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1960s

Mel Baldwin, B.A. '64, elementary education, M.A. '71, education, Ph.D, '73, education, of Star Valley, was appointed to the UW Board of Trustees for a term through 2021.

Dale Lamphere, Exp. '69, undeclared, is artist laureate of South Dakota, a position he will hold until his term ends July 2019. As artist laureate, one of Lamphere's jobs is to be a high visibility champion of the arts. The 68-year-old sculptor's work can be found in Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Omaha and beyond. He is working on a four-story tall piece depicting a Lakota woman that will go on the banks of the Missouri River near Chamberlain.

Dick Scarlett, B.S. '64, business administration, honorary degree, '02, of Wilson, was appointed to the UW Board of Trustees for a term through 2021.

Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker B.S '69, physical education teaching, is on the Advisory Board of Global Guardian, an international security firm. From 2003 to 2007, Schoomaker served as the 35th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army. Schoomaker's appointment as Chief of Staff was unique in that he was recalled and returned from retirement to assume the position. Schoomaker served for over 35 years in a variety of assignments with both conventional and special operations forces.

Jack Speight, B.A. '62, political science, J.D. '65, law, is the volunteer director for the lawyers assistants program, Lawyers Helping Lawyers, Wyoming State Bar, reaching out to lawyers, judges and law students who may need help with addiction or emotional issues. In addition, Speight volunteers work for the Wyoming Legal Aid specializing in elder abuse and landlord tenant issues.

1970s

John Eggerman, B.S. '77, microbiology, B.S. '79, chemical engineering, recently completed four years of service at the ConocoPhillips Kenai, Alaska, liquefied natural gas plant as the plant facilities engineer. Eggerman relocated to Houston in 2014 to work as a process safety/operations integrity engineer.

Philip Ellis, B.S. '74, general business management, is president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. Ellis is a fifth-generation rancher in Chugwater who stewards a family business and range resources that his ancestors settled on Bear Creek in southeast Wyoming in the 1880s. Before returning to the ranch full time in 1987, he worked as a farm and ranch lender in Cheyenne for several years. He has served as president of Chugwater Economic Development, Inc., the Platte County Chamber of Commerce, and currently serves as chairman of the Board of Directors of the Oregon Trail Bank and chairman of the Chugwater Valley Church Council.

Gregg Jones, B.S. ‘78, general business management, president of Jonah Bank in Cheyenne, received the 2014 Person of the Year Award from the Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce.
Marilyn (Ste뇸) Kite, B.A. ‘70, international studies, J.D. ‘74, law, the first woman to serve on the Wyoming Supreme Court, announced her retirement, effective summer 2015, after 14 years of service to the court. Kite, a Jackson resident, was appointed by former Gov. Jim Geringer in 2000 and retained by election in 2002 and 2010. She served as chief justice from 2010 to 2014. Kite was born and raised in Laramie. She worked as a lawyer for the state and for the Holland and Hart law firm before joining the court. As chief justice, she advocated for improvements to court security, expansion of civics education and the promotion of women interested in the law.

Mark Kinner, B.S. ‘75, recreation/park administration, was appointed by the Sheridan County Commission to replace the late Rep. John Patton of Sheridan to serve in House District 29 of the Wyoming Legislature. Kinner, of Sheridan, is a banker.

Ron Leathers, B.S. ‘76, biological sciences-secondary education, M.A. ‘01, education, Exp. ‘14, undeclared, announced he will retire as principal at Rock River High School. Leathers served in the position for 13 years. He worked in Wyoming education for 37 years.

Don Mack, B.A. ’77, special education, M.S. ’80, trades/industrial trades, of Lovell, stepped down from his post as the timer for the UW Cowgirls basketball program after 27 years.

Vickie (Nagel) Maronick, B.S. ’75, music, is the sixth-grade religion teacher at Saint John the Baptist Middle School in Draper, Utah, and until recently, its music minister.

Shelley (Hull) Miller, Exp. ‘74, art, a teacher at Laramie High School, was named Wyoming Secondary Art Teacher of the Year for 2015. She has taught art at LHS for 16 years.

John L. Morgan, B.S. ’73, petroleum engineering, is CEO and a member of the board of directors of Sierra Hamilton LLC, an oil and gas engineering firm. Morgan is a petroleum engineer with over 40 years of industry experience in both domestic and international exploration, production and asset management.

Ray Reutzel, B.A. ’77, elementary education, and Ph.D. ‘82, curriculum and instruction, was hired to serve as dean of UW’s College of Education effective July 6. He currently is an early childhood education professor at Utah State University.

Steve Schafer, B.S. ’75, wildlife conservation and management, retired as Game and Fish bird farm superintendent stationed in Yoder, after 39 years of service. Schafer began his Game and Fish career working summers at bird farms in Sheridan and Yoder. In 1976, he was named assistant superintendent of the Downer Bird Farm at Yoder and in 1985 was promoted to superintendent of that facility. In 1966, he assumed oversight of the Sheridan facility in addition to the Downer Bird Farm.

Betsy (Reddock) Sell, ‘73, elementary education, M.A. ‘89, curriculum and instruction, was selected as Wyoming’s 2015 Assistant Superintendent of the Year. In 2006, she became assistant superintendent in Cody. Her teaching career included schools in Laramie and Riverton. Sell taught all elementary levels except fourth grade and was assistant principal in Cody's junior high from 1990 to 1994. She moved to the principal position at two schools before stepping into her current position.
Thomas Spicer, B.S. ’70, zoology and physiology, was appointed to the Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County Board of Trustees by the Sweetwater County Commission. Spicer is a retired physician. He currently serves on the UW Campus Advisory Board, Friends of the American Heritage Center, Friends of the Haub School and International Advisory Board. He is a former UW trustee.

