

## **Westmar University Alumni and Friends Association**

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Former wrestler **Tom Hildreth** '81 at Westmar College was among four honorees recognized at the IHSAA State Wrestling Tournament that took place in February.

Originally from Rockwell City, Tom's high school career was cut short by a bout with Guillain-Barre syndrome. This is a condition where the immune system attacks the nerves either by a bacterial or viral infection. Fortunately, he was able to wrestle at Westmar after high school and qualified for four NAIA national tournaments, winning two conference titles.

After graduating, he began his coaching career at Pocahontas, IA, first as an assistant. Then he took over as head coach in 1985. In 1987, he returned to Rockwell City as head coach until 2004. He compiled a career 235-66-5 dual meet record winning 36 tournament titles. Tom coached 45 state qualifiers, one state champion, and 12 place winners, including his sons Ryan and David. Daughters Sara and Anne also served as the team's stat crew.

After stepping down as head coach, Hildreth coached South Central Calhoun's junior high squad for five seasons.

An IHSAA football and wrestling official for 42 years, Tom was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in 2018.

Tom and his wife Theresa own and operate Martin Hildreth Company in Rockwell City and have 12 grandchildren.

The IHSAA began honoring top wrestlers and coaches for their accomplishments in 1971. Selections are nominated through their schools, picked by the Wrestling Hall of Fame selection committee, and approved by the Board of Control during the winter. https://www.lemarssentinel.com/story/2866307.html





Thank you to our spring volunteers who gathered at the park to clean up last year's debris and to plant flowers.

A special thank you to **Clayton** '69 and **Janice** '67 **Kooiker** for maintaining the flower beds. Your hard work is beautiful to see!



"Always leave people better than you found them. Hug the hurt. Kiss the broken. Befriend the lost. Love the lonely." Susan J. Decuir of Carrollton, TX (not a Westmar alum).

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Teagan Slaughter	\$5000	Jeff Hammen '78
Rachel Langel	\$1000	Le Mars
Brenick Birks-Hoppe	\$1000	Le Mars

#### **Alumni Deaths**

'42—Irma (Gronemeyer) Eilers, 99, passed away on April 6, 2021, at Sunrise Retirement Community in Sioux City, IA. After graduating from Le Mars High School, she earned her teaching certificate at Western Union College. She taught in a one-room school house until 1945. At that time, she married Edwin Eilers, and they were married for 56 years. Irma was an active member of her church, the Moring Glory Quilters, and the Red Hat Society. She and Edwin enjoyed traveling after they both retired. She is survived by 1 son, 1 daughter, 6 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends. <a href="https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/siouxcityjournal/name/irmaeilers-obituary?pid=198337991">https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/siouxcityjournal/name/irmaeilers-obituary?pid=198337991</a>

'46—Shirley June (Rowe) Timmins, 95, passed away in her home in Le Mars on February 19, 2021. After completing high school, Shirley spent the next two years at Western Union College before transferring to the University of Iowa where she received a BS Business Degree in 1946. After working for a couple of years, she attended Wayne State College for her teaching license. She then taught high school business and Spanish for several local communities. After marrying William Timmins in 1951, they lived on the farm until 2000 when they retired from farming and moved to Le Mars.

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Shirley was extremely active in her church by holding several offices as well as directing many choirs through the years. She was also active with organizations within the community of Le Mars. She is survived by 1 daughter, 1 niece, 1 nephew, and 2 grand-nephews. <a href="https://www.lemarssentinel.com/story/2867067.html">https://www.lemarssentinel.com/story/2867067.html</a>

