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ALUMNI FEATURE



The Crater Foundation has the privilege of profiling Catherine Rice, yet another in a long line of exceptional Crater High school graduates.

Following graduation in 1980 Cathy went to Southern Oregon State College (Southern Oregon University. After two years in Ashland, Cathy attended the University of Portland, graduating in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. At the time job opportunities in the nursing field were rather scarce; Cathy

joined the Air Force and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant. What was originally a three-year commitment turned into 20 years of life-changing experiences.

Cathy tells us, "My first military assignment took me to Homestead Air Force base, near Miami, Florida, where I completed a nurse internship. I then went to Tyndall AFB in Panama City, Florida. In 1989 I transferred to Lajes Field in the Azores for my first overseas experience. Lajes Field is an 11 mile by 13 mile island 900 miles of the coast of Portugal. The hospital ran on an oil generator, and several night shifts without oil proved challenging. It was a 15-month assignment and a perfect stepping stone for my next duty.

"From there I was blessed with my dream assignment to Germany to fly aero medical evacuation (AE). Our mission was to transport patients all over the European Theatre, bringing them to the East Coast for definitive care as needed. We were tri-qualified medical aircrew members, qualified in caring for patients in C-9s, C-130s, and C-141s. What does that mean? We were trained in aircraft systems, emergency evacuation, and airframe configurations while providing in-flight medical care. I was there for Desert Storm as well as several high profile missions including Sarajevo and Kuwait."

One of the many highlights of Cathy's career was being the Medical Crew Director for the first marketplace bombing attack in Sarajevo. "It was a proud but terrifying experience", Cathy relates.

She continues, "I was in Germany until 1995, when I was selected for graduate school through AFIT (Air Force Institute of Technology). I hated leaving Europe but it was crucial for my next promotion. I attended grad school in San Antonio, Texas, graduating with a Master's degree in Nursing with a minor in Administration."

Promoted to the rank of Major, Cathy was off to her next adventure; or, as she puts it, her penance. "I was assigned to F. E. Warren in Cheyenne, Wyoming. (I will never be that cold again!)"

Her duty in Wyoming included Senior Nurse Executive and Deputy Squadron Commander. Cathy was selected to lead the hospital in preparing for its first ever inspection by the (then) Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Cathy was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel.

"In 2000 I continued to head west and landed my final assignment in California at David Grant Medical Center." While there, Cathy filled a variety of executive level positions including Nurse Manager of the General Surgery Clinic, Nurse Executive for the Medical Operations Squadron, Clinical Director at the Regional Lead Agent, and Director of Case Management / Referral Management. "In 2005 I decided I was done and needed to close that chapter of my life. I had been places I only dreamed of and I had experiences I would have never dreamed of. I am proud of my military experience and honored to have served.

"I took a break from nursing and the medical field to explore the world of wine and hospitality. Napa is only 40 minutes away; I worked for one of the private wineries conducting tours and tastings on a very historic estate. It was fun for about a year and a half, then I landed a dream job. I reunited with a man I had worked with in the military and he offered me a job. He is a plastic surgeon and I am his Director of Surgical Services and Post Operative recovery.

"I live in Northern California and am peace with my single life...OK, do two kittens count? I truly have a blessed life."

Cathy, **The Crater Foundation** is proud of you and your accomplishments. You are yet another Comet making a difference!

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WHERE *are they* NOW?

1951 - 1959

SHIRLEY RAPP (53) – lives in Elma, Washington with her husband, Fred. Shirley graduated from Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing in Spokane, Washington in 1955. She and her husband just celebrated 55 years of marriage. Fred is a retired insurance broker and is now a public relations man for two companies. They have four grown children; all are university graduates

JIM WELCH (55) – lives in Central Point with his wife, the former Virginia Cellura (56). They have four children, three grandchildren and one great grandchild. Jim has been in manufactured homes and recreation vehicle dealership for many years including three manufactured housing subdivisions and retail. They have traveled to Jamaica, Mexico, Alaska, Canada and most of the United States.

JIM HAMILTON (59) – lives in Rogue River (above Wimer) with his wife, Jan. Jim retired 3 years ago after being an airplane mechanic for most of his life. He now restores old Piper aircraft and takes them to Oshkosh, Wisconsin to sell. Jan works as a ceramicist at Rogue Valley Dental arts in Medford. Jim tells us he takes his wife to Maui every year so she will let him go to National Fly-in each summer in Oshkosh. They have one son and several grandchildren. They have been married for 32 years.