Chuck Stephens, B.S. ’75, zoology and physiology, graduated from the Iliff School of Theology in May 2013. He has been appointed the Minister of Missions at First United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs, Colo. In addition, he completed his re-certification as a diplomat of the American Board of Addiction Medicine in January 2015.

Bob Trebelcock, B.S. ’75, wildlife conservation and management, the large carnivore biologist in Lander, recently retired after more than 38 years of service with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. Trebelcock started his Game and Fish career with seasonal positions as a construction laborer and game warden. His permanent service began as a wildlife biologist in Laramie in November 1977. He became the Douglas game warden in December 1978, transferred to Greybull as game warden in July 1984 and to Lander in 1995. He served as game warden in Lander until 2008 when he assumed the position of large carnivore biologist.

Danny Walker, M.A. ’75, anthropology, Ph.D. ’86, zoology and physiology, retired from the Wyoming State Archaeologist’s Office after 44 years. He first joined the office as a part-time archaeological crew foreman in 1973 while working on a master’s degree at UW. He became assistant state archaeologist in 1975, a position he held at retirement.

Marylee White, B.S. ’79, journalism, of Wilson, won the Wyoming Arts Council’s 2015 Frank Nelson memorial writing awards. White received the Frank Nelson Doubleday award for women writers for her prose manuscript, Bird Barometer. White has worked as a writer, a preschool administrator and teacher and as an arts education administrator.

1980s

Amy M. (Johnson) Allen B.S. ’86, architectural engineering, M.B.A. ‘90, retired from a 23-year consulting career as an engineer, and is now the director of public services for the city of Rock Springs. She will oversee the water reclamation facility, planning and zoning, building inspection, Rock Springs URA/Main Street Program and vehicle maintenance departments.

Jim Ansley, Ph.D. ’83, plant pathology, is a Regents Fellow with the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents. Ansley, also a professor in the Texas A&M department of ecosystem science and management, has established a worldwide reputation as a vegetation ecologist, based on his extensive research experience in semiarid rangelands and grasslands dominated by woody plants such as mesquite and juniper.

Col. John Butler, Exp. ’82, civil engineering, who's been with the Wyoming Highway Patrol for 30 years, serving since 2012 as the administrator of the division, retired in June 2015. Butler is a native of Douglas who graduated in 1978 from Sheridan High School, then attended UW before joining the patrol as a recruit patrolman in 1985. He served initially in Lander, before being promoted to supervise the patrol’s Cheyenne division in 1998. Five years later he was promoted to captain, assuming duties as commander of the district encompassing Albany, Carbon and
Laramie counties. That same year, he was elevated to major, and placed in charge of field operations for the entire state. He became a lieutenant colonel and the patrol’s second-in-command in 2010.

**Martha Davey, B.S. '81**, accounting, M.S. '12, education, retired in June 2015 as associate vice president for academic services at Central Wyoming College after more than 20 years of experience.

**Gayle Jackson Dilling, B.S. ‘85**, home economics education, is president of the Early Childhood Teacher Preparation Council in Washington. Dilling also serves as vice president of communications for ACCESS, a national early childhood organization that provides professional development institutes within Washington. Dilling is a professor of early education at Olympic College in Bremerton, Wash.

**Michael Fekula, M.B.A. '81**, once a USC Aiken professor in the School of Business Administration, will return in July as the new dean. Currently, he is the head of the Department of Leadership Studies at The Citadel. Fekula will also act as a professor of business management and as holder of the Mr. and Mrs. Phinizy Timmerman Chair in Enterprise Development.

**Tammie (West) Jensen, B.S. ‘80**, food science, M.S. ‘92, food science/nutrition, retired as Niobrara County University of Wyoming extension educator after 34 years of service.

**Lu (Jennings) Kasper, B.A. ‘83**, elementary education, M.A. ‘02, education, Exp. ‘14, undeclared, is the Sweetwater County Child Developmental Center executive director. She began her teaching career in Nebraska before moving to Wyoming, where she resumed her career in education for Sweetwater County School District 2. She has lived in Green River for 20 years. After 17 years of teaching in the district, Kasper was promoted to a principal position. She is currently the principal at Harrison Elementary School.

**Colin K. Keeney, B.A. ’82**, English, M.A. ’88, English, retired as a Senior Lecturer after 26 years with the UW English department. During his time at UW he helped initiate writing instruction with computers, directed the Wyoming Writing Project and chaired Faculty Senate. Keeney was the first lecturer to receive a College of A&S Seibold Fellowship and, in 2011, was the first recipient of the Colin K. Keeney Alumni Achievement Award from Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

**Mike Massie, M.A. '80**, history, of Laramie, was appointed to the UW Board of Trustees for a term through 2017.

**John McKinley, B.S. ’83**, agriculture business, M.B.A. '84, J.D. '89, law, of Cheyenne, was appointed to the UW Board of Trustees for a term through 2021.

