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## Ken Satkunam: Warren's Own IT Big Shot



Ken Satkunam and his family

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Who would have known in the 1980s that Johnson Avenue in Warren would raise up a nationally known IT guru? Well, if you've never had the opportunity to have a conversation for yourself with Ken Satkunam, it's time you knew what a great guy the community of Warren raised!!

It was the 1980s, as a 5th grader, when Ken first felt the "itch" to experiment with technology. Ken recalls when his mom, Faye (Erickson) Satkunam (WHS, Class of 1964, daughter of Everett and Dorothy Erickson), purchased him his very first computer: a Commodore Vic 20. He fondly remembers that computer and how it gave him his first love of technology! He immediately thought it was the most amazing thing ever! He'd hook it up to their TV and play early video games in full color. He wrote his first computer program, using basic computer language, as that eager 5th grade student, using that first Commodore from his mom. It happened on New Year's Eve that year and he and his best buddy, Mark Jordheim were sitting around, playing games. They decided to write a program to cause a splash of colors when the ball dropped in Times Square to ring in the New Year! They created a program that counted down the seconds from 10 – 1! When the ball hit the bottom, their program created a splash of colors across his TV screen! With excitement and passion, Ken was determined to find his future in technology.

Ken Satkunam was born in Cleveland, Ohio and grew up as an only child to his mother and father, who was a physician's assistant. His dad's job took them from Ohio to

Michigan and then Lander, Wyoming. When the marriage dissolved, Faye and young Ken returned to her roots in Warren, MN where they lived throughout his educational career. Faye and Ken made their home right on Johnson Avenue. Ken, admittedly "loved it." Being the center of his mother's attention was special. He recalls his mother working hard to provide for them. Ken thoroughly enjoyed his childhood in Warren. He retold about his experiences walking to the Warren Fair, riding his bike around town ~ especially to the Holiday Pool, the old Warren Theater and playing basketball on the courts in the community. His house on Johnson Avenue saw many memories with his treasured friends: Scott Polley, Charles BlackLance and next door neighbor, Mark Jordheim.

One of his fondest childhood memories was attending the original showing of "Star Wars" at the Warren Movie Theater with his mom; they were instantly huge Star Wars fans. It was always a dream of hers to go to Los Angeles to the Star Wars Park. Last year, they were excited to make the long-awaited trip; unfortunately the pandemic outbreak occurred. To his devastation, he and his mom never got the chance to fulfill the trip. Sadly, she passed away before it could be rescheduled. It was at his mother's funeral where Ken reconnected with one of his favorite teachers, Mrs. Mary Beth Edman. She was someone Ken looked up to; he remembers her being an "awesome" teacher and was appreciative to have the opportunity to reconnect with her.

While in elementary school, Ken spoke of his mother purchasing him blank notebooks he used to write

down pages of computer codes and keep track of them. Ken found joy in reading, especially the books where you could create your own ending. Coincidentally, this brought him to his first computer challenge! One of his elementary teachers introduced him to the new video game, "The Oregon Trail." The concept of choosing your own ending to the game intrigued him and this served as a springboard for him to delve further into code-writing. Ken was on his way! He loved it and his passion for developing graphics and visuals began. Interestingly enough, his first project as an adult would lead him right back to a school system. He worked with the Oak Grove Lutheran School and now North Dakota Governor, Doug Burgum to integrate laptop computers into the lives of the children ~ just as was done for him as an elementary student. Ken was feeling as though things were moving into full circle.

For Ken, high school was all about academics and sports. He excelled academically, ending his high school career as co-valedictorian. He had natural ability in both basketball and track, with track being his preferred sport. Throughout high school, Ken especially enjoyed his advanced math classes: calculus and trigonometry. Mr. Rick Schmiedeberg was one of his favorite teachers along with Mr. Fred Yoos, his English teacher. Ken played basketball from third grade through high school. His basketball team suffered a devastating loss during the Region 8 championship round, depriving his Pony team of a second straight trip to the state tournament. However, that same year, his track season made up for the crushing loss in basketball. Ken broke the Long Jump and High Jump records and made it to state in both events. He ended up scratching all 3 prelim jumps in the long jump and scratched 2 of 3 in the triple so his state results were a personal disappointment. Like all small town teens, Ken recalls fondly memorable times with his friends. Driving "the loop" is something every kid from the '70's through the '90's did to pass the time! The Warren Bowling Alley or Warren Theater was a sure spot to find the guys on weekend nights. Later, once they had drivers' licenses, they would cruise to Forks to enjoy hockey games or movies.

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Join the WAO Education Foundation for our  
18th Annual  
**Golf Scramble Fundraiser**  
**Friday, July 22, 2022**  
at Riverside Golf Course  
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### Class Reunions

Please contact the Education Foundation with your class reunion details for our next edition of "Connections." We would be glad to give you our most current addresses for your classmates.

In return, we ask that you give us any address updates that you become aware of.

### Warren-Mesa Picnic

February 19, 2022 in Mesa, AZ  
See page 6 for more information.

### Warren-WHS-WAO Florida Picnic

Feb. 19, 2022 - Noon to 4:00 p.m.  
Small Pavilion at Maxine Barritt Park  
1800 Harbor Dr. S., Venice, FL  
See page 6 for more information

### Marshall County Fair July 20-24, 2022

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# News and Notes . . .

