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Small Towns & Service to Others

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Written by Melanie M. Nelson,
WHS, Class of 1981

With the Alvarado School as a solid, rooted learning environment, Kristi (Perius) Gullickson began reaching for her dreams as a young lady growing up in Alvarado ~ a simple northwest Minnesota spotlight town where everyone knows literally EVERYone. Her small town upbringing gave her an appreciation for a supportive community and reinforced that ideal. Although we didn't have much, we could do anything! Her parents, Bob and Elaine Perius, were elementary school teachers. They instilled in her the importance of family, faith and service to others. As a child, Kristi loved being able to walk to school every day and pop into her parents' classrooms (mostly to be dramatic about something not going her way) or to ask for permission to make plans with friends after school.

Like most students growing up at that time, "snow days" meant it was a time to have a friend or two sleep over because the buses couldn't get the "country" kids home. No longer do students require storm homes, but it was a great time when they did. One memory her dad shared with her included her mom arranging a playdate with her neighbor, Nikki (Sands) Kallock on a winter day. When her dad looked out the window, there was little Nikki (aged about 4 or 5) stuck in the snowbank between their homes. Other fond memories included watching the fireworks at the Alvarado baseball field, traveling by bus to the Warren Pool for summer swimming lessons

and riding her bike nightly until dark with friends. Sunday was spent at the Oslo Catholic Church. Kristi shared a story of being "forgotten" at the Church in Oslo when each parent thought the other had brought her home. Luckily, the 6-mile trip was quickly made to get her back.

As a young lady, she recalls feeling inspired to excel in school but also to get involved in extracurricular activities. She was confident in the education she received and support from her network of teachers, neighbors and family. Her dad's best friend, Tom Aafedt, and Kristi's 6th grade teacher, was one of those lifelong supporters - someone who gave so much to his students and instilled pride in each of them to be their best. She now realizes the importance of the lessons learned as a teen going through the ups and downs of life while being supported by the community network. Upon leaving, she felt richly prepared to venture on her own path (well... as prepared as she could be at age 17 when heading to the big city of Fargo). In the small town of Alvarado, Kristi made life-long friends (Laurie Rud, Cindy (Wilke) Albert, Kristin (Narlock) Olson, Brad Olson (deceased), Shauna (Nordling) Wimer and Nikki (Sands) Kallock and many more. Her fondest memories from high school included heading to the Sky Vu Drive In, driving through the "loop" in Warren and stopping at the DQ for a cheesy BBQ, playing basketball at "the court" in Alvarado and participating in volleyball, basketball and golf with her friends. One of the joys of small town extracurriculars is that we needed everyone to participate. She was able to contribute outside of sports through singing in the choir, church groups, high school plays and musicals, speech and debate teams and so much more! Small town high school memories enriched her values in the community and even today, help her realize that getting involved and making a difference for others is just as important now as it was then.

She remains grateful for all the teachers who made a difference in her life and continue making differences for students everywhere. She is proud to have had her life surrounded by dedicated educators. Her mother, Elaine, was Kristi's 2nd grade teacher, and her father, Bob, taught her in 5th grade. Kristi shared that she volunteered for school patrol

duty and Bob was in charge of the School Patrol program. Each year, the volunteers would take a trip to the Cities to take in a Minnesota Twins game. She shared that her "directionally challenged" dad at times had difficulty getting to where he was going (reminder we only had paper maps at that time) - a family anecdote that we often teased him about! He did get all the students there and back without much of a problem, except once when he forgot which parking ramp in Minneapolis he'd parked. Even at her young age, she understood the merit of a well-rounded education. Part of that education included farm work. In the small community, everyone helped each other out. Kristi recalls helping rake leaves for neighbors and burning them at the dump in Alvarado, hoeing bean fields and nannying for children in the community.

As Kristi navigated high school, she fondly recalled her friends and the activities in which she participated. She shared a heartfelt memory of herself and her younger brother, Jason (currently an architect in the Twin Cities), riding their bikes up and down the quiet streets of Alvarado looking for something to do. Like most small town kids, pleasure was found in homemade fun. Gathering at the basketball court was the place to be if you wanted to hang out with friends. Sports were also important in Alvarado and Kristi participated on both the Alvarado Indians basketball and volleyball teams proudly. Periodically, she traveled to Warren to participate with the Warren Golf Team under the capable leadership of Mr. Schroeder as her coach. She and Laurie had fun traveling to golf meets and enjoying the sunshine while watching the Warren track team athletes run by while they were training strenuously. She shared that while practicing one day, she heard a great commotion and she recognized her father's hearty voice. He was also on the course and had just gotten a hole-in-one! She could hear him screaming with excitement and at 16, she was quite embarrassed by that.

