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1930-39
Margaret (Lever) Dement ’34 of Madras celebrated her 100th birthday Aug. 12. Her centennial birthday was celebrated at the Madras Senior Center with an event hosted by her children. Margaret remains active in music events.

1950-59
John and Bette (Lawson) Blaser ’51 and ’54 of Emmett, Idaho, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Oct. 6. John taught high school and coached football in Sheridan and they moved to Idaho when he retired.
Leland Chou ’51 of Sedona, Ariz., founded the Pasquo Tank School of Arts, a free after school music education program in North Carolina in the 1990s.
Drannan Hamby ’55 of Bend was named outstanding instructor for the Oregon Region and Outstanding Instructor for the Pacific Northwest Division of the National Ski Patrol in 2011. He also received the NSP’s Distinguished Service Award. He currently patrols at Mt. Bachelor, serving as the outdoor emergency care coordinator for NSP, and is the Pacific Northwest Division avalanche supervisor.
Glenn Tilton ’56 of Sacramento, Calif., spent two weeks in Turkey in a homestay with the Friendship Force founded by President Jimmy Carter.
Achilla Imlong Erdican ’57 of Nagaland, India, was awarded the 2011 Governor’s Award for distinction in the field of literature, on Aug. 15, Independence Day in Nagaland.
Donald Cordill ’58 of Westminister, Calif., works for Anaheim Resort Transportation, driving shuttles to Disneyland.

1960-69
John Adkins ’63 of Shoshone, Idaho, lives in a house that runs off solar and wind energy.
Janet (Zerba) Brougher ’64 of Spokane Valley, Wash., retired after 33 years as a teacher and administrator at Gonzaga University.
Jim Anderson ’65 of Roseburg had two books in an international exposition in New York: Immersion into Quantum Creek and The Heart Has a Homely Face.
Alfreda (Pinther) Batdorff ’65 of Coos Bay is a lay minister with the United Methodist Church.
Sandra (McKay) Bishop ’65 of Longview, Wash., retired from teaching in the Kelso School District in June 2010.
Jim Ferguson ’65 of Salem is a volunteer with the Federation of Fly Fishers.
Kenneth Lester ’67 of Tigard retired from the Tigard-Tualatin School District.
Rick Pullen ’67 of Fullerton, Calif., was given the 2011 Lifetime Achievement in Journalism Education Award by the California Journalism Education Coalition.
Lyndel Meikle ’68 of Deer Lodge, Mont., released the e-book, Jerks in Montana History.
James and Nancy (Gregg) Freauff, both ’69, of Sierra Vista, Ariz., volunteer with Meals on Wheels.
Kathy (Bach) Ganske ’69 of Sheridan teaches music to kindergarten through fifth graders in the Newberg School District.

Galloway’s research focuses on toxic pollutants in the air

Melissa Galloway ’06 found herself on the teaching side of the chemistry podium at Linfield College. A visiting professor at Reed College, Galloway returned to Linfield to speak with students. Her research is focused on toxic materials that affect air quality and may affect human health.

“Trees naturally emit organic compounds as protection mechanisms,” Galloway explained. One of these compounds is glyoxal, which is not harmful by itself. However, it can mix with other compounds and adversely affect air quality and human health.

Galloway’s research focuses on the reaction of glyoxal with aerosol particles, which are more prominent in polluted areas but exist throughout the atmosphere. She discovered that when glyoxal reacts with aerosol particles, they mix to form a dark brown color that can actually soak up the energy from light in the atmosphere causing a warming effect.

“If this dark color is produced in the atmosphere, it can contribute to climate change,” Galloway said. The reactions have consequences on human health as well, and can create breathing problems for people who suffer from asthma, respiratory disease or weakened respiratory systems.

Atmospheric chemistry is a field for the determined scientist – trial and error is inevitable, so persistence is crucial.

“The best part about chemistry is that often you fail over and over and then suddenly, it works,” she said. “Those successes can sometimes be things you never expected to find.”

Galloway chose Linfield because she knew a small, liberal arts college was the perfect fit for her. The personal attention of the chemistry faculty helped her to discover her career.

“I wanted to be a name, not just a number,” she said.