**Peter Moran, B.A. ‘87**, history, B.A. ‘87, elementary education, a UW professor, co-created the "We Are Wyoming" statewide project for fourth graders, which uses social studies, art and language arts to meet state curriculum standards via several comprehensive, hands-on learning activities.
Matt Smith, B.S. ’87, electrical engineering, M.S. ’89, electrical engineering, is CEO of Zodiac Innovations. Previously, he worked at Panasonic Avionics Corporation where he was recently senior vice president of operations. He was also the chairman of Panasonic Corporation Singapore joint venture. Previously, Smith was with Rockwell Collins in both Avionics and Inflight Entertainment and Honeywell Aerospace in Avionics. He will be based in Brea, Calif.

Peder Sortland, B.S. ’87, general business management, M.B.A. ’91, is the first CEO of Global Maritime Group. Sortland had been CEO at Apply ASA. Previously, he was chief executive of Ross Offshore and Subsea Technology Group. He has also managed the Norwegian unit of Subsea 7, and held the position as chair in Ocean Installer. He held a number of leading posts in the Statoil group from 1992-2010, covering upstream and downstream oil and gas activities both in Norway and internationally.

Stacy (Vanpatten) Stoker, Exp. ’86, undeclared, of Jackson, was promoted from interim director of the Teton County Housing Authority to a permanent positions as the agency’s director.

Donald Stolworthy, B.A. ’84, history, is the director of the Illinois Department of Corrections. Previously, Stolworthy worked at the U.S. State Department in the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs as a corrections team leader. Stolworthy is also the senior corrections subject matter official at the INL and routinely provides policy guidance to senior state department officials and assistant secretaries of the state.

Kraig Weyrich, B.S. ’81, statistics/C&I, B.S. ’83, finance, B.S. ’85, education, of Scottsbluff, Neb., has been selected as assistant principal of Bluffs Middle School for the 2015-16 school year. He is a former Bluffs Middle School math teacher and has been serving as assistant principal at the Gering Freshman Academy since 2011.

1990s

Matthew Anderson, B.S. ’91, zoology and physiology, is a board certified urologist who practices at the Aurora Health Center in Fond du Lac, Wisc. Anderson came to the Fox Cities after completing his residency and joined Urology Associates of Wisconsin.

Trudy Birkemeyer-Funk, B.S.W. ’91, social work/HS, of Jackson, became executive director at Curran-Seeley, in Jackson. She became a probation officer for the Wyoming Department of Corrections in 1994, and joined Curran-Seeley in 2001 in the Women’s Treatment Program. She has most recently served as the clinical supervisor in charge of the daily clinical activities of the center’s 10 therapists.

Rob Bryant, B.S. ’99, finance, M.S. ’02, finance, joined State Superintendent Jillian Barlow’s executive leadership team as the Division of School Support Director, leaving his current post as business services director for Laramie County School District 2. His past service with the education department was as the School Foundation Program supervisor, where he oversaw annual distributions in excess of $700 million annually. He has also worked at the Wyoming Department of Audit and managed a small business in Laramie.

Diane Chamberlain, M.A. '99, education, a teacher at Laramie High School, was named Wyoming Foreign Language Teacher of the Year for 2015. Chamberlain has taught Spanish at LHS since 2002.

Michelle "Shelly" Gams, B.S. '93, business administration, co-owner of Retirement Solutions in Billings, Mont., has earned membership in the Million Dollar Round Table for 2015. Achieving such membership is a distinguishing life insurance career milestone, attained only by those who have demonstrated superior professional knowledge, experience and client service. Membership represents the top life insurance and financial service professionals worldwide. Gams is a 10-year Million Dollar Round Table member.

Brian Jensen, B.S. '93, finance, B.S. '94, accounting, is chief financial officer and director of Axiom Oil and Gas Corp. Jensen has an extensive background in public company accounting, focusing on the oil and gas industry. He has over 20 years of accounting, tax and financial advisory experience.

LaMar Jost, B.S. '99, political science, J.D. '02, law, was named a Denver Business Journal 40 under 40 winner. He is a litigation attorney originally from Green River. After working for a federal judge in New Mexico, Jost went to work for Wheeler Trigg in Denver.

Russ Linhart, B.S. '91, agriculture education, is a precision agriculture specialist with MapShots, Inc. As a business development specialist, he will serve the Midwest, Northeast U.S. and Canada. From 2009 until 2015, Linhart was a crop sensors product specialist for Trimble Navigation. In 2011, he assembled a sales team in Latin America dedicated to integrating data collection and analysis into the sugar and viticulture industry. Previously, Linhart was a product specialist for crops sensors, North America for NTech Industries in California and a Regional Sales Manager for Red Ball LLC in Willmar, Minn. He was also a commercial spray systems specialist, general manager for a farm equipment dealership and a high school vocational agriculture instructor.

Gary Michaud, B.S. '99, broadcasting, M.B.A. '02, left his post as the city of Lander community resource coordinator to take the position of development director and special assistant to the president at Wyoming Catholic College in Lander.

Matt Micheli, B.A. '99, Russian, is chairman of the Wyoming Republican Party. As the chief executive officer of the state party, he will carry out policies established by the constituents and state leadership. Micheli will also represent Wyoming on the Republican National Committee and work with Republicans from across the nation. He is an attorney with Holland & Hart in Cheyenne.
Doug Miyamoto, B.S. ’96, rangeland ecology and watershed management, M.S. ’01, rangeland ecology and watershed management, is the director of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture. Previously, he was the director and chief executive officer of the Wyoming Livestock Board.

