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1930-49

Roger and Anne (McDoug-
gald) Paquette ’37 and ’38 of Bend celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 9. They live with their daughter, Terry Paquette ’60, who teaches kindergarten at the Waldorf School of Bend.

Bruce and Ruth (Barnett) Stewart ’41 and ’42 of McMinnville celebrated their 60th anniversary with family and friends at a reception at Linfield in August.

1950-59

Eline (Ongena) Edstrom ’51 of Houston, Texas, is retired and works with professional and semi-professional theater as an actor, director and playwright.

Gilda (Hofener) Taylor GSH ’56 and ’77, a Tibetan Buddhist nun and retired nurse, is the leader of Portland Sakyi Centre, 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, teacher and poet. Recent work includes a series of essays on the Korean War and post. Recent work includes a free series of conversations about fear and suffering.

1960-69

Pete Dengenis ’64 of Portland founded Doc Dengenis Consulting, specializing in bargaining training and strategy. He is the author of Bargaining Es-

George Oller ’83 of Dallas, Texas, is senior vice president of the North Coast Youth Correctional Facility in Warrenton, a 50-bed prerelease correctional facility that offers treatment to males with substance abuse issues.

Stephanie Dowell ’07 of Coeburn is a marketing and promotions graduate assistant with the University of Tennessee and Alpern Media, focusing on audio recording, podcasting and web production.

1970-79

Hugh Branch ’73 of Indiana, Calif., is senior director of security consulting at PwC Corporation, which specializes in brand protection, loss preven-
tion, management and technology security consulting services.

Colleen (Lloyd) Jackson ’73 of McMinnville, 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 orga-
nization by Andy and Cheri (Ramos) Van Pelt, ’81 and ’82 of McMinnville.

Sarah (Withers) Walton ’74 of Vanua, Alaska, is a licensed professional counselor in private practice and a member of the Board for the Mat-Su Borough School District.

Bob Williams ’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 for 23 years.

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

Joan Friesen ’80 has been elected to serve as the next executive director of professional and worship activities of the American Baptist Churches of Greater Indianapolis.

Lee Irabuzubiaga ’82 of Tiro-
ledo, Ohio, is artistic director of the Toledo Repertory Theatre and director of congregational relations at Habitat for Human-

y 1980-89

Beaverton married Chris Sawyer ’04 of Filer, Idaho, and his wife had a dau-
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Kristine Oller ’93, Alumni Service Award

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### Hillary Stricker ’05

Hillery Stricker ’05 of Milwaukee, Wis., earned a degree in dermatology from the Medical College of Wisconsin in May. Crystal Wilson ’05 of Seattle earned a degree in physical therapy from Pacific University and works for a small pediatric practice in Portland. Jessica (Lewis) Caporal ’06 of Malibu, Calif., is a registered nurse and pursuing a family nurse practitioner degree at Western Oregon College in Siletz.

### Stephanie Dawid ’07

of Coos Bay is a marketing and promotions graduate assistant with the University of Tennessee.
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 Middle Mountain SnoPark area, back row from left: Amran Robertson ’04, Stephen Teater ’04, Ben Foster ’05, Demos Pascualini ’05, Oliver Cigler ’06, Elizabeth Gratan Teater, Nancy Alexander, Seth Prickett ’03, Josh Johnson ’04, Kyle Lyle ’07 and Melissa Baca ’03; front row from left: Zach Floyd, Molly Johnson ’04, Jared Staber ’04 and Melissa Schmeir ’04.

Aleta Robinson, who became a strong role model for Castillo, is a nursing major from North Bend who one day hopes to “be the one to give back the way many Linfield alumni and the Metropolitan Chamber members have. It inspires me to do the same one day.”

Castillo’s leadership and service have drawn recognition. Among the current recipients, including Tomi Lesh ’10, a nursing major from North Bend who one day hopes to get her nurse practitioner license.

As a first-generation college student, it was difficult for me to guide my way to college,” Lesh says. “I hope to give back the way many Linfield alumni and the Metropolitan Chamber members have. It inspires me to do the same one day.”

Castillo has seen firsthand the importance of partnering with institutions to support Latino students. “Education is the avenue for economic opportunity for every citizen of the U.S.,” she says. “Our whole idea is to support the Latino community — students and small Latino businesses. The ethic here is to give back and be supportive for others coming behind us.”

Castillo’s leadership and service have drawn regional and national kudos. Her latest was in January, when she was selected as one of 22 Latinos in the U.S. to participate in the National Hispanic Leadership Institute.

— Beth Rogers Thompson