

# Connections

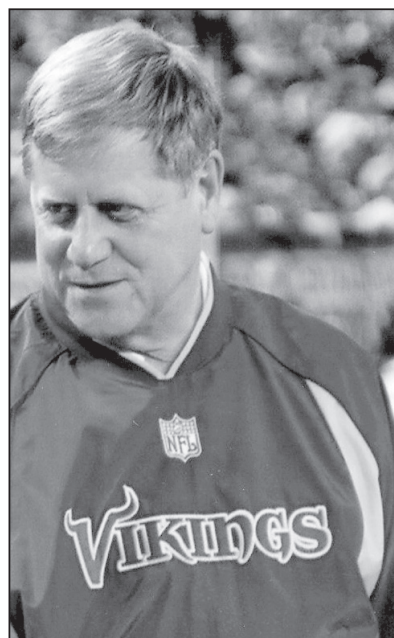
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## Dr. David Fischer: What A Wonderful Journey



By: Melanie M. (Fulks) Nelson,  
WHS Class of 1981

Growing up in rural Warren established a steady base in the life of Dr. David Fischer, MN. Graduating in 1962 as Valedictorian of his class, he realized early in his life that academics and sports were terrific companions. Raised in a family with his folks and four sisters, David learned the value of hard work and developed a strong backbone in ethics. He fondly recalled the country schools and the early school systems in Warren. With one Washington School on the west end of town and a second school on the east end, the city of Warren had a very different look and feel from today. His recollections of middle school and facility are very acute. He remembers the school having a very small basketball court that included a gym with a stage that had a balcony that wrapped around three sides. During those years, David admits to being kind of an unruly, problem child! Although average, academically, he'd get an occasional "D" in "deportment" (similar to today's "behavior" or "conduct" grading). Miss Adelman, his 6th grade disciplinarian-styled teacher, took him aside a number of times and would lecture him to "get his act together" and assured him that he could be a very good student. She reminded him that he should use his leadership skills to do good things, which he remembers to this day. Her intervention proved to be very influential for him. He fondly remembers playing annual competitive baseball and softball games in middle school, between the two Warren schools.

Once high school was in full gear for David, he actively participated in many sporting and extra-curricular activities. He was a member of the Letterman's Club and Student Council for all four years of high school while serving as an officer for his last two years. Other activities included: Declam, Debate, Chronicle Staff, Junior Class Play, Junior Class President, Football, Basketball, and Honor Society. He worked hard and studied hard. He was a starter on the famed 1962 Pony Championship Basketball Team. They unfortunately were defeated by Ada in the region 8 play-off round. Recalling those days, he spoke fondly of Coach Irv St. John when he commented, "Coach taught me and all the team members the importance of preparation, discipline, teamwork and how to deal with both loss and success." Coach Irv further taught him how to deal with success and loss with equal dignity. "These were principles, reinforced by my family, friends and community, which formed the bedrock of my life forever," according to David. Subsequently, Coach St. John moved forward in his career, relocating to coach basketball at Duluth East High School where he became the athletic director and earned the distinction of earning three Halls of Fame awards: Minnesota Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, Duluth East Hall of Fame and the Bemidji State Athletic Hall of Fame, where he'd previously been an outstanding athlete.

In addition to Coach St. John, David recalls OJ Peyton as a teacher whom he remembered fondly. He shared memories of his high school classmates Maxine Knudsen, Don Vettleson, Gary Neegard (who works as a chiropractor in Minneapolis) and Lynn Maruska (deceased). David was thrilled when Coach St. John and his wife joined his WHS 50th class reunion in 2012. David enjoyed visiting with his former classmates and driving through Warren and viewing the expansion of the WAO School System. David's senior quote read, "Great in sports, great in studies, great in the hearts of all his buddies." His love for sports and athletics became a solid theme throughout his career and ultimately led him to his professional career ~ Orthopedic Surgeon in Sports Medicine, an Adjunct Professor at the University of Minnesota, and Minneapolis' Department of Orthopedic Surgery.

