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## Gaylord Solem - The Life and Times of a Car Salesman



By Janet Nice

When you have a job you love and are able to meet, help and just plain visit with thousands of people, you have had the opportunity of a lifetime. Add to that, you have attended a small school, raised a family and have worked in that same area all your life. In a nutshell, those two statements describe the life experience of 1955 Oslo High School graduate Gaylord Solem, who has been employed at Dahlstrom Motors in Oslo for just a few months short of 60 years. What follows is a more detailed description of the life and times of Gaylord Solem, record-breaking car salesman.

He was born into the William and Esther (Olson) Solem family at St. Michael's Hospital in Grand Forks, ND. As the youngest child, he joined brothers Donald, Elton and Ralph and sister Ila. They lived on a farm one mile east and six miles south of Oslo. All attended the Lakeside School seven miles south of Oslo. Lakeside was a one-room country school which had 1st through 8th grades with 36 students, which he attended for six years. Some of his country school memories are when he was in the 6th grade, their teacher would have them take the 1st graders to the back of the room and work with them on numbers and speaking. "It was something for us to do and a way to help out the teacher." The school was a mile and a half from their home. "In the winter, if it was 25 degrees below zero or colder, our dad would hook up the horses and give us a ride to school, otherwise we walked every day."

His most enjoyable memory from country school was once a year in the spring, three country schools - Lakeside, Esther Township School and Tabor Township School would get together and have a play day. They would all enjoy softball, track, running and jumping. "That was the really high point of the year."

"When we were in 6th grade, our Lakeside school district decided to send the 7th and 8th graders to a new school. It would be either Alvarado or Oslo. My father fought against sending us kids to

Alvarado, because we all wanted to go to Oslo. But my best friends lived on the other side of the line so they went to Alvarado - about 5 of us went to Oslo. So, from 7th grade to our senior year, we were in competition with each other."

When asked what his favorite junior high story from Oslo was, he replied with a big grin, "The day I scored every point for Oslo in a basketball game in the 7th grade! I'd never seen a basketball before. I'd never held a basketball or shot one until that day when the superintendent came to the classroom and pointed to me and 6 other boys in the 7th grade and said "You are dressing for the B basketball game." At half-time, Minto led us 21-0. I scored 2 free throws in the second half. And I tell all my kids how great I was to score all the points in the game!! But I don't tell them the final score."

Another favorite memory for Gaylord was meeting his future wife, Patricia Michalski or Patty, in eighth grade. They were in many of the same classes and when Gaylord was a sophomore he and Patty started dating. They dated all through high school and got married on June 23, 1956, after Patty graduated.

Gaylord liked geometry and bookkeeping, and has always been good with numbers. Mrs. Feste, the bookkeeping teacher, was one of his favorite teachers. He was the only boy among 20 girls and according to his wife, Patty, he was the teacher's pet! She was in the same class.

"I played basketball and baseball in high school. After the split of the country school, my best friends played baseball for Alvarado and, of course, I played for Oslo, so we ended up being competitors and neighbors all through junior and senior high. During one of those years, Alvarado had a very good baseball team, they were 10-1 for the year and we didn't have a very good team that year, we were 2-10. We ended up playing them in the tournament and beat them 26-7! That caused some hard feelings with some of the neighbors, but we all worked through it."

Gaylord graduated from Oslo High School in 1955 with 17 in his graduating

class. At that time, the kids from the North Dakota side of the river were attending school in Oslo, too. Patty graduated the next year in 1956. After Patty graduated, they got married in Oslo and have lived there ever since. Patty laughs saying, "We didn't go too far!"

When asked "What are some experiences from your youth that helped prepare you for life?", they each had a story to tell.

Gaylord replied, "My dad died in 1951, when I was 13. We had eight milk cows at the time that had to be milked at 5:30 in the morning and 6 o'clock in the evening. My mother, sister and I would milk those cows in the morning. I'd go to the barn at 5:30 and go straight from the barn to the bus at 7:30 and off to school. We never even got a chance to go back into the house and clean up before getting on the bus." If you've ever been involved in milking cows, you know what he's talking about when he says "straight from the barn to the bus." My mother told me that in 1947 the farm's gross income was \$900. That's why I moved off the farm and started working in town after graduating from high school.

Patty's reply to that question was, "I lost my mother in my teens; she passed away when I was 15. My mother would fix my favorite food, which was chili, every day for my lunch. We lived right behind the school, so I always went home for lunch. The day after mother's funeral, I was walking home from school for lunch and could see a figure sitting on the back step of my house. I knew that it couldn't be my mother, but I could not figure out who it was. As I got closer and closer, I realized it was my Auntie Maude. She had made a pot of chili for me and came to visit so I didn't have to go home to an empty house." That loving experience in life has clearly made Patty a very caring and compassionate person. Patty has sung in the choir and played the piano and organ for St. Joseph Church for many years. She volunteers and plays for many senior organizations and enjoys getting out and being with others. Patty taught piano lessons for over 42 years with approximately 42 students a year.

Gaylord's first paying job was during his sophomore, junior and senior summers working in Oslo. "Halbert Lofthus, a carpenter, hired me to be his helper. I started my first full time job for Dahlstrom Motors May 10, 1956." He's still working there full time today. "I was the bookkeeper, parts man, shop foreman and some sales. There were a total of four employees at that time. My total wages were \$175 month. I would go to work at 5:30 a.m. to do the book work, then go to the shop and write up all of the shop orders. The crew back then was Bobby Jamieson, Ray Durkin, Bob Dahlstrom and me, all Oslo residents. Now the business has grown, we currently have 35 employees. When Dahlstrom Motors first opened, it was located where it is now, though they have expanded and added buildings and lots. There was a filling station there also, but it closed in 1955." Gaylord has been a part of the Dahlstrom Motors team for nearly 60

years!

