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1930-49

Roger and Anne (McDougal) Paquette '37 and '38 of Bend celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary June 9. They live with their daughter, Terry Paquette '68, who teaches kindergarten at the Waldorf School of Bend.

Bruce and Ruth (Barnett) Stewart '49 and '51 of McMinnville celebrated their 60th anniversary with family and friends at the Ford Theatre at Linfield in August.

1950-59

Elaine (Ongman) Edstrom '51 of Houston, Texas, is retired and works with professional and semi-professional theatres as an actor, director and playwright.

Gilda (Holderman) Taylor GSH '56 and '77, a Tibetan Buddhist nun and retired nurse, is the leader of Portland Sakya Center, which recently offered a free series of conversations about fear and suffering.

George Polley '57 of Sapporo, Japan, is a mental health professional, and writer and poet. Recent work includes *The Old Man* and *The Monkey and Grandfather Stories*.

1960-69

Pete Dengenis '64 of Portland founded Doc Dengenis Consulting, specializing in bargaining training and strategy. He is the author of *Bargaining Essentials*, a training manual about how to move successfully from survey to settlement.

1970-79

Hugh Branch '73 of Indio, Calif., is senior director of security consulting at PICA Corporation, which specializes in brand protection, loss prevention, risk management and security consulting services.

Colleen (Lloyd) Jackson '73 of Fremont, Calif., raises and

trains dogs for Canine Companions for Independence, which provides dogs for people with disabilities other than blindness. She was referred to the organization by **Rudy and Cheri (Ramos) Van Pelt, '81 and '82**, also of Fremont.

Sarah (Withers) Welton '74 of Wasilla, Alaska, is a licensed professional counselor in private practice and a member of the board for the Mat-Su Borough School District.

Bob Walker '74 of Roseburg teaches health and physical education at Roseburg High School. He recently retired from coaching football at RHS, where he coached the offensive line and defensive ends for 23 years.

Virginia (Dickie) Abbott '75, '83 of Medford has taught nursing assistant classes through Chemeketa Community College, basic nursing skills for Hospice programs and drug management.

1980-89

Joan Friesen '80 has been elected to serve as the next executive minister for the American Baptist Churches of Greater Indianapolis.

Lee Krähenbühl '82 of Toledo, Ohio, is artistic director of the Toledo Repertoire Theatre and director of congregational relations at Habitat for Humanity of Monroe County, Mich.

Dan Karr '83 of Saratoga, Calif., is senior vice president of worldwide sales at Ikanos Communications, Inc.

Alan "Yehudah" Winter '86 of Portland was contracted to develop a certified nurses' aide program at Oregon Outreach, a Portland non-profit.

Steve Kordak '87 of Weschester, Calif., and his wife, Michelle, had a son, Spencer Michael, Feb. 15.

Julianne (Vertrees) Hanson '89 of Des Moines, Wash., and husband, Scott, adopted Elizabeth Mei in October 2008 in Nan-chang, China. Julianne is a copy editor at *The Seattle Times*.

1990-99

Brad Robins '90 of McMinnville married Julie Williams March 26 in Las Vegas, Nev. He is a geography teacher and coach at Patton Middle School.

Donna (Hadley) Casteel '91 of Beaverton, and her husband, Chris, had a son, Preston Scott, Dec. 14.

Ginger (Green) Collins '93 of Albany and her husband, Chris, had a son, Teague Thomas Bachman, Sept. 18, their fourth child.

J Graigory '93 of Stockholm, Sweden, married Cristel Byström Aug. 2 in Las Vegas, Nev.

Eric and Kristin Fetters-Walp '93 and '96 of Lake Stevens, Wash., had a daughter, Kate Elise, July 23, their third. Eric is a communications specialist for The Boeing Company, and Kristin is a freelance copywriter.

Rambod Rouhbakhsh '95 of West Linn is the primary care provider for Legacy Medical Group-Lake Oswego.

John and Lori (McLaughlin) Beight '90 and '96 live in West Linn. John is assistant human resources director for North Clackamas Schools, and Lori is a member of the West Linn-Wilsonville School Board.