GARY WILKINSON (59) – lives in Central Point with his wife Peggy. They have four grown children and five grandchildren. Gary retired from the US Navy in 1978 and has worked as a technical manager for Charter Communications since. Gary and Peggy have been married for nearly 47 years. Their oldest daughter, Laureen, is the banquet manager for the Springfield Country Club; their youngest daughter, Lisa, is an A.B.O. Certified Optician in Eugene; their oldest son, Michael, works at a mill in Creswell, Oregon; and their youngest son works at a Ford Dealership in Seattle.

1960 – 1969

LOREN COCHRAN (63) – lives with his wife in Hurricane, Utah. Loren was in the United States Air Force for 4 years and attended Oregon State University for 1 year. He worked at Harry & David for 5 years and for Medco Fiberboard Plant for 12 years. He has been a professional square dance caller for over 25 years. Loren retired in 2000 and now lives in Hurricane. They travel a lot in winter months and spend summers at their cabin in Alaska

MARVIN JOHNSON (67) – lives in Central Point with his wife, the former Betty Cimfl. They have four grown daughters, three grandsons and one granddaughter. Marvin works as a truck driver locally for Knife River and has been there for nearly 20 years. Betty is an RN working at Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford. They love to travel in their 5th wheel travel trailer.

RON WALCH (69) - lives in Central Point with his wife, the former Judi Alcorn. They have one grown daughter and two grandchildren. Ron retired from the Jackson County Sheriff's Office as a Criminal Investigator after 31 years of service. He specialized in the investigation of felony crimes against children including sexual abuse, physical abuse and sudden death. After some time he went back to work as a "Special Investigator" for the Sheriff's office on a part time basis. Judi has been fulfilling one of her dreams showing her horse "Utah" in Western Pleasure, English Pleasure and Halter equine competitions. They love spending time with their grandchildren.

TRUDY BROWN LOUNSBURY (69) – lives in Sisters, Oregon and has lived there for the past 32 years. Trudy attended Brigham Young University for two years and was married for 17 years. Now single, she has twin sons and presently works for a medical company in Redmond, Oregon. She is active in her church, enjoys traveling and spending time with family and friends.

1970 - 1979

MIKE JOHNSON (70) – lives in Central Point with his wife Clarice. Mike retired from education after 30+ years as an elementary/middle school teacher and coach. Clarice continues to work in the office for the City of Central Point. They have two grown children and 4 grandchildren. In his free time Mike loves to work in their yard, hunt, fish and enjoy life.

TERI MCCULLOUGH WILSIE (74) – lives with her husband in Central Point where they moved in 2002 after living in Oklahoma for 20 years. They

purchased Teri's childhood home and plan on staying here. She owns a house cleaning business and plans on opening a pet sitting service. They have one son and two grandsons.

PATTY ELLIS MECUM (74) – lives in Medford with her husband, Cliff. They have two grown children, Jeremy and Kayla. Patty is a Family Nurse Practitioner. Patty states she is "presently recovering from empty nest syndrome, career change and graduating from grad school." She says she is looking forward to "traveling, plastic surgery and a great job".

BECKY WATKINS ACCARINO (76) – lives in Eatonville, Washington and is a Flight Attendant for Alaska Airlines. Becky has traveled many places in the past 19 years including Paris, Greece, Hawaii, Mexico and had the misfortune of being in New York City on 9/11. Becky states she "lives in paradise on 7 wooded acres, working on her dream house and raising her granddaughter, Monica".

1980 – 1989

SHERI LENZ MUZZIOLI (80) – lives in Central Point with her husband of 28 years, Paul. Sheri is a Rogue Central Specialist at Rogue Community College where she's been for 14 years. Paul is a Package Delivery Driver for UPS. They have two grown children, Andi (26) and Marc (21), both Crater High graduates. Her hobbies include traveling, gardening, hiking, art and wine. Favorite trips are to Italy, England, Hawaii, Caribbean and Boston. They follow and attend the Oregon Ducks, Nascar, Redsox and New England Patriots games whenever possible.

MARTY SYKES (83) – lives in Gold Hill with his wife, Ladonna. Marty is a foreman with Kendall Construction of Portland where he's worked for over 20 years. Ladonna is a legal secretary. They have one son, Marty Jr., who also works for Kendall Construction. In their free time they like to travel and just enjoy life.