Karla (Schweighart) Pomeroy, B.A ’90, journalism, began duties as the editor for the Northwestern Daily News in Worland. She spent the last 6 1/2 years as editor of the Basin Republican Rustler, and before that she was a reporter at the Laramie Boomerang and a reporter and news editor at the Lovell Chronicle.

Barbara Oakleaf, B.S. ‘91, social science, retired from the Fremont County Library in Lander in January 2015 after nearly four decades and several roles at the library. At the time of her retirement, Oakleaf was the building manager and head of adult services.

Doug Wiggins, B.S. ’95, agricultural business, after serving nearly 11 years with the Wheatland Police Department, has been hired to serve as deputy town clerk/treasurer.

2000s

Tim Baird, M.M. ’09, music, is music director at Rye High School and Craver Middle School in Colorado. He was hired four years ago with the ambition to revamp the music department with a five-year goal.

Christopher "Kipper" Blevins, B.S. ’08, zoology and physiology, has been accepted into the Gastroenterology and Hepatology Fellowship Program at Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education in Rochester, Minn. The three-year fellowship provides a unique environment for exceptional candidates to pursue advanced clinical training in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disorders of the digestive tract and liver.

Brian Boner, B.A. ‘07, Russian, B.S. ‘07, political science, of Douglas, was selected to fill the vacant Senate District 2 seat opened up by longtime Sen. Jim Anderson’s resignation. Boner fulfills the remaining 22 months of Anderson’s term.

Brian Brisko, B.A. ’09, Spanish-secondary education, Exp. ’14, education, was appointed as Pinedale High School principal and athletic director starting in the 2015-16 school year. The Mountain View native joined Pinedale High School in 2009 and has been serving as a Spanish teacher and the girls basketball coach.

Erin J. Bush, B.S. ’00, speech language, B.A. ’00, psychology, is an assistant professor in the Department of Communication Disorders within the College of Education at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

Jennifer Dockter, B.A. ’08, psychology, C.E.R. ’14, school social work, M.A. ’14, social work, was named the 2014 volunteer of the year from Cheyenne Special Friends, a mentoring organization that operates under Cheyenne’s Youth Alternatives program. Dockter is a social worker at Bain Elementary and has been volunteering for local youth since 2006.
Tammy Fields, B.A. ‘05, criminal justice, J.D. ‘08, law, was recently hired as a deputy county attorney to work alongside the Uinta County Attorney and other staff in the Uinta County Attorney’s Office. She also serves in the Wyoming National Guard.

Jason Hillman, M.A. ‘02, education, is the principal for Parkside and Clark elementary schools in Powell. Hillman most recently has worked in education in Ohio.

Lance Hopkin, B.S. ‘04, architectural engineering, was named the engineer for the city of Lander. For the last nine years, he has worked at Muller Engineering Company, Inc., in Lakewood, Colo., as a professional engineer.

Jonathan Hughes B.A. ‘06 political science, works for Bose McKinney & Evans LLP. He was honored as an “Up and Coming Lawyer” with an Indiana Lawyer 2015 Leadership in Law Awards in Indianapolis. He is an associate in the Utilities Group and Public Finance Group, representing businesses, utilities and municipalities in their corporate, litigation and financing issues.

Emi Kimura B.S. ‘08, botany, M.S. ’11, agronomy, is the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agronomist serving the Rolling Plains area, and she will office at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center south of Vernon. She is an assistant professor with a dual appointment in the department of ecosystem sciences and management.

Brian Mealor, M.S. ’03, rangeland ecology/watershed management, Ph.D. ’06, rangeland ecology/watershed management, is an assistant professor in the Department of Plant Sciences at UW. He is also director of the Sheridan Research and Extension Center. He joined the plant sciences department in 2009.

Layne Parmenter, C.E.R. ‘04, school principalship, M.A. ‘08, education, was hired as the new principal for the Afton Elementary School. Parmenter comes from Uinta County School District 6, where he was an elementary school principal and curriculum director in Lyman. He’s taught English, Spanish, Italian and journalism at the secondary level.

Beth Peterson, M.F.A. ’09, creative writing, is a non-fiction writer and an assistant professor of writing at Grand Valley in Allendale, Mich. A wilderness guide before she began writing, Peterson is just finishing her first book of lyric essays, which are set in a disappearing glacial landscape in Norway. Peterson has recent work in the journals Fourth Genre, River Teeth and Passages North.

Kendall Roberts, B.S. ’09, agricultural business, M.S. ’11, agricultural economics, is a co-owner/operator and general partner at King Ranch west of Cheyenne. She lived and worked in Washington, D.C., for a brief period and appreciated the exposure to the political world that has so much impact on the ranch’s day-to-day operation.

Melissa (Doherty) Ross, B.A. ‘08, art, traveled to Cape Town, South Africa, to take part in one of the biggest mountain biking stage races in the world, the Absa Cape Epic, in March 2015.
Dean Schaff, B.S. '01, physical education-teaching, received the 2014 Coach of the Year award for high school girls soccer in the small school Mountain West division for the spring season. The award is part of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. Schaff is the former Lander Valley High School girls soccer coach and has been hired to be the new boys coach for Lander Valley.

Dustin Schmer, B.S. '06, agroecology, works for Betaseed and is based in Scottsbluff, Neb. As sales manager, Schmer works in the western sugar south market and with feed beet sales in the high plains and Florida. He was previously employed by Westco in Gering as an agronomist and was promoted to branch manager. While attending UW, he worked in the weed science lab and at the SAREC research center in Lingle.

