

Westmar University Alumni and Friends Association

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Westy gets a new coat......of paint!

In October this year Cory Isebrand, Chairman of the WAFA Board of Directors, took charge of a group to bring Westy a better look. Mick Even a local businessman did the sandblasting to prepare the eagle for new paint. Westy then went to stay in the garage of WAFA Executive Director, Janice Kooiker, while she painted him or "gave him his new coat".

Donated by the class of 1933 he has stood watch for many years, been in many, many photos and meant a great deal to countless students.

Janice stands with Westy..



Scholarships....Not yet time to apply but time to plan. Scholarship applications need to be submitted early and your school needs to know that your transcript NEEDS to arrive before the due date or you will not be eligible for consideration. We have had good students who would have received top scholarships but their transcripts never got there. It is the applicants responsibility to fulfill the requirements. Please plan ahead so you may receive a scholarship that you have worked so hard for.

The scholarship information is on our website and applications can be made only. We have already had questions so please check it out. On the website, look under **Links**. More information will be in the February newsletter but you can get a head start. Good Luck!

Stadium built in 1959 being replaced with new facility! (more on pages 2 and 6)

Wayne Marty comments on the stadium: "That was the "nearly new" stadium during the many Jack Scott Football Championships and also used by some great track teams when it was still a cinder track. "This was in the 1960's and the era of the Gold Football trophies that are on display in the Westmar Room.

The renovation will involve removal and replacement of the entire football field, track, grandstand area and visitor seating. The field will have artificial turf and the track will be replaced with an eight-lane track, with regulation lanes 42 inches wide. Area under the grandstand will include two team rooms, several storage areas, and two walkways to access the seating area in addition to ramps on each end. There will be three rooms at the top of the grandstand, a press box, and rooms on either side for home and visitor coaching staff. Funding for the project includes a \$2 million gift from an anonymous donor and dollars from the SAVE funds received each year.

Don't forget to visit the website (www.WestmarCollege.org) for your membership needs. Please keep us posted when you move or get a new email address or phone number. We no longer get updates unless YOU let us know.

Thank you!

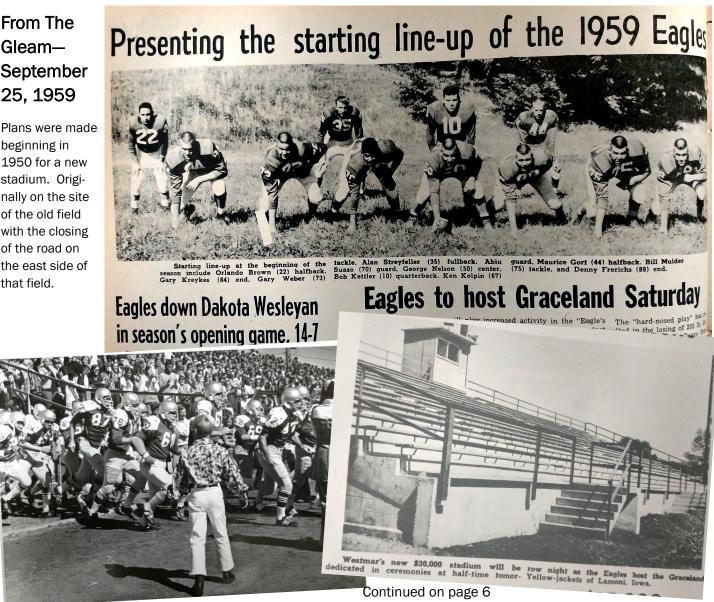
During the Last 100 Years



The Westmar Stadium which was built in 1959 has now been torn down to make room for a new facility. It is to be ready for the football season next fall. https://www.lemarssentinel.com/story/2562800.html and a story entitled LCS donates bleachers to Gehlen, contains more information. The Westmar Stadium was sold to Le Mars Community Schools and rented to Gehlen for it's use as well. More history follows.

From The Gleam-September 25, 1959

beginning in 1950 for a new stadium. Originally on the site of the old field with the closing of the road on the east side of that field.





Alumni News

From Frank Summerside..... A Thank you to the Chorale for the reunion and for the birthday surprise....

From Matthew 5:16 "So let your light shine."

Shine it did on June 23, 2018. Vielen dank, many thanks to those shining that day and in the man decades past of chorale witnessing through Scripture, always with the Holy Spirit working for all of us.

