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## 1950-59

**Cliff Saxton '52** was inducted into the North Bend Hall of Fame. He served as varsity football coach for eight seasons and another two years as athletics and activities director. He and his wife, **LaRene (Cross) '53**, now live in Keizer.

**Bob Flood '58**, of Salem was recognized by Judson Middle School when it named its football field in his honor. He taught and coached at the school from 1957 when it opened until his retirement in 1991. Flood and his wife, Bev, had three children attend Linfield. **James '83** of San Diego, Calif., **Jeff '85** of Salem and **Susan (Flood) Stubberfield '89** of McMinnville.

## 1960-69

**Tom Younker '63** was inducted into the North Bend Hall of Fame. He was a three-sport athlete at the high school. He taught and coached at North Bend for 30 years. He and his wife, **Diana (Allado) '62**, live in Coos Bay.

**Dick Withnell '64** of Salem is chair of the Oregon Commission on Children and Families, which works as a catalyst to bring critical community partners together to keep kids safe in Oregon.

**Rick Pullen '67** of Yorba Linda, Calif., will retire as dean of the College of Communications at California State University in Fullerton at the end of spring semester. He has taught at the school since 1973 and served as dean for 14 years.

## 1970-79

**Sarah (Withers) Welton '74** of Wasilla, Alaska, ran for a seat on the Mat-Sue Borough School District. She is a licensed professional counselor in private practice.

**Gary Stautz '75** of Gresham was inducted into the Portland chapter of the National Football Foundation "Walk of Champions" Hall of Fame in December. **Ad Rutschman '54**, Stautz's former football coach, is also an inductee. Stautz taught and coached football and track and field in the Gresham School District for 30 years.

**Jeanmarie (Kombol) Bond '76** of San Diego, Calif., is a program representative with the University of California San Diego Extension, running six graduate and professional

development programs.

**Al Riske '77** of Sunnyvale, Calif., published his first book. *Precarious* is a collection of 15 short stories explore the conflicts between men and women. The collection includes "Pray for Rain," the winner of the *Blue Mesa Review* 2008 fiction prize. His stories have appeared in *Beloit Fiction Journal*, *Pindeldygoz* and *Switchback*.

**Janine Sarti '78** received the "Power of Attorney" Award from the San Diego *Daily Transcript* and the San Diego Chapter of the Association of Corporate Counsel. The award honors the top general counsel in San Diego County. She and her husband, **Bruce Kubler '79**, live in Poway, Calif.

**Thomas Phillips '79** of New Canaan, Conn., a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch, has



Ryan Henderson '11  
accounting major and receiver, Wildcat football

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## Couple rescues son from earthquake devastation

Twenty-month-old Samuel Chancelet Wilkins stacks colorful wooden blocks on a rug in his Beaverton living room. Weeks after the devastating earthquake in Haiti, his parents, Joe and Jill (Wilkins) Wilkins '93 and '94, are still pinching themselves.

The couple was in the process of adopting Samuel from the God's Littlest Angels orphanage in Fermate, Haiti, with months of paperwork still ahead, when the 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck Jan. 12. Within days, Joe traveled to Haiti to find Samuel and bring him home, while Jill rallied forces and chronicled their plight on her blog, [wilkinsadoption.blogspot.com](http://wilkinsadoption.blogspot.com), and various social media sites. Samuel was one of approximately 300 children in Haiti legally adopted by U.S. couples but awaiting final approval.

In a story that drew national media attention, Joe and a group of volunteers brought 81 orphans from the GLA orphanage to adoptive families in the U.S. In her blog, Jill describes the exhausting process that resulted in the happiest of endings. "Samuel is all we had hoped... he is an incredible kid and we have been blessed for sure," writes Jill.

Now home, the Wilkinses are adjusting to life as a family and finalizing the adoption. They look forward



Joe and Jill (Wilkins) Wilkins '93 and '94 with Samuel Chancelet and Larry King, appeared on CNN's *Larry King Live* hoping to expedite the adoption process of Haitian children.

to taking Samuel to his first Linfield football game.