The 60s and the 80s were the toughest years for car dealerships. Many of the surrounding area dealerships closed, some in Warren, Argyle, Stephen, Drayton, and Minto, and other small towns in the area. In those years, the car dealerships started to lose financially. DMC was lucky to hang on through those tough years; and is the only new car dealer in Marshall County.

While working at DMC, Gaylord also was the Oslo City Clerk from 1959-1963 and served as a member of the Oslo City Council from 1959-1974. He helped work on many projects for the city during those years. One of those projects was the start of the temporary and permanent dike systems. The residents and businesses of Oslo dealt with flooding for decades. The whole town was flooded in 1965, as it had been many springs in the past and Gaylord and Patty had one of the only houses in Oslo that didn't get flooded. He showed a picture of their house and there was just a little bit of ground surrounding the house sticking up out of the flood water. He boated the 5 blocks to work. The temporary dike surrounding Oslo and adjoining land was started in 1966 and it turned into a permanent dike in 1971 when the Army Corps of Engineers approved it. Also during his tenure as City Council member, in 1961 water distribution was put in to replace the use of cisterns and wells and the sanitary sewer was done a few years later. Those are the three big projects for the improvement of the City of Oslo that he's most proud of being a part of.

When asked what changes he's seen in the car industry, he mentioned a few. The biggest changes would be the prices. "Back in 1957, I heard people comment that they would never buy a new car if it cost over \$2,000. Now many of the new vehicles cost up to \$40,000 to \$50,000 with an option to take out a seven year car loan. People tell me they are paying more for their new vehicle than they paid for their house with a 40 year mortgage. And they are still paying on their house!" The integration of computers is another

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Ed. Foundation Fundraiser  
**Baked Potato  
Supper**  
**Feb. 9, 2016**  
WAO Ponies  
vs. Stephen/Argyle Storm  
Boys Basketball Game  
WAO High School Cafeteria  
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# 2015 Class Reunions



**WHS CLASS OF 1965** — The Warren High School Class of 1965 held a reunion July 24, with 38 classmates in attendance. Pictured, from the left, are: Kerry Olson, Duane Potucek, Ron Kuznia, Robert McGlynn, Wally Diedrich, Paul Knutson, Robert Noyes, JoAnn (Rud) Zabinski, Allyn Roley, Peggy (Ross) Van Kirk, Shirley (White) Holub, Steve Sholy, Janice (Botko) Filipi, Jerry Riopelle, Roylene (Stanlake) Hebert, John Holmstrom, Sharon (Rood) Myers, David Johnson, Betty (Sorenson) Carlson, Ralph Kotrba, Don Anderson, Jim Engelstad, Nancy (Munger) Jastram, Susan (Lundgren) Anderson, Paul Short, Janice (Grega) Berndt, Pam (Sorenson) Witkosky, Barbara (Lindroth) Wessling, Sheila (Sommers) Ballard, Faith (Landon) Rud, Coralyn (Erickson) Sedlacek, Ron Slusar, Sharon (Cheney) Cook, Dick Knoll, Claudia (Daby) Risnes, Mary Jane (Hendrickson) Emerson, Paul Edman and Lowell Sedlacek.



According to records in the office of the WAO Public School Education Foundation, there are only two known living members of the Warren High School Class of 1940. They are Lorene Palmer Engelstad, right, of the Good Samaritan Center in Warren and Donna Copp Ovsak Drows, left, of Mesa, AZ. The ladies got together for their 75th class reunion. There were 40 graduates of the **Class of 1940**.



**WAO CLASS OF 2005** — Pictured is the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo High School Class of 2005 at their 10-year reunion. Front row: Jordan Johnson, Dani Duckstad, Allison Koll, Amanda (Johnson) Kraby, Breanne (Holter) Dronen, Abby (Bodell) Chisholm, Samantha (Kostrzewski) Sellers and Chassidy (Boman) Beavers. Second row: Kris Kliner, Marcus Matz, Amber (St. Germain) Sannes, Jenna (Schroeder) Linder, Angela Flaten, Danika (Dewall) Przybylski, Mike Trudell, Kirk Hanson, Paul Landvick and Conrad LaDuke. Back row: Jesse Larson, Josh Steer, Aubrie Roley, Jesse (Johnson) Joseph, Amy (Thompson) Dancy, Travis Carl, Kelby Stoner, Kyle Bell and Kyle Kovar.



**WHS CLASS OF 1960** — Pictured is the Warren High School Class of 1960 as they celebrated their 55-year reunion July 22 at Melody's Cafe. Pictured in the first row are: Sharon (Botko) Kays, Robert Elseth, Donna (Conely) Ljunggren, Patsy Wood and Marion (Van Baalen) Anderson. Second row: Dan Carlson, Darla (Conely) Jones, Sharon (Nordin) Hegland, Gayle (Iverson) Owens, Chris Ann (Schantzen) Abrahamson, Rovella (Franks) Weiland and Paddy (Marek) Barton. Not pictured is Kay (Monroe) Hanson.



**The Oslo High School Class of 1965** held their 50-year reunion August 13 at the Ramada-Grand Forks, with 17 classmates in attendance. Pictured in the front row are: Gayle (Quern) Gjovik, Judy (Hart) Schiller, Cindy (Holter) Mason, Roberta (Carlson) McGlynn and Kaye (Parr) Vanyo. Middle row: Mary Jane (Stoltman) Fischer, Lynnett (Tinnes) Hedlund, Ann (Carpenter) Walski, Margo (Pfeiffer) Buen, Leah (Olimb) Hendrickson and Kathryn (Mozinski) Pietrzak. Back row: Fred Slominski, Terry Farder, Charles Field, Jake Czapiewski, John Gowan and Roger Quern.



