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ALUMNI FEATURE



As we have been doing for over twenty years, each issue of the Crater Alumni Newsletter features a Crater graduate who has gone on to make a difference in our world. In this issue we are proud to present 1964 graduate and Rogue Valley icon, Ron Brown, who retired from the KDRV television station after almost 30 years as a reporter and news anchor.

While attending Crater in the 60's, Ron was active in the radio club and deejayed noon sock hops (remember these?). He also was recognized as the senior with the "Most School Spirit." Undoubtedly, his high school experiences helped direct him to his eventual profession.

At graduation Ron received a Carpenter Foundation scholarship to his school of choice, BYU, but his college education was interrupted by three years of military service from 1968-1971, serving both in Vietnam and Germany. While in Vietnam, utilizing his Crater experience, he ran a small radio station. Upon returning from his tour of duty, he was able to finish his college degree at BYU in 1972, graduating with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

His career at KDRV started in March of 1986 when he was hired as a news reporter. After four years of reporting, he became a news anchor and at his retirement was the longest serving TV news anchor in southern Oregon, a record that may never be broken. While at KDRV, he produced and wrote approximately 7,000 news stories chronicling the people, places and events of Southern Oregon. In the process, he became an expert on Southern Oregon history and produced almost 400 stories for the Oregon Century and Oregon Trails series. He won numerous awards during his long career, including the Oregon Heritage Award for his Oregon Century series commemorating Oregon's sesquicentennial.

While at KDRV, Mr. Brown made three trips to Russia and one to Vietnam, Utah and Washington D.C. to cover stories that had a local interest for us in southern Oregon. Upon his retirement the KDRV newsroom was re-named the "Ron Brown News Center", a tribute to his many years of top-notch reporting and anchoring but also to his mentoring of many aspiring broadcasters who got their start at KDRV. He is revered for his humor, honesty, integrity and his intensive knowledge of Southern Oregon.

Ron Brown, while retired, remains an active part of Jackson County. This includes leading groups for KDRV to Alaska and Ireland and as an

upcoming host for a trip to Hawaii. In addition to these trips, he is teaching Life Long Learning Institute classes for Southern Oregon University on local history, his expertise. In addition to this work, he is still doing special reports for the station but looking forward to spending time visiting children and grandchildren in Utah and Iowa. His wife Judee is a retired teacher and his adult children are Ryan, Tiffany and Celecia.

As Ron reflects upon his Crater days, he relates that his interest in broadcasting "was stimulated by a speech class unit on "radio speaking" taught by Don Lacy. He further remembers that he "enjoyed history classes as well and was in the first Crater German class taught by Bill Russell".

The Crater alumni newsletter staff salute Ron Brown, another fine Crater graduate.

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WHERE *are they* NOW?

1952 – 1959

DON VON BUSKIRK (55) – lives in Livermore, California with his wife, Joan. They have three grown children and four grandchildren. Don worked many years as a computer scientist with Lawrence Livermore National Lab. Retired in 1993 they love to travel and have traveled to Western Canada, Bahamas, Hawaii and most of the United States. Don's hobbies and special interests are golf, square and round dancing and RVing.

CLIFF CORDY (55) – lives in Columbia, South America with his significant other, Sylvia. He graduated from Oregon State University in 1959 and received a doctorate in 1995. He states "the first half of my career was designing and building high powered laser systems and the second half of my career was designing power management systems for portable computers." Along the way he designed a 2 place airplane and earned a pilot's license. He's been to 50 states, 75 countries and 6 continents. His hobbies include many things but running tops them all. A distance runner in high school, he was also on the Oregon State Track team as a distance runner. He has competed in Master Championships all over the world and owns several national and country records for his age group. Recently he became the World Champion decathlete for ages 75 – 79. He also holds the new South American decathlete record at 7020 points.

1960 – 1969

IVAN HIGINBOTHAM (63) – lives in Central Point with his wife of 52 years, the former Glenda Worthington. They have two grown children and four grandchildren. They have lived in Central Point on the property Ivan grew up on. He worked as a steel fabricator-welder for 20 years then 14 years with a local irrigation district. Semi-retired since 2003 he still does some consulting and contract work. They enjoy family, friends, camping, hunting and fishing. They are very involved in their local church as well.

