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## 1930-39

**Margaret (Lever) Dement '34** of Madras was featured in a Feb. 5 article in the *Madras Pioneer*, "Margaret Dement reflects on more than a century." The story detailed the life of Margaret, who is 103 and enjoys reading, playing the piano and baking for herself and friends. Her father, Henry Lever, was a professor and coached football, basketball and track at Linfield.

## 1960-69

**George Lawson '60** of Lopez Island, Wash., organized the 50th anniversary at the Andover Newton Theological School class of 1965 in Boston, Mass.

**Shirley (Bowers) Tighe '60** and '75 of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., published the ninth edition of her textbook *Instrumentation for the Op-*

*erating Room, A Photographic Manual.*

**Rolf and Clare (Johnson) Gilbertson '60** and '62 of Sioux Falls, S.D., will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary in August.

**David Dodson '62** of Santa Cruz, Calif., chairs a group of representatives from churches and nonprofit service organizations that is working with the city to become a City of Compassion and a member of the international network of Communities of Compassion.

**Carolyn (Day) McCloskey '62** of McMinnville is involved in acting and directing at Gallery Theatre and serves on the board.

**Ron "Corky" Cortese '64** of Fairfield, Calif., was inducted into the Armijo High School Hall of Fame in May. He taught sophomore English and P.E., was the wrestling coach and the 1980 California Athletic Director of the Year.

**Art Larrance '66** of Portland was included in a *Wall Street Journal*

article, "Why West Coast Recyclers Think Sewage Water Might Make Good Beer," March 11, 2015.

**Kathryn Weymouth '66** of Portland is conducting interviews for a second book on alternative health care to ease end of life.

**Karen (Gasivoda) Finney '67** of San Mateo, Calif., is a duplicate bridge player who has won several tournaments.

**John Hart '68** of Cooke, British Columbia, Canada, published *There Will Be Killing: A Novel of War and Murder*. He co-wrote the novel, a trade paperback also available as an e-book, with writer Olivia Rupprecht. <http://bit.ly/1CY3NI8>

**Lyndel Meikle '68** of Deer Lodge, Mont., is in her 25th year teaching blacksmithing to ninth graders.

**Neal Brown '69** of Tigard is leading a community effort to build a YMCA community center in downtown Tigard.

## 1970-79

**Julia (Long) Fisher '70** of El Dorado Hills, Calif., is president of the El Dorado County friends of the library, a fundraising organization.

**Jean Caspers '71** of McMinnville retired last year after working as a reference and instruction librarian at Linfield for 14 years.

**John Elving '71** of Piedmont, S.D., was named president of the nine-state Rocky Mountain District of the Barbershop Harmony Society, a two-year term. He is finishing a four-year term as president of the Public Relations Officers and Bulletin Editor (PROBE) for the Barbershop Harmony Society.

**Judy (Bowerly) Luse '72** of Redmond retired after 42 years of dental hygiene to go on mission trips, travel, hike and snow ski. She and her husband, Walt, are facilitators of "The Truth Project" through Focus on the Family.



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– Andrea Montebianco '18

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## Olsen named Oregon High School Principal of the Year



Kris Olsen '83, principal of McMinnville High School, was named Oregon High School Principal of the Year, joining a list of Linfield alumni who are considered some of the best educators.

Olsen was honored for his leadership and for the role he has played in the major improvements made in the district over the past dozen years. Modestly, Olsen credits the teachers around him for the success.

"Many individuals have played a significant role in the development of our school programs and offerings," he said. "It has very little to do with me and a whole lot to do with the teacher-leaders that have made it happen."

As a Linfield education major, Olsen said he learned the importance of history and tradition and implements those lessons in his current role.

"Linfield prepares us all well," he said. "I learned the importance of knowing who came before you and that the traditions have important meaning to the community. Reinforcing that allegiance to the institution is very powerful."

After graduating from Linfield, Olsen earned a doctorate from Oregon State University. He taught middle school and coached in Amity and Woodburn, then served as an assistant principal at Central High School

in Independence. He joined the McMinnville district in 1994 as middle school principal, serving a four-year stint as principal at South Salem High School before returning to McMinnville as principal in 2003.

Under Olsen's leadership, McMinnville High School is thriving. Not only does it boast one of the top graduation rates in the state, the school offers a comprehensive list of electives; its English Language Learners exceed state averages in achievement; and it provides programs in STEM, career pathways and dual credit. In fact, the dual credit program has been number one in the state in total number of college credits earned by graduating seniors, Olsen said.

"The dual credit program is such an economic benefit for students and their families," he added. "Many of our students are entering college with sophomore and junior standing. I'm proud of that."

