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1950-59

Charlotte (Landin) Erickson ’51 of Shoreline, Wash., is an alto in the Swedish Singers of Seattle Women’s Chorus and recently performed at Seattle Center. John and Bette (Lawson) Blaser ’51 and ’54 of Emmett, Idaho, are celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary.

Marguerite (Elkinton) Keiffer ’53 of McMinnville published a book, Thorns, in 2015. The memoir chronicles her experiences growing up in McMinnville, and her interactions with music, illness and faith.

Marilyn (Andresen) Brock ’56 of Stayton and husband, Joseph, celebrated 60 years of marriage.

Mairy Gloria (Konsa) Meiusi ’58 of Denver, Colo., a former World War II refugee from Estonia, has published a book, My Father’s Guiding Hand, which chronicles the story of her family’s escape to the United States. It includes a chapter describing her time at Linfield.

1960-69

Shirley (Bowers) Tighe ’60 and ’76 of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., is the author of Instrumentation for the Operating Room: A Photographic Manual, currently in its 9th edition. She has been writing books since 1976.

JoAnn (McBride) Stockwell ’61 of Kuna, Idaho, and her husband have been married 54 years.

Dennis Alexander ’63 of Salt Lake City, Utah, is president emeritus of the University of Utah.

Jim Ferguson ’65 of Salem was profiled in the summer 2016 issue of Fly Tyer magazine. A full-page photo depicts him in Patagonia holding a big catch, and includes additional photos of colorful fishing flies tied by Ferguson.

Art Larrance ’66 of Portland, co-founder of Cascade Brewing Barrel House, was named the Industry Influencer for Sip Northwest’s 2016 Best of the Northwest. Larrance is one of the main figures responsible for passing the Brewpub Bill in 1985, historic legislation that allowed breweries to serve beer on their premises. In 1986, he co-founded Portland Brewing and was a main organizer of the Oregon Brewers Festival.

Nick and Janet (Ritter) Simpson ’66 and ’67 live in Depoe Bay. Nick sold his Gleneden Beach dental practice in May, after 46 years in the business. He practiced for 30 years in Waldport and 16 years in Gleneden Beach.

James and Cheryl (Haines) Stonier ’68 and ’69 of Kelso, Wash., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 6.

John Buckingham ’69 of Dallas and his wife, Susan, are traveling the country in a recreational vehicle.

Read for Life

Author Melissa Yancy ’99 understands the challenge of finding time for reading. Yancy was on campus Nov. 10 to share her award-winning story collection, Dog Years, at Linfield’s Nicholson Library. Her book was selected as the Drue Heinz Literature Prize and published by the University of Pittsburgh Press. Here, Yancy provides advice for busy adults trying to find time for pleasure reading in their lives.

It’s easy for even once avid readers to lose the habit. Sometimes it’s blamed on shorter attention spans, but routine commitment to five-season television shows (50 hour narratives!) would suggest otherwise. There is so much quality writing out there, and too little time to consume it all. Drop any guilt you might have about what you’re not getting to — that doesn’t help — and make reading easier on yourself.

- Short salvo. Some of the most timely, provocative work today is in the short form. Traditional venues like The New Yorker are still standouts. The finely curated One Story delivers a single short story to your door every three weeks. For the tech-savvy, the Great Jones Street app aspires to be the Netflix of the short form, and long-time favorites like The Kenyon Review publish special online content.

- Take a minute for poetry. The challenge and the power of poetry is that it requires your full attention, if only for a moment. But what else can enrich your life in just a minute or two a day? Pick up a Best American Poetry anthology and keep it as a bedside devotional that will last you the entire year.

- Commute buster. I listen to podcasts and audio books every day. My commute is my favorite time to catch up on essayists like Roxane Gay and Leslie Jamison. If your mind tends to wander, start with Jon Ronson reading his own books on audio — he leads you right down the rabbit hole with him.
The power of connections

I recently learned of a product called “What’s Your Word,” a bracelet inscribed with a single word chosen by the buyer. If I had to focus on just one word that holds meaning in my professional life, it would be connect. I believe there is power in connection, and our connections at Linfield can be even more powerful because of our size.