**Mark Potucek, WHS 1978**, was part of a feature story in the *Grand Forks Herald AgWeek* telling how businesses in the Red River Valley help out during the beet harvest season. Mark owns the Subway in Ada, MN. He keeps his Subway business open 24/7 during beet harvest. That allows owners and workers to come in and have a meal or just a cup of coffee to relieve the stress that can build during beet harvest. Growing up on a farm himself, Mark is well-aware how stressful harvest season can be and he is happy to help alleviate that stress any way he can.

**Ashley (Jenkins) Fredrickson, WAO HS 2001**, a nurse with North Valley Public Health in Warren, MN has served as the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator throughout the pandemic. She was nominated by a client for going above and beyond to ensure that seniors and health care workers received vaccinations. Ashley went to meet people where they were at to make sure they could access the vaccines. Ashley stated, "I remember giving my first vaccination to an elderly lady who was tearing up because she was so happy to see a light at the end of the tunnel. That's how it felt for me too. Even though we aren't at the end yet, it feels good to be in a place we are now after some very long, dark months." This past spring, the

Northwest Minnesota Foundation, launched the Covid Community Heroes campaign. Ashley always meets challenges head-on and is very deserving of this recognition. She is married to **Paul Fredrickson, WAO HS 2001**, and they have a son, Rylan who is a 8th grade student at WAO High School.

**Leslie (Johnston) Shirek, WAO 1999**, was honored with the 2021 North Dakota State College of Science Commitment to Excellence Award. Leslie joined NDSCS in 2016 as a Program Outreach Specialist. In her role, she is focused on increasing enrollment in academic programs that are experiencing low enrollment, but are in high demand by business and industry partners. Whether updating classrooms and labs, helping to mentor a new faculty member or reaching out to students, her impact on NDSCS is felt in a variety of ways. Leslie also serves the NDSCS Community on Staff Senate, serving as President for the 2021-2022 year. She currently resides near Barnesville, MN, with her husband and two daughters. She is the daughter of Gary and Carey Johnston of rural Angus. She also serves on the Barnesville school board and on the Lake Agassiz Education Cooperative board. In her free time, Leslie loves to be outside gardening and running.

## WAO Alumni Hall Of Fame 2022

The opportunity is here again for you to recognize an alumnus to be included in the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Alumni Hall Of Fame.

The Alumni Hall of Fame has been established to recognize WAO Alumni that have distinguished themselves, their school, and their community. Currently there are 12 members of the WAO Alumni Hall of Fame. Each year, up to 4 former alumni, may be added. Short biographies of each current member can be found on the Hall of Fame Facebook page by searching "WAO Hall of Fame." The award criteria and nomination form are also found on the website.

A committee was formed to promote the principles of the Hall of Fame, to establish the eligibility standards, the criteria used in considering a person for the honor and to facilitate the award process. The committee is not responsible for completing the required forms or providing the supporting evidence to be used in consideration for the award. The nomination is then sent to a separate selection committee for making the final selections.

In preparing the form for the nomination, it may be useful to recruit the help of other people in researching the alumni's contributions by checking school yearbooks, local news articles, any information that maybe available on the internet and talking to other classmates and friends. Complete as much of the nominee's personal information as possible. On a separate sheet, address as many of the accomplishments and contributions listed on the nomination form as you can. It is an honor to be nominated to the WAO Alumni Hall of Fame, so the nominee deserves as much effort as possible in presenting his or her talents and contributions. The deadline for submitting the nomination is May 1, 2022.

## 2021 Education Foundation Golf Fundraiser



Members of the 2012 girls basketball team came out to golf a little bit during the golf tournament. From left to right are, Bailey Jenkins, WAO 2013, Sarah Durand, WAO 2012, Alexandra Erickson, WAO 2013, and Maddie DuBore, WAO 2013.



WAO Education Foundation Chairperson Carol Anderson always has a smile on her face.



Taking a time out from the WAO Education Foundation Golf Tournament are from the left, Jordan Anderson, WAO 2018, Dylan Stinar, WAO 2014, Matt Bergh, WAO 2014 and Kendall (Hapka) Bergh, WAO 2015.



Pull A Tee fundraising game at the WAO Education Golf tournament.



WAO Education Foundation board members, Pam Jubie, left, and Carol Bowman taking a break from their fundraising duties.



All decked out in their USA team jerseys are WAO 2014 classmates from the left, Danny Schmidt, Gunnar Bowman, Alex Marcotte and Dillon Novak.



WAO teachers, Joanne Ranstrom, left, and Mary Stanislawski volunteer their help at the golf tournament.



Standing out of the sun under a shady tree at the WAO Education Foundation Golf Fundraiser are from the left, Keith Porter, WHS 1981, Kelly Turgeon, WHS 1979, Mike Brekke, WHS 1981 and Bob Lubarski, WHS 1981.



A Yeti cooler filled with prizes was just one of the many awesome prizes to win at the golf tournament.

## Golf Registration Form

Please return this with your entry fee. (\$50/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

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# The Story of Ken Satkunam *(continued from page 1)*



Ken remembers with fondness the close-knit living of a small Minnesota town.