Members of the **Alvarado High School Class of 1969** were guests of the **AHS class of 1970**. The 45 year reunion was held at Whiteys in East Grand Forks on August 25. Pictured from the left, front row, Jerry Pribula, Valerie Vanyo, Angeline Hendrickson-Schultz, Gloria Carlson-Fagerlund and Joy Selnes-Bader. 2nd Row, David Dudisky, AnaMae Hendrickson-Walters, Delana Lundeen-McClellan, and Sherry Cormican-Gillett. Row 4, Elton Hendrickson, Tim Ritland, and Duane Nelson. Not pictured was James Anderson.



**WAO CLASS OF 1995** — Pictured are members of the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo High School Class of 1995 at their 20-year reunion. On the floor: Heather (Levenhagen) Goroski and Kison (Schuler) Miller. Front row: Jon Kuznia, Joel Swanson, Jennifer (McDonough) Huntman, Brandy (Pierce) Safranski, Janine (Diedrich) Ikhaml, Jenny (Jenkins) Garceau and Becky (Owens) Ament. Middle row: Jeff Turn, Micah Hamm, Eric Knoll, Mike Rivard, Jennifer Nelson, Ann (Ellerbusch) Kallod, Janelle (Dau) Hvidsten, Erin (Osowski) Stoltman, Tiffany (Saunders) Rivard and Amy Patterson. Back row: Crandon Stoner, Travis Vanyo, Jon Nicholls, Steve Roux, Kris Ranstrom, Michael Filipi, Ryan Howard, Jeff Beving, Josh Howard, Kelly Hapka and Gretchen (Johnston) Schmaltz. Not pictured is Chris Maurstad. Joining them earlier in the day were Amanda (Sorenson) Wiener, Darrel Narlock, Jerry Linder and Lisa (Sedlacek) Metzger.

## Golf Scramble

The 12th Annual Education Foundation Golf Scramble Fundraiser will be held on Friday, July 22, 2016, at Warren Riverside Golf Course.

## 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.

## Marshall County Fair

July 20 – July 24, 2016

## 2015 Class Reunions



**WHS CLASS OF 1975** — The Warren High School Class of 1975 celebrated their 40th reunion July 24 at Riverside Golf Course in Warren. Front row (holding banner): Nancy Monroe, Nancy (Anderson) Erickson, Judy (Grochow) LaBine, Jennie Slusar, Julie (Hess) Nowacki, DeeDee (Larson) McFarland and Kay (Conely) Portillo. Second row: Kim (Hanson) Jacobs, Denise (Johnson) Pesola, Julie (Swanson) Palm, Lori (Larson) Frank, Jon Kobetsky, Bev (Potucek) Erickson, Karen Myszkowski, Sue (Jerik) Weber and Nancy (Evin) Christman. Back row: Conrad Miska, Claudia (Palm) Brooke, Rick Erickson, Steve Mortensen, Dale Loeslie, Paul Potucek, Linda (Kohlhase) Gabrielson, Donnie Knutson, Betty (Rominski) Gottsacker, Paul Becker, Sue (Jackson) Palm, Cindy (Trudell) Engelstad and Jayne Broten. Not pictured are David Lenhart and Peggy (Lubarski) Rominski.



**WHS CLASS OF 1985** — Pictured are members of the Warren High School Class of 1985 who attended their 30-year class reunion. Front row: Michelle (Heggen) Ross, Brent Anderson, Michael Carlson, Mike Thompson and Jackie (Novak) Schroeder. Second row: Todd Maruska, Jody (Klegstad) Kaiser, Renae Slusar, Andrea (Pederson) Jadeke, Brenda (Anderson) Roux, Nancy (Oberg) Sturman, Patricia (Plencner) Riopelle, Judy (Gulden) Weiland and Brian Larson. Third row: Deron Pederson, Gretchen Mattson, Scott Albaugh, Vyron Morkassel and Bonnie Janicke. Back row: Todd Carlson, David Nelson, Mark Poolman, Pete Myszkowski, Joel Erickson, Dean Jordheim, Donald Narlock, Mike Turgeon, Leslie Goulden, Michelle (Frederick) Riopelle, Wade Peterson, Ken Mattson and Robert Hanson.

## Alvarado And Oslo Yearbook CDs Are In

Last spring, the WAO Education Foundation reported that a former student offered to scan all the district's yearbooks. At that time, the WHS/WAO ones were complete. The first week in November, the Foundation received the Alvarado, Valley North and Oslo CDs back for the yearbooks they had sent to be scanned.

The Ed. Foundation had these comments, "We've had great reports from people that have purchased a CD/DVD or flash drive. Special thanks to the following for sharing their yearbooks with us: Karyn Nelson Vasek, Bev Duckstad, Godel Memorial

Library, Warren Sheaf, Ken Hanson, Sharon Yanish Bubb, Don Dailey, Dave and Mona Heggestuen Schroeder, Neil and Marilyn Erickson Mattson, Lyla Eukel Golden, Betty Anderson Evin, WAO Schools, Rene Engen Newland, Judy Gowan St. Germain, Diane Holte, Angie Hendrickson Schultz, Frandsen Bank-Oslo and Nancy Erickson Poole."

If anyone has an Oslo 1963 or any Oslo annuals prior to 1962 (except 1949 and 1956), the Ed. Foundation would like to borrow them to scan, so the project would be complete.

## WAO Spring 2015 State Attendee



**STATE BOUND** — Matthew Korynta, a member of the Marshall County Fusion track team, took 2nd place in the triple jump and competed at the state track meet.

## Chat with the Chairman

Greetings from the WAO Education Foundation!

The weather outside tells me that we are still in summer mode, but the dusting of snow that fell and melted quickly reminds us that winter is around the corner!

Summer mode was a busy time for the Foundation. Many alumni returned "home" for the Marshall County Fair Parade and class reunions. The town and community was buzzing with activities and people! The open school buildings on Saturday morning provided for much reminiscing and many sentences that started with "Do you remember....?" Head custodian Dann Pageler was the favored person as he unchained the doors to the auditorium and gym and put a welcome sign on a barricade inviting people to look in at the newly waxed floors, but not to step on them. During this weekend we held our 11th annual golf scramble with 145 golfers. In addition, many folks stopped out at the clubhouse to visit. Through the wonderful generosity of our sponsors, participants and friends we raised over \$21,500. Wow!

