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ALUMNI FEATURE



Since its inception, in each issue the Crater Alumni Newsletter features a Crater graduate who has gone on to do great things after graduation, bringing honor to themselves, their families and Crater High School. In this issue we are pleased to feature 1988 graduate, Marnie (McCall) Fisk. Marnie was an excellent student while at Crater but perhaps is best remembered for her superior athletic abilities in basketball and especially softball, being a four-year letter winner.

Marnie got her softball start in Gold Hill playing baseball with nine to twelve year old boys. Her first softball experience came during her 9th grade year at Scenic where she surprised many by bypassing junior varsity and vaulting right onto the Crater varsity team where she became an outstanding player. She was to be honored both her Junior and Senior years by being selected to the Southern Oregon Conference First Team. She spent a summer playing on the Southern Oregon All-Star Team and even was able to travel to China with the USA Junior Olympic Team.

Upon graduation from Crater, Ms. McCall spent two years at Central Arizona Junior College where she continued her softball career. During her two years at Central Arizona, her softball team was the Division champion; she had a batting average of .505 and committed no fielding errors. It is no surprise that she was recognized as a Junior College All-American.

With her outstanding Junior College record behind her, she was heavily recruited but chose to return to her home state and accepted a full-ride scholarship to the University of Oregon where she was a multi-record setter during her junior and senior years. Her list of softball records is lengthy and includes: all-time U of O career batting average leader at .389, all-time career stolen bases (58) and all-time season hits (66). What is even more impressive is that these records set in 1991 and 1992 still hold today, some 25 years later. These outstanding softball credentials led to her being selected to the Pac-10 Hall of Fame (1996) and the Crater Hall of Fame for basketball and softball (1997).

Fast forward to 2016 and we find Marnie living in Bend with her husband, Ron Fisk, and keeping close contact with her parents Tom and Sheryl McCall and brother, Donny. She has explored a

variety of careers including working for Nike, InFocus, a stint in the Les Schwab Corporate Office and now as a self-employed owner of T.R.E.A.D. Outdoors, LLC. Her list of volunteer activities reads like her lists of records and awards and include a host of softball coaching stints, being a S.M.A.R.T reader, and being a multi-year volunteer for the State of Oregon's Becoming an Outdoor Woman Program fly fishing workshop. Her list of hobbies are as lengthy as her volunteer work and include fishing, fly tying, Nordic skiing, mountain biking, river rafting, motorcycle and ATV riding, backpacking, digital photography, cooking, nutrition and fitness, blog writing and bird/big game hunting.

When asked to reflect back on her Crater days, she does so with fondness relating, "I am blessed to have been a part of the Crater environment and culture. The level of academics and athletics were held to high standards resulting in challenges that better prepared me for the real world. Much appreciation to all of my teachers and coaches who pushed me to achieve more than I thought I could."

Congratulations and kudos to another fine Crater graduate who is making a difference in our world.



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WHERE *are they* NOW?

1952 – 1959

ART HOVER (54) – lives in Dover, Pennsylvania with his wife, Ellen. He is semi-retired after 40 years of Ministry in the Unitarian Universalist churches of Maine, Arizona, Massachusetts and Vermont. For four years he was Executive Minister of Maine, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. For thirteen years they lived off the grid in the Vermont wilderness. For the last ten years he has been working part-time with a retirement community in York, Pennsylvania.

LES KELLOW (58) – lives in Springfield, Oregon with his wife, Chris. Between them they have four children, Shannon, Misty, Caryn and Brian. Les worked as a logger, a classroom school teacher, a reliability engineer and a systems analyst. He worked for twenty years with the City Government of Eugene, Oregon. Since his retirement in 1999 he and Chris have been doing extensive traveling in all parts of the world, having set the ambitious goal of going to every country in the world. By last count they have been to 189 countries and about 35 left to go. When at home Les likes to ski, bicycle, hike, garden, play with the grandkids and keep busy.

1960 – 1969

JOYCE JOHNSON HORTON (63) – is married to her husband, Warren. They have one adopted son, Dan. After working as a nurse's aide at R.V.M.C. she worked most of her career as a bookkeeper/office manager. In 2000 her husband retired and they purchased a motor home, sold everything and hit the road. They've traveled since spending large amounts of time at various locations throughout the U.S.

DAVID FORCE (64) – lives in Eugene, Oregon with his wife of forty one years, Rebecca. David retired in 2015 and closed his business David C. Force Lawyer after thirty two years as a practicing trial lawyer in Eugene. Rebecca continues to teach at the University of Oregon. Their daughter Rachel, husband Brett and grandson Julian recently moved to Portland. Their daughter Megan continues to live in Philadelphia. David and Rebecca managed to take a dream vacation cruising the Danube from Germany to Hungary last summer.

