



# Crater Alumni Newsletter

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## ALUMNI FEATURE



The Crater Foundation is pleased to feature 1988 Crater graduate, Scott Lenz, in this issue of the Alumni Newsletter. While at Crater Scott was an Honor Roll student and a member of the National Honor Society and like most of our feature alumni, Scott led an active life while there. He participated in football and wrestling, but car racing became his love and it still remains high on his lists of things for which he is passionate.

He first became interested in car racing at 15 years of age and his first track championship was in 1988, the year he graduated from

high school. Scott has continued to race cars since that time and is a 4-time Track Champion for circle track dirt racing and 2004 UMP Modified California State Champion. In addition, he is a 4-time Sprint Triathlon age group winner and overall runner up at the 2015 Medford YMCA Sprint Triathlon. Following high school graduation, Scott entered the US Army and served in the 2nd Brigade 23rd Infantry Division from 1988-1991. Stationed primarily at Fort Lewis, Washington, he is a Gulf War era veteran.

After his military service, Scott entered Southern Oregon University and graduated in 1994 with a Bachelor's degree in Health and Physical Education. In 1996 he earned his 5th year Teaching License and was a substitute teacher, subsequently landing a teaching job at Liberty Union School District for the 1998-99 school year.

Scott decided to make a change in his professional life and entered Parker College of Chiropractic in 2000 and received his Doctor of Chiropractic Degree (DC) in 2002. During that time he was a lab assistant for two years and received the highest award given at graduation from Parker College, The James W. Parker Award.

In 2003, he and his wife Leigh, who is also a licensed Chiropractor, opened the Lenz Chiropractic Clinic with offices in Shady Cove and Eagle Point. They have two boys, Bradley age 7 and Brandon age 5.

Reflecting on his years at Crater, Scott writes "I have great memories of life at Crater and many of my close friends today are fellow Crater Alums. The support network of teachers, coaches and faculty was truly unique. Everything from teachers that showed us how to think critically to staff that guided me in the right direction helped me better myself. I was fortunate to be able to substitute teach at each of the schools I attended in District #6, Jewett, Scenic and Crater, and at various locations throughout the Valley. I often run into different District #6 teachers that I had in school and they

are always very nice and often remember details about the students they taught many years ago. I feel lucky to have gone to Crater High School." Congratulations to Dr. Scott Lenz, another outstanding Crater Graduate.

### Crater High Hall of Fame Becoming Active Again

In 1996 Dave Orr, a Crater teacher and coach, formed the Crater High Sports Hall of Fame. With guidelines established and a selection committee in place, former Crater High athletes and coaches were inducted into the Hall of Fame. After Mr. Orr left the District for another position the Hall of Fame came to a standstill and since 2004 no one has been inducted.

Recently the Crater Foundation has taken on the task of resurrecting the Hall of Fame but with the addition of the Achievement Hall of Fame. Criteria was already in place for the Athletic Hall of Fame and criteria has recently been established for the Achievement Hall of Fame. For the Athletics, there are three categories: former athletes, former coaches and former teams. For the Achievement there are also three categories: former students, former teachers and former administrators.

As this Newsletter goes to press, inductions into both the Athletic and Achievement Hall of Fame are scheduled to take place Saturday, April 30th.

For more information about the criteria and ways to nominate people for either Hall of Fame, go to the Crater Foundation web site, click on Alumni Association and then click on either the Athletic Hall of Fame or Achievement Hall of Fame. You'll find former Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, criteria for both the Athletic and Achievement Hall of Fame, and a nomination form that can be filled out and sent to the Crater Foundation Hall of Fame for consideration.

We believe we have many Crater High Alumni to be proud of and it is time they receive recognition. Congratulations to all of these outstanding individuals.

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# WHERE are they NOW?

## 1952 – 1959

**LANNY BRENNER (55)** – lives in Florence, Oregon with his wife of thirty six years, Roberta. They have three adult children and six adult step children. They also have nineteen grandchildren and twenty great grandchildren. Lanny was a cook for the Chiefs aboard the USS Military for four years. He retired in 1998 after fifty eight years in the grocery business. He and his wife are caretakers at the Rod & Gun Club in Florence. Lanny enjoys salmon fishing and trap shooting.

**JEAN MILLER HUNT (55)** – lives in Gaston, Oregon with her husband, Taylor. Both retired, they live on 15 acres that contain 10 acres of forest reserve, 3 acres of Incense Cedar for commercial use, one vegetable greenhouse, one tropical green house, a blackberry garden, a raspberry garden, peach, pear, apple, plum, and cherry trees and an outdoor 60X60 vegetable garden. At least once a year they go on two or three week trip in pursuit of geology interests and they often debate economics and politics as they work their way through recorded TV programs. This last year they were blessed with their 5th great grandchild.

