Academy

The Foundation appreciates Joyce Knoll and the many other talented performers that made the 2009 Education Foundation fundraiser held on April 2nd a success. Thanks also to emcee Russ Steer, Heidi Thorstenson for the video production and all the behind-the-scene volunteers.

Speech



Melissa Mager



Tena Patterson



Kelle Lavecchia & Maria Omdahl

Check out our website to see photos of this event and other activities of the Foundation. Go to www.wao.k12.mn.us and click on the Education Foundation link on the left side.



Mallory (Westberg) Craik, (Class of 2004) is now operating "Mallory's Studio" in Warren. She displayed her work at the Celebrate Music & The Arts fundraiser.



Ready to serve! Some of the workers at the fundraiser pose behind the decadent dessert table: Cara Miller, Carol Anderson, Marilyn Edman, Art Drenckhahn, Mary Beth Edman, Jon Holter, Mark Saunders and Ellen Strickler.

2009 Marshall County Fair is Wed. July 29-Sun. Aug. 2

News and Notes . . .

Eileen Roley Larson of Dilworth and Donna Roley Choate of Fargo are twins, but they were born a week apart at the Warren Hospital. Eileen was born on November 21st, and Donna on November 28th. Their story was featured in a Fargo Forum article on Mother's Day 2009. It also stated that there were 5 sets of twins in the rural church that the Roleys attended and that Eileen and Donna were one of four sets of twins in the WHS graduating class of 1969. The others were Beatrice Peterson Oberg and Beverly Peterson Slocumb, Joyce Engen Harmsen and Joel Engen, and Brian and Bruce Nelson.

The members of the Warren City Council are all graduates of Warren. David Conely (Class of 1974), Rodger Hautgvedt (Class of 1986), Deborah Wages Myrfield (Class of 1970), Amy Maurstad Bartels (Class of 1996), David Maurstad (Class of 1973), Sheila Bodell Hoerner (Class of 1974). Mayor Bob Kliner attended school in Warren through his sophomore year and then transferred to Northwest School of Agriculture for his last two years.

Blanche Myerchin Banerian (Alvarado Class of 1942) from Wauwatoss, WI responded to our call for missing Alvarado Alumni addresses. She writes, "What a surprise it was to receive your publication for two reasons. First of all, I did not know that Oslo, Alvarado, and Warren had merged into one big school; and then imagine Alvarado and Oslo who were archrivals in basketball and Alvarado and Warren who were archrivals in music - now in the same high school. Interesting!"

Brock Sombke, (class of 2002) completed his first year of teaching at WAO. Each new teacher was given \$200 by the foundation to purchase things for their classroom. Brock writes, "I have put the new marker board to use that you funded for my business lab classroom. Thank you very much for the educational gift that the students will definitely be benefiting from in this new classroom set up."

Thank you for sending me the fall newsletter. It was very interesting to see and hear of all the news of Warren School and surroundings! I have lived in Namibia for 32 years on a 8,200 hectare ranch in the northern part of the country. We raise beef cattle and plant a few hectares of maize and sunflowers. We have 3 children. I'd love to have visitors come to see us.

Helen Rudnik Coetzee (class of 1970)

Wow! Thank you for the generous donation from the Christmas Concert free will donations to the primary reader's theater script sets. This is a great start to purchasing the entire kit.

Mary Beth Edman, teacher

The largest graduating class from Alvarado High School, the Class of 1949, will celebrate its 60th year since graduation with an August 2009 reunion in connection with the Alvarado Lions Corn Feed which is usually in the middle of August. This class had 24 graduating seniors.

I applaud your efforts and good work in providing extra enhancement and educational opportunities for the WAO students, that extend beyond the already excellent programs. This year I would like to have my contribution go to your kindergarten program, if possible. As a former kindergarten teacher, I believe that 'Good Beginnings Never End.' This year our oldest granddaughter is a kindergarten student in Chaska, MN. Her enthusiasm and sheer joy in learning takes me back to my many years of working with young children.