Dr. David Fischer's career began directly following high school when

he was accepted into the Undergraduate Program at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois where he graduated with honors in German Literature. His school years at Northwestern were interrupted to travel abroad for a year and a half and attend Schiller College in Germany. While there, David traveled extensively throughout the Middle East. While in Germany, he met his wife of 53 years, Andrea "Andi". In 1971, upon returning to the U.S, David began his studies at the Medical School and Orthopedic Surgery Residency at the University of Minnesota. He spent a year of training at the Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre in Oxford, UK and Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital in Oswestry, Wales, UK. During this time, he traveled extensively throughout Russia. Following that year abroad, he began to practice at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis and subsequently joined the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at the University of Minnesota. The United States Army recognized his dedication and supported him to fulfill his obligation to the U.S. Army via inactive reserve; for which he is ever grateful.

While reflecting upon his choices in his career path, David recalls always participating in sports. He developed a particular interest in orthopedics following a high school shoulder injury. As a sophomore, he once visited his cousin in Minneapolis whose neighbor happened to be an orthopedic surgeon. His interest was further fueled immediately. As he got into his medical rotations, he found orthopedic surgery to be among his favorites. Initially, David found interest in soft tissue injuries and the fractures associated with the most severe injuries. The advent of the arthroscope and MRI allowed visualization and treatment of these injuries for the first time and these, along with the advances in physical therapy, sprouted his interest in combining them all into what soon became the field of Sports Medicine. He felt quite fortunate to be one of the earliest specialists who were in 'the right place at the right time.' This newly identified field offered David the opportunity to later become a Team Physician with the Minnesota Vikings and the Minnesota Timberwolves as well. He also completed a decade of work with the U.S. Olympic Committee including the 1992

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### Warren-Mesa Picnic

February 18, 2023 in Mesa, AZ  
See page 8 for more information.

### 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-WHS/WAO Florida Picnic

February 11, 2023  
Pavilion at Maxine Barret Park  
beginning at noon  
See page 7 for more information

### Marshall County Fair

July 20 - July 24, 2022

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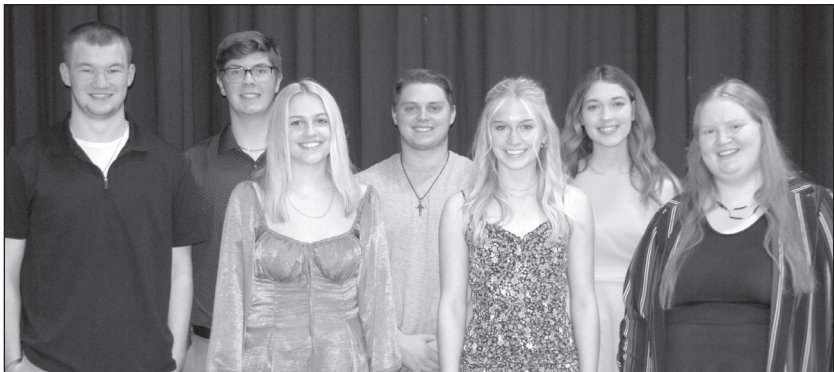
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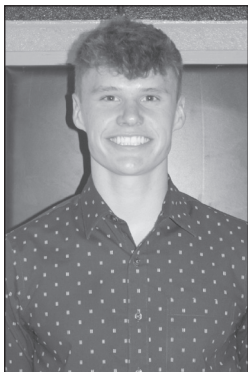
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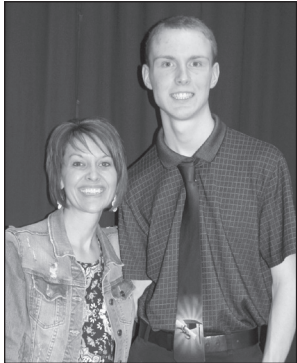


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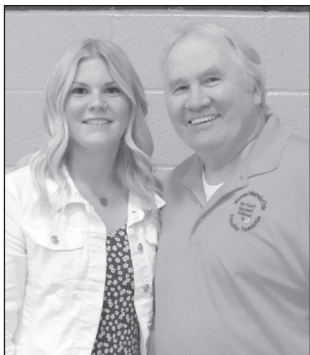
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## WAO ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

While the WAO Education Foundation does not manage, control or are actively involved with the WAO Alumni Hall of Fame, we do support the mission of the Hall of Fame and do share their information and news articles.

