

WAITSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

Newsletter Purpose: To promote WHS and its graduates

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Updates & Highlights



- Do you want to buy a brick? Contact Margie Benson for information (pg 13)
- Sports Combine ends in the Fall of 2023
- Wes Leid was the recipient of the Karen Huwe Mohny Alumni Service Award in May 2021
- Patty Mantz was the recipient of the Karen Huwe Mohny Alumni Service Award in May 2022
- Coats for Kids – The Association donated \$500 to the School District for the Cardinal's Nest afterschool program
- Has your address, phone number, or email changed since the 2018 banquet invitation? If so, please email the changes to, or call—509-520-0525:
pjmantz@charter.net

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Current ASB Officers—
Natalie Teal, President
Paige Evans, Vice President
Chasity Paddock, Secretary
Cedar Stegall, Treasurer

**Sports Combine—Between
Waitsburg and Dayton
Update**

A year ago, both school districts were working well together; the students chose the name “Wolf pack” and students were embracing the combine. At a school board meeting in Dayton, the board decided to end the combine as of Fall, 2023.

As you can imagine, the students were surprised, and so was the Waitsburg community. Both teams will become a part of different leagues where travel will be closer to home.

Check out the WSD website <https://www.waitsburgsd.org> and the DSD website <https://www.daytonsd.org> for information!

**Want to contribute to the WHS
Alumni Scholarship directly? Here is
how to do that:**

All you have to do is click on the last link, and you start the process to donate! You simply put in the amount you want to donate, click on the box In Memory or Honor of, and click: “Add to Cart.” Give them your credit card number--How simple is that!

Donate Today! Here is the link!

<https://www.bluemountainfoundation.org>

Special Request Scholarship

[WaitsburgHighSchoolAlumniAssociationScholarshipFund](https://www.waitsburghighschoolalumniassociation.org/scholarship-fund)

If one of your classmates or your favorite teacher has passed on and you want to remember him/her this would be an awesome way to do so!

The Association is in the process of applying for a 501 (c) (3). Stay tuned.

IF ANY OF THE HTTP WEBSITES DO NOT WORK ABOVE, SIMPLY COPY AND OPEN IN YOUR BROWSER.

SAVE THE DATE: May 27, 2023

Your Alumni Board changed things up last year—partially due to COVID 19, 20, 21, & 22 and partly because our number are dropping, and not many of you have paid your dues during COVID. The feedback from the two meetings, one at the High School and the other at The Town Hall was positive so the Board made the decision to have the High School open in the afternoon and have the dinner and meeting at The Town Hall.

May 27, 2023

5:00 p.m. Meet and greet – The Town Hall

**5:30 p.m. dinner with the business meeting to follow at 6ish,
Town Hall—The menu is:**

Garden Green Salad w/dressings

Fresh Melons and berries

Cucumber-Tomato, olives, basil and feta

Ranch style beans

Spanish Rice

Tortillas

Fajita style Grilled Flank Steaks w/Sweet onions and peppers

Fajitas style chicken

Guac, cheese, salsa, cilantro, sour cream

Cost: \$25/person

**Make your checks payable to: WHS Alumni Association and send to: P.O. Box 834,
Waitsburg, WA 99361**

Or use Venmo (“@katie-leid”) to pay for dinner and dues

Reunion Contacts- 2023

YEAR	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL
1948	Barb Cockburn Danforth	509-525-0664	bbdanforth@charter.net
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1958	Linda Harris Stonecipher	509-593-5530	billinda@columbiaenergyllc.com
1963	Patty Mantz	509-520-0525	pjmantz@charter.net
1968	Sherri Donnelly Erikson	509-337-6334	serikson@hotmail.com
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1973	Margie Bishop Wilson	509-679-0297	myeako2153@gmail.com
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1983	Vickie Harshman Hamann	509-629-0934	rvhamann@charter.net
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2013	Ben Shafer	509-540-2056	benshafer123@gmail.com
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Contact Patty Mantz if you want emails and phone numbers.

**Then: Send Patty Mantz all of the contact
information you have gathered!**

(pjmantz@charter.net)

- **Alumni Scholarship Challenge:**
Winning class receives a Brick on “The Walk to Fame” entrance to WHS Gym.

- **Are You In?**

Contact Katie Leid if you have made a direct donation through BMCF, or sent a check to the Alumni Association when paying dues and dinner! OR use the VENMO app (see pg. 3 or 6).

WHS Resolutions 2019 - 2022

IT IS WITH REGRET THAT WE NOTE THE PASSING OF THE FOLLOWING WAITSBURG HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES AND ASSOCIATES DURING THESE LAST FEW YEARS.

