

# CRATER ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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## ALUMNI FEATURE



The **Crater Alumni Newsletter** continues to profile outstanding graduates of Crater High School/School District # 6. This edition we are proud to profile 1964 graduate Judge Ray White.

Ray and his brothers Bill (Crater class of 1969) and Tom (Crater class of 1961) lived on Kirtland Road, their father Wilton was an Orchardist. Mom's (Carol) maiden name was Dodge; the bridge with that name was named after her parents, ranchers in that area of District # 6.

Ray enjoyed and recalled many memories of his days at Crater. Ray was a standout football player for the Comets, earning All-Conference acclaim as a linebacker. His athletic prowess was more pronounced on the gridiron than the basketball court. His basketball coach, Lloyd Hoffine once remarked, "Ray, for a basketball player you are a good linebacker." Ray recalled a tactic of Coach Hoffine. When in need of imposing physical will on an opponent he would summon Ray and his close friend Denny Ryerson. "I guess he knew we weren't afraid to foul" said Ray with a chuckle. Ray recalled Denny in a different light, "I was with Denny the only time I got suspended". He remembers Denny coming to his class, telling the teacher they were both needed by another instructor. The teacher said, "Ok, but bring me a pass." Upon returning with the doctored signature on the pass, the gig was up. Ray recalls that he and Denny had skipped to play pool, which is what they did when the school gave them a day of suspension. Judge White recalled with respect and awe as did so many graduates of his era, Coach Leonard Warren. "He was a special person in every sense of the word." Ms. Shirley Drysdale, a teacher of Math and Latin and Bill Russell, an English teacher and a member of the Crater Foundation Board of Directors, were two other staff members of whom Ray spoke fondly. Ray recently taught a community awareness class in which Bill was an attendee, "I wish I could have given him a grade" laughed Ray. Ray was also the State President for the Future Teachers of America, as well as Crater High School Associated Student Body President his senior year.

Ray graduated from Southern Oregon College with a B.S. degree in Business Administration in 1969. From the Ashland campus, Ray matriculated to Eugene where he graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law in 1972. Judge White worked in the District Attorney's office for 8 years, rising to the

position of Senior Deputy District Attorney. Upon the retirement of Judge Mayne in 1981 Ray became a District Court Judge. Today, he is one of nine Circuit Court Judges serving Jackson County. In this election year I asked Ray if he had or would ever consider a role in politics. He replied, "I had one contested election for the District Court bench and it was quite possibly the worst experience of my life". As the incumbent in that race, he recalls handing a brochure outlining his qualifications to a patron, the lady accepted the pamphlet and responded, "I certainly hope you can do a better job than the guy in there now".

Ray spoke of the feeling that as a judge you can sometimes make and see a difference, the negative is the sadness in seeing repeat offenders. As a specialist in criminal cases, he estimates that 90% of his case loads involve drugs at some level or another.

Ray is happily married to his best friend, Starlyn. Starlyn is the Jackson County Jury Coordinator. The couple enjoys travel; their journeys often carry them to Mexico. They really enjoy Argentina as well as Honduras and Starlyn's native Philippines. Ray has four children and five grandchildren ranging in age from 3 to 9.

The Crater Foundation wishes to thank Ray for his service to our community. Judge White, we are proud to call you a "COMET".



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# WHERE *are they* NOW?

## 1952 - 1959

**DAVID TURNER (54)** – lives in Salem, Oregon with his wife of 44 years, Geraldine. David retired from the Department of Agriculture and is working part time at Oregon State University in their seed certification department. They have five children, nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

**JEAN MILLER HUNT (55)** – lives in Gaston, Oregon with her husband, Taylor. They have five grown children and six grand children. Jean worked for 43 years with US Bank/US Bancorp. Jean held many positions with US Bank and graduated from University of Washington Pacific Coast Banking School in 1982. She was the first female class president at Pacific Coast Banking School in 1979-80.

**KEN BAILEY (55)** – lives in Medford, Oregon with his wife, Sue. They have one grown child. Ken owned his own trucking company, sold it and became a plumber. He worked for Patterson Plumbing for 37 years before retiring. Ken loves to golf, bowl and go fishing.

**DICK MCDOWELL (59)** - lives in Glendale, Arizona with his wife, Carol. They have one grown daughter, Michelle. Dick works for Penske Truck Leasing and in his leisure time he loves boating and archery hunting. He is also restoring a 1951 Austin Healy.