JOYCE ROBERTS OWENS (63) – lives in Brookings, Oregon with her husband of 28 years, Jim. Joyce works at Sutter Coast Hospital as a registered nurse a few days a week and her husband is a retired Medford firefighter. They built a house together (over seven years' time) that overlooks the ocean and really enjoy living at the coast. They have six children and seven grandchildren throughout Oregon. Joyce plays the keyboard in a church band and together they enjoy hiking, photography, traveling and gardening.

RON BARFIELD (67) – lives in Fair Oaks, California with his wife, Annette. Ron is self-employed and has been for 40 plus years. He owns his own employment agency in Sacramento. His wife works for Los Rios Community college as a counselor/professor. They have one son who works for Ron as a placement counselor. In his free time Ron likes to play golf, take a few trips a year and remodel houses.

DIANA CLINE MADEIROS (67) – lives in White City with her husband, Lloyd. They have two sons and four grandchildren. Diana works as a medical insurance biller and in their free time they love to camp and fish.

1970 - 1979

MICHAEL RUTTER (72) – lives in Orem, Utah with his wife, Shari. They have two grown children Jon-Michael and Abbey. Michael is a writer and teacher and has written books from elementary to college texts, fishing and camping books as well. His two best sellers are Fly Fishing Made Easy and Fishing for the Complete Idiot. He has taught English and Technical Writing. They love to travel and to fish or hunt as much as possible.

JILL SPAULDING HOLZWORTH (72) – lives in Cloverdale, Oregon with her companion Reg Genaw. She has two grown children and four grandchildren. They run her business "Leave It To Us" on the North Oregon Coast, doing property maintenance rentals. The love to travel and spend part time in the Rogue Valley and part time on the Oregon Coast.

SHIRLEY MARTIN ADAMS (75) – lives in Central Point with her husband, William. They have four grown children and eight grandchildren. Currently Shirley is a Home Care Provider. She has lived in Arkansas and Texas before returning to the Rogue Valley.

DAVID WILSON (76) – lives in Cape Coral, Florida with his significant other, Carol Odell. He has one daughter, Alyssa who is 22. David works as bar staff at Groove Street Night Club in Cape Coral.

1980 – 1989

BESSIE TIPTON BURK (82) – lives in Arizona City, Arizona with her husband. She has three grown children and is a specialty care nurse at a research hospital. She has worked on her masters in science hoping to become a Nurse Practitioner in nephrology. Her husband is a computer systems technician for IBM.

JENNIFER DAVIS DAILY (82) – lives in Central Point where she works for her self as a Medical Transcriptionist. She has three grown children, Derek 28, Aliasha 24 and Aubry 21.

MIKE FRINK (84) – lives in Eaton, Colorado with his wife, Amy. They have three daughters, twins Jenna a freshman at Colorado State University, Kayla a freshman at Northeastern Junior College; and Lauren a freshman in High School. Mike is in partnership in the Sharp Bros. Seed Company in Greeley, Colorado. They also own a show lamb business where they sell lambs nationally for youth members to show at county, state and national shows. Recently, their daughters had the Grand Champion lamb at the National Western Stock Show in Denver. Mike and Amy spend a lot of time supporting their girls in athletic events as well as traveling together in the summer.

1990 – 1999

TRISHA SMITH (94) – lives in Medford with her husband and teenage son. Trisha attended University of Oregon and received a degree in Psychology in 1994 and a Master's degree in Psychology in 2000. She has worked for Southern Oregon Neuropsychological Clinic and currently is a Psychologist Associate Resident.

MELISSA BERNSTEIN FRICKE (94) – lives in Aliso Viejo, California with her husband Scott and their two children Bella and Jacob. Melissa graduated from Southern Oregon University in 1998 and received a Master's Degree from University of Redlands in 2004. Before marriage she enjoyed being an extra on various TV shows in Los Angeles. She fell into the recruiting industry 13 years ago and is currently a Senior recruiter for Oracle where she places people in Sales, Marketing, IT, Finance and Legal jobs. Her husband owns his own company as a strength coach for Major League Baseball and trains players in the off season. In their spare time they love to travel the world, watch baseball games and play at Disneyland. She also coaches cheerleading at a local university where she can continue to spread her passion for cheer.

SILAS MORSE (95) – lives in Carlsbad, California where he works for Rockstar Games. Silas attended Washington and Lee University in Virginia, graduating in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He graduated from University of Florida College of Medicine and was published in two different medical journals studying the affects of alcohol on the brain. Currently he is a game designer having worked for Sigil Games Online, Sony Online Entertainment and currently with Rockstar Games. He was the Senior Scriptor for Grand Theft Auto 5.