CLASS	NAME	DATE OF PASSING
1948	Worden, Doris Irene Wardrip	6/11/19
1955	Groom, Agnes (Aggie) Polumsky Von Cadow	6/11/19
1954	Wood, Frank	8/2/19
1939	Keve, Ivan (Ike)	5/31/19
1966	Finch, Richard (Dick)	8/3/19
1950	Huwe, Meredith Hulce	10/6/19
1962	Franklin, Gordy	10/19/19
1974	Smith, Carl Jr	10/18/19
1970	Ryan, Tracy Harper	11/26/19
1961	Lytle, Don	2/1/20
1964	Watson, Joe	2/11/20
1958	Hermanns, Dean	3/14/20
1965	Beckley, Nancy Wills	3/15/20
1946	Malcham, Corleen Carson	Unknown
1946	Workman, Jacque Alexander	1/7/16
1958	Newbill, Lynette Kruchek	5/1/20
1961	Cox, Dave	9/17/20
1951	Smith, Howard P	9/21/20
1947	Mattice, Wanda Bachan	10/4/20
1960	Hofer, Betty Collingwood	11/13/20
1941	Gilbertson, Erma Crall	9/1/20
1973	Newbury, Bob	1/4/21
1958	Nettles, Delores	1/24/21
1960	Lightfoot, Peggy Fisk	1/23/21
1956	Donley, Frances	3/18/21
1945	Sickles, Velma Mock	2/18/21
1961	Daniels, Melvin Doug	2018
1949	Zuger, HV "Bill"	4/41/21
1986	Hofer, Jeff	April 2021
1963	Leid, Wes	5/8/21
1951	Hansler, JoAnne Zuger	2019
1961	Winett, Arlene Abbey	9/23/17
1952	Mason, John F	10/7/20
1968	Griffen, Gary	5/14/21
1965	Morrow, Duke Sr	7/12/21
1950	Dilts, Dr. David	7/7/21
1967	Fry, George	5/23/21
1988	Adams, Allan	7/10/21

CLASS	DATE OF PASSING	NAME
1972	Thomas, Jay	8/21/21
1965	Allen, Claudia Moberly	9/1/21
1957	Wood, John	9/2/21
1954	Donnelly, David	9/22/21
1958	Peters, Gary	10/8/21
1966	Ziegler, Jill Cyr	10/31/21
1966	Wood, Jerry	10/31/21
1959	Collingwood, Roberta Finch	10/31/21
1951	Patton, Robert	1/7/22
1948	Anderson, Marion Allmon	1/7/21
1948	Pearson, Lynn	1/21/14
1972	Hermanns, Karen Weber	2/13/22
1962	Davis, Rick	3/13/22
1973	Woodworth, Val	3/28/22
1952	Elder, Betty Hayes	7/12/09
1962	Barnett, Norma Grove	No date found
1962	Wells, Ellen Stewart	2/15/06
1950	Hall, Dorothy Gagnon	4/10/22
1941	Fiala, JoAn Hamilton Stonecipher	6/22/22
1952	Price, Vance	6/24/22
1982	Sickles, Steve	7/7/22
1977	Hermanns, Pamela Smith	7/1/22
1987	Eartherton, Janice Mason/Brown	9/6/22
1944/1945	Mock, Delbert	9/24/22
1958	Stonecipher, Bill	10/31/22
1964	Duckworth, Bill (Clayton Robin Lee)	11/27/22
1970	Archer, Thomas	12/11/22
1969	Reser, Frank	1/3/23
1957	Brunton, Bruce	1/4/23
1953	Ruble, JoAn Smith	7/10/05
1953	Klundt, Marvin	No date
1967	Land, Sherrie Johnson	3/10/23
1956	Otterson, Jack	3/9/23

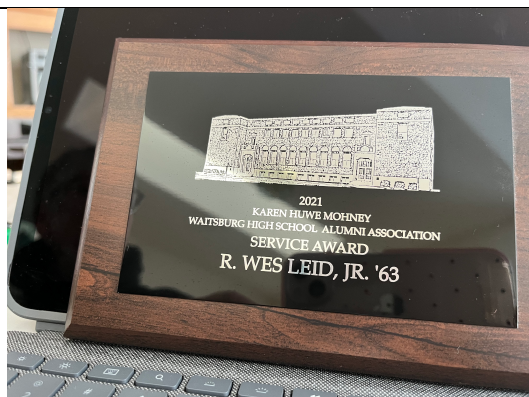
Lost one or more classmates? Honor his or her memory with a donation to the WHS Alumni Scholarship and help Cardinals with their ongoing education far into the future!

A new way to donate: Download the “Venmo” app onto you phone or laptop/iPad and search for:

“@katie-leid”

That takes you to the Alumni Account via Katie’s name and when you pay dues or donate, please specify what you are paying (i.e.dues,) dinner, donation to Lloyd Fund or Alumni

Scholarship.