The "High Heels Quilt" that was made by Gloria Hedquist Casey (WHS 1947) has been very popular. Everyone that looks at it oohs and awes over the beautiful workmanship and design. Tickets are available until December 7th at \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00. The drawing will be held at the Elementary Christmas Concert. It is truly a work of art!

The yearbook project is complete for the yearbooks that we were able to secure. We've had many orders for a CD/DVD or flash drive of various years. Please see related article and order form on this page. Heidi Thorstenson, WAO Technology Coordinator, volunteered to make copies for the orders that we receive. Heidi produces a very attractive product complete with label and case.

We have 3 new scholarships that will be available for the Class of 2016. It is awesome for our WAO seniors to begin their post high school education knowing that in January they will receive money from the scholarships that were announced at graduation time.

Our volunteers continue to be our greatest gift. We could not do the golf scramble, open house at the schools, Christmas serving, or have a board of directors without these wonderful, caring, giving people. Thank you to each of our volunteers. You are the key to our success!

Volunteers are busy people and time is valuable. Special thanks to Donna Jenkins and Tim Finseth for their dedicated service to the Foundation. Pam Jubie is our newest board member. She immediately volunteered to be the secretary.

Jan Nice, who was with us for a year, had the opportunity to go to her dream job of working with the Salvation Army. We appreciate her work and wish her well in her new venture. Currently Carol Bowman, board member, is doing the receipts and computer work. Carol's hands fly across the computer keys as fast as they do the piano keys!

When the spring needs were discussed last spring, there was a request from the elementary paras for games and a game storage cabinet for use when the weather wouldn't permit for the students to go outside. They had carefully researched a commercial cabinet. After discussion, we talked to Nathan Wozniak, Industrial Technology teacher and he said it would be a great project for his classes. Working on a project less than one hour per day takes many days to complete, but what a wonderful completed project was delivered to the elementary building in early November. The students didn't buy handles, etc, but rather shaped and made them out of metal. The class was able to use the many pieces of equipment that we've purchased for the department over the years with a double match.

The auto mechanics class is waiting for the auto lift to arrive any day. This was purchased through a double match to the Foundation. We provided 1/3 of the funds and the matches took care of the other 2/3.

We were the recipients of a \$750 donation from the Warren Area Community Fund (WACF) to be used towards the updating of lights in the auditorium. We are most appreciative of their wonderful support.

Our donor wall is a work in progress again! Whoever would have thought that we'd outgrow all of the books on the shelves? There is one reel in place and 7 more will be coming when Jon Holter gets them built. These reels hold many plaques and one can easily turn them to look at the many plaques.

We have been the recipients of many donations and memorials. Thank you for remembering the Foundation. Please remember that whenever you give a donation or memorial that you may designate where you'd like it to go to by indicating on your check, envelope, or with a sticky note. All things that are not designated go into our general fund.

As we look ahead, come join us for treats following the High Heels Quilt Drawing and Elementary Concert on December 7th. We are most appreciative of the support that Bremer Bank will again provide towards the cost of the refreshments. February 9th is the night of our baked potato/salad bar that occurs the night of the boys basketball game vs. Stephen/Argyle Central. The free will donations go towards the needs that we purchase for the district. Our staff are wonderful volunteers with this project as they provide salads, bars, and work.

Does your business/company have a matching gift program for donations? We've received a number of donations during the past year that have been matched. Please contact us if we can be of help in filling out the paperwork.

We've become stronger and able to provide more things for the WAO District because of YOU, our alumni and friends. We are most fortunate to have your support. Thank you! As our motto states, "**We Can't Succeed Without You!**"

**Warren Alvarado Oslo Education Foundation**  
Alumni Yearbook Service Order Form

•The yearbooks are being transferred to digital format (PDF - Adobe Acrobat)  
Once the desired years are copied, they will be put on a DVD, CD or Flash Drive and sent via mail to the address below.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print legibly)

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Home) \_\_\_\_\_

**Address to send to:**  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Yearbook year(s) you want copies of and circle the media choice:  
\_\_\_\_\_ DVD/CD or Zip Drive  
\_\_\_\_\_ DVD/CD or Zip Drive

**Cost:** \$10.00 for the first year copy and \$1.00 for each additional year copy  
(Note: Multiple years may be copied on to one DVD, CD or Flash Drive)  
**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Please send payment with order)

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May 1, 2015 - October 31, 2015

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James & Sally (Hill) Swanson

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Don & Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler

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Michael & Judy (Gulden) Weiland

## In Memory of Alexander Kyle Nice

Janet Nice

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Rovella (Franks) Weiland  
Don & Darlyne (Jerik) Votava

## In Memory of Arnold Carl Swanson

Shane & Megan (Maruska)  
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## In Memory of Bernice Kustock

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Mary Plencner

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Arlyn Stoble

Robert Stroble

Carole Edgar

Patricia Emerson & Families

## In Memory of Galen Oberg

Sandra (Stone) Forslund

## In Memory of Gary Christofferson

Patricia Christofferson

## In Memory of Gary Olimb

Janet Nice

## In Memory of Rick Vanek

Romelle Vanek Ferris

John & Carol Bowman

Michael & Judy (Gulden) Weiland

## In Memory of Gerald "Jerry" Olson

Donald & Melba Laidley

## In Memory of Greg M. Haugen

Tim & Linda (Haugen) Conely

Myron & Imry Haugen

## In Memory of Gregory Weiland

Rovella (Franks) Weiland

## In Memory of Harold Steffen

Mary Plencner

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**In Memory of Muriel (Maruska) Roley**  
 Colleen J. Crow  
**In Honor of Murray & Betty (VanBaalen) Goodwin's 60th Anniversary**  
 Michael & Judy (Gulden) Weiland  
**In Memory of Myron & Margaret Carlson**  
 Mary (Carlson) Myhrer