– Alison Bouchard ’12

1970-79
Daniel Beeson ’70 of Lake Oswego was named to the first hall of fame class at Talent-Phoenix High School and received the alumni award. As a senior he helped take his team to the state tournament and still holds school records.
Cyndy (Murakami) Pratt ’70 of Kapolei, Hawaii, authored From the Heart of Hawaii’s Families. The book contains 182 favorite recipes from Hawaiian chefs, media personnel, elected officials and educators. The money raised from the sale of the book will benefit Kapi‘olani Medical Center for Women and Children.
Sharon Fassett ’71 of Scottsdale, Ariz., is assistant professor of anesthesiology at the Mayo College of Medicine.
Cheryl (Elving) Armstrong ’72 of Barstow, Calif., launched a dessert business, Tante Cheri, specializing in cheesecakes, including pumpkin-ginger velvet and chocolate chipotle.
Carolyn (Reese) Teefel ’72 of Aloha works at Intel Corporation in corporate capital finance. She also serves on the board of directors of...
Daytime Enrichment Activities and Recreation, a program for young adults with profound disabilities.

Mark Hamby ’76 of Bend retired from Redmond Middle School and is teaching in the ski school at Mt. Bachelor and playing softball in the summer.

Ronald Lenker ’77 of McMinnville is a technical project manager for Tillamook Creamery Association.

Sherry Palmer ’77 of West Linn traveled to New Zealand in February 2011.

Barbara (Browning) Wright ’77 of Pendleton is a volunteer veterans’ advocate and is the national secretary of two grassroots veterans organizations.

Jenny Ulum ’78 of Eugene was named to the North Bend High School-Hall of Fame.

Peggy (Griffiths) Humphreys ’79 of Bend retired from the Bend LaPine School District.

Jeff Owens ’79 of Clackamas works for the Business Planning Group, and was selected a 2011 Five Star Wealth Manager. Consumers and financial services professionals were surveyed to find wealth managers in the Portland area who scored highest in overall satisfaction.

1980-89

Tim Bowman ’81 of Clackamas was named Class 4A Coach of the Year. He coaches at La Salle College Preparatory.

Craig Burgwardt ’81 of Waynesville, N.C., was named global creative director for A-B Emblem, a division of Conrad Industries. A-B Emblem is an international designer and manufacturer of embroidered emblems and patches.

Glory Ann (Say) Kama ’81 of Wahiawa, Hawaii, was named Teacher of the Year for the Community School of Adults in Hawaii.

Clyde Carrick ’82 of Eureka, Calif., is a special education assistant in the Eureka School District.

Rod Rayburn ’83 of Portland is vice president of claims at Mattei Insurance Services.

Tony Brenneman ’84 of Kalona, Iowa, is president of the Physician Assistant Education Association.

Matt Radford ’84 of Washington, D.C., married Cass Johnson June 11.

Sarah (Heare) Zykanov ’84 of San Rafael, Calif., received a doctorate in education from the University of San Francisco.

Douglas Archibald ’85 of State College, Pa., and his wife adopted Jasper in April who joins a 7-year-old sister, Iris.

Marcy Hamby Towns ’85 of West Lafayette, Ind., was promoted to full professor at Purdue University where she teaches chemistry. She was recently invited to Israel where she will discuss her specialty, chemistry education.

Rebecca (Rasmussen) Kemper Poos ’86 of Castle Rock, Colo., is pastor at the United Church of Christ in Buena Vista. She and her husband, Clarke, have one son, Rocky.

Ginny (Earl) Casaza ’87 of Reno, Nev., was elected for a second term on the board of directors for the National Guardianship Association.

Andrew McNall ’88 of Salem is director of development for the Clark Honors College at the University of Oregon.

1990-99

Lisa (Lino) Berry ’91 of Boise, Idaho, is a general curriculum specialist for Idaho Digital Learning Academy.

John Norton ’91 of Medford is the Senior Assistant Attorney General for the Oregon Department of Justice.

Chuck Bechtol ’92 of Sherwood is the men’s soccer coach at Linfield College.

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– Dave Dillon ’89, member of the Linfield Board of Trustees and President’s Circle Leadership Team

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Brett Burmeister ’92 of Portland is the managing editor and co-owner of FoodCartsPortland.com and NOLAFoodTrucks.com. He is a contributing writer to Cartopia, Portland’s Food Truck Revolution and has made frequent appearances on The Cooking Channel and The Travel Channel.