WES LEID was awarded the 2021 Karen Huwe Mohney Waitsburg High School Alumni Association Service Award just days before he passed. The following words are written by Katie Mantz Leid--How does one talk about a six year old attending first grade for the first time, scared to death, knowing that many of his peers had attended Kindergarten the year before? His parents could not afford to send him to Kindergarten. Mrs. Combs was an amazing nurturer for him, and he moved on to second grade with Mrs. Keve. Well, that was a wake up call, and he rose to the occasion.

Roy's job took the family to Pullman for the remainder of his second grade year, and part of his third grade year where he expanded his horizons and friendships. The family moved back to Waitsburg during the spring of his third grade year—so, technically, he attended Waitsburg schools all twelve years!

Wes was on safety patrol in elementary school, achieve the "4th Award" as an eighth grader, and moved on to high school. During his high school career, he made sure that no one got in his way to succeed. He was a 4-year letterman; went to the state track meet with a classmate (Mike Venum), and lo and behold, they roomed together at Whitworth for their first year with Wes playing Football, and Mike running track.

After 1-½ years at Whitworth, Wes transferred to Central Washington College (University) to play football for Mel Thompson. It was that spring that his coach took a coaching position at University of Washington. That led to huge decisions for his family as well as the Mantz family, because it meant that these two would move out of state to pursue Wes's dreams. Wes married Katie in August 1966 and after graduating from CWC in 1970, the family, with a new baby, moved to East Lansing, Michigan.

Fast forward to a PhD at Michigan State University, a post Doctorate at Harvard, leading to an Instructor in Medicine, then back to MSU to teach and conduct research in Veterinary Medicine. Shortly after returning to MSU, Washington State University thought he would be a great fit. In 1980, Wes and his family moved to WSU.

From that time on, Wes would drive to Waitsburg to help in any way with the Pioneer Fall Festivals, talk to various classes on the Holocaust, always explaining what it means for a Waitsburg son to achieve his dreams, and touch hundreds of students. He became President of the WHS Alumni Association while a professor in Pullman, and had a vision of how the association could move from a “committee for the banquet” to a functioning board. He brought up that idea to the current committee, and an Alumni Board was created.

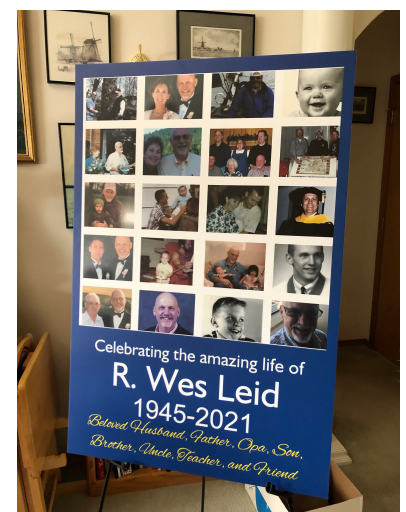
Jeff Broom, a life long friend, and he were brainstorming, and they came up with the idea of creating a WHS Alumni Scholarship similar to what Dayton High School had. Katie was the elementary Principal in Dayton and knew first hand how much their scholarships meant to DHS students. Fast forward again:

Today, 2022, the WHS Alumni Scholarship is self-sustaining, and this year \$7,000 will be distributed to five alumni and/or seniors. Wes didn’t do this alone. The Broom family, Leid family, Baker family, Danforth family, and many others thought this idea was worth while and because of the vision of the above mentioned, today, the fund stands at \$155,000, with the potential to grow exponentially.

The Alumina Board also started a newsletter sharing information about the Association and featuring Alumina who have chosen interesting and fulfilling careers after graduating from WHS. Wes would contact these Alumina, interview them, get a picture or two, and write the articles for the newsletters.

In light of how the fund was started, and Wes’s contribution to the WHS Alumni Association over his 55 plus years, (such as taking over Roy’s duty of “Calling the Classes,” along with his brother, Jim, with a no nonsense “get yourselves in line” tone; greeting and visiting with every single person at the banquet, making sure that the purpose of the Association was to connect with friends of all ages, and to promote young people who could see that “the sky was the limit.”

So often, when Wes was talking with groups, friends, acquaintances, he told the story of growing up with very little money, to becoming a successful professor, giving back, just like his parents did. He would tell all of you reading or listening to this: “Give of your time, and or your money, dig deep, for the benefit of other WHS graduates whose confidence in first grade could grow into something bigger and better to help others achieve their goals in life.”





Patty Mantz named 2022 Karen Huwe Mohny WHS Alumni Association Service Award.