## 1960 - 1969

**DENNIS FISHER (61)** – lives outside of Roseburg, Oregon on the North Umpqua River with his partner, Kim. Dennis is a retired English teacher from Sutherlin High School where he taught over 25 years. He has three grown children and nine grandkids. Dennis enjoys playing the guitar and visiting the Oregon coast.

**LORI BIEDERMAR (64)** – lives in McMinnville, Oregon with her husband. Retired from Cook Elementary School in 2004 and retired in 2007 from Orme Ranch Camp in Arizona after 38 summers teaching Western Riding, Arts and Crafts and tutoring in Reading. She was also Director of the Summer Studies Program, and finally as Assistant to the Camp Director. She and her husband spend part of the year in Cottonwood, Arizona where they own a retirement home.

**JIM RICKS (64)** – lives in Eagle River, Alaska with his wife, Sonja. Jim is working for Lockheed Martin Corp as a Team Lead for a group managing projects to upgrade FAA systems in Alaska. Jim loves to fly fish, play with his grandsons, travel with Sonja and volunteer for community work. Jim and Sonja celebrated 40 years of marriage with a cruise around the Western Mediterranean.

**KAREN GEBHARD CLINKBEARD (67)** – lives in Medford, Oregon with her husband, Kent. She has two grown daughters, Hollie and Kari. Both daughters are graduates of Oregon State University and are married. Karen has an eleven year old grandson, Matthew. She is a manager with Qwest Communications where she has been for 35 years.

## 1970 - 1979

**JUDY KONEPASEK FOSTER (75)** – lives in Central Point with Dale her husband of 32 years. They have three grown children and two grandchildren. Judy works as an office manager for her husband's CPA firm. She enjoys family, home, gardening, camping and outdoor recreation. She also has a passion for quilts and crafting.

**KATHY GRISHAM SMITH (76)** – lives in Montague, California with Rick her husband of 23 years. They have two grown children and one granddaughter. Kathy now works in accounting for an ozone generator manufacturer in Yreka. Rick works for a ranch in Montague where he's been since 1987.

**RON FABER (76)** – lives in Eagle Point with his wife, Jeanette. Ron has three children; Jeanie, Cody and Jamey and one grandchild. Ron works in construction for KOGAP Company and Jeanette is a building technician at Sams Valley Elementary School.

**TERESA LICHLYTER WIDDICOMBE (77)** – lives in Hillsboro, Oregon with her husband, Kent. They have three children; Nathan (19), Isaac (17) and Bethany (14). Teresa is a District Manager for Everst Dining Service.

**RICHARD DONNELLY (77)** – lives in Sacramento, California with his wife, Ann. They have five children; Tommy (19), Rick (12), John (9),

Michael (7) and Mark (7). Richard is Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer for Woodland, California.

## 1980 - 1989

**CHRISTINE JONES GOODRICH (82)** – lives in Portland, Oregon and has been married for over 12 years. They have a son Robby who is eleven years old. She and her husband buy, fix-up and sell houses.

**TAMMY SMITH KRENTZER (85)** – lives in Medford, Oregon with her husband Daryl. They have four children; Bryce (17), Blake (17), Keith (20) and Cody (13). Tammy works at Neilson Research Corporation as the Quality Control Officer.

**ANGELA LASLEY HOOD (85)** – lives in Medford, Oregon with her husband, David. They have two children; Caitlyn (17) and Jocelyn (14). Angie is the office manager at Safeway on Crater Lake Hwy.

## 1990 - 1996

**KERRY COOPER (90)** – lives in Portland, Oregon with his wife, Tammy. They have three daughters; Madeline (3), Katherine (3) and Charlotte (1). Kerry is a draftsman for an architectural firm in Portland and Tammy does layouts for magazines.

**LESLIE BROCK RICHARDSON (94)** – lives in Shady Cove, Oregon with her husband, Justin (93) and their 11 month old daughter Ila Ann. Leslie is a veterinarian at Crater Animal Clinic in Central Point and Justin is a civil engineer with Johnny Cat Construction.

**BRIAN BERDANIER (94)** – lives in Tokyo, Japan where he teaches English to French students at Lycee franco-japonais de Tokyo. Brian is a world traveler and is currently writing his Master's thesis in Linguistics for the University of London.