Todd Shirley ’92 of Dayton is assistant principal and athletic director for Dayton Middle School and Dayton High School.

Naomi Ullsted ’92 of Portland is director of the Springdale Job Corps Center in Troutdale.

Ken Weinberg ’92 of Portland is a P.E. teacher at Lincoln High School in Portland.

Laura (Cary) Buchar ’94 of Kenmore, Wash., and her husband, Jon, had a daughter, Sarah, May 6, their second. She works for Milliman.

Lori (McLaughlin) Beight ’95 of West Linn opened her own law firm in Portland.

He was the first OHSU student to pass the Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) exam through the OHSU program. He is completing his master’s in clinical informatics at OHSU and working as a physician services and recruiting specialist for Tuality Healthcare in Hillsboro.

Rob and Angelina (Muehe) Hilsenteger, both ’95, of Gresham had a son, Ian, April 13.

Charlotte Noon ’95 of Oakland, Calif., and her husband, Kevin Riant, had a son, Michael Jonathan, Aug. 3, their second.

Brad York ’95 of Peoria, Ariz., was recently honored by One Community as a recipient of its Spotlight on Success Local Heroes Awards. He was the first OHSU student to pass the Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) exam through the OHSU program. He is completing his master’s in clinical informatics at OHSU and working as a physician services and recruiting specialist for Tuality Healthcare in Hillsboro.

Ryan Adams ’00 of Woodinville, Wash., earned national board professional teacher certification in early adolescent math. He also served as a district math coach, training other teachers on best teaching practices.

Kendra (Evans) Brito ’00 of Portland, N.J., and her husband, Felipe, had a daughter, Juliet Marie, Nov. 3.

Ann (Case) Fickinger ’00 of Seattle, Wash., and her husband, Eric, had a daughter, Elizabeth Reese, May 20.

John Meyer ’00 of Mulino completed a master’s in teaching at Concordia University.

MaryJo Monroe ’00 of Portland is a professional organizer for reSPACE, a Portland-based business she started in 2008. Her blog (re spacedpx.com/blog) was recently listed as one of the top three Most Awesome Local Blogs by Red Tricycle-Portland.

Andrew Brawley ’01 of Beaverton completed his MBA in marketing at MaryHunt University.

Andrew Brombach ’01 of Los Angeles, Calif., graduated from the Southern California Institute of Architecture in September.

Heather (Thompson) Bulloch ’01 of Portland and her husband, Scott, had a daughter, Belle McRae, Sept. 22, their first. Heather works for Waggener Edstrom Worldwide.

Lindsay Carlson ’01 of Butte, Mont., received a post-baccalaureate accounting certificate from Linfield in August and is a staff consultant for Anderson ZurMuehlen & Co.

Dustin and Allison (Vaughan) Greer, both ’01, of Issaquah, Wash., had a daughter, Emma Joy, Feb. 1, 2011.

Teresa Gibbs ’01 of Seattle, Wash., received a master’s of education in reading and literacy from City University of Seattle.

Miriam (Krueger) Schmidt ’01 of Redmond, Wash., and her husband, Jeff, had a son, Caleb Otto, Feb. 8, their second.

David Watson ’01 of Vancouver, Wash., is the social service director for Hospice Care of the Northwest.

Luke and Kara (Heim) Budheit both ’02, of Salem had a daughter, Camden Alexander, March 1. Kara teaches kindergarten at Kalapuya Elementary School in West Salem, and Luke is the football defensive coordinator at McMinnville High School.

Matthew Dehning ’02 of Portland received his master’s in nursing from Washington State University and is an RN at the Portland Veterans Hospital.

Eric Hayden ’02 of Portland had an article published in Nature Magazine, “Cryptic genetic variation promotes rapid evolutionary adaptation in an RNA enzyme.”

Heather (Bretl) Lepene ’02 of Orlando, N.H., and her husband, Michael, had a son, Jacob William, April 26.
Oregon history signs get TLC from alumnus

History buff Wayne Sharp ’59 is in his element. Sharp leads a six-person volunteer crew that restores state of Oregon historical markers. Of Oregon’s 106 signs, Sharp’s group has rebuilt or restored more than 60 in the past 16 years. Sharp said each marker details stories of early Oregon settlers.

