

# Connections

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## Jerry Knute is Dedicated to Fixing those Aches and Pains



When it comes to relieving aches and pains for young and old, Jerry Knute, a 1972 graduate of Alvarado High School has few peers who can match his expertise of administering that relief. His work as a Physical Therapist at the North Valley Health Center in Warren has been a labor of love for him and the hundreds of people he has treated for the past 36 years.

His journey to become a PT began just northwest of Tabor where he was born and raised and where he lives today. His first six years of education were spent at a one-room country school west of Tabor where he was the only student his age. He started at Alvarado in 7th grade and graduated in 1972 with a class of 20.

His most vivid memory as an elementary student was wading in a ditch full of water, in the spring, until it just got over his boots (didn't we all?). He also remembered all the fun athletic competitions his school would participate in with other area country schools. His teacher was Donna Pape who went on to teach in Oslo. He stated, "She must have done a great job because a lot of valedictorians and salutatorians came from that little country school. I, of course, was not one of them."

He moved on with his education to Alvarado High School in the fall of 1966 as a 7th grader. He continued on down memory lane saying, "We had an extremely close class and I made friendships that have lasted a lifetime. One of my fondest memories was being part of the 1970 basketball team that won the district and went on to the region tournament (he didn't say, but that district championship was won over the Warren

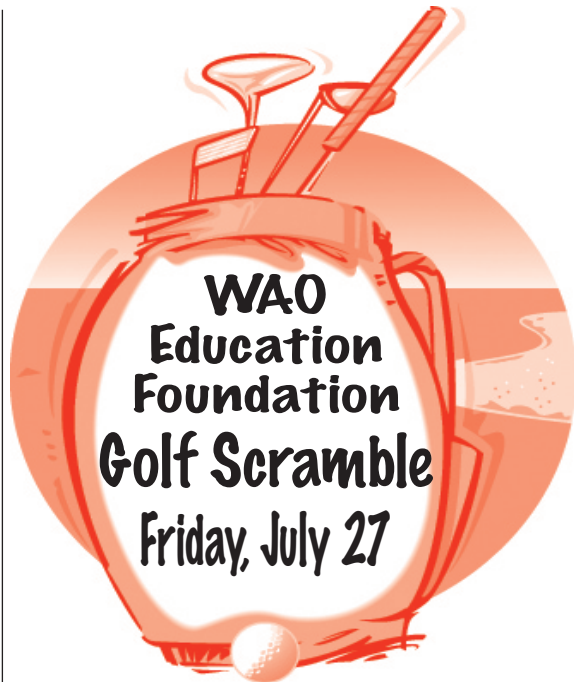
Ponies). I was student manager of the basketball team for four years and I attempted to play baseball for a couple of years. I also played alto saxophone in the band and although I hated acting, I directed our senior class play. I was always better at giving orders than taking them. I enjoyed science and math classes, but I most enjoyed the debates we would have in history with the girls".

Jerry's family is a great source of pride for him. He is married to Dorene who works in the Medical Records department at North Valley Health Center. They have four children, three who are WAO graduates. Daughter Stacey is an oncologist in Lincoln, Nebraska. Son Matt owns a computer software business in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Son John is in his first year at the University of North Dakota and is planning a career in Physical Therapy. Son Seth will graduate from WAO High School in 2013.

When asked what led him to pursue a career in Physical Therapy, he responded by saying, "Being the student manager for Alvarado's basketball team, I acquired an interest in sports medicine. I researched programs to go into where I could continue with sports medicine and PT seemed to be a good choice. I and one of my classmates got accepted into the PT program at the University of North Dakota. Of the 24 students in the program, three of us were accepted for a trial rural option program and were able to do our senior clinicals in the summer and then graduate in December of 1975."

With the experience gained during that time period, Jerry was ready to begin his career. He started PT departments in Warren and Karlstad in 1976 and worked four different facilities in the two towns until 1980 when he became busy enough to go fulltime in Warren. He added, "Those 36 years have gone by fast. I got busier when in 1986, athletic director at Warren, Howard Emerson, asked me if I would like to do the athletic

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training for the football team. I told him I would try it for a couple of years. This fall I will be entering my 27th season with WAO sports."

During those years Jerry has treated many injuries as well as formed some great friendships with athletes, parents and coaches alike. Working with the athletes is one of the most enjoyable and rewarding parts of his work schedule. He stated "There are three phases that I look forward to when working with WAO athletics. First, of course, are the athletes. Their dedication and enthusiasm have always kept me young and enjoying the game. At 57, I still get "gut-turning" butterflies before the "Big Game" that I got back in high school. After 26 seasons, the athletes have provided me with many stories that get better each time I tell them."