'53—Janet (Nafe) Lindsay, 91, passed away on March 16, 2021. She will be buried next to her husband and the peony bushes she planted long ago. Before marrying Marvin Lindsay, she attended Westmar College and graduated as an elementary teacher. She taught in several different locations before meeting Marvin. After marrying, they went on to enjoy 54 years of marriage, farming, volunteering, and raising their three children on a farm in rural Washta, IA, before his death. After retirement, they traveled the United States. She also enjoyed painting with watercolor and acrylic paints. She is survived by 2 sons, 1 daughter-in-law, 1 daughter, 1 son-in-law, 8 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, and many other family members and friends. https:// www.pontiacdailyleader.com/obituaries/story-obituaries-2021-03-17-janet-viola-nafe-lindsay-91-pontiac-died-Tuesday-march-16-2021-4735899001

'53—Bernadine (Luther) Sparks, 90, passed away on March 26, 2021, surrounded by family at her home in Discovery Bay, CA. She grew up on a farm in North Dakota, and attended Westmar College after high school. There, she graduated with a degree in elementary education and a minor in music. She went on to teach in Fargo, ND, after graduating from college. After marrying Clinton Sparks in 1958, they moved to California, and she continued to teach. As an accomplished pianist. she owned a piano studio and accompanied numerous engagements. They were also very active with church activities. After retiring in 1997, they moved to Discovery Bay and became active in a church there. Bernadine is survived by 2 sons and 4 grandchildren. https:// www.thepress.net/obituaries/bernadine-lillian-luther-sparksarticle 595dc7f0-9e00-11eb-bee4-bf3b95b5dd4c.html

'55—Carol (Bornholtz) Kroksh, 88, passed away unexpectedly on April 28, 2021, at Floyd Valley Healthcare in Le Mars. After graduating from Westfield High School, she attended Westmar College. She graduated with her teaching degree, and she taught in several locations through the years. She married Marvin Kroksh in 1955, and she held several different positions during her married life. Carol was active with her church, and she was also a 4-H leader. She received her Horticulture Degree when she was 82, which allowed her to judge garden exhibits at the fair. She is survived by her husband, Marvin, 2 sons, 2 daughters, 12 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, 2 sisters-inlaw, and several nieces and nephews.

https://www.lemarssentinel.com/story/2880676.html

'58—**Dr. Fred Shickell, Ed.D.**, 84, passed away on April 5, 2021. He received his BA in math/education from Westmar College, his MA in school administration from the University of Northern Colorado, a two-year specialist degree in education from the University of Nebraska, and his doctoral degree in administration education from UNL. He taught high school math and coached basketball, track, and baseball at Renwick, Iowa. He became superintendent of schools at DeWitt, NE. Following his retirement, he became a math mentor for gifted students attending Pound Middle School in Lincoln, NE. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Charlyn (Frahm), 1 daughter, 6 grandchildren, 1 daughter in-law, 1 sister, 1 sister-in-law, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. <a href="http://www.legacy.com">http://www.legacy.com</a>

'59—Sue (Collins) Miller, 84, passed away on February 16, 2021, at her home in Nashville, TN. After graduating from Westmar with degrees in Christian Education and business, she and her husband, William Miller, moved to Dayton, Ohio. He attended seminary there, and she taught elementary school. She also earned her master's degree in library science. She worked at Montgomery Bell Academy library until her retirement. Sue was active in her church community and always up to date on current and world events. She is survived by her husband, William, 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren, 1 sister, 2 nieces, 1 nephew, and the beloved Miller family. <a href="https://www.springfieldnewssun.com/obituaries/miller-sue/J732J6R50ZBRNLTLFCVFCVFJOXTUA/">https://www.springfieldnewssun.com/obituaries/miller-sue/J732J6R50ZBRNLTLFCVFCVFJOXTUA/</a>

