



Crater Alumni Newsletter

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ALUMNI FEATURE

The Crater Foundation Newsletter is proud to profile Tom Rambo, Principal of Jewett Elementary School in Central Point. Tom, a 1990 Crater High graduate, is the son of Darlene and Ira Rambo of Sams Valley. Tom attended Mae Richardson Elementary School, Scenic Junior High School and Crater High School. He then attended Oregon State University and earned a Bachelor's of Science in History graduating in 1995. He attended Eastern Oregon University and earned a Masters of Arts in Teaching in 1997-98 and earned an Administrative License from Portland State University in 2005. Tom began his teaching career at Scenic Middle School in 1997 where he taught 6th grade social studies and English. In 1998 he became the Dean of Students at Scenic and then in 2010 moved to Crater High as Principal of Crater Academy of Natural Sciences. In 2011 he became Principal of Jewett Elementary School where he's been for the past six years. Beginning in 1988 while Tom was still in high school, he began working as a Wildland Firefighter. He continued that profession during his years at Oregon State University and continued thru 2011. He worked on fire crews that traveled all over the Western United States fighting large forest fires. Tom states, "this was a tremendous job as it allowed me to pay for college and see states ranging from Alaska to Colorado and Arizona." As Tom reflects back on his days at Crater, he tells us "I feel that Crater and its dedicated staff prepared me well for the challenges of college and life. I formed meaningful relationships with many staff members that I am still in contact with today." Tom was very active in school leadership, serving as ASB Student Body vice president his senior year. He also wrestled for four years, his first two under coach Dan Speas and his last two years under coach Greg Haga. Tom describes his wrestling experience that "I learned working hard will get you a long way in life." Personally Tom tells us that "I feel very fortunate to be able to serve the students of Central Point School District #6. It is important to me to be able to give back to this community after all of the support and professional opportunities it has given me. The work we do for our young people is important



and shapes their future in ways that we don't always understand until they go out and tackle the world. We have wonderful families, schools and community support for our students. I am glad to play my small role in that and feel that my own children will benefit greatly from being students in our district." Tom met his wife to be, Sidney while in a country-western dance class while at Oregon State University. They graduated together and then lived in Montana and Colorado. They ultimately found their way back to Central Point to work and raise their family. Sidney is an elementary teacher at Mae Richardson Elementary School. Tom proudly tells us, "We have two great kids, Chloe (13) and Wren (11). We enjoy our time together camping, traveling, hunting and attending OSU sporting events." Congratulations and kudos to another outstanding Crater graduate who is making a difference in many young people's lives.

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WHERE *are they* NOW?

1952 – 1959

MAGGIE DAVIS OSGOOD (52) – lives in Lowell, Oregon with her husband, Ike. Maggie is very busy being Master of the Grange, being the Lowell Library librarian, working at the food pantry, overseer of the county park, attending the Lowell city park committee meetings, Secretary for Lane Library League and being a city councilor. They have three sons; Jim who lives in Pahrump, Nevada, Mitch who lives in San Jose, California and Charley, who lives in John Day, Oregon; two daughters, Lora who lives in Baghdad and Debbie, who lives in Springfield, Oregon.

ELGIN ROBINSON (55) – lives in Stockton, California with his wife of fifty four years, Mary. They have two grown sons, one who has been a school principal at a high school and a senior elementary school in Fresno, California. Elgin worked for a construction company for over thirty years and owned his own trucks for a period of time. He retired in 2002.

CAROL RUSSELL LOREE (56) – currently lives in Parker, Colorado. She and her first husband have five grown children and six grand-children plus some step-grandchildren. They lived in Beaverton where she worked for the school district for twelve years, first as an elementary principal's secretary and then as a second grade teacher. She later divorced and six years later remarried. They lived in Richmond, Virginia for twelve years doing Jewish ministry together in Russia, Hungary and Israel. After returning to Oregon they settled in Joseph, Oregon until her husband passed away in 2015. She then moved to Parker where her middle son lived. He passed away six weeks after her husband. She currently is active in her Messianic Jewish congregation and enjoys time with family in Parker.

1960 – 1969

JERI LEMMONS CALVIN (63) – lives in the Rogue Valley with her husband, Larry. They have three grown children and three grandchildren. Jeri worked at 3M, Imation and Eastman Kodak for almost 28 years retiring in 2007. Larry retired from Boise Cascade in 2006. Enjoying their retirement, they have lots of home improvement projects, visit their daughter and her family in Florida and go to San Diego to visit their youngest son.