"He will be dressed in purple and ready to cheer," said Jill. "We have had the strongest support from our Linfield friends these past weeks. Those friendships are deep and people have shown us an amazing amount of love and support. 'Thank you' seems so inadequate to express our love and gratefulness."

been recognized among the top 100 Wirehouse Advisors in the country by *Registered Rep.* magazine. He was among 22 Merrill Lynch advisers included on the list.

**Curtis Shepard '78** of Beverly Hills, Calif., is chair-elect of the California Council for the Humanities and is chair-elect of the City of Beverly Hills Fine Arts Commission. He is the director of Children, Youth and Family Services at the L.A. Gay and Lesbian Center.

### 1980-89

**David Wiegand '85** of McMinnville resigned as executive director of Mid-Valley Rehabilitation, after serving 20 years.

**Mell Bolen '86** of Elizabethtown, Pa., is the new president of Brethren Colleges Abroad, an independent organization committed to promoting international understanding and

academic excellence through college study abroad programs for U.S. students.

**Linda (Reynolds) Garrison '87** of Portland recently earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Linfield.

### 1990-99

**Don Hogue '91** of Pasco, Wash., earned a berth in the 2010 ESPN Bassmaster Classic. He was the runner-up in the 2009 Federation Nation Championships and retained his lead in the western division to land a berth in the classic Feb. 19-21 in Birmingham, Ala.

**Patricia (McKay) Beckius '92** of Tigard was named the top physics teacher in the greater Portland metro area. She has taught physics at Newberg High School for 18 years.

**Kirsten (Karlik) Balding '94** and '01 is the manager for Legacy Emanuel Medical Cen-

## 105-year-old spiker



Think you're too old to play volleyball? Don't tell that to 105-year-old Edna (Sandblom) West '25 of Kerrville, Texas. She spiked for a win at the Christmas Eve balloon volleyball match at Riverhills Health & Rehab. When asked to what she attributes her athletic prowess, she replied, "Well, I've always been on God's team!"

## Former roommates connect after 70 years



Two Linfield College roommates connected after 70 years, thanks to the online Linfield alumni directory. Ritchard Lyon '39, right, of Quincy, Pa., and Harold Hight '40 of Quarryville, Pa., discovered they lived less than three hours apart and have been in contact ever since. They also found a number of interesting parallels to their lives – both are 92, were born and raised in Idaho, lost fathers in sudden deaths while in high school and had mothers who struggled to get them college educations. After graduating from Linfield, both moved east for seminary, met wives, served churches and then retired in Pennsylvania. Best of all, both are still active and in good health.

Lyon leads exercise classes and a Bible study and serves on the Village Independent Living Council at Quincy Village Retirement Community. He and his wife, Mollie, are active in the Trinity United Church of Christ. Hight has retired from part-time duties at Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community and Reformed Presbyterian Church. He continues to volunteer in the skilled-care unit at the retirement community, where he chairs the volunteers visitors committee.

ter's Oregon Burn Center and Chronic Wound Care Clinic. She holds bachelor's degrees in athletic training and nursing.

**Michael Ferber '95** of Vancouver, Wash., completed a master's degree in community and rehabilitation counseling and a master's in school counsel-

ing. He is the college extended options counselor at Clackamas Middle College.

**Justin Fossum '95** of Aloha is pursuing graduate studies in biomedical informatics and health information management at Oregon Health & Science University.

**Mika Kobayashi '95** of Vancouver, Wash., received an MBA from Marylhurst University last year.

**Lori McLaughlin Beight '95** was elected to the West Linn-Wilsonville School Board last summer. After graduating from Linfield, she earned a law degree from Willamette University and passed the bar exam in 2006. She and her husband, **John Beight '90**, live in West Linn. He is assistant human resources director for the North Clackamas Schools.

**Joe and Stephanie (Kra-tochvil) Welsh '96 and '95** of Beaverton spent two years in Shanghai, China, on assignment for Intel Corporation. Joe was managing development of ingredients for notebook computers while Stephanie volunteered as co-director of activities for the American Woman's Club.