Following his graduation, Ken attended MSUM (Minnesota State University, Moorhead). He continued his academic success, graduating Cum Laude and earning a degree in CIS (Computer Information Systems), with a minor in Business Management. Sports continued to influence him; competing on the Dragon Track Team as a long jumper and sprinter. Throughout college Ken remained focused on IT and the industry. He completed an internship at Great Plains Software, which was later acquired by Microsoft of Fargo. It was at Great Plains, where he first met Doug Burgum and was introduced to technology improvements at the Oak Grove School.

Following college, Ken took employment with Lutheran Health System (LHS) where he began to learn his trade. LHS soon merged with another company from Phoenix, named Samaritan Health Systems. This merger later became Banner Health System, a large non-profit health system which now employs over 35,000 workers. Amid this large health care environment, Ken gained valuable IT enterprising experience. It enabled him to feel comfortable entering any health organization with ease.

It was at this time, he began his private company, “NorthStar Technology Group” so the name would make it appear there were several employees, when in reality, Ken was working independently from home! While working with LHS, Ken had the opportunity to interface with multiple software vendors; he began building a cache of resources to facilitate growth in his personal private enterprise simultaneously. He gained knowledge and experience in enterprise-grade software for the health care and long-term care facilities such as nursing homes and hospitals. Quickly, Ken realized this was a rapidly growing market and he felt his skills and technology group could make a difference. One by one, he reached out to his health care contacts and pitched NorthStar Technology Group as a new service provider able to fill all their cybersecurity needs. Those connections provided him a valuable “foot in the door” with larger companies in need of cybersecurity.

These conversations led to Ken’s “big break.” He tells this story often, it is the backbone of his career. He is quite proud of these moments in his career. He began to have cybersecurity conversations with a large physical therapy company with more than 300 locations across the United States and 1,500 employees. At this time, his “company” consisted of himself, one other part time guy and an office gal ~ but Ken was extremely determined. He reached out to their point of contact who posed one question: Can you support all of our locations? Now, not wanting to sound unimpressive, Ken quickly began making promises. “Of course, of course I can do this!” These were promises he wasn’t sure he could ever fulfill, but he was now headlong into his entrepreneurialism!! (Ken describes this as one of the “dirty little secrets” of owning your own business: make the promises, then figure out how to deliver later!) Here he was, a 3-person company, making promises to cover over 300 sites! Wow! At this point, he’s sitting in his home “office” and trying to brainstorm how he could possibly manage this.

Then, an idea hit him! On his desk was a stack of IT magazines. He suddenly recalled reading an article in one of the trade journals about an organization that created a database of IT contractors throughout the U.S. Hmmmm, could he possibly find that golden nugget of information to help springboard him and his company? With much animation, Ken describes his frenetic thumbing through those magazines in search of ONE small business card-sized article he had a fleeting memory of, somewhere in the stack. But again, his endless determination paid off in dividends. Finally, he located what he’d been looking for! Amid the articles in one trade journal, he located the small article, buried deep in the stack of magazines. He describes the find as “the music of his dreams exploding like fireworks in his head!” This website provided a means of searching by zip code all the IT

contractors in a given region! He immediately penned a proposal to the CFO stating that his company has access to support every single location. His point-of-contact for the major company called him, requesting a meeting with him in Vegas to present his IT proposal! Ken was ecstatic and could hardly believe his good fortune. So... without further adieu, he booked a quick trip to Vegas to meet with the guy, proposal in hand. He was nervously apprehensive. But, bad news struck. His contact phoned him hours prior to the much anticipated meeting and told him the CFO was not going to make the trip. Ken was crestfallen, but quickly agreed to a phone conversation. The lengthy conversation grilled Ken left and right on everything related to his proposal, IT cybersecurity and he was fielding questions from all angles. He remained confident and sure in his skills. Ken ended up signing a marginal contract with that company. However, in the next three years, he ended up tripling that contract, generating \$4-5 million over the span of the agreement. He was on his way! He jokes that it all started from a small magazine article he stumbled upon. It was, literally, the flip of a magazine page!

Now, he quickly realized he’d need to deliver. It would be a stretch for him and his small, but grand company. All went well with those initial meetings, opening more doors to him and his growing enterprise.

Once he secured that original contract, his company quickly acquired other contracts from PT (physical therapy) companies. To think, none of it would have happened if not for the flip of that one magazine! His next acquisitions were Prairie St. John’s Hospital, along with all hospitals in North Dakota unaffiliated with Sanford. More stretch opportunities began to present themselves and Ken was finding the company was doing well with each of them. One of his first stretch acquisitions was Endura Care, which was a big step forward!

Soon after that initial contract was signed, Ken knew he had to come up with a brick and mortar “office,” so he quickly got to work in Fargo locating the perfect spot. Needing space and meeting rooms, Ken located a condo by the Golf Bubble, his offer was accepted and all the lights were turning green on his enterprise. He knew it had to be a sign! He began to work on his mega-customer and planned for a regional manager’s meeting; including 17 managers ~ but Ken STILL had no desks assembled in his office! He put on the façade of a large company, when in reality, Ken was working from a card table and folding chairs in his empty office space. He jokingly reminisces about making promises with big customers but all the while he didn’t even have a single desk in his office. His office crew was literally painting the walls while he was having the virtual meetings ~ with a grand office view pasted into his background. It all seemed so surreal, but Ken was actually advancing NorthStar Technology Group and launching his enterprise.