The other two phases involve his relationship with the Pony coaches and the parents/fans. He continued, "It has been a privilege working with the coaches over the years. They have always made my job easier. They have always made me feel part of the staff, even though the hours of work they put in far exceeds mine. I still get a lot of enjoyment seeing the look in their eyes every time I offer a suggestion on what football play they should run next. As for the parents and fans, they have always been supportive and appreciative of anything I have done for athletics. It's nice to work at a place where the health and well-being of the athletes come first." It should also be known that Jerry is trusted and respected by opposing teams when his medical knowledge is needed for one of their players during a game.

His job at the North Valley Health Center consists of providing in-patient and out-patient

physical therapy for people in the area. His office also works with the Northwest Regional Inter-district Council to work with school systems in the northern part of the service area. His department's primary referral centers are from Warren, Grand Forks, Crookston, Thief River Falls and Fargo, but some referrals have come from outside the two-state area. Commenting about this part of his job he said, "Our primary focus is on out-patient therapy and we work closely with not only physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants, but also with area chiropractors and dentists to try and give the people of our area the best total care. As far as what I enjoy most about my job, the majority of my patients will tell you that I like being able to torture people and get paid for it. That may be true but the chance to see people come in feeling pain or lacking function and then to see them leave feeling better or functioning better provides the best fulfillment. What I like least probably holds true for everyone else, regulations and paperwork – the necessary evils."

For anyone considering a career in physical therapy, Jerry offers this, "If you have an interest in science and medicine, PT offers you a career where you can put those talents to good use. In high school, classes in science, math, anatomy and critical thinking are helpful. I feel any profession where you get a chance to help your fellow men and women can be rewarding and fulfilling. I would like to thank all of the people of this area for their support all of these years." In spite of the "torture" that he dishes out, the people of this area are equally as thankful to him for his helping hands and genuine caring heart he has for all his patients.

by Duane Swanson



2011-12 WAO Pony football team won the Section 8A playoff championship and qualified for the state tournament for the first time since 2000.

► WAO athlete Andrew Lansing, played for Thief River Falls through a coop arrangement. Lansing was a key player on two Prowler state tournament hockey teams.

## Future of Education

Dr. Ron Bratlie, Superintendent

I started my educational experience in a one-room schoolhouse in rural Detroit Lakes. After completing a B.S. degree, I taught Mathematics in Michigan for 6 years. While there, I received M.S. and M.A. degrees in Mathematics and Educational Administration, respectively. A Secondary Principal position at Twin Valley was my first administrative venture. After 17 years of small school Superintendent experience and completing my EDD, I focused my next 13 years on operations and construction in a large growing school district (Elk River) gaining national recognition as a leader in energy efficient and environmentally friendly constructed school buildings (green schools).

This resulted in opportunities to be a change agent explaining how schools could be "higher performing for higher performing students." I had the privilege of making over sixty speaking engagements from coast to coast working with school personnel, school board members, architects, engineers, and even politicians. A high point during this tenure was being the first and only K-12 educator to receive the United State Energy Association's Public Service Award in Washington, DC with President Bush presiding. Looking down the road, I see several things happening in the areas of financing, technology, and delivery systems. Since education makes up a large part of the state budget and the state funds are scarce, increased funding for schools will be very limited, at least in the short term. This may result in more pressure for local taxpayers to approve referendums in order to continue operations as they know them, or specialized bond issues to approve purchases such as technology, distance learning, and other large ticket items.

Technology continues to change faster than the weather. If we look at how technology has changed just in the past three years, it is probably indicative of



how fast, exponentially, it will continue to change. Therefore, we are taxed to even imagine what three years in the future will bring!

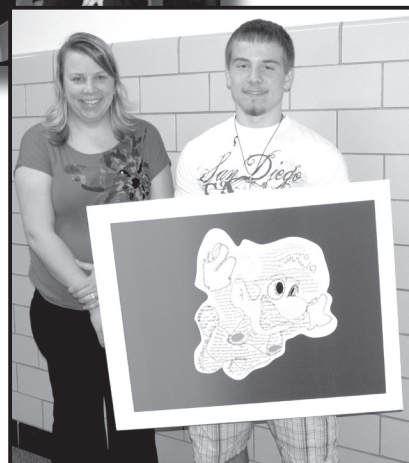
I believe that delivery system of education will be the real change agent in the future. Distance learning, on line courses, telepresence, and other mediums will provide opportunities for both youth and adults for lifelong learning, experiences, and degrees. Demand for people with vocational and technical skills will change the emphasis of curriculum that traditional schools offer today. For example, there are automobiles that will parallel park and even drive without human assistance, but who will service and repair these technology beasts. Not all students need to attend four-year colleges. Many companies and industries are seeking youth who have a good work ethic, willingness to work and, ability to problem solve. They want to train (educate) their own work force and sometimes even without a post secondary formal education. Therefore, school districts need to provide students who are prepared for a climate of change, challenge, and willingness to think outside of the box.

The Foundation continues to provide funding for special requests from school personnel and for benefits of all of the students of Warren-Alvarado-Oslo District 2176. On behalf of the School Board, administrators, and staff, I want to express our appreciation for your contributions and support of students and staff. Providing a quality education for our children is not just a wish, it is our responsibility!