**In Memory of Nancy Hess**  
 Dennis & Kyle (Anvinson) Erickson  
 Don & Susan (Lundgren) Anderson  
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**In Memory of Oliver "O.J." Peyton**  
 David Peyton  
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 Sandra (Stone) Forslund  
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**In Memory of Ralph Plencner**  
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**In Memory of Randy Johnson**  
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**In Honor of Rhett Randall Reinier**  
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**In Memory of Richard Lahl**  
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 Joyce (Larson), Jeff & Suzanne Lahl  
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**In Memory of Ricky Hendrickson**  
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 Michael & Judy (Gulden) Weiland  
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 Gwen (Kiesow) Olson  
 LaDonna (Fillipi) Bannach  
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**In Memory of Wallace "Wally" Anderson**  
 Harold & Virginia (Anderson) Berg  
 Robert and Frances (Anderson) Johnson  
**In Honor of WAO Students**  
 Crispine Nowacki  
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 Robert & Mavis Elseth  
 Carol J. Anderson  
 Jim & Karen Pearson  
 Don & Ellen (Fillipi) Strickler  
 Jr. & Carol (Stengrim) Buzalsky  
**In Memory of Lyle Anderson & Deceased Members of Class of 1959**  
 Brian & Diana Black  
**In Honor of WHS Class of 1953**  
 Jim & Janice (Hanson) Pulkrabek  
**In Honor of Willis Grochow's 80th Birthday**  
 Jeanie Ulferts

**Corrections from Spring 2015 Newsletter:**  
**In Honor of John Berget Class of 1962**  
 Patrick & Ann (Berget) Zavoral  
**In Honor of Charles Berget Class of 1952**  
 Patrick & Ann (Berget) Zavoral

## Gaylord Solem

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thing that affects the industry greatly. "There are so many computerized systems that run the cars now, and I just love computers!" he said with a smile.

"On May 20, 2015, a couple came into the garage and wanted to buy a pickup. I showed them the pickup and they said they would take it. When I asked where they were from they replied "the North Pole, Alaska," so the Dahlstrom Motors selling territory runs 2,800 miles north. Another day I sold a car to a person from Montana and a person from Two Harbors, MN. That's about 800 miles apart!" He never knows who he will have a chance to visit and get to know when his day starts. "I've sold over 26,000 cars and had the opportunity to meet over 100,000 people, all people are great. Just about everywhere we go, there's someone that knows me, and it's tough remembering all of those names!" He has sold more Chevrolets than any other Chevrolet salesman in the world.

The Solems love the small town atmosphere of Oslo. You get to know all of the kids and parents, plus you get to know all of the kids and parents from the surrounding towns. We used to go to basketball games in

Oslo and Alvarado and the gyms would be packed. And we'd get to visit with everyone. It was so much fun to be a part of a small community. Patty and Gaylord raised five children in Oslo that attended Oslo Schools, Tony, Billy, Kathy, Sally Gowan, and Larry. Larry is also a DMC employee; he has been there for 22 years. They have 12 grandchildren, (two of them work at DMC) and seven great-grandchildren.

Their most memorable trips include going to see their grandson, Casey play semi-pro baseball. "We went to his games in St. Louis, Kansas City and Topeka, Kansas. We'd leave Friday after work, watch the game on Saturday and turn around and be back at work on Monday morning."

Some of the pastimes Gaylord has enjoyed are deer, duck and pheasant hunting; fishing at Lake of the Woods, and he golfed in a Warren League for 27 years. He enjoys watching his favorite teams play, the Vikings and Twins.

And now for the last bit of information – the final score of that seventh grade Minto-Oslo basketball game that he usually never tells..... "We got beat 37-2."

## Create Your Play World

The WAO school district is working towards creating an updated playground for students to expand their play and social skills, refine motor skills, and enjoy age-appropriate playground equipment. The school district has applied to a variety of grants with the intention of using any grant money or donations to go towards updating the current 1970s playground equipment. The most recent piece was installed in 1992. We'd like to provide a large jungle gym piece for students ages 8-13, a climbing web, see saws, spinning activities, balance activities and a few additional small pieces specifically for young children. Our playground area is used 12 months of the year with community education events such as the summer soccer program and flag football being housed next to the playground. All ages of children come to play while waiting for siblings to finish

a game, during our summer lunch program, or during the school year prior to the school day beginning, during recess, and after school events. If playing outside, being creative, socially interacting through play, and motor skills are areas you promote and enjoy please consider donating any amount to the WAO "Create Your Play World" project. There are two options to donate:

1. Note "playground" on your check when sending it as a donation to the WAO Education Foundation

2. Use our GoFundMe account online and we'll be notified through email that you have donated. Please check out the GoFundMe account: <https://www.gofundme.com/yj8qrv9e>

Thank you for considering giving towards this dream,

The WAO Elementary Staff

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May 1, 2015 - October 31, 2015

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 Northern Plains Track  
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 Riverside Golf Club of Stephen  
 Robert & Cheri Mattson  
 Robert & Frances (Anderson) Johnson

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 Roger & Treasure (Soltis) Omdahl  
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 Shirley (Godel) Cockrell  
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 Solid Ground Construction  
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 Stacy Laudal  
 Stanley & Marilyn (Strickler) Sirek  
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 Stephen & Gayla Schmerbeck  
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 Wikstrom Telephone Co.  
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# Where are they now . . .

Brothers, **Lyle, WHS 1978 and Tim, WHS 1981, Palm**, were recognized recently for their work helping veterans. They both reside near San Diego, California where they owned a fabrication business for over a decade. After downsizing in 2010, they donated much of their welding equipment to a nonprofit organization, Workshop for Warrior's. They both teach classes that help veterans transition into civilian life. On Veteran's Day, Lyle received the 2015 Excellence in Welding Award at a ceremony in Chicago. This award has brought recognition to the school and will help build a larger facility. Lyle says, "We've been able to get these guys and gals some terrific careers out of this, and that is the most gratifying part." Congratulations Lyle and Tim!