Tom Aafedt, one of her dad's best college buddies, has been a strong influence for Kristi throughout her life. Tom was Kristi's 6th grade teacher. He had high expectations of his students and looking back she recognizes

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Friday, July 26, 2024

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Class Reunions

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In return, we ask that you please share any address updates that you become aware of.

Warren-Mesa Picnic

February 17, 2024 in Mesa, AZ

See page 6 for more information.

Warren-WHS-WAO Florida Picnic

February 10, 2024 - Noon to 4:00 p.m.

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News and Notes . . .

Master Sergeant Donavan Kroeplin, (WAO 2004) is the First Sergeant at the 96th 1st Airborne Air Control Squadron at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, Japan. He is married to **Pamela (Lindenberg, WAO 2005)** and they have three daughters. In his role at Kadena Air Base, he serves as the enlisted advisor to the Commander on matters concerning the health, welfare and quality of life of assigned personnel and families. He provides guidance and direction to squadron senior leadership on unit morale, mission, readiness, discipline and career progression. During his 19 years of active-duty he has held multiple positions of military bases in Korea, Japan, Spain, England and Guam. He has received an impressive military education throughout his career earning numerous awards and decorations.

Linda Short, (WHS 1974) has authored her first book, "Wisps of Light, Where Christ and Culture Meet." This is a non-fiction, faith based, personal story rooted in Scandinavian heritage. Wisps of Light is a tribute to mothers everywhere as well as her own mother. You may find purchase information on her website: lindas-books.shop. Her follow-up book will be available in December and the third book will be available just after the New Year. Linda has a rich musical history in the Warren area, singing at all churches and many community events. In more recent years, Linda returned to Warren to be the headliner at the WAO Arts Fundraiser in 2007. She was also owner and manager of Studio 74, teaching many students. She was the director of the Park Rapids Classic Chorale. Linda went on to earn her Master's degree in Mass Communication and after teaching at the University of Wisconsin, she is now retired and living in Moorhead. After 55 plus years in music, she is focusing her retirement years on authoring.

Father Craig Vasek, (WAO 2002) has led quite a storied life since leaving high school and then being ordained as a priest for the Diocese of Crookston in 2010. Before his ordination, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from North Dakota State University in 2006. He followed his path to the priesthood to Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas in Vatican City receiving his Bachelor of Sacred Theology in 2009 and Licentiate in Sacred Theology in 2011. His first assignment was Associate Pastor at St. Philip Church in Bemidji as well as Chaplain to Bemidji State University during 2011-2013. In 2013-2014 he moved on to Associate Pastor at Sacred Heart Church and Chaplain to Sacred Heart School. He moved north in 2014-2018 to be Pastor at St. Patrick Church in Hallock and Pastor at Holy Rosary Church in Lancaster. From there he went to Bismarck, North Dakota for three years to be Chaplain to Marauder Athletics at the University of Mary and Program Director for the Institute of Faith, Virtue and Sport at U. of Mary. He also earned his Master's Degree in Psychology in 2020. Beginning in 2022-2025 he is a National Eucharistic Preacher and was a member of the Executive Team for the National Eucharistic Revival. He also served on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2022-2023. Presently he is Pastor for St. Bernard's Church in Thief River Falls while being Director of Ongoing Formation and on the Priest's Council for the Diocese of Crookston.

Lola (Hoff) Gowan, (AHS 1949) was selected along with Eunice Gowan as Co-honorary Grand Marshalls of the 2023 Oslo Days Parade. Lola started dating **Charles Gowan, (OHS 1948)** and eventually they were married on January 2, 1950. To that union have come 6 children, 25 grandchildren and 52 great-grandchildren, 26 boys and 26 girls with the tie breaker due in December. Lola remembers all 112 members of her immediate family on their birthday with a call and a gift. She is still active in her Zion Lutheran Church in Oslo with weekly Bible studies, monthly quilting and circle. She taught many years of Sunday School in the past. It is well known if you stop to visit, there is always coffee and fresh-baked goodies ready. Lola is famous for her homemade vegetable soup!