▲ Winning a Section 8A Championship for the first time since the 1979-80 season, 2011-12 WAO Pony girls basketball team went to the state tournament and played very well.

► Chris Miller, with WAO Graphic Design Teacher Trista (Anderson) Lund, displays his winning art project which advanced to state competition.



# Where are they now . . .

**Jim Pearson, WHS 1972**, recently received the “Silver Medal of Service” in honor of his contributions to the city of Vienna, Austria. He moved there in 1988, to teach music at the Vienna International School. Students come from 100 different countries and under his direction have performed at the UN in New York and in concert halls around Europe. Pearson is one of the first non-Austrians and teacher to receive this award. He continues to live in Austria.

One of UND’s biggest Hockey fans is **Edith (Silnes) Soli, WHS 1954**. She is grandma to the Lamoureux twins that have made history for the Sioux Women’s Hockey team. Edith and her husband raised 4 girls and two boys in Grand Forks. She retired 2 years ago from a nursing career.

**Reed Soderstrom, WHS 1980**, is an attorney and member of the committee sponsoring the referral drive to save the Fighting Sioux nickname. He lives in Minot, ND.

**Maureen (Miller) Storstad, VNHS 1990**, was recently named new finance director of the city of Grand Forks. She earned her BS Degree in accounting at UND and became a certified public accountant in 2002. She resides in Grand Forks.

**Barbara (Steer) Field, WHS 1987**, is proprietor of North Country Gifts and Goodies in Grafton, ND. It opened in January, featuring a variety of candies and treats. Barb makes 90% of her sweets from scratch with her most famous being fudge. Sincere condolences are extended to the Field family after the loss of their son in a house fire near Stephen on April 20, 2012.

Aaron Fagerstrom, 15 year old son of **Jeff Fagerstrom, WHS 1988**, is an accomplished pianist competing for one of the coveted titles of Featured Artist on Minnesota Public Radio. Aaron has won many prestigious awards in the Twin Cities area. Jeff lives in TRF with wife, Wendy and five children. Aaron’s Grandpa **Robert Fagerstrom, WHS 1955**, was custodian at the Warren Elementary School for 40 years.

“We enjoy reading news from Warren. Thank you for keeping us on the list.” **Elvira (Carlson) Englund, WHS 1942**. Elvira and Luther live in Turlock, CA.

**Jim Forbes, WHS 1955**, served for 3 years in the army at a Nike Guided Missile site. He earned his degree in Forestry and Wildlife Management from the U of M St Paul. He started his career as a State Supervisor in New York. Now retired after 34 years of service, Jim resides in Fort Myers, FL. He has 1 daughter and 1 grandson. Sincere sympathy is extended to the Forbes family on the recent death of Diane.

**Charles Dahlstrom, OHS 1969**, recently wrote an article for the Grand Forks Herald featuring his dad, Bob Dahlstrom. Charles had received an old photo of Bob D, Bobby Jamieson and Ralph “Yep” Hoff showing the rewards of a duck hunt in the 1950s. His boyhood recollections of hunting with his dad were priceless. Charles and his family live in Warrensburg, MO.

**Donald A. Fillipi, WHS 1954**, served 20 years in the U.S. Air Force spending most of his time in Rapid City, SD. He continued to work for the government for several years and after retirement, he and wife Florence settled in Casa Grande, AZ, where they live in Palm Creek Golf and RV Resort. They have a blended family of 6 children, 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Other residents (Snowbirds) of Palm Creek are **Ruth (Carlson) and Donald Goodrich, WHS 1956**, of Mora, MN, and **Gary Vettleson, WHS 1956**, and wife Patti of Coon Rapids, MN.

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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.

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Be a part of this campaign to ensure that  
our children are equipped to succeed.*

### Marshall County Fair

July 25 - July 29

## A Time We Will Not Forget

The WAO Education Foundation recently received from Marvin Swanson a letter and a donation in memory of the 3 men that lost their lives at Morris Point at Lake of the Woods Minnesota in 1947.

Bruce Fulks, 27, was the vocational agricultural instructor at Warren High School, and Laurence Deane Fulks, 19, young farmer and brother of Bruce, who served as one of the leaders during the outing. Deane and Bruce were the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fulks of Warren. Also Donald Novak, 17, Angus youth and president of the Warren FFA Chapter was the son of Mr. and Mrs. M.J. Novak of Angus.

A Warren Future Farmers of America Chapter pleasure outing at Lake of the Woods resulted in a tragedy when three members of the party drowned after their boat capsized. The three young men left the Oggren resort at Morris Point, located 12 miles north of Baudette, in a row boat to go fishing about 10:00 a.m. Wednesday June 11, 1947. The nine other members of the chapter had left the dock in boats a short time before. They returned to their cabin at noon for lunch but thought nothing of their leaders not returning.

