

# CRATER ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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## ALUMNI FEATURE



The paths taken by the graduates of Crater High School are many and impressive. The **Crater Foundation Newsletter** is proud to profile 1977 graduate Scott Reynolds, another in a long line of successful alumni.

Following his graduation from Crater High School Scott attended Central Oregon Community College (Bend). Scott left his footprint on C.O.C.C. where he was the Associated Student Body President and awarded the Distinguished

Student Award for his achievements and contributions. From C.O.C.C. Scott matriculated to Oregon State University to study Business Administration and Marketing.

While attending O.S.U., Scott worked at Anderson's Sporting Goods in Corvallis. His excellence caught the attention of Portland Athletic Supply and he was offered a position by them. Scott became a Shoe and Apparel buyer for P.A.S., one of Oregon's largest sporting goods outlets, and also served as a company representative to Blue Ribbon Sports (Nike). Scott's venture into the world of sporting goods took a turn (for the better) when in 1982 he married Jane Prosser and they relocated to Bend to manage a hardware home center for her family. Scott spent the next 18 years in retail hardware owning and managing Coast to Coast and True Value Hardware stores in Bend, Prineville and La Grande. In 1986 Scott opened a package and shipping business in Bend with his Crater High School alum Mark Wolter (class of 1977). Scott and Mark continued their venture for 10 years, and still maintain their long standing friendship. Mark is now the Superintendent of Electrical Systems for the City of Bend. "Every time I turn on a light I think of Mark" joked Scott.

In addition to his other ventures and with an eye on the future, Scott invested in real estate properties and regional shopping centers in the Bend area. With the desire to spend more time with his family, in 1999 Scott sold all of his hardware stores, the shipping business and turned his attention to starting an Employee Temporary and Leasing Company in Bend. Ten years later Scott has over 1500 employees working throughout the Pacific Northwest under the company name Employment Source Inc. Scott and his company staff major events from concerts to

college graduations. "I feel good in that we are making a difference in the lives of many who work with us".

Scott is very involved in the Bend community. Rotary, the Bend Chamber of Commerce, the Regional Transportation Committee and the Bend-La Pine Schools occupy a big portion of his day. Scott is the Treasurer of C.O.R.E. (Central Oregonians for Responsible Education). In addition he has been a member of the Bend-La Pine School Board, overseeing the building of 7 new schools and the remodeling of 15 others. Today Scott is on the High Desert Educational Board assisting the 14 regional school districts.

Scott recalls with fondness his days at Crater High School, "too many friends to mention one or two", Scott recalled teachers Dan Speasl, Jack Underwood and Jerry Anderson. He recalls the 1976 Crater – Medford football game with the euphoria and then despair when Craig Moser kicked what was thought to be the deciding field goal only to have the play flagged for an illegal formation. (Film showed the call to be incorrect).

Scott and Jane, his best friend of 27 years, are the proud parents of Jennifer (25), a graduate of the University of Oregon, Courtney (23), and Alison (24), students at Oregon State University.

Scott, The **Crater Foundation Newsletter** is proud of you! You have touched and continue to touch a great number of people. Bend is lucky to have you!

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# WHERE *are they* NOW?

## 1952 – 1959

**DICK PURDY (54)** – lives in Livingston, Texas with his wife, Ginger. Dick retired in 2003, sold their home in Hailey, Idaho and became full time RV'ers. They now spend winters in Arizona and home is where they park their 5th wheel. They have 3 children and 9 grandchildren

**LAUREL HIGINBOTHAM ANDERSON (55)** – lives in Clarkdale, Arizona where they are now retired. Laurel was a registered nurse and worked as a medical supervisor for district 17 school co-op for medically fragile children. Her husband was employed with Boeing on a minute-man basis and later became a school district business manager. They love to travel, garden and camp. They have 3 children, 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

**RUTH WHITE BARD (59)** – lives in Portland, Oregon with her husband, Gary. Ruth is semi-retired and teaches piano. She is also very involved in her church promoting missions to children and in the leadership of children's ministries. They love to travel and spend time with their grandchildren. They have 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

## 1960 – 1969

**JON MOOSTER (63)** – lives in Medford, Oregon where he's been since graduating from Southern Oregon University in 1973. Jon started teaching following his graduation and retired in 2002. He coached various sports, refereed and was very active with the teachers union. Jon has a daughter, Jana who lives in Boston. He enjoys traveling, golf, wine tasting, hiking and gardening.