Life’s not all work with Ken, however. His view of life is like a roller coaster~you end up in places you never thought you would. He is happily married to his best

friend, Jill and the couple is busy raising their blended “Brady Bunch” family. Ken admittedly relies on her loving support through all his endeavors. He describes her as having a kind heart, gentle and loving. She enjoys fitness, dining out and family-focused activities. Ken’s two sons Noah and Dylan along with Jill’s daughters, Ashlin and Kyra form a tight family unit. Ashlin, the eldest of the four, is their artsy, flower child. She is kind, gentle, and loves the arts and theater improv. She currently works as a host at “Rose Wild,” in Block 9 in Fargo. Then there is Noah, 18 and a senior, graduating a semester early at South Fargo Davies High School. At 6’4”, he loves anything related to technology. He’s a “math guy.” As a day trader, Noah’s passion lies in buying and reselling but has great interest in cars and engines. Dylan, the third child, loves football and video games. Like Jill, Dylan is extremely kind-hearted. Kyra is 10 and is the youngest. She’s starting to blossom with many friendships and pre-teen activities. She loves art, rocks, spiders and geology. She enjoys watching movies and reading books.

Ken will openly express his ambition and drive for success, without hesitation, for his family. The family resides in Fargo, but enjoy going to their lake home, hanging out, playing football and making memories together. They have recently purchased a home in Arizona and have begun remodeling for the next phase in their lives; retreating to the tranquil mountains. Until then... you can find this WAO alumni CEO in his office, working in the enormous world of cybersecurity at NorthStar Technology Group ~ securing our hospitals, businesses and elderly facilities ~ minus the red cape, of course!

## FALL 2021 NEEDS

Funded by the Ed. Foundation

Larson-5th grade: Generation Genius \$350

Larson-4th grade: Classroom Rug, \$200

Linder-Bergman-Preschool: Outdoor Play Area, \$1,917.84

Gilbert-Stoffel-Withrow-2nd grade: Educational Games, \$916.92

Ranstrom-Reading/Early Intervention Specialist: Decodable Readers, \$779.99

Franks-Kindergarten: Mobile Teaching Easel, \$493.35

Miska-Laymon-Speech: Materials for speech, \$289.32

Desrosier-6th grade: Book Study, \$558.21

Stanislawski-SP ED: Adapted Literacy Novel Units, \$386.10

Stanislawski-SP Ed: Learning Games Galore, \$250.45

Tallum-Math: Graphing Calculators, \$2,749.26

Pribula-FACS: Update drug & stress units \$300.00

Fridstrom-Band: 3 baritones & pep band music \$4,025.

Moreno-Sp Ed: Quiet Space, \$2,096.97

Deschene-Office/Stanislawski-Sp Ed, Kindness Cart, \$2,500.00

Miska-Principal: Positive Behavior \$2,220.00

Murray-Yearbook: Zoom lens, \$2,249.00

TOTAL: \$22,282.41

### PREVIOUSLY FUNDED SINCE JULY 2021

Franks/Gornowicz/Maruska-Kindergarten: 3 kitchen sets, \$3,722.55

Maruska-HS Library: Jr. Library Guild Subscription, \$1,204.20

Hanson-Reading: Heggerty Phonemic, \$526.31

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John & Jean Walker

Mylo & Marlene (Bonnette) Carlson

## **In Honor of Marlene Carlson’s Birthday**

Wayne & Deanna (Carlson) Zink

## **In Memory of Mary (Morkassel) Hapka**

Alan, Lana (Walker) & Sophia Maruska

Carol J. Anderson

Rita Walker

Spencer Anderson

Tracy Anderson

## **In Memory of Mary Ann (Hanson) Mackie**

Fern (Hendrickson) Fleck

## **In Memory of Mary Lou (Johnston) Krueger**

Don Krueger

## **In Memory of Mary Nelson**

David Sorensen

## **In Memory of Masako Abrahamson**

Ronald & Sharon (Edgar) Abrahamson

## **In Memory of Mavis Elseth**

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Cindy (Riopelle) Filipi

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Rovella (Franks) Weiland

## **In Memory of Mike Edgar**

Carol J. Anderson

Jim & JoAnne (Edgar) Ranstrom

## **In Honor of Mylo Carlson’s Birthday**

Wayne & Deanna (Carlson) Zink

## **In Memory of Nancy L Olson**

Richard & Barbara Olson

## **In Memory of Neva Wermager**

Steve & Marie Goodwin

## **In Memory of Pam (Howard) Slusar**

Charles & Margaret Cheney

Gladys Ullevig

Tom & Fern (Filipi) Howard

Wayne & Carole (Stroble) Edgar

Yvonne (Engelstad) Bossman

## **In Memory of Patricia (Ovsak) Koranda**

Carol J. Anderson

Darlene (Torgerson) Dvorak

Richard & Mary Beth (Maruska) Edman

## **In Memory of Paul Meyer**

Josh & Patti (Meyer) Bjorneby

## Where are they now . . .

**Heather (Diesen) Jackson, WHS 1983**, after graduating from Warren High School in 1983, she attended NDSU to study Music and Political Science. In 1985, she decided she needed to spread her wings, so she packed up her (barely running) orange, Chevy Chevette and moved to Seattle, WA where she spent the next two years at the University of Washington. She changed majors along the way and ended up with a Communications major/Political Science minor, which she promptly did nothing with.