Claudia Roley Thompson (Warren Class of 1966)

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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 2008 – May 15, 2009

In Memory of Paul Anderson
John & Rachel Peterson

In Memory of Olivia "Pat" Gervais
Richard & Mary Beth Edman
Sheila Nelson
Bill & Carol Sedgeman
Ron & Joni Ranstrom
Paul & Jan Aakre
Dawn Korynta
Jim & JoAnne Ranstrom

In Memory of Lea Peyton
Jay Peyton

In Memory of Robert Ganyo
Cal & Betty Melgard
Gary & Shawna Schuler
Ken Kostka
Ron & Becky Adrian

In Memory of Lowell Westberg
Dave & Mona Schroeder
Richard & Mary Beth Edman
Carol J Anderson
Steve & Marie Goodwin
Cal & Betty Melgard
Betty Evin
John & Rachel Peterson
Murray & Betty Goodwin
Tom & Janet Aafedt
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Jerry & Suzie Jevning
Allyn & Sue Roley
Rick & Nancy Mattson
Bruce Nelson
Earl & Linda Johnson
Jim & JoAnne Ranstrom
Florence Kuznia
Rick Roley
Cliff & Marilyn Bennett

In Memory of Ivan Johnson
Carol J Anderson
Cliff & Marilyn Bennett
Ralph & Leola Knudsen
Florence Kuznia
Milton Willer

In Memory of Dr & Mrs B F Bro
Richard Bro

In Memory of Gregory M Haugen
Erman & Betty Ueland

In Memory of Dorothy Hamrick
Bruce Nelson

In Memory of Rick Neegard
Cindy (Neegard) Nielsen

In Memory of Chris Forslund
Jim & JoAnne Ranstrom

In Tribute to Russ Steer
Carl D Anderson

In Memory of Beverly (Hennebry) Plencner
Nick Plencner

In Memory of Carl F Johnson
Florence Johnson

In Memory of Randy Hanson, Troy Anderson & Dana Moen
Chuck & Kristina (Knute) Long

In Memory of Tom & Jim Sabol
Lucille (Sabol) Kjos

In Memory of Pauline (Langle) Seward
Doris Erickson
Cliff & Marilyn Bennett

In Memory of Christopher Riopelle
Joe & Karen Dunn
Rick Roley
Chuck & Lovie Graham
Mike & Judy Weiland
Ed & Linda Turn
Kay Anderson
Betty Evin
John & Sharon Carlson

In Tribute to Carol J Anderson
Brian Knoll

In Memory of the Taralseth Family
Linda Donnelly

In Memory of Esther (Lofstrom) Hesse
Lorraine (Gerds) Latza

In Memory of Denora Knute
Diana (Teal) Kostrzewski, PHD, RN
Steve & Marie Goodwin

