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1930-39
Edna (Breeding) Britten ‘31 of Beaverton celebrated her 101st birthday June 13.
Grayce (Barendrick) Goodrich ‘33 of Bend celebrated her 100th birthday with an open house at her home, hosted by her four daughters, June 5.

1940-49
Margaret (Parent) Lutz ‘43 of Nelscott facilitates The Caregiver Plug-In, a weekly respite and learning time for in-home family caregivers, at the McMinnville Senior Center. She started the group in July 2009. She also works with the newly formed Band of Brothers as their only female veteran of WWII. She was a U.S. Navy WAVE from 1944-46.

1950-59
Robert Abrahamson ‘50 and ‘56 of McMinnville and his wife, Phyllis, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Aug. 16. He was a teacher and coach at Myrtle Creek High School for 13 years and at Patton Junior High School in McMinnville for 20 years.
Merle Steva ’56 of Saco, Maine, is minister of visitation for First Parish Church (U.S.S.) in Saco. He preaches and leads worship during the summer.
Mamie (Diedrich) Henny ’57 of Albany and her husband, Rudolph, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary July 15, with a Mediterranean cruise in April and an open house in July. Mamie taught physical education, health and science in high schools in Oregon and California. She is an interior decorator.

1960-69
Michael Rothwell ’62 of Hines retired in 1996 after 30 years of teaching and spends six months each winter in California.
Dean and Jonette (Fox) Richardson ’62 and ’65 of Pleasanton, Calif., welcomed their third and fourth great-grandchildren in May and June.
Gary Stevens ’63 of Kodiak, Alaska, is president of the Alaska Senate and incoming chairman of the Council of State Governments.
Dick Withnell ’64 of Keizer received the Al and Pat Reser Civic Leadership Award at the eighth annual Governors’ Gold Awards in October.
Bob and Sherry (Rock) Howd ’66 and ’68 live in San Jose, Calif. Bob retired from California’s Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, where he led the water toxicology section for the past 10 years. The couple just returned from a Baltic cruise, where they toured Copenhagen and St. Petersburg.

1970-79
Richard Klingler ’70 of Blaine, Minn., retired from active duty with U.S. Army Medical Corps. During his service, he deployed three times to combat zones in support of the global war on terrorism. He plans to do medical mission work.
Charles Humble ’71 of Beaverton has been named director of marketing and communications for The Oregon Wine Board, a semi-independent state agency which manages industry marketing, research and education.
Jan Edmonson ’72 of Arlington, Va., retired from the Department of State in 2010 after 25 years in the foreign service. She

George Westcott’s enduring legacy

George Westcott ’69 left an enduring legacy at Linfield College. Following his death in 2010, Linfield received funds from his will to establish the George A. Westcott III Distinguished Professorship in Sociology.

Professor Amy Orr will receive financial support for research and professional activities that will enhance teaching and learning in the field of sociology.

Westcott went on to receive advanced degrees from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School of Business and Harvard University, but felt that his undergraduate years at Linfield best prepared him for life and work.

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Strong finish

Marci Klimek '10 was the overall women’s winner in the Portland Marathon Oct. 9, the 40th running of the 26.2-mile race through downtown Portland. Klimek, a former standout runner at Linfield College, posted a time of 2 hours, 46 minutes and 27 seconds. She placed 21st overall and won the women’s division by more than a minute.

Served in Burma, Croatia, Panama, Venezuela, Uruguay and Washington, D.C., with short stints in Cuba and Macedonia.

John Meek '72 of Hillsboro is retired, enjoys fishing and is willing to take classmates along.

Diane (Pelt) Hedrick ’73 of Cove is retired and was elected to the board of directors of the Oregon Nurses Association.

John Ermatinger ’75 of Hong Kong is Tommy Hilfiger Group’s first CEO of Asia. He oversees all business activities in Asia for the company.

Nancy (Dykes) Isserlis ’75 of Spokane, Wash., is a Washington State Bar Association treasurer and chair of the Budget and Audit Committee. Since 2004, Isserlis has been with the firm of Winston & Cashatt, where her practice focuses on bankruptcy and commercial law issues.

Martha (Barbee) Van Cleave ’75 of Dayton is associate dean of faculty for curriculum, assessment and faculty development at Linfield College.

Debra Seifert ’76 of Portland and her company, Debra Seifert Communications LLC, was a silver winner in the 2011 Summit Creative Award competition for creating a promotional video for Aeroflex Limited. The award was received for the video, “Introducing the Aeroflex S-Series RF Signal Generators.”

Clarisse (Beith) Alves ’77 of Grants Pass retired from the Josephine County/Three Rivers School District after teaching family and consumer science (home economics) for 34 years.

Peter Howland ’78 of McMinnville volunteers for Family Building Blocks in Salem and the Yamhill County Historical Society.

1980-89

Jane Kucera ’81 of Plainfield, Ill., is editor of a book, Destination: Water from Water; presented a poster at the American Membrane Technology Association/SEDA joint conference and exposition; addressed the annual American Electric Power conference on normalization of reverse osmosis data; and is conducting a workshop at the 2011 International Water Conference in November, “Reverse Osmosis: Back to Basics.”

Meg Kelmer ’82 of Portland is the career coordinator at Lincoln High School in Portland and is a member of the Pink Phoenix Dragon Boat team.

Mike Fellows ’83 of Marysville, Wash., has taught biology, chemistry and forensics at Lakewood High School for 23 years. He was Washington Biology Teacher of the Year in 2009, attended a workshop at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga., and was selected to fly with the Blue Angels in 2010.

Rebecca (Rasmussen) Kemper Poos ’86 of Buena Vista, Colo., is pastos of the Congregational United Church of Christ.