The 2022 WAO Alumni Hall of Fame Induction ceremony will be held at the Vonasek Free Stage at the Marshall County Fair on **Friday, July 22, 2022**, at 5:00 p.m. A reception will follow the ceremony where you will have an opportunity to greet and visit with the new inductees.

## 2022 SPRING NEEDS APPROVED

Funded by the Ed. Foundation

Pasta Unit, Pribula (FACS), \$305.55  
Percussion-Band Equipment,  
Fridstrom (band), 2,669.98  
Math Game Day-Fridays, S. Steer  
(sp. ed. para) \$108.11  
Speech/language, Miska/Laymon,  
\$654.06  
Plant Life Cycle, 2nd Grade Teachers,  
\$295.68  
5th Grade Ice Fishing Trip, Johnson/

Larson (5th grade), \$1,520.00  
Water/Snacks For Testing, \$500.00  
Art, Sedgeman, \$1,008.00  
Art, Sedgeman, \$376.00  
1st Grade Field Trip-Fargo Zoo, 1st  
Grade Teachers, \$333.00  
2nd Grade Field Trip-Headwaters  
Science Center, 2nd Grade Teachers,  
\$334.00  
Total: \$8,104.38

## NEW SCHOLARSHIPS 2022

**OSLO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP** - This scholarship was established in 2022 by the former Oslo Alumni Association. They had remaining funds that were left from alumni gatherings in past years. The committee decided to give two scholarships for the year 2022. One is for a student that will be attending a 4-year school and the other for a student that will be attending a 2-year school. All seniors that attend WAO are eligible.

**ALVARADO LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP** - For the past many years the Alvarado Lions Club has had a scholarship for WAO seniors. This year they made the decision to increase it to two scholarships—one for a student who plans to attend a 4-year college and the other for a student who plans to attend a 2-year school.

## 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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Larson

**In Memory of Shirley (Stark) Johnson**  
Sharon Nelson

**In Memory of Stefan Johnson**  
Sharon Nelson

**In Memory of Susan Reck**  
Carol J. Anderson

**In Memory of Terry Aafedt**  
Carol J. Anderson

**In Memory of Terry Albaugh**  
Sharon Nelson

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Margaret Stolee  
Marvin L. & Hansena Swanson

**In Memory of Virginia (Anderson) Berg**  
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Braden  
Cathy (Anderson) Hanson  
Connie (Swanson) Moen  
Dennis Stanton  
Henrietta (VanBaalen) Bergman  
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Marilyn Chruszcz  
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# Where Are They Now . . .

**Josh Steer, graduated from WAO High School in 2005**, has literally had a banner year as head coach of the Fergus Falls Otters girls basketball team. They finished their regular season 20-5 and then won four straight Section 8AA tournament games to claim the Section 8AA championship. He and his Otter team then moved on to the Class AA State Tournament. His team defeated Pequot Lakes, 71-55 in the first round. The Otters followed that win with a 69-57 victory over Minnehaha Academy in the semi-final, moving them to the State Class AA championship game. Their opponent was highly regarded Providence Academy and Fergus Falls barely lost to them 55-53, giving Coach Steer and his team the second place State Tournament finish. A championship Section 8AA banner and a State Tournament second place banner will look very nice in the beautiful Fergus Falls gymnasium. Coach Steer is in his 11th year at Fergus Falls Public Schools teaching physical education and adapted physical education for all grades. He is also an assistant varsity football coach and was assistant girls basketball coach before being named the head coach for the first time this season.

**Dalton Rolland, 2011 graduate of WAO High School**, has been promoted to Vice-President Branch Manager for the Bell Bank Biltmore area in Phoenix, Arizona. He received his degree in Economics and Psychology from North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota.

**Brian Hansen, 1995 WAO High School alumnus**, recently took a new job serving as Chaplain at Bethany Retirement Living in Fargo, North Dakota. He has been married to his wife, Kendra for 21 years and they have three children. His early growing years were spent living in Walker, Minnesota on Leech Lake. When he was 13 years old his family moved to Warren. After graduation he attended Concordia College and met his wife. Upon graduating from there, he became a youth director at Osakis Lutheran Church. From there they moved to the Twin Cities to begin Seminary. His first calling was at a two-point parish in Kindred, North Dakota where he served for six years. Next, they moved to Fargo and spent three years at Zion Lutheran Church. Then came seven years at St. John Lutheran Church in Fargo. That brings us to his current calling at Bethany Retirement Living.

