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1940-49
Catherine (Holmes) Olcott ’46 of Salem is a lifelong learner currently attending Willamette University.
Jeanette Schumacher ’47 of Portland celebrated her 90th birthday.

1950-59
James and Barbara (Davis) Gant ’54 and ’55 of Cottage Grove will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary in June. They met at Linfield.
Billie Rochelle ’57 of Nordland, Wash., works at a master flower school, teaching students how to judge plants for horticulture shows.
Hiram Crane ’59 and his wife, Marlene, celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on Aug. 14. Crane, of Salem, is a member of the Portland senior softball team, which recently won the Women’s 70+ division of the Oregon State Senior Softball Championship.

1960-69
Del Helzer ’61 of Portland and Arlie Lyons ’61 of Toledo, Wash., are members of a Portland senior softball team, which recently won the national championship for 75-year-olds at the major level in Las Vegas, Nev. The team also won the national championship for 70-year-olds five years ago.
Kenneth and Janice (Sager) Williams, both ’64, of Huntington Beach, Calif., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by going on a cruise to Alaska. Ken retired from Boeing Aircraft in 2005 with five patents to his credit, and Jan taught the harp until age 70. Both are active in their church.
Roberta (Thompson) Simcoe ’64 of Napa, Calif., and her husband, John, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a cruise to South America.
James Ferguson ’65 of Salem is planning a fishing trip to Chile this winter.
Bill Grandey ’65 of Rancho Mirage, Calif., published Murder, Mystery and Croquet: Wicked People Wield Murderous Mallets.

1970-79
Marlene (Button) Boltman ’70 of Salem retired in June from the Salem-Keizer School District.
Daniel Koenig ’70 of Creswell was reappointed to the Oregon Medical Examiners Advisory Board.
Warren Kerr ’72 of Tacoma, Wash., is interim vice president for secondary education at the Washington Alliance for Theatre Education.
Jonathan Moore ’73 of Laguna Beach, Calif., works with the Presbyterian Mission as a fund developer to increase new worship communities throughout the U.S.
Richard and Rachelle (Martin) Hughes ’75 and ’76 live in Salem. Richard received a master’s in management from Southern Oregon University in September.
Kathleen (Ogata) Guaderrama ’76 of Lompoc, Calif., works for Towbes Construction Company. John Ratto ’76 and ’78 of Portland worked 35 years as a Multnomah County District Attorney.
Steve Wilson ’76 of Medford retired after 32 years with Ashland Insurance.

1980-89
Carmil (White) Ritchey ’80 of Gresham is insurance policy service supervisor with AAA of Oregon and Idaho. Prior to this position, she worked for 34 years with Farmers Insurance.
Diane (Halbhuber) Sollinger ’80 of Eugene is senior account manager at Bennett Management Company.
Douglas Mabry ’82 of Vancouver, Wash., is a system administrator at Western Seminary.
Ronald Wayman ’83 of Oakdale, Calif., has been the regional vice president for International Commissions for 10 years.
Eric and Sabrina (Bergquist) Walters ’83 and ’84 of Beaverton co-authored the book, Enticing Love: Real Hope for Real Relationships. They also teach marriage counseling.

1990-99
Kerri Comer ’90 of Portland married Michael Ballenger Oct. 4.
Royce Embanks ’92 of Madras was elected mayor of Madras. He is retired from Indian Health Service in Warm Springs.
Kay Shoemaker ’92 of Eagle River, Alaska, just published Exploring Ecology in Alaska. She is a retired state park employee.
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Shaterah Hall ’15
Creative writing major | Gainesville, Va.
and her brother, Pedro Nunez Dieguez ’09, were featured in the Oregon Certified Public Accountant, November/December 2014 issue.

Brett Elliott ’05 of Harrisonburg, Va., is co-offensive coordinator and quarterback coach at James Madison University.

Ian Adams ’07 of Pacifica, Calif., completed a Ph.D. in computer science from UC Santa Cruz and works for Seagate Technology.

Leah (Caine) Bannon ’07 of Cheyenne, Wyo., works in the Emergency Department at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center.

Lindsey Bittner ’07 of Oregon City is academic records specialist on the Linfield College Portland Campus.

Joshua Dodd ’07 of La Center, Wash., completed a master’s in health care supervising.

Mollie (Skov) Ortega ’07 of Stamford, Conn., completed a medical residency and is now a hospitalist with Peace Health.

Jake Creviston ’08 of Portland earned the Breakthrough Leader of Nursing award sponsored by the Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action. He is a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner at the Amenda Clinic.

Veronica Blackwell ’08 of Independence had a son, Luis Raphael, July 3.

Ruth (Cordell) Woodward ’08 of Sisters completed a master’s in speech pathology at Idaho State University.

Tyler Bryson ’09 of New York, N.Y., is a Ph.D. candidate in mathematics.

Brenna (Krajewski) Cline ’09 of Littleton, Colo., and her husband, Tyler, had a son, Turner David, July 25.

Melissa Depierro ’09 of Denver, Colo., received a dual master’s degree in international business and humanitarian arts.

Pedro Nunez Dieguez ’09 of Portland is a senior accountant with McDonald Jacobs PC working with assurance services, primarily not-for-profit audits. He and his sister, Carmen Nunez ’05, were featured in the Oregon Certified Public Accountant, November/December 2014 issue.

Christopher and Brittany (Miller) Towe, both ’09, of Tacoma, Wash., had a son, Mason, May 3.

2010-14

Gregory Blakeman ’10 of Susanville, Calif., and his wife, Sara, had a daughter, Alexis Marie, July 14.