Messages on the dozens of cards that came my way were truly heartwarming. It was obvious our mission of Music, Message and Holy Spirit's guidance has penetrated your lives.

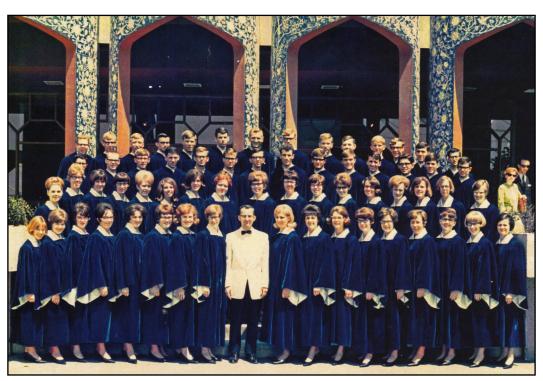
Special thanks to Tim Hoffman for spearheading the memory segment of the 2018 Chorale reunion as well as the Class of '68 committee who encouraged its inclusion in their 50-year Reunion weekend.

Monetary gifts that have come to WAFA and me will be used to enhance the historical significance of the Westmar Chorale in a display in the Westmar Room at the Plymouth County Museum. Focus will stem from the EXPO67 picture, and a plaque adjacent to it, imparting the influence of the Christiansen Chorale Movement beginning at St. Olaf where conductor Summerside earned his Bachelor of Music degree.

Central to that movement was always the message and the work of the Holy Spirit that Summerside stressed as making it all possible. Other displays citing the work of the Chorale in the U.S. and Europe will be developed in the coming months as part of the history of Le Mars to be viewed in the decades ahead.

Cards with the EXPO67 picture on one side and the plaque message on the reverse will soon be available.

Further appreciation goes to Steve Collins and his crew for the splendid Concert video. Coordinating all from the beginning has been Jan Kooiker and JoAnn Schleis. Kudos to them.



Pictured is the Westmar Chorale who represented the U.S. at EXPO 67 in Montreal. They were selected by the Dept. of State based on four selections from the 1965-66 recording submitted by Conductor Frank N. Summerside. When the call came telling of the honor, the committee stated, "this is a choir in the finest St. Olaf tradition."

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Alumni Deaths

- '41 Western Union **Grace Vander Werff Hartog**, 99 of Sanborn, IA died Sep 15, 2018. Grace taught for many years at Christian Schools in Sanborn, Ireton and Hull, IA. She was active in her church. Grace was married and mother of four children. https://sanborn-hartleyfunneralhomes.com
- '51 Florence 'Flo' Walter, 92 of Downs, KS died Sep 19, 2018. She felt God calling her to full time Christian Service at an early age and after her degree from Westmar, she took nurses training, studied tropical diseases and received midwifery certification. She was assigned to a remote medical dispensary at Zinna, Nigeria under the EUB Mission Board. She served several assignments in different places before retiring from mission work in 1982. She was still active in nursing and church. She was preceded in death by a brother-in-law Willis Elliot '50 and is survived by a sister Beth Elliott '52. www.domoneyfuneralhome.com
- '51 Rev. David Sohl Schneider, 89 of Faribault, MN died Sep 29, 2018. At Westmar he played football. He was ordained in '54 and served 38 years in five appointments in MN Conference of the UMC. He also served on many UM boards and was chair of the Koronis Camp and Conf. Center. He was active in retirement as well, with his wife, enjoyed leading the Seniors Ministry of Centennial UMC and led worship for 17 yrs. at Hts. Manor Residence. He is survived by his wife Esther '52 and was preceded by sister Mary Pfaltzgraff '48 and brother Jim'48 and his wife Bettie (Hardt) '48. www.washburnmcreavy.com
- '51 Barbara Ann Wick Korff, 89 of Le Mars, IA died Oct 21, 2018. Barbara was a homemaker and mother to 5 children. She was very active in church, serving as second grade girls Sunday School teacher for 38 years and cleaned the church building until she was almost 80 years old. Proceeding her in death were sisters Betty Wick Holland '48 and Bonnie Wick Hammer '49. www.mauerjohnsonfh.com
- '52 Leila Janet Juber Lyman, 86 of Sanborn, IA died Sep 21, 2018. She taught school in Rock Valley and Sanborn, IA. She and her husband owned and operated a flower shop until 1960 and a few years later opened a ceramic shop until 2004. She was very active in church and community and loved being with her family. www.sanbborn-hartleyfuneralhomes.com
- '54 Lauretta Kruse Van Buskirk, 90 of Le Mars, IA died Sep 17, 2018. She was a country school teacher for several years. She married and was a farm wife, raising a family, helping with farm chores and loved being out-