Late in the afternoon a fisherman came to the resort and reported a capsized boat in the channel, and it was then learned that the three men had been in that boat.

No one saw the accident so it was impossible to reconstruct with any certainty what caused the boat to capsize. There was a great deal of driftwood floating in the water following the terrific storm on Lake of the Woods the prior Monday and Tuesday, and it is possible that a large dead head together with a wave in the strong current may have been sufficient to tip the boat over. A wrist watch worn by Bruce stopped at 11:00, indicating that the tragedy took place shortly after they had left the dock.

The searching parties in Warren were organized by faculty members from the local school, including Supt. Eikenes, Emery Johnson, Paul Solberg, Howard Ernest, Stanley McCombs and Frank Forbes.

Other member of the FFA chapter who were with the Fulks boys on the outing were Robert Franson, Richard Melgard, Donald Bodell, George Erickson, Marvin Swanson, Harlan Nielson, James Pinkerton, Kenneth Sinn and Dale Borgquist.

Thank you Marvin for sharing this information with us and honoring Bruce, Deane and Donald with your memorial. If anyone else would like to contribute to this memorial plaque, please make a note with your donation in memory of the three men. They will never be forgotten.

# Tribute and Memorial Gifts

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**In Tribute to Ashley Holien**  
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**In Tribute to Stacy Hanson**  
Braylee Schroeder

**In Tribute to Fern Gilbert**  
Pat (Gilbert) Carlson

**In Tribute to Mildred Stroble**  
Pat (Stroble) Emerson

**In Tribute to Linda Storstad**  
Mike and Stacey Bienek

**In Tribute to JoAnne Ranstrom**  
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**In Tribute to Michelle Gullikson**  
Mike and Stacey Bienek

**In Tribute to Ken Sherwood**  
Alan Peterson

**In Tribute to the Class of 1955**  
Jim & Diane Forbes

**In Tribute to Joan Johnson**  
Anonymous

**In Tribute to Raymond and Lillian Miska**  
Glenn & Jane (Miska) Sirek

## 2012 Class Reunions

### WHS 1947 - July

Elois Lieberg Snyder  
Cell: 830-285-0280

### WHS 1948 - Aug. 18

Maxine Paulson Thoreson  
[omthore2@charter.net](mailto:omthore2@charter.net)

### WHS 1952 - July 25 & 26

Marlene Knoll Sommers  
[mcsommers@mncable.net](mailto:mcsommers@mncable.net)

### WHS 1957 - July 26

Arnette Johnson Nelson  
[arnette@usfamily.net](mailto:arnette@usfamily.net)

### WHS 1962 - July 27 & 28

Michael Johnson  
[twotwomike@lavernia.net](mailto:twotwomike@lavernia.net)

### WHS 1967 - July 28

Duane Fillipi  
[fillipi@invismax.com](mailto:fillipi@invismax.com)

### WHS 1972 - July 28

Mark Flaten  
[mflaten@mncable.net](mailto:mflaten@mncable.net)

### WHS 1982 - July 27 & 28

Bruce Nelson  
[imgonefishin@gvtel.com](mailto:imgonefishin@gvtel.com)

### OHS 1992 - July 20-22

Tracy Zawistowski  
[tljamieson@hotmail.com](mailto:tljamieson@hotmail.com)

### WHS 1992 -

Shawn Hricak

### WAO 2002 - July 27 & 28

Mandy Kuznia  
[waoclassof2002@yahoo.com](mailto:waoclassof2002@yahoo.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.

## Webcasting

Warren Alvarado Oslo is known for their well rounded students that excel in the arts, academics and athletics and we are very proud of all their success. With the start of webcasting at the high school, it has been a great way to showcase that talent. Webcasting at Warren/Alvarado/Oslo has been a great learning experience for all involved.

The high school video production class has been recording the events and putting them on the web site listed below. Items that are showcased are various sporting events, pepfests, concerts, National Honor Society Induction, Pony Updates & dance line that can be found and viewed at [www.webcast50.com](http://www.webcast50.com).

Again, a big thank you goes out to the WAO Education Foundation for making this possible.

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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Jennifer (Oowski) Rodgers  
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Ruth (Kasprick) Beiswenger  
Scott & Tamara Oberg  
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Sharon (Botko) Kays  
Sig & Marlene (Wittman) Silnes  
Stacy Hanson  
Stanley & Marilyn (Strickler)  
Sirek  
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Steve & Marie Goodwin  
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Todd & Shelly Maruska  
Todd & Jan (Narlock)  
Mortimer  
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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!

2012 is proving to be another exciting year with the Foundation! New and exciting things have happened in the elementary and high school building thanks to the generous donations that have been provided to us.

Our donor wall has a new look. We had outgrown it with the large number of plaques. When the wall was started some of us thought it would take 20 years before we would fill it with plaques. We were wrong. Space was definitely a problem. The original builder, Jon Holter, made a shelf where we have all of the \$100 plaques in page holders. This freed up space for other areas. During the past months we'd not put any new plaques on because of the upcoming change. You'll find all of the new plaques in place now.