Barry Newland, (OHS 1982) has led a very exciting life with many stops, both while serving our country in the military and during both of his retirements. After graduating from high school, he attended the Area Vocational Technical Institute in Thief River Falls. After some time spent there, he realized his interest in the field of carpentry was not for him and he decided to enlist in the United States Marine Corp. He first thought he would do his time and then depart military service. However, he found himself involved with many critical areas within his military career field of Supply/Logistics. As time proceeded, he married and became the father of two boys. Barry was stationed at Okinawa, Japan for 10 years, Camp Pendleton, California for 5 years, Quantico, Virginia, 2 years and Minneapolis for 1 year which completed 20 years of military service and he retired at age 38. He quickly transitioned to the Department of the Navy as a Civil/Service employee and worked at Quantico, VA, Washington D.C. and Orlando, Florida prior to his second retirement at age 57. Since his second retirement, he and wife Kathy have traveled on various cruise ships. They have traveled over 100 cruises thus far, with many overseas and have many more planned for the future. Post Covid, they decided to learn the cultures and traditions of countries they travel to and sold their home and purchased a recreational vehicle so their home can be mobile. They now live in Zephyrhills, Florida and welcome any WAO Alumni to come and visit. Barry's email address is BNewland757@yahoo.com.

Ken Vasek, (VNHS 1994) and **Karyn (Nelson) Vasek, (VNHS 1992)** were married in 1996. They live on Karyn's family farm where she grew up and have four children. Her parents are Margaret and Richard Nelson. Margaret taught at the elementary school at Alvarado and later in Warren for many years. Ken owns Spare Husband, Inc., with his dad Ron Vasek, which is a handyman service based out of East Grand Forks. They do repair and remodel work in the community and have been in business for over 20 years. Karyn works at the University of North Dakota in the Deans' Office of the College of Arts and Sciences as their Recruitment and Hiring Specialist. The Vasek family have a camper on Lake Andrusia and like to go there on weekends during the summer.

TRIBUTE TO TONY HILL

This past June, the person that knew so much of the history of Warren passed. Tony Hill lived in Warren during his growing up years until his high school days. He didn't graduate from WHS, but he was the leader of keeping the WHS Class of 1983 connected. He would be back in Warren most summers to gather the class together during the Marshall County Fair. How this class truly missed him this summer. He is the one who organized an internet page for classmates where friends could leave messages, note whose birthday it was, and share pictures with classmates. When Tony would be back in town he could drive down any street and say this is where the xxxxx family lived. He truly had a photographic memory.

In 2014, Tony approached the WAO Education Foundation with the idea of scanning all of the yearbooks from all of the schools in the district. He asked that we would gather the yearbooks, send them to him at Boston and pay for the postage to return them to us. He had the opportunity at his workplace to be able to scan them on a large book scanner and put them on DVDs for us. Thanks to many alumni from the communities of Oslo, Valley North, Alvarado, and Warren for letting us borrow yearbooks. Tony suggested that through the "Connections" we offer them to people who would like a copy of a specific yearbook for a small charge. Heidi Thorstenson, WAO Tech Coordinator, was and continues to make copies on a DVD or flashdrive for anyone that requests specific year(s) of whatever school they wish.

Tony was filled with knowledge and ideas. He was a person who could get under your skin, but still be the kindest person around! To know Tony was special in many ways. Those of us that had the opportunity to be annoyed by him really felt that he left a huge hole in our lives with his passing. Thank you, Tony, for being a historian, organizer, dreamer, and friend! You are missed very much, but will live in our hearts forever.

Golf Fundraiser



This foursome of WAO alumni golfers are from the left, Bailey (Jenkins) Marcotte (WAO 2013); Sarah Durand (WAO 2012); Alexandra Erickson (WAO 2013) and Mad-die DuBore (WAO 2013).



Enjoying the beautiful weather at the 2023 WAO Golf Fundraiser are from the left, Darin Sedlacek (WHS 1986); Mike Miller, (WHS 1984); Russell Miller (AHS 1979); Candy Miller and Randy Miller (AHS 1980).



This determined group of golfers includes from the left, Kevin Kroeplin, Brandon Myrfield (WAO 1997); Louie Kenna; Matt Myrfield (WAO 2001); and Mark Nelson (WHS 1988).



Perennial Ed. Foundation Golf Tournament champions are from the left, Mitch Flaten (WAO 1999); Gerry Evin (WHS 1969); Nic Evin and Tyler Evin.



These two groups of close friends are from the left, Tom Stinar (WAO 2006); Matt Loeslie, Jordan Aakre (WAO 2003); Zach Olson (WAO 2002); Father Craig Vasek (WAO 2002); Josh Gornowicz (WAO 2001); Brandon Gornowicz (WAO 1997); and Ben Miska (WAO 2001).



This group of mainly WHS 1993 reunion members are from the left, front row: Joey McGregor; Ronda (Olson) Biermaier (VNHS 1992) and Rachel Loeslie. Back row, from the left are, Eric Wittman (WHS 1992); Jeremy Knutson; Joey Vesey; Travis Halvorson; Chris Albaugh; Mike Bienek; Jason Jorgenson and Ben Albaugh (WAO 1996).