- side in her garden. She was active in church, teaching Sunday school and playing the piano and organ for church activities for more than 60 years. Among her survivors are daughter, **Beverly Van Buskirk** '78, and nephew **Tim Kruse** '84. www.siouxcityjournal.com
- '55 Arlos 'Gene' Camarigg, 89 of Sun City West, AZ died Oct 14, 2018. He was a member of the baseball team at Westmar and played semi-pro ball in IA. He joined the Navy in 1950 and was a personnel man on the USS William M. Wood Destroyer and the USS Yosemite, Destroyer Tender. After teaching 3 years in Holstein, IA he taught 30 years in Tinton Falls, NJ, teaching junior high students and coaching girls' basketball for 30 years. He also served on the Maricopa Co Sheriff's Posse for 21 years. www.siouxcityjournal.com
- '60 Marlys Russ Nickisch, 80 of St. George, UT died Oct 14, 2018. She taught Home Economics in North Dakota until after marriage and the beginning of their family. With her husband they owned and operated the Nickisch Funeral Homes. In retirement they enjoyed traveling. She was very active in her church and community. www.spilsburgmorturav.com
- '60 **Ronald 'Ron' Schroeder**, 79 of Akron, IA died Sept 24, 2018. Ron and his wife owned and operated Schroeder Funeral Home in Akron for more than 40 years. He also ran the ambulance service for many years. An active member of the Lutheran church he also served on the school board. Favorite accomplishments included the building of the new school, Trinity Lutheran Church and the Golf Course.
- '61 Nancy Dowd Bistline, 79 of Loveland, CO died Aug 16, 2018. She was active in church and was church pianist for nearly 40 years. She was school attendance clerk at Berthoud High School for 27 years. Survivors include a brother David A. Dowd '62 and Sister-in-Law Carolyn Cline Dowd '62. Submitted.
- '63 **Donald Freking**, 78 of Topeka, KS died Oct 17, 2018. He attended Westmar before going to U of SD. He was a self-employed CPA. Don was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Topeka Cosmopolitan Club. www.lemarssentinel.com
- '64 **William J 'Bill' Engel**, 79 of Le Mars, IA died Sept 26, 2018. Bill was a salesman, selling apparel for K-Products in Orange City, IA or selling cars at several car dealerships. After retirement he delivered cars throughout the area. Among survivors is a son **Bradley** '89 and brother **Ken'**72. www.mauerjohnsonfh.com
- '67 Paul Potter, 74 of Hudsonville, MI died Aug 5,



ALUMNI DEATHS— cont.

2018. Paul was in the food service industry for 40 years. As a charter member, he was instrumental in building Georgetown United Methodist Church. He enjoyed traveling, golfing, softball and family gatherings. Survivors include his wife Gloria Potter '66 of 53 yrs.; siblings Judy West '70, Mary Peshek '71 and sister-inlaw Marsha Kurth '71. He was preceded in death by sister-in-law Gay Kurth '64. www.cookcares.com

'68 - Ross 'Rusty' G. Guldberg, 72 of Winona, MN died Sep 30, 2018. He had retired from First Supply in Feb 2014. He enjoyed traveling and was a fan of the Chicago Blackhawks and Chicago Cubs. An avid trout fisherman he also loved scuba diving and was a scuba rescue diver. Among survivors is his brother Kurt '70. https://couleecremation.com

'70 - Vonnie Anne Asmussen, 81 of Le Mars, IA died Sep 15, 2018. She worked for the Le Mars Sentinel. Des Moines Register, and HyVee. Vonnie enjoyed reading, riding horses, traveling and current events. www.mauerjohnsonfh.com

'70 - Brian Wallace Goughnour, 70 of Pine River, MN died Oct 9, 2018. Brian was a teacher of many subjects - primarily world history and drivers education. After additional degrees he became Athletic/Activities Director at several schools in Iowa. He also coached several sports for both boys and girls having several teams go to State. He earned the 1976 Westmar College Coach of the Year award and in 2006 was inducted to the Iowa Athletic Directors Assoc Hall of Fame. He enjoyed fishing and golf and had 3 Hole in Ones. He is survived by his wife Stephanie (Neary) '73 and Brotherin-law Jeff Neary '81 and his wife Kathy Betsworth Neary '82. www.klinefuneralhome.com