Sheri (Green) Pankion '96 of Anchorage, Alaska, and her husband, Michael, had a son, Andrew Layne, their fourth child, April 26.

Brian Simpson '96 of Federal Way, Wash., is sales director for the 2010 U.S. Amateur Championship at Chambers Bay, home of the 2015 U.S. Open.

Joe and Nicole (Payne) Nowlin '97 and '99 of Beaverton had a daughter, Audrey Mary, June 12.

John Blodgett '97 of Portland is an operating room nurse and registered nurse first assist (RNFA) at Legacy Emanuel Hospital & Health Center. He has been in nursing for 12 years.

Andrew Grassell '98 of Wenatchee, Wash., received a master's in business administration from Portland State University. He works as a program

manager for Chelan County Public Utility District. He and his wife, Suzanne, had a son, John Robert, May 2.

Elizabeth (Walsh) Hunt '99 of Anchorage, Alaska, and her husband, Ryan, had their second daughter, Corrina Helen, April 21.

2000-09

Kyle and Joanna (Plavin) Carter '00 and '99 of Central Point had a daughter, Bethany Jordan, July 28.

Cara Pepper Day '00 of Turner has founded Cara Pepper Day Consulting, LLC, focusing on sales, distribution, profit and loss analysis, and marketing and events for Oregon wineries.

Scott and Melanie (Zollars) McGrath '00 and '01 live in Omaha, Neb. Melanie is an assistant professor and program director of athletic training at the University of Nebraska at Omaha. She received her Ph.D. in human movement science from UNC Chapel Hill.

Scott and Yarmela (Pavlovic) Peerenboom '02 and '00 of Philadelphia, Pa., had a son, William. Scott is finishing a residency in internal medicine, and Yarmela is an associate at the law firm of Hogan & Hartson LLP.

David and Charlene (Follosco) Sakraida '00 and '99 of Central Point had a daughter, Addison Anne, May 11, their second.

Scott Vandehey '00 of San Diego, Calif., earned a Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of California, San Diego. He is teaching there and also an online course, Introduction to Cultural Anthropology, for the Linfield DCE program.

Cheryl Munro '01 of Madison, Wis., married Jacob Closson June 27 in Boise, Idaho. She works for the University of Wisconsin Medical Foundation as a social worker.

Tyler and Pamela (Ball) Spurgeon, both '01, of Woodburn had a son, Collin Patrick, July 4, their first.

Erin Gaskill '01 of Red-

mond, Wash., married James Griffith Aug. 8. She earned her master's in education from the University of Washington, Bothell in the spring.

Blake Pang '01 of Mason, Ohio, and his wife had a daughter, Audrena, in April. Blake is the director of United Way operations for the American Red Cross, where he oversees fundraising of over \$9 million annually.

Alex Baxter '02 of Berwyn, Pa., is director of competitive aquatics at the Lionville Community YMCA in Philadelphia.

Leah (Ball) Henriksen '02 of Forest Grove and her husband, Mathue, had a daughter, Freya Jean, April 6. Leah is a bilingual elementary teacher in Cornelius.

Lisa (Baumann) Hunt '02 of Aloha and her husband, Tony, had a daughter, Isabella Marie, June 29, their first.

Heather (Bretl) Lepene '02 of Orford, N.H., and her husband, Mike, had a son, Matthew Ryan, May 26, their first.

Malinda Taylor '02 of Gunnison, Colo., is a visiting assistant

professor of physics and astronomy at Western State College of Colorado. She earned a Ph.D. in physics with distinction from the University of New Mexico.

Erin Bernard '03 of Tillamook studied international journalism at the University of Missouri and works at the Tillamook *Headlight-Herald* newspaper.

Tammy Escarzaga '03 of Beaverton married Chris Sawyer June 27, 2008.

Jeffrey Sturtz '03 of Buckley, Wash., and his wife had a daughter, Jax Bradley, their first child.

