

Creston Alumni News

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SEVEN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

It is time to again celebrate the success of the Creston Alumni Association. This marks the 31st year of awarding scholarships to our deserving students.

In June of 2026, seven scholarships were awarded totaling \$23,200, bringing the grand total of scholarships awarded to \$403,185. Thank you for your continued generous support of our students as they work to achieve their goals.

The following graduates each received \$4000 to continue their education. Brenden Gough plans to attend Eastern Washington University, Brody Nelson will be attending Montana State University, Samiah Smoger will be attending Oregon State University and Dustin Strozyk plans to enroll in a heavy equipment apprentice program.

Three former recipients were each awarded \$2400.00 to continue their education. Karsen Brashears is pursuing a nursing degree, Christian Ekstrom is majoring in Biology and Tristyn Struve is working toward a masters in Speech and Hearing Sciences.

We celebrate our students and the belief we all have in common: the belief that the power of education is life changing. Thank you for your support!
Ann Kruase

EDITOR'S NOTE

We inadvertently left out a donation
for 2025.

Jacy Johnson in Memory of
Willy McMurray
for \$100

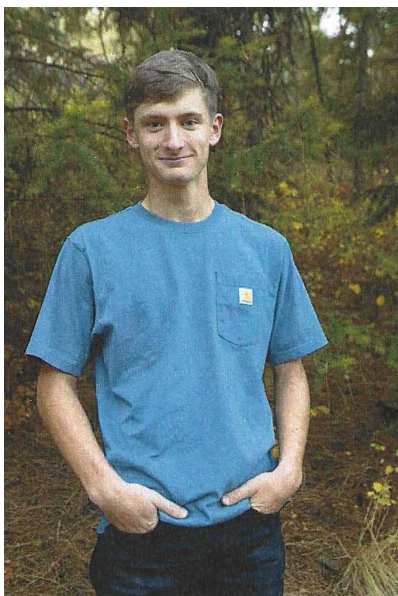
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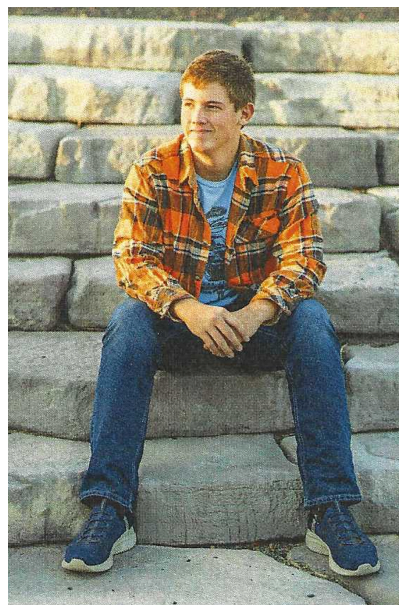
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crestonalumniassociation.org

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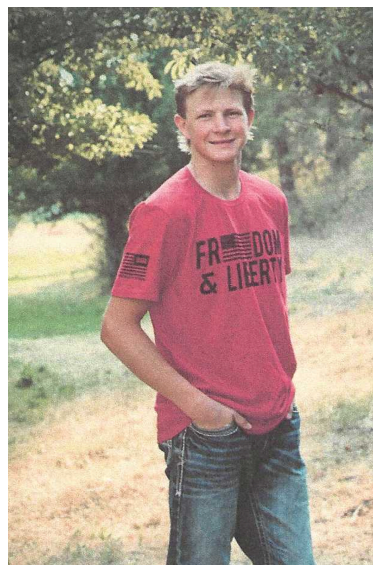
Brenden Gough
Eastern Washington University



Brody Nelson
Montana State University



Samiah Smoger
Oregon State University



Dustin Strozyk
Heavy Equipment Apprentice
Program

Please mail all dues, donations, memorial monies to :

**P.O. Box 1
Creston, WA. 99117**

Featured articles

Comets vs Wildcats Challenge

Calling all Alumni of the Comets and Wildcats - It's time for a little friendly competition with a big impact! We are launching a fundraising challenge to support our scholarship program, and we need your help. Rally your classmates, spread the word, and show your school pride by giving back.

Which group will rise to the top and claim victory?

The winning team will be announced at the reunion luncheon on September 12th - so don't miss out! Will it be the Comets or the Wildcats? Join us at the reunion to find out and be part of something meaningful!

2026 Alumni Raffle!

We are excited to announce that our raffle is back again this year! This has been a big fundraiser for the association, and we truly appreciate the continued generosity of our members. We would love for individuals and businesses to consider donating new items to help make this year's raffle another success. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Arlou Ives at 509-641-0318. Last year's generous donors and lucky winners from the 2025 reunion are listed below—thank you all for your incredible support!

