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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, have 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-Su 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.


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...

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Ryan Henderson ’11 tackles tough challenges on and off the football field through hard work and perseverance. This spring he faces one of the toughest yet. State budget cuts will reduce his Oregon Opportunity Grant by $120, a cut that could put a Linfield education out of reach for him and 303 other grant recipients.

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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, 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 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.”

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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 Wiegan ’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 Figard 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-
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.

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, Lihana Aili Kaelyn, from Huazhou, China, Sept. 14, their second child.

K.C. and Trystine (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 Cum- ming, 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.


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.
Laura (Worznia) 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 (Snavely) 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 (Borrolf) 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 ReadyDone, a Seattle-based talent agency that specializes in design, web development, business and consulting services. He also is a designer at the Internet media company Entertainment and a developer and project manager at SkullSquad.

Casey Kushiyama '05 of Hillsboro is the interim Linfield College women’s basketball coach.

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

Mindy Smith '06 of Rochester, Minn., married Chris Fjose 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 Meridith 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.freedomiran.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.


Seth Maine '37 of McMinnville, Dec. 6.


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.


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.


Louis Randall '44 of Bonanza, Oct. 29. Survivors include
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wife Marien (Elftrom) ’45, and daughters Judith (Randall) Fasholtz ’69 and Susan (Randall) Kirby ’71.

Arthur Patton ’40 of Tacoma, Wash., June 27.


James Scudder ’48 of Troutdale, Nov. 16.

Clyde Cooper ’51 of Bremerton, Wash., Jan. 22.

Bob Harrison ’51 of Tuc- son, Ariz., Dec. 3.

Helen “Joy” (VanSanten) Gilmer ’50 of Salem, Oct. 21.

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


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.


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

Michael Hafner ’60 of Corvallis, Nov. 27.


Frederick Larson ’67 of Indio, Calif., Oct. 1.

Dan Burdett ’67 of Redmond, Dec. 4.

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


James Banks ’72 of Sacramento, Calif., Nov. 12.

Claire (Fischer) Hodgund ’80 of Eugene, Jan. 4.

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

Avis (Chappell) Grimm ’80 of Salem, Dec. 9.

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

Michael LaFayette ’86 of Spokane, Wash., Sept. 29.

Theodore Wells ’84 of Anchorage, Alaska, July 14.

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


Merrill Young ’87 of Albany, Dec. 6.

Mildred Holly ’94 of Eugene, Nov. 19.

Deena Martinsen ’00 of Longview, Wash., Aug. 16.

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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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