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Julia (Blanchard) Smith ’39 of Oakland, Calif., lives in St. Paul’s Tower, a retirement community.

Irvin G. Voeth ’41 of Portland celebrated his 90th birthday with family and friends.

Leander Keck ’49 of Bethany, Conn., married Anne Taylor Dec. 10.

1950-59

Viola (Washburn) Allan ’53 of Anchorage, Calif., recently retired Rite Aid Co. (on the Rock), a history of the Christian church in the Congo through 1960. She did not translate the book from Kikongo into French as published in the last more of Linfield’s intriguing.

George Polley ’57 of Sup- poros, Japan, had two books published in April, Ghostfish Stories, stories about a grand- father’s many encounters and adventures with The Old Man and The Monkey, a story about the friendship between a snow monkey and an elderly monk.

For more information go to www.georgepolley.com

1960-69

Frank Brongher ’62 of Seattle recently retired as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Glimsford, Calif.

Richard E. Wetnall ’64 of Salem received an honorary degree from Corban College for his work as a community leader. He also delivered the commencement address.

John D. Brown ’96 of Portland is a partner in Bridge Emmy Awards for high-quality film, was invited to march in the 34th Annual Pacific Southwest Emmy Awards for high-definition helicopter footage he shot for KISN.

Monique (Pavlicek) Clouser ’94 of Portland is the director of services for Student Health Services at Portland State University.

Ashley (Wilson) Cooley ’96 of Portland is the director of services for Student Health Services at Portland State University.

Brian Young ’99 of Roseburg has been named Oregon Foreign War Teacher of the Year. He teaches history at Roseburg High School.

Rob Rasmussen ’99 of Los An- geles, Calif., will join the Society of Fellows at the University of Michigan as a postdoctoral fellow. He received his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Matthew Arbogast ’99 of Portland and his wife, Nicole Marie, March 13.

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David Lum ’84 could have sold timber cleared for his new car dealership in Warrenton for several thousand dollars. Instead, he donated the 12 spruce trees to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife to help restore habitat for coldwater fish. The trees are at Ashland Creek, a tributary of the Ncecuram River.

“In the old days they used to clean up fallen trees from streams,” Lum said, “but they found the salmon couldn’t hatch. It was not environmental- ly friendly. So they’ve got to put trees back in and make places where they can lay eggs without them washing away.”

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of the East Oregonian newspaper.

James Bohen, his great-grandson, Landon of Pleasanton, Calif., has a detailed perspective on his work as a business and community leader. He recently retired as pastor of Riverbank, Calif., is the new executive director of the Hous-
**Twilight mania**

Monica Henry ‘01 has been a Twilight fanatic since she was a young child. Her love for the series started when she was a child and has only grown stronger over the years. She often finds herself lost in the world of Forks and the Cullens, and her passion for the series is evident in her daily life.

Twilight mania has transcended beyond the pages of the books and into the real world. Monica is not alone in her love for the series, with many fans across the globe sharing her enthusiasm.

**Forks native finds herself surrounded by Twilight mania**

Monica Henry ‘01 of McMinnville, Mont., is the author of Twilight the Book.htm. She was born and raised in Forks, Washington, and her love for the series started at a young age. Monica attended Forks High School and has been a dedicated fan of the series since its publication.

Monica's passion for Twilight is not limited to reading the books. She has also been actively involved in the Twilight community, attending conventions and participating in fan discussions online.

Monica’s dedication to Twilight is evident in her latest project, Twilight the Book.htm. This website is a comprehensive resource for Twilight fans, providing information on the series, movie adaptations, and the Forks community.

Monica is not only a fan of Twilight but also a writer. She has been featured in various publications, sharing her thoughts and experiences with other Twilight fans.

Monica’s story is just one of many that highlight the impact of Twilight on fans around the world. The series has created a unique community that brings together individuals who share a common love for the characters and the world they inhabit.

-- Beth Rogers-Thompson
Twilight mania has descended on Forks, Wash., and nearby La Push, home to the Quileute tribe. Monica Henry ‘01 says the teen-meets-vampire stories have brought a warm economic infusion to tourism in her hometown. Henry visited Linfield recently and gave a talk on “The Adventures of a Liberal Arts Graduate.” After receiving a B.A. in political science and communication arts, she served in the Peace Corps in Nepal. In 2006 she graduated from the United Nations-managed University for Peace in Costa Rica, with a master’s in public health from the Oregon Health and Science University in July. She will attend the University of Washington School of Medicine this fall.

Henry admits she has not read any of the four-book “Twilight” series. “People have been so crazily obsessed by them that I’ve avoided them,” she said, adding, “I didn’t see the movie. My mom doesn’t drive at night, so she made me take her. She’s a fan.

“I’m sure that I’ll eventually read the books, but it will be after all of the hoopla dies down a bit,” Henry said, adding that she had the same attitude initially toward the Harry Potter series.