Olsen joins a list of Linfield educators who have been recognized for their dedication to teaching. Last fall, Michael Lindblad '94 was named Oregon Teacher of the Year; Nathaniel Wight '99 received the Presidential Innovation Award for Environmental Educators; and Tim Love '07 was named Oregon Social Studies Teacher of the Year. In 2011, Cathy Carnahan '73 was named state and national middle school principal of the year.

Marianne Mills '72 of McMinnville was inducted into the Oregon Athletic Directors Hall of Fame.

Raymond and Patricia (Finley) Johnson, both '74, live in Eugene where Raymond just celebrated the 10th anniversary of founding his own company.

Alitash Kebede '75 of North Hollywood, Calif., had a traveling art collection that visited 10 museums across the country.

Paul Pick '77 of Gresham has served 31 years in public education and eight years as a professor at Concordia University.

Timothy Ledbetter '78 of Richland, Wash., was promoted to chaplain supervisor and educator.

Janine Sarti '78 of Poway, Calif., an attorney at Palomar Pomerado Health System, was rated "AV preeminent," the highest rating of professional excellence earned in law through a peer review process.

### 1980-89

Jan (Miyahira) Wahl '80 of Normal, Ill., is retiring in June and moving to Hawaii.

Cindy (Macho) Johnson '81 of Los Angeles, Calif., will become president of the Southwestern Law School Alumni Association.

Judith (Silbernagel) Boni '82 of Scio retired and returned to Oregon.

Rob Saxton '82 of Sherwood, Oregon state school superintendent, will become interim superintendent of Northwest Regional Education Service District, effective June 30.

Julie Jones '85 of Walla Walla, Wash., is well known as a motivational speaker through her own company Julie Anne Jones.

Dan McLaughlin '85 of Honolulu, Hawaii, teaches English at Roosevelt High School and recently released an album of original songs

on iTunes, *Shadow Box* by Mr. Mac. mrmac808.com

Lynda (Lybeck) Robinson '86 of Unalaska, Alaska, published her second book for piano solos, *Awesome Adventures for Tweens*.

Tammy (Fishel) Berks '87 of Portland is a volunteer for FACES, Foundation for the Advancement of Cleft Education and Services.

Timothy Eakins '87 of Hilo, Hawaii, is retired.

Catherine Gambee '87 of Hillsboro is a dermatology nurse.

Christopher Turner '89 of Fredericksburg, Texas, was the defensive coordinator for a six-man football team that won the state championship last fall.

### 1990-99

Hillary (Atkinson) Harm '92 moved to McMinnville from Omaha, Neb., for her husband's job.

Sarah (Lowrey) Razee '93 of Honolulu, Hawaii, received the 2014 Patricia Behring Hawaii State National History Day, Teacher of the Year Award.

Victoria (Montrose) Olson '94 of Tumwater, Wash., started her own business, VTM assist, and also works at South Puget Sound Community College.

Douglas Thomas '95 of Canby retired from the military, received his master's from the University of Phoenix and is currently a teacher.

Wendy Kincade '96 of Corvallis received her master's degree in conflict/dispute resolution from the University of Oregon.

Nissa (Cockrell) Roberts '96 of Gearhart spoke to the Linfield Class of 2015 representing the Alumni Leadership Council.

JoAnne (Hackney) O'Keefe '96 and '00 of Hillsboro is associate manager of the Medical Procedure Unit at Kaiser.

**Nathaniel Biehl '97** of Kennewick, Wash., was named the 2015 VP of Business Practices for Washington Realtors.

**Brian Hodson '97** of Canby works at Aspire Mortgage Group, assisting clients with mortgage and financial needs.

**Bryce Blanchard '98** of South Jordan, Utah, was recently appointed president of the Utah Jazz 100 Club.

**Holly Duckworth '98** of Denver, Colo., published her first book, *Ctrl+Alt+Believe: Reboot Your Association for Success*. It is available on Amazon.

**Kelli Hunter '99** of Florham, N.J., and her husband, Jason Campbell, had a son, Hunter Allan Campbell, May 10.

**Rachel Negra '99** of Newberg is an attorney with Negra Bankruptcy Law.

**Carol Opheikens '99** of Portland is a nurse practitioner.

## 2000-09

**Brian Gustafson '00** of San Francisco, Calif., and his wife, Liza Vakhroucheva, had a son, Alexander Magnus, April 12.

**Donna Halpin '00** moved to Bozeman, Mont., to be close to family.

**Lotus Hartley '00** of Portland received a gold achievement rank with her company doTERRA Essential Oils.

**Emily (Massey) Leach '00** of Portland and her husband, Sam, had a daughter, Beatrice Louise, Jan. 21.

**Kelly Schultz '00** of Portland and her husband, Michael Schultz, had a son, Oliver Hobbs, their second.

**Annika Alin '01** of McMinnville and her husband, Michael Schilling, had a son, Alex, Sept. 4.

**Laura (Worzniak) Small '02** of Tigard and her husband, Jon, had a second child, Grace, Jan. 17.

**Brett Booher '05** of Portland and wife, Kirsten, had a son, Benjamin, Aug. 4, 2013.

**Jessica Denison '05** of Sherwood had twins, Zak and Zoie, May 28, 2014.

**Thomas Paterson '05** of McMinnville and his wife, Chelsea,

had a daughter, Avery, Nov. 14.