Raffle tickets are just
\$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Donors and Winners from the 2025 Raffle!

<u>Donors</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Winners</u>
Arlou & Jerry Ives	Carryall Tote	Yvonne Reppe
Arlou & Jerry Ives	3 piece Cutting Boards	Betty Botts
Carol Orand	\$50 Corner Cafe Gift Card	Mary Clemens
Sharon Chrisman	10oz Tumbler & Cup Set	Leslie Krause
Mary & Jerry Guhlke	\$25 Subway Gift Card	Orene Harder
Mary & Jerry Guhlke	\$25 Home Depot Gift Card	Vickie Heitman
Jerry & Ann Krause	Corner Cafe Gift Card	Anita Sieg
Jerry & Ann Krause	Corner Cafe Gift Card	Char Etue
Donna & Terry Johnson	Tommy Bahama Bento Box	Christian Ekston
Virgil Brumley	Homemade Cutting Board	Char Etue

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In Fond Remembrance

The following alumni have recently passed away.

Kevin Gardner - 1983

Kellie Gardner - 1983

Janet Linder-1975

Maxine Emerson - 1958

Johnnie Bell - 1952

President letter

We are so excited to see everyone at the Creston Alumni Reunion on September 12!

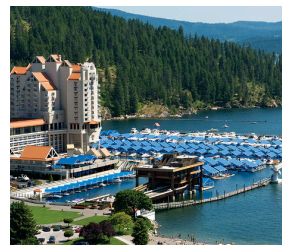
This year, we're trying something new with our schedule—doors will open at 1:00 PM, and lunch will be served at 3:30 PM.

We're looking forward to hearing your feedback on the updated timing. We've also added a new prize for the Pick-Your-Prize raffle, totalling five prizes—be sure to select the item(s) you'd like when turning in your registration. You'll also notice a new addition to the registration form asking for your graduation year, which will be included on your name tag to help spark connections. And don't forget our COMET vs. WILDCAT challenge—who will raise the most money for our scholarship fund? Be sure to reach out to your classmates, friends, and family to join in the fun and support a great cause!

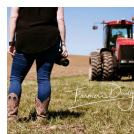
Thank you, Lisa and Jamie

Pick-Your-Prize Raffle

One night stay - Coeur d'Alene Resort



Tablet



Photography Session - Farmer's Daughter

Digital Photo Frame



Handmade Quilt
by Charlotte Etue and Vicki Heitman



Another prize was added!!!! Make sure to select what item you hope to win on your registration or when you come to the Reunion!

Creston Alumni Reunion

September 12, 2026

AGENDA

Saturday, September 12

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| 1:00 | School opens for registration in Multipurpose Room <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reminisce with our classmates - Look through old annuals and photo albums - BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS |
| 2:30 | Business meeting |
| 3:30 | Dinner in Multipurpose room and program |

Reunion Registration Fees: By 9/6/26

After 9/6/26 -Late Registration Fee

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member*</u>
Dinner	\$15.00	\$16.00

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Non-Member*</u>
	\$20.00	\$20.00

***The Non-Member Fee ONLY applies if NEITHER you or guest is a member of the Alumni Assoc.**

IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID THIS YEAR'S DUES YET & WOULD LIKE TO BE A MEMBER, PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR DUES WITH YOUR REGISTRATION. \$10/PERSON OR \$15/COUPLE (Both attended or worked at school).

REUNION REGISTRATION

Name(s) _____	Reunion Dinner _____
Address _____	2026 Alumni Dues _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____	(\$10 person \$15 couple)
Phone _____	Scholarship Donation _____
Email _____	Endowment Donation _____
<i>Pick - Your - Prize Raffle (mark below)</i>	
<u>Mark the Prize:</u> CDA resort _____ Photo Session _____ Tablet _____ Quilt _____ Digital Photo Frame _____	
Raffle Amount (\$5 each) _____	

Total Amount _____

If you pay with PayPal, go to the website crestonalumniassociation.org

Donations to the scholarship or Endowment Fund as a memorial to: _____

Donations can be made in honor of someone living: _____

FOR NAME TAGS & DINNER SELECTION- please fill out below:

		Croissant Chicken	Pulled Pork
		Salad	Sandwich
Name _____	Grad Yr _____	selection _____	_____
Name _____	Grad Yr _____	selection _____	_____

Make check payable to **Creston Alumni Association** and mail by Sept 6th, with this registration form to: **P.O. Box 1, Creston, WA 99117**