**BYRON HIGINBOTHAM (96)** – lives in Central Point with his wife, the former Emalee Finney (00). Byron farms and owns his own Central Point Martial Arts School. Emalee is executive director for Rogue Clinical Lab, Ventana Wellness and Rogue Endocrinology and Metabolic Clinic. In their free time they work with their church youth group.

## Crater Alumni Establishes Website

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Web Sites: Crater Foundation and Alumni

We recently have made several changes to the Crater Foundation web site, adding new information as well as pictures. We have also developed an Alumni web site and have moved some of the material from the Crater Foundation web site to the Alumni web site. The Alumni site will now list email addresses and have a link for class reunions in addition to other material. Both web sites will be listed under Crater High School but you can still access the Foundation web site with the old address. We are working on much much more and we encourage you to access the sites and enjoy the information.

The address to the Foundation web site is:

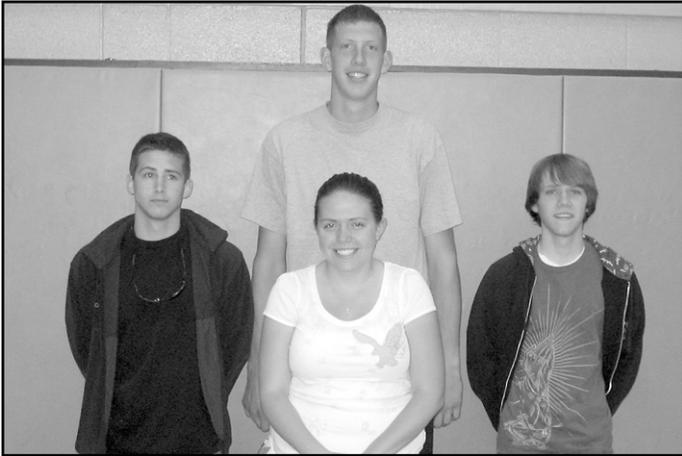
[craterfoundation.district6.org](http://craterfoundation.district6.org)

and to the Alumni web site is:

[crateralumni.district6.org](http://crateralumni.district6.org).



# Four Schools — Four Valedictorians



The **Crater Alumni Newsletter** is proud to spotlight our four Valedictorians for the class of 2008.

The top student of The Academy of Health and Public Service is Kaitlin Ironside. Kaitlin is the daughter of Bruce and Kathy Ironside. Kaitlin carries a 4.02 weighted grade point average. She has been active in Student Government, serving as the ASB Vice President. This fall Kaitlin will attend Oregon Institute of Technology with the goal of becoming either a NICU or surgery nurse.

The Valedictorian for the School of Business, Innovation and Science is Luke Peyralans. He is the son of Bernie and Erika Peyralans. Luke sports a 4.20 weighted GPA and has received many accolades during his four years at Crater including a National Merit Scholar. Luke will be attending the University of Oregon, seeking a double major in economics and political science. He then plans to attend law school with the career goal of venturing into Criminal Law and Policy reform.

The Valedictorian for the School of Natural Sciences is the son of Jon and Maryn Murphy, Jared Murphy. Jared has a 3.97 GPA and has distinguished himself in the classroom as well as the basketball court. Jared's plans are to attend Oregon Institute of Technology where he will major in Mechanical Engineering and play basketball for the Owls. Jared's career goal is to design agricultural and construction machinery.

The Renaissance Academy is proud to be represented by Valedictorian, Alex Miller. The son of Richard and Marcia Miller, Alex will attend the University of Oregon, Clark Honors College. Alex's accomplishments include Advanced Placement Calculus student of the year. On the Eugene campus he will study either Chemistry or Mathematics, his career plans are undecided.

The **Crater Alumni Newsletter** is proud to recognize these four outstanding students!

## **SPRING SPORTS RESULTS**

The Crater Comets' spring athletic season ended with some very impressive accomplishments by our baseball, softball and track teams. The Crater High spring sport teams were once again either first or second in all of the Southern Sky Conference sports.

For the second consecutive year, the Crater boys track team won the conference title easily as did the Crater girls track squad. The two teams qualified 22 athletes to compete in the state meet. The Crater girls team finished a strong 4th at state and earned a team trophy while the boys team finished 21st overall. For the girls, Kayleigh Tyerman finished 2nd in the 800 meter run and 2nd in the 3000 meter run. Holly Haga placed 2nd in the discus while Emily Olson placed 3rd in the 1500 meter run and Cheree Clark finished 3rd in the javelin. The girls 4X400 relay team finished 5th.