'76 - Thomas 'Tom' Lippert, 66 of St. Petersburg, FL died June 7, 2018. He taught music for three IA high schools and Mt. Mercy College. In '97, he began teaching and conducting choral music at the U of Arkansas, Ft. Smith. Having directed music at many churches he was called to become Director of Music at the First Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg in 2007 and retired in 2015. In 2012 he was inducted into the IA Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and was also a sports enthusiast. Dr. Wayne Mitchell sang at his Celebration for Life. www.andersonmcgueen.com

'80 - Mark Arlin Frahm, 61 of Blue Earth, MN died Aug 23, 2018. He received his degree in Music Education from Westmar College and taught music for 34 years in IA and MN. He shared his music with both school and private students as well as through church. He had recently renovated a downtown building for his private

studio. He also loved to fish, bicycle and spend time with family. www.pattonfh.com

'84 - Phyllis Hanson Monroe, 79 of Le Mars, IA died Sep 13, 2018. She held many jobs including at Mercy Health Center as a certified Addiction Counselor. She volunteered wherever needed or asked to, in community programs and Siouxland Council on Sexual and Domestic Abuse. She was active in church, leading the rosary and taking communion to shut ins. She is survived by her husband Cliff - Staff '87 - '90, son Brian '91 and his wife Jill '93. www.mauerjohnsonfh.com

'90 - Phyllis L. Luken Mitchell, 82 of Le Mars, IA died Aug 17, 2018. She worked in a secretarial position at the Area Education Agency for 30 years and later completed her degree at Westmar at age 54. She loved to swim and rode her bicycle up to ten miles a day at age 79. Phyllis loved her garden, books and being outside. She loved life and family. www.lemarssentinel.com

Westmar Family:

Gail Grayce Cotton Kirshman Streyffeler, 78 of Sioux City, IA died Jun 4, 2018. She was the wife of Rev. Laurice Streyffeler '58. She taught in Sioux City Schools for over 30 years and after retirement continued teaching in Sunday School and Children's sermon messages. She was active in church and community activities and loved to travel. She is also survived by a step daughter and step son-in-law Lynn '88 and Todd Nordquist '86. www.meyerbroschapels.com



In Memory...

Mary Ehresman Alwine '66 in memory of Rev. Edward and Mable Ehresman

Mary M. Hartman '63 in memory of Carl Hartman

Jean Morton Stone '72 in memory of Mary Lou Warner 41

In Honor...

Joan Elsheimer Darby '68 in honor of Frank Summer side

Devin Stahl '71 in honor of Frank Summerside

Jean Morton Stone '72 in honor of Dave '67 and Wan da Fac. Chittenden on their 50th Anniversary

In honor of Dr. Esther Megill '46

In honor of Joann Skinner Schleis '64 (death of husband)

Alumni News

Bob Morris '83 noticed that at least 2 of the 50 coaches listed in the Des Moines Register were Westmar Alumni. Thanks Bob!

https://www.desmoinesregister.com/story/sports/high-school/2018/10/04/iowa-50-greatest-high-school-football-coaches-ihsaa-harlan-dowling-iowa-desmoines-hawkeyes/1514339002/

The two listed are:

'80 Koy Goodchild, West Bend-Mallard Record: 235-44. State titles: 4 A member of a family of coaches, Goodchild built a small-school dynasty that won four state championships. He reached state title games eight times from 1982 to 2005 before retiring.

'86 Toby Lorenzen, Central Lyon/George-Little Rock Record: 163-127-2. State titles: 1 Lorenzen led his program to five state championship appearances. He retired last year after 22 seasons as a head coach.

Thank you Bob we appreciate alumni submissions.

'84 **Ray Siva Sinnadurai**, writes that It's been almost 35 years since he left Westmar. "I loved the place so much and sad to see the buildings have all been torn down. Very sad indeed!

I was there for just 2 semesters (Fall 1983 and Spring 1984) and had a great time studying science and math subjects in preparation for an Engineering Degree. From there I moved on to UND at Grand Folks and SDSU at Brookings where I graduated in 1986 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. Since then I am back home in my home country, Malaysia. I will be retiring soon in another 2 years time.