In Tribute to Warren Class of 1946
Joyce Eaton

In Memory of Walter & Eleanore Goplin
Corrine (Goplin) Slaughter

In Memory of Percy Gilbert
Fern Gilbert
Pat Carlson

In Memory of Kenneth Slusar
Aldon & Janice Filipi

In Memory of Phil & Leona Ljunggren
Dale Ljunggren

In Tribute to Leonard & Erma Ronan
John W Bird

In Memory of Dennis Vesey
Carol J Anderson

In Tribute to Warren Class of 1948
Kenneth Johnson

In Memory of Mr & Mrs Martin Lieberg
Elois (Lieberg) Snyder

In Memory of Joan Jorgenson
Frances Fanfulik

In Memory of Debra McPherson
Alvin & Hazel Hendrickson

In Memory of Earl Kaliher
Donald Kaliher

In Memory of Erwin Vanek
Doris Erickson

In Memory of Twyla Dowell
Carol J Anderson

In Tribute to Lee Ann (Omdahl) Mader
Roger & Treasure Omdahl

In Memory of Lawrence & Lola Sedlacek
Cleo (Sedlacek) Fogal

In Memory of Selvin Aase
Carol J Anderson
Tony & Michelle Gullikson

In Memory of Paul Hedquist
Gloria (Hedquist) Casey

In Tribute to Adelaide (Dobias) Vanek
Romelle Vanek

In Memory of Johanna (Stuemke) Liesberg
Margery Hegrenes

In Memory of John O & Marguerite Pearson
Jim Pearson

In Memory of Grace Swanson
Carol J Anderson

In Memory of James Nicholls
Art VanSickle

In Tribute to Brooke JoAnn Miller
Jeanie Ulferts
Carol J Anderson

In Memory of Kyla Kostrzewski
Tony & Michelle Gullikson

In Memory of Orpha Overlid
Ellen Skorseth

In Memory of Mark Stabenow
Carol J Anderson

In Memory of Margaret Mischel
Jim & Paulette Thompson
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In Memory of Robert & Alvina Klammm
Doug & Jo Sorenson
Jeanie Ulferts

In Memory of Byron "Bud" Ostgard
Carol J Anderson

In Memory of Donald Boman
Richard & Mary Beth Edman

In Memory of Margaret Stafslie
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In Memory of Robert Rittmann
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In Memory of Darold Sundby
Richard & Mary Beth Edman
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In Memory of Colleen Tulibaski
Carol J Anderson

In Memory of Jeffrey Hajicek
Carol J Anderson
Steve & Marie Goodwin

In Memory of Anna Jagol
Carol J Anderson

In Memory of Harriet Wood
Ida (Fischer) Meyer

In Memory of Robert L Strandberg
Ruth Ann Strandberg

In Memory of Ray Edgar
Paul & Janet Aakre
Frances Fanfulik
Earl & Linda Johnson
Steve & Marie Goodwin
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Richard & Mary Beth Edman
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Allyn & Sue Roley
John & Rachel Peterson
Ron & Jean Leverington
Carol J Anderson
Arlyn & Marilyn Stroble
Richard & Mary Beth Edman
Doug & Jo Sorenson
Tony & Michelle Gullikson
Janna Torgerson

In Memory of Wilford Dostal
Earl & Linda Johnson
Randy & Wanda Gubrud & family
Allyn & Sue Roley
Cal & Betty Melgard
Phil & Gloria Thompson
Jim & Paulette Thompson
John & Rachel Peterson
Ron & Jean Leverington
Lloyd & Adelaide Kasprick
Arlyn & Marilyn Stroble
Richard & Mary Beth Edman
Cathy Nelson
Mike & Betty DuBore
Doug & Jo Sorenson
Tony & Michelle Gullikson
Murray & Betty Goodwin
Lana (Walker) Maruska
Don, Carolyn & Marcus Matz
Carol J Anderson
Steve & Marie Goodwin

In Memory of Charlotte Berdahl
Dean & Mary Jo Chandler
Jeanie Ulferts

In Memory of Jeff Evin
Bruce Nelson
Wanda Evin family

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.

Almost There . . .

Schuler Scholarship and Class of '57 Scholarship Endowment Funds almost at goal.

The Gary Schuler Scholarship Fund and the Class of 1957 Scholarship Fund are almost at the level where they can begin awarding scholarships.

Any donations to these endowment funds would be appreciated. Please designate on the donation envelope if you're adding to either one of these funds.

Oslo All-School Reunion

June 27, 2009 - Alerus Center, Grand Forks, ND

Organizers are currently sending out the registration forms both by mail and e-mail. If you have moved or changed your e-mail address since the 2004 reunion, and do not receive information concerning the reservations for this reunion please contact someone on the committee. We will be sending hard copy soon to those whose e-mails have not been delivered. If you know of someone in your class who has not received information about this year's reunion, please let the committee know.

