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1940-49

Catherine (Holmes) Olcott '46 of Salem is a lifelong learner currently attending Willamette University.

Jeanette Schumacher '47 of Portland celebrated her 90th birthday.

1950-59

James and Barbara (Davis) Gant '54 and '55 of Cottage Grove will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in June. They met at Linfield.

Billie Rochelle '57 of Nordland, Wash., works at a master flower school, teaching students how to judge plants for horticulture shows.

Hiram Crane '59 and his wife, Marlene, celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on Aug. 14.

1960-69

Del Helzer '61 of Portland and **Arlie Lyons '61** of Toledo, Wash., are members of a Portland senior softball team, which recently won the national championship for 75-year-olds at the major level in Las Vegas, Nev. The team also won the national championship for 70-year-olds five years ago.

Kenneth and Janice (Sager) Williams, both '64, of Huntington Beach, Calif., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by going on a cruise to Alaska. Ken retired from Boeing Aircraft in 2005 with five patents to his credit, and Jan taught the harp until age 70. Both are active in their church.

Roberta (Thompson) Simcoe '64 of Napa, Calif., and her husband, John, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a cruise to South America.

James Ferguson '65 of Salem is planning a fishing trip to Chile this winter.

Bill Grandey '65 of Rancho Mirage, Calif., published *Murder, Mystery and Croquet: Wicket People Wield Murderous Mallets*.

Larry Kaniut '65 of Anchorage, Alaska, is an author, with a number of books to his credit, including two new releases. To follow him, go to: www.kaniut.com.

James Anderson '65 and '69 of Roseburg published a new book, *An Occasional Damage of Roses*, in the fall.

Gary and Patricia (Harmony) Cox, both '67, of Blue River now live near the McKenzie River.

Russell and Jolae (Grabow) Reed '67 and '68 live in Salem. He retired in 2013 after serving 20 years with the U.S. Air Force.

Judith (Keck) Davenport '69 of Boise, Idaho, retired after 37 years at the Idaho Elks Rehab Hospital.

Phoebe (Barber) Roeder '69 of La Mesa, Calif., retired in August as coordinator of liberal studies at San Diego State University.

1970-79

Marlene (Button) Boltman '70 of Salem retired in June from the Salem-Keizer School District.

Daniel Koenig '70 of Creswell was reappointed to the Oregon Medical Examiners Advisory Board.

Warren Kerr '72 of Tacoma, Wash., is interim vice president for secondary education at the Washington Alliance for Theatre Education.

Jonathan Moore '73 of Laguna Beach, Calif., works with the Presbyterian Mission as a fund developer to increase new worship communities throughout the U.S.

Richard and Rachele (Martin) Hughes '75 and '76 live in Salem. Richard received a master's in management from Southern Oregon University in September.

Kathleen (Ogata) Guaderrama '76 of Lompoc, Calif., works for Towbes Construction Company.

John Ratto '76 and '78 of Portland worked 35 years as a Multnomah County District Attorney.

Steve Wilson '76 of Medford retired after 32 years with Ashland Insurance.

Legacy students eligible for scholarship

Children, grandchildren and siblings of Linfield alumni can benefit from a new scholarship program. The Linfield Legacy Award provides \$500 to any legacy student who enters the college starting with the Fall 2015 enrolling class. The award is renewable, and if the student has a sibling already enrolled, each receives \$1,000 per year. The award is automatically given to new students and their siblings based on information in admission applications.

"We are happy to honor students who have an existing affiliation with the Linfield community," said Dan Preston '83, vice president for enrollment management.

For more information call the Office of Financial Aid at 503-883-2225.

Robert Mack '79 of San Jose, Calif., is publisher of *Cycle California Magazine*, which has surpassed 100,000 readers.

1980-89

Carmil (White) Ritchey '80 of Gresham is insurance policy service supervisor with AAA of Oregon and Idaho. Prior to this position, she worked for 34 years with Farmers Insurance.

Diane (Halbhuber) Sollinger '80 of Eugene is senior account manager at Bennett Management Company.

Douglas Mabry '82 of Vancouver, Wash., is a system administrator at Western Seminary.

Ronald Wayman '83 of Oakdale, Calif., has been the regional vice president for International Commissions for 10 years.

Eric and Sabrina (Bergquist) Walters '83 and '84 of Beaverton co-authored the book, *Enticing Love: Real Hope for Real Relationships*. They also teach marriage counseling.