Leah (Moore) Hollaway '04 of Filer, Idaho, teaches health and fitness at Canyon Ridge High School, and coaches the cross country team and pole vaulting for track and field.

Rachel Bogart-Le '05 of Galveston, Texas, received a medical degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. She also earned the Jack Wallace Prize in Cardiology, the Jimmy Doyle Dickens Award and Alpha Omega Alpha Junior Honors.

Renee Clevenger '05 and **Derek Gilbert '04** were married Feb. 14. They live in Salem, where Renee is director of business development for Willaby's Catering.

Catherine Dondlinger '05 of Dallas, Texas, graduated in June from Oregon Health and Science University with an MD. She is currently pursuing a residency in pediatrics at Children's Medical Center.

Hilary Stricker '05 of Milwaukee, Wis., earned a degree in dermatology from the Medical College of Wisconsin in May.

Crystal Wilson '05 of Beaverton earned a doctorate in physical therapy from Pacific University and works for a small pediatric practice in Portland.

Jessica (Lewis) Caporal '06 of Midvale, Utah, is a registered nurse and pursuing a family nurse practitioner degree at Westminster College in Salt Lake City.

Laura Eddy '06 of Richland, Wash., is an industrial rehabilitation specialist at Advance Med Hanford/HPMC.

Brett Glover '06 of McMinn-

ville is a firefighter/paramedic with McMinnville Fire Department.

Genice (Stringer) Normand '06 of Warrenton and her husband, Samuel, had a daughter, Violet Pearl, March 12, their second child.

Kirsten Taylor '06 of Hermiston earned a master's in school counseling from Lewis & Clark College in June and is a school counselor at Stanfield Secondary School.

Justin Alpern '07 of Portland is the owner of Alpern Gallery and Alpern Media, specializing in video production, commercial photography, audio recording, podcasting and cinematography.

Dan Berger '07 of Astoria is superintendent of the North Coast Youth Correctional Facility in Warrenton, a 50-bed juvenile corrections facility that delivers treatment to males with substance abuse issues.

Stephanie Dawkins '07 of Corbett is a marketing and promotions graduate assistant with the University of Tennessee

Award-winning alumni and friends honored

The Linfield Alumni Association honors dedicated individuals for their hard work, innovation and generosity of spirit. For complete profiles of this year's winners, go to www.support.linfield.edu/alumni_awards.

Bernie Turner, *Walker Award*



The philosophy of giving back has been ingrained in Bernie Turner since childhood. A retired pastor and Linfield trustee, Turner has spent four decades investing his time and talents in the Linfield College and McMinnville communities.

Bert Waugh Jr. '66, *Distinguished Alumnus Award*



Empty bedrooms are hard to come by in the Waugh household. Bert '66 and Susy Waugh share a passion for helping abandoned youth and have helped provide shelter – both in their home and through their organization, Transitional Youth – for thousands of teens over the years.

Kristine Oller '93, *Alumni Service Award*



At age 14, Kristine Oller's idea of fun was to clean her sister's room. Some things never change. Oller '93, an organizational expert and career strategist, now spends her professional life organizing others and volunteering for Linfield.

Michelle Johnston Holtaus '95, *Outstanding Young Alumna*



Michelle Johnston Holtaus '95 has had great success and responsibility at Intel Corp. She joined Intel as a program manager and has progressed to general manager of the Channel Platforms and Strategy Division.

Women's Athletic Department. She is pursuing a master's degree in business administration and sport management.

Kevin O'Toole '08 of Bellingham, Wash., is pursuing graduate studies at Western Washington University.

Eric Snow '08 of Twin Falls, Idaho, is fitness director for the YMCA.

Obituaries

Delbert Edwards '30 of Eugene, May 14.

Ruth (Welch) Pirich '35 of Happy Valley, Aug. 11.

Alex Dragnich '37 of Mitchellville, Md., Aug. 10.

Ivan Moore '38 of Palm Desert, Calif., May 19.