**Vanessa (Folz) Royer, 1994 WAHS graduate**, currently resides in Aberdeen, North Carolina. Her husband, Phil, serves in the U.S. Army as a physical therapist at Fort Bragg. They are parents to four daughters. Vanessa graduated from Luther College in Iowa in 1998 with a degree in music education. She serves Redeemer Presbyterian Church as a music director. Vanessa also leads a local Classical Conversations home school community in Aberdeen. The Royers love to camp and downhill snow ski and usually make it home to Minnesota every summer to see family and friends and go to the lake.

**Diana (Teal) Kostrzewski, 1971 WHS graduate**, is a University of North Dakota Nursing School graduate. She served as a Clinical Associate Professor of Nursing and Graduate Program Chair. During her nursing career, she worked with university administration, staff and college deans. Since

2019, Diana served as interim dean at the UND College of Nursing and Professional Disciplines. Now she has accepted and will pursue a new opportunity in nursing education as Associate Dean at Bemidji State University. Diana is happy with this change as it allows her to be closer to family and she can focus exclusively on nursing.

**Marissa McDowell, 2002 graduate of WAO High School.** After graduation, she says, "I took a ride of my life" as she attended Bemidji State University which involved five years of exciting course work in the English, Art, Education and Industrial Technology areas. Growth in personal areas included experiencing the West Nile virus, frozen heating systems, flooding, a month spent in China, child birth and other varieties of social interactions in Northern Minnesota. She moved to the Minnesota Metro area into a position apprenticeship in the field of Goldsmithing where "I used skills learned from Mr. Molacek's welding course which I continue to hone in and use every day." Since her parents moved from the WAO area, she doesn't get home much, but hopes her class of 2002 has a class reunion this year. She is considering a change in her future which she thinks could be exciting. She sends her condolences to anyone suffering and much love to the WAO community.

**Shari (Leverington) Erdman, 1990 graduate of WHS.** She went on to earn Bachelor of Science and MBA degrees in Business Administration from Northwestern University in St. Paul, MN. Shari and her husband, Kim, have three adult children and two grandchildren. They live in Rush City, MN. In 2004, Shari joined Reel's Precision Manufacturing Corporation which is located in Vadnais Heights, MN. It is a corporation whose patented technology is used in consumer electronics, automotive, aircraft interiors and medical technology to name a few of their customers. While working there the past 18 years, Shari has earned her way up to many important positions including Executive Administrative Assistant, Reel's Corporate Secretary in 2010 and Vice-President of Global Co-worker services in 2012. Just recently, Shari was promoted to the position of President of the corporation and she oversees 130 employees.

**Sandy (Berg) Edlund, 1988 graduate of WHS.** She attended Bemidji State for two years and earned an A.A. degree. She married her husband, Brian in 1991 and had a son, Brandon in 1992. Sandy did not get a teaching degree, but she followed Mr. Schuler's advice and married a teacher. Sandy and her family moved to Benson, MN in the fall of 1995, where her husband taught Earth Science for nearly 25 years. Sandy was fortunate enough to teach at a local private school that their son attended. Besides the joy of raising their son, Sandy had the privilege to work at a local bakery, served on the ambulance crew for one year and then the local hospital (home care) and clinic. In 2012, Sandy received her LPN certificate from Willmar Tech College. She then worked in detox, home care and the clinic in Benson, MN. Sandy began work at an assisted living home in the Proctor/Duluth area in 2020. Sandy and Brian's new season of life includes 10 beautiful acres in the woods of South Range, Wisconsin; enjoying time with their beautiful granddaughter, Isla, and living each day to the fullest.