She decided that the world of retail would be where she would set her course in life while also marrying her spouse of 30 years, having 2 daughters, and (most recently) enjoying the addition of a granddaughter and a grandson within the last 9 years.

Her career in the world of retail started when she hopped a bus in the University District and headed downtown Seattle to explore, not really knowing where she was going or what she would do once she got there. As luck would have it, the bus stopped across the street from the Bon Marche (now Macy's), and that is how her career path was born. She worked her way through retail starting as a "Rover," went on to open and manage the first Gucci handbag shop in the northwest, and then on to the wonderful world of beauty and fine fragrances where she worked for 11 years.

In 1999, she moved into Ready-To-Wear where she became a National Merchandise Coordinator in the Pacific Northwest for the Levi's Men's "Bridge line," Slates, developing training curriculum and shop design standards until 2001 when she moved on to the Liz Claiborne company. She worked as Regional Merchandise Coordinator for the Claiborne Men's division until 2009 when she transitioned into women's apparel for NYDJ, a USA produced women's denim company. She worked for NYDJ for 7 years where she was able to explore her love for design by contributing to the design of pieces for the newly minted tops/jackets/Knitwear division, as well as help develop a training and special events program for our national team of Merchandise Coordinators and department store personnel. In 2018, she went back to her beauty roots and worked for Dior Beauty and Fragrances at Nordstrom stores as an Account Coordinator where she was able to indulge her passion for public speaking coupled with training at fragrance seminars and special events where she would speak to crowds numbering 50 to 500+ attendees. Then, Covid hit, and she spent the next 1-1/2 years at home, "teaching" her now 9-yr-old dyslexic granddaughter (I was NOT prepared for that!), re-visiting her love of crocheting and knitting (She crocheted a cat couch for her daughter's cat, Minou

Moustache, complete with miniature Granny Square afghan blanket and arm cushion protectors, among other projects), and learning the fine art of rock-painting-and-hiding, as well as going for daily long walks and exploring the many beautiful beaches and trails in the area.

In July of 2021 with in-person learning starting again and the upcoming school year, she was able to start a new job (which she loves), but this time within the retail merchandising world of Grocery and Drug as Retail Execution Manager for the PNW, Alaska, and Hawaii.

Her husband, Richard, and her have great plans for when they retire which includes being able to visit the other 25 states in the USA that neither of them have been to, as well as being able to travel to their ancestral countries of Norway, England, and the Congo. They are looking forward to golfing in all of those places, and she may finally pen the world's greatest novel that she has been writing in her head for the last 25 years!

She's led a wonderful life up to this point, and although she was born in Montana, moved to Minnesota at age 9 and lived there until she was 20 years old, when moved to the Seattle area, she proudly tells everyone she is from Minnesota and grew up in one of the best small towns in America. The great work ethic she has learned from the wonderful people of Warren has enabled her to go far in life, both professionally and personally, and for that she is extremely grateful. She would like to thank all the amazing teachers (so many she could name from 5th grade through her senior year) and legendary administration (shout out to Mr. Dalzell) for inspiring her to strive to become a quality human being and a positive contributor to society. We were all truly fortunate to be molded and formed by those dedicated individuals.

**Ryan Aakre, WHS 1993**, has been working in the landscape industry since 1995. He earned two Bachelor's degrees graduating from North Dakota State University in 1999. He majored in Environmental Design and Landscape Architecture. In 2000, he founded his company called Signature Landscape. It has become an award-winning design/build landscape construction company based in Fargo, N.D. His company's name, Signature Landscape was developed from the concept, "let your surroundings be your signature." Ryan lives in the Dilworth area with his wife, Angie, who graduated from nearby Argyle high school and their 3 children. Ryan is the oldest of 6 children whose parents, Paul and Janet (Carlson), Aakre, WHS 1970, live in the Warren area.

## Donations

May 1, 2020 – October 31, 2021

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Elm Crest Motel / Kelly Mattson	Michael & Betty (Bjorgaard) DuBore	Freddie Martinez
Erdahl Heating & Air	Micks of Warren	Todd & Janice (Narlock) Mortimer
Ewing Oil (Cenex)	Mike & Deb Schmidt	Stephen & Elizabeth Murray
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## WAO Students Of The First Quarter

*Congratulations to the Students of the Quarter at WAO for Quarter 1. The 3 of them were nominated by staff at WAO High School and were selected by the High School Leadership team based off of their performances as students and participants in activities.*



Grades 6-8, Savannah Corbin



Grades 9-11, Cassandra Rodriguez



Grade 12, Patrick Maruska



**Jackie (Arnold) Lee**  
says it's that time again  
**MESA/WARREN Picnic**  
**Is Coming!**

Since the 2021 picnic was cancelled, look for twice the fun Saturday, February 19, 2022. Rain or shine, the picnic will be held at the NorthPoint Building, Viewpoint Golf and RV Resort, 650 N. Hawes Drive, Mesa, AZ 85207. The security guard can direct you.