“They left a legacy through their stories of adventures, discoveries, hardships, prosperity and simple daily life,” he said. “We have learned a bundle of history by working on these signs.”

Many of the markers were built by the Oregon Department of Transportation in the 1940s, ’50s and ’60s. They are now under the jurisdiction of Oregon Travel Experience, for which Sharp volunteers.

The sturdy signs are made from native Port Orford cedar, but Oregon weather takes its toll. That’s where Sharp comes in, traveling around the state to clean routed letters, repair damaged wood, repaint facings or completely replace deteriorated signs. The paint color is aptly named Historical Marker Brown.

“I’ve been all over the state, to every darn corner there is a sign,” said Sharp, who served in the Korean War before earning a business administration degree from Linfield. “Some of them on the coast we’ve already restored twice.”

One of Sharp’s most unusual projects occurred while repairing a sign near St. Paul which had been damaged from an explosive. The crew found a small black box nestled in the sign. “We thought it might be another bomb, so we pulled stakes in one big hurry. It turned out to be a geocache location,” he said. “We couldn’t get out of there quick enough.” – Laura Davis
works for the Business Planning Group, and was selected a 2011 Five Star Wealth Manager. Consumers and financial services professionals were surveyed to find wealth managers in the Portland area who scored highest in overall satisfaction.

Su Yang ’06 of Vancouver, Wash., is a triage nurse at the Vancouver Clinic.

Riley Bernard ’07 earned a master’s degree in tropical conservation biology and environmental science at the University of Hawaii Hilo in May and is pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Tennessee Knoxville.

Brandon Carpenter ’07 of Portland and his wife, Yaro, had a son, Valion, Oct. 12.

Matthew Charlton ’07 of Boise, Idaho, is a physician’s assistant at Lewiston Orthopedics.

Ryan Clark ’07 of Portland is associate registrar at Marylhurst University.

Stephanie Dawkins ’07 of Corbett is the major and planned gifts officer for Columbia Gorge Community College Foundation.

Chad Foglesong ’07 of Chehalis, Wash., and his wife had a daughter, Carley, March 3.

Kindra Freedom ’07 of Seattle, Wash., was married Nov. 12.

Cameron Gilmore ’07 of St. Louis, Mo., completed a medical degree at St. Louis University School of Medicine.

Melissa Golden ’07 of Hokkaido, Japan, teaches English and directs plays for her JET association.

Lauren (Kreiger) Johnston ’07 of Olympia, Wash., and her husband had a daughter, Annabelle, Feb. 20.

Matthew Taylor ’07 of Boise, Idaho, passed the bar exam and is a lawyer in Boise.

Andrew Woods ’07 of Portland married Katie Woods May 7.

Aaron Bryan and Emily Jenkins, both ’08, of Salem were married June 4.

Jake Crevison ’08 of Portland is the executive assistant at the Oregon Center for Nursing.

Amy Geerhart ’08 of Salem joined Saffield Greggs PC as an associate attorney in the Corporate Practice Group. Amy received her law degree from Willamette University in 2011, where she served as executive editor on Law Review.

Ben Greenberg ’08 of Des Moines, Wash., graduated from Boston College Law School in May.

Kelly Hempel ’08 of Sandy received a master’s degree in science and health care administration from Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science.

Scott Irvine ’08 of Palmer, Alaska, wrote the score for the feature film Dead Horse.

Caitlyn Jordan ’08 of Edmonds, Wash., is working on a master’s in physical education at Eastern Washington University.

Molly (Nixon) Kuhlman ’08 of Hillsboro and her husband, Daniel, had a son, Levi, June 4.

Marie Rode ’08 of Beaverton spent six months volunteering at an orphanage in Honduras.

Marie Ross ’08 of Coos Bay is teaching at Southwestern Oregon Community College.

Joseph Seifert and Courtney Davis, both ’08, of Woodburn were married July 30.

David Wilken ’08 of Yamhill will begin working on his bachelor’s in nursing on the Portland Campus.

Michael Belzberg ’09 of Medford received a master’s of arts in teaching from Concordia University. He is coaching soccer at St. Mary’s School.

Ben Burlison ’09 of Scio married Keri Breeze Sept. 17.

Ian Estrada ’09 of Kailua, Hawaii, is a manager at Duke’s Waikiki in Honolulu.