**DON SAVAGE (58)** - lives in Central Point with his wife of fifty five years, Mary. The own Crater Sand and Gravel and Savage Redi Mix. They had three children; the oldest passed away with cancer fourteen years ago, their youngest son is manager of their plant and Redimix and their daughter runs the safety program for the business. Don and Mary have a home in Alaska where they spend the better part of each summer.

## 1960 – 1969

**JIM HARDAWAY (63)** – lives in Gold Hill with his wife of over fifty years, the former Marie Jones ('63). They have two grown sons both living in the Portland area, and six grandchildren. Jim worked in the mills, was in the mortgage and banking industry, was warehouse and dock foreman, drove propane tanker, freight truck, local pickup and delivery, dump truck and bulldozers. He was also in the National Guard for six years. Marie was mostly a stay at home mom. They currently own their company, Cherokee Trucking, LLC. and spend a lot of time remodeling their house.

**SANDRA CASEY MATTERN (67)** – lives in Medford and has retired from working at the distribution desk of Harry and David after 25 years. She likes to fish, read, watch movies, and travel.

**NANCY MARLO JENSEN (67)** – lives in Van Vleck, Texas (just outside Bay City) with her husband, Mike. She has no children, but has two “adopted” girls and one “adopted” grandson. She works as a barrista in a coffee bar in Bay City and waited tables for ten years at a local restaurant. She has worked in offices as an administrative assistant, accounts payable and invoicing. However she loves being a barrista and loved being a waitress. They plan to move back to the valley soon to help her aging parents

**ROBERT JENSON (69)** – lives in Klamath Falls with his wife, Cyndy. They have three grown children and six grandchildren. Robert graduated from OTI (now OIT) with an Associate degree in Machining & Welding in 1972 and began working at Bell Hardware in Klamath Falls. After 38 years with Bell Hardware he is the manager of a Bell Hardware Hollow Metal Division in Klamath Falls with a fourteen person crew in a 22,000 square foot facility. In his free time he enjoys hunting, fishing, fixing things, watching OIT basketball and sometimes golf.

## 1970 - 1979

**SHARON FABER STEWART (72)** – lives in Central Point with her husband, Miles. They have three grown children and six grandchildren. Sharon, having worked in the medical field for the past forty five years, is looking forward to retirement next year. She tells us upon retirement you will find them fishing every chance they get and enjoying the out of doors.

**REBECCA MULLINS (75)** – lives in Reno, Nevada where she is a self-employed bookkeeper. She has two grown children, Chris and Rose. She is pursuing an education in Homeopathy. She loves to travel when she has time available.

**SHIRLEY MARTIN ADAMS (75)** – lives in Central Point with her husband, Bill. They have four grown children, Crystal, Billy, Shannon and Bryden and four grandchildren. Shirley has been a Home Care Provider. She lived for a while in Texas and Arkansas.

**HAROLD HURD (76)** – Lives in Medford with his wife, Betsy. They have three grown children, Levi, Shawn and Courtney. Harold is an excavating contractor and they own a mini storage.

## 1980 – 1989

**ANNA SINYARD MEUNIER (83)** – lives in Central Point with her husband Mike ('84). They have three grown children, Megan who is married and has two children; Mikala who is a junior at Western Oregon University and Max who is a freshman at University of Oregon. Anna teaches fifth grade at Jacksonville Elementary School where she has been for more than twenty years. Mike is the Human Resource person for the Central Point School District.

**PIPER WELLS DIETS (85)** – lives in Morgan Hills, California with her husband, Jeremy. They have five sons Conner, Devin, Greyson, Landon and Keeton. Piper is a stay at home mom and Jeremy works for Sharp.

## 1990 – 1999

**DANA ZIPPE CLINE (90)** - lives in Central Point with her husband. They have two children, Hannah a junior at Crater and Noah a freshman also at Crater. Dana works for the Jackson County Sheriff Department as a Deputy Sheriff. Her husband worked many years for Kathrein Scala.

**LOGAN GENAW (99)** - lives in Medford with his wife, the former Breeauna Inlow '02. They have a three year old daughter and are expecting their second child soon. Logan is an assistant pro at Eagle Point Golf Course and Breeauna is a professional photographer and manages Sunglass Hut Store in the Rogue Valley Mall.