On May 23rd we announced that we facilitated 33 scholarships to 20 WAO seniors totaling \$24,850. We are pleased to have the additions of the following scholarships to the Foundation. They are the Scott E. Forbes Memorial Scholarship. The Morris & Ivy Maruska Memorial Scholarship, the Magda Spilde Scholarship, and the Gary Schuler Endowment Scholarship. Thank you all for helping our students as they continue their education.

A year ago we decided not to do "Celebrate Music & the Arts". As a fundraiser we served a baked potato/toppings and salad bar supper prior to the Stephen / Argyle Pony BBB game in February. Many volunteers and staff members assisted us with this supper to make it a huge success. Mark your calendars for January 8, 2013 for our next supper.

Does your business or company have matching funds for donations? We've had a number of donations that have been matched during the past year. If this fits into your life, contact us for our tax ID number as you will need it to fill out the forms for the match.

Do we have your e-mail address? If not, will you please send it to us ASAP? We are trying to gather them so that in the very near future we can e-mail the "Connections" out to those that are able to receive it. Of course, we'll still mail copies to folks that aren't on the internet!

Many class reunions are scheduled for the summer. It's always an exciting time to meet and renew acquaintances with alumni. We hope that many alumni, family, and friends will participate in our annual golf scramble on July 27th during the Marshall County Fair. The fee remains at \$45.00. You may e-mail us to sign your team up for a fun day of golf, fun, food, and prizes! This spring we funded \$7,986 in needs for the WAO staff and students.

We're pleased to welcome a new board member, Ed Rosendahl. An additional voting board member came about when we changed an amendment.

An anonymous donor and the Northwest Mutual Foundation offered a double match for a \$13,000 router for the Industrial Technology Department. The match was completed and the router has arrived at WAO. Thank you to all who contributed to this project.

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!"**

## Warren Area Community Fund (WACF)

Established to help Warren community grow!!

The purpose of the WACF is to provide financial support for projects or services to enhance or improve the quality of life in the area. It is a self-sustaining fund that makes meaningful grants to initiatives for the betterment of the community.

To grow in a population or business sense; Warren needs to project a positive

image as a place to do business, live, raise a family, recreate and retire. A local board manages these funds and brings a variety of skills and knowledge to and of the community. WACF is a complementary resource for the community and is not in competition with any other foundation dedicated to a specific use or goal.

A tax deductible donation can be made to: WACF, PO Box 163, Warren, MN 56762



WAO Ed. Foundation purchased this Kiln for the Advanced Art Class for pottery. Front Row, left to right; Justin Rodriguez, Nicole Oas and Jared Jevning. Back row: Jordan Wurtz, Chase Anderson, Brenna Tescher, Bailey Jenkins and George Vela.

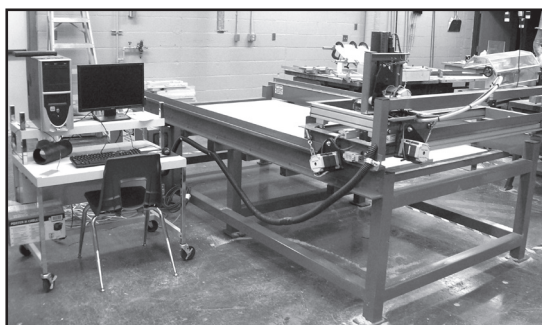
## WELCOME ALUMNI!!

**WARREN JAYCEES 5K FAMILY WALK/RUN** Saturday, July 28, Island Park

Info on Marshall County Fair Website.

## EZ-Router CNC Router Table

The EZ-Router CNC router table that the WAO Education Foundation donated arrived the week of April 21. The machine came fully assembled and ready to run. A few students were already using the machine within an hour of it being removed from its shipping crate! Every student who has used the router or observed the machine run is excited about learning CNC technology. Thank you for providing our students with this opportunity!



# News and Notes . . .

Congratulations to **Terry BlackLance, WHS 1984**, for reaching the milestone of announcing 1,000 games behind a microphone. After 20 years, he is ready to step down as public address announcer for TRF Prowler athletics. One career highlight was announcing for the World Junior Hockey Championships at the Engelstad Arena in Grand Forks. Terry is employed by the TRF School District as the minority coordinator. He and wife Tammy reside in Thief River Falls. They have 2 boys.

1st grade teacher, **JoAnne (Edgar) Ranstrom, ALV 1980**, recently received a visitor via mail to her classroom. Alli Abrams, studying to be a teacher and granddaughter of **Quinten Ulric Johnson, WHS 1949**, sent a stuffed bear to JoAnne as a class project. This bear was to visit 5 places across the United States connected with Grandpa Ulrich. First stop was Warren where Ulrich attended elementary school.

