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ALUMNI FEATURE



The Crater Foundation Newsletter takes great pride in featuring 1954 Crater High School graduate Doreen Bradshaw. Doreen has impacted the lives of scores and we are proud to profile her in our spring 2010 newsletter.

Doreen is the daughter of John and Edith Bohnert. She was raised in the house and on the Seven Oaks Farm property where she and Don, her husband, of 54 years, reside today.

Doreen's parents opened Seven Oaks Farm in 1934 and they made it into a premiere Rogue Valley Farm. In 1972 Don and Doreen took over and continue the excellence which has prevailed now for over three quarters of a century.

Don and Doreen are the proud parents of four children, each reared in the family work ethic. Lori (class of 1979) and son-in-law Jerry, parents of two children, now manage the farm; Donna (class of 1981) owns and operates a golf shop and has three daughters; Leann (class of 1984) is a school counselor in Tigard, Oregon; and John (class of 1986) works for Hewlett-Packard in Corvallis, Oregon. Lori, Leann and John are graduates of Oregon State University, where Mom also attended.

Don and Doreen help Lori and Jerry at the farm which is open from July through October, providing fruits and vegetables sought throughout the valley. In addition the Seven Oaks Farm is the site of many school tours, a pumpkin patch during Halloween and pony rides for the young.

Community involvement has always been important to Doreen. She has been a 4-H leader for 40 years, continues to provide expertise in 4-H, and has been on the Jackson County planning commission, Central Point planning commission, and serves as an Elder for the First Presbyterian Church (Medford).

Doreen has served in numerous organizations including Oregon Cattlewomen (state president), the League of Women Voters, the Board of Directors for Cascade Community Hospital,

the Grange Co-Op (first woman on the board) and the Crater Foundation.

Doreen particularly enjoys painting in watercolors and she enjoys Native American artifacts. To meet these interests she and Don travel the Southwest and they periodically visit the Charles Russell museum in Great Falls, Montana.

With fond memories, Doreen recalled her days in school district #6. A 1954 graduate, hers was the first sophomore class to graduate from Crater High School. She recalled many friends: Gordy Carrigan, Howard Morris and his wife, then Ginger Dew, Mary Koch (now Mary Dew) and Harvey Tonn (current president of The Crater Foundation). She laughed as she talked of her and Harvey tormenting their sisters, who were best friends. "We weren't always very nice." She remembered a Sadie Hawkins dance (the pursuit of that special guy by the gal) and laughed about the sight of a friend literally chasing her desired date. Sock Hops and the trampoline in the gym occupied many a lunch hour. Doreen recalled teachers Marge Anderson (girls' P.E.), Warren Holbrook (art) and Art Strauss (principal). As so many of her era, Doreen spoke with a reverence as she recalled teacher / coach Leonard Warren. Doreen did say that the best way to avoid homework in Mr. Warren's class was to spark a discussion of the upcoming Friday night gridiron battle.

Doreen, you have touched many lives with your warm smile and your caring manner. **The Crater Foundation Newsletter**, is proud to call you a **COMET!**

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WHERE *are they* NOW?

1952 – 1959

SHIRLEY SULLIVAN RAPP (52) – lives in Elma, Washington with her husband, Fred. Shirley is a retired registered nurse and her husband as an insurance broker. He is now a public relations man for two companies so they are out in the public much of the time. They have four grown children all having graduated from Northwest Nazarene University. They also have four grandsons. In their free time they love to square dance and have done so for 35 years.

CHARLES GILCHRIST (52) – lives in Central point with his wife of nearly 58 years, Frances. Chuck loves to garden, growing veggies and sharing them with others. He loves to hunt and fish as often as he can and is a bee keeper where his wife keeps an eye on him from afar. They have one great-grandson.

LARRY BIGHAM (54) – lives in a retirement community for military officers near San Antonio, Texas with his wife Linda. They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Larry retired as a Colonel in the U.S. Air Force where he was a pilot and instructor.

ERNEST LIND (57) – lives in Carmel, California with his wife, the former Susan Gilman (59). They recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a trip to Europe, visiting England, France, Italy, Austria, Switzerland and Germany. They have nine grandchildren and one great grandson.

1960 – 1969

PAT GRAVES (64) – lives in Eagle Point with his wife, Donna. Pat manages a mobile home park and Donna works at Key Bank. They have two grown daughters, both Crater graduates, Amy Spencer and Tricia Gray. They have four grandchildren, Paige, Gunner, Makaila and Brayden.

BRYAN NELSON (67) – lives in Canyon City, Oregon and lost his wife in 2008. Bryan is retired but still working part time for the local school district. He has two sons, Dereck, 25, currently serving in the U.S. Air Force and Noel, 20, who is taking nuclear engineering at Oregon State University. Bryan is still running his place in Bear Valley near Seneca where he runs cows and chases elk out of the pastures.