Ann Carpenter Walski, Pres, 701-699-5351, Lynnett Tinnes Hedlund, V.Pres, 218-965-4569, Pat Gerszewski Campbell, Sec.

Donations

November 2008 – May 2009

Bremer Bank	Claudia (Roley) Thompson
Mark & Judy Flaten	Jerry & Mary Sedlacek
Sylvester Vanyo	Mary Beth (Martin) Keller
Warren One Fund	Anita Ernst
Chuck & Kristina (Knut) Long	Jon & Sue Holter
Mark & Stacy (Toupin) Plencner	Patrice Pribula
Mike & Betty DuBore	Sharon (Nordin) Hegland
Marjorie Harlow	Wayne & Carole Edgar
James Graham	Elaine Beck
Art & Char Drenckhahn	Arlyn & Marilyn Stroble
Stuart Hurst	Dean & Mary Jo Chandler
Rick Schmiedeberg	Steve & Marie Goodwin
Lucille (Judovsky) Bruce	Bryan & Kathy Thygeson
Grace (Sherry) Griffin	GE Foundation Matching Gifts
Willis E Kagg	Dean & Mary (Conely) Dahlman
Donna (Copp) Drews	John & Rachel Peterson
Lee Hestnas	Wanda Evin & Family
Comstock Township	Vivian Olson Family
Tim & Kay Filipi	Evelyn (Fischer) Cernousek
Duan M Bjerke	Doug & Jane (Bennett) Safar
High School Sunshine Fund	Brian & Denise Laymon
James E Anderson	Thomas Carr
Deb (Olson) Cross	Cal & Betty Melgard
Craig & Alicia Peterson	Stan Sirek
DelRoy Shane	Pete & Sandra Hapka
Ray Brooks	Robert & Deb Kleven
Cathy Lindenberg	Ginny Westberg
Wayne W Wood	Don & Ellen Strickler
Melgard Farms	Roger & Bobbi Mischel
Bob & Shelly Conely	Rodney & Janis Carlson
David & Naomi Loeslie	Darlene (Sherry) Sitko
Don & Shirley Mager	Russ Hickman
Anonymous	Myron & Irmy Haugen
Peter & Dr Mioki Myszkowski	Carol J Anderson
Alvarado Lions Club	Wayne & Shawn Spidahl
Sharon (Botko) Kays	Rolland & Cara Miller
Dennis C Knutson	Dewey & Shari Swanson
Mary Lou (Johnston) Krueger	GFWC Mawami Club
Ronald Nowacki	Murray & Betty Goodwin
Donald Laidley	Ken Nelson Ins Agency
Ken & Kathy Dagoberg	Emily Gieske
MayBelle (Tucker) Gordon	John Norman
Caroline Sedlacek	Calvin & Amber Schoepp
Dorothy Malm	Gerry Bergeron
Duane & Jerrilyn Potucek	Dave Engstrom
Gene Ranstrom	Craig Peterson

Chat with the Chairman

by Jon Holter

Greetings from the WAO Education Foundation.

As you notice from the above by-line, the Foundation has a new chairman. I was elected to this post at our annual meeting in March. My previous duty was secretary. I am replacing Carol Anderson who had done an excellent job and put in countless hours getting the organization to where it is. Carol is now vice chairman and a great help as I settle into this new job. Our new secretary is Cara Miller and Shawn Spidahl continues as our treasurer. At our annual meeting we welcomed two new members: Art Drenckhahn and Ellen Strickler. Leaving our board is Nancy Mattson who completed eight years of service to us, and did an outstanding job as chair, vice chair and secretary. Also departing is Cal Melgard who has served with us for five years. His expertise will be missed. The other members of our board are: Duane Swanson, school board liaison Mark Saunders and our office manager, Marie Goodwin. Thank you for everything they have done for the board.