**Alexy (Johnston) Safranski, WAO 2008**, is the creative director at Kittsona, a high end lifestyle boutique with 2 locations in Grand Forks, ND. After graduating from UND, Alexy was hired to manage the advertising, website and social media of Kittsona. They can be found in multiple locations in ND and MN. Kittsona focuses on local artists, gift items, home decor and trendy clothing and accessories. Alexy lives in Grand Forks with new hubby, JJ Safanski.

**Jeff Bork, OHS 1979**, has always got a project. He restores classic cars and is currently working on a 1964 Chevrolet Impala, the same car he had back in high school. He has redone a 1971 Triumph TR6, which took five years and is also working on a 1976 Nissan Datsun. Jeff was on the lookout for that particular model as it was the same car his brother had when returning from Vietnam. He admits it's a bit overwhelming, but says, "There's nothing quite like seeing the finished product and driving away in it." Jeff works at Dahlstrom Motors. He lives in Oslo with wife, **Raanne (Burwell) WHS 1980**, who operates a hair salon. They have one daughter, **Brooke (Bork) Johnson, WAO 2006**, and two granddaughters, Brynlie and Rowan.

**Tom Kozojed, WAO 1977**, lives in the Denver, CO area. He works for the Colorado Department of Transportation as a Bridge Design and Construction Engineer. He worked in several counties in Minnesota until 2001. His current job has a little different twist as he works on wildlife crossing bridges for animals. The project includes seven new major structures for wildlife. Tom and wife, Susan have two daughters and two granddaughters.

**Scott Steer, WHS 1992**, is a member of the Hawley, MN police department. Af-

ter graduating, from Alexandria Technical College in Law Enforcement, Scott worked his way up to Police Chief in Lake Park, MN. He then moved to Hawley and has been an officer there for seven years. He and wife, Tanya live in Hawley where they are very active in the community. His special interest is antique farm machinery and enjoys participating in the Steam Thrashers Reunion in Rollag, MN. Their son, Jami-son, is a sheriff's deputy in Pennington County, MN and daughter, Lexie, is a freshman at UND.

Earlier this summer, **Belinda (Lynne), WHS 1994** and husband **Darin Bye, WHS 1992**, moved from Fremont, NE to Hillsboro, ND. Belinda is employed as district manager for 36 Casey's General Store locations in North Dakota and Minnesota. Darin is a diesel mechanic for RDO Truck Center in Fargo. They have three children, Dylan, Peyton and Lyla.

**Kim (Johnston) Moen, WHS 1973**, lives in Ada, MN where she was named 2014-2015 Teacher of the Year for the Ada School District. She has been a 5th grade teacher for 37 years and very active in the community. After farming for years, husband Wayne works at the Shooting Star Casino. They have two children, Aubrey a senior and Michael a freshman at Mayville State University, Mayville, ND.

**JoAnn (Rakstad) Malooney, ALV 1973**, earned a degree in Civil Engineering from UND. Over the years, she has worked for US Steel in Mt. Iron, MN and Basin Electric in Beulah, ND. She is currently an operations supervisor for Great River Energy in Stanton, ND. JoAnn and husband John live in Bismarck, ND. They have two sons and are grandparents to seven granddaughters.

Former **WAO teacher, Allen Edman**, operates Edman's Angling Adventures with his brother, Scott. They work the Northwest Angle area as fishing guides. Allen was a 6th grade teacher in Warren for one year and several more in East Grand Forks. He lives in Warroad with wife, Mary and 3 children.

**Friend of the ALV Class of 1971, Anna (Hendrickson) Walters**, lives in Topeka, KS, where she raised a daughter, Wednesday and son, Charles. Over the years, she worked as a day care provider and office manager for a beverage distributor. Anna still works part time at H&R Block. Her husband Fred is retired from the Union Pacific Railroad. Besides camping and traveling, they enjoy a blended family of three children, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## Elementary Winter Concert Refreshments

The Education Foundation Board and volunteers will be serving holiday refreshments in the high school cafeteria following the Elementary Christmas Concert on Monday, December 7. Free-will donations will go toward purchasing items for the Elementary School. Thank you to Bremer Bank for donating the refreshments.

## Ed Foundation Happenings



Duane Potucek of the **Warren High School Class of 1965**, presented a check for \$511.52 to Carol Anderson of the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Education Foundation. The Foundation will use it for classroom/staff needs/requests, etc. The reunion committee was Ron and Carol Kuznia, Duane and Jerrilyn Potucek, Paul and Gail Knutson, Mary Jane (Hendrickson) Emerson, Betty (Sorenson) Carlson, Janice (Botko) Filipi and Sharon (Rood) Myers.

# News and Notes . . .

Congratulations Toby and **Earl McGregor, WHS 1956**, for winning the Marshall County Soil and Water Conservation District 2015 Farm Beautification Award. The McGregors' home is nestled in a pocket of woods. A large decorative archway welcomes you down the driveway, into a yard filled with a rock fountain, lush flower gardens, a variety of ornamental trees, a spacious backyard and a large pond with an island in the middle. Toby and Earl have lived on the farmstead for 30 years, raising 1 son and 3 daughters. They enjoy their 5 grandchildren, their many travels and especially love sharing stories of their adventures.

**Trek Schuler, WHS 1986**, has recently been selected as the 2015 South Atlantic League Athletic Trainer of the Year. He is affiliated with The Delmarva Shorebirds, a Class A affiliate of the Baltimore Orioles. Trek is in the 16th season with the Orioles organization. He has earned several league awards and continues to excel in the baseball world. Trek and wife, Angela live in Berlin, MD with their 11-year-old son, Andrew.