Look for a good old-fashioned potluck dinner from 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Dinnerware and water will be provided. BYOB and a dish to share.

Donations for expenses will be accepted the day of the picnic. Any additional funds will be donated to the WAO Education Foundation. If you have any questions, contact Marion (Hickman) Pace — mlhickman68@gmail.com, Jane (Miska) Sirek — gjsirek.athome@gmail.com, Jackie (Arnold) Lee — jacalyn129@yahoo.com or Kay (Hendrickson) Root — email kayroot@gmail.com.

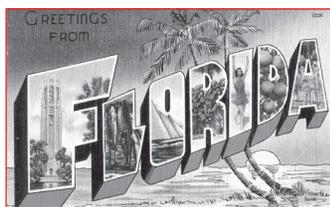
**The Warren WHS/WAO Florida Picnic**

**February 19, 2022**

**Pavilion at Maxine Barret Park – 12-4 p.m.**

**1800 Harbor Dr. S., Venice, Florida [just south of Sarasota]**

**Contact: dsholy@sandslandscaping.com for more information or questions.**



**2021 Class Reunions**



**OSLO CLASS OF 1981** — Front row; left to right: Michele Watts, Rhonda Jones, Peter Lund, Jeff Gowan, Roxanne Gowan, RaeLee Briske, Theresa Lind, Scott Kiefat, and Tim McFarland. Back row; left to right: Rob Johnson, Lionel Hoff, Sue Cullinan, Jim Kiefat, Howard Haug, Rhonda Tibert, Dan Hillier, Mike Ginter, Paul Lund, Wanda Holter, Connie Strand, Paul Paschke, Harold Narlock, and Dawn Gowan.



**WHS CLASS OF 1980** — Front row; left to right: Jeff Westberg, Raanne (Burwell) Bork, Tricia (Burwell) Lund, Carrie (Haugen) Delisle, Connie (Tress) Kliner, Julie (Fulks) Jonasson, Jay Johnston, Scott Kliner and Wayne Klegstad. Second row; left to right: Kim (Brekke) Seibel, Mitch Anderson, Diane Plencner, Lori (Toupin) Johnson and Lisa Walker. Back row; left to right: Ronnie Anderson, Danny Omdahl, Joan Danielski, Eric Johnson, Eric Myhre and Darwin Larson.



**WHS CLASS OF 1981** — Front row, left to right kneeling are Carol (Wittman) Kilen and Robert Lubarski. Banner holders, left to right are, Robert Plencner, Lana (Walker) Maruska and Jodi (Westberg) Pulkrabek. Standing, left to right, middle row: Jodi (Mattison) Kuznia, Alane (Pederson) Dobie, Lisa (Pederson) Heichel, Amy (Vonasek) Turgeon, Eleanor (Wages) Peterson, Melanie (Fulks) Nelson. Back row: Greg Peterson, Brian Johnson, Mike Brekke, Dwight Kasproicz, Kevin Jadeke (hidden), Wayne Hamrick, Neil Johnson, Mike Knoll, Keith Abrahamson. Back (along wall), left to right are, William Kohlhase (wearing hat), Keith Porter, Steve Brosdahl, Brian Knoll, Larry Sabol, Gene Fayette, and Joel Stone.

**Chat with the Chairman**

Greetings from the Warren / Alvarado / Oslo Education Foundation!

Winter has returned to NW Minnesota after a hot, dry summer.

The summer of 2021 was an exciting time for the Foundation. It was wonderful to see many alumni and friends back “home” for the Marshall County Fair, class reunions, and our 16th annual golf scramble. The scramble was held on one of the hottest days of the summer. As golfers came into the clubhouse for lunch, the words that echoed were “it’s so hot out there, but we are having lots of fun!” We tried to keep everyone hydrated with carts delivering water throughout the day. We were most fortunate that no one suffered heat stroke that day! This is one of our major fund raising events for the year. Over \$27,000 was raised this year! Wow! In addition we held the drawing for our raffle at the same time. Only 125 tickets were sold at \$100 each. The \$500 winners were Mary Beth Edman and Kailee Dvorak (-) Kaitlin Peterson - \$1,000 and Jim & Belinda Folz (-) \$3,000. The raffle netted us \$6,800. All of the money from these events goes back to our staff and students.

We have funded many things for the district over the years. In October, we funded \$22,282.41 and during the summer we funded \$5,453.06 for staff needs requests. The major part of the summer request was for kindergarten. The three teachers each requested a kitchen set that included 4 units: cupboard, stove, sink, and refrigerator. The students are given the opportunity for daily dramatic play. I subbed in Kindergarten 3 days this fall, It was so interesting to watch the students interact during this playtime. They are most creative.

15 dozen WAO Education Foundation pencils were handed out by board members and volunteers during the annual Marshall County Fair Parade this year.

Our volunteers are amazing workers and helpers. We couldn’t begin to do big events without their help. Many of the volunteers have helped almost every year since the Foundation started doing the golf scramble. An added addition to the golf scramble this year was when Deanna (Carlson) Zink and her husband, Wayne, asked last winter if they could be at the hole where brats are grilled. Deanna is the CEO of the UND Alumni Association & Foundation and a 1982 WHS Grad. We provided the buns and brats, but they brought MANY other snacks and treats for the golfers. Thank you to all our faithful volunteers!