Westmar was a wonderful school with very good teachers and most of all, the people in the campus and Le Mars city. I hope to meet up with Dr. Marty, Dr. Meyers, Dr. Frank etc. someday when I fly over to lowa and I leave it to GOD to decide when. I really do miss all those golden memories in Westmar. "

'77 **Randy Collins** writes from Akron, IA. I graduated from Westmar College (LeMars) and then taught for eight years in Iowa before my wife and I moved out to Colorado in 1985 for what we anticipated to be a one-year adventure. The one year grew into twenty during which we had two beautiful daughters and lived an adventurous life of enjoying the Rocky Mountains (hiking, hunting, camping, fishing, traveling, skiing – you get the idea).

In 2005 we moved back home to be closer to family and to take advantage of opportunities for me to work as a superintendent. I am in my fourteenth year as a superintendent, ten of which I have managed multiple districts, I'm currently superintendent for three districts (Akron-Westfield, Lawton-Bronson, Whiting) and having a great time. I love the job and look forward to working with all those interested in creating world-class schools.

Don't forget to use Amazon Smile when you order from them and they will donate to Westmar Alumni and Friends at no cost to you. It all helps us.

NEW STADIUM TO BE DEDICATED AT HALF-TIME TOMORROW NIGHT

The Gleam—Sept 25, 1959

Westmar college's new \$30,000 stadium will be dedicated tomorrow night when the Westmar Bagle's host Graceland college of Lamoni, Iowa, at 7:30 in the evening.

JOHN VOLLMAR, chairman of the Westmar Advisory Board, will be master of ceremonies for the half-time dedication program. Pres. H. H. Kalas, will give the invocation.

Brief addresses will be made by Father J. P. Alvey, the superintendent of Gehlen High school, Superintendent E. D. Archamboult of Central High school and Dr. A. V. Howland, vice-president of Westmar.

LEADING IN the flag raising ceremonies will be Gehlen High School band, under the direction of Sister Miriam Elizabeth and C. J. Parkinson, assistant director. Also on the program is a dedication hymn by the Central High School band, under the direction of A. C. Jenson.

Seats will be reserved in the stadium that evening for the football teams of both high schools, their coaches and their assistants.

ALTHOUGH THE stadium and field are a part of the Westmar K College campus, they are the product of several years of cooperative planning on the part of the entire Le Mars community. Because of this support by Le Mars to citizens, agreements have been the made for the use of the field by the Le Mars Central and Gehlen phigh schools.

According to recent reports, a each of the teams will retain I their former facilities for practice in order to maintain the attractiveness of the new facilities sthroughout the year.

SPECIAL PROVISIONS have been made to insure adequate public address systems, to enable all to hear the dedication ceremonies



Alumni News



Reunion of some 1969 graduates. The above graduates and spouses met in Williamstown, Kentucky at the Arc Encounter and had a fun weekend reminiscing. Seated are: Milo Sprout, Jan and Keith Brandt, Richard Gaumer, Jan Sprout, Brenda and Glenn Jagodzinske, Linda Bonner Gaumer, Bruce and Mary Rudolph.

'67-'75 Fac. **Rosalind Mohnsen**, was the recipient of the 2018 Distinguished Service Award from the Organ Historical Society at their national convention in Rochester, New York this past summer. The award is the premier recognition given for notable and longtime volunteer work by members of the Society. Rosalind has performed for twenty-three national conventions, served on four committees, and attended every convention since 1975. The Society was founded in 1956 and celebrates, preserves, and studies the pipe organ in all its historic styles. Rosalind lives in Malden, MA



Left to right. Nancy Wilson Goos '74, Lynnette Johnson Stevens '74, Sue Bonner Johnson '73, Mryna Rau Beving '73, Jane Patterson Bartling '73, Janene Parker Stoner '74. This group gets together every year in Des Moines but next year they are planning to be in LeMars.

Notice Please <u>add WAFA to your address book</u>. Don't miss a newsletter or important email message. Some emails always come back **to** us as being blocked when the group email is sent.

Don't forget to let us know when you change your information. We don't want to lose you!!!

	We are interested in knowing what has recently (or not so recently) happened in your life. Promotions? Marriage? Births or deaths?
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Westmar Reunions 2019

Westmar Athletes 1975 through 1985—All Sports

Being organized by Angelo James '82 and teammates

May 25, 2019 in Le Mars

Plans are being finalized for a meet and greet Friday night, May 24, 2019 (location to be announced)

Saturday morning golf tournament is being planned.

Information will be through our Facebook page, https://www.facebook.com/WestmarAlumni/,

February newsletter and email for those WAFA has current information for. Some notifications may be made by mail for those WAFA has current addresses for.