SHARON POYTHRESS SPARLIN (67) – lives in Tucson, Arizona with her husband of forty four years, Mike. They have three grown children and six grandchildren. Sharon had a travel agency, retired and then went back to work for American Airlines. For fun she likes to golf, ski, scuba dive and travel. She is also a bell ringer and has played hand bells with a community group.

CARL DUNLAP (69) - lives in Bonanza, Oregon with his wife, Toni. They have four step-children living in Portland and Arizona. After a stint in the Navy Carl enrolled in Southern Oregon University, earning an art degree. He then re-enlisted into the service and stayed through 1997. He was in the Persian Gulf for Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Presently they're happy being at home in Bonanza.

1970 - 1979

WILLEEN BITTLE (72) – lives in Central Point with her husband of 42 years, Jim. They have two grown daughters; Jamie who is an elementary Principal in Etna, California and Jenni who is a registered nurse at Rogue Valley Medical Center. Each of their daughters have two children. Jim and Willeen are owners of Willie's Boats of Central Point.

SCOTT WOODCOCK (72) – lives in Seattle, Washington where he owns his company Windrose Landscape Architecture. He has two children (boys 28 and 24) both of whom live on the east coast. When there's time Scott loves to participate in white water rafting, kayaking and having major fun playing competitive volleyball.

RANDY LAYTON (78) – lives in Central Point with his wife, Jill. They have three children, Madison who is a recent graduate from University of Oregon, Cassidy who is a freshman at Oregon State University and Parker who is a sophomore at Crater. Randy works for Norman Distribution and Jill works for School District 6 and the Crater Foundation.

1980 – 1989

REBECCA BALLEW (81) – lives in Sacramento, California with her thirteen year old son, Ashton. She also has an older son, Ace. Becky graduated from Southern Oregon University with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a minor in Psychology. She began working as a Certified General real estate appraiser in 1990. She has worked in both public and private sectors of the appraising world including riparian, land, land-locked, commercial, vineyards, wineries, conservation easements, single family residential, family law and multi-family residential. Currently she chooses to stick to only Single Family Residential. In her free time she enjoys boating, traveling, running, hiking, reading and cooking

MARK COX (86) – lives in Medford with his wife, Tiffany. They have two children, Spencer who attends Portland State University and Finley who attends St. Mary's High School. Mark attended Oregon Institute of Technology where he played football and as a freshman led the nation in yards as a receiver. He was also named All Evergreen Conference and Northwest Conference Player three of the four seasons he played. His sophomore year he was named to an All American team. In 1998 Mark took over the family business Medford Countertops.

1990 – 1999

RYAN BROWN (95) – lives in Heber Coty, Utah where is has been principal of J.R. Smith Elementary school. This past year he was named principal of the year for the state for Utah. Ryan got his bachelor of science in Education from BYU and masters in math from Southern Utah University. He attended Patrick Elementary and Hanby Middle School before Crater High School.

MELISSA WOLF MACFARLANE (96) – lives in Cottonwood, California with her husband, Bruce and three children. Melissa studied Animal Science and Livestock Reproduction at California State University, Chico and Dairy Reproduction at Michigan State University. Now living on their ranch in Northern California, Melissa works as a Nursery Manager for Driscoll's.

JUNE LEE MCREYNOLDS (96) – lives in Gold Hill with her husband, Tim and their two and a half year old daughter, River. June graduated from University of Oregon with degree in economics and now works in the financial world as a financial advisor and investor for SkyOak Financial. She is very active in the civic community including fund raising with several organizations. She is a Central Point Rotarian and on the Board of Directors for the Crater Foundation.

2000 - 2006

JOHNNY WALKER (00) – lives in Woodburn, Oregon with his family where he owns a business as a State Farm Agency agent in Gladstone, Oregon. Johnny graduated from Brigham Young University – Idaho with a Bachelor's of Science in Communication and Minors in Business and Portuguese. Since, he has worked for several companies in Reno, Nevada, Salt Lake City, Utah and Los Angeles, California. In 2011 he moved to Portland, Oregon area where he's lived since. In 2013 he married and started a family. As an owner of a State Farm Insurance business he is part of the Gladstone Business Owners Association which helps and supports local business in Gladstone.

SHANE WEBSTER (01) – lives in Canby, Oregon where he is in partnership with fellow Crater graduate in a pest control business. Shane graduated from University of Oregon with a Bachelor's Degree in 2006. While at Oregon he was on the wrestling team, was two time PAC 10 champion, an All-American twice, qualified for the NCAA wrestling championships all four years while at Oregon and was 2006 NCAA National Champion. He was inducted into the University of Oregon Sports Hall of Fame in September of this year. Shane in is free time loves to hunt, fish and spend time with his two daughters.

CYNTHIA LEWIS SANDERS (05) – lives in Medford with her husband, Johnathan. Cynthia works at Regence Health Insurance. They have no children yet.