We were honored and proud to work with Charlie Roux on the Jazz Band Reunion Concert that was held during the Marshall County Fair weekend. It was a great fundraiser for the WAO Band Program.

We have eleven new full-time staff this year and one part-time staff member. Each full-time staff member received \$200 from the Foundation to purchase items for their classroom/programs. Part time instructors received \$100.00. Each instructor also received a \$50.00 gift certificate from the WAO Warehouse to purchase “Pony” items.

Again this year we are providing a monthly Scholastic book for each student in pre-kindergarten through 6th grade. This funding will come from the CJ Anderson Endowment in the amount of \$6,696.

American Education Week was the week of November 15th. Each school employee received a \$10.00 gift card from one of the convenience stores in Warren as a thank you for their support and dedication to the district. It has not been an easy road for employees during the Covid-19 pandemic.

February 19th will find many snowbirds and visitors gathering in Arizona and Florida for the Warren Area Gatherings. You’ll find the details in this issue on other pages. Both were canceled last year because of Covid-19.

If you are in need of a holiday gift or if you haven’t had the opportunity to purchase one of our Foundation Cookbooks at a local business, at the elementary office or by mail, know that we still have a good supply. The price is now \$10 and if we mail it to you, the cost would be \$15 with shipping.

Thank you to many of you that have contacted us with the change of address or the passing of an alumnus. We truly appreciate your assistance in keeping our database as current as possible.

Please keep in mind that any donation or memorial that is sent in the mail or completed online can be designated to any scholarship, activity, grade or department by indicating it on your check or on a note. If you are donating online, follow the prompts on the website. All undesignated funds go into our general account.

We continue to grow, people believe in us, and we are moving forward. Thank you for believing in and partnering with us. Even in these uncertain times we move forward with more growth and involvements.

Best wishes for a wonderful, safe holiday season and all good wishes for 2022!

Carol Anderson

# 2021 Class Reunions



**OSLO CLASS OF 1970** — Front row; left to right: Doug Slominski, Bernie Duffy, Mike Farder, Marjorie (Nagle) Dvorak, Duane Nelson, Larry Osowski, Reed Overson, Jim Batko, Arlene (Duray) Demers, and Dianne (Anderson) Boroski. Back row; left to right: Teacher Don Flaagan, George Wosick, Jim Kosmatka, Bob Hoverson, Duane Erickson, Sandy (Hoverson) Slama, Leona (Hoverson) Hambrecht, Debbie (Johnson) Nice, Joe Paschke, Mary (Johnson) Johnson, Georgine (Bayne) Johnson, Kathy Duray, Diane (Nelson) Sherlock, and teacher Jim Havis. Also attending but not pictured was teacher Joanne Mondry.



**WAO CLASS OF 2001** — Front row; left to right: Billy Boppre, April Nelson, Ashley (Lubarski) Rainsberry, Lisa (Amanguard) Pagnac and Patti (Meyer) Bjornby. Back row; left to right: Brett Lindenberg, Craig Carriere, Derek Boman, Ben Miska, Josh Gornowicz, Kari (Stinar) Miska, Katy (Johnson) Olson, Trisha (LaBine) Chadduck, Cristin (VanKirk) Hardy, Katie (Swanson) Ellerbusch, Rachel (Olson) Johnston, Mark Ellerbusch, Ashley (Jenkins) Fredrickson, Paul Fredrickson, Emily (Hille) Gustofson, Ashley (Pagnac) Anderson and Mark Wimpfheimer.



**50TH CLASS REUNION WARREN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1971** — Front Row; left to right: Vicky (Engelstad) Kerby, Mary Beth (Maruska) Edman, Mary (Sorenson) Sedlacek, Becky (Anderson) Braden, and Rodney Myrfield. Second row; left to right: Karen (Ranstrom) Kuzel, Patti (Rominski) Gogolin, Gaye (Knutson) Thorson, Sandy (Johnston) Camp, Susan (Filipi)Haugen, and Mag Melgard. Third row; left to right: Robert Johnson, Mike Flaten, Cheryl (Anderson) Novak, Becky (Edgar) Loeslie, Diane (Miska) Yatskis, Peggy (Golden) Duray, Kathy (Hillman) Peterson, and Jeanine (Stone) Rasmussen. Back Row; left to right: Peter Hapka, Duane Palm, Donovan Gloude, Mark Wilson, Jim Hill, Mark Maruska, Scott Loeslie, Mike Sorenson, Les Swanson, Gayle Short, Larry Omdahl. Attended but not in photo: Bette (Jenkins) Solberg, and John Amundgaard.



**WHS CLASS OF 1970** — Front row; left to right: Conrad Goroski, Janet (Carlson) Aakre, Cheryl (Kasprick) Weller, Jill (Oien) Nelson, Carol (Gunderson) Kramka, Marilyn (Steer) Kuznia, Karen (Erickson) Benitt, Mary Hedlund, Patty (Miska) Erickson, and Terry (Johnston) Gaddis. 2nd row; left to right: Merle Stinar, Judy (Olson) Walker, Peter Hanson, Robert Knutson, Kathy (Mattson) Lam, Ted Engelstad, Dwight Peterson, Jim Novak, and Diane (Johnson) Danielson. Back Row; left to right: Lonnie Swanson, Lynn Waldorf, Steve Kremin, Doreen (Hammerback) Jenson, Rick Solberg, Coralie (Horning) Jones, Dale Grega, Marijo (Anderson) Nabben, Tim Allen, Mark Swanson, Arlyn Stroble, Mary (Copp) Skalsky, Susan (Edgar) Lindquist, and Marilyn (Kuznia) Stroble. Not pictured but attending was Gary Ross.