Vickie-Marie (Parker) Ward '85 of Ashland has been awarded lifetime status as a University of California Regents' Master Gardener with the Sacramento, Calif., Master Gardener Program. She has been a master gardener since 1995

and has also served for several years as an Oregon State Master Gardener in the Jackson County Master Gardener Program.

Marcy (Hamby) Towns '85 of West Lafayette, Ind., received the 2015 Outstanding Undergraduate Science Teaching Award from the Society for College Science Teachers, an affiliate of the National Science Teachers Association. She serves as the associate department head of Purdue University's Department of Chemistry.

Ginny (Earl) Casazza '87 of Reno, Nev., is president of the National Guardianship Association, an organization to advance the nationally recognized standard of excellence in guardianship.

Yolanda Vanveen '88 of Vancouver, Wash., is completing a master's in environmental law and policy at Burmount Law School.

1990-99

Kerri Comer '90 of Portland married Michael Ballenger Oct. 4.

Royce Embanks '92 of Madras was elected mayor of Madras. He is retired from Indian Health Service in Warm Springs.

Kay Shoemaker '92 of Eagle River, Alaska, just published *Exploring Ecology in Alaska*. She is



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a professor at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

T. Scott Miller '93 of Smithsburg, Md., has moved his law practice into the private sector and is focusing on education law.

Vicki (Hasch) Brace '94 of St. Petersburg, Fla., opened her own business, Designing Teachers.

Rita (Costner) Blaisdell '95 of Salem retired after over 39 years as director of budget and finance at Chemeketa Community College.

Jody Bogle VanDePol '95 of Clarksburg, Calif., and her husband had a daughter, Cassandra Jean, July 20, their second.

Daniel and Catherine (Lloyd) Dorn '94 and '96 live in Albany. Dan completed his MBA at Willamette University last summer.

Steven Nofziger '96 of Springfield was elected chair of the Board of Directors of Fish Emergency Services. He is an attorney at Garvey, Shurbert, Barer.

Ryan Kimball '98 of Ferndale, Wash., is a project manager for URS Corp.

Marsha (Cooper) Moore '99 of San Ramon, Calif., is deputy city clerk for the City of Concord.

Heather Stewart '99 of Sandy recently received her national certification for teaching.

Karen (Bretl) Tiegs '99 of Hillsboro and her husband, Peter, had a daughter, Josephine Elizabeth, Feb. 19, 2014, their second.

2000-09

Ryan Adams '00 of Woodinville, Wash., married Kirsten Kenyon July 12.

Kendra (Evans) Brito '00 of Princeton, N.J., and her husband, Felipe, had a son, William Christopher, Feb. 28, 2014, their second.

Amber (Loeffelbein) Fries '00 of Portland, and her husband, Greg, had a daughter, Gretta Capri, Nov. 6.

Audrea (Lepper) Neville '00 of Hillsboro is the principal of Paterson Middle School in Hillsboro.

Connie Nguyen-Truong '00 of Portland had twins, Liam and Mila, Feb. 20, 2014. She received the postdoctoral scholar award and the diversity and inclusion outstanding alumna award, both from Oregon Health and Science University.

James Busby '01 of West New York, N.J., received a ceramics degree from the University of Iowa.

Erin (Gaskill) Griffith '01 of Bothell, Wash., and her husband, James, had a daughter, Audrey Grace, Aug. 5, their second.

Marti Dinkelman '02 of Boise, Idaho, is the mathematics department chair at Boise High School.

Ali (Benson) Agpalsa '03 of Whitewater, Wis., had a daughter, Addison Mae Ka'iulani, Nov. 19.

Eric Beus '03 of Seattle, Wash., and his wife, Jennifer, had a son, Roman, Nov. 11, 2013.

Katy (Schopfer) Furusho '03 of Beaverton and her husband, Steven, had a daughter, Emily, Oct. 27.

Ryan Pate '03 of Las Vegas, Nev., married Chelsie Nobles April 12.

Megan Tier '03 of Seattle, Wash., married Brian Shay Aug. 17.

Birch and Julie (Putintsev) Barron '04 and '06 of Brownsville had a son, Amos Xavier, Sept. 7.

Whitney (MacDonald) Davis '04 of Tigard and her husband, Mike, had a daughter, Autumn, Sept. 9.

Michael Pace '04 of McMinnville and **Jason Olds '07** of McMinnville purchased Cornerstone Coffee Roasters in McMinnville.