'59-Robert Bistline, 83, passed away at his home in Denver, CO, on April 24, 2021. After receiving degrees in physics, mathematics, and natural sciences from Westmar College, he went on to get his master's degree in radiation biophysics and atomic physics, and his Ph.D. in radiation biology. He worked for Dow Chemical where he specialized in research and development of advanced instrumentation for the detection of plutonium in lung tissues of site workers. He served on multiple scientific review boards and advisory committees, and he helped to establish the Department of Energy's beryllium disease prevention program. He is survived by his wife, Joyce, 3 sons, 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren, and 3 sisters. <a href="https://www.abilene-rc.com.obituaries/robert-wayne-">https://www.abilene-rc.com.obituaries/robert-wayne-</a> bistline/article ddbc4ed4-ac1c-11eb-843e-13ba7473f764.html



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'60—Jannette (Reece) Hutchison, 83, passed away on February 17, 2021, of heart disease at Village Ridge in Cedar Rapids, IA. After graduating from Westmar College, she spent 40 years as a physical education teacher. She also volunteered with the Eastern Iowa Special Olympics directing all track and field events. For many years, she was a mentor to four boys who lived in the Republic of Congo. She was a life-long member of Salem United Methodist Church and dedicated her life to helping people achieve their full potential. She was also the recipient of numerous awards. She is survived by 1 brother, 1 nephew, 3 cousins, and 4 foster sons. https://www.thegazette.com/obituaries/jannette-hutchison/

'62—Services for **The Rev Canon, Ronald D. Osborne** will be as follows: Friday, September 24, 2021, at 1:30pm, a memorial will take place for the University of Iowa deeded body program at Oakland Cemetery in Iowa City, IA. Reception to follow. Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 1:30pm, a memorial and interment at St. Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Des Moines, IA, will occur. Reception to follow.

'62—Ardyth (Oehlerking) Banzhaf, 80, passed away in Orafino, NE, on January 29, 2021. After graduating from Westmar College, she taught at public schools for a few years. Then, she went on to substitute teach for 20 years while helping husband Ron with the farm. She was active in her church and helped with teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. She and her husband also served on several mission trips in the United States. She was an excellent seamstress and quilter, and she won many ribbons at county and state fairs. In 2008, she was involved in an accident that left her in a wheelchair for the rest of her life. Helping her get through this was dear friend Jeri Lou Arnold, who visited her every Friday. She is survived by 3 sons, 10 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, 1 brother, and 1 sister. https://www.mccookgazette.com/ story/2863289.html

'63—Delores ("Dee", Hanson) Nelson, 91, passed away on February 18, 2021. Growing up, she attended school until the eighth grade. She married her childhood sweetheart, and they farmed happily together for nine years until Bud was killed in a tractor accident. That left her five months pregnant with four small children. She sold what she could and bought a house in Milbank, SD. Still, she felt that God was calling her to do something. After confiding in her pastor, he told her that whatever it was, she would need a college education. She completed high school, packed her family up, and moved them to Le Mars so she could attend Westmar and get a degree in social studies. After graduat-

ing, she began her career as a social worker in Sioux Falls, SD. After retiring in 1993, she married Curtis Nelson in 1996. She is survived by her husband Curt, 3 daughters, 3 step-children, 17 grandchildren, 18 greatgrandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. <a href="https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/argusleader/obituary.aspx?">https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/argusleader/obituary.aspx?</a> n=delores-nelson&pid= 197805092

'66—Janelle (Kramer) Gustafson, 76, of Storm Lake, IA, passed away February 2, 2021, at UnityPoint Health-St. Luke's in Sioux City, IA. After graduating from high school, she continued her education at Westmar College, and then at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, SD. She married Steve Gustafson in 1970. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading and crocheting. She enjoyed spending winters in Tucson, AZ. Together, many rounds of golf were played between Janelle and Steve. Family was important to her, and she loved spoiling her grandchildren. She is survived by her husband, Steve, 2 daughters, 6 grandchildren, 1 brother, 3 sisters, 1 sisterin-law, extended family and many friends. <a href="https://www.stormlake.com/articles/janelle-gustafson-obituary-storm-lake-iowa/">https://www.stormlake.com/articles/janelle-gustafson-obituary-storm-lake-iowa/</a>