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# HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

## 2022 Class Reunions

**AHS 1962; July 22:**  
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**OHS 1972**  
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**WHS 1982; July 20-23:**  
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Bruce Nelson  
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218-687-2247

**WAO 2012; July 23:**  
Brenna Olson  
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# Dr. David Fischer: What A Wonderful Journey

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Men's Basketball "Dream Team" and Women's Gymnastics in Barcelona, Spain. Throughout all these career assignments, David maintained his own practice and was raising his young family.

In reflecting back, David recalls his very first job was at the Hennepin County Medical Center, in Minneapolis, a teaching hospital. He spent his early years as an orthopedic surgeon there, specializing on traumas and fractures. From there, he became even more concentrated in sports medicine. His passion for his field continued to grow. He, as a founding member, along with a group of dedicated colleagues formed a sports medicine group, TRIA, as a joint venture between the University of Minnesota and Health Partners. This group has earned National and International recognition as a group of well-educated orthopedic surgeons aligned with sports medicine. Each year three Orthopedic Surgeons are selected to participate in a fellowship created by this group. TRIA conducts studies annually to advance treatment, care, and systems to improve lives and share findings around the world. The combination of research and education in a diverse organization of hospitals and clinics sets TRIA apart. TRIA provides incredible opportunities for making discoveries and then developing and implementing evidence-based ideas and solutions.

As David's experience grew and following the retirement of the previous team physician, the Minnesota Vikings approached and offered him the Team Physician position, five years later he was recruited by the Minnesota Timberwolves, whose franchise was just beginning. When discussing his relationships with the players and franchise staff, David states, "It's all about the people you meet, not just the players." As part of his duties, he traveled with the teams to all games and practices. His schedule grew more and more demanding, but he was living his career passion through medicine, private practice, working for the University of Minnesota and participating in duties associated with TRIA. He spoke fondly of the relationships and friendships he's formed throughout his years of service. Professionally, he commented, there was nothing like it. His surgical skills were sharpened by all the advancements made available to those professional athletes. All the

newest technologies and equipment developed were available to him. He was amazed by how much professional athletes could push themselves and their bodies. The advancements facilitated recovery for these elite athletes and could be applied to a more "normal" population. Through these unlimited resources developed to treat these elite athletes, it became evident that those advancements could also be extremely beneficial to all orthopedic patients.

In looking ahead to his future, David's plans include a slow retirement. Though he retired in 2019, he remains involved in educational activities and conferences. He currently remains active in TRIA's Fellowship Program and Alumni Association from an educational standpoint. His future plans, due to COVID, have been put on a bit of a hold, but he's looking forward to settling down. He plans to spend more time with his lovely wife and his children along with their 4 grandchildren. He wants to dedicate more time to his hobbies of woodworking, hunting, fishing, baking, cooking and being in the kitchen. He and Andi enjoy following the interests of their grandchildren and attending as many of their events as possible. He hasn't forgotten his days amid the hallways of the Warren High School and the solid foundation it provided him and his education.



Dr. David Fischer standing with his wife and grandchildren.

## Making It Better Drawing At WAO School



Pictured are those who had their names drawn for the Making It Better drawings for the month of April 2022 at Warren Alvarado Oslo High School. In order to have a chance a student needs to be recognized by any WAO staff for going above and beyond during the month and they get their names entered into the drawing. The prizes are donated by the WAO Education Foundation. Front Row: left to right are, Kadence Wimpfheimer, Braulio Gonzalez, Haley Balek, Leandra Helm. Back Row: left to right are, Regina Gonzalez, Kaitlyn Hanson, Braylee Schroeder, Weston Olson, Sean Kennedy, Kenny Johnson.

## Chat with the Chairman

*Dear Alumni and Friends of the Foundation,*

Greetings from the Warren / Alvarado / Oslo Education Foundation! We hope this finds you well and enjoying the days of nice weather after a very long winter. It took a long time for the snowflakes and raindrops to stop falling in the Warren area and the temperatures to get back to where they normally are in April and May! Everyone who endured the winter and spring of 2021-2022 should have a gold medal!

2022 is becoming another exciting year with the Foundation! New and exciting things are happening in the elementary and high school buildings thanks to the generous donations that have been provided to us. Plan to visit the buildings when you're back for your class reunion or the Marshall County Fair in July.