Kevin Foreman '05 and **Sara Williams '04** of Seattle, Wash., had a daughter, Addison Quinn, Nov. 19, their first.

Carmen Nunez '05 of Newberg is a tax manager at Matthews and Associates CPAs PC. She

and her brother, **Pedro Nunez Dieguez '09**, were featured in the *Oregon Certified Public Accountant*, November/December 2014 issue.

Brett Elliott '05 of Harrisonburg, Va., is co-offensive coordinator and quarterback coach at James Madison University.

Ian Adams '07 of Pacifica, Calif., completed a Ph.D. in computer science from UC Santa Cruz and works for Seagate Technology.

Leah (Caine) Bannon '07 of Cheyenne, Wyo., works in the Emergency Department at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center.

Lindsey Bittner '07 of Oregon City is academic records specialist on the Linfield College Portland Campus.

Joshua Dodd '07 of La Center, Wash., completed a master's in health care supervising.

Mollie (Skov) Ortega '07 of

Stamford, Conn., completed a medical residency and is now a hospitalist with Peace Health.

Jake Creviston '08 of Portland earned the Breakthrough Leader of Nursing award sponsored by the Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action. He is a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner at the Amenda Clinic.

Veronica Blackwell '08 of Independence had a son, Luis Raphael, July 3.

Ruth (Cordell) Woodward '08 of Sisters completed a master's in speech pathology at Idaho State University.

Tyler Bryson '09 of New York, N.Y., is a Ph.D. candidate in mathematics.

Brenna (Krajecki) Cline '09 of Littleton, Colo., and her husband, Tyler, had a son, Turner David, July 25.

Melissa Depierro '09 of Denver, Colo., received a dual master's degree in international business and humanitarian arts.

Pedro Nunez Dieguez '09 of Portland is a senior accountant with McDonald Jacobs PC working with assurance services, primarily not-for-profit audits. He and his sister, **Carmen Nunez '05**, were featured in the *Oregon Certified Public Accountant*, November/December 2014 issue.

Christopher and Brittany (Miller) Towe, both '09, of Tacoma, Wash., had a son, Mason, May 3.

2010-14

Gregory Blakeman '10 of Susanville, Calif., and his wife, Sara, had a daughter, Alexis Marie, July 14.

Rachel Miles '10 of Beaverton married **Colin Bebee '10** Aug. 31 in North Plains.

Beth Satterwhite and **Erik Grimmstad**, both '10, of McMinnville opened Even Pull Farm, a CSA (community-supported agriculture).

Neelam Sims '10 of Encinitas, Calif., had a son, Romeer Alexander, Aug. 31.

Lauren (Anderson) Brown '11 of Bellevue, Wash., married Cody Brown Aug. 2.

Sharon Hagel '11 of Sherwood married **Jordan Drake '16** Oct. 25 at The Resort at the Mountain in Welches.

Lisa Schelske-Gardner '11 of Scio works for the Oregon National Guard.

Nichole Wood '11 of McMinnville completed a master's in curriculum instruction at Portland State University.

Linfield alumni produce Hatfield film



After five years of work by Linfield College alumni, a feature-length documentary film about Mark Hatfield made its television debut and will also be shown at Linfield.

The Gentleman of the Senate: Oregon's Mark Hatfield aired on Oregon Public Broadcasting in January and will show at Linfield College on Wednesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. in Ice Auditorium. A Q&A with the filmmakers and former Hatfield staff members will follow the Linfield showing.

One never knows where an idea may come from, as Kevin Curry '92 and Devon Lyon '97 learned one summer evening when the idea for a documentary film on Oregon statesman Mark Hatfield popped up in casual conversation among friends.

"We were talking about the broad impact a politician like Mark Hatfield has on the state through all of the people that worked for him," said Curry, an executive producer on the film. "I expressed my surprise that no one had done a documentary on Senator Hatfield. Be careful what you wonder about out loud, it could lead to an amazing, difficult and rewarding experience."

Focusing on Hatfield's years in the U.S. Senate, the film examines how his leadership approach served him well on the big issues of the day. The 55 interviews conducted for the film encompass a range of people including President Bill Clinton, former U.S. Senate colleagues Sen. Bob Packwood (R-OR) and the late Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-HI), as well as Oregon leaders and many former staff members who worked daily with Hatfield.