Punit Soni, M.S. '00, electrical engineering, is chief product officer with Flipkart. Previously, he was Google product management executive and former vice president of product management at Motorola. He will lead the product definition and innovation charter for Flipkart consumer products, marketplace and transaction platform. In this role, he will be driving product strategy, design and product marketing functions.

Ryan Thorson, J.D. '07, law, is an attorney with Gast Johnson & Muffly PC in Fort Collins, Colo. He practices in the areas of real estate, business and banking law. After graduating from law school, he took a position clerking for a federal judge in Cheyenne.

Brian Toomer, C.E.R. '09, school principalship, will be the new principal for the Cokeville schools.

Allen Trent, C.E.R. '07, school principalship, a UW professor, co-created the "We Are Wyoming" statewide project for fourth graders, which uses social studies, art and language arts to meet state curriculum standards via several comprehensive, hands-on learning activities.

Lisa Weigel, M.A. '07, education, joined State Superintendent Jillian Barlow’s executive leadership team as the Division of Individual Learning Director. She leaves her post as Special Education Director for Converse County School District 1.

Richard Welch, M.A. '08, education, assistant principal for Big Horn Middle School and High School, has been named the 2015 Wyoming Association of Elementary and Middle School Principals’ Assistant Principal of the Year. Welch has been in the education field for 25 years and spent each of them in Sheridan County School District 1.

Jeff Wenke, B.S. '09, architectural engineering, M.S. '11, civil engineering, a professional engineer at Plan One/Architects in Cody, has successfully completed his Professional Structural Engineer exam.
2010s

Samantha Day, M.S. ‘14, soil science, will use her knowledge and skills to improve soil research in Nepal starting summer 2015 for a year through a Fulbright U.S. Student Award.

Dillon Herman, B.S. '12, wildlife/fisheries/biology, is a game warden based in Cheyenne. He completed the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy in July 2014 and was stationed in Green River before being transferred to Cheyenne. His current position involves overseeing the falconry program and assisting the wildlife division with a variety of duties.

Heath Hornecker, M.A. ‘10, education, a Casper College instructor, has been named the Community College Faculty Member of the Year for the state of Wyoming. The award is given by the Wyoming Association of Community College Trustees. Hornecker has worked at Casper College since August 2004 when he was hired as an agriculture instructor.

Kat Hughes, M.B.A. '12, is executive editor with Observer Media Group in Sarasota, Fla. She oversees editorial content of five newspapers and all the online content across multiple platforms. Currently, she’s overseeing a comprehensive redesign of the newspapers.

Rob Ketcham, B.A. '10, journalism, The Cullman Times sports editor, was named Sports Writer of the Year for small dailies by Community Newspaper Holdings Inc. The award is based on the quality and consistency of work produced by individual sports writers in CNHI’s network of newspapers across the country. Ketcham has led The Times’ print and digital sports coverage for four years since arriving in Alabama. Ketcham has also been recognized with writing awards by the Alabama Press Association in recent years for his sports reporting and depth of writing.

McCall Linke, B.S. '14, agricultural communications, is the director of Equine Programs and Communications with the Northern International Livestock Exposition. At UW she participated in several activities including being the Ag Ambassador chair for the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, representing the college at recruiting events and advisory board meetings.

Abby Perry, B.S. '12, rangeland ecology and watershed management, M.S. '14, agricultural economics, is a range specialist with the UW Extension office in Carbon County. Based in Rawlins, she will also serve Albany, Goshen, Laramie and Platte counties, providing educational programs on the sustainable management of rangeland resources.

Jordan Winter B.S. '14, wildlife management, was selected as the honor graduate of his game warden trainee class at the Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy. Winter is assigned to the Laramie Region of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department. He will work on the Watercraft Enforcement Crew at Glendo Reservoir during the summer boating season, and will be responsible for other game warden duties as needed.
MARRIAGES

*Tyler Honey, B.S. '11*, architectural engineering, and Katie McKim married Sept. 27, 2014, at the Lionsgate Gatehouse in Lafayette, Colo. He is an engineer with Peak Engineering, and she is an engineer for Xcel Energy. The couple reside in Broomfield, Colo.

ARRIVALS

*Mustafa Al-Hakeem, Exp. '14*, civil engineering, and Tagna Hassan welcomed a daughter, Rose Mustafa, March 27, 2015. She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces. She has one sibling, Yousif.

*Brady Barrett, B.A. '12*, social studies-secondary education, and Paige Barrett welcomed a son, Hendrix Robert, Jan. 19, 2015, at Star Valley Medical Center. He weighed 7 pounds and was 20.5 inches long.

*Brent Burton, Exp. '14*, nursing, and Jessica Burton welcomed a son, Daniel Robert, Jan. 28, 2015. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20 inches long. He has two siblings, Kethry and Drew.

*Megan (Schnorenberg) Candelaria, B.S. '06*, mathematics, *M.S. '09*, mathematics and *Reynold Candelaria, B.S. '04*, physical education-teaching, welcomed a son, Maxxon Maddox, March 5, 2015. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long.

*Mara (McManaman) Chopping, Exp. '14*, womens studies, and *Curtis Chopping, B.S. '09*, geology, *M.S. '12*, geology, welcomed a son, Corbin Gregory, Feb. 25, 2015. He weighed 9 pounds, 11 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. He has one sibling, Allegra Marie.