'70—**Terry Marienau**, 73, of Le Mars, passed away on February 13, 2021, at Floyd Valley Healthcare in Le Mars. After graduating from Westmar College, he took a position wit the Plymouth County Engineer's Office, which turned into a 51-year career. On July 11, 1970, he married Kathy Livermore. Together, they raised their three sons in Le Mars. Terry loved the outdoors, hunting, and fishing. He won many trophies trap shooting as a member of the Le Mars Sportsman Club. Above all else, family came first. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Kathy, 3 sons, 2 daughters-in-law, 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, 1 sister, 1 brother-in-law, his mother-in-law, and several nieces and nephews. <a href="https://www.lemarssentinel.com/story/2865840.html">https://www.lemarssentinel.com/story/2865840.html</a>

'74—**Thomas "Tom" Brodie**, 70, passed away February 8, 2021, at his home in Arnolds Park, IA. He was raised on a farm near Merrill, IA, where he was always a helping hand while learning to farm from his grandfather and his father. Before attending Westmar College in 1973, he attended the University of South Dakota. He and Fran Meis were married on December 28, 1972. He spent his career working in pharmaceuticals. He was also an active member of Rotary Club and took great pride in reestablishing the foreign exchange student program. He was also an active member of his church. He is survived by 2 sons, 3 sisters, and 2 granddaughters. <a href="https://www.lemarssentinel.com/story/2874415.html">https://www.lemarssentinel.com/story/2874415.html</a>

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'75—Lynn (McIntosh) Golden spent her youth in the Meridan-Cleghorn school system. After graduation, she decided to attend Westmar College, and finally, she earned her master's degree from Sioux Falls College in Sioux Falls, SD. She spent 33 years as a teacher. Even after retirement, she continued to substitute teach. In the summers, she and her husband enjoyed camping at Okoboji. When their daughter Cari and family moved to Hartley, IA, so did Lynn and her husband, Monte. After 5 years there, Monte and Lynn decided to make Arnolds Park, IA, their permanent home, and they thoroughly enjoyed the "lake life." She is survived by her husband, Monte, 1 daughter,2 grandchildren, and other relatives and friends. <a href="https://sanborn-hartleyfuneralhomes.com/tribute-ajax/print-obituary.htms?id=2271">https://sanborn-hartleyfuneralhomes.com/tribute-ajax/print-obituary.htms?id=2271</a>

'87—Brian Murphy, 59, of Sioux City, IA, passed away on April 19, 2021. After graduating from South Sioux City High School, he attended Westmar University and graduated with his Police Science degree from Western Iowa Tech Community College. He worked as a police officer in Sloan, IA, and then the Sioux City Night Patrol. He also worked for John Morrell for over 20 years, but he had to retire due to health issues. He enjoyed camping and sitting around a campfire. He is survived by 2 sons, 3 siblings, his ex-wife and caretaker, numerous nieces, nephews, and other family and friends, plus his beloved dog Cooper. <a href="https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/siouxcityjournal/name/brian-murphy-obituary?">https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/siouxcityjournal/name/brian-murphy-obituary?</a>

#### MEMORY/IN HONOR BOOKS

Making a donation in someone's name who is deceased places that person's information in a special section of our *MEMORY* book in the Westmar Room. The page will also include donor names.

Donations may also be made in *HONOR* of someone living with Westmar ties. A page will be entered in that section of the book.

Each page includes a photo, if possible, and a biographical sketch. Additional donations are added to the bottom of the page.

"With change, there's a lot of fear that can creep in. Fear is not the problem... it's how we handle the fear. Instead of letting fear define us and cripple us from going after our dreams and making decisions, we have to be able to handle that fear. The way to overcome that is with faith." Tim Tebow, former NFL quarterback and inspirational speaker.