**BOB BUTCHER (63)** – lives in Longmont, Colorado with his wife the former Judy Wilson. Bob attended Oregon Technical Institute graduating with an electronic technician degree and moved to New Mexico where he began work for Los Alamos National Lab. They were there for the next 17 years raising three sons. They next moved to Santa Clara, California where Bob worked for an Excimer Laser company. Judy went to school and received a degree in Lithography and Graphic Arts. They then moved to Longmont, Colorado, and to Tucson, Arizona where Bob worked for a Solar Energy company and Judy worked at Raytheon Missile Systems. In 2007 they moved back to Colorado. In addition to their three sons, they have six grandchildren all living within 15 miles of them.

**GEORGIA BRITTON TODD (67)** – lives in Jacksonville, Oregon with her husband of over 40 years, Don. They have one son, Dustin, one daughter, Marcella, two grandsons, three granddaughters and one great-granddaughter. Georgia loves to travel, read, spend time with horses spend time with family, renovate houses, and spend more time with horses.

**CONNIE LEES SMITH (67)** – lives in Medford, Oregon. Connie works as a customer category manager for Kraft Foods Global where she has worked for over 30 years. She has three grown children and one granddaughter. Connie loves all outdoor activities and loves to travel, especially to Mexico.

## 1970 – 1979

**NEIL JENSEN (75)** – lives in Eugene, Oregon with his wife of nearly 30 years, Debbie. They have five children, 4 sons and 1 daughter and five grandchildren. Neil works for Monaco Coach Corporation as the Special Projects Coordinator. He enjoys working on their yard and new home.

**CINDY GOHEEN WILLIS (76)** – lives in Port Orchards, Washington with her husband, Robert. They have one daughter, Aubrey. Cindy works as a County Councilman's Assistant and her husband is an Account Executive for Mechanical Contractor.

**PAMELA WHITE (76)** – lives in Canby, Oregon where for the past six years she has worked for a local Habitat for Humanity. She is also a member of Meridian United Church of Christ in Wilsonville and loves the open fellowship and opportunities for service. Pam received a bachelor's degree in political science and economics and has done graduate work in public policy. She has five children ages 20 to 27, all with college degrees or working toward degrees. She has one granddaughter.

**STEVE SPRADLING (77)** – lives in Central Point with his wife, Theresa. They have three children, Michelle, Allesha and Nicole. Steve works for Boise Cascade where he's been for a number of years. Steve says life in general inspires him and he loves coaching kids and being with his family.

## 1980 –1989

**MATT DUSENBERRY (81)** – lives in Central Point with his wife, Kari and their three children, Luke (14), Holly (12) and Sarah (6). Matt is a civil engineer and works for Farber Surveying. He also owns Whetstone Engineering, a private business. Kari works at Scenic Middle School.

**DUANE PFAFF (82)** – lives in Maple Grove, Minnesota with his wife of 18 years, Jamie. They have 3 children, two daughters ages 15 and 13 and a son age 10.

Duane graduated from Oregon State University in 1986 and lived in Portland until 2003 when a job transfer moved them to Minnesota. He currently works as Controller for the Reinsurance division of ING. In his spare time he enjoys coaching his kids' softball, baseball and basketball teams.

**DENISE DOLAN FLORES (85)** – lives in Vancouver, Washington with her husband, Mike. They have two children, Kristen 13 and Justin 9. Denise spent 19 years working in the banking business but tells us her best career yet is that of being a mom.

**STEPHANIE HARRIS SPATH (87)** – lives in Sherwood, Oregon with her husband, Paul and daughters Lindalynn (9) and Serena (5). Stephanie serves as a leader in the Portland West Community Bible Study class and in her daughters' American Heritage Girls troop.

**DAVID EPPERSON (89)** – married this last December, David lives in Medford, Oregon with his wife, Jennifer. David received a degree in history and a master's degree in teaching from the University of Oregon. He is currently a teacher at Scenic Middle School. Jennifer also graduated from University of Oregon and received a teaching degree from Warner Pacific College. She works in real estate with Remax in Medford.