ANN BOWLING FAGAN (64) – lives with her husband of 39 years, Yale and they divide their time between homes in Reisterstown, Maryland and The Villages, Florida, a huge retirement community in central Florida. They have one daughter together and she has three terrific step kids and seven grandchildren. In the Villages, Ann spends time with a photography club and genealogy special interest groups. Yale flies radio controlled airplanes several mornings a week. They belong to a Vintage Car Club and enjoy driving their aquamarine 1960 Thunderbird convertible to cruise-ins and on tours.

BEVERLY SUNDMAN MASUOKA (67) – lives in Lacy, Washington with her husband of more than forty years, Arnold. They have four grown children and seven grandchildren. Beverly worked as a director/leasing consultant for two apartment communities in Olympia/Lacy Washington and Arnold was a training NCO with the Washington Army National Guard. They are both active in Capitol Vision Christian Church. They enjoy music, movies and spending time together. They also have a wide variety of interests from motorcycles, antiques, various collectibles, and Mariner baseball games.

ED ARRELL (69) – lives in Portland with his wife, Brenda. Ed has six grown children and nine grandchildren all living in the Portland area. He works at LWO Corporation in Portland, a wood products manufacturing operation where his is an assistant foreman. He speaks fluent Spanish which is a help to his boss by interpreting. In his free time, Ed enjoys vegetable gardening, fishing and camping.

1970 – 1979

LISA KELLEY (72) – lives in Central Point with her husband of nearly forty five years, Aaron. They have two grown daughters whom both graduated from Crater; Jessica lives in Arizona and does care giving and Angela lives in Medford and owns her own rental business. Lisa works at Rogue Regional Medical Center where she's been for twelve years. Her husband is semi-retired and works for Allied Security. They love to hunt in the fall as she said "what Oregonians love to do".

LAURA RUTTER STRICKLING (74) – lives in Baltimore, Maryland with her husband of forty years, Patrick. After graduating from Brigham Young University in Art she went back to school and earned a degree in Spanish. Laura taught high school Spanish for nine years after her family

returned from Spain after living there for seven years while Pat was in the Navy. They have four grown children and eight grand-children. After the children left for school, Laura attended the University Of Maryland Baltimore County and completed an MA in Intercultural Communication and a PhD in Sociocultural Linguistics. Currently she is working on a book "What I have learned about Faith, Race and the Conversion of Black Mormon Women from Baltimore". In her free time she loves bike riding, cats, hiking, playing the piano and grandkids.

TODD CASTER (75) – live in McMinnville, Oregon with his wife. Todd is the bank manager for Key Bank in McMinnville. In May of 2016 Todd was named McMinnville Man of the Year.

1980 – 1989

MIKE WELLS (87) – lives in Portland, Oregon where he's been for the past twenty years. Mike worked for the Oregon Department of Forestry for twelve years before taking a position with the Oregon Lottery where he's been for the past fifteen years. He is a Retail Contractor for the Lottery. In his free time he loves to travel abroad and has traveled to 36 different countries. He loves white water rafting and is a huge Oregon Duck fan.

TIM PRITCHETT (87) – lives in Grants Pass, Oregon with his wife, Tammy. They have two daughters, one attending New Hope Christian High School and one attending Southern Oregon University. Tim attended Southern Oregon College from 1988-1991 majoring in marketing. Tim has been involved with developing several businesses including Quantum Innovations, specializing in ultraviolet and anti-reflecting coating technology including the new Fusion-M –In-line coating system. He has been the Marketing Director for New Hope Christian School since 2011. Tammy is the property manager and office assistant also at new Hope Christian School.

TROY IRELAND (89) – lives in Central Point with his wife, Krissie and their two children, Jake a senior at Crater and Allie a 6th grader at Scenic Middle School. Troy works for Rogue Disposal where he's been for the past ten years and Krissie works for First American Title. They love to attend Jake's sporting events and in their free time they love to camp with their 5th wheel and enjoy walking their family dogs.

1990 – 1999

DESIREE SILLS MOLLOY (92) – lives in Central Point with her husband, Jeff (93). They have two children, Austin who is a student at Rogue Community College and Kailie who is a senior at Crater High. Desiree is a broker for D. A. Davidson and Jeff is a shop manager for Metal Masters.

JEFF HERNANDEZ (97) – lives in Bend, Oregon with his wife, Tiffany and their three children, Gracie (8), Brooklyn (5) and Johnathon (2 1/2). Jeff is the President of Black Rock Coffee Company that has coffee stands in Portland, Medford, Beaverton, Las Vegas, Oceanside, CA. and Chandler, AZ.