On May 25th we announced that we facilitated 43 scholarships to 19 WAO seniors totaling 88,750. We are pleased to have the addition of the Oslo Alumni Association Scholarships to the Foundation. Also, the Alvarado Lions Club has had a scholarship with us for many years. This year they increased it to two scholarships. Thank you all for helping our students as they continue their education.

Students and staff are thinking summer vacation and we're thinking class reunions and our 17th annual Golf Scramble. Come join us for a day of fun, food, and prizes at the Riverside Golf Course beginning with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, July 22nd. The registration fee is \$50.00 and can be mailed to PO Box 125 at Warren or completed online. All paid golfers that are registered by July 15th will be entered into a drawing to receive their \$50.00 registration fee back! We're looking forward to seeing many of you when you come "home" for your reunions and the fair.

If you've ever given any thought to staying "home" when you come to visit this summer, know that there are many job opportunities for immediate work in many areas.

There is great news that the enrollment in the WAO Schools is increasing as more people move into the area along with many births in the past years. Small town living is at its best in northwest Minnesota! Some would say that Warren is a bedroom community as many people have made Warren their home and enrolled their children in school, but drive north, south, east or west for their daily jobs.

Long time board member Pam Jubie left the board in March. We are pleased to welcome Jessica Syverson as our new board member. She and her husband have two children in the elementary school and live in Alvarado.

This spring we funded \$8,104 for needs for the two buildings. We also funded \$500 for water and snacks for the WAO students during their state testing.

We still have a good supply of our cookbooks. They are available at various business places and at the school for \$10.00. If you're from out of the area, we'd be happy to mail you one for \$15.00. It's filled with great recipes!

We truly appreciate your help in keeping our database as current as possible. Your calls, notes and texts with changes are very important. Thank you for taking the time to contact us.

The Florida and Arizona gatherings that were held in February were very successful. What a great way for alumni and friends to reconnect. Mark your calendars for February 11th, 2023 for the Florida gathering and February 18th, 2023 for the Arizona gathering.

I spent the winter in FL and one Sunday in late February at church, immediately as the service ended a couple turned around to where I was sitting behind them and said something to the effect "Are you from Warren?" It was Dewey and Mary Bock. Dewey and I were both from Sargent County in southeast North Dakota and both ended up teaching in Warren. It's always great to connect with alumni and friends.

Gloria (Hedquist) Casey, WHS 1947, donated another "High Heels" quilt that we sold tickets for beginning at the Marshall County Fair and continued through December. Pauline Broten was the winner of this beautiful quilt. Over the years, Gloria has donated many quilts in various sizes that have brought in \$3,728 to the Foundation.

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, just follow the prompts. All undesignated funds go into our general account.

National Teacher Day was May 3rd. Dairy Queen gift certificates were presented to the teaching staff as a thank you for all that they do along with a message that said "It's been a dilly of a year!"

We continue to flourish with more growth and involvements. Thank you for believing in and partnering with us.

If our board can be of any assistance to you with more information, please feel free to contact one of us. "We can't succeed without you!"



# Thank You Notes:

WAO Education Foundation,  
We love our kitchen playset. It is awesome and so much fun to play in!!  
Love, Mrs. Maruska's  
Kindergarten Class 2022

WAO Education Foundation,  
Thank you so much for purchasing the new kitchen set for our kindergarten classroom! We love using it during free choice time!  
Sincerely, Mrs. Franks  
Kindergarten Class

Education Foundation,  
Thank you so much for funding the mosaic tools. The students really enjoyed the process and created some wonderful trivets for their homes. The work will be on display in the high school and in the Warren Sheaf.  
Thank you, Mr. Peter Sedgeman

Thank you to the WAO Education Foundation for sponsoring the kindness cart and bringing a little cheer to our great WAO Staff! It has been greatly appreciated!