# Recently Deceased Alumni, Staff & Friends

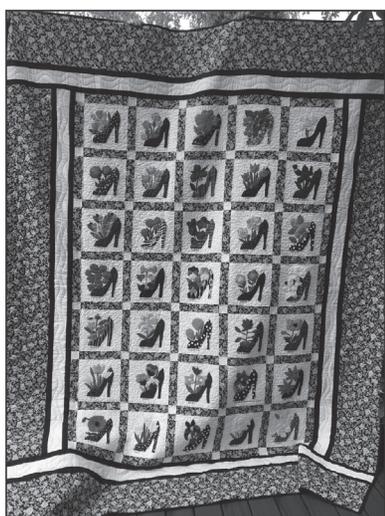
These are death notices of alumni and staff that we have received. If you have additions or corrections, please contact the Education Foundation.

- 1945 Oslo Mary Ann (Passa) Bushaw
- 1948 WHS Birgit Anderson
- 1950 Oslo Jeanne (Johnson) Walters
- 1950 Oslo Robert Gowan
- 1950 WHS Betty (Wimpfheimer) Voytilla
- 1951 WHS Donald Laidley
- 1951 WHS Mary (Morkassel) Hapka
- 1951 WHS Thomas Carr
- 1953 ALV Arlyn (Johnson) Sands
- 1955 Oslo Gary Gowan
- 1955 WHS Avis (Larson) Luchsinger
- 1955 WHS Gail (Gunderson) McMachen
- 1955 WHS Marlys (Jorgenson) Giebel
- 1958 ALV Arlys (Johnson) Nestor
- 1958 Oslo Judith (Jenkins) Rivard
- 1958 WHS Joseph Lundberg
- 1959 ALV Mary Ann (Hanson) Mackie
- 1960 WHS Donald Kotts
- 1961 Oslo Richard "Dick" Carlson
- 1961 WHS Howard Steiger
- 1961 WHS Roger Hickman
- 1962 WHS Lynn Maruska
- 1963 WHS Jean (Peterson) Hill
- 1964 Oslo Janice (Sherlock) Smidt
- 1964 WHS Faye (Erickson) Satkunam
- 1964 WHS Pam (Howard) Slusar
- 1966 Oslo Phyllis (Storbakken) Perkerewicz
- 1966 WHS Michael "Mike" Baird
- 1968 ALV Thomas Dahlstrom
- 1968 WHS David Amundgaard
- 1969 WHS Patricia (Ovsak) Koranda
- 1971 WHS Richard Jorgenson
- 1972 Oslo Lynn Dee (Kontz) Boer
- 1972 Oslo Rick Solberg
- 1975 WHS Scott Charboneau
- 1978 Oslo Dee Ann Liffbrig
- 1978 WHS Marla (Sundby) Vasek
- 1981 WHS Glenn Nelson
- 1982 WHS Randy Kostrzewski
- 1983 WHS Brenda (Kasprovicz) Przybylski
- 1985 WHS Robert "Bob" Glass
- Friend Barbara Anvinson
- Friend Glenn Johnson
- Friend Helen Aas
- Friend Jan Johnston
- Friend Jason Halvorson
- Friend Jim Pearson
- Friend Keith Poverud
- Teacher Dorothy (Tice) Teal
- Teacher Gloria Doebbert
- Teacher Marie Finney

Recently deceased family and friends list is updated weekly on the Education Foundation link at [www.k12.mn.us](http://www.k12.mn.us)

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

# High Heels Quilt Raffle



## WAO Education Foundation Queen Size Quilt Raffle

**Tickets \$5 each or 3/\$10**

Tickets available at WAO area banks or from Ed. Foundation board members.

Also available by request by mail. Send checks payable to: WAO Ed. Foundation to PO Box 125, Warren, MN 56762

Drawing to be held December 9th, 2021 at the WAO Elementary Concert



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# 2021 Class Reunions



**OSLO 1965 CLASS** — Back row; left to right: Roger Quern, John Gowan, Terry Farder and Fred Slominski. Middle Row; left to right: Sandy Simonson, Kathy Pietrzak, Leah Hendrickson, Sue Gregoire, Ann Walski, and Lynnett Hedlund. Front row; left to right: Roberta McGlynn, Carol Olimb and Kaye Vanyo.



**WAO CLASS OF 2011** — Front row; left to right: Brenna (Ranstrom) Swanson, Shelby Potucek, Emilie (Olson) Bahr. Back row; left to right: Lucas Goodwin, Jordan Ranstrom, Marcus Hoffman, Kirsten Kleven, Danielle Gerszewski, Kristie (Novak) Hunt. Not Pictured: Alex Altenhaugen, Faith (Swanson) Neuschwander, Tremain Williams.

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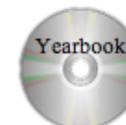
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