



# Crater Alumni Newsletter

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## ALUMNI FEATURE



**Mike Glines**

Webster defines the word leader as “one placed in advance of others”. When I asked his classmates, teachers and coaches for a one word description of 1963 graduate Mike Glines, the reply was leader.

Mike is a legend in the Modesto, California area, his residence for the past 45 years. He has coached at Central Catholic High School for 29 years; 24 as the Head Football Coach and the past 15 years as the Head Baseball Coach. Mike’s diamond squad has been crowned League

Champions each of those 15 campaigns, and are seeking to continue that run this spring. Mike keeps his hand in the football program, working a day or two a week with the highly successful program’s quarterbacks. Being the successful coach he is requires a supportive spouse; Mike is blessed with Susan, his wife of 22 years.

Mike brings a wealth of knowledge to positions of leadership. He was the Crater Comet quarterback, point guard in basketball, and baseball infielder his sophomore, junior and senior years. While participating in athletics at Crater, Mike earned 10 varsity letters and was named to the 1st team All-Conference team in football, basketball and baseball his junior and senior years. Additionally, he was Class President, as well as Associated Student Body President. Leadership did not stop with graduation from Crater. Following his high school years Mike played quarterback at OIT in Klamath Falls for one year then joined the United States Army, serving his country for 21 months in Viet Nam. Jumping out of planes to evaluate enemy positions is dangerous but vital to a mission’s success. During his service Mike was wounded; for his heroism he was awarded the Purple Heart as well as the Bronze Star with V for Valor.

Mike calls his sons “the loves of my life”, and has passed the lessons of leadership on to them. Jamie, an Annapolis graduate, is a Marine Captain who has served two terms in Afghanistan. He is now a chopper pilot instructor in Yuma, Arizona. Jamie’s younger brother, TJ, is creative director and sound designer for a mobile game and entertainment company.

Jeff Johnson, Crater Athletic Director, reflected on Mike. “As a kid you couldn’t have a better friend than Mike Glines. I grew up across

Hanley road from the Glines family. What a great family to have as neighbors. Coach Glines had a way of making you feel important. I looked forward to each time he would bring one of his teams up to Oregon. Coach would call ahead and ask if I could ‘help him out.’ One of the times I remember best is when he brought his Central Catholic (Modesto, CA) baseball team. Before the double header out at the VA Domiciliary started, Coach Glines pulls out a pro-fit CC (baseball cap), a matching shirt and a 27 oz. Reynolds aluminum bat for his bat boy (Jeff). It was the first aluminum bat I had ever seen. He truly cares about kids. It is no surprise what Coach Glines has accomplished. If there is such a thing as a gene for coaching, Coach Glines surely carries it.”

Coaches who excel have an eye for talent. During Mike’s sophomore year, teacher/coach Ed Knapp suffered a heart attack and was temporarily replaced by a long term substitute. The weeks passed, and prior to Coach Knapp’s return, Mike took a jaunt to the School District # 6 Offices. He boldly walked into Superintendent Charles A. “Dutch” Meyer’s office. His message to the head man was, “hire that substitute, he is a keeper.” The substitute? Teacher, coach, principal, Crater Foundation co-founder and president, Harvey Tonn.

Successful people invariably point to “difference makers” in their lives. The motivator in Mike’s life, was retired Crater Coach Lloyd Hoffine. Mike spoke fondly of his coach: “Hard work, commitment, attention to detail, work ethic, caring about the youngsters you are entrusted with; that is what I gained from Coach Hoffine. What else is there?”

Mike, **The Crater Foundation** is proud of you, another Comet making a difference – you have and continue to be a positive influence on our nation’s most important resource – its youth.

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# WHERE *are they* NOW?

## 1952 - 1959

**LEROY LINDGREN (54)** – lives in Medford with his wife, Beverly. Leroy spent 40 years with Pacific Power and Light and retired in 1996. After retiring they built a home on 2 acres between Medford and Jacksonville. In 2006 he became a partner in a construction company specializing in underground utilities. They have spent time in Alaska, Branson, Missouri, Big Bend, Texas and Arizona. They have two grown children and three grandchildren, two of whom graduated from Crater High.

**LOIS LOFLAND MANASCO (57)** – lives in Los Molinos, California with her husband of 55 years, Bob (57). They lived in Central Point (after 4 years in the Navy) until 1982 and Bob worked for Pacific Electrical Contractors and Lois worked as a Teachers Aide at Jewett Elementary. Their daughter Lori graduated from Crater. In 1982, they, along with their son Craig, moved to Los Molinos and spent 2 years building their home. Bob continued to work for PEC until 1984 when he partnered with 3 others and created WRMS Engineering. Lois continued as a Teachers Aide and Assistant to the Secretary with Los Molinos School District. Bob and Lois semi-retired in 1995 and fully retired in 2000. They have five grandchildren. Their hobbies include hunting, fishing, woodworking, photography, traveling and simply enjoying life.