WAO Education Foundation ~  
Thank you so much for all you do for WAO Students and graduates. I appreciate how you supported me and my education. The scholarship that you gave me is helping me to finish my schooling at Augustana University. Thank you!  
Kinzie Gullickson

Dear Education Foundation ~  
Thank you for the plant growing supplies. Our plants grew great. Thank you for helping us to go to the Bemidji Science Center! It was awesome!  
Your Friends,  
Mrs. Gilbert & Class

Dear WAO Ed. Foundation,  
The work you all put into meeting regularly, recognizing people and donors, the thank you cards and memorial notes and endless time you "Give" to the sponsored events are such a Pay-It-Forward Act of Service. I can't say thank you enough for the opportunities you give WAO Staff and students. How you serve others for a larger god, way beyond yourselves. That's becoming rare. Thank you for the Dilly Bar gift certificate and your time. That's very valuable and limited. We sure appreciate it! ~  
The Miska's

Thank you for the Dilly Bar. What a fun and delicious treat! I sure appreciate everything you do for the school, kids and me.  
~ Michelle Gullickson

Dear Education Foundation,  
Thank you for the 4 piece kitchen set. It has been a wonderful addition to our kindergarten classroom. The students really enjoy role playing and creating various play opportunities. I love watching them practice writing skills, communication, problem-solving and teamwork in a playful and hands-on setting. Thank you again for this wonderful gift, I know it will be well loved for years to come.  
Sadie Gornowicz

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 1st Graders Take A Trip To The Zoo!

WAO Elementary first grade students went on a trip to the Red River Zoo in Fargo. The WAO Education Foundation funded the trip.

## WAO's 2nd Grades At Headwater Science Center In Bemidji

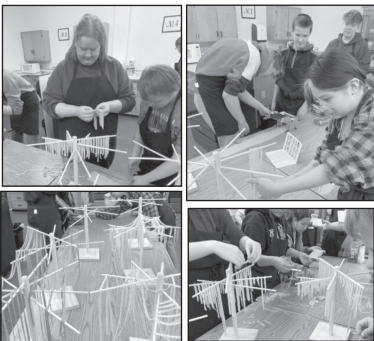


Mrs. Gilbert's and Miss Withrow's second grade classes at the Headwater Science Center in Bemidji. Funded by the WAO Education Foundation.

## Kitchen Sets For WAO Kindergarten



Funded by the WAO Education Foundation



## Homemade Noodles In WAO Culinary 2 Class

## 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.

- 1938 Oslo Marion (Tinnes) Durand
- 1943 Oslo Elrose (Loftus) Banik
- 1946 WHS Edmund Forslund
- 1947 WHS Betty (Anderson) Evin
- 1950 WHS Irene (Sherry) Brock
- 1951 WHS Virginia "Ginny" (Anderson) Berg
- 1951 ALV Arlin Jacobson
- 1952 WHS Andrew Sherry
- 1952 WHS John "Jack" Sedlacek
- 1953 WHS David Judovsky
- 1953 WHS Patsy Lou (Truhn) Schumacher
- 1953 WHS Janice (Hanson) Pulkrabek
- 1955 Oslo Florence (Finneman) Elden
- 1955 WHS Marvin Roley
- 1956 WHS Donald Goodrich
- 1958 WHS Grace Hedlund
- 1960 ALV Harlen Hendrickson
- 1961 WHS Carol (Anderson) Reynolds
- 1963 WHS Arlene (Jagol) Tholkes
- 1964 WHS Ron Abrahamson
- 1965 WHS Jerry Slusar
- 1967 ALV Terry Larson
- 1968 WHS Peter Pletsch
- 1969 WHS Dennis Mischel
- 1969 WHS James Flaten
- 1970 WHS James Novak
- 1972 WHS Barbara (Elseth) Weis
- 1974 WHS Julie (Jones) Zender
- 1975 WHS Diane (Godel) Lundgren
- 1977 Oslo Jodi (Torrance) Cowles
- 1981 WHS Linda (Lubarski) Isaacson
- 2013 WHS Jaden Larson
- Teacher Oslo Judith "Judy" Nelson
- Teacher WHS Ervin "Erv" Kallstrom
- Teacher Warren Elem Gerald "Gerry" Kiesow
- Teacher Warren Elem Rita Soine
- Teacher Warren Elem Deanna Swanson
- Friend Leona Neegard
- Friend Bill Craig
- Friend Arlyn Stengrim
- Friend Gary Jenkins
- Friend Wallace "Wally" Lamb

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

## WARREN-WAO FLORIDA PICNIC

**FEBRUARY 11, 2023**

**THE VISUAL EXTRAVAGANZA OF SARASOTA AWAITS YOU**

**IT'S A SIGHT TO SEE AND A PERFECT DAY WILL BE IN STORE FOR YOU.**

Come one and all to Florida for the 2023 WAO & Friends gathering at the Pavilion at Maxine Barret Park.