Among the Twilight myths she would like to dispel is that of the werewolves. The Quileutes do have a creation legend that says the tribe descended from wolves, but not the full-moon-crazed variety.

Henry said she thinks Stephenie Meyer did a good job of portraying the setting, which the author chose for its pervasive cloud cover and rainfall. But, the movie was not filmed in Forks. Scenes from “Forks High School,” where Bella meets Edward, were shot in Oregon. Henry also said the actor who plays Jacob is not Native American and doesn’t look Quileute at all. But, she said, “The company working on the new ‘Twilight’ film has consulted with the tribe on several occasions concerning traditions, language and lifestyle, and they have also requested permission to use Quileute artifacts, artwork, etc., and that is much appreciated.”

For those who’ve been bitten by “Twilight mania,” Henry recommends these Web sites:
www.afterthebite.com
www.fantrips.travel/twilightfantrips
www.forkswka.com/HomeofTwilighttheBook.htm

–Beth Rogers Thompson
Linfield welcomes new alumni

Alumni Profile

Tenacity key to success

Michelle Johnston-Holthaus ’93

Just reading the résumé of Michelle Johnston-Holthaus ’93 is intimidating. All those abbreviations and technical terms: CPD, channel strategy, OEM, RPG,… It is clear even to the uninitiated, however: she has had great success and responsibility at Intel Corp., the world’s largest computer-chip maker.

Johnston-Holthaus joined Intel in 1996 as a program manager in Hillsboro. Since then, she has held a number of other positions, including product marketing engineer in the Outsource Equipment Manufacturing platform solutions division and product line manager for desktop boards. As general manager of the Reseller Product Group, she led the boxed desktop and server business to record sales in 2004.

Since January, Johnston-Holthaus has been general manager of the Channel Platforms and Strategy Division. “My group takes Intel hard-ware, boxes it in a retail package and distributes it globally,” she explained. “The ‘channel’ refers to computer builders that sell to smaller retailers. “We talk with power supply vendors, motherboard vendors and others to make sure the right products are available when a new Intel product is launched,” Johnston-Holthaus said. “My job is to make sure products are ready and relevant for customers.”

Modestly brushing aside comments about her meteoric rise, she said, “I’ve been lucky” and, “At Intel our titles change a lot and don’t necessarily mean promotions.”

But seriously: “I work really hard,” she said. “I’m willing to dig in, maybe take the extra step I’ve spent a lot of time trying to understand—my business partners and their needs, and customer satisfaction is one of the highest rated items for me. I hold myself totally accountable. If I commit, I deliver.”

Among her proudest accomplishments was receiving an Intel Achievement Award for managing a program to take back or replace a faulty chip. “It’s the best award at Intel. Less than 1 percent of employees win it each year; it’s based on getting something extraordinary done, so it’s a big deal.”

Last year, Fast Company magazine named Johnston-Holthaus one of the 50 most powerful women in the channel. “I would have preferred ‘influential’ or something,” she said. “The client I represent is huge in the channel, so I can see why they might use the word ‘powerful.’”

The Dundee native had planned to attend college farther from home. She changed her mind a few days before school started. “Maybe it just felt like home,” she said, insisting she got no pressure from her parents, Ron Johnston ’68 and Kathryn (DeVore) Johnston ’69. Twins followed their sister to Linfield—Marquilyn Shields ’98 and Nicole Johnston ’98.

Johnston-Holthaus said her career in technical marketing is unrelated to her finance major. Still, Linfield prepared her for this role, she said. “I never had a guidance counselor who serves on Linfield’s Business Advisory Council, noted there are many successful Linfield alumni at Intel.”

“We have good problem-solving skills,” she said. “Maybe better social skills. Linfield’s interactive classes and group projects teach you how to work with peers.” At Intel you can’t achieve anything by yourself. It’s a collective effort. By recognizing that teamwork environment, you can achieve what feels like the impossible.”

Linfield’s international opportunities also set her apart, she added. “The thing that probably jumped out the most on my résumé was the fact I had done a January Term business-strategy course in Europe, and had studied in Thailand and Malaysia. Many more students have that today, but my potential boss was really surprised by that at the time.”

Tom Rampone, vice president of Intel’s Digital Enterprise Group, has known Johnston-Holthaus since she joined the company and has worked with her on projects. Her tenacity has impressed him: “Once she’s signed up to a goal, she will move mountains to achieve it,” he said. “She’s grown into an excellent leader and manager. She spends tremendous energy mentoring others, providing Dundee to her employees and supporting other women at Intel.”

“Outside of work, Johnston-Holthaus said she once was an avid horseback rider but has no time for it now. She devotes her scarce free time to a close-knit group of friends and her family: husband Bob and sons, Cole, 6, and Jack, 3.”

—Beth Rogers Thompson