*Lilly (Gilmer) Clark, B.A. '09*, English, and *Erik Clark, B.S. '10*, management, welcomed a son, Owen Emory, Jan. 18, 2015.

*Darcey (Bezanson) Cowardin, B.A. '06*, Spanish, *B.S. '13*, nursing, and *Avery Cowardin, B.A. '97*, administration justice, *B.A. '97*, sociology, *M.A. '06*, public administration, welcomed a daughter, Jemma May, Jan. 11, 2015. She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 20 inches long. She has three siblings, Allen, Thomas and Jordy.


*Samantha (Nail) Fonda, Exp. '14*, family and consumer science, and *David Fonda, Exp. '13*, undeclared, welcomed a daughter, Emma Kathleen, Jan. 21, 2015. She weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

*Tess Gerber, B.S. '14*, molecular biology, *B.S. '14*, chemical engineering, and Michael Ward, welcomed a son, Henry Michael, March 5, 2015. He weighed 8.3 pounds and was 20 1/2 inches long.
Lindsey (Knoll) Harwood, B.A. '13, elementary education, and Shane Harwood welcomed a daughter, Olivia Brooke, Feb. 4, 2015. She weighed 7.8 pounds and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Thad Hoff, B.A. '02, criminal justice, and Alicia Hoff, welcomed a daughter, Gracyn Jean, Feb. 24, 2015. She weighed 7 pounds, 5.2 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Kory Hokanson, M.S. '12, natural science, and Cally Hokanson welcomed a daughter, Kyrie, on Jan. 7, 2015. She weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Kathryn (Kennedy) Ingram, B.S. ‘06, statistics/C&I, and Austin Ingram welcomed a son, Camden Pike, Jan. 12, 2015, at Wyoming Medical Center.

Nicole (Mowry) Jordan, B.A. ‘06, chemistry, M.S. ‘13, speech pathology, and Steven “Wayne” Jordan, B.S. ‘05, animal and veterinary science, M.B.A ‘06, welcomed a daughter, Sadie Lucille, Feb. 27, 2015. She weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 21 inches long. She joins siblings Elizabeth Jean and Gabriella Ann.


Jennifer (Mecca) Miller, B.A. ‘10, elementary education, and Travis Miller, B.A. ‘11, social studies-secondary education, welcomed a son, Grady James, March 16, 2015. She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Carrie Murthy, M.A. ‘10, political science, and Sid Murthy welcomed a daughter, Annika, March 21, 2015. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Gretchen Nelson, B.S. ‘06, family and consumer science, and Jason Nelson, B.A. ‘06, journalism, welcomed a daughter, Inzie Elizabeth, Jan. 13, 2015. She weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces. She has three siblings, Andi, Parker and Emry.


John Olson, B.S. '06, zoology and physiology, B.S. '09, family and consumer science, and Lisa Olson, welcomed a daughter, Libby Jack, Jan. 29, 2015. She joins sisters Carson and Noel.

Dagan (White) Peterson, B.S. '14, finance, and Sean Peterson welcomed a son, Sean Emilio, Feb. 17, 2015. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

Ben Redland, Exp. '13, agribusiness, and Abby Redland welcomed a daughter, Irene Marie, March 10, 2015. She weighed 7 pounds, and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Jessica Richins, Exp. '08, elementary education, and Derek Richins, B.S. ‘12, civil engineering, welcomed a daughter, Gentry Leigh, March 25, 2015.

Kyle Rohrer, B.A. '04, elementary education, and Jennifer Rohrer welcomed a son on March 10, 2015.
Brent Roth, B.S. ’13, mechanical engineering, and Lizzie Roth welcomed a daughter, Brooke London, on March 21, 2015. She weighed 7 pounds, 3 1/2 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long. She has one sibling, Bradley.

George Schrader, Exp. ‘14, music education, and Whitney Schrader welcomed a daughter, Norah Kay, Jan. 11, 2015. She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces, and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Alan Shelton, B.S. ‘08, finance, Exp. ‘11, accounting, and Ashley Shelton welcomed a daughter, Layton Sue, on Jan. 13, 2015. She weighed 9 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 ¼ inches long. She has one brother, Weston.

Heather (Dawson) Shideman, M.S. ’06, natural science, and Jeff Shideman welcomed a son, Finn Joseph, Jan. 22, 2015. He weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces. His sibling is Kade.

Miranda Siebler, Exp. ‘14, psychology, and Ralph Siebler, welcomed a daughter, Kendra Nicole, on Jan. 16, 2015.

Leslie (Kopp) Vanderpool, Exp. ‘11, art, and David Vanderpool, Exp. ‘13, geography, welcomed a daughter, Emma Rayne, March 14. She weighed 7.2 pounds, and was 19 inches long. She joins sibling, Aveya Ellie.

Josie Voight, B.A. ’09 geography, B.A. ’09 earth sciences-secondary education, and William Winkler, B.S. ‘08, civil engineering, welcomed a son, Cory Voight, Jan. 31, 2015. He weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 21 inches long. He has one sibling, Clay Voight Winkler.

Amber (Dahlke) Waldron, Exp. ‘14, nursing, and Joseph Waldron welcomed a daughter, Reagan Julia, on Jan. 30, 2015. She weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 20 ½ inches long.

Angela Wilde, P.H.R.D. ‘12 pharmacy, and Shawn Wilde, B.S. ‘11, business administration, J.D. ‘14, law, welcomed a daughter, Allie Marie, March 26, 2015. She weighed 7 pounds. She joins sister, Brianna Wilde.