**DON SAVAGE (58)** – lives in Central Point with his wife of 52 years, Mary. They own and operate Crater Sand & Gravel and Savage Redi Mix. Their youngest son is the manager of the company and their daughter is the safety coordinator for the company. Don and Mary own a home in Kenai, Alaska and he tells us they having been going up there for the last 8 years to fish, fish and then fish some more. Semi-retired, they farm about 120 acres of hay and cattle and Mary takes care of their rentals and finances.

## 1960 – 1969

**JAMES SHOPE (60)** – lives in Henderson, Nevada with his wife of 48 years, Chris. They have four children and eight grandchildren. Jim retired from the United States Air Force in 1988 and from United Airlines in 2002. Jim stays busy working on old British cars and exercising at the gym. Chris is a gourmet cook and helps keep Jim well fed.

**DEAN PURDY (63)** – lives in Central Point with his wife, Mary Ann. They have a son, Chad, who lives with his wife and two children in Central Point, and a daughter, Lisa Marie, who lives with her husband and son in Oregon City. After taking over the family business (Purdy Construction) in 1977, Dean retired in 2009 and their son Chad took over the business. They are involved in their church at Table Rock Fellowship.

**DAN NELSON (67)** – lives in Medford after serving in Viet Nam and Okinawa in the U.S. Army. Dan has been a successful insurance broker and Medicare specialist with Homes & Associates for many years. He has two daughters: Kori, who owns and operates a successful landscaping business with her husband Luke; and Kristi, the head of surgery and trauma at Rogue Valley Medical Center. Her husband, John is an attorney and judge in the valley.

**RHONDA WALKER FLORANCE (69)** – lives in Rio Vista, California (which is in the Sacramento River Delta) with her husband of 38 years, Herb. They have three children, all in their late 20s, and all graduated from college and have good jobs. Both Rhonda and Herb work in insurance. Herb is a commercial broker working from home and Rhonda is a company underwriter. They love playing golf, going to movies, attending church activities, going wine tasting, going sightseeing and having friends over.

## 1970 – 1979

**FRED WOLFF (74)** – lives in Ogden, Utah with his wife, Audrey and their sons Karl and Erik. After graduating from OSU in 1978 Fred spent 11 years as an Air Force pilot before switching careers to become a CPA. He has owned his own accounting firm since 1998. Audrey's 26-year Air Force career took them around the world with assignments in Korea, Germany and England as well as back and forth across the U.S. She retired in 2005 and is currently working as a defense contractor. In addition to his CPA work Fred completed 9 years of Reserve duty with the Air Force, retiring in 2008.

**DEBBIE SNOOK HASSLER (75)** – lives in Butte Falls with her husband of 36+ years, Norm. Norm is a Senior software engineer and has been with the same company for almost 30 years. Debbie is able to stay at home, garden, sew, cook and enjoy photography, painting, church life and writing. Prior to moving to the Butte Falls area they lived almost 20 years in Reedsport, Oregon. They have one son, Dan, who lives in Chicago with his wife, Desiree, their two children and two foster children.

**VALORIE BOHNERT SHATYNSKI (75)** – lives in Whittier, California with her husband of 20 years, Mike. Valorie retired from the State of California from her work in urban park development. She completed her MPA in fall of 2012. Mike retired from the U.S. Navy Reserves as Rear Admiral in September of 2012

and continues to work his civilian job as the health and safety manager for the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County.

**DAVID CURRY (76)** – lives in Eagle Point with his wife, Kathy. They have two children, Sara, 25 and Skylee, 22. David is superintendent of Quality Control at Cascade Wood Products and Kathy is a cake decorator/baker at Ray's Markets in Eagle Point.

## 1980 – 1989

**PERRY WHITE (82)** – lives in Tacoma, Washington with his wife, Lara. They have two sons Devin (21) and Connor (18). Perry has worked for Glidden Professional Paints in Tacoma for the past 20 years. In 2009 he went back to college and graduated with a BA from Evergreen State College in Olympia. His wife, Lara works for the State of Washington. Perry is on the board of directors for the Veteran's Family Fund of American helping veterans and their families in Washington State. He loves watching sports (Ducks, Seahawks & Mariners) and doing yard work and gardening.