Our big fundraising event was “Celebrate Music and the Arts,” held in April. We had a large audience that was treated to great talent from the school, alumni and community members. The board thanks them for giving everyone a very entertaining evening. Our next fund raiser will be the golf tournament held 31 July during the Marshall County Fair . Judging from last year's attendance, it is suggested that players register early to avoid long registration lines.

On May 20, the Foundation announced twenty-three scholarship winners for the class of 2009. This year we have added the Robert L. Strandberg Memorial Scholarship. Mrs. RuthAnn Strandberg started this in memory of her late husband Robert. This is renewable for two seniors in the amount of \$1,000 per year. When the Class of '57 and the Gary Schuler scholarships reach endowment status (\$10,000), we will be awarding these. Also, the family of Jeff Evin contributed funds to continue the Jeff Evin Memorial Scholarship.

Despite the financial market's dismal condition, we have been able to help nineteen seniors this spring, with a total of \$18,900, in scholarships and provide both the elementary and high school with \$5000, for various classroom needs. Our great challenge for the next few years will be to find investment opportunities that will allow us to fund our needs program and help graduating seniors. Since the Foundation relies on past and future donations, we must be diligent in cultivating all potential givers. Who are these givers? Alumni, community members, school staff and faculty, and anyone who contributes their time, talent or financial support. We welcome all sources, and the entire board thanks all of you who have given to the mission of the foundation

If you have any questions about our organization or would like to help in any way, please contact our office or talk to any board member.

Remember: “We Can't Succeed Without You!”

Class Reunions & Contacts:

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Alvarado Class of 1949: Marilyn Mattson – 218-745-4915

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You may want to check if your company matches donations to nonprofit organizations.

Where are they now . . .

Gladys Risteigen Haarstad (Alvarado Class of 1929) is 100 years old. She lives in Crookston, MN

Lorraine Gerdts Laatza (Alvarado Class of 1947) writes from New London, WI that she was in the Air Force and is a nurse, She has 25 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

Roselind Demeyere Rosten (Alvarado Class of 1961) lives in Spring Hill, FL with her husband Clyde. Prior to the move to Florida, they lived in Texas, Virginia, Germany, Minnesota, and Michigan. She was a nurse assistant, a home care assistant and had an alteration business.

Daryl L. Larson (Warren Class of 1979) is currently a registered respiratory therapist at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks. He and his wife (Jody East) are the parents of 3 children, 2 of which are WAO graduates, and they have one grandson. Daryl’s favorite school memories are musical practices.

Kevin R. Peterson (Warren Class of 1979) lives in Helena, Montana

Kristina Knute Long (Alvarado Class of 1975) is a master’s leveled licensed professional counselor. She has provided counseling services through her private practice in Lisbon, ND where she lives with her husband Chuck. They have one son.

Chuck Peterson (Warren Class of 1986) is the lead pastor along with his wife, Stephanie, at The Edge in Winona, MN. Both have been in the ministry for 15 years, working in Duluth and St. Cloud. They moved to Goodview with their three children in August to begin The Edge, which also serves as Winona State University’s campus ministry. They recently started a Sunday evening worship service.

Dawn Carlson Nanney (Warren Class of 1987) taught in AZ for 5 years and in Las Vegas for 8 years. She is currently a stay at home mom. She and her husband, Shawn, live in Las Vegas with their two children ages 6 and 7. Dawn’s favorite school memories are having the same teacher in 2nd and 4th grade, but with a different name. She was Miss Stengl in 2nd grade and later Mrs. Matz. She also recalls Mrs. Corrine Nelson as her Health Occupations teacher and going to the state VICA with she and LeAnne (Loeslie) Poolman.

Rosemary Hill (Warren Class of 1982) lives in Bloomington, MN and is working as an IT Analyst at General Mills.

Heather Levenhagen Goroski (WAO Class of 1995) lives in Warren and is an RN at North Valley Health Center in Warren. She is also the youth director at Our Savior’s Church in Warren. She lives in Warren with her husband Mike and two children.