KEVIN BAILEY (84) – lives in Hillsboro, Oregon with is wife, the former Becky Deacon. They have two daughters Stephanie and Sarah. Kevin is a network engineer with Mentor Graphics and Becky works at home and does volunteer work. They are both active in their church

JOHN WIKOFF (85) – lives in Medford with his wife, Sheila. They have four children, Jacob, Sarah, Steffanie and Tiffanie. John attended OIT and then went to work for Roberts Motor Kenworth. He joined a Mini Truck club and traveled all over the West Coast showing his truck. He met his wife Sheila while cruising in downtown Medford. Sheila is an elementary teacher having graduated from SOU in 2006.

1990 - 2000

REBECCA READ WOOD (95) – lives in Saipan, M.P. with her husband, Ross. Married this past August, Rebecca received a bachelor's degree in 1998 from Southern Oregon University and is a high school literature teacher with Saipan Southern in Northern Mariana Islands. Her husband also received a master's degree from Southern Oregon University and is a high school art and ceramics teacher at Saipan Southern in Northern Mariana Islands

SAMANTHA BATZER HAMMELL (97) – lives in Ashland, Oregon with her husband, Troy. Married this past August, Samantha received a bachelor's degree in business and sociology in 2002 from the University of Oregon. She is a Real Estate broker with The Barbara Allen Group Windemere in Ashland. Her husband received a degree in mechanical engineering in 2007 from Massachusetts Maritime Academy and is a mechanical engineer with K-Sea Transportation in Seattle

LINDSY PERRY WESEMAN (99) – lives in Dallas, Oregon and Parkdale with her husband, Trenton. Married this past July, Lindsay graduated in 2004 from Western Oregon University and is an alternative high school teacher at the Morrison Campus in Dallas, Oregon. Her husband attended Mount Hood Community College and is an orchardist and cherry farmer with Weseman Farms in Parkdale.

RACHEL HERNANDEZ CAMPBELL (00) – lives in Medford with her husband, Marc and their 7 month old daughter Katie. Rachel works for South Valley Bank & Trust and her husband works for Centric Elevator Corp. In their free time they love to hunt, hike, snowmobile, play volleyball, softball and run.

Interested in Starting A Scholarship?

From time to time we are contacted by Alumni as well as other people who are interested in sponsoring a scholarship. The first question that is usually asked is "What do we need to do if we want to sponsor a scholarship?" The second question asked is, "How much money do we need to donate in order to sponsor a scholarship?" These are great questions and certainly appropriate.



The answer to the first question is very simple. Just contact Jay McRoberts or Harvey Tonn at craterfoundation@district6.org or 541-494-6308 and we will explain the process. It's very simple; you tell us what the amount of the scholarship should be, plus any guidelines you might want to attach to it. Crater High School's scholarship committee will

select the graduate who best fits those guidelines. When you send the money to the Foundation we will send you tax information. Remember we are a tax-exempt organization so any donation is tax free.

To the second question, it only takes \$500 for a scholarship and with a \$500 donation or more you may give the scholarship a name. You may donate annually or at any time you wish. We will set up an account within the Foundation and you set the amount you want awarded yearly from that account. Some people donate larger amounts and direct the Foundation to determine the amount used each year. Remember, once the money is donated to the tax-exempt Crater Foundation, it then belongs to the Foundation.

If you have other questions please don't hesitate to contact us.

Fall & Winter Sports Summary

The Crater football team. As our Newsletter went to print last fall, the football team had not yet finished their season as they were playing Southridge High School in a playoff game. They were defeated by Southridge, thus ended their season with a 2-9 season record.

The Crater Comets wrestling team placed fourth in the newly formed Southern Oregon Hybrid Conference qualifying 8 wrestlers for the state tourney. At the State Tournament the Comets finished 12th in the 6A division having one state champion, Brandon Montague, at 145 lbs.

The Comets girls basketball team finished 3rd in the Southern Oregon Hybrid Conference. They earned a state playin game and played Lincoln High School of Portland and were defeated 58-50. The Lady Comets finished the season with a 14-9 record.

The Comets boys' basketball team had a difficult season, finishing 5th in the Southern Oregon Hybrid Conference standings. They ended the season with a loss to Sunset of Beaverton in a state playin game and a 4-20 record.

The Crater girls swim team finished 4th in the Conference and did not place swimmers into the state meet.

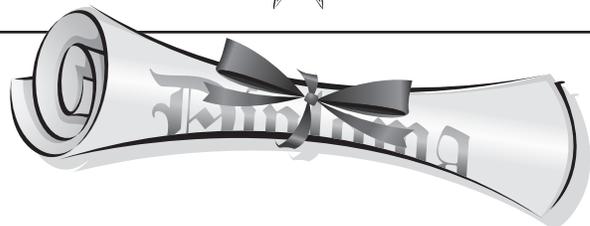
The Crater boys swim team finished 4th in the Conference and did not place swimmers into the state meet.