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Kristi Gullickson and her family

the pride he instilled in each of his students to be our best - something she still carries today. She shared that he and her dad were volleyball officials together during those years in Alvarado when she was playing on the volleyball team. Along with Bob and Elaine, the Aafedt family stood beside her successes and trials and Tom's encouragement led to this interview. One of her best recollections about growing up in Alvarado is the fun she had as kids playing outside while her parents gathered inside over poker or cards. Kristi is grateful for the lifelong support from this community of her personal and professional endeavors over the past 30 years.

Throughout high school, Kristi knew she had interest in the sciences and health care. She loved going to the Warren Clinics - poking around in the patient rooms, wondering what illness people were there for. She recalls being a patient in the Warren Hospital as a high school student. Even then, Kristi was thinking about the importance of having accessible health care locally as Grand Forks seemed so far away. In 1988, Kristi, along with her 11 classmates, closed the final doors of the Alvarado High School. The next year, Alvarado would merge with Oslo. That merger would soon lead to the development of the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo District, formed officially in 1995, the year following her high school graduation. Shortly after she graduated high school her family relocated to Fargo, ND where her father began working in the crop insurance business until his retirement in 2017. Both Kristi's parents are now retired. They prefer the sunny warmth of Arizona to the chilly Minnesota winters which works out great for Kristi's family who get to visit often.

While attending North Dakota State University (NDSU), Kristi initially dreamt of becoming a news anchor, but soon discovered her passion was within the field of healthcare and was intrigued by the pharmacy profession. She enrolled in the pre-pharmacy program and her career was born. Kristi summoned back to the times she had visited the community pharmacy in Warren and wondered about the hospital pharmacy as well. The pharmacy was a gathering place and people went there to get advice on their medications. As an eager college student, she wanted to

collaborate with healthcare providers to help people get healthy through better use of their medications. In 1990, Kristi graduated from NDSU with her Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmaceutical Sciences. Kristi continued on academically, earning her Doctorate of Pharmacy degree in 1994 with a fueled passion to enter the profession as pharmacist practicing in the hospital environment.

While managing college and its endless demands, Kristi met and married her husband of 29 years, Brad Gullickson. In 1994, after graduation, the young couple moved to Minneapolis where she began training in the pharmacy residency program at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. It was during her residency experience that Kristi found her greatest calling through her management rotation. It was a way to help advance the practice of pharmacy and expand the pharmacist role in health care. She continued in clinical practice for two years, and then moved on to manager roles where she was in charge of hospital pharmacist clinical practice, drug formulary and the drug budget in the hospital. She practiced as a manager for 10 years, and then took on a director of pharmacy role at Abbott Northwestern Hospital and Allina Health for the last 15 years. She earned a diploma from the ASHP (American Society of Health-System Pharmacists) Pharmacy Leadership Academy in 2014 and earned her MBA in healthcare administration from New England College in 1997. Her husband Brad currently teaches 6th grade, is a (semi-retired) tennis teaching pro and coaches high school varsity girls tennis and JV boys tennis at Champlin Park in Minneapolis. Together they have three children; a son, Matt, 28, who coaches with Brad and works in the food industry; a daughter Taylor, 25, who is a pharmacist completing her residency training at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester; and daughter, Lauren, 22, who is a student at the University of Minnesota studying to become an occupational therapist.

Currently, Kristi is the Director of Pharmacy at Abbott Northwestern Hospital. She is responsible for inpatient infusion and ambulatory pharmacy services with additional system level responsibility for Allina Health Pharmacy Operations and Oncology. Kristi also

holds the position of Residency Program Director for the hospital's Health System Pharmacy Administration and Leadership (HSPAL) 2 year residency program and has preceptive residents and leadership students for over 25 years. Her job has her highly involved in the advocacy of the pharmacy field, managing people, medication safety and a large drug expense budget. She is passionate about advocacy and volunteering through local and national professional organizations on behalf of her profession. A typical day in her life begins with hospital safety rounds - a way to check in with her department on the 500-600 patients in the hospital at any given day. She is responsible for 180 pharmacy staff members in her department (encompassing pharmacists and pharmacy technicians), residents and students. Kristi spends a lot of her time representing the pharmacy department on hospital committees and the Allina Health system pharmacy team. As a teaching facility, Abbott Northwestern has physician and pharmacy residents, and Kristi's department has 10 residents specializing in clinical practice, infectious disease, cardiology, oncology and pharmacy administration. Kristi spends a large portion of her day overseeing a multi-million dollar expense and labor budget, ensuring that drugs are used in the best way to improve patient health.