## 1990 – 1998

**SUMMER COUCH CISNEROS (91)** – lives in Central Point with her husband, Antonio and their infant son, Noah. She teaches science at Hanby Middle School, which happens to be where she attended junior high. She is currently on maternity leave and is enjoying watching Noah grow and become a busy little guy.

**CARRIE HYATT HANSON (92)** – lives in Central Point with her husband, Mark (90). They have two children, a girl and a boy. Carrie works for the West Family Foundation and Mark works for the Medford School District.

**JODI BOHNENKAMP MERRITT (95)** – lives in Central Point with her husband, CJ ('94) and their three boys Will (4) and twins Jake and Case (2). Jodi graduated from Southern Oregon University with a degree in Social Services and Criminal Justice. Today she is the Research Project Analyst PSCC Coordinator for the Community Justice Department for Jackson County. CJ is a truck driver for Van Dyke Trucking. In their free time they love to camp and ride their 4 wheelers.

**SHELLY ADAMS (98)** – presently lives in Central Point and works for the Veterans Affairs at the Domiciliary in White City as an optometrist. Shelly received a degree from George Fox University and a degree in optometry from Pacific University. She did her internship as a Doctor of Optometry in Boston, Massachusetts. With her Doctor of Optometry she is currently working for the Veterans Affairs while exploring other opportunities including the possibility of private practice.

## NEW - NEW - NEW

### Web Sites: Crater Foundation and Crater Alumni

The Crater Foundation web site is taking on a new look, adding new information as well as pictures. We have also developed a Crater Alumni web site and have moved some of the material from the Crater Foundation web site to the Alumni web site. The Alumni site now has a link for class reunions, a link "in memory" for deceased classmates



as well as teachers, teacher features and other addition material. We continue to work on much more and we encourage you to access the sites and enjoy the information. The address to the

Crater Foundation web site is: [craterfoundation.district6.org](http://craterfoundation.district6.org) and to the Crater Alumni web site is: [crateralumni.district6.org](http://crateralumni.district6.org).

## Former Crater Student All-American

Clint Mefford, a 2007 graduate of Crater High, has just been honored as an All-American Livestock Judger at the Houston Livestock Show this spring. Clint is completing his studies at Redlands Junior College in Oklahoma with a 3.5 GPA, and will enter Oklahoma State University this fall.

## Four Schools — Six Valedictorians



The **Crater Alumni Newsletter** is proud to announce the valedictorians for the class of 2009. Representing the Crater Academy of Health and Public Safety are Anya Martinez and Meghan Payne. Anya is the daughter of Patricia Hochhalter, and will be attending Southern Oregon University in the fall majoring in Education. Her memories of Crater include swimming, homecoming and her internship at Fire District # 3. In addition to Anya, Meghan Payne likewise represents CAHPS. Megan is the daughter of Bill & Kathleen Payne; she will enter Oregon State University in the fall. Megan will major in English/Literature. Her time at Crater was enhanced by involvement in band, and she points to Jeanie Camarillo as a teacher who made a difference.

Representing the School of Business are McKensie Crawford and Zach Gregor. McKensie is the daughter of Gene and Shannon Crawford and will attend Oregon State University, where she will major in Pharmacy. Her fondest memories of CHS are football games, School of Business and hanging out with friends. BIS also is proud to announce Zachery Gregor as a Valedictorian. Zach is the son of Tawnia Gregor. Zach will be attending Northwest Christian College in the fall, majoring in Christian Ministries. His memories of CHS include study groups and his Advanced Placement US History class.

The Valedictorian of Crater Academy of Natural Sciences is Ashlee Saling. Ashlee is the daughter of Jim & Melanie Saling. She will be attending College of the Redwoods this fall majoring in Nursing and Spanish. Ashlee holds dear her involvement in volleyball and basketball.

The Valedictorian for the Crater Renaissance Academy is Samantha Reed. Samantha is the daughter of Deborah Dobson and the granddaughter of Katherine Shipe. She will be attending the University of Oregon in the fall majoring in Business Administration. Her memories of Crater are centered on the time with her many friends. The **Crater Alumni Newsletter** is proud of Anya, Megan, McKensie, Zach, Ashlee, Samantha plus all the other graduates of the class of 2009!