**Jon and Jennifer (Wheeler) Wilson, '05 and '04** live in Portland. Jon is the chief financial officer for Radisys.

**Sarah Mead '06** of Gresham married Jeff Sperley Aug. 23 in Happy Valley. She works with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Sara Peters '06** of Portland received a Ph.D. in communications from the University of Missouri.

**Andrew Baldwin '07** married **Kate Lee '08** Aug. 8 at Vista Hills Vineyard. Their wedding was featured in two magazines including *Oregon Bride* spring/summer 2015 and *Portland Bride & Groom* winter/spring 2015, along with Style Me Pretty wedding blog. They live in Portland, where Andrew is team leader at Friends of the Children and Kate is program manager at I Have a Dream, Oregon.

**Riley Bernard '07** of Seymour, Tenn., earned a Ph.D. in ecology and evolutionary biology from the University of Tennessee.

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

**Ryan Hickle '07** of Portland is attending Penn State World Campus.

**David Sho Ly '07** of Seattle, Wash., began a judicial clerkship with the Honorable John Chun at King County Superior Court.

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**Jake Creviston '08** of Portland, Linfield assistant professor of nursing, earned the Breakthrough Leader of Nursing award sponsored by the Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action, one of only 10 winners chosen nationwide. He received a doctor of nurse practice at Oregon Health & Science University June 5.

**Michelle Gibson '08** of Las Vegas, Nev., is completing a master's for nurse practitioner at Walden University.

**Carolyn Radcliffe '08** of McMinnville works at Joan Austin Elementary School in Newberg.

**Odysseus Ramsay '08** and **Cathy Dong '10** were married and live in Hillsboro.

**Marie Rode '08** of Beaverton graduated from Oregon Health and Science University in Decem-

ber and is working in the labor and delivery department at Legacy Health Good Samaritan.

**Taylor Summers '08** of Bemidji, Minn., is assistant football coach at the University of Minnesota.

**Linda Anzalone '09** of Portland is a women's health practitioner.

**Kendall Moriarty '09** of Salt Lake City, Utah, is attending law school at the University of Utah.

**April (Lewis) Warmbier '09** of Moscow, Idaho, and her husband, Paul, had a son, Simon, March 26.

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## 2010-14

**Ryan D'ambrosio '10** of Los Angeles, Calif., received his law degree from Loyola Law School and passed the bar in November.

**Michael and Heather (Burk) Nelson '10 and '09** live in Albany where Michael is the accounting analyst at Mars Veterinary.

**Sarah Wendt '10** of Billings, Mont., will attend graduate school at Colorado State University.

**Sharon (Hagel) Drake '11** of Sherwood is an accounting analyst for DPI Specialty Foods, Inc.

**Hollie (Lemerande) Jurkowski '11** of Bandon had a daughter, Elizabeth, Nov. 26.

**Brannon Smith '11** of Glide is health and physical education teacher at Glide High School.

**Kurtis Williams '11** of Beaverton is a manager at Pacific Office Automation.

**Joseph Youren '11** of Lincoln City participated in a medical mission in Haiti with Humanitize Expeditions.

**Nora Casey '12** of San Francisco, Calif., is completing a master's degree in library science at Simmons College.

**Robin Cavaco '12** of Honolulu, Hawaii, is attending graduate school.

**Kit Crane '12** of McMinnville is specification manager of Cellar Ridge Construction in McMinnville.

**Justin Derby '12** of Eugene self-published *Another Inconvenient Truth* on Amazon.

**Alexander Fitch '12** of Redmond married Erica Brabek Feb.

28 in Lake Oswego.

**Rosa Gimson '12** of Seattle will begin a master's program in the fall in public administration at the University of Washington.

**Lydia Smith '12** of Bellingham, Wash., received her CPA license in November.

**Ronald Snively '12** of Dallas will move to Anchorage, Alaska, this summer to work as a life skill special education teacher in the Anchorage School District.

**Amanda Summers '12** of Albuquerque, N.M., received a degree in sign language interpreting from the University of New Mexico in May.