Also for the second consecutive year, the Crater girls softball team won the state championship title. (see related article.)

The boys baseball team finished the season as the second place team in the Southern Sky Conference and qualified for the state playoffs. They were defeated in the second round by West Albany by the score of 8-3. The Crater girls golf team won the Southern Sky Conference and had a chance to compete at the state tourney for second consecutive year. The boys team did not win the conference but did qualify senior David Acevedo for the state match.

## **Second Consecutive State Championship**

Once again, the Crater girls softball team are state champions. They defeated Glencoe for the second consecutive year by a score of 3-2. Glencoe was ranked #1 in state polls for the entire year and came into the championship game with a 25-1 season record. The Comets, with only five returning starters from last year's state championship team, were 25-8 for the season before the final game.

The Crater Comets girls softball team finished the season as the second place team in the Southern Sky Conference and qualified for the state playoffs. They defeated Hillsboro by a score of 11-2 and then defeated Churchill 6-2 in the second round and advanced to the semi-finals of the state playoffs. They defeated The Dalles-Wahntonka 3-2 to advance to the state championship game

Congratulations to Coach Chris Arnold and his Lady Comets!

## CRATER HIGH VARSITY FALL SPORTS HOME SCHEDULES

### FOOTBALL

Sept. 06 Shasta  
 Sept. 12 Lakeridge  
 Oct. 10 Ashland  
 Oct. 30 Klamath

### BOYS' SOCCER

Sept. 02 Grants Pass  
 Sept. 09 North Medford  
 Sept. 27 Mazama  
 Oct. 04 Ashland  
 Oct. 11 Klamath  
 Oct. 18 North Valley  
 Oct. 25 Eagle Point

### VOLLEYBALL

Sept. 11 North Valley  
 Sept. 16 Grants Pass  
 Sept. 23 Mazama  
 Oct. 01 Klamath  
 Oct. 21 Eagle Point  
 Oct. 23 Ashland

### GIRLS' SOCCER

Aug. 30 Jamboree  
 Sept. 04 Henley  
 Sept. 12 Mt. View  
 Sept. 13 Summit  
 Sept. 20 South Albany  
 Sept. 23 Klamath  
 Oct. 07 Eagle Point  
 Oct. 14 Mazama  
 Oct. 21 Ashland



## CLASS REUNIONS

- 1958 August 22, 23 & 24**  
 Friday, Aug. 22nd Pizza @ Wild River Brewery, 6:00  
 Sat., 23rd, Banquet @ Red Lion Hotel, 6:00  
 Sun., 24th, Breakfast @ Red Lion Hotel, 9:00  
 Joyce Hobbs Burns 541-664-4688  
 Linda Dysinger Sutton 541-830-8384
- 1961 June 21.** The class of '61 is having a 65th  
 Birthday Party in the Central Point City Park.  
 Howard Misner 541-664-1184  
 Nancy Flanagan 541-773-6207
- 1963 August 1, 2 & 3**  
 Inviting classes of 1962 & 1964 to the  
 August 1st event.  
 Dee Sanderson Rider 541-779-3116  
 Judy Childress Bamforth 541-665-4452
- 1968** Roseanna Boyce 541-826-7361 or 541-324-2728
- 1988 August 15, 16 & 17**  
 Steve Kirk 858-412-7457  
 Tracey Coffman Worley 541-664-2356  
 Rob Johnson: [rob@restorevisioncenters.com](mailto:rob@restorevisioncenters.com)
- 1998 July 11, 12 & 13**  
 Lindsey Rice Meilicke —  
[lindseymeilicke@yahoo.com](mailto:lindseymeilicke@yahoo.com)  
 Amanda White 541-261-4244

# CRATER ALUMNI REGISTRATION

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PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

CRATER GRAD:  YES  NO \_\_\_\_\_  
 YEAR

Yearly \$10 alumni dues enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Contributions \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Crater Alumni Association  
 and include additional information about yourself

Please return to: Willeen Bittle, Crater Alumni Coordinator  
 P.O. Box 5172, Central Point, OR 97502  
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