## Spring Sport Results

As the Alumni Newsletter went to press in March, the Crater boys' basketball team was still involved with state playoff games. The team did advance to the 5A state tournament where they finished 6th with one win and two losses. This was the first time since 1990 that the Crater boys' team advanced to the state tournament.

The Crater Comets' spring athletic season ended with some very impressive accomplishments by our baseball, softball and track teams.

The Crater boys track team finished 3rd in the Southern Sky district meet but qualified a number of boys for the state meet. At the state meet the Crater boys' team finished 2nd only 6 points behind the state champion. Junior Kelly Beck was a state champion in the 400 meter, while the 4x400 meter relay team was also state champions. Senior Zach Elliott place 2nd in both the 1500 and 3000 meter runs.

The Crater girls team finished 1st at the Southern Sky district meet and then proceeded to finish 10th at the state meet. Senior Kayleigh Tyerman finished 1st in the 1500 meter run and 1st in the 3000 meter run. Her time in the 1500 set a new state record by over 10 seconds. The girls 4x400 relay team finished 6th.

For the third 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 third consecutive year.



## Third Consecutive State Championship

Once again, the Crater girls' softball team is the **5A STATE CHAMPIONS**. They defeated Glencoe for the **THIRD** consecutive year by a score of 5-2. Glencoe was ranked #1 in state polls for the entire year and came into the championship game with a 28-3 season record. The Comets, with only five returning starters from last year's state championship team, were 19-12 for the season before the final game.

The Crater Comets girls' softball team finished the season as the first place team in the Southern Sky Conference and qualified for the state playoffs. They defeated Summit by a score of 4-2 and then defeated Churchill 6-2 in the second round and advanced to the semi-finals of the state playoffs. They defeated The Dalles-Wahtonka 8-4 to advance to the state championship game

Congratulations to Coach Chris Arnold and his Lady Comets!

# CLASS REUNION

Turn the page  
for upcoming  
reunion  
information!!

# CRATER HIGH VARSITY FALL SPORTS HOME SCHEDULES

## FOOTBALL

Sept. 04 Wilsonville  
 Sept. 25 Jefferson  
 Oct. 02 North Medford  
 Oct. 09 Eagle Point  
 Oct. 30 Mazama

## BOYS' SOCCER

Sept. 18 West Albany  
 Sept. 19 Crescent Valley  
 Sept. 26 Summit  
 Sept. 29 Klamath  
 Oct. 13 Eagle Point  
 Oct. 20 Mazama  
 Oct. 17 Ashland

## VOLLEYBALL

Oct. 08 Eagle Point  
 Oct. 13 Ashland  
 Oct. 15 Mazama  
 Oct. 22 Klamath

## GIRLS' SOCCER

Sept. 15 North Medford  
 Oct. 03 Mazama  
 Oct. 10 Ashland  
 Oct. 17 Klamath  
 Oct. 31 Eagle Point

## CROSS COUNTRY

Sept. 26 Crater Classic



**1954 – July 25th – Dinner at Jacksonville Inn**  
 Contacts: Beverly Beck Florian 541-664-3141  
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 Mary Koch Dew 541-482-8640  
[natswed@yahoo.com](mailto:natswed@yahoo.com)  
 Gordy Carrigan 541-245-0180 - for golf  
 Howard Morris 541-882-0165 - for no host breakfast

**1959 - Aug 21st - No host at Wild River Brewing & Pizza**  
**Aug 22nd – Dinner at the Red Lion Hotel**  
**Aug 23rd – Brunch at Margaret Rambo's home**  
 Contacts: Sonja Roberts 541-779-9736  
 Margaret Rambo 541-664-1164

**1969 - Aug 7 – 9**  
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 Marley Gorden Sharpe - 541-664-3581  
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**1979 - July 17th - Tour of Crater followed by pizza**  
**18th - Picnic afternoon - Dinner & dance**  
**19th - Golf at Stoneridge**  
 Contact: Barbara Gailbraith - [craterclassof79@comcast.net](mailto:craterclassof79@comcast.net)

**1984 - July 25th at Callahan's Lodge**  
**July 26th at Don Jones Park**  
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**1989 – June 26th, 27th & 28th.**  
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