During what is left of her spare time, Kristi was recently elected to serve on the ASHP (American Society of Health System Pharmacists) Board of Directors. ASHP is a 60,000 member organization representing hospital and healthcare pharmacies across the country and internationally. Kristi serves as one of eight elected board members representing different parts of the country and areas of practice. She has a long track record of other service and volunteer activities with ASHP and locally in Minnesota. Kristi is a Fellow of ASHP and MSHP and was awarded the MSHP Hallie Bruce Memorial Lecture Award, Minnesota's highest honor in 2020. She is receiving a national award from ASHP, the Section of Pharmacy Practice Leaders Distinguished Service Award in December 2023 at the annual meeting in California.

Kristi shared that a student recently commented that she loves the pharmacy profession more than anyone he's ever met. Kristi was quick to point out that the real message is that in pharmacy she was able to accomplish what she loves best - helping other people to make a difference. It's interesting how this aspiration started with her growing up as a child in Alvarado from the community and people around her and continues to inspire her now.



WAO 5th grade classes were lucky enough to spend a day fishing at Lake of the Woods back in February. The trip would not have been possible without the support of the WAO Education Foundation. A great time was had and the experience for the students is beyond measure.

FALL 2023 NEEDS

Funded by the Ed. Foundation

2023 FALL NEEDS APPROVED

- L. Maruska & S. Gornowicz , Kindergarten – Decodable Books, \$4,752.00
- C. Gilbert, Grade 2 – Flexible Seating, \$219.97
- J. Dahlin, Grade 2 – Flexible Seating, \$415.00
- A. Korgel, Grade 4 – Generation Genius Science, \$225.00
- S. Yutrzinka & Elementary Yearbook, S. Sellers, \$199.95
- S. Larson, Grade 4 – Mentor Texts, \$1,800.00
- B. Miska, Principal – Student of the Quarter & Making it Better, \$1,950.00
- M. Stanislawski, Sp. Ed - Crafting & Calming Sensory Activities, \$287.57
- J. Maruska, Library - Junior Library Guild Subscription Renewal \$1,457.38
- J. Pribula, Family & Consumer Science, Lab Materials, \$694.04
- N. Engfer, Art, OM Tech Laser Engraver, \$8,697.36
- Total: \$ 20,698.27

PREVIOUSLY APPROVED-Fall 2023

- D. Bergman & A. Linder, Pre School Pumpkin Patch Visit, \$168.00
- C. Franks, Grade 3, Classroom Rug, \$413.37
- K. Johnson, Principal, Treats for the Loop, \$100.00
- S. Sellers, Library, Junior Library Guild Subscription Renewal \$1,039.54
- Total of fall and previous needs \$22,419.18.

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WAO Students Were Honored At Visual Arts State Festival

WAO had two recipients receive the Spotlight on the Arts the section level competition held in Warroad. This earned Anjila Perez and Mercedes Scheie the opportunity to attend the MSHSL visual Arts State Festival at the Perpich Center for the Arts in Golden Valley on Saturday, May 13. Because of Covid, it was the first in-person gathering of the Visual Arts State Festival since 2019. The exhibition highlights Spotlight on the Arts recipients and provides the artists an opportunity to display their work, discuss their artistic process and celebrate the achievements of others.

Anjila Perez's painting and Mercedes Scheie's crochet cardigan were among the artworks that were selected for the festival. The students were able to display their artwork and share the experience with art-

ists from all around the state. The student's advisor and chaperone, Mr. Engfer, is a dedicated teacher who does a superior job motivating, encouraging and shaping the skills of his students. He has been instrumental in nurturing the artistic talents of his students. Mr. Engfer arranged for the students to visit three museums, making the weekend an educational experience as well. The students were able to see some of the finest examples of art in the state, and they were able to learn from some of the best artists in the region. Mr. Engfer, stated, "I am impressed with the support of the WAO community. It is a great achievement for WAO and highlights the importance WAO places on art education." We congratulate Mercedes and Anjila and wish them all the best in their future artistic endeavors.



Anjila Perez



Mercedes Scheie



Future Farmers of America (FFA) is an activity students taking an agriculture class are able to participate in. The goal of FFA is to help students develop their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. From the left are, Brady Wimpfheimer, Eli Johnson, Wyatt Bishop, Wesley Wright, and Jon Kintz. They identified meat cuts, judged retail cuts and carcasses at the local locker. With no prior experience and only the practice done in the school, this group of 8th grade boys placed 2nd in our region. Wyatt Bishop placed 6th as an individual. With their fantastic placing, they have earned a trip to the Minnesota State Convention.