After two years of compiling information, the WAO gymnasium has championship sports banners hanging from its rafters. **Duane Swanson, WHS 1969**, and dean of students and athletic director, Craig Peterson were key people in showcasing the banners. All consolidations are recognized. The new WAO banners are designed to come down, with future sport accomplishments being added. “It’s a pride thing” says Peterson. “It’s good to honor the alumni and it gives our current athletes incentive to strive for success.”

Word was received recently concerning the death of **Robert Wilson, WHS 1938**. Bob served in the Marines during World War II. He also served in Korea earning many combat citations including the Bronze Star. He was promoted to the rank of Colonel in 1964 and served in Vietnam. His last 3 years of active duty were spent on the staff of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Development. Bob and Sunshine Moreland were married in 1944. They had 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

**Rev. Dale Peterson**, recently recounted his World War II experiences in honor of Veterans Day. Quitting Warren High School after his sophomore year, Dale joined the service in 1942 and saw the world as a sailor under fire. He served, guarding troop and aircraft carriers. He was a loader on a 20 mm anti-aircraft gun, hauling ammo during battle. The hardest part was facing kamikaze pilots. He earned 9 campaign stars and was part of the liberation of 7,500 Allied prisoners of war. A pastor for nearly 50 years, Peterson is retired, but still available to fill a pulpit when asked. Dale is married to a former Warren teacher, **Nadine Anderson**. They live in Lakota, ND.

**Claudia ( Roley) Thompson, WHS 1966**, wrote recently about a mini reunion they had last fall. Ten classmates met at the home of Kent Peterson in Waverly, MN. Those attending were; Kent, Pete Gilbert, Larry Peterson, Rick Bluedorn, Richard Pearson, Greg Magoris, Arden Roley, Claudia (Roley ) Thompson, Cathy (Anderson) Hanson and Patty (Engelstad) Gould.

**John Johnson, WHS Class of 1962**, sent information concerning their 50th class reunion. A “Stroll Down Memory Lane” will be held, Saturday, July 28, 4-7 PM at his farm east of Warren. John is building a bandstand for the live music they have planned. Former teachers and the classes of ‘61 and ‘63 are also invited.

Late **Don Malm, WHS 1949**, is remembered for his tireless efforts to ensure healthy and affordable housing for residents of Fergus Falls. Family members and friends dedicated a plaque in his honor at Augusta Apartments in Fergus Falls where he was president for 35 years. Malm died in February, 2011.

**E.W. Solyst**, former principal of the Warren School district from **1941-1943** and superintendent at Alvarado from **1943-1950**, will celebrate his 100th birthday on May 5th. He resides in Kerkhoven, MN. HAPPY BIRTHDAY E.W.!

Former WAO special education teacher **Laurie Sieben 1997-1999** was named North Dakota’s Class B coach of the year. She coaches at Grafton High School where the Spoilers claimed their first Class B girls’ high school basketball championship. Her 9 year old twin girls assisted as team managers.

A sincere thank you was received from the Warren Sr. Meals Program for the food donated by the WAO Foundation after their baked potato fund raiser.

*“My first semester at St. Scholastica went well, complete with new experiences and good grades! Thank you for helping make it possible.”*  
**2011 Scholarship recipient, Jessica Korynta**

**“THANK YOU WAO FOUNDATION” for the:**

- Digital cameras and memory cards
- Kiln, software, digital camera and paper
- Phonics word center to improve reading skills
- Smart board in the elementary music room
- Seven I-pads for the high school library
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- Books for special education students
- A-Z Reading Program
- New teacher incentive

- Art Class Students
- Art Class Students
- Marilyn Edman & Renee Borowicz
- Mona Schroeder & Sonja Plautz
- Ashley Anderson
- Michelle Gullikson
- Bonnie Schonmeier
- Betty DuBore
- Liz Kappel

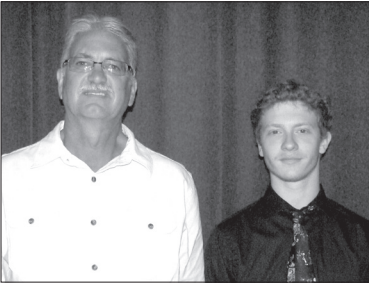
The WAO Education Foundation appreciates any info sent in to be shared from past graduates from the Warren/Alvarado/Oslo area. Keep it coming!