Rachel Miles ’10 of Beaverton married Colin Bebee ’10 Aug. 31 in North Plains.

Beth Satterwhite and Erik Grimmstad, both ’10, of McMinnville opened Even Pull Farm, a CSA (community-supported agriculture).

Neelam Sims ’10 of Encinitas, Calif., had a son, Romeer Alexander, Aug. 31.


Sharon Hagel ’11 of Sherwood married Jordan Drake ’16 Oct. 25 at The Resort at the Mountain in Welches.

Lisa Schelske-Gardner ’11 of Scio works for the Oregon National Guard.

Nichole Wood ’11 of McMinnville completed a master’s in curriculum instruction at Portland State University.

Linfield alumni produce Hatfield film

After five years of work by Linfield College alumni, a feature-length documentary film about Mark Hatfield made its television debut and will also be shown at Linfield.

The Gentleman of the Senate: Oregon’s Mark Hatfield aired on Oregon Public Broadcasting in January and will show at Linfield College on Wednesday, March 11, at 7 p.m. in Ice Auditorium.

A Q&A with the filmmakers and former Hatfield staff members will follow the Linfield showing.

One never knows where an idea may come from, as Kevin Curry ’92 and Devon Lyon ’97 learned one summer evening when the idea for a documentary film on Oregon statesman Mark Hatfield popped up in casual conversation among friends.

“We were talking about the broad impact a politician like Mark Hatfield has on the state through all of the people that worked for him,” said Curry, an executive producer on the film. “I expressed my surprise that no one had done a documentary on Senator Hatfield. Be careful what you wonder about out loud, it could lead to an amazing, difficult and rewarding experience.”

Focusing on Hatfield’s years in the U.S. Senate, the film examines how his leadership approach served him well on the big issues of the day. The 55 interviews conducted for the film encompass a range of people including President Bill Clinton, former U.S. Senate colleagues Sen. Bob Packwood (R-OR) and the late Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-HI), as well as Oregon leaders and many former staff members who worked daily with Hatfield.

Linfield College’s connection to the production is significant. In addition to alumni Curry and Lyon, executive producer Rick Dancer is the great-grandson of J.O. Maxwell, after whom Maxwell Field is named, and his parents, Roy and Betty Dancer, are alumni. Further, both Senator Hatfield and his wife, Antoinette, received honorary degrees from Linfield in 1971. His daughter, Elizabeth Hatfield-Keller, earned a degree in 1984.
A Lasting Legacy...

Homer ’38 and Mary “Bette” Williams were longtime educators who lived rather modestly. Homer, a science teacher and coach, and Bette, a language arts teacher and reference librarian, established two endowed funds at Linfield through a generous gift from their estate: one that provides scholarships for students majoring in the natural sciences and a second that supports the library.

Although they passed away over five years ago, their care and concern for educating young people lives on.

If you’d like to have a confidential conversation about how you could have a similar impact at Linfield, contact Craig Haisch ’95, director of philanthropic planning, at 503-883-2675 or chaisch@linfield.edu.

In memoriam

Elise (Kurnick) Warren ’42 of Klamath Falls, Oct. 18.
Charles Rowell ’43 of Napa, Calif., Jan. 4.
Lois (Lardless) LeCocq ’47 of Merced, Calif., Jan. 16.
Elam Anderson ’47 of McMinnville, Dec. 29. Survivors include son David Anderson ’97.
Connie (Coupe) Robison ’50 of Seattle, Wash., Jan. 27.
Bernice (Chase) Noll ’51 of Eugene, Nov. 26. Survivors include husband Paul ’93, son Landon ’83 and granddaughter Jessica ’06.
Harold Lapp ’52 of Beaverton, Nov. 26.
Robert Utter ’52 of Olympia, Wash., Oct. 15. Survivors include wife Elizabeth (Stevenson) ’53.
Helen (Swanson) Lapp ’54 of Beaverton, Nov. 27.
Walter Garrison ’56 of Powell Butte, Dec. 5.
Fred Schacher ’57 of Portland, Jan. 19. Survivors include son Michael ’89.
John Jenkins ’57 of Tillamook, Dec. 18. Survivors include daughter Elizabeth ’78.
Jerry Laners ’58 of Seattle, Wash., Nov. 12.
Lewis Littlejohn ’59 of Keizer, Dec. 29. Survivors include brother Douglas ’64 and great-nephew Derek ’14.
Larry Richter ’64 of Castle Rock, Wash., Jan. 14. Survivors include wife Alice (Park) ’64.
Marva (Gardner) Thornley ’64 of Oregon City, Dec. 4. Survivors include husband Marvin ’63.
Michael Rigik ’67 of Forest Grove, May 20. Survivors include wife Charleth (Fairchild) ’63.
Vivian Linderoth ’70 of McMinnville, Dec. 9.
Charles Johnson ’72 of Salem, Sept. 26. Survivors include wife Ann (Crandall) ’74, daughter Amelia ’11 and sister Kristine (Johnson) Swan ’71.
Mark Garvey ’89 of Keizer, Feb. 3. Survivors include his wife, Debra (Beko) ’90, sisters Lisa ’86 and Laura (Garvey) Morgan ’86, and nephew Ryan Morgan ’17.
Paula Meyer ’10 of Sherwood, April 22.
Oliver Schaus ’13 of Portland, Oct. 31.

Friends and family

Delford Smith, Nov. 7. He was a trustee emeritus and avid supporter of Linfield athletics.
Gail Ward, Nov. 30. Gail worked as a gift processor at Linfield for 15 years.