**Heike (Sellinschegg) McNeil '96** of Eugene is professor of chemistry and coach for men's and women's cross country teams at Northwest Christian University. She founded a running club five years ago for faculty, students and staff and it has evolved into a full-time varsity program with 21 student-athletes on the roster.

**Heather (Fisher) Hunt '96** of Minneapolis, Minn., and her husband, Matthew, had a son, Sullivan William, June 19.

**Keith and Kelly (Hopkins) Eckert '97 and '00** of Bothell, Wash., adopted a daughter, Lili-ana Aili Kaelyn, from Huazhou, China, Sept. 14, their second child.

**K.C. and Tristyne (Ed-mon) Huffman '97 and '96** of Springfield had a son, Ryker Andrew, Sept. 17, their third.

**Heidi (Rose) Gallegos '97** of Hayward, Calif., and her husband, Phillip, had a daughter, Geena Rose, Dec. 24.

**Aaron and Michelle (Behm) Bloom '97 and '99** of West Linn had a daughter, Lila Jane, Dec. 6.

**Jami (Dryden) Davids '99** of Lake Oswego and her

husband, Adam, had a daughter, Audrey Brooke, Nov. 9, their second.

**Richard Salas '99** of Cumming, Ga., and his wife, Michele, had a daughter, McKayla Ann Lorraine, Nov. 11, their third.

## 2000-09

**Kristen (Collins) Gehring '00** of Sherwood and her husband, Luke, had a son, Benjamin Lucas, June 14.

**Trevor and Michelle (Mal-lory) Phillips '00 and '01** live in Salem, where Trevor is an emergency room doctor at Salem Hospital. They had a son, Grant Michael, Nov. 30.

**Erick and Jaime (Moore) Trachsel**, both '00, of Bend had a son, Logan Sean, May 28, their second. Erick is sales manager with Phoenix Inn and Suites.

**Heather (Reynold) Oneal '01** of Tigard recently earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Linfield.

**Erin Gaskill '01** of Huntington Beach, Calif., married James Griffith Aug. 8. Erin earned her master's in education from University of Washington-Bothell in 2009.

**Jennifer Surcamp '01** married Jason Roth Aug. 22.

**Annikke Olson '01** of Hillsboro married Elias Adam in August. Annikke is vice principal and athletic director at Clatskanie Junior/Senior High School. Prior to this, she taught for six years at a private international school in the Dominican Republic before returning to Oregon for graduate school and a teaching position at Glencoe High School.

**Monica Henry '01** of Forks, Wash., has been invited to serve in an Executive Office for United States Attorneys and the Office for Crime Victims working group. The group is made up of domestic violence and federal criminal justice experts in Native American issues from around the country to assist with the development of a training DVD for law enforcement

concerning potential federal prosecution options.

**Laura (Worzniak) Small '02** of Portland recently earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Linfield.

**Aja Hicks '02** of Portland is an associate in the Portland office of Scheer & Zehnder LLP, a Seattle-based litigation firm.

**Ryan and Marie (Snavelly) Boatsman '02** and '03 of Sherwood had a son, Kai Quentin, Aug. 26.

**Ben Driver '03** of Roseburg earned a doctorate of dental medicine and is practicing dentistry with his father, Mark Driver.

**Christian and Betsy (Boroff) Ferney '03** and '02 live in Durham, N.C. Christian received a Ph.D. in sociology from Duke University in May and is the student programs coordinator for Duke's Keenan Institute for Ethics.

**Andrew DePaul '04** of Sioux Falls, S.D., is a student in South Dakota State University's 12-month Accelerated Nursing Program.

**Briana Johnson '04** of Tacoma, Wash., received a master's in nursing from Pacific Lutheran University in May. She is a family nurse practitioner at Sea Mar Community Health Center in Olympia.

**Chris Murray '05** of Portland played the lead in *Hamlet* at Portland's CoHo Productions. Murray has been acting in Portland since 2001 and has appeared in most of Portland's theatres.