AARON ALLEN (95) – lives in Erie, Colorado with his wife, the former Karie Watier (97). They have two daughters, Ainsley 5 and Evely 1. Aaron is a teacher and coach at Louisville Middle School and Head baseball coach at Centaurus High School. Aaron graduated from Baylor University with a degree in education-human health, performance, and recreation in 2002, received a Masters Degree in Sport Administration from University of Northern Colorado and a Principal/Administration Licensing from University of Colorado Denver in 2011. Karie is a Doctor of Pediatrics in Physical Therapy. They are very involved with their church, friends and family activities and still see their best friends, Kyle and Ashley Rogers who live nearby.

2000 - 2005

NOAH LICHTENSTEIN (00) – lives in San Francisco, California. Noah graduated from Stanford University in 2004 with a degree in American Studies and Political Science. Living in San Francisco, he was co-founder of Annuvia Inc. from 2005-07; was Director of Business Development for Climate Corporation from 2008-09; co-founder and head of Partnerships for HomeRun.com and currently is partner, in Cowboy Ventures. Noah held a 4.0 GPA and played on the Stanford lacrosse team. He is a member of the Board of Directors for United Way of the Bay Area.

BONNIE RYAN GLIDEWELL (03) – lives in Medford with her husband, Ty. Recently married this past summer, Bonnie works at Rogue Community College at White City. Ty, a graduate of North Valley High School works for Pacific Power in Grants Pass.

JESSICA WASNIEWSKI (05) – lives in Wausau, Wisconsin. Jessica attended Oregon State University and received a Bachelor's Degree from University of Wisconsin Stevens Point in Health Promotion and Human Behavior. She is currently the Member Engagement Director at the Woodson YMCA in Wausau, Wisconsin.

It's the time of year that I have the opportunity to talk about one of my favorite subjects in the Alumni Newsletter, and that is about the Crater Foundation. As many of you know, the Newsletter is the result of the Foundation being formed in 1992 in an attempt to reconnect alumni with the present Crater High School and the mission of the Crater Foundation. Thus far, 23 years later, we believe we are somewhat successful. In 60 issues of the Newsletter we have featured and/or written about 1124 Crater graduates and have inspired many to support our Crater Foundation scholarship program.

Our Scholarship program continues to grow and benefit more Crater graduates each year. This year alone we awarded more than \$216,000 to 165 graduates. In addition we awarded \$39,500 to Crater graduates who have completed at least one year of college. We now, since our inception, have awarded 3654 Crater graduates with scholarship assistance that has now surpassed 3.3 million dollars. In addition we have awarded over \$132,000 to our 10 District 6 schools to be used for human needs and student rewards, have awarded over \$50,000 in special grants to our District 6 schools for projects outside of District budget constraints and have contributed over \$30,000 for school supplies for District 6 students as we partner with the Central Point Rotary Club and the Jackson County New Car Dealers to give every kindergarten student who enters District 6 schools a packet of school supplies.

Yes, we are healthy and growing and are taking great strides in securing longevity for the Foundation. Our hope and plan is that the Crater Foundation will continue to grow and function for Crater graduates and School District 6 students for years to come.

Our goal and motto is "making a difference in a young person's life" and we believe that we are achieving that goal. To the 9000 Crater High alumni that receive this Newsletter, "thank you" to all who support what we do. You should be proud to be a graduate of Crater High School.

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THE CRATER FOUNDATION REACHING TO THE COMMUNITY

The Crater Foundation has worked very hard the past 2-3 years in connecting with our communities. The following are some of the Foundation activities that have occurred this past year.

We have entered a float in the Central Point 4th of July parade for the past three years. Our float theme this year was "Our Future's So Bright You Gotta Wear Shades". We had District 6 students of all ages riding on the float and older students walking with the float handing out Crater Foundation sunglasses. The float was sponsored by Papa Murphy's Pizza and Sunscape Window Tinting and received an award for third place. The float was led by Foundation President Harvey Tonn, his wife Judy and granddaughter Meagan Parke riding in a golf cart given to the Foundation. The golf cart has new batteries donated by Interstate Batteries, new tires donated by Advantage Tire and a black and orange "wrap" donated by Wrapped Graphics.

October is Crater Foundation month in our communities. A large banner hangs across Main Street of Central Point, Foundation banners are hung at each of the 10 District 6 schools and the School District office and 200 lawn signs have been distributed throughout our communities.