Wayne Larson (Warren Class of 1978) was elected chief of the Warren Fire Department in January 2009. He has been a fireman since 1988. Wayne, who owns Larson Construction, lives in Warren with his wife, Sharon (Ranstrom) (Warren Class of 1984). Their three boys are all graduates of WAO.

Daryl Evavold (Warren Class of 1976) and his brother (Darren Evavold (Warren Class of 1983) are both residents of East Grand Forks. They are graduates of the University of North Dakota. They were recently named investment representatives of Investment Centers of America, which is a provider of non-deposit financial products and services. Daryl and his wife, Cindy, have three children. Darren and his wife, Monica have two children.

Trevor Monroe (Warren Class of 1990) currently lives in Farmington, MN. He teaches and coaches at Rosemount High School where he was recently honored as the Max Preps Minnesota High School Baseball Coach of the Year. He is married to Susie (Tress) (Warren Class of 1983) and they have two children.

Melody Olson Novak (Warren Class of 1991) lives in Warren. She owns and manages Melody’s Café in Warren. She recently purchased another restaurant located in Thief River Falls, which is called Melody’s Restaurant & Bar. She has three children that attend WAO and is engaged to Scott Salentine.

Jesse Fillipi Scheie (Warren Class of 1997) resides in Warren with her husband, Brad and two children. After several years as the elementary library para, she became a writer. She has written and published two children’s books, Alex’s Shining Star and I’m Still Shinin’ On.

Mallory Westberg Craik, (WAO Class of 2004) lives in Warren with her husband, Jake. She attended Central Lakes College where she learned photography. She opened Mallory’s Studio Photography in Warren in 2009.

Please Share! Where are YOU now ?

Please complete or attach info. and mail back to WAO Ed Foundation so we can include you in our next publication.
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Name _____

Graduating Year _____

Current Location _____

Family Members _____

Personal Notes _____

MISSION STATEMENT
The Education Foundation promotes the highest quality education in our communities through the enhancement of public school education programs, projects and activities; the establishment and awarding of post-secondary scholarships; and the creation of private support opportunities for public elementary and secondary education.

Fast Facts

2008 Income	
Contributions	\$9,427.63
Memorial Gifts	\$10,105.00
Memberships	\$1,125.00
Golf Tournament	\$7,203.33
Celebrate Music & Arts	\$1,858.40

2008 Distributions:	
Classroom Needs Purchases	\$17,615.32
Scholarships :	\$31,400

243 Scholarships awarded from 1994 - 2008 totaling \$197,200

New Scholarships in 2009

Robert L. Strandberg Memorial Scholarship - A lifelong member of the community and a 1946 Warren graduate, Robert will be remembered by many as a kind, gentle, friendly man, who was always helpful to everyone. He will continue to help others through this scholarship established by his wife Ruth Ann (Warren Class of 1952). He loved cars, music, and farming and would be pleased to know that through this scholarship he will help others continue with their dreams of becoming a farmer, musician, or mechanic. Not only will he be remembered by High School Seniors, but also by all students, as a portion of the donated funds will be used to help fund the "needs" of the WAO school district.

Jeff Evin Memorial Scholarship – Last year Jeff's classmates of 1982 started a fundraiser for a one time scholarship awarding for the WAO 2008 graduates. This year Jeff's wife, Wanda and their three children, Tyler, Nicholas, and Heather have established an endowment fund that will continue to honor Jeff for many years to come. Jeff's passions were his family and golf! He was a proud graduate of Warren High School and would be touched and honored that his family chose to start a scholarship in his hometown. This scholarship is a lasting memorial to wonderful, loving husband and the best dad any child could ever hope to have in life.