In my role as director of alumni and parent relations, I want to help you find, build and maintain connections. Our team wants to bring together alumni, students and parents — on campus and off — at various events. Keeping in touch with our alumni is good for the college, of course, but it’s also good for you. I firmly believe that the Wildcat network can have meaningful impact for you socially and vocationally.

The first step in making these connections is ensuring we can reach you. Last fall, we approached alumni through email and mail to update contact and employment data. The improved information will help us keep you connected with upcoming events and messages. We also plan to launch new programs and tools that will make reaching others in the Linfield community easier.

Linfield wants to make 2017 a rewarding year for alumni, and our connections will help us do that. We’re here for you via email, phone or social media. When you reach us, feel free to let us know what your word would be.

Debbie Harmon Ferry ’90
Director of Alumni and Parent Relations
Support Linfield beyond your lifetime. It’s possible, and it’s easy.

You can leave a meaningful legacy of support for Linfield College by directing a gift from your estate to Linfield’s endowment. For example, if you currently give Linfield $250 annually, an estate gift of $5,500 will continue to support the college at the same level long after your lifetime.

Named scholarships and other designated endowment funds may be created with gifts of greater amounts.

A little planning today can make a tremendous difference for tomorrow’s students.

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Election Season on Social Media, on the Healthline Networks website.
Royce Embanks ’92 of Madras is mayor of Madras.
Don Grotting ’93 of Portland is superintendent of the Beaverton School District. He has been an Oregon superintendent for the past 20 years and was named Oregon Superintendent of the Year in 2014.
Scott Nelson ’94 of Sherwood is director of communications and marketing at Linfield College. He previously worked for 22 years in journalism, most recently as managing producer of The Oregonian and OregonLive.
Dana Samples ’95 of Camas, Wash., retired Aug. 1 as vice president for Global Clinical Services at Cognizant Technology Solutions.
Brian Schmidt ’96 of Lake Oswego is president of the Home Builders Association of Metropolitan Portland.
Erik McLaughlin ’96 of Walla, Wash., is director of Exvere, a Seattle-based mergers and acquisitions advisory firm. He was instrumental in the sale of Seven Hills Winery, where he served as senior vice president, to the Crimson Wine Group.
Jeff and Nissa (Cockrell) Roberts ’97 and ’98 live in Gearhart. Jeff is the principal of Seaside High School.
Korenza (Burris) Jones ’97 of Springfield and husband Carlos had a son July 29.
Sean and Katie (Amick) McMahon ’97 and ’98 live in Portland. Sean is director of content for SmartBrief and Katie is producing a public TV social science show.
Tanya (Matthews) McDonald ’97 of Woodinville, Wash., published a haiku-inspired poetry book, Seven Suns/Seven Moons, with co-author Michael Dylan Welch.
Amy Casterline ’98 of Laurel, Md., is credentialed as a Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE), the global standard for the fundraising profession.
Matt Brown ’98 of Gearhart has been elected mayor of Gearhart. A PGA general manager and head professional at Highlands Golf Club in Gearhart, he was also named 2016 PGA Merchandiser of the Year-Public Category.
Candi Carter Olson ’99 of Logan, Utah, received the American Journalism Historians Association Rising Scholar Award. She received the award for her research, The Rights of the Women of Zion, and the Rights of the Women of All Nations: The Woman’s Exponent and the Utah Women’s Press Club.
Khale Century (Tyler) Reno ’99 of Jackson, Wyo., and husband Renzy had a baby, Ace Tyler, Feb. 29.
Melissa Yancy ’99 of Los Angeles, Calif., won the 2016 Drue Heinz Literature Prize and published a book of short stories, Dog Years.

