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2012-2013
Dorothy (Wilkins) Dirks '35 of Lodz, Calif., is living at The Vintage, a retirement community in her hometown.

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Jezzie (Tuttle) Nunn '57 of Bucklely, Wash., and her husband, Charles, is looking forward to their upcoming wedding anniversary with a trip to Hawaii, a gift from their children.

Juanita (Brayton) McAuliffe '58 of Sweet Home is a clinical writer in California for 20 years and recently relocated to Oregon.

Merrily (Smith) Jones '60 of Petersburg, Alaska, is retired. She works at the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyo., is event coordinator for the Million Dollar Round-up, and is a Toastmaster who received her year-long serial blind dating experience.

Carol (Smith) Hosler '68 of McMinnville had a surprise 50th wedding celebration at Younberg Hill Winery in the Willamette Valley.

David Baca '70 of Portland is managing partner of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, which has 530 lawyers in eight offices in the U.S. and one in Shanghai.

Douglas Angle '78 of Hillsboro is a social studies teacher at Banks High School.

1980-89
Lesda Smith '81 of Hillsboro is in the business of fine arts in low residency program in poetry at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro.

Brenda Powell '83 of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, was named one of Cleveland Magazine’s 30- Year-Olders in 1985 and is a fan of Cleveland Cavaliers.

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Robert Latton (Ditten) ’60 of Santa Cruz, Calif., and her husband, Jami, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Louise (Steele) Markum ’63 and ’89 of Lodi, Calif., is living at the Arizona Mining and Mineral Museum.

Merrily (Smith) Jones ’64 of Petersburg, Alaska, retired.

Alice (Pogue) Hester ’64 of Phoenix, Ariz., works for DTGV Construction Services.

Marilyn Reiner ’65 of Lake Oswego worked as a technical writer in California for 20 years and recently relocated to Oregon.

Marcia (Gipson) Christian ’65 of Bakersfield, Calif., is an assistant superintendent for Bat- tleground Ground School District.

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Kirsten (Syrstad) Humbird ’02 of Cornelius and her husband, Parker, had a son, Parker, May 17.
Danya Lunk ’04 of Boise, Idaho, received a master’s in human resource management from Arizona State University.
Lindsey Oar ’04 of Kirkland, Wash., teaches first grade in the Lake Washington School District.
Rachel Nielsen ’04 of Los Angeles, Calif., and her husband, Steven Munger, had a daugh- ter, Ross Jay, July 25.
Tracy Skorup ’06 of McMinnville married Blake Zornow Sept. 13.
Kaled Kadus ’06 of Portland married Jaison Haledar June 1.
She is a nurse at the Portland Veterans Medical Center.
Jenna (Swearingen) Kaluza ’06 of Seattle, Wash., is the state director for the national Federation of Independent Bankers in Oregon.
Dustin Bluminstein ’06 of McMinville teaches second grade in the Sunn School District.
Stephanie Pullam ’07 is working on her master’s degree in public administration and will take a job at the University of Texas at Austin.
Denas Croucher ’07 is an intern at the Oregon Zoo.

Homicide investigation is much more than a job to Glen Klinkhart ’88. “It’s something you are, not something you do,” he said. “In order to be good at it, you have to give up a lot.” The Anchorage detective’s most famous case took place when Klinkhart was taking “a break from blood and guts.” He currently serves as assistant police chief. And he’s writing a book, Finding Bethany.

Bethany Correia was born in 2003, when her disappearance set off Anchorage’s biggest missing-person search ever. Exactly a year later, her body was found in the woods. The correia’s apartment manager, Michael Lawson, was convicted of second-degree mur- der. Klinkhart broke the case, eliciting a confession from the gunnars’s brother.

Klinkhart has described the case on national television, including an extensive interview on ABC’s Dateline aired last year. The case had an uncanny link to personal tragedy. Correia was killed May 3, 2008, the birthday of Klinkhart’s sister, who was slain at age 16 the year Correia was born, 1981.

During the year Klinkhart was searching for Correia, Klinkhart’s son, now 10, constantly asked about her.

“We’d be driving along when I had a weekend off—his picture was on every lamp post and every stop sign,” Klinkhart said. “My son would be in the back seat, and he’d say, ‘Hey Dad, there’s Bethany.’”

He is somebody I can always turn to—he finds the answers or finds somebody who can,” she said. “Glen puts 100 percent into any case he’s working on.”

Besides his continued computer fascination, Klinkhart’s Labrinth currently affects him. “I think that one of the truly wonderful things about Labrinth that really stayed with me is the connection I made with people from different backgrounds and different cultures,” he said. “The inability to cut from the same mold as you,” he said, “I had the opportunity to change course, to take classes in busi- ness, and they were interested in what I had to say about using computers. I was invited to help teach classes—an opportunity I would never have gotten at a large university.” — Beth Rogers-Thompson

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The Anchorage detective’s most famous case took such a toll that Klinkhart is thinking of retiring. “I think that one of the really wonderful things about being a detective is the opportunity to change course, to take classes in business, psychology, anthropology — to develop an interest in business. After receiving his master’s in physician assistant studies at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Michael Watson ’05 joined Higgs Rehabilitation Services in Meridian.

Tracy Lyle ’07 of University Place, Wash., married Stephanie Gilchrist July 21. Kimberly Klinkhart ’06 of McMinnville is a first grade teacher at Gober Elementary School.

Ann (Larkin) Waldrop ’08 of Bandon is an accountant at Hough MacAdam & Wartnik LLC.

Caitlyn Jordan ’08 is a high school athlete at Boswell High School who competes in volleyball and softball. Kara Bonham ’08 is working on a master’s in athletic training at Mercyhurst University. Jen Welch ’08 of Lewiston, Idaho, is a sales manager for FL/Nunati Entertainment, an anime company.

Jennifer Varnum ’08 of McMinnville married Nabil Zerizef ’08 Aug. 9. They live in Portland, where Courtney is a research assistant at Oregon Health and Science University.

Trevor and Michelle (Malloch) Phillips ’00 and ’01 live in Salem where he is an emergency room nurse at the Salem Hospital.

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Brian Trotter ’02 of Dallas owns Northwest Landscape and Tree Services and is a member of the East County Forest Group.

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Michelle (Malcolm) Crossley ’06 of Great Falls, Mont., received her second grade in the Shikellam School District.

Linda (Coddington) Lodge ’00 of Albany received the Lammers Professional Development Scholarship at the annual Oregon Business Education Association Conference. She is a 3rd grade teacher at Linn-Benton Community College.

Trey Gottschall ’01 of Prineville is married to Brielle Boyer.

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