## 2000 - 2006

**LYNDSY FAUBLE ZAGAR (02)** - lives in Gold Hill with her husband, Scott and their three year old daughter. Lindsey received a Bachelor's degree in political science and German from Western Oregon University and a Master's degree in international studies from Denver University. She is the marketing manager for Del Rio Vineyards in Gold Hill. They are expecting their second child as this Newsletter goes to press.

**ADAM REED (03)** – lives in Medford with his wife, Yasmin and their two year old daughter. Adam graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and a Master degree in Finance from Pepperdine University. He had ten years of retail management and personal finance before moving back to the valley where he is a Financial Advisor with D.A. Davidson.

**CASEY CLARK FULLER (06)** – lives in Klamath Falls with her husband, Jonathan. Casey graduated from George Fox University where she received a BA in Spanish and a Master's in Education. She was a high school Spanish teacher and currently works as a Cellular Sales Verizon Wireless Expert.

**SARAH COSTELOW VALDIVIA (06)** – lives in Medford with her husband, Josh. Sarah, co-valedictorian of her class, graduated from Southern Oregon University in 2009 with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a minor in Marketing, Finance and Economics. She works for Ashland Greenhouses and handles marketing, human resources, manages sales staff, quality control, inventory management and supervises all office/bookkeeping tasks.

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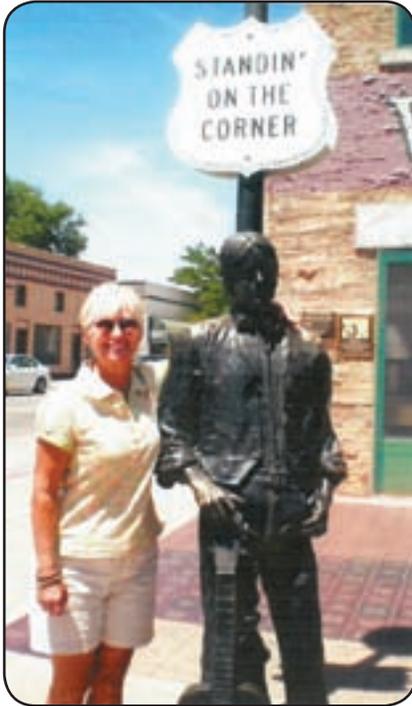
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## TEACHER FEATURE

The Crater Foundation would like to honor Francie Patterson as a retired educator that spent 27 years in School District 6. Francie is another outstanding educator that has made a difference in many young people's lives.

Francie began her career in District #6 as a part time aide at Hanby Junior High. She then moved to Patrick Elementary as a school secretary and then pursued a teaching degree.

During her teaching years in the District she worked at Central Point Elementary, Hanby Junior High and Patrick Elementary School. She was the 6th grade girls' volleyball coach at Patrick for two years and participated in the HLAY 2000 Drug Education Training. One of her fondest memories was teaching second grade the year they did a "Magic School Bus" field trip to the pumpkin patch her husband planted on their property in Gold Hill. The District provided a small school bus that she could drive herself, so



one sunny fall morning they were off, armed with their clipboards, name tags and team assignments. Once there, each team had a chart to fill with data from the patch: circumference of largest pumpkin, smallest, number and type of insects, etc. When it was time to leave every child picked out a personal pumpkin to keep – but it had to be one they could carry back to school on the bus. "Of course," Francie tells us, "one boy came back rolling the largest pumpkin that none of us could lift."

After Francie retired and her husband Dennis retired from the Medford Fire Department, they moved to Sunriver, Oregon where they eventually built a house. Francie quickly became involved in the Sunriver community volunteering at the 3 Rivers Elementary School for seven years, participating in local 10k and half-marathons, making quilts for local community outreach programs, serving as a Smart Reader Volunteer, doing school library work, working on the annual weed pull in Sunriver and organizing the Sunriver Quilt Shows. She has performed in a Rock 'n Roll band for five years in Sunriver and is their costume maker/seamstress. They entertain the summer visitors to Sunriver with 50s and 60s music. She explains, "It's an air band, no musical talent required!" Francie and Dennis find time to travel a lot throughout the U. S. as well as abroad. She also spends time in Eugene with her grandkids.

When asked about highlights of her teaching career, Francie has many. She shared a fun memory of having summer reading picnics when she was teaching first grade and keeping the same class for second grade. She tells us it was a way to be sure her students maintained skills over the summer months. She would meet in the park or at the river, just 4-6 kids at a time, eat popsicles and share their latest favorite books. She also relates a story, "One of the best things about teaching is when your former students return to visit after they are grown and tell you of the memories they carried with them. Several have told me how they hated reading in 1st and 2nd grade but love reading as adults.