2000-09

Anne Zimmerman ’00 of San Francisco, Calif., and her husband, Sean Finney, had a son, Leon, May 28, their second.
MaryJo Monroe ’00 of Portland was elected president of the Oregon chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers. She has been a professional organizer with her home-organizing business reSPACed since 2008.
Jeffrey Crapper ’00 of Dayton was named Outstanding High School Classroom Teacher by the Oregon Science Teachers Association.
Kayla Watts ’01 of Portland married Zach Eberhardt on June 18.
Kristi (Kohn) Blair ’01 of Kingman, Ariz., is recorder for Mohave County.
Rebecca (Stevens) Hoppen ’01 of Hillsboro is a first-grade teacher at Lenox Elementary in the Hillsboro School District.
Award-winners recognized

Five alumni and friends of the college were honored at the Linfield’s Finest awards reception during Homecoming weekend Sept. 30. Honorees include from left, David and Jeanne Bech, Walker service award; Pete Dengenis ’64, alumni service award; President Thomas Hellie; Kerry Nordstrom-Bradley ’10, outstanding young alumna; and Floyd McKay ’57, distinguished alumnus.

For more information on this year’s recipients, go to linfield.edu/homecoming. Nominate someone for the 2017 awards at linfield.edu/alumniawards.

Council leads alumni mission

Linfield’s Alumni Leadership Council is shaping the alumni experience. The council meets three times annually to discuss ways to nurture lifelong connections with the Linfield community. Council members provide input and direction for alumni events, service, programming and communications. Members include, front row from left, Nissa (Cockrell) Roberts ’96, Kathy (Magnus) Loving ’82, Marianne Mills ’72, Graham Saaton ’08, Kristen (Teel) Taylor ’98, Mari (Moore) Calbourne ’95; back row, Jim Maraney ’67, Lauren Ross ’11, Eric Deffenbaugh ’00, Roger Staples ’86 and Dan Keenig ’70. Not pictured, Odis Avritt ’67 and Kandice (Kleiber) Marshall ’05.

Kendra Larsen ’02 of Colorado Springs, Colo., received a master’s degree in library science from Emporia State University in May.

Laura (Worznia) Small ’02 and ’09 of Portland is a registered nurse at Doernbecher Children’s Hospital.

Nate (Roberts) Foster ’02 of Eugene and his husband Brian are owners and innkeepers of The Oval Door Bed and Breakfast.

Amy (Szumianski) Klocko ’03 of Junction City and her husband, Andrew, had a son, Theodore Martin, July 5.

Aubrey (Turriaga) Nava ’03 of Mesa, Ariz., had a son, Alexander Eugenio, June 13. She is a microbiologist at the Mayo Clinic.

Joshua Johnson ’04 and Kelsey Lyle ’07 of Dulles, Va. Joshua has been sworn in as a State Department Foreign Service Officer and will serve in Chennai, India.

Scott and Jen (Bishop) Brockett ’04 and ’05 of Milwaukee had a son, Charlie Robert, May 19.

Amanda (Rozen) Palmer ’05 of Moscow, Idaho, and husband Nathan had a daughter, Samantha Robin, May 21, their fourth child.

Brett Elliott ’05 is quarterbacks coach for the Mississippi State University football team.

Elise (Brinhall) Steele ’05 of Bellevue, Wash., and husband Benjamin had a daughter, Mary, May 10.

George IV and Abby (Yenne) Carter ’05 and ’07 of Salem had a son, George V, June 11.

Jinnell Lewis ’05 of Madras and husband Chris Toman had a son, Canyon Mitchell Toman, June 24.

Jordan Hollern ’05 of Great Falls, Mont., won the Dufresne Foundation Outstanding Educator Award for 2015-16. He was also one of 20 Montana teachers selected to participate in the math and science leadership development program.

Justin Samples ’05 of Boise, Idaho, and wife Cara had a son, Jackson Walter, Nov. 29.

Kristen (Romanaggi) Marick ’05 of Portland and husband Joel had a daughter, Theodosia Edwina, Sept. 4.

Megan Watts and Jon Kearsley, both ’05, of Denver, Colo., had a son, Owen Kearsley, Dec. 13, 2015.
Nicole Holsclaw ’05 of Glendale, Ariz., is general manager at CBP of Arizona, a paint-contracting company.

Quin (Abrahamson) Denfield ’05 of Hillsboro received a doctorate from the OHSU School of Nursing.

Sevda (Speroff) Day ’05 of Bend and husband Matt welcomed a daughter, Landon Leonova, June 1.