Pictured from the left are, Annie Peterson, Natalie Peterson, Jorie Miska and Ayla Woinarowicz who advanced to the State Track meet.

Congrats to Hannah Pederson for an amazing day at the state track meet. Hannah placed 8th in triple jump. Hannah also broke her own school record in the 300 hurdles with a time of 46.32 earning her 2nd place in the 300 hurdles.



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West Marshall Fusion Girls Track & Field Champs Of Section 8A True Team



Pictured is the West Marshall Fusion Girls Track & Field team that competed at the State Class A True Team Track & Field Meet in Stillwater, on Saturday, May 20. The girls placed 5th out of 12 teams competing at the meet. It is the highest placing in program history at the meet.

Three WAO FCCLA Students Advanced To State



WAO FCCLA is adventuring into uncharted territory with three National Advancers in STAR events. Macey Novacek, left, (10th grade), Kaitlyn Hanson, middle, (10th grade), and Layne Bayne (7th grade) all competed at state conference on March 25th through the 27th in Minneapolis. They were invited to compete and represent both WAO and our home state Minnesota in Denver, Colorado July 2nd through the 7th. Macey is advancing in her category Fashion Construction. She earned an impressive gold medal and 1st place at state for her work making a dress for her 4-year-old cousin. Layne also took 1st place in her category, Food Innovations with a silver rank. As a first year member, she has a bright future

in the organization. Kaitlyn worked diligently and earned 2nd place advancer with a bronze in Event Management. Event management is one of the most challenging events, but her creativity and attention to detail secured her spot. Kaitlyn was also voted in as WAO's 1st ever District Officer. She earned her red blazer by competing against other schools. Her inspirational speech and ability to connect with other officers made our school stand out in a unique way. Their hard work has brought WAO FCCLA into a new chapter of success.

Chat with the Chairman

Greetings from the Warren Alvarado Oslo Public School Education Foundation!

As I write this on the first days of November most of us have witnessed the first snow of the season along with ice. It was enough to make school begin two hours late the last Friday in October. The snow and ice did disappear, but it's a reminder that it will no doubt return and stay longer!

The summer of 2023 was a busy time with various class gatherings- the Marshall County Fair, and our 18th annual golf scramble. We were in awe of our generous sponsors, donors, and 182 golfers who contributed to our golf scramble on July 21st. We netted over \$30,000. Thank you! Mark your calendars for July 26th for our 2024 event. Registrations are open now and the fee will remain at \$50.00. Send in your name and team members to get on the list!

In addition to the scramble we held a raffle where only 100 tickets were sold at \$100 each. The winners were Mark Plencner \$3,000, Denise Olson \$1,000, Sarah Dvorak \$500, and Jim Myrfield \$500. Also a \$20 ticket entered people in the 50/50 drawing. Kathy Kleinvachter was the lucky winner and received \$1580.

Where would we be without our wonderful volunteers? I know that the golf scramble couldn't happen without them. Many of the volunteers sign up a year in advance to work at the event. Volunteers are the key to our Foundation in many ways. Thank you volunteers!

Each of the new WAO full-time staff members received a \$200 gift from the Foundation for supplies that they wished to purchase for their classroom. In addition each received a \$50 gift certificate for "Pony" gear from the WAO Wearhouse.

American Education Week was November 13-17. We thanked all school employees for their work and dedication to the district by giving them each a gift card for the Main Street Café or Micks in Warren.

This fall we funded \$22,419.18 in needs for the district. These items were requests that were outside the district budget for the year. All personnel were given the opportunity to submit requests for items that they would like to have for their classroom/department.

Our students are most fortunate as many families, alumni, and classes wish to give back to the schools that they graduated from. We currently have 2 new scholarships for the Class of 2024. They are the John and Laverne (Storbakken) Messelt Educational Scholarship and the Noel and Dorothy Storbakken Educational Scholarship. The WAO seniors are so fortunate to have MANY scholarships available to them.

Thank you to all that have sent us address, phone, or email updates. We try to keep our database as current as possible.

The Arizona and Florida Gathering dates are both set thanks to the organizers of these events. If you're traveling or spending the winter in FL or AZ be sure to check out the details on another page in this issue. The FL date is February 10th and AZ is February 17th. You'll find many people there to 'connect' with!