# 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.

1931 WHS	Stanley Ostrom
1933 OHS	Borghild Johnson
1934 WHS	Anna Haugen
1938 WHS	Robert Wilson
1939 AHS	Helen (Nordling) Kitt
1940 WHS	Harold (Bud) Golden
1942 AHS	James Edman
1943 WHS	Maurice “Mike” Michalek
1943 WHS	Vernon Olson
1944 WHS	Eunice Cole
1949 WHS	Carol (Engelstad) Johnson
1951 WHS	Lillian (Judovsky) Nowacki
1952 OHS	Ronald Bushaw
1952 AHS	Jerry Lee Olson
1953 OHS	Doris Stoltman
1954 WHS	Orville Parkin
1956 AHS	Jane (Hanson) Macki
1957 WHS	Ronald Olson
1964 AHS	Cheryl (Anderson) Huff
1975 WHS	Darrell Myrfield
1979 WHS	Todd Larson
2002 WAO	Mandi Kittelson
Friend	Darlene Steiger
Friend	Diane Forbes (Wife of Jim Forbes)

## Recipients of 2012 Scholarships facilitated by the WAO Education Foundation



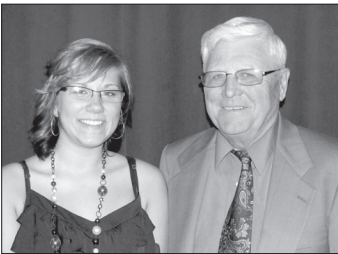
**Morris and Ivy Maruska Memorial Scholarship –**  
Mark Maruska and Cory Myrfield



**Vivian Olson Scholarship –**  
Erin Sundby



**Scott E. Forbes Memorial Scholarship –**  
Derrek LaBine



**Magda Spilde Scholarship –**  
Brenna Miller and Sig Silnes Jr.

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**Muriel Maruska/  
Roley Scholarship** –  
Cortney Kostrzewski



**Newell E. Aas  
Memorial  
Scholarship** –  
Justin Haugtvedt



**WAO Education Foundation Scholarship** – Cameron Finseth, Justin Haugtvedt, Sarah Durand, Tiffani Morrell, Angela Erickson and missing from the photo is Darian Garfve.



**Gary Schuler Endowment Scholarship** –  
Sarah Durand, Gary Schuler and  
Andrew Lansing



**Greg M. Haugen Memorial Scholarship** – Benjamin Estabrook, Erin Sundby, Katie Rehder, Angela Erickson and Casey Conely



**Jumpstart  
Scholarship** –  
Benjamin Estabrook



**Wayne John  
Grochow Memorial  
Scholarship** – Darian  
Garfve



**Jeff Evin Memorial Scholarship** –  
Wanda Evin, Heather Evin, Betty Evin, Nicholas Evin, and  
Katie Rehder



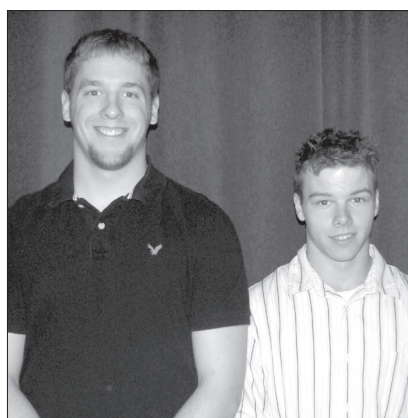
**WHS Class of 1957 Scholarship** – John Peterson, Cameron Finseth, Marilyn Kasprovicz and Shirley Hamrick



**Richard P. Nelson Memorial Scholarship** –  
Bruce Nelson, Emilie Nelson, Danae Vansickle, Sheila Nelson and Dillon Nelson



**Lyle H. Engelstad Scholarship** – Sarah Durand, Brenna Miller, Andrew Lansing and Zackari Anderson



**Richard Melgard Memorial  
Scholarship** – Zach Riopelle and  
Derrek LaBine



**Robert L. Strandberg Memorial Scholarship** –  
Kristen Ranstrom, Derrek LaBine, RuthAnn (Strandberg) Johnson and Glenn Johnson



**Alvarado Lions Scholarship** –  
Danae Vansickle and Jeremiah Welin



**Myron & Margaret Carlson  
Scholarship** – Janet Aakre and  
Kristen Ranstrom

## **Pending Scholarship ~ WHS Class of 1969 Scholarship Fund Rising**

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. The scholarship fund is now at \$4,830.

Where Are You, WAO Missing Alumni?

Please provide addresses or information if you know where someone is. Send to WAO Ed. Foundation P.O. Box 125, Warren, MN 56762. 218-745-4646, ext. 317 or email: edfoundation@wao.k12.mn.us

**Alvarado Missing Alumni**  
1939 Fern Pearson Christianson  
Jerome Fisch  
Evadores Larson  
Helen Reinhold  
1946 Denise Babinski Helms  
1949 Jeanne Hyatt  
1954 June Carlson Nelson  
1956 Floyd Johnson  
1964 Jeff Haas  
1969 Christine Wells Debner  
1972 Michael Olson  
1976 Andy Anderson  
Jay Anderson  
1977 Randy Tucker  
1980 Cathy Anderson  
Debbie Cox  
Jeff Holkesvig  
Tracy Jenson  
Dawn Lisell  
Steven Stoltman  
1981 Julie Gross  
1982 Tami Jenkins Klincke  
James Yanish  
1983 Marvin Stoltman  
1984 Caryn Jenkins  
1985 Carmen Stoltman  
1987 Connie Stoltman Wickman