April Huggler ’06 of Beaverton is the quality assurance and training manager for the department of environmental services at Oregon Health & Science University.

Brittany Clark ’06 of Portland married Doug Guthrie April 23.

Jennifer (Reardon) Domes ’06 of Newberg and her husband, Matt, create artisan spinning tops at NW Tops. She finished eight ultra races in 2016 – three 5OKs, one 40-miler, one 100K, two 50-milers and a 100-mile. “I am so grateful for the education I received at Linfield,” said Worth, a supervisor of provider relations at Family Care Health Plans. “As a student, I was a young parent and had no time to join the cross country team. Since I have an amazing education and a job I love now, I can trail run and ultra race my heart out.”

Jason and Meredith (Berthot) Olds ’07 and ’06 of McMinnville had a daughter, Emily Grace, June 14.

Leah (Caine) Bannon ’07 of Salt Lake City, Utah, has been accepted to the A.T. Still University Doctor of Health Administration program.

Nick Davenport ’07 of Madison, Wis., earned a doctorate in cellular and molecular biology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.


Patricia Everett-Kabat ’07 of Vancouver, B.C., finished her doctorate in theatre studies at the University of British Columbia, where she researched propaganda plays in 1930s Vancouver, B.C.

Stephanie (Pulliam) Brown ’07 of Metuchen, N.J., is program director for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of Middlesex County.

Emily Jenkins ’08 of Salem earned a Certificate for Advanced Trauma Therapy last year.

Justyne Triest ’08 of Hillsboro married David Krug Oct. 15 at the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

Katie Kaufman ’08 of Oregon City married Kyle Exum July 16.

Nabil and Courtney (Worthington) Zerizef, both ’08, live in Portland. Nabil is principal at Farmington View Elementary School and Courtney runs Courtney Z. Photography.

Chris Hawley ’09 of Tacoma, Wash., is assistant athletic director and athletic trainer for Gonzaga Preparatory School in Spokane.

Erika (Rosenfield) Skaar ’09 of Madras and husband Kasey had a daughter, Maggie Patricia, Dec. 19, their second daughter.

Katherine (Franklin) Kitchell ’09 and ’11 of Talent is a manager at Providence Medical Center.

Megan (Stephens) Haskins ’09 of Spokane, Wash., and husband Craig had triplets Jan. 28, 2016 – Ellison, Oakley and Isaiah.

Jennifer (Allen) Worth ’01 of Portland finished the Mountain Lake 100-mile race Sept. 24-25.

2010-16

Chris McIsaac ’10 and Jill Broughton ’13 of Tigard were married July 2 at The Troutdale House by the Sandy River.

David and Tessa (Leppell) Hurn, both ’10, of Forks, Wash., had a daughter, Ahna, Feb. 8, 2016.

Gregory Blakeman ’10 of Janesville, Calif., and wife, Sara, are certified foster parents.

Samantha (Jordan) Geary ’10 of McMinnville and husband Zack, had a son, Hiram Roosevelt, Aug. 9.

Steve and Sami (Keim) Arnst ’10 and ’12 of Corvallis had a daughter, Elah Rene, June 26.

Thomas Belleque ’10 of Teller, Alaska, married Kyle Hatch June 11.

Beth Satterwhite ’10 and Erik Grimstad ’10 of McMinnville, co-owners of Even Pull Farm, were featured in the January issue of Hobby Farms Magazine.

Dwayne Orr ’11 of Sandy is director of order management and solutions sales at Telarus.

Garrett Garceau ’11 of Grants Pass is studying computer science at Portland State University.

Kurtis Williams ’11 of Hillsboro is pursuing a master’s degree in business administration with a marketing emphasis from Concordia University in Seward, Neb.

Maria Sandoval Perez ’11 of Dayton and husband Carlos Garcia Oliveros had a daughter, Emilia Garcia-Sandoval, July 13.

Travis and Claire (Velaski) Tocher, both ’11, live in Cornelius. Travis teaches social studies at Forest Grove High School. Claire is a teacher at Dundee Elementary School.

Eugene
Elk Horn Brewery
Tuesday, April 18 | noon

Bend
Riverhouse on the Deschutes
Thursday, April 20 | 5:30 p.m.