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

Circuit Expression Cutter	FACS	\$660
2 – 20" IMAC Computers	H.S. Art	\$2298
Dictionaries / Thesaurus	Elementary	\$100
Utility Boxes	Elementary	\$176
Triangle Fact Cards	Elementary	\$220
Read Along Songs	Elementary	\$236
CD/Cassette Player	Preschool	\$50
Memory Match Game	Elementary	\$41
Replacement Books	Elem. Library	\$466
Book Covers	H.S. Library	\$120
Reading Promotional materials	H.S. Library	\$58
Heat free Laminator	H.S. Library	\$315
Nursing 09 Drug Handbook	School Nurse	\$40
TOTAL NOT FUNDED		\$4780

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

Recently Deceased Alumni, Staff & Friends

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

Class

1928	Pearl (Brown) Safranski	1948 Alv.	Dorothy (Hanson) Olson
1930	Arletta (Wood) Marlette	1950 Alv.	Dennis Olson
1934	Margaret (Hill) Mattson	1954 Alv.	Ebert Olson
1936	Leona (Brown) Hendrickson	1954	Pauline (Langlie) Seward
1939	Margaret (Miska) Mischel	1957 Alv.	Patricia (Strong) Bubb
1939 Alv.	Earl Nystrom	1962	Kenneth Slusar
1941	Ray Edgar	1965	Ron Sabol
1941	Margaret (Wilson) Stafslie	1969	Colleen (Pribula) Tulibaski
1941 Alv.	Bernice Anderson	1973	Lowell Westberg
1944	Lela Underbakke	Teacher	Lowell Doebeert
1947	Gwen (Horgen) Engen	Friend	Florence (Potucek) Knutson



Renee Borowicz & Jon Holter

Friend of Education Award

The Foundation was awarded the 2009 Friend of Education Award from the Education Minnesota WAO at the Kramer/Brown Uniserv Recognition Dinner held in TRF on May 5.

Presenting the award is Renee Borowicz to Jon Holter of the WAO Education Foundation.

The recognition dinner is held annually to recognize retiring educators, Friend of Education award recipients, and local association presidents.

Alvarado Alumni

WAO Education Foundation is looking for addresses of several Alvarado alumni to update our database. If anyone is able to help with these addresses, please send the information to WAO Ed Foundation, PO Box 125, Warren, MN 56762 or e-mail to cjander-son@wiktel or edfoundation@wao.k12.mn.us or leave a message at 218-745-5153.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Selma Olson Chinland-1928, Clarence Goethe-1929, Earl Goethe-1930, Agnes Rollenhagen-1930, Dorene Mossberg Fredeen-1932, Doris Dahlgren Hanson-1933, Mildred Goulet Janke-1933, Doris Backstrom-1934, Doris Hatlestad Nelson-1934, Elsie Olson-1934, Lee Trickey-1935, Jean Paulson Kramer-1937, Clifton I. Huset-1938, June Porten Granzow-1943, Jean Skurdahl Fritts-1946, Jackie Bosard Reilly-1948. Clarabelle Hammerback Mcleod-1948, Joan Thompson Woinarowicz-1951, June Carlson Nelson-1954. Floyd Johnson-1956, Arlys Johnson Nester-1958, Beverly Kiona Johnson-1958, Toni Haas-1960, Jeff Haas-1964, Beverly (Yvonne) Hendrickson Confer-1965, Doug Frost-1966, Christine Wells Debner-1969, Bonnie Wells-1971, Andy Anderson-1976, Jay Anderson-1976, Randy Tucker-1977. Cathy Lind-1978, Debbie Cox-1980, Dawn Lisell-1980, Steven Stoltman-1980, Tami Klincke Jenkins-1982, Leann Graham Jacobson-1982, James Yanish-1982, Marvin Stoltman-1983, Nancy Nordling-1985, Darren Olson-1985, Carmen Stoltman-1985



WAO Education Foundation board members: Front from left: Cara Miller, secretary; Shawn Spidahl, treasurer; Jon Holter, chairman; Carol Anderson, vice chairman. Back: Ellen Stricker; Marie Goodwin, office manager; Mark Saunders, school board liaison; Duane Swanson and Arthur Drenckhahn.