Sally (Painter) Prior '40 of Bellevue, Wash., Oct. 27. Survivors include husband **Harry '40**, son **Bruce '65**, brothers **Bruce Painter '41**, and **Gerald Painter '50**, sister-in-law **Jackie (Schaake) Painter '54**, and cousins **Tra-**

cy Gipson '39, **Neal Gipson '42**, **Priscilla Gipson '44** and **Jack Gipson '50**.

Ruth (Swain) Peterson '41 of Huntington Beach, Calif., Sept. 1.

Emmett Alexander '42 of Portland, Sept. 19.

Helen Hunter '42 of Manzanita, Oct. 16, 2008.

Dorothy (Wortman) Gunnness '44 of McMinnville, June 24.

Marian (Wiester) Bird '46 of Portland, July 12. Alumni survivors include children **Maurice (Bird) Oberg '81**, **Marta (Bird) Cox '72**, **Melanie (Bird) Dawson '85** and **Molly (Bird) Snyder '84**.

Frank Failor '47 of Seattle, Wash., Aug. 24.

Robert Moorman '47 of Dallas, June 19. Survivors include his wife, **Gladys (Swift) '49**.

Marjorie McBride '48 of Seaside, April 25. Survivors include brother **James '52**, sister-in-law **Beverly (Fritz) '49**, and nephews **Mike '72**, **Doug '74** and **Kevin '79**.

Beverly (Willits) Talmadge

'50 of Seattle, Wash., Aug. 8.

Richard Scott '50 of Worland, Wyo., Aug. 3.

George Chalmers '51 of Manila, Philippines, Aug. 14.

James Erickson '54 of Mukilteo, Wash., June 23.

John Riley '55 of Sebring, Fla., June 9. Survivors include his wife **Janet (Pederson) '55** and son **Matthew '91**.

Millie (Payne) Philippi '56 of Salem, June 12.

Walter Reeder '56 of Corvallis, July 24. Survivors include his wife, **Marcia (Seeber) '55**.

Karl King '61 of Renton, Wash., Aug. 27.

Lynn Dale '62 of Aberdeen, Wash., July 29.

Tom Buckner '62 of Georgetown, Texas, July 23.

Charlene (Early) Tepper '63 of Wrangell, Alaska, June 20.

Chuck Hudson '68 of Oregon City, June 27.

John "Jae" Allen '69 of Portland, March 16.

Henry Ogedegbe '78 of Washington, N.J., Aug. 20.

William "Pat" Riley '79 of

Beaverton, July 10.

Judith Geddes '79 of Novato, Calif., April 25, 2008.

Marianne (Scoggan) Logan '83 of Salem, June 5.

Ruth Evern '84 of Fairbanks, Alaska, Aug. 27.

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Marilyn (Haggquist) Eastwood GSH '57 of Lusby, Md., Feb. 2.

Carol (Otterson) Bolinger GSH '67 of Waxhaw, N.C., May 14.

Friends and family

Raymond Kauer of McMinnville, July 4. He was trustee emeritus.

Elmer Million of Denver, Colo., April 18. He was professor emeritus of history.

Kenneth Van Zyl of McMinnville, July 22. He was the former Linfield infirmary physician and sports physician.

'Ain't no mountain high enough': alumni climb St. Helens

A dozen Linfield College alumni were part of a group that climbed Mount St. Helens recently. Pictured here at the trailhead of the Winter Hiking Route in the Marble Mountain Sno-Park are, back row from left, Arran Robertson '04, Stephen Teater '04, Ian Foster '05, Denise Pasquinelli '05, Oliver Ogden '06, Elizabeth Grattan Teater, Nancy Alexander, Seth Prickett '05, Josh Johnson '04, Kelsey Lyle '07 and Micah Baker '05; front row from left, Zach Elwood, Molly Johnson '04, Jared Staber '04 and Melissa (Schmeer) Baker '04.



Got news? Have you changed jobs? Received a promotion? Returned to school? Received another degree? Started a business? Did you get married or have a child in the last 12 months? If you have news for your classmates and other Linfield friends, visit us online at: www.linfield.edu/alumni.