**Viktoria (Putintsev) Haddan '05** of Albany is a freelance consultant for web and print projects. She specializes in copy editing, writing for online and print media, website maintenance, Spanish translation and editing, and desktop publishing.

**Aaron and Kelly (Leal) Krause '05** and '04 of Portland, had a daughter, Ava Madelein, Sept. 9.

**Joshua Lind '05** of Seattle, Wash., is co-founder of Ready-Done, a Seattle-based talent

## Home sweet home was tree house

Home sweet home used to be a tree house in Belize for Kirby Salisbury '63. Salisbury, along with his wife, Christina, moved their family to a tree house in British Honduras (now Belize) in 1972, and have documented the experience in *Treehouse Perspectives: Living High on Little*. Their initial goal was to combine their diaries to create a memoir for their children, but the narrative morphed into a relevant story with appeal to others who are seeking more quality in their lives. Excerpts can be viewed on their website, [www.treehouseperspectives.com](http://www.treehouseperspectives.com). Their current project is a story about the years building and living aboard a small coastal schooner, *Chance Along*, and sailing Belizean waters.



agency that specializes in design, web development, business and consulting services. He also is a designer at the Internet media company Entertonement and a developer and project manager at SkullSquad.

**Casey Kushiyaama '05** of Hillsboro is the interim Linfield College women's basketball coach.

**Zach and Kristin (Anderson) Krahmer**, both '06, of Lake Oswego, had a daughter, Allison Denise, Sept. 5.

**Mindy Smith '06** of Rochester, Minn., married Chris Fjosne Aug. 7. Mindy is in her second year of graduate school for physical therapy at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester and will earn a doctor of physical therapy degree.

**Darlene Thompson '07** of Spokane married Ryan Wilson July 4. Darlene received her CPA license and is a senior business assurance CPA at Moss Adams, LLP in Spokane.

**Jason Olds '07** married Mer-

**edith Berthot '06** on July 18.

**Rafe Rafahi '09** has been working to support the human rights movement in Iran. He has created a website, [www.freedominiran.com](http://www.freedominiran.com), to collect information, raise awareness and raise funds for the movement.

### In memoriam

**George "Fred" Good '34** of Vancouver, Wash., Oct. 15.

**Wilma (Clapp) Ray '36** of Pleasant Grove, Utah, Oct. 7.

**James Harrison '38** of Medford, Nov. 1.

**Louise (Martin) Ford '38** of Vancouver, Wash., June 27.

**June (Garlock) Schaeffer '37** of Vernalis, Calif., Oct. 30.

**Frank Wells '38** of Buhl, Idaho, Aug. 26.

**Roberta (Mitchell) Jansen '39** of Salem, Oct. 20.

**Seth Maine '37** of McMinnville, Dec. 6.

**Kathleen (Ross) Moore '40** of Chino Hills, Calif., Feb. 22, 2007.

**Juana (Brown) Quinn '40**

of Atlantic Beach, Fla., June 30, 2006.

**Albert Piche '44** of Saratoga, Calif., March 20, 2007. Survivors include his wife, **R. Eleanor (Hess) '44**.

**Dale Parrish '48** of Sherwood, Aug. 27.

**Ruth (Melaas) Lindsay '43** of San Angelo, Texas, Jan. 17.

**Arthur Lehwalder '40** of Eastsound, Wash., May 29.

**Howard Ainsworth '41** of Westlake Village, Calif., Dec. 20. Survivors include a sister, **Betty (Ainsworth) St. Clair '42**.

**Leila (Norris) Page '44** of Escondido, Calif., July 8.

**John Abbenhouse '40** of Eastsound, Wash., Nov. 5. Survivors include daughter **Kathleen (Abbenhouse) Miners '68**.

**Jean Maulbetsch '42** of Seattle, Wash., Oct. 12. Survivors include daughter **Janine (Maulbetsch) Applegate '70**, son-in-law **Dean Applegate '68** and granddaughter **Jane '98**.