WAO High School, along with a number of schools in Minnesota, embrace the concept of offering American Sign Language as a foreign language. Instructor, **Danelle (Chandler) Klassy, WAO 2004**, teaches sign and encourages participation in multiple activities through signing. A class project showcased the class signing the lyrics of the National Anthem at a local basketball game. “It was an emotional experience,” said one of the students. “Signing has exposed me to a new culture and gives me a better understanding of the deaf community.” Danelle is also a certified interpreter. She lives in Warren with husband, Matt, and their 2 children, Chandler (5) and Matthew (3).

**Stacy (Murphy) Naverro, WHS 1990**, her husband, Fred, and son, Paco (sixth grade), were recently featured on the national Food Network’s program Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives. In 2012, they established their restaurant, George and the Dragon in Minneapolis, MN. It is known as a gathering place in the community, laid back, but yet has a professional environment while creating fabulous food. It is family friendly, featuring Paco’s Bookcase filled with books and games for patrons to enjoy while waiting for their meal. Professional host of DD&D, Guy Fieri, enjoyed signature sandwiches with American and Philipino influence. It was a mouth watering experience just watching!

A very special reunion was held during Fair Week here in Warren. **Hollie (Stone) Cheney, WHS 1970**, spear headed the idea to have a Montana Street Reunion with the help of her husband, **Mike Cheney, WHS 1969**, and sisters, **Sandra (Stone) Forslund, WHS 1967**, **Jeanine Stone, WHS 1971**, and **Kathy (Stone) Williams, WHS 1978**. Special guest was **Jim Pearson, WHS 1972**, from

Vienna, Austria. A highlight of the reunion was the group playing a rendition of the Warren High School fight song on kazoos. Close to 40 people attended to reconnect the deep abiding friendships that blossomed during the early 1950’s through the 1970’s on the west side of Warren.

Professor of Religion and Campus Minister **David Saetre, WHS 1969**, was awarded the degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, “for his abiding concern for others, the search for meaning in an unjust world, and his remarkable grace.” David joined Northland College, Ashland, WI, in 1996. He has been recognized on several occasions as Staff Person and Faculty Person of the Year. He is honored for his service to Northland College, the United Church of Christ, the Wisconsin Humanities Council and several other organizations. David lives in Ashland with his wife, Janet Bewley, who was elected to the WI State Senate in 2014. They have 5 grown children and 3 grandchildren.

**Gwen (Charboneau) McIntyre, WHS 1964**, was profiled in the Fargo Forum with the headline *Funky Fun Shapes Fargo Woman’s Style*. Gwen, who is a sales associate at Fusion Boutique in Scheels Home & Hardware, radiates her positive energy and enthusiasm for fashion. She is often seen sporting a hat along with a trendy outfit and a pair of awesome shoes. Over the years, Gwen worked as a dental hygienist and as an office associate for the Fargo Housing Authority. She admits retirement only lasted 7 months and now keeps busy with 2 part-time jobs. She travels extensively, meets often with friends from Warren and resonates with a laugh and a smile, “life is good, really good.” Gwen lives in Fargo, has 2 children and 3 grandchildren.

A story written by **Chuck Dahlstrom, Oslo 1969**, was featured in an edition of Northland Outdoors. His story told of the love and respect between him and his dog TJ and the loyalty they had for each other. Years of hunting together, bonded the pair and created a partnership that rivaled the best. His narrative was very descriptive, humorous and heartbreaking as he told of successful hunting seasons, trips to the veterinarian’s office and introducing a new puppy into the mix after years of TJ being the king. The last paragraph shared the emotion one has when losing a friend and companion such as TJ. Chuck lives in Warrensburg, MO. He is a psychologist at the University of Central Missouri, helping students deal with losses in their lives.

Social Service Supervisor, **Stacy Laudal, WHS 1986**, has recently been recognized by the Marshall County Board of Commissioners for 25 years of dedicated service to Marshall County Social Service. Stacy graduated from UND and began working as a licensed social worker in July of 1990. She has risen to the position of supervisor. Stacy lives in Warren with her 3 children,

Connor, Chase and Kaitlyn.

Playing matchmaker recently, were **Becky (Potucek) Dennis WHS 1979**, and Renae (Anderson) Troyer, who moved from Warren to EGF as a sophomore. They have been friends through high school, college and beyond. In 2012, finding out that they both had children living in Chicago, the preverbal light bulb came on. They should get the young ones together! So starts the plan of the moms. Telephone numbers were shared, gentle nudging took place, with a promise that Adam Troyer would call Erica Dennis. Over a year went by, a call was finally made and a date for lunch was scheduled. The rest is history, so they say. Adam and Erica were married August 8, 2015. Good job moms!

**Trevor Monroe, WHS 1990**, head softball coach at East View High School Apple Valley, MN, was named 2015 South Suburban Conference Coach of the Year and 2015 Section 3 AAA Coach of the Year. He was also named Championship Coach of the Year and Minnesota State High School Coaches Association Coach of the Year. Monroe and his fast pitch softball team won the AAA State Championship last June, which his daughter, All Conference Player, Hailey was a member. Trevor is in his 20th year of teaching, lives in Apple Valley with wife, **Suzanne (Tress) WHS 1983**, daughter, Hailey and step-daughter Brittney.

**Former teachers, John and Kristil McDonald** recently celebrated a very special wedding anniversary. While picking out their wedding rings 40 years ago, Kristil spotted a grand piano on display. She expressed her love for the beautiful piece and accepted the promise that John made to buy her one someday. Now, 40 years later, 3 children, several different jobs in education and the continued march of everyday life, John never forgot. He surprised Kristil with a Yamaha Disklavier grand piano. John says that a theme throughout his career as an educator is to pass along the importance of keeping promises and what it means to stay true to one’s word. Even if it takes awhile, it is a good thing to do. John is superintendent in Spring Valley, MN while Kristil is employed by Resource Training Solutions of Sartell.