### **Alumni News**

**Bruce Buller** '55 hopes to go to Spain and Portugal in September. This was a postponed trip from 2020. In 2019, he traveled from Budapest to Bucharest, Romania. In early 2020, he traveled from Jerusalem to Cairo. He says he travels for "continuing education."

Jeanette (Claude) Best '59 says she and her husband celebrated their 60th anniversary in December 2020. Their sons took them to Maui for a week in 2019 to celebrate the occasion.

Ronald J. Williams '60 says he is recovering from 5 heart procedures since June of 2020. Due to Covid-19, he is recovering in quarantine with his wife Vera. While he says he has a long way to go, his family was fortunate and avoided contracting Covid-19. He also says he was sad to hear of the passing of his old friend/roommate/best man, **Dean Bonderman** '62 last year. Dean had his Ph.D. in chemistry from SUI and worked a long time for the University of Indiana Hospital before going into business for himself.

**Charles** '63 and wife Rona (attended) **Pfaffle** informed the office that they moved to Roswell, GA, November 2020.

Ardie Davis '64, also known as "Remus Powers," is a well -known judge on the barbecue circuit and the founder of Greasehouse University. He is also the founder of the American Royal International BBQ Sauce, Rub, & Baste Contest. He has been awarded several honors for his involvement judging barbecue competitions, including being inducted into the Barbecue Hall of Fame in 2016. He is the author of eleven books on grilling and smoking and lives with his wife, Gretchen, in the Kansas City area. In 1984, Davis founded the Diddy-Wa-Diddy National Barbecue Sauce Contest in his backyard. Three years later, the contest became the American Royal International BBQ Sauce, Rub, & Baste Contest, held annually in Kansas City. The contest is in its 29th year, and it is the largest sauce contest in the world. He is also the author of the official judges' oath that is taken at all competitions sanctioned by the Kansas City Barbeque Society. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ardie Davis

**Robert Moline** '64 says he has been in touch with an old friend, **Ken Fiester** '64. Ken lives in Missoula, MT, and is disabled. Robert thinks Ken would enjoy hearing from some Westmar people.

Phone number: 406-239-7185 Email: ken&dolf@gmail.com Address: 11560 Pole Cat Rd Missoula, MT 59808

#### **Alumni News**

Anita Ervin '65 was married at the time of her graduation from Westmar College, so her last name then was Wilson. She has been married to fellow teacher, Bob Ervin, for nearly 39 years. Between the two of them, she says they have four children and 12 grandchildren. Two of the children and three of the grandchildren are teachers. Anita and Bob have been retired from Eaton School District in Eaton, CO, for 21 years. She taught elementary music and PE, and Bob taught English and was a coach for 52 years.

Frank Schnoes '74 finally decided to retire after a coaching career that lasted 34 years. Actually, he first retired in 2010 after serving as high school principal at two different schools and teaching full-time. However, with parents' persuasion, he returned to coaching for West Fork, IA, for another nine years in 2012. Now, he's decided to put the whistle away for good. "Basketball has always been a sport, ever since being a young kid, I've always enjoyed playing and that was really my inspiration to get into education was to be a coach," Schnoes said. "It was a tough decision. It was time for me to step away." He plans to spend time with family as well as traveling in his new retired life. He has 2 daughters and 7 grandchildren to keep him busy. https://globegazette.com/sports/high-school/basketball/ boys/schnoes-enters-full-retirement-from-coaching-after-34years/article\_a50a38d9-b85b-521a-b6bdcde2be5c748d.html

Lorie Nussbaum '74 was presented with the Spirit of Peter and Catherine Gehlen Award from Gehlen Catholic School in Le Mars, IA. This prestigious award brings "recognition to persons who exemplify the gospel ideals taught at Gehlen Catholic School, keeping in mind their support of Gehlen, their faith, and their community, with emphasis that Catholic values continue to be a part of their lives." She was the Pre-K-6 grade principal and retired after the 2021 school year ended. She spent 42 years at Gehlen, the first 19 in the classroom and the remaining 23 years as elementary administration. "What a wonderful way to conclude a career," she said. <a href="https://klem1410.com/2021/04/19/fox-and-nussbaum-honored-with-spirit-of-gehlen-award/">https://klem1410.com/2021/04/19/fox-and-nussbaum-honored-with-spirit-of-gehlen-award/</a>