Lea Yarborough, B.A. ‘12, psychology, and Garrett Ricks, B.S. ‘08, marketing, welcomed a daughter, Finleigh Jean, Feb. 23, 2015. She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces.

Keileigh (Stibitz) Yeend, B.A. ’11, psychology, M.S.W. ’13, social work and Shane Yeend, welcomed a daughter, Evelyn Riley, Feb. 25, 2015. She weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 19 1/2 inches long.
IN MEMORIAM

Cody Anderson, B.A. ’04, criminal justice, of Laramie, died April 10, 2015. He was born Oct. 1, 1977, in Cottage Grove, Ore. While attending UW, Anderson played on the school’s rugby team and was captain for two years, taking the team to the national title and winning in 2004. He went on to coach the UW women’s rugby team for four years after completing college. During that time, he led the team to two national Sweet Sixteen finals, the second run resulting in a historic advancement to the Elite Eight. Anderson served his community for 14 years as a member of the UW Police Department, ranking sergeant and serving on the SWAT team. He is survived by his wife, Jalyn, one daughter, his parents and other family.

Ruby Elizabeth Anderson, B.A. ’60, elementary education, died April 8, 2015, in Omaha, Neb. She was born May 30, 1925, in Genoa, Neb. She taught school for 43 years in Sunrise, Hawk Springs, Huntley and Lingle. On May 21, 1955, she married Robert Anderson. Survivors include two daughters, three grandchildren and other family.

Anthony Andrikopoulos, B.S. ’56, marketing, died April 11, 2015. He was born April 21, 1932, in Greeley, Colo. In 1958 he was honorably discharged from the U.S. Naval Reserve. He established his own oil and gas business in 1960, A.G. Andrikopoulos Resources Inc. Andrikopoulos was inducted into the Rocky Mountain Oil and Gas Hall of Fame in 2009. He served on the boards of several charitable organizations and was one of the founders of the Holy Apostles Orthodox Christian Church in Cheyenne. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, two grandsons and other family.

Raymond Austin, Exp. ’53, undeclared, died March 7, 2015. He was born Dec. 21, 1930, in Newcastle. After college, he joined the Navy. Upon his discharge, Austin returned to the family ranch south of Newcastle. The ranch was sold in 1964 and he moved with his parents to Edgemont, S.D. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings. He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Barbara (Burnell) Bartlett, Exp. ’58, undeclared, died Jan. 11, 2015. She was born May 2, 1937, in Gebo. She married Fred R. Bartlett Jr. in Cody, and the couple had a daughter. They later divorced. Bartlett’s versatility of jobs included working at Corner Drug, the Mountain Bell Telephone Company and for nearly 20 years as manager of KWRB-TV and KRTR radio. She was secretary and bookkeeper for the Independent Record newspaper until her retirement. She is survived by her daughter and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, sister and nephew.

Wilmot “Chris“ (Hamm) Bice, B.S. ’90, social science, of Laramie, died Jan. 12, 2015. She was born Oct. 28, 1947 and married Charles Bice June 30, 1972. Bice was a successful small business co-owner of Kindred Spirits for 17 years. She is survived by her husband, two children, five grandchildren and other family.
Marguerite (Mortensen) Bieber, B.A. '42, social studies-secondary education, died Jan. 15, 2015, in Greeley, Colo. She was born in Brayton, Iowa. The family moved to Chicago and later settled in Cheyenne. While at UW, Bieber was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and president of the Association of University Women. Upon graduation, she accepted a teaching position in Evanston. In 1944, she enlisted in the Women's Army Corps, serving at the Pentagon in intelligence, assisting in the analysis of Japanese communications in the Pacific. She married Edwin Bieber in 1945 with whom she raised four children. His work as a mining engineer took them to Mexico, Colorado, Utah and Arizona. A teacher and principal, Bieber concluded her career in Clifton, Ariz., as an elementary school principal. Upon her retirement in 1985, she moved to Grand Junction, Colo. She is survived by her sister, brother, three children, nine grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and other family.

Harriet Elizabeth “Liz” (Rhone) Byrd, MA. '76, education, died Jan. 27, 2015, in Cheyenne. She was born April 20, 1926. She married James Byrd Aug. 8, 1947, in Cheyenne. Byrd spent 27 years as a teacher with Laramie County School District and in 1981 was elected the first black woman in Wyoming House of Representatives. After serving eight years in the House, she was elected to the Wyoming Senate in 1989. During her tenure, she served on the Education and Transportation Standing Committees. One of her greatest accomplishments was establishing the Wyoming State Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, along with Martin Luther King, Jr. City Park and Martin Luther King Street in Cheyenne. She was a UW Distinguished Alumna in 2012. She is survived by two sons, a daughter, eight grandchildren, a great-grandchild and other family.

John Earl Christensen, B.S. '41, animal production, died Jan. 31, 2015. He was born Dec. 20, 1919, in Sheridan County. After graduating from UW, Christensen returned to the family ranch north of Newcastle and continued ranching with his father. He married Mae Darlington Dec. 20, 1944, in Laramie. Together they continued their life on the family ranch, raising their four children. Christensen served as state senator for 24 years and became president of the Wyoming State Senate in 1969. He was involved in several organizations. He is survived by his four children, 14 grandchildren and other family.