A registration page will be added to the Westmar Website at www.WestmarCollege.org/. This will al-



low alumni to register and find information and updates for the reunion. Registration will be through PayPal.

Please share this with your friends as we don't have everyone's current contact information.

See you in LeMars in May 2019

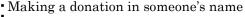
Reunion Support Guidelines

Guidelines adopted by the board at the Oct. 2015 meeting:

- Publish reunion information provided by Committee on Facebook, WAFA Web Site and in WAFA Newsletter.
- Provide mailing labels or mailing list for sending invitations. (USPS only or USPS plus e-mail)
- Provide use of group e-mail for invitation and updates. Committee would provide copy of message to send.
- Provide information on a personal PayPal account to accept registrations. Alternative to accepting checks only.)
- Provide contact lists of LeMars area hotels, caterers/ restaurants, and meeting rooms.
- Make room reservation at LeMars Convention Center, if needed, to get 40% non-profit discount. Pay for room, to be reimbursed by Reunion Committee. (Reunion Committee would have to set up and take down the room. Reunion Committee would make alternative room arrangements (i.e. church, restaurant).

If you are planning a reunion, please let us know and we will list it in the WAFA newsletter, our Facebook page and on our website. We can also help with sending an email to your classmates or providing addresses. We also love pictures of reunions no matter how large or small and be sure to include information and names. We will share them!

IN MEMORY/IN HONOR



that is deceased places that person's information in a special section of our

- MEMORY book, on a stand, in the Westmar Room. The page will also include do-
- nor's names. Donations
- may also be made in *HON- OR* of someone living, with
- Westmar ties, and a page will also be entered for
- that person in that section of the book.



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ALUMNI NEWS—Cont...

New Source for Westmar Clothing Items:

We are working with Get Branded 360, a local screen printer, to provide you with more styles, colors, and sizes of Westmar clothing items directly. Lisa Holtgrew Whitehead, class of '90 and Westmar staff from 1990-1997, has done a tremendous job of setting this up. The big advantage is that they print as things are ordered so can offer more styles, designs, colors and sizes than we could possibly have in stock. They are also donating a portion of each sale to WAFA! Available now.

Check out their site at https://www.getbranded360.com/ecommerce/wafa-westmar.html

Get Branded 360 recently was awarded an \$8,000 competitive state grant through the Iowa Mainstreet "Open 4 Business" competition. They will now compete at the State finals competition scheduled for August.

New items will be added if requested. Caps? Polo shirts? Pajamas? What do you think?



NEW

On line webstore for WAFA!



A new on line web store has been set up for WAFA through Get Branded 360 in Le Mars, Iowa. Visit the site at:

 $\underline{https://www.getbranded360.com/ecommerce/wafa-westmar-alumni-and-friends-association.html}$





Give a Westmar Gift this year!

20% off items ordered from our website www.westmarcollege.org

Does not include DVD's of Chorale and Special Events.

In stock items only. Includes shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, mugs, glasses, koozies and more. Lots of items are listed. Help us clear our shelves and safe on very special gifts for special people.

We still have many items in stock in the WAFA office and would like to sell them as well. Please check our web page for availability. We also have CD's/DVD's available for Chorale and special events. Let everyone know You Went to Westmar!!!

(All items are shown with prices on our web page.)



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Most newsletters are now sent by email to reduce office costs of printing and postage. We send to a few who do not have email or who have a special request. Get it on line and get it in color—make the print as large as you like. Get it where ever you get your email whether at home or on vacation. It's the best way!! .

Be sure to check out our ever-changing website at: http://www.WestmarCollege.org/. We offer online shopping and membership. Suggestions are always welcome.

Current Members: You will receive **only one** reminder postcard when it is time to renew your membership. Please pass the form below on to other Westmar Alum and encourage them to be a WAFA member.

WAFA Dues Support These Activities:

- Work with the Iowa College Foundation to administer the Westmar Endowment Scholarship
- Provide Alumni & contact assistance for Westmar reunions
- Publish WAFA newsletters
- Help maintain displays in the Westmar Room of the Plymouth County Historical Museum
- Maintain Westmar Alumni, Faculty, Staff, and Administration database
- Help maintain the Westmar Memorial Park on the former campus
- Maintain the WAFA web-site www.westmarcollege.org

Do you have any Westmar items you would like to donate to the Archives or for room display?

We are also looking for Sports Memorabilia as well as items from other groups for display. Good copies of photos or certificates are also welcome.