Linfield College's connection to the production is significant. In addition to alumni Curry and Lyon, executive producer Rick Dancer is the great-grandson of J.O. Maxwell, after whom Maxwell Field is named, and his parents, Roy and Betty Dancer, are alumni. Further, both Senator Hatfield and his wife, Antoinette, received honorary degrees from Linfield in 1971. His daughter, Elizabeth Hatfield-Keller, earned a degree in 1984.

A Lasting Legacy...

Homer '38 and Mary "Bette" Williams were longtime educators who lived rather modestly. Homer, a science teacher and coach, and Bette, a language arts teacher and reference librarian, established two endowed funds at Linfield through a generous gift from their estate: one that provides scholarships for students majoring in the natural sciences and a second that supports the library.

Although they passed away over five years ago, their care and concern for educating young people lives on.

If you'd like to have a confidential conversation about how you could have a similar impact at Linfield, contact Craig Haisch '95, director of philanthropic planning, at 503-883-2675 or chaisch@linfield.edu.



Logan Freitas '12 and Kailee Seto '12, both of Honolulu, Hawaii, were married June 28.

Sarah Wilder '12 of Sisters opened a new business, Healthy Healed You.

Danica Andresen '13 of Salem married Jahaziel Joel Galindo Aug. 2.

Justine Beaton '13 of Portland followed in the footsteps of her mother, Samantha Berger '88, and now works in the labor and delivery unit of Good Samaritan Hospital.

Stephanie Mulligan '13 of Portland directed the world premiere of the play *The Seven Wonders of Ballyknock* at the Lakewood Theatre in Lake Oswego.

Katelyn Tamashiro '13 of Ewa Beach, Hawaii, is working on a master's in education and teaching at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Emily Zegar '13 is pursuing a master's in business wine degree at the University of Adelaide in Adelaide, Australia.

In memoriam

Elsie (Kurnick) Warren '42 of Klamath Falls, Oct. 18.

Charles Rowell '43 of Napa, Calif., Jan. 4.

Betty (Rittenhouse) Bidgood Weldon '45 of Vancouver, Wash., Nov. 26.

Lois (Lessard) LeCocq '47 of Merced, Calif., Jan. 16.

Elam Anderson '47 of McMinnville, Dec. 29. Survivors include son David Anderson '97.

Earl Loewen '49 of Ocean Park, Wash., Oct. 8.

Connie (Coupe) Robison '50 of Seattle, Wash., Jan. 27.

Bernice (Chase) Noll '51 of Eugene, Nov. 26. Survivors include husband Paul '93, son Landon '83 and granddaughter Jessica '06.

Harold Lapp '52 of Beaverton, Nov. 26.

Robert Utter '52 of Olympia, Wash., Oct. 15. Survivors include wife Elizabeth (Stevenson) '53.

Helen (Swanson) Lapp '54 of

Beaverton, Nov. 27.

Walter Garrison '56 of Powell Butte, Dec. 5.

Fred Schacher '57 of Portland, Jan. 19. Survivors include son Michael '89.

John Jenkins '57 of Tillamook, Dec. 18. Survivors include daughter Elizabeth '78.

Jerry Laners '58 of Seattle, Wash., Nov. 12.

Lewis Littlejohn '59 of Keizer, Dec. 29. Survivors include brother Douglas '64 and great-nephew Derek '14.

Donald Wendt '60 of Woodland, Wash., Jan. 24.

Larry Richter '64 of Castle Rock, Wash., Jan. 14. Survivors include wife Alice (Park) '64.

Marva (Gardner) Thornley '64 of Oregon City, Dec. 4. Survivors include husband Marvin '63.

Michael Rigik '67 of Forest Grove, May 20. Survivors include wife Charleth (Fairchild) '63.

Vivian Linderth '70 of McMinnville, Dec. 9.

Charles Johnson '72 of Salem,

Sept. 26. Survivors include wife Ann (Crandall) '74, daughter Amelia '11 and sister Kristine (Johnson) Swan '71.

Steven Berg '88 of Gladstone, Oct. 13. Survivors include father Roald '62.

Mark Garvey '89 of Keizer, Feb. 3. Survivors include his wife, Debra (Beko) '90, sisters Lisa '86 and Laura (Garvey) Morgan '86, and nephew Ryan Morgan '17.

Paula Meyer '10 of Sherwood, April 22.

Oliver Schaus '13 of Portland, Oct. 31.

Friends and family

Delford Smith, Nov. 7. He was a trustee emeritus and avid supporter of Linfield athletics.

Gail Ward, Nov. 30. Gail worked as a gift processor at Linfield for 15 years.