Once again it's Newsletter time and as I attempt to write another message, I can't help but reflect on the past 20 plus years and what the Crater Foundation has accomplished. In general terms we've awarded scholarship assistance to nearly 4000 Crater graduates that now has exceeded more the 3.6 million dollars. We've given more than \$250,000 to the schools in our District to be used for human needs and rewards for students. We have awarded more than \$50,000 in special grants requested by our schools for projects that benefit kids. We have partnered with our Central Point Rotary Club and the Jackson County New Car Dealers to provide school supplies for every kindergarten student in our District.

All of this being said, and we are proud of our accomplishments, my concern is the longevity of the Crater Foundation. We have worked very hard the past few years to put things in place that will ensure the Foundation will have a long life after many of us are gone. We continue to have strong competent and visionary Board members that strongly believe in our mission and direction. We have built an awareness in our community that we believe is positive and professional. In addition, we believe our alumni are strong and supportive of our accomplishments and direction.

This creation of the Crater Foundation has far exceeded any of our dreams or expectations. We hope this will continue to grow for years to come. After all, there are few things more rewarding than to help young people strive to reach their dreams and to make a difference in young people's lives. We believe we are doing just that.

FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Donating to the Crater Foundation

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CRATER YEARBOOKS FOR SALE

We are asked from time to time if there are any yearbooks available from previous years. For various reasons Crater graduates have lost their Yearbooks and are attempting to replace them. After some research we have discovered that there are many yearbooks in storage that people may purchase. If interested the price is \$20.00 plus shipping costs.

One may be purchased by contacting the Crater Foundation at craterfoundation@district6.org. We will provide an invoice and upon receiving the payment a yearbook will be mailed to you.

FORMER CRATER GRADUATE HONORED

On September 15, 2016, the late Mark Burns was honored by having his name inscribed on the Fallen Fire Fighters Memorial Wall in a ceremony held in Salem, Oregon. Mark was a 1971 Crater graduate.

In 2010 Mark suffered smoke inhalation while fighting the "Oak Knoll" fire in Ashland, Oregon. At the time he was a Battalion Chief with Medford Fire-Rescue and was assisting the Ashland Fire Department with a fire that ultimately destroyed 11 homes and damaged 2 others. Mark passed away on March 6, 2016 after six years with severe lung disease as a result of smoke from that fire. In May of 2016 the Oregon Fire Policy Committee unanimously determined his death was caused by injuries suffered while fighting the Oak Knoll fire.

Mark began in 1971 in the fire service business with Fire District #3 and in 1982 became a Battalion Chief with Medford Fire-Rescue. He later was promoted to Operations Chief with Medford Fire-Rescue. He leaves behind his wife, the former Darcy Eldridge (class of '70), their two children, Trevis and Carly, and several grandchildren.

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, Springfield and Thurston

As the regular season came to an end the Crater football team finished 4th in the league and qualified for a state playoff game. They were defeated by Summit of Bend 21 -50 to end their season. They finished the season with a 5 - 5 record

The Crater volleyball team finished the season in 4th place and qualified for a state playin game. They finished the regular season with a 12 -9 record. Their season came to an end when they were defeated by Crescent Valley 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 0-16-1 record and failed to make the state playoffs. The girls soccer team finished the season with a 0-7-0 record and also failed to make the state playoffs.

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 girls team finished 5th at the state meet.

STATE CHAMPIONS - The boys cross country team finished 1st at the state meet and were crowned Boys 5A State Champions. They finished with 34 points to overcome last year's state champion Summit who had 42 points. Crater was led by state champion Andy Monroe followed by Derek Tripp 3rd, Griff Hokanson 7th, Erik Olsen 12th and Jantz Tostenson 13th. The Crater boys had placed second to Summit a year ago.

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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.

1967 – 60th Class Reunion
 September 15th, 16th and 17th 2017
 Contacts: Carol Washburn Blagden 541-469-2346 and Lou Dewey
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**CRATER HIGH WINTER SPORTS
 HOME SCHEDULES
 VARSITY HOME SCHEDULES**

BOYS BASKETBALL

December 8	Crater Invitational
December 9	Crater Invitational
December 10	Crater Invitational
January 6	Springfield
January 17	Churchill
January 27	Thurston
February 7	Eagle Point
February 10	North Eugene
February 17	Marist
February 21	Ashland

GIRLS BASKETBALL

December 8	Crater Invitational
December 9	Crater Invitational
December 10	Crater Invitational
December 16	Mazama
January 6	Springfield
January 13	North Eugene
January 27	Thurston
February 7	Eagle Point
February 17	Marist
February 21	Ashland

WRESTLING

December 7	Grants Pass
December 15	Henley
January 18	Eagle Point
January 28	Crater Classic

SWIMMING

NO HOME MEETS