The Foundation sponsored a "Thank You" and "introducing people to the Foundation" summer event at Del Rio Vineyards. More than 250 people were invited to a spectacular evening of dinner, wine and music. Attendees were provided ways to donate to the Scholarship fund and an anonymous donor matched each donation up to \$20,000. The event ended with over \$35,000 being donated. A set of diamond earrings were given away in a drawing and an award was presented by the Crater Foundation Board of Directors to Noel Moore and family for the continuous support they've given to the Crater Foundation and to students of School District 6. The entire event was sponsored by numerous businesses and individuals.

The Foundation continues to form partnerships with businesses in our community that now include; The Point, Hawaiian Hut, Quizno's, Bobbio's Pizza, Yo Twist, Dairy Queen, Mazatlan Grill, Central Point Florist, Abby's Pizza, Lillie Belle Chocolates and Berg's Bakery.

And finally, the annual Dessert/Auction. This year the 22nd annual Dessert/Auction will be held on Saturday, December 5th. We've partnered with the City of Central Point who will sponsor their Christmas parade at 4:30 followed by the Crater Foundation Dessert/Auction at 6:00. A trolley will be available to transport people to different city locations and to the Dessert/Auction held at Crater High School. Several restaurants in Central Point will be hosting pre and post functions around the Dessert/Auction. This is the major fundraiser of the year for the Crater Foundation.

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Fall Athletic Results

5A-3 Midwestern League

Crater is now playing in the Midwestern League which consists of Ashland, Churchill, Crater, Eagle Point, Marist, North Eugene and Springfield.

The football team competes in the Midwestern Conference with the exception of North Eugene as they have chosen to play an independent schedule. As the regular season came to an end Crater had 9-0 record for the 1st time in school history and are ranked number two in the state. As we go to press the Comets begin their state playoff run with a home game against Silverton.

The Crater volleyball team, playing in the Midwestern League, finished the season in 3rd place and qualified for a state playin game. They finished the regular season with an 11 -9 record. Their season came to an end when they were defeated by Central in the state playin game.

The Crater boys and girls soccer teams also played all opponents in the Midwestern League. The boys finished the season with a 0-13 record and failed to make the state playoffs. The girls soccer team finished the season with a 2-10-3 record, qualified for the state playoffs but were defeated by Corvallis in the first round of playin games.

The Crater boys and girls cross country teams are also in the Midwestern League. The boys finished the season placing 1st in the conference and qualified the team for the state meet. The Comet girls also finished 1st in the conference and also qualified the team for the state meet. The boys team finished 2nd at the state meet with senior Walt Vail as the individual state champion. The girls team finished 3rd at the state meet with senior Jordan Monroe finishing in in 4th place.

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Reminder !!!! Alumni Dues

Yes it's the time of year that we annually remind everyone to send in their Crater Alumni dues of \$10. Remember, the revenue raised from these dues is used to help defray the costs of the Alumni Newsletter. We now are mailing this Newsletter to nearly 9000 alumni. The cost for three publications each year is approximately \$5500 and the dues received usually amounts to about \$3000. At this time the Crater Foundation picks up the remainder of the expense; however, we're not sure how long we can continue to do so. Our goal is for the dues to pay 100% of the publication and mailing costs. As the mailing list increases so does the expense. Your continued help in meeting these publication and distribution costs is needed. Any additional amount over the \$10 annual dues will be greatly appreciated.

When paying dues, simply fill out the form on the back page of the newsletter, include your e-mail address, and send it in with a check for your dues.

Also, please send information about yourself (if you haven't already done so); where you live, what work you do and something about your spouse and children. We like to share this information with all Crater alums.

**CRATER HIGH WINTER SPORTS
 HOME SCHEDULES - VARSITY**

BOYS BASKETBALL

Dec	3	Mazama
	10	Crater Invitational
	11	Crater Invitational
	12	Crater Invitational
Jan	22	Springfield
Feb	5	Marist
	9	Ashland
	12	Churchill
	16	Eagle Point
	26	North Eugene

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Dec	10	Crater Invitational
	11	Crater Invitational
	12	Crater Invitational
	15	North Medford
Jan	8	Marist
	15	Churchill
	29	North Eugene
Feb	9	Ashland
	16	Eagle Point
	19	Springfield

WRESTLING

Dec	9	Eagle Point
	16	Henley
Jan	13	N. Eugene/Ashland
	30	Crater Classic

SWIMMING

NO HOME MEETS