MINDY ELLIS JONES (97) – lives in Central Point with her husband, Luke and their two children, Paige 11 and Ryan 14. After working for a number of years for American Mercantile, Mindy became the owner of "Pretty in Paint" a store featuring refinished furniture. Luke owns a construction fencing business and also works at the store refinishing and refurbishing furniture. In her free time Mindy loves to play tennis and badminton with her kids.

TONY OVERSTAKE (98) – lives in Creswell, Oregon with his wife, Roslyn. Tony was a state champion wrestler for Crater High graduating in 1998. He attended the University of Oregon on a wrestling scholarship and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in General Studies in 2003. He became involved with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes in 2002 and followed that profession working with the Pacific Northwest Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Currently he is the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Campus Director for the University of Oregon, a position he has held since 2012. He is the only chaplain for the University of Oregon athletic department and hosts more than 80 chapel services for athletes from University of Oregon, Lane Community College and Northwest Christian University individuals and teams during the course of a year.

2000 - 2006

ANDY FARBER (02) – lives in Medford with his wife, Lacey. They have three children, a daughter, Emrie age 4 and twin sons, Atticus and Maverick age 1. Andy is the business manager for the family business, Farber Surveying.

ANNA MADDOX HOBBS (02) – lives in Central Point with her husband, Heath (00). They have three boys, Presten age 10, Ryder age 8 and Easton age 2. Anna is a hair stylist and Heath works for a local plumbing company in Medford.

MICHAEL BEALL (05) – lives in Washington D.C. with his brother, Brandon '07. After graduating from Oregon State University, Michael began work in Seattle as an analyst for J.P. Morgan's Private Bank. In 2014 he moved to Washington, D.C. to work as an Analyst for the Federal Reserve Board of Financial Governors where he continues to work as a supervisor and regulator of financial Institutions. He also is currently a graduate student at Johns Hopkins University studying economics. He is a member of the Capitol Hill Baptist Church.

CHARLIE ALEXANDER (06) – lives in Grand Junction, Colorado with his wife, Gabby. Charlie attended University of Oregon on a wrestling scholarship and then transferred to Western State Colorado University when Oregon dropped their wrestling program. He received a degree from Western State Colorado University with a major in politics and government. In 2009-10 he was an NCAA Division II All-American wrestler at Western State Colorado University. He currently works for Big "O" Tire Company and is an assistant wrestling coach at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, Colorado.



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VALEDICTORIANS

The Crater Foundation Newsletter is proud to introduce you to the 2017 Crater High School Valedictorians. We appreciate their accomplishments and look forward to seeing their dreams becoming reality. Left to right in the picture:

The Crater Renaissance Academy of Health & Public Services is represented by Valedictorian Sidney Eldred who is the daughter of Dave and Jennifer Eldred. Sidney carries a 4.04 weighted GPA and will enroll at Willamette University this fall where she plans to major in Political Science, Spanish and Law.

The School of Business, Innovation & Sciences is represented by Josh Idiart. Josh is the son of Damian and Sarah Idiart. He will enroll this fall at the University of California at Berkley and will take with him a 4.08 weighted GPA. He plans to major in Business Administration and Finance.

The Crater Academy of Health & Public Service is represented by Valedictorian Mikaela Kerr. Mikaela is the daughter of Adam and Paula Kerr. She carries a weighted 4.15 GPA and will enroll at the Oregon State University Honors College where she will major in Public Health and Pre-Med.

CRATER VIDEO SCOREBOARD GETS NATIONWIDE ATTENTION



Early in the 2015-16 school year a group of people met and discussed the replacement of the scoreboard located at Dutch Meyer Stadium used for football and track events. The result of that meeting was the formation of a community group to raise money for the purchase and installation of a new scoreboard with digital video capabilities. The major contributor was the Arthur R. Dubs Foundation with other contributors including Coca Cola, Quality Fence, The West Family Foundation, Riverdell Construction, Sherm's Thunderbird Market, Inc., Patriot Electric and JJ Kramer. The money was raised in a relatively short time and a 25' by 20' 5" scoreboard was purchased, delivered and installed by the first home football game on September 30, 2016. This scoreboard included a 9'11" x 17'2" video screen, the first in Oregon High Schools.

A high school class was developed with the help of the Daktronics Company to train a teacher and to teach students digital video technology. This class, Crater Entertainment and Sports Programming Network, is an all access class at Crater High School that allows students the opportunity to get hands-on experience training, prepping, filming and producing multiple live sporting events at Dutch Meyer Field. From filming with cable-wired industry standard video cameras to directing, producing and recording on Daktronics professional equipment, Crater High students have an opportunity unmatched in the state of Oregon. Activities from the past year included: football, soccer, track, Ashland Independent Film festival, Product Reviews, FFA events and graduation which included an individual picture of every graduate with a comment from each that was shown as the graduates entered the stadium. A close up video of each graduate receiving their diploma was also displayed on the video screen.