Kelsey Habura ’09 of Portland earned her CPA license in June and is an auditor for a big-4 accounting firm in Portland.

Michelle Holliday-Johnson ’09 of Roseville, Calif., is a nurse at U.C. Davis Medical Center in Sacramento.

Jorge “Jay” Juliano ’09 of Happy Valley was an extra in the pilot for the television show Grimm, shot at the Kern Critical Care Unit at Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center. He was also featured in an Oregonian story about his experience.

Melissa Maebori ’09 of Beaverton is a community affairs assistant for the Oregon Department of Transportation.

Lucas and Rachael (Rahn) Myers, both ’09, of Longview, Wash., had a son, Noah Alan, Aug. 9, their first.

Jessica Richey ’09 of Portland is a portfolio administrator for Vista Capital Partners, Inc.

Erika Rosenfield ’09 of Madras married Kasey Skaar Oct. 22.

Cameron Ross ’09 of Salem is working on a master’s degree at Western Oregon University.

Alexander Smith ’09 of San Diego, Calif., is starting a business for late night food delivery service in Pacific Beach.

Alicia Zook ’09 of Corvallis received a master’s of arts in teaching from Oregon State University.

2010-11

Ian Davenport ’10 of McMinnville was promoted to senior associate at the Transaction Tax Consulting Group.

Steven Eggert ’10 of Bandon traveled to Honduras and New Zealand for six weeks.

Jaymin Jackson ’10 of Vancouver, Wash., joined the team of Montgomery & Graham Property casualty, an insurance firm.

Lillian Niland ’10 of Seattle, Wash., is a legal assistant at Global Justice Law Group.

Devin Salinas ’10 of Portland was named new financial representative Rookie of the Year at the Year at Northwestern Mutual. He is a financial representative and college unit director for the company.

John Sanders ’10 of Salem and his wife had a son, Peter Linden, Aug. 5.

Ashley Shenk ’10 of Philomath is a legal assistant for Hecht and Norman.

Zachary Tjernlund ’10 of Portland is a staff nurse at OHSU.

Krystal Tullar ’10 of Cottage Grove works for human resources of Lane County.


Amber Ball and Andrew Sherman, both ’11, of Eugene were married July 17.

Samantha Callendar ’11 of Beaverton is pursuing a master of science in economics at the University of Oregon.

Bryce Comfort ’11 of Fircrest, Wash., joined Dwyer Pemberton & Coulson PC, a certified accounting firm.

Nathaniel Orman ’11 of Chapel Hill, N.C., works for Duke University Hospital in the cardiothoracic step-down unit.

In memoriam


Margaret (Toney) Larkin ’35 of Roseburg, Sept. 22.

Helen (Sutton) Putnam ’37 of Troutdale, Oct. 6.

Tracy Gipson ’39 of Battle Ground, Wash., Feb. 2. Survivors include wife Marjorie (Lynch) ’38, daughters Tracy Ann Gipson ’64, Carol (Gipson) Calkins ’71 and Marcia (Gipson) Christian ’65, brother John Gipson ’50, sister Priscilla Gipson ’44 and cousin Gerald Painter ’50.

Bette (Ryding) Bergstrom ’41 of Newberg, Dec. 13. Survivors include a daughter Patty (Bergstrom) Hottmann ’74 and grandson Matt Hottmann ’00.


Mary Jane (Hall) Robb ’45 of Lincoln City, Oct. 3.

Dorothea Roberts ’45 of Newberg, May 21, 2009.

Norman Goss ’46 of McMinnville, Jan. 18. Survivors include his wife Phyllis Martin ’46, step-daughter Janine Sleigh ’74 and granddaughter Adriana Sleigh ’02.


Sara Ann (McBride) Reuter ’48 of Pompano Beach, Fla., March 22.

Willard Fisher ’48 of Walnut Creek, Calif., June 4. Survivors include his wife, Jean (Remme) ’47.


Hazel (Mapes) Rattey ’49 of Vancouver, Wash., Nov. 2.


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“Linfield College has always held an important place in our hearts. We chose to include Linfield in our will so that we can help maintain Linfield’s greatest qualities into the future. The feeling that we can make a difference is most satisfying and it is a privilege to share.”

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John and Judy (Jandrey) Hubbard, ’62 and ’63