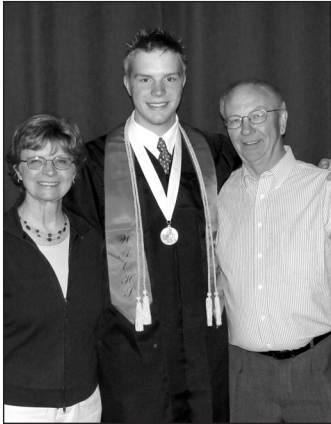
Recipients of 2009 Scholarships facilitated by the WAO Education Foundation



Lyle H. Engelstad Scholarship – April Miller, Amerae Knoll, Brittany Jenkins



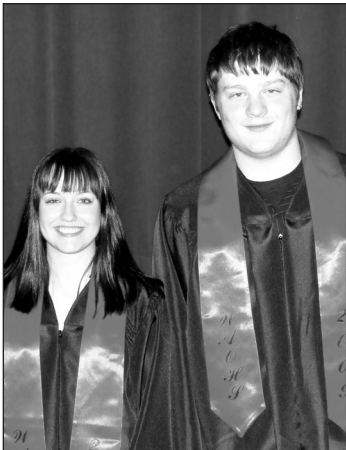
Robert L. Strandberg Scholarship – Zachariah Carlson, Austin Owens (pictured with Ruth Strandberg)



Myron & Margaret Carlson Scholarship – Zachariah Carlson (presented by Janet Aakre and Mylo Carlson)



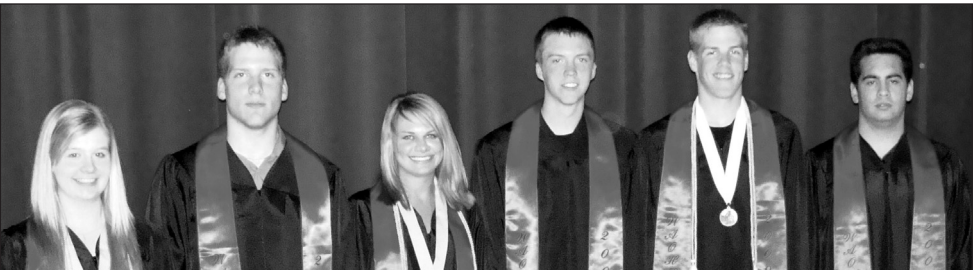
Muriel Maruska/Roley Scholarship – Amerae Knoll



Alvarado Lions Scholarship – Jenny Mae Lindemoen, Jordan Hennessey



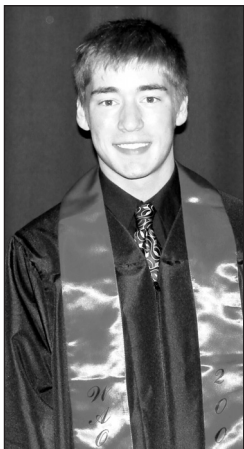
Greg M. Haugen Memorial Scholarship – Tena Patterson, Canda McGregor, Ben Gubrud, Lacey Sue Riopelle, Brittany Jenkins



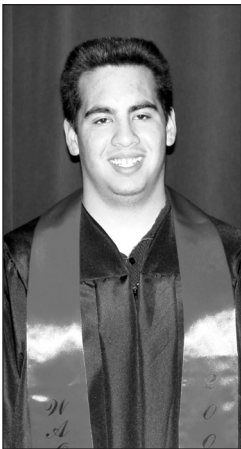
Education Foundation Scholarship – ReAnne Mathsen, Brent Miller, Alyssa Lansing, Tyler Golden, Casey Larson, Travis Overbo



Jeff Evin Memorial Scholarship – Canda McGregor (pictured with Betty Evin)



Vivian Olson Scholarship – Ryan Oas



Jumpstart Scholarship – Travis Overbo

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