## Thank You!

A note was received from the family of **Marion (Taus) Gee, WHS 1946**, after her passing, expressing the fond memories Marion had of Angus and Warren and of her school days. She especially loved attending class reunions. Her family wishes to thank the foundation for their service to the WAO schools.

“What a wonderful idea, transferring yearbooks to digital format. To whom it may concern. Thank you!” **Kay Root Stillwater, MN**

drive event” in conjunction with Ford Motor Company, sponsoring several meals, silent auctions, high school football tailgate event, a Super Bowl party, and, in 2016, a Kentucky Derby party, and other fund-raising efforts.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to WACF, you may do so at: WACF, PO Box 163, Warren, MN 56762. Designate “pool project” so funds are directed into the account specifically set aside for swimming pool enhancement.

The WACF Board of Directors is made up of all local residents.

# 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	Betty (Larson) Martin
1940	Alvarado	Robert Edman
1942	Warren	Lois (Nelson) Amundgaard
1943	Warren/Teacher	Lyla (Urtes) Larson Eukel
1944	Warren	E. Neil Mattson
1944	Alvarado	Dale Olson
1944	Oslo	Alda (Lind) Shane
1945	Warren	Lorene (Bjorgaard) Plencner
1946	Warren	Marion (Taus) Gee
1946	Alvarado	Mae Kleven Newell
1949	Warren	Leone (Nicholls) Jorgenson
1949	Warren	Paul Meyer
1950	Warren	Jean (Brosdahl) Knutson
1950	Warren	Gerald "Jerry" Olson
1950	Oslo	Kenneth Theige
1952	Warren	Arnold Swanson
1955	Warren	Clifton Anderson
1955	Alvarado	Dennis Kollin
1956	Warren	Helen (Bystol) Grothem
1958	Oslo	Edward Gerszewski
1958	Warren	James "Jim" Graham
1960	Oslo	Joseph Bushaw
1962	Warren	Douglas Gooselaw
1965	Oslo	Ricky Hendrickson
1966	Warren	Galen Oberg
1967	Warren	Rick Vanek
1971	Oslo	Linda (Leeson) Dobson
1972	Warren	John Boman
1972	Warren	James S. Pearson
1990	Warren	Wendy (Shereck) Reitmeier
2012	WAO	Justin Haugtvedt
	Warren Elementary Principal	Richard "Dick" Sauer
Friend		Mary Ann Bodell
Teacher		Oliver "O. J." Peyton
Friend		Cliff Bennett
Friend		Randy Johnson
Friend		Junius "Mike" Otto
Friend		Delvin Potucek
Teacher/Coach		Irv St. John
Teacher		Mildred (Jorgenson) Stroble
Friend		Lyle Trudell
Friend		Dale Zutz



**WACF DONATES TO WAO ED FOUNDATION** — Jodi Gulden, Warren Area Community Fund Board member, presents a \$750 donation to Carol Anderson of the WAO Education Foundation to go toward the purchase of new lighting, including spots to illuminate the stage, in the high school auditorium. WACF is committed to supporting all efforts to enhance organizations in the Warren service area.

# Warren Area Community Fund Promotes Warren Progress

The Warren Area Community Fund (WACF) was established to help the greater Warren community address challenges and opportunities central to its future. It is a tool for positive change through investment.

Through the years, WACF has made donations to various entities to enhance the local quality of life, such organizations as the Education Foundation, Audubon Sanctuary, county historical society, the school, county fair association, the Legion, the city, child care facility and others.

Currently, WACF is committed to providing funding for improvements to the Warren Swimming Pool area,

(the pool is 50 years old). Those improvements are to be in two phases: phase 1 is a new bathhouse with restroom and shower facilities to be available 12 months, and phase 2 is a multi-generational recreation center attached to the bathhouse to be used 12 months out of the year for those young and old. It is estimated phase 1 could cost \$135,000-\$150,000, depending on amenities, and phase 2 up to \$500,000, again depending on amenities.

WACF has been receiving private and corporate donations in addition to fundraising, which has included a tug of war during Crazy Days, a “test

# 2015 Ed. Foundation Golf Scramble

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*Be a part of this campaign to ensure that our children are equipped to succeed.*



This striking quartet of golfers are all smiles as they take a time out and give their best pose for the camera. They are left to right: Amy (Nowacki) Jones (WHS 1993), Ashley (Pagnac) Anderson (WAO 2001), Mary (Myrfield) Lizakowski (WAO 2002) and Nikki (Boman) Peterson (WAO 2002).



Making the golf fundraiser a family affair are left to right: Cheri Mattson, Kelly Mattson (WAO 1997), Bob Mattson (former teacher) and Gretchen Mattson (WHS 1985).



Enjoying their get-together at the WAO golf fundraiser are left to right: Brent Anderson, (WHS 1985), Dennis Anderson (former teacher), Liz (Spilde) Anderson (WHS 1961), Mark Poolman (WHS 1985) and Pete Myszkowski (WHS 1985).



Three nephews and their uncle made up a fine foursome of golfers at the Foundation fundraiser. They are left to right: Mitchell Flaten (WAO 1999), Nick and Tyler Evin (sons of the late Jeff Evin (WHS 1982) and Gerry Evin (WHS 1969).



**WAO SHOP CLASS MAKES CABINET** — Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Woodworking class recently made a cabinet with funds donated by the WAO Ed Foundation. The cabinet will be used by the elementary school for game storage. Pictured from the left are Jake Steer, Austin Johnson, Mason Granberg, Instructor Nathan Wozniak, Nate Chandler, Caleb Srsnsky and Matthew Gehrls.



## Thank You

We, the board of directors of the Warren-Alvarado-Oslo Education Foundation, would like to sincerely thank all that supported the Foundation in the past months and years.

We have heard from many of you. Many of you have paid dues above and beyond what you needed to send or have given memorials or donations. We sincerely appreciate all your support. Without it, we would be very limited with our efforts.

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