Please keep in mind that if you give a memorial, donation, or gift to the Foundation you have the opportunity to designate it for a certain grade, department, or activity if you wish. All you have to do is to make a notation in the memo part of the check or attach a note. All undesignated donations and memorials go to the general fund and are used for classroom needs/requests and for the scholarships that we fund. Whether the gift is large or small, it does make a big difference in the lives of our students and staff.

Thank you for your support over the years. As our motto states, "WE CAN'T SUCCEED WITHOUT YOU!" If any of our board members can be of any assistance to you, please contact us.

May your holidays be joyful and filled with peace. Happy 2024!
Carol Anderson



Jackie (Arnold) Lee

says it's that time again

MESA/WARREN Picnic
Is Coming!

Time to make your winter plans around the Warren area community fun event held yearly in Mesa, AZ. It's a great place to connect with hometown friends, share stories and to make new memories.

Rain or shine, the gathering will be held Feb. 17, 2024 at the NorthPoint Building, Viewpoint Golf and RV Resort, 650 N. Hawes Road, Mesa, AZ 85207. Someone at the guard station will direct you to the building.

Look for a good old-fashioned potluck lunch from 11:30am-3pm. Dinnerware and water will be provided. BYOB and a dish to share.

Donations are accepted for expenses with the excess going to the WAO Education Foundation. The Foundation has donated their cookbooks as give-aways for this event but you have to be there to win.

Committee members are: Marion Miska Hickman Pace, Jackie Arnold Lee, Mary Ovsak Gazda, Joanne and Dean Dahlman, and Kay Hendrickson Root (kayroot@gmail.com) and many fabulous volunteers. See you in Arizona.



Nathan Sedlacek placed 2nd place in the 400 meter dash and advance to the State Class A meet.



Hannah Pederson was selected as the Most Valuable Female athlete at the Roseau Lions Track meet.



Congrats to Tyson Mortimer who placed 3rd in the pole vault with a 13'6" vault at the State Class A meet.

2023 CLASS REUNIONS



WHS CLASS OF 1993 — First row: left to right are, Chris Albaugh, Amy Huderle, Theresa (Novak) Lampa, Julie (Knoll) Westcott, Donna (Laymon) Miller, Joann Hamrick. Second row: left to right are, Stephanie Pletsch, Susie (Novak) Boelter, Tony Paul, Kristi Rosendahl-Flyen, Jason Hammerback, Mike Bienek, Jennifer (Grochow) Audette, John Buchner. Third row: left to right are, Jeremy Woinarowicz, Chad Kujava, Jason Jorgenson, Travis Halvorson, Eric Baird.



WHS CLASS OF 1973 — celebrated their class reunion over the Marshall County Fair last year. Front row: left to right are, Brad Anderson, Judy (Evin) Flaten, Elizabeth (Torkelson) Streng, Delsie (Gloude) Baxter, Becky (Engelstad) Axelson, Cindy (Rehder) Anderson, Kim (Godel) Lee, and Mick Riopelle. Second Row: left to right are, John Nelson, Kim (Johnston) Moen, Suzanne (Horgen) Weik, Lynnae (Carlson) Gilder, Virlynn (Anderson) Hanson, David Drews, Sally (Harlow) Hillestad, Laurie (Johnson) Steer, and Jane (Quanrud) Hemsteter. Third Row: left to right are, Robert Broten, John Stancyk, Cam Fanfulik, Leroy Andreson, Nancy (Bodell) McBride, Lane Loeslie, Debbie (Hillman) Omdahl, Bruce Erickson, Ernie Miska, David Gehrls, Rick Stanghelle.



WAO CLASS OF 2003 — From left to right: Dustin Anderson, Sheena Quient, John Graham, Jessica Awes, Tyler Olson, Tara (Jevne) Johnson, Tess (Solberg) Harkness, Brittney Palm, Jessica Ortiz, Nick Boman, Courtney (Jones) Gratzek, Kelsey (Sorenson) Deschene, Adam Bergman, Laura (Sedlacek) Misselhorn, Brenda (Lindberg) Bakken, Ryan Larson, Shane Dagoberg, Jenny (Kuzel) Nater, Jenna Pulkrabek. Not pictured: Dave Patience and Heather Martine.



WAO CLASS OF 2013 — Back row: left to right are, Madeleine DuBore, Holly Knoll, Taylor (Holter) DeLisle, Nikia Bodell, Allyson Hebert, Alexandra Erickson, Bailey (Jenkins) Marcotte, Nicole Oas, Abigail (Mercil) Ose, Megan Weiland, and Joshua Wurtz. Front row: left to right are Jacob Tescher, Jeremy Duckstad, Chris Miller, Colton Laymon, Adam Olson, Tony Kaiser, and Sam Gibson.