David Lindley ’87 of Manhattan Beach, Calif., was inducted into the West Albany High School Hall of Fame.

Kathryn Holloway ’89 of Beaverton was one of six nurses from across the nation to be selected as an item reviewer for the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensure Examination (NCLEX). She is a clinical nurse consultant medical surgical at Kaiser Sunnyside Medical Center.

Jennifer Keitner ’89 of Portland is administrative assistant at the Linfield College School of Nursing. She married Sandra Hetzel May 10 in Victoria, B.C., Canada.

1990-99

Trent Davis ’90 of Lake Oswego is president and CEO of Paulson Investment Company. He is also a member of the board of directors for BioCarex, Inc., a biotechnology company.

Valeri Love ’90 of Eugene is a Lane County Circuit Court judge.

Jim Seibert ’91 of Arvada, Colo., is chair of the math department at Regis University in Denver.

Anne Marie Flora-Lowe ’92 of West Linn is senior vice president and client service officer for Capital Pacific Bank.

Aaron and Brandi (Thackery) Frye ‘92 and ‘94 live in Forest Grove where Aaron owns Custom Care Physical Therapy.

Sandra (Elarco) Gusman ’92 of Kapaa, Hawaii, is a second grade teacher at Kealakehe Elementary School in Kailua-Kona. She completed the post-baccalaureate teacher preparation program (elementary education) at Western Governors University and earned her Hawaii State Teaching license.

Sharon Boyle ’93 of Terre Haute, Ind., received the Sister Mary Joseph Pomroy Faculty Excellence Award for Teaching at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College and is on the national editorial board for the journal Music Therapy Perspectives.

Dijana (Koprivac) Redshaw ’93 of Jakarta, Indonesia, is a teacher at Jakarta International School.

Joe and Jill (Wilkins) Wilkins ’93 and ‘94 of Portland had a son, Luke Frederick, June 28.

Scott Nelson ’94 of Sherwood is business editor for The Oregonian.

Dana Samples ’95 of Edmonds, Wash., is vice president for Group Health Services at MediCall, Inc.

Jennifer (Ward) Thompson ’96 of Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, is the media officer for Medicine Hat College in Medicine Hat.

Eric Taylor ’96 married Kristen Teel ’98 Aug. 6 in the Linfield Oak Grove. They live in Lake Stevens, Wash., where Eric is a system analyst for The Boeing Company.

Luke Rauch ’97 of Lebanon is recruitment and public relations officer at the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest.

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2000-09

Heather Chang ’00 of Hilo, Hawaii, married Riz Mangaoang June 25. She is an elementary science teacher at Kamehameha Schools.


John C. Meyer ’00 of Mulino and his wife, Susan, had a daughter, Jill (Wilkens) Wilkins, May 26.

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Sel, both ’00, live in Bend where Erick is a sales manager at Sunriver Resort.

Connie Nguyen-Truong ’00 of Portland received her Ph.D. in nursing from Oregon Health and Science University. Her dissertation, which focused on cervical cancer screening among Vietnamese immigrant women, received the Western Institute of Nursing’s Carol A. Lindeman Award for new research.

Anna (Osterholm) Woodling ’00 of Haslet, Texas, and her husband, James, had a daughter, Annalisa Georgia, Feb. 26.

Anne Zimmerman ’00 of San Francisco, Calif., married Sean Finney July 1. She is a writer and the author of An Extravagant Hunger: The Passionate Years of M.F.K. Fisher.

Bethaney (Bradfield) Shapiro ’01 of Salt Lake City, Utah, and her husband, Matthias, had a daughter, Abigail, March 2.

Whitney Schubert ’01 of Portland is French brand manager for New York wine importer and distributor Polaner Selections.

Karlie (Newby) Silvers ’01 of Cheney, Wash., and her husband, Matt, had twins, Clark and Pepper, April 26.

Luke and Kara (Heim) Buchheit, both ’02, of Salem had a son, Camden Alexander, March 1, their third child. She is the kindergarten teacher at Kalapuya Elementary School in West Salem. He is the football defensive coordinator at McNinnville High School.

Richard Crager ’02 of Keizer is acting director of the Oregon Department of Housing and Community Services.

Elizabeth (Andrews) Gallardo ’02 of Clackamas had a son, Harrison, Aug. 12.

Sarah Prewitt ’02 of Medford married Gary Smith Dec. 10. She is the director of marketing and public relations at Rogue Valley Manor.

Ryan Rowe ’02 of Tacoma, Wash., and his wife, Erin, had a daughter, Olivia Mikkel, April 8.

Jared and Haley (Waterbury) Currie ’03 and ’01 of Battle Ground, Wash., had a son, Colton, April 26.

Kitri (Culbertson) McGuire ’03 of Tualatin and her husband, Travis, had a son, Luke, June 25.

Emmy Tier ’03 of Seattle, Wash., received an MBA from Marylhurst University in June.

Samantha Williams ’03 of Silverdale, Wash., received a Ph.D. in economics from Oregon State University.

Amy (Griswold) Senior ’04 of Belfast, Ireland, and her husband, James, had a son, Logan Thomas, June 4.

Carol Alcock ’05 of White Salmon, Wash., received a master’s in education from Concordia University.

Robyn Gibson ’05 of Gresham received her master’s in nursing from Washington State University.

Caroline (Kunz) Ivanov ’05 of Tualatin was received an award from Mississippi College School of Law during its annual Law Day ceremony. She earned the Mississippi Bar Foundation Award, given to a student who best exemplifies the attributes of a successful attorney.

Kandice Kleiber Marshall ’05 of Silverdale, Wash., received a Ph.D. in economics from Oregon State University.

Lindsay Pryor ’05 of Olympia, Wash., earned a master’s in public policy.

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