Rev. Dave Motta '77 said, "My faith has not changed but has grown. My faith is based on the word of God that doesn't change, but we change. I have learned some lessons the hard way. I have more grace and compassion for all people." Motta will retire in July after serving the Dakotas Conference for 38 years. He attributes his older brother Gary as the model who led him on a path to follow Christ and be in ministry. He attended Westmar College on a wrestling scholarship. At Westmar, he found good fellowship in bible study, sang at churches, and helped with summer camps. However, he did not receive his calling to preach until three years after he graduated with a degree in secondary education and wanting to coach wrestling. Now, he and wife Mary plan to move to a cabin they purchased several years ago in Finlayson, MN. <a href="https://">https://</a> www.dakotasumc.org/news/compassion-grace-shape-revdave-mottas-ministry

Joseph Jinggut '80 became a state committee member of the Democratic Action Party (DAP) effective May 1, 2021, said Chong Chieng Jen, DAP chairman. When announcing Joseph's appointment, Chong said the new leader would be tasked to oversee the party's next election campaign in the Kapit, Sarawak, Malaysia division. "He has his Bachelor of Economics degree from Westmar University, Iowa, USA. He has vast administrative experience, having been appointed the chairman of Kapit District Council from 1987 to 1998." Presently, Joseph is the chairman of the Kapit Area Farmers Organization, which has about 7,000 members. Chong is convinced that Joseph will be an asset based on his vast experience and network in the Kapit division. According to Chong, DAP is a multi-racial party but all this while had been "demonized" by other quarters as a Chinese party. "Nevertheless, our struggle has always been and is still for good governance, fairness and justice. Such values and ideology are colorblind and race-blind," he stressed. <a href="https://">https://</a> www.theborneopost.com/2021/05/02/former-kapit-districtcouncil-chairman-joseph-jinggut-now-state-dap-committeemember/

"Optimism is really rooted in gratitude. Optimism is sustainable when you keep coming back to gratitude, and what follows from that is acceptance." Actor Michael J. Fox, who has been battling Parkinson's for 30 years.



### **Reunion Support Guidelines**

- 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. WAFA will assist with this.
- 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).
- Make Westmar Memorabilia available for purchase in the Westmar Room and the Museum sales area.
- Publish reunion pictures in WAFA newsletter if pictures are provided with names and reunion identification.

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 assist with sending an email to your classmates or providing addresses.

We also love pictures of reunions no matter how large or small. Be sure to include information and names. We will share them!

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# Kristin Olson: Executive Director Staff of volunteers

Please contact me with any questions about membership, newsletter, Facebook page, reunions, or anything else you may think to ask. Call me at 712-546-8759 or email me at wafa@westmarcollege.org. Thank you!

Please keep us posted when you move or get a new email address or phone number. We no longer get updates unless <u>YOU</u> let us know. Email Kristin at wafa@westmarcollege.org with the updated information.

Also check the **MISSING** link on the website for any friends of yours for whom we are missing current information, email addresses included. It would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you!

### Show your Westmar spirit!

Do you know classmates or other Westmar alums who are not yet WAFA members? Ask them to send their information and yearly dues to the office in Le Mars to be included in future mailings. Form and information can be found in the newsletter.

Please be sure to do your Westmar clothing shopping online at <a href="https://www.getbranded360.com">www.getbranded360.com</a>. They have a variety of Westmar items for you to order.

#### **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 always looking for Sports Memorabilia as well as items from other groups for display.

Good copies of photos or certificates are also welcome.