**SAM BOYLE (82)** – lives in Wise, Virginia with his significant other, Melissa, and her daughter Sydney. During an almost 30 year career in the Army, Sam was present for the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, and as the Operations Sergeant Major for a newly formed Signal Battalion, was present for the departure of U.S. Forces from Iraq in December 2011. He joined the Army in 1983 and worked as a Communications-Electronics Installation Technician and as a Satellite Earth Terminal Operator Technician. His 30 years took him to Okinawa, Japan, Berlin, Germany and multiple locations throughout West Germany. He spent time in Hawaii, Kuwait and Iraq as well as many places in the continental United States. Sam retired as a Sergeant Major. He has 5 grown children, 2 grandchildren and his stepdaughter, Sydney, age 10. His wife, Melissa works for Logistics Care, a non-emergency medical transportation company.

**BESSIE TIPTON BURKE (82)** – lives in Arizona City, Arizona with her husband and three children. Bessie completed her masters in science and is now a Nurse Practitioner in nephrology. She works with renal failure patients and bone marrow transplants. Her husband is a computer systems technician for IBM.

**KIM DECK BACKES (82)** – lives in Sams Valley with her husband, Kevin. They have two grown daughters, Erica and Chelsea. Kim works as a dental assistant. She has gone on several trips to Mexico with her daughter, Erica, on a missionary dental team. They work with migrant farm workers and visit orphanages. In their free time, Kim and Kevin love to hike, camp, bike ride and work in their yard.

## 1990 – 2002

**RYAN BROWN (95)** – lives in Midway, Utah with his wife, Jen. Both Ryan and Jen graduated from Brigham Young University and have three adopted children. Ryan has a masters degree from SUU and is a Principal at JR Smith Elementary School. He and his wife host horseback trail rides, buggy rides and chuck wagon dinners in the summer.

**JENNY MCNAMEE MAGERLE (96)** – lives in Central Point with her husband, Tim '97 and their two children Lane (8) and Jessalyn (6) who attend Jewett Elementary. Jenny graduated from Southern Oregon University in 2003 with a BA in History and a minor in Business Administration. They own and run the Liberty Tax offices in Grants Pass, Klamath Falls, North Bend and Eureka, California. Jenny tells us in her free time she enjoys working on their "pseudo-farm"; waterskiing, camping, traveling. She has recently taken up running.

**DAMON HANSON (01)** – lives in Central Point with his wife, Renee. Recently married, Damon graduated from George Fox University with a degree in biology and is a 2012 graduate of Pacific University College of Optometry. Damon is a practicing optometrist. Renee is a graduate of Southern Oregon University with a degree in French and is a French and Spanish teacher at Phoenix High School.

**KAITLYN FRISTENSKY JUBA (02)** – lives in Medford with her husband, Patrick. Recently married, Kaitlyn is a 2012 graduate of Southern Oregon University with a bachelor's degree in art studio. She works as an independent contractor for Penny & Lulu Studio Florist. Patrick is a graduate of Cal State University-San Marcos with a degree in business administration. He works as a mortgage banker at Chase Bank in Ashland.

## Crater Foundation Information

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Ever since the beginning of the Crater Foundation some 20 years ago, Crater graduates have been featured in the Alumni Newsletter that publishes three times a year. As this tradition continues, after numerous requests, we begin a new feature recognizing teachers who have retired from School District #6.

## Retired Teacher Feature



Vince Wixon

The first teacher to be so honored is much loved and respected retired Crater teacher, **Vince Wixon**, who was honored as the Oregon Teacher of the Year for 1987-88. Vince spent 22 years at Crater as a mainstay of the English department. He taught a variety of courses over those 22 years including Advanced Placement Literature and Writing, Creative Writing and a number of communications classes. Outside of class he was the advisor for a number of Crater organizations, specifically, Brain Bowl, Academic Scavenger Hunt and the Literary Magazine, **Inside/Out**. He initiated the International Writers Series, a program that brought well-known writers to Crater and other Rogue Valley Schools. His warm, genial personality, wide variety of neckties and the academic rigor of his classes meant that his classes always filled early.

Mr. Wixon did not take the "easy chair" approach to retirement in 2000. His long-time love for poetry prompted the writing of two books of poems, **The Square Grove** (Traprock books, 2006) and **Blue Moon** (Wordcraft of Oregon, 2010). He is a board member of the Chautauqua Poets and Writers which brings nationally known writers to southern Oregon. With wife, Patricia, he has enjoyed traveling to Greece, Spain, Prague and the American Southwest. In addition to these activities, he continues to work in Oregon Poet, William Stafford's literary archive in Portland, an endeavor he started while still teaching at Crater. He is the Poetry Editor of **Jefferson Monthly**, the members' magazine of the Jefferson Public Radio Listeners' Guide. If this is not enough, he is actively involved in the lives of six stepchildren and their spouses plus 14 grandchildren.