LINDA SNOW JACOBS (69) – lives in Central Point with her husband, Dave. Linda received a B.S. Degree in Education from Southern Oregon College. Her husband Dave was a teacher/coach at Crater, Klamath Falls and Walla Walla, Washington and then back to Crater. He is retired as a teacher but still coaches, most recently at Lewis & Clark College in Portland. They have two grown sons and a grown daughter, a grandson and a granddaughter. Linda now works full time at the Department of Veterans Affairs in White City.

ELAINE KURTZ COCKRELL (69) – lives in Longview, Washington with her husband of 38 years, Bud. They have two daughters and a grandson. After spending time in Jordan and Venezuela they settled down in Oregon and Washington and have been in Longview since 1987. Elaine has been a language arts teacher, an assistant principal and is now been a middle school principal for the past 10 years.

1970 -1979

STACY WILLIAMS DUNGEY (74) – lives Grants Pass with her husband, Ron. Stacy has three grown children, Ben, Brad and Krista. She is an aide at Hanby Middle School and Ron is a retired teacher from School District 6.

RHEA REED BASTIAN (75) – lives in Chiloquin, Oregon with her husband, Richard. They have one daughter Rebecca, 15. Rhea is a graphic artist/screenprinter and they own their own business, “Yankee Designs Screenprinting”. Rhea learned to fly in 1989, added an instrument rating in 1991 and earned a commercial pilot certificate in 2001. Their family activities include homeschooling, flying, hiking and camping.

WIL SCHOCK (76) – lives in Santa Maria, California with his wife, Lorna. They have two grown children, Lane and Chase. Wil lists his occupations as inventor, manufacturer and event coordinator and his wife’s as “domestic goddess”. He’s a Halloween enthusiast and has coordinated the largest national Halloween convention in the world. He has manufactured his own line of furniture (for 16 years) and is now an inventor of a fog producing, smoke chilling machine.

CATHY GIBSON WHEATLEY (77) – lives in Bend, Oregon where she is a property caretaker for some people that live in Portland and come to Bend on holidays and summers. She mows and waters eight acres as well as taking care of the house. She has two grown children, Rena, 28 and Tom, 22. She also has one granddaughter.

1980 -1989

PAULA BENNINGER CHILDRESS (80) – lives in Central Point with her husband, Ted. They own and run a roofing company in Central Point and have been in the business since 1997. They have three children, Destiny, 29, Teddy, 26 and Torie, 25.

MARICA CAMPBELL HASTINGS (84) – lives in Central Point with her husband, John. They have three children, Sarah, Megan and Jacob. Marcia works as a claims processor for health insurance. She and her husband own Hastings Furniture in Central Point. They love to spend time with their kids, taking their boat to the lake, camping, and wakeboarding. Marcia became a certified scuba diver in 2002.

JOHN WIKOFF (85) – lives in Medford with his wife, Sheila. They have four children, Jacob, Sarah, Steffanie and Tiffanie. John works for Roberts Motor Kenworth where he’s been for the past 23 years. Sheila has a Master of Arts degree and is an elementary school teacher.

SUZIE MEUNIER ANDERSON (89) – lives in Grants Pass with her three children, Brooke age 4, Trent age 5 and Taylor age 8. Suzie is a stay at home mom spending most of her time involved with her kids and their activities.

1990 – 1999

CORI LEONARD WALTERS (90) – lives in Central Point with her husband, Danny (89) and their three children, Nathan,12, Morgan,14, and Kaylee,16. Cori works for Medford Sports Injury and Danny works for Food Services of America.

R.J. “ROBBIE” PEARCE (96) – lives in Medford with his wife, the former Shani Anders (98), their two children ages 8 and 4 and a baby expected most any day. Robbie is the general manager of the Family Fun Center in Central Point where he’s been for the past 12 years.

EUGENA CHRISTIANSEN (98) – lives in Medford with her husband, Brent. Eugena works in retain management for the Grange Co-Op in Central Point.

CHAD JOHNSON (99) – lives in Central Point with his wife, the former Angela Carrigan (00), and their almost 2 year old daughter. Chad is a physical education teacher at Scenic Middle School and Angela is a physical education teacher at Ashland Middle School.

E-mail Addresses

We are currently working at obtaining e-mail addresses from as many alumni as possible. We believe in time we will be able to send the Newsletters to alumni electronically if people so desire. It would be a large savings to the Foundation in printing and mailing fees. We would still mail copies to those alumni that desire that process. This is a large project as we have nearly 9000 names and addresses in our data base. If you could help us by sending in your e-mail address it would be appreciated. If you’ve sent it in recently then we already have it recorded. The quickest and easiest way to send us your e-mail is to e-mail it to us at craterfoundation@district6.org.