The Crater hockey team finished 4th in the District and did not qualify for the state meet.

It's been a difficult transition from a 5A classification to 6A this school year as Crater is now the smallest 6A school in Oregon. The conference consists of North Medford, South Medford, Crater, Grants Pass and Roseburg. In football it also includes South Eugene, Sheldon and Thurston, while in wrestling it also includes Redmond.



Former Crater Student Receives Diploma After 50 Years



Dowl Boles, a member of the class of 1961, didn't graduate with his class but came back and received his diploma after nearly 50 years.

A United States Navy recruiter in 1958 promised Crater High School sophomore Dowl Boles if he interrupted his high school education to join the military, he would receive his high school diploma when his three-year enlistment ended. "When I got out, the school district said they didn't do that," recounted Boles, now 69. "I was very disappointed. The recruiter was either misinformed or a prophet." After a nearly 50-year delay, the recruiter's promise finally was fulfilled Tuesday, October 13, 2010, when the Central Point School Board presented Boles with his 1961 high school diploma, in front of about 10 members of the class of 1961. "My classmates have always involved me in all the class reunions, but I've got to admit I always felt a little like an outsider knowing I didn't have a diploma," said Boles, wearing a black graduation cap and holding his diploma. "This means a lot".

Boles' graduation day came as a result of a little-known 2005 state law that requires high schools to grant diplomas to veterans who left high school to serve in the U.S. military during times of war. In December of 2009 Boles learned of a former Navy veteran from Springfield who had obtained his diploma from Thurston High School after 50 years. Boles contacted the Central Point School District to request his diploma, and Samantha Steele, Central Point schools education director, took up the task of organizing Boles' long-awaited graduation.

The School Board invited former school board chairman Dick Dunn, who just left the school board last year, to present the diploma to Boles. When Board President Kerry Bradshaw called Boles to receive his diploma, Boles quickly pulled off his white "Oregon" cap and donned a black graduation cap. "It's an honor and a privilege to honor you with this diploma," Dunn said as he handed the diploma to Boles. "Congratulations." Steele said Boles is the first veteran from Crater to take advantage of the law, which was created through House Bill 2691 in 2005.

After the military, Boles returned to Medford and worked at a plywood mill before taking up work as a groundskeeper and then, a school bus driver at the Medford School District, where his wife, Carolyn, worked as an education assistant. The couple retired in 2001 and moved to Springfield. Carolyn died four years ago from cancer.

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1961 Sept. 16th-18th
Contacts: Nancy McKay Flanagan 541-773-2607
Sharon Thompson Pfaff 541-664-3025
Helen Goff Stanley 541-770-6092
Tony Yell 541-830-5616
Terry Hulse 541-601-0837

1966 August 26th-27th
Contact: Stan Shop 503-648-9350
Stan45reunion.com or sps665@comcast.net

1981 July 29th-31st
Contact: Jaci Hilton Johnson johnson@web-ster.com
Cathy Pinnell Olson cathypinnell@msn.com

1991 August 5th, 6th & 7th
Contact: Michelle Godley Johnston 541-664-8390
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**CRATER HIGH VARSITY
SPRING SPORTS HOME SCHEDULES**

BASEBALL

March 14 Crater Jamboree
March 17 South Eugene
March 19 Evergreen, WA
March 21 McKay
March 22 Canby
March 23 Barlow
March 31 North Medford
April 05 Grants Pass
April 07 Roseburg
April 14 South Medford
April 23 North Medford
April 28 Grants Pass
April 30 Roseburg
May 03 Eagle Point
May 07 South Medford

SOFTBALL

April 02 South Medford
April 12 North Medford
April 16 Grants Pass
April 19 Roseburg
April 21 Ashland
April 26 South Medford
May 05 North Medford
May 10 Grants Pass
May 12 Roseburg

BOYS GOLF

March 17 @Eagle Point GC
March 18 @Centennial GC
March 28 @Centennial GC
April 04 @RVCC GC

TRACK

March 15 North Medford
April 06 Roseburg
April 16 Crater Clasic
April 20 Grants Pass
May 07 JV District

GIRLS GOLF

March 17 @Eagle Point GC
March 18 @Centennial GC
March 28 @Centennial GC
April 04 @RVCC GC