Reflecting on his experience at Crater High School and School District #6, Vince relates, "What I found at District #6 was an enlightened school and district administration, who were committed to the students, to art and writing and to good teaching." He fondly remembers a time at Crater when art was emphasized throughout the curriculum, supported by a National Urban Arts grant. "Jock Rock", built by students, still stands as a result of all teaching areas focusing on the arts. Vince was instrumental in developing the All-School Writing Project where "Everyone in school wrote an essay in answer to a question. All writings were read and scored by teachers from all departments of the school who were trained to read holistically—an extremely collaborative event."

Thinking back on classes that he taught while at Crater he remembers, "I enjoyed teaching AP English and Creative Writing most of all. I remember my last Creative Writing Class, second semester 2000, as the best Creative Writing class of all my years at Crater—great way to go out."

As a former writing teacher, Vince Wixon might say it was trite, but we have to say he was an educator who made a difference and we applaud him for that.

## Winter Sports Summary



### The Crater Comets wrestling team

placed third in the Southern Oregon Hybrid Conference qualifying 10 wrestlers for the state tourney. At the State Tournament the Comets finished 6th in the 6A division. They had 4 state placers including two 2nd place finishers.

**The Comets girls basketball team** finished 5th in the Southern Oregon Hybrid Conference. They earned a state play off game and defeated Lake Oswego 50-32. However their season came to an end when they were defeated by St. Mary's Academy of Portland 79-47. The Lady Comets finished the season with a 7-17 record.

**The Comets boys' basketball team** finished 3rd in the Southern Oregon Hybrid Conference standings and had a bye into the state playoffs. Their first state playoff game with Tigard High School ended the season for the Comets with a 41-62 loss. They finished the season with a 13-12 record.

**The Crater girls swim team** finished 7th in the Conference and did not place swimmers into the state meet.

**The Crater boys swim team** finished 7th 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 continues to compete in the 6A classification that includes North Medford, South Medford, Crater, Grants Pass and Roseburg. In wrestling and swimming the conference also includes South Eugene, Sheldon and Thurston.

## Scholarship Dessert/Auction

The 18th annual Crater Parent/Community Scholarship Dessert was held this last December, raising \$49,000.00 to aid Crater graduates in pursuit of their post-high school aspirations.

**YOUR** commitment to **OUR KIDS** is a testament to all involved.

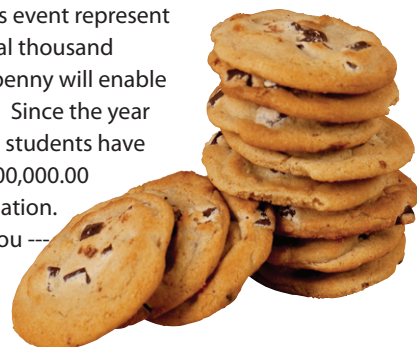
Monies raised at this year's event represent our highest total by several thousand dollars. As always, every penny will enable dreams to become reality. Since the year 2000 approximately 2,800 students have received in excess of \$3,000,000.00 through The Crater Foundation.

The "Thank You" goes to you ---

You are The Crater

Foundation. If you are financially vested in this

great effort, you know the satisfaction which comes from being a "difference maker". If you wish further information on "How can I help?"; please contact us at [craterfoundation@district6.org](mailto:craterfoundation@district6.org) or phone 541-494-6308. Next year's auction will be held Saturday, December 7, 2013.



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**1973, 1974, 1975 Aug. 8-9, 2014; Combined Reunion**  
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**Foundation Website**

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**Crater Foundation  
 Facebook Page**

The Foundation recently established a Facebook page in order to improve communication with our supporters. We can be found at <http://www.facebook.com/craterfoundation>. Like us on Facebook and get periodic updates on the Crater Foundation and District #6 events.

**CRATER HIGH VARSITY  
 SPRING SPORTS HOME SCHEDULES**

**BASEBALL**

March 11 Crater Jamboree  
 March 14 Thurston  
 March 19 Sheldon  
 March 25 Crater Tourney  
 March 26 Crater Tourney  
 March 27 Crater Tourney  
 March 28 Crater Tourney  
 April 09 Eagle Point  
 April 16 North Medford  
 April 23 South Medford  
 April 30 Grants Pass  
 May 11 Roseburg

**SOFTBALL**

March 23 South Medford  
 April 02 Eagle Point  
 April 06 North Medford  
 April 09 Ashland  
 April 13 Grants Pass  
 May 30 Roseburg

**BOYS GOLF**

April 03 @ Centennial GC  
 April 22 @ Centennial GC

**GIRLS GOLF**

March 19 @ Eagle Point GC  
 April 03 @ Centennial GC  
 April 29 @ Rogue Valley CC

**TRACK**

March 30 North Medford  
 April 10 Roseburg  
 April 20 Crater Classic  
 April 24 Grants Pass