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.

- 1942 WHS Dale Peterson
- 1946 WHS Donald Vansickle
- 1947 ALV Norma (Dagoberg) Craigmile
- 1947 ALV Lorraine (Gerds) Latza
- 1948 WHS Marvin Swanson
- 1949 ALV Reuben Kleven
- 1955 WHS Ralph Stinar
- 1955 WHS Lois (Hedquist) Simons
- 1959 WHS Gary Linn Olson
- 1959 WHS Doris (Hedquist) Krogh
- 1965 ALV Gene Olson
- 1971 Oslo Patricia (McGuire) Osowski
- 1971 WHS Wayne Wrolson
- 1973 WHS James "Jim" Conely
- 1975 WHS David Lenhart
- 1977 WHS Larry Wittman
- 1980 WHS Russell Jorgenson
- 1981 Oslo Scott Kiefat
- 1982 Oslo Carolyn Keegan
- 1983 WHS Dwight Haugen
- 1987 Oslo Roger Duray
- Teacher WHS Milton Hoff
- Teacher Warren Ruth (Bernhardson) Austad
- Teacher Warren Robert Barton
- Friend Tony Hill
- Friend Gary Hill

Recently deceased family and friends list is updated weekly on the Education Foundation link at www.k12.mn.us

Stuart Hurst Angel Fund

"STUART HURST ANGEL FUND" Reaches Sustainable Level. When members of the WHS Class of 1963 heard that the Stuart Hurst Angel Fund was not even half way to the \$10,000 mark required for the sustainable level, they decided to take action. An email campaign was launched appealing to the class members for donations. This was followed by additional generous donations collected at the 1963 class reunion in July. The goal was to reach \$10,000 by year's end. That goal was successfully reached in November.

Although the fund was not created by the class of 1963 and many others have contributed to the fund, members of this class have always had a special connection to Stuart. Stuart was not only a classmate for many years but a lifelong friend.

Through this fund, the WAO Education Foundation will be able to grant annual donations to deserving students with special needs. These students will continue to benefit from Stuart's legacy due to the generosity of many and especially the WHS class of 1963.

Remember that any donation or memorial given can be earmarked for the Angel Fund or other projects you may designate.

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!

WAO Alumni Hall Of Fame 2024

The opportunity is here again for you to recognize an alumnus to be included in the WAO Alumni Hall Of Fame. The alumni Hall of Fame has been established to recognize Warren, Alvarado and Oslo Alumni that have distinguished themselves, their school, and their community.

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 April 1, 2024.

Residents & Friends Of Warren

2030 will mark the 150th Anniversary of Warren's founding. To commemorate this milestone event, a Sesquicentennial (150th) Committee has been formed to gather information and begin the process of planning this important celebration!

To do this, the Committee needs the public's help! We will need your memories, your photographs, your insights and your exciting stories of happenings and changes that have colored Warren's history over the past 50 years. Above all, we need your participation in the process! The goal is to make the Sesquicentennial an event to remember for years to come.

Please send your information to warrenmn150@gmail.com. As we get closer to 2030, more efforts will be needed in the planning of the event itself, what it should look like, and how best to make it a community celebration for the ages.

The Warren WHS/WAO Florida Picnic

February 10, 2024



Pavilion at Maxine Barret Park — 12-4 p.m.
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2023 CLASS REUNIONS



WHS CLASS OF 1963 — Front row: left to right are, Judy (Baird) McGovern, Shirley (Adsem) Davis, Sharon (Edgar) Abrahamson, Julie (Chruszch) Fillipi, Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler, Harley Marek, and Jean (Filipy) Daniel. Back row: left to right are, Michael Johnson, Susie (Hill) Lee, Carol (Stroble) Edgar, Jerry Cook, Janet (Johnson) Arnold, Dwight Sedlacek, Faye Wallsten, Richard Kuzel, and Richard Palchak.



AHS CLASS OF 1973, 50 YEAR REUNION — 13 of 17 classmates attended. Front row (left to right) Jackie (Knute) Omland, Vicki (Gornowicz) Lizakowski, Ken Dagoberg, Randy Boman, Sue (Bergman) Myxter. Back row (left to right) Ron Vasek, Cindy (Vanyo) Jamieson, Rodger Pape, Deb (Olson) Cross, Lorraine (Novak) Seindenstricker, Myron Narlock, Jesse (Mackie) Paschke, Maurice Lind. Classmates that did not make it. Deb (Hallin) Schantzen, Audrey (Honek) Lind, Lila (Torgerson) Bartlett, and Duane Rakstad.

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