All of this and more has created interest throughout Oregon High Schools and the students and their teacher are being asked to make presentations in other parts of the country. Seniors in the video production class will have the opportunity to receive scholarships to study digital video production if they wish to pursue this vocation at the college level.

Spring Sports Results

5A-3 Midwestern League

Now in the 5A-3 Midwestern League in all sports, the Comets compete against Ashland, Churchill, Eagle Point, Marist, North Eugene, Springfield and Thruston.

The Crater boys track team finished as District Champions and 2nd at the State Track and Field meet. Crater had three State Champions in junior Andy Monroe in the 3000 meter run, sophomore Jantz Tostenson in the 1500 meter run, and junior Cal Duke in the Intermediate hurdles. Duke also finished 3rd in the high hurdles while seniors Griff Hokanson was 5th in the 800 meter run and JT Gill was 4th in the discus.

The Crater girls track team finished 5th at the district meet and 17th at the state track meet.

The Crater girls' softball team finished 3rd in the Midwestern League and proceeded to the state playoffs where they defeated South Albany 10 - 0 in a play in game. They were defeated by Putnam in the first round of state playoff games. Crater's girls finished the season with a 13 - 12 record.

The Comet baseball team finished the season as conference champions in the Midwestern League and proceeded to the state playoffs where they were ranked 2nd in the state. They defeated Hillsboro 21 - 1 in the first round of state playoff games and defeated Putnam 4 - 1 in the state quarter finals. The Comets then defeated Crescent Valley 9 - 5 in the state semi-final game and as this Newsletter goes to press they will be playing Churchill for the 5A State Baseball Championship. Their record is 26-4.

The Crater girls golf team qualified two girls for the State tournament and finished 15th at the state tournament.

The Crater boys golf team did not qualify any players for state tournament matches.

Congratulations to all!

CRATER ALUMNI REGISTRATION

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1952 - 65th - Class Reunion meeting

Aug 16th - 11:30 at Bobbio's in Central Point
Contact: Stan Dew 541-951-2299
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1957 - 60th - Class Reunion

Aug 19th at 5:00 at Twin Creeks
Contact: Dixie Herrmann 541-734-7402
Dixie.Herrmann@yahoo.com

1962 - 55th - Class Reunion

Sept 15th, 16th & 17th, 2017
Contacts: Diane Cooper 541-826-6067
Sharon Brown Charles 541-734-9358

1967 - 50th - Class Reunion

Sept. 15th, 16th & 17th, 2017
Contacts: Carol Washburn Blagden 541-469-2346
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1972 - 45th - Class Reunion

August 19th at The Peaks
Contact: Facebook or Roberta Grant 541-531-2364

1977 - 40th - Class Reunion

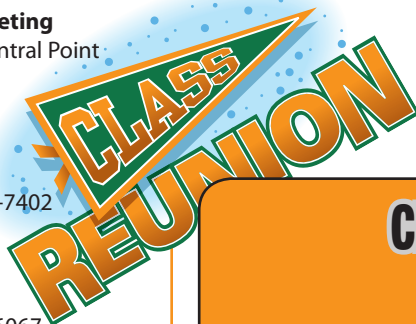
Friday, August 25th at 5:30 at
"The Barn" 4574 Grant Road, Central Point
Contact: Luanne Olsen Heideman
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1987 - 30th - Class Reunion

July 7, 8, 9.
Contacts: facebook group
"Crater High School Class of 1987"
Chris Nolte at gecko1268@gmail.com

2007 - 10th - Class Reunion

July 21 & 22.



CRATER HIGH FALL SPORTS HOME SCHEDULES VARSITY HOME SCHEDULES

FOOTBALL

Sept	1	Soldotna, Alaska
	8	South Albany
	15	Marist
	22	Springfield
Oct.	6	Thurston
	13	Ashland

BOYS SOCCER

Sept	5	Henley
	9	Marshfield
	19	Eagle Point
	23	Springfield
Oct.	7	Churchill
	17	Ashland

VOLLEYBALL

Aug.	30	S. Medford
Sept.	7	North Eugene
	14	Springfield
	19	Eagle Point
	22	Churchill
Oct.	3	Ashland
	14	Thurston
	20	Marist

GIRLS SOCCER

Aug.	30	Mazama
Sept	16	Klamath
	21	Eagle Point
	26	Ashland
	30	North Eugene
Oct.	14	Marist
	21	Thurston

CROSS COUNTRY

Oct.	11	Max King Invitational
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