COVID hit hard and shut down a long, long tradition of gathering together in one common place to honor being a graduate of Waitsburg High School. Your board, under the direction of Chelsey Merdock Smith, made sure that the graduates from 2000 to 2021 received something from the Alumni Association. Now, trying to figure out how to attract the classes, your board decided to “Change things up.”

We brainstormed what other organizations were trying, and talked to our caterer about what might work. In the background was this amazing woman struggling through COVID to make sure all of your addresses were updated, sending out notices via email on an antiquated server that could only send out 300 emails at one time. (It takes her hours to send notices, etc., this way.)

She makes sure her files are up to date when she receives new information (but only if you tell her of any changes) so when it is time to send out Newsletters, notices of the annual banquet, etc., she is not inundated by returned postcards and emails.

There is one other person who meticulously did all of this by hand. Bettie Lloyd Chase was her name. She is revered and remembered by all of us old timers. According to Sally Chase Baker (her daughter) she started keeping track of all of the graduates after Sally graduated from high school over 60 years ago. Bettie had an amazing memory. Patty has an amazing memory. Mary Kay Hinchliff Paul started to modernize the association by using her computer. Patty took Mary Kay’s modernization to the next level!

Sitting with her computer, the paper files that Bettie had created, Patty created a humongous excel file that could be manipulated in many ways to help the WHS Alumni Association become a place where Alumnus would want to go. Did you know that we have way over 1,000 alumni? Do

you have any idea how long it takes to track those of you that want to be tracked? It's a full time job, believe me.

The Alumni Board nominates, but you, our Alumni can nominate as well, who, in your mind, has contributed to the Alumni Association, the students of WHS, the town of Waitsburg and are willing to write up a brief “guess who” before the announcement is made. The board usually begins this process at its monthly board meetings in February.

In the past 11 years that Patty has been Corresponding Secretary for you, you may not know that much about her. Other than spending hours and hours throughout the year, and doubling and tripling those hours as the WHS Annual Meeting and Banquet draw near, this is why she was our nominee for 2022:

- Third in the NATION in Shot Put while in High School
 - The was with AAU because girls were not allowed to play high school sports
- Devoted to family and close friends
- Is kind of a recluse—prefers to be “not in the limelight.”
- Cares deeply about keeping our organization vibrant and alive.
- Is burned out with all she has to do but considers her corresponding secretary position a huge responsibility for the future of WHS graduates.
- At any given time, she helps alumni find other alumni, gives out addresses, phone numbers, and emails to other graduates.
- Has created and maintains the WHS Alumni Facebook page

A tribute to the Class of 2023

The graduating seniors of Waitsburg High School (along with their parents) will be recognized on May 27, 2023 in The Town Hall.

CHECK OUT THIS LINK: RECENT ISSUE OF
“THE CARDINAL”

[WHS Cardinal Newsletter DECEMBER 2022](#)

With the sudden passing of Frank Reser on January 3, 2023, WE ARE LOOKING FOR AN Alumni Association Vice President for the 2023-2024 year.

PLEASE STEP UP AND BE THAT PERSON!

News about the Lloyd Fund—

The Fund currently have \$36, 000+ in the fund. The board, in coordination with Sally Chase Baker made the decision to roll the Lloyd Fund balance into the WHS Alumni Scholarship Fund after a vote at this year’s Annual Meeting. The consensus was that this money was not being used and it could help fund more scholarships. Please contact Tom Land at: [\(twland19@gmail.com\)](mailto:twland19@gmail.com) if you have any input.

Coats for Kids—Year Number Seven!



Kathy Schirm

ITEMS PURCHASED IN 2021:

124 pairs of one size gloves for pre K-5, 3 coats for girls, 3 sweatshirts for girls

Boys and Girls Assortment of socks and undies for Office

Girl Leggings and Boy sweatpants for Office

In 2022, the students in pre K-5 grades were provided with warm clothing by another organization. The board decided in November during Valley Giving through Blue Mountain Community Foundation, to donate \$500 to the Cardinal's Nest, the elementary afterschool program. This amount was matched by around 11%, so our students actually received \$555.

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BY-LAWS CHANGE TO BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL MEETING ON MAY 27, 2023

In order for our 501 (C) (3) application we needed to add Article XII – Dissolution of Association which reads:

“Upon the dissolution of this association, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.”



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NOTICE BY THE CARDINAL'S TAIL?

We currently do NOT have a Vice President of the Alumni Association.

Please step forward if you would like to jump into that roll!

A Chef's Creation will again be catering our 2023 function. Owner, Marty Bray's mom is a WHS Graduate!

The Alumni Board provides newsletter article contributions and all edits

ALUMNI WEBSITE BELOW:

<https://www.waitsburghighschoolalumni.com>

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