More details will be in the fall "Connections" and on various Warren sites on Facebook.



Some Of Those Who Attended The Warren Area Spring Arizona And Florida Reunions



Treasure (Soltis) Omdahl (WHS 1957), Sandra (Strunk) Goulden (WHS 1960), Suzie (Omdahl) Jevning (WHS 1956)



Claudia (Roley) Thompson (WHS 1966), Pete Gilbert (WHS 1966), Cathy (Anderson) Hanson (WHS 1966)



Gaye Knutson, Carol Knutson



Kathy (Mattson) Lam (WHS 1970), Rob Knutson (WHS 1970), Becky (Edgar) Loeslie (WHS 1971), Jean (Mattson) Larson (WHS 1972)



David Sholy, WHS Class of 1967. David was the original organizer of the Florida Gathering and has continued that position for the past 4 years. A great time of sharing stories of Warren, remembrances of past events at WHS or WAO, and a great time was had by all that gathered together on February 19th at at Maxine Barritt Park in Venice Florida.



Jerry Jevning, Sharon (Botko) Kays (WHS 1960), Rita Dalzell, former teacher, Jerry Dalzell, former superintendent, Sharon (Strunk) Carlson (WHS 1956).



Hank Hendrickson (WHS 1972), Scott Loeslie (WHS 1971), Curt Kuznia (WHS 1972)



Wayne Bjorggaard (WHS 1968), Kay (Hendrickson) Root (WHS 1969), Hank Hendrickson (WHS 1972)



Pat Bjorggaard, Wayne Bjorggaard (WHS 1968) Dean Dahlman (WHS 1967), Joanne Dahlman, Derwin Broten (WHS 1966), Pauline Broten



Delores (Kulwiski) Kovar (OHS 1967), Kathryn (Mozinski) Pietrzak (OHS 1965)

Seventy friends gathered for the 2022 Warren area/AZ picnic at the Viewpoint Golf Resort in Mesa. With good weather and lots of food, it was a great time of sharing old and new stories. Best part was people from all decades connecting with classmates and yet making new friends.

The Warren/AZ gathering started not only because of the great hometown people in the area at this time, but because of our parent’s generation. Not only did those snowbirds have a spring picnic at a local park, but they got together every Sunday for brunch after church. Kay Hendrickson Root loved going to these outings and noticed what it meant for them to preserve the Warren area community feel.

Join us Saturday, February 18, 2023 at the Viewpoint Golf Resort, Mesa, AZ. Kay Hendrickson Root. Marion Hickman Pace, Jane Miska Sirek, Jackie Arnold Lee and a special thank you to Joanne Dahlman.



Cindy Sabol Melgard (WHS 1977), Ralph Melgard (WHS 1976)



Stan Sirek (WHS 1958), Marilyn (Strickler) Sirek (WHS 1959)



Terri (Swanson) Konchan (WHS 1982), Frank Konchan, Deanna Swanson, former teacher.



Bruce Ranstrom (WHS 1967), Bev Ranstrom, Sandy (Dagoberg) Henneberg (AHS 1975), Gerry Henneberg, Carole (Stroble) Edgar ((1963), David Sholy (1967), Deb Conaway (WHS 1977), Wayne Edgar (WHS 1961), Ellen (Edgar) Johnson (1977 WHS), Bruce Morgan (WHS 1958), Pat Morgan, Vicki (Engelstad) Kerby (WHS 1971), Larry Kerby, Dick Knutson (WHS1970), Karen (Ranstrom) Kuzel (WHS 1971), Randy Kuzel, Carol Anderson. NOT pictured Karen Knutson.



WAO SCHOOLS WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAY, JULY 23 FROM 10 AM TO 1:00 PM

Arizona Warren And Surrounding Area Potluck February 18, 2023 At the Viewpoint Golf Resort, Mesa, AZ Come Connect with Classmates and Yet Make New Friends!

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