**Louis Randall '44** of Bonanza, Oct. 29. Survivors include



Linfield students joined several alumni in New York City during a January Term class, Topics in Finance: Seminar in Securities Markets, taught by Scott Chambers. In addition to visiting with a number of alumni who work in the financial sector, Chambers, students and Debbie (Hansen) Harmon '90 also attended a reception for alumni, which provided an opportunity for students to network in a more casual atmosphere. Those attending included, left photo, left to right, Kristin Sawchuk '08, Chambers, Tim Benzel '06, Andrew Pohl '10, Emily Moen '10; right photo, Jeremy Whitney '08, Nichol McManus '09, Emily Parodi '94 and Katie Cook '10.

wife **Marien (Elfstrom) '45**, and daughters **Judith (Randall) Fahsholtz '69** and **Susan (Randall) Kirby '71**.

**Arthur Patton '40** of Tacoma, Wash., June 27.

**Paul Louie '42** of Palo Alto, Calif., Oct. 18.

**James Scudder '48** of Troutdale, Nov. 16.

**Clyde Cooper '51** of Bremerton, Wash., Jan. 22.

**Bob Harrison '51** of Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 3.

**Helen "Joy" (VanSanten) Gilmer '50** of Salem, Oct. 21.

**Patricia (Swanson) Opra '51** of Beaverton, Aug. 31.

**LeRoy Flatt '52** of Spokane, Wash., Nov. 8.

**Edwin Strother '55** of Eugene, Oct. 15. Survivors include wife **Landra (Boling) '57**.

**Gerald LeBlanc '57** of Puyallup, Wash., Oct. 5.

**Richard Preston '50** of

Marble Falls, Texas, Aug. 23.

**John Langenbach '60** of Napa, Calif., Oct. 30.

**Daniel Lever '60** of Aurora, Nov. 2. Survivors include wife **Joanna (Dillon) '60**; sisters **Margaret (Lever) Dement '34** and **Barbara (Lever) McLarty '41**; brothers **Richard Lever '51** and **Robert Lever '39**; and grandson **Daniel Lever '09**.

**Michael Hafner '60** of Corvallis, Nov. 27.

**Bob Lee '60** of San Manuel, Ariz., Oct. 17.

**Mary (Ward) Key '62** of Spokane, Wash., Dec. 4.

**Linda (Sweet) Dale '65** of Memphis, Texas, July 19, 2008.

**Michael LaFayette '66** and **'71** of Forest Grove, Dec. 2.

**Frederick Larson '67** of Indio, Calif., Oct. 1.

**Dan Burdett '67** of Redmond, Dec. 4.

**Betty (Miller) Mills '70** of McMinnville, Nov. 14.

**Wayne Miyamoto '72** of Citrus Heights, Calif., Oct. 26.

**James Banks '72** of Sacramento, Calif., Nov. 12.

**Claire (Fischer) Hogleund '80** of Eugene, Jan. 4.

**Betty (Sutton) McCallum '88** of Gresham, Jan. 7.

**Avis (Chappell) Grimms '80** of Salem, Dec. 9.

**Barbara (Mullen) Gill '80** of Portland, April 25.

**Carolyn (Peterson) Miller '86** of Spokane, Wash., Sept. 29.

**Theodore Wells '84** of Anchorage, Alaska, July 14.

**Carolyn (Gore) Pike '84** of Silverton, Dec. 10.

**Scott Webb '84** of San Diego, Calif., Sept. 17, 2008.

**Merrill Young '87** of Albany, Dec. 6.

**Mildred Holly '94** of Eugene, Nov. 19.

**Deena Martinsen '00** of Longview, Wash., Aug. 16.

## GSH

**Dorothy Stennfeld GSH '54** of LaGrande, Feb. 24, 2007.

**RoseAnn (Rodabaugh) Dolan GSH '85** of Eastsound, Wash., Jan. 3.

## Friends and family

**Forrest Blodgett** of Portland, Dec. 31., professor emeritus of economics. Survivors include daughter **Candis Blodgett '72** and son **Clinton Blodgett '75** and **'80**.

**Frank Spears of Portland**, Nov. 11., trustee emeritus.

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