Francie closes by saying "the one thing I miss living on this side of the mountain is that I no longer hear, "Hi Mrs. Patterson, is that you?" when I am in the local grocery store or pizza parlor. But I do think of my students often, and always will."

Francie was another valued professional and the District is very proud to have had her as a teacher in School District #6.

## The Crater Foundation Facebook Reaching Out To You

The Crater Foundation now has an active up to date Facebook page that is intended to keep Crater Alumni in touch. We have repeatedly stated that one of our goals is to keep Alumni informed and in touch with today's Crater Foundation. Twenty four years after the Foundation was formed, many things have emerged including a Web Site, the Alumni Newsletter and Facebook. While our goals and mission statement have not changed, the communication technologies that have arisen has changed dramatically since 1992.

We have worked hard and have had many discussions regarding the best way to communicate to our alumni. One aspect of technology that seems to have become extremely positive is Facebook. So we have become more involved with Facebook and are now posting pictures and write-ups of most of our activities. With the help of Crater grad Kimbra LeCornu (who takes many of our pictures and posts them to our Facebook page), we believe we are doing a much better job of keeping our Alumni up to date and informed of the many activities of the Crater Foundation. These activities include our scholarship Celebration each year in May, our participation in the Central Point 4th of July parade, the Summer Wine Event held at Del Rio Vineyards and our annual Foundation Dessert/Auction held in December.

We hope you are enjoying our Facebook posts and are encouraging friends and family to "like" us on Facebook. Let us know if you are enjoying our Facebook posts.

*You can access our Facebook by going to:*  
<http://www.facebook.com/craterfoundation>

## Winter Sports Summary 5A-3 Midwestern League

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

Crater Football - As the Fall Newsletter went to press, the Comet football team was ranked 2nd in the state and headed into the state playoffs. They were sporting a 9 – 0 season and had won the conference title. They then defeated Silverton 45-10 and Central High 28-14 to get them to the state semi-finals. Unfortunately they were defeated by Summit High School 41 - 7 who ultimately became state champions. Crater ended the season with a 11-1 record the best in school history. They were led by senior Cavin Gillispie who was the conference offensive player of the year and All State 1st team on offense and defense.

The Crater Comets wrestling team were Midwestern League district champions qualifying 15 wrestlers for the state tourney. At the State Tournament the Comets finished tied for 2nd in the 5A division. They had 5 state placers including sophomore Logan Meek as a state champion. They had two 2nd place finishers and two 3rd place finishers.

The Comets girls' basketball team finished 4th in the Midwestern League and earned a state play-off game. They were defeated by Lebanon High School 45 – 34 to bring their season to an end. The Lady Comets ended the season with a 15-10 record.

The Comets boys' basketball team finished 6th in the Midwestern League standings and earned a state play-off game with Lebanon High School. Unfortunately the Comets season ended with 59 - 57 loss. They finished the season with a 6 - 19 record.

The Crater girls swim team finished 6th in the Conference and did not place swimmers into the state meet.

The Crater boys swim team finished 5th in the Conference and did not place swimmers into the state meet.

The Crater hockey team fell short of the District playoffs and therefore did not qualify for the state meet.

**CRATER ALUMNI REGISTRATION**

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CRATER GRAD:  YES  NO \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR

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September 16 & 17

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**1976 – 40th Class reunion**

August 19, 20 & 21

Class of 74, 75, 76, 77 invited.

Please go to facebook

“Crater High School Class of ‘76”  
 for updates

**CRATER HIGH SPRING SPORTS  
 HOME SCHEDULES**

**BASEBALL**

- March 14 Crater Jamboree
- March 16 North Medford
- March 21 Spring Tourney
- March 22 Spring Tourney
- March 23 Spring Tourney
- March 24 Spring Tourney
- April 9 Churchill
- April 12 Eagle Point
- April 19 Springfield
- April 30 Ashland
- May 7 Marist
- May 10 North Eugene

**SOFTBALL**

- April 9 Eagle Point
- April 12 Springfield
- April 19 North Eugene
- April 23 Marist
- April 26 Ashland
- April 30 Churchill



**TRACK**

- April 6 Ashland
- April 16 Crater Classic
- April 20 Eagle Point

**GIRLS GOLF**

- March 16 @Eagle Point CC
- March 17 @Centennial GC
- March 29 @Rogue Valley GC
- March 31 @Eagle Point CC