**Thomas Balcom '13** of Dallas was married in August.

**Amanda Hiland '13** of Sherwood is pursuing a graduate degree in special education at Portland State University.

**Colin Morris '13** of Issaquah, Wash., completed an acting apprenticeship.

**Stephanie Mulligan '13** of Portland taught stage management at Linfield.

**Jody Petersen '13** of Woodland, Wash., is working as a nurse and a police officer.

**Kyle Bowling '14** of Boise, Idaho, received his Spanish medical interpreter certification in December.

**Brittany Byrd '14** of St. Helens is working in the orthopedic clinic at Emanuel Hospital.

**Debora Diamond-Burt '14** of Vancouver, Wash., was promoted to credit manager controlling accounts receivable at Schnitzer Steel.

**Andrew Gladhill '14** married **Francesca Walpole '15** in December.

**Morgan Lushenko '14** of Newberg will pursue a degree in physical therapy at George Fox University this fall.

**Max Milander '14** of Medford released an article on *Outsports.com* about being a gay play-by-play sports broadcaster.

**Nicholas Parkes-Perret '14** of Portland is a nurse at Oregon Health and Science University.

**Caitlin Conlon '14** and **Joshua Repp '14** were married June 28, 2014.

**Zach Davis '14** of New York,

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who attends the Mannes College of Music, returned to Oregon for the world premiere of his composition, *Symphonic Prelude*, performed by the Salem Youth Symphony May 3.

**Britni Tidrick '14** of Portland is a nurse at Adventist Medical Center.

**Clayton Truex '14** of Kirkland, Wash., is playing baseball professionally for the Oregon City Mud Turtles.

**Amanda (Smith) Wallace '14** of Beaverton is a labor and delivery nurse at Kaiser Permanente.

## In memoriam

**Martha (Archibald) Bronson '42** of Junction City, March 10.

**Richard Mudrow '42** of Lebanon, April 18.

**Theodore Scott '42** of Eugene, May 14. Survivors include son **Steven '74** and granddaughter **Brittany Scott '06**.

**Betty (Sexton) Engle '43** of McMinnville, May 3. Survivors include daughter **Meri (Engle) Roberts '77**.

**Wilma (Wagner) Therkelsen '42** of Wenatchee, Wash., Feb. 25.

**Catherine (Anderson) Jernstedt '43** of McMinnville, Feb. 27.

**Margaret (Fiss) Wilde '47** of Vancouver, Wash., April 23.

**Patricia (Walker) Harms '48** of Springfield, April 18.

**Dorothy (Taus) Cereghino '49** and **'71** of Pendleton, April 16.

**Stephen James Harvey, Jr. '50** of Longview, Wash., April 5.

Survivors include cousin **Margery (Jordan) Pease '47**.

**William Iron '50** of Tigard, May 12.

**Elmer "Budd" Reschke '50** of Kelso, Wash., April 8.

**Betty (Lowrey) Hamilton '51** of Milwaukie, March 25. Survivors include daughter **Mary (Hamilton) Dong '88**.

**Richard Chatterton '52** of Newport, Dec. 14.

**Richard Chamberlin '52** and **'61** of Maupin, Feb. 28.

**Ralph Schapler '52** of Everett, Wash., Feb. 8. Survivors include wife **Shirley (Quilliam) '53**.

**Charlotte Filer '54** of McMinnville, March 24. She was a journalism professor, director of the college's news bureau and *Linfield Bulletin* editor.

**Dwane Kern '54** of Nampa, Idaho, April 3.

**Vlasta (Miller) Armstrong '55** of Shasta Lake, Calif., Dec. 2.

**Ronald Workman '57** of Bremerton, Wash., Aug. 18.

**Bob Collins '57** of McMinnville, Feb. 24.

**James Gardiner '58** of Salinas, Calif., Feb. 12. Survivors include sister **June '63** and brother **John '65**.

**Robert McCorkle '60** of Eugene, April 23.

**Robert Scollick '60** of Surprise, Ariz., Feb. 13. Survivors include wife **Barbara (Pickering) '59**.

**Waldemar De Ben '61** of Newport, Feb. 12.

**Dorothy (Chance) Worrall '63** of Forest Grove, March 22.

Survivors include daughter-in-law **Tamsel Tack '75**.

**Judith (Holcombe) Eccles '64** of Olympia, Wash., May 27.

**Martin Myhre '65** of Port Orford, Dec. 26. Survivors include wife **Carol (Quinn) '70**.

**Keith Shriver '70** of Salem, Jan. 27.

**Eric Lindberg '73** of Lynnwood, Wash., Feb. 9.

**Carole (Newland) Whitehead '79** of Dundee, Feb. 5.

**Jon Yeakey '92** of Redmond, Feb. 11. Survivors include sister

**Kristine (Yeakey) Graf '89**.

## Friends and family

**Henrietta Cox** of McMinnville, former Linfield employee, Feb. 18.

**Donald Schnitzler** of Pueblo, Colo., former lab coordinator who taught in the physics department, May 23. Survivors include wife **Aileen '96**.

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