Seattle
Washington Athletic Club
Monday, April 24 | 4 p.m.

California
Bay Area
Saturday, May 13 | TBD

Scott Carnahan ’73 retirement celebration
Ted Wilson Gymnasium
Saturday, June 10 | 2 p.m. social hour, 3 p.m. program

Linfield Night at the Hillsboro Hops
Ron Tonkin Field, Hillsboro
Friday, July 21 | 6:05 p.m. picnic, 7 p.m. first pitch

Homecoming
Sept. 29-30

For more information, contact us at 503-883-2547, alumni@linfield.edu or linfield.edu/alumni.
Fancy meeting you here

Separately Casey Jones ’07 and Meghan Gillen ’13 are serving as Peace Corp volunteers in Uganda, East Africa. Jones is a volunteer in the Global Health Service Partnership serving as an assistant lecturer of nursing at Muni University in Arua, West Nile. Gillen is an education volunteer in Kabulasoke in Gomba District. Their sites are at least 15 hours apart by car, and the two had never met, but a chance introduction while preparing Thanksgiving dinner for new U.S. literacy volunteers changed that. They spent the day cooking together and realized they are both Wildcats. “We immediately high-fived on that discovery,” reports Jones.

Megan Gillen ’13 and Casey Jones ’07 point to their approximate location on a map at a hostel in Kampala, the capital and largest city in Uganda.
at the Agency for New Americans, a refugee resettlement agency. She works to help refugees find and maintain jobs in order to become self-sufficient in their new homes.

Andrea Pakula ’16 of Clarkston, Wash., is an international program coordinator with NorthWest Student Exchange, bringing foreign high school students into the U.S. to study for a year or semester.

Austin Brown ’16 of Portland, taught English during the summer at an intensive English program at Xi’an Jiaotong University in China.

Ritchie D. Thomas ’53 of Olympia, Wash., May 24. Survivors include daughter Kelli (Fehr) Hanson ’94, son Jason ’94, brother Doug Sargent ’64 and niece Dawn (Sargent) Shuey ’94.


Donald Shirilla ’68 of Portland, Nov. 18.

James Starr ’68 of Portland, July 30. Survivors include son Douglas ’94.

Lucia (Clark) Duke ’71 of McMinnville, June 1. Survivors include husband James ’58.

Janice Carlile ’74 of McMinnville, Nov. 19. Survivors include daughter Carrie ’81.

Craig Howard ’74 of Ashland, Jan. 19.

Dan Barnes ’77 of Turner, Dec. 1. Survivors include wife Susan (Lidstrom) ’77.

Barbara (Linthicum) Sidwell ’77 of Springfield, Aug. 3.

Lillian (Nightengale) Tinker ’78 of McMinnville, Aug. 2.

Tony Wright ’78 of Tacoma, Wash., July 25.

Todd Harding ’83 of West Linn, Nov. 18.

Leatha June (Fleming) Jetton ’85 of Sheridan, Sept. 19.


John J.C. Ruelas ’89 of Blue Mound, Texas, Sept. 15.

Lisa (Bailey) Lawton ’91 of Eugene, July 9.

Helen West ’94 of Corvallis, Sept. 6.

Todd Lang ’96 of Macon, Ga., March 2, 2016.


Brittany (Hartzell) Baguley ’00 of Reno, Nev., July 10. Survivors include husband Jeff ’00.

John Jacobson ’03 of Corvallis, Sept. 9. Survivors include wife Karen (Larrison) ’01.


Conrad de Fiebre ’17 of Lake Oswego, Oct. 19.

In memoriam


Elsie (Kalmen) Johnson ’44 of Portland, Oct. 6.


Ernest Davenport ’48 of Stayton, March 15.


Crittenden Huston ’49 of Bend, Jan. 14.

Andrew Houston ’50 of Vancouver, Wash., April 6, 2016.

Robert Jellum ’50 of Newberg, Nov. 29.

Peter G. Tveit ’50 of Salem, Nov. 13.

Winslow Waite ’50 of Mercer Island, Wash., March 5, 2016.

Marilyn (Andersen) Havill ’52 of Bandon, April 30.