Hanby School to Celebrate 100 Years



Hanby School has planned a Centennial celebration scheduled for June 5, 2010. This will coincide with Gold Hill’s “Gold Dust Day” and will include a parade, school tours, exhibits and other activities. All former Hanby students and teachers are encouraged to attend. Please put the date on your calendar: **June 5, 2010.**

Fall & Winter Sports Summary

The 2009-10 fall/winter sports season was once again very successful for Crater High athletics. As our Newsletter went to print in the fall, the football team was still competing in the state playoffs. The following is a summary of the football season and the winter sports season.

The Crater football team, led by coach John Beck, finished first in the Southern Sky Conference team with a 4-0 league record and again reached the state playoffs. After drawing a bye in the first round of playoffs they defeated Hermiston 31-14 in the second round. In the quarter finals the Comets were defeated by Sherwood 51-14 to end the season. The Comets ended the season with a 9-2 record and placed two players on the all state first team. Those players were Ryan Sunday and Mike Bishop.

The Crater Comets wrestling team placed second in the Southern Sky Conference qualifying 14 wrestlers for the state tourney. At the state tournament the Comets finished sixth in the 5A division having predominately a freshman and sophomore team.

The Comets girls basketball team finished second in the Southern Sky Conference with a season record of 19-6. They earned a state playoff game and defeated Springfield 65-47 to advance to the state tournament. As we go to press the Lady Comets are scheduled to meet Bend in the first round of the eight-team state tournament.

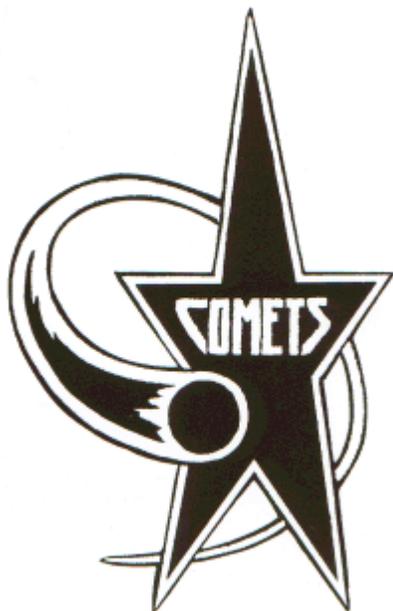
The Comets boys' basketball team had a difficult season finishing fourth in the Southern Sky Conference standings and ended the season with a 5-19 record.

The Crater girls swim team was third in the Southern Sky Conference but did not place at the state meet.

The Crater boys swim team finished third in Southern Sky and placed 16th at the state meet. Jeremy Selland was district champion in the 50 and 100 meter free style and was fifth and sixth in those respective events at state.

The Crater hockey team finished second in the district and have advanced to the state meet as a second place team.

Once again it has been a great sports year for Crater High athletes.



After two years of organizing and re-organizing the Crater Foundation website for reasons out of our control, we now have nearly completed the project. "Nearly" meaning that a good web site is always changing and updating material.

However much of the information in the Crater Foundation website remains the same and the other material is constantly being worked on. Jeremy Sinks, former Crater student and now a Crater High faculty member, has volunteered to be our web master and we owe him a great "thank you" for all the work he has done over the past six months.

We believe our website is now something to be proud of as it gives lots of information about the Foundation while always keeping in mind things that our alumni may be interested in. We have included a list of scholarship donors, fundraising activities and a link for students and former students to apply for scholarships: this and much more about the Foundation. The alumni link includes class reunions, former teachers, district schools and their histories, every edition of the Alumni Newsletter, the Crater Athletic Hall of Fame and a section in memoriam of former classmates and teachers. We encourage you to access the website at craterfoundation.district6.org and enjoy the information. Let us know what you think about the site.

CLASS REUNION

See page 4 for class reunion information



Scholarship Dessert/Auction

The annual Crater Parent/Community Scholarship Dessert was held this December, raising \$41,672 to aid Crater graduates in pursuit of their post-high school academic dreams. Once again **THE DISTRICT # 6 FAMILY** stepped up to help **OUR KIDS!** The auction provides much needed financial assistance; it also sends the message to our young people that they and their collective futures are important. Since the year 2000 more than 1,850 students have received in excess of \$2,000,000 to attend our nation's colleges, universities and trade schools. In conjunction with the annual Scholarship Dessert, many generous donors allow this to happen. To all of you - **THANK YOU!**

The 2010 version of the Crater Parent/Community Scholarship Dessert Auction will be held December 4th. If you would like to donate an item, attend the auction, or help in the preparations, please contact the Crater Foundation at craterfoundation@district5.org or call 541-494-6308.