**Oslo Missing Alumni**  
1947 Mary Moen  
1949 Violet Bakken Sorenson  
Marion Nelson  
1950 Walter Majeski  
1965 Judy Hart Schiller  
1971 Patrick Barrett  
1972 Carol Moe Johnson  
Lynn Kontz Boer  
John Barrett  
1975 Thereza Se Olivera (foreign  
exchange student)  
Robert Helms  
Jerry Molenaar  
Jeffery Anvinson  
1976 Scott Olson  
Kenneth Grabinski

1978 Kim Eagleson  
1980 Debbie Daniels  
1981 Dwight Swavee  
1984 Chris Hart  
1985 Anthony Hanson  
1986 Kellie Jo Austad  
Sheila Ducioame Wesolowski  
1988 Cheri Domino  
1990 John Phillipson  
1991 Kim Gardner  
John Ebertowski  
1993 Julio Ramirez (foreign  
Exchange student)

**Warren Missing Alumni**  
1927 Hilda Morud Wagner  
1933 Margurite Turnlund Gilmore  
1934 Mildred Grose Weber  
1935 Elaine Gordon Williams  
Katherine Johnson  
1936 Doris Anderson Vallient  
1937 Genevieve Danielson Wolfgram  
Enid Hogg Eckstrom  
Margaret Goulet Ayotte  
Frances Bailey Marquis  
Ruth Rood Larson  
Joseph Tucynski  
Floyd Wallace  
1938 Bernice Holm  
Evelyn Wallace  
1940 Ione Knutson  
Florence Bradley Hood  
Blossom Docken  
1941 Dorothy Kirtz  
Lawrence Presnell  
Margery Quistgard Crawford  
Eileen Sameulson  
1942 Betty Barr Osborne  
Jack Schantzen  
Gloria Vallient Anderson  
1945 Eileen Anderson  
1946 Phillip Lindberg  
1959 Richard Larson  
1964 Ginger Wood  
1965 Pat Swanson  
1970 Allan Norgart

1973 Kelly Roeske  
1974 Dwight Hazard  
1978 Robert Innes  
1985 Annie Desjardins  
1986 Naomi Carlson  
1989 Mitch Anfinson  
Michael Knutson  
1992 Surra Yadessa  
1993 Luis Desmons  
1994 James Christianson  
Jason Keller  
Roman Vales  
1995 Erica Finneman  
Bernard Martin  
Thomas Palmer  
1997 Brandon Carlson  
Michael Hermanson  
Heather Johnson  
1999 Eloisa Mayo  
Juan Perez  
2001 Shawn Lee

Welcome Alumni!

The Marshall County Relay for Life invites all alumni to become a members of the WAO Alumni Team! This year the Relay will be held in Middle River on June 8-9. Check out the Alumni Team on the WAO website at: www.wao.k12.mn.us and go to the left hand side under alumni.. If you have questions contact Julie (Fulks) Jonasson at jjonasson@micro-soft.com

NEW SCHOLARSHIPS IN 2012

The Gary Schuler Endowment Scholarship:

The idea for this scholarship originated with a group of former Pony Basketball Players and friends in 2007 to show admiration, respect, and thanks to a former coach. Gary Schuler was the coach of the Ponies from 1973-1997. It will be given to a senior at WAO who exhibits many of the qualities and values that Coach Schuler cultivated as a coach and passed on to his student athletes.

The Magda Spilde Scholarship:

With dedication and caring about children receiving a good education, Magda worked hard at her profession. She took great joy and pride in seeing the progress the students made with their reading abilities. Magda was a 1923 Alvarado graduate who spent her teaching years in the Warren School District. This scholarship was established with the school after her death in 1997, but turned over to the WAO Education Foundation this school year.

The Morris & Ivy Maruska Memorial Scholarship:

This couple was very supportive of academic and extra-curricular school activities. They also valued the farming profession, volunteerism and lifelong learning in addition to much involvement in leadership roles in their church. Morris was a 1935 WHS graduate and was chairman of the school board when the current elementary building was built in 1969. This scholarship was established by their four children in honor and in loving memory of their parents.

Scott E Forbes Memorial Scholarship:

With a special interest in marine biology and especially dolphins, Scott’s family established this scholarship in hopes that other students can carry out his dream of studying marine biology. Scott died at the young age of 18 of an undiagnosed ear problem. His grandfather, Frank, was a vocational agriculture teacher in Warren and his dad, James, is a 1955 WHS graduate.

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.

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Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Public School Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization to benefit education. Gifts of \$100 or more to the Foundation are recognized on an attractive donor board located in the east entrance of the high school.

**Please Contribute** The Ed Foundation would appreciate your financial support, so we can continue to send you this newsletter.

**Give Us Your Ideas** Let us know what is interesting to you or what other information you’d like to see in this newsletter.

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