Daniel Cook, B.S. ‘94, civil engineering, of Shawnee, Kansas, died March 20, 2015, in Laramie. He was born Jan. 1, 1968 in Sheridan. He worked as civil engineer for the Wyoming Department of Transportation as a project engineer at Rock Springs and Green River. In 1996, Cook moved to Kansas and worked as a civil engineer for several companies until he joined Payne & Brockway in Olathe, Kansas, where he met his future partner of Level 4 Engineering LLC. His passion for engineering led him to his passion as vice president and project manager at Renaissance Infrastructure Consulting in Missouri. Cook married Jamie Anderson May 27, 2000. He is survived by his wife, daughter, granddaughter, mother and other family.

Phyllis (Messer) Cook, B.A. '50, elementary education, died April 5, 2015. She was born Nov. 30, 1925, in Laramie. Cook taught in schools at Medicine Bow, McFadden and Rock Springs. She later worked as a secretary at Laramie County Community College until her retirement. She married Malcolm Cook in 1951. She is survived by her husband, two sons and two granddaughters.
Frank Cordiner, B.S. ‘48, mechanical engineering, of Casper, died March 1, 2015. He was born Nov. 13, 1925, in Laramie. He started his education at UW and then joined the U.S. Navy V-12 program at Iowa State University. He resumed studies at UW and graduated. After college, Cordiner began employment with Ohio Oil/Marathon Oil, and continued working for 38 years going from Wyoming to Nebraska, Colorado, Alaska and finally back to Wyoming. He was married to Marion Espach from 1949 to 1965, and they had two children. He was married to Donna Mae Beremen from 1966 to 1987, and he had five stepchildren. He then met Elizabeth Hixon Lockhart and they married in 1988. He is survived by his children, sister, brother, two stepdaughters and two stepsons.

Theodore Cross, M.S. ’68, electrical engineering, of Casper, died April 12, 2015. He was born Jan. 1, 1932 in Newark, N.J. While he worked at Pacific Power, he designed several substations in the area. He chose to go into teaching at Casper College where he taught mathematics and engineering, served as Dean of Career Studies and worked with the mining program. He married Genevieve Miller in 1956. Cross is survived by his two daughters, two grandchildren and other family members. He was preceded in death by his wife, son, brother and parents.

James Joseph "Joe" Cummins, B.S. ’53 chemistry. December 30, 2014. He joined the U.S. Navy during WWII and served in the Pacific theater. He was a VFW life member. Following graduation he worked as a Research Chemist at the Bureau of Mines/Laramie Energy Technology Center for 26 years. After retirement he worked part-time at UW, helping students with registration. He married Dorothy Smith in 1948 and the couple enjoyed 62 years of marriage. Joe is survived by his sister, sons, daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and other family.

Bobby Davis, B.S. ’64, electrical engineering, of Upton, died Feb. 5, 2015, in Las Vegas. He was born Aug. 1, 1939 in Graham, Texas. He married Jeanne Taylor Aug. 10, 1960, and joined the U.S. Air Force the following day. After three years in Denver, Colo., Davis returned to Laramie to finish his degree. He then served another three years with the U.S. Air Force followed by 14 years with the U.S. Public Health Service, working on various projects including nuclear testing. In August 1980, after serving his country for 20 years, he was honorably discharged. Davis returned to Upton and began a career in oil production. In retirement, he and his wife wintered in Las Vegas. He is survived by his wife, son, three daughters, five grandchildren and other family.

Joseph Degraw, M.S. ’11, finance, of Green River, died Jan. 19, 2015. He was born Sept. 14, 1978, in Ridgewood, N.J. He interned at the New York Federal Revenue and worked at Tata Chemical in Green River for a year before becoming a financial analyst at JD Financial Management for three years. He is survived by his parents, girlfriend, two brothers, sister and other family.

Francois Dickman, B.A. ‘47, French, a retired U.S. Ambassador, Army veteran of WWII and Korea, and a professor at UW, died April 12, 2015. He was born Dec. 23, 1924, in Iowa City, Iowa. He attended schools in Laramie, including UW, where after service with the Army in the Pacific, he earned his degree. He was recalled to Army duty for the Korean War and entered the Foreign Service in 1951. He had assignments in Columbia, Lebanon, Sudan, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia, and attended the Army War College in 1968. In 1976, he was named Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates, serving there until 1979 when he was named Ambassador to Kuwait. Dickman was the first UW alumnus to reach the rank of ambassador. Upon retirement in 1985,
he returned to Laramie where he served as an adjunct professor in the political science department at UW until 2003. In 2006, he received the university’s Award for Outstanding Achievement in International Affairs. Dickman is survived by his wife, Margaret, two children, five grandchildren and other family.

Theo Luckey Ditton, B.A. ’71, physical education - secondary education, died March 5, 2015, in Colorado Springs, Colo. He was born Aug. 7, 1948, in Boulder, Wyo. After graduating from UW, he moved to Colorado Springs to teach science, physics and chemistry. An avid musician, Ditton played in bands in high school and college, and later, in a band with fellow teachers. He is survived by his wife, children, grandchildren and other family.

Michael Doyle, B.A. ‘73, English, of Mount Sidney, Va., died Feb. 26, 2015. He was born Sept 25, 1948, in Casper. He married Pamela St. John June 3, 1972. Doyle worked as an English professor at Blue Ridge Community College in Weyers Cave, Va., with more than 14 years of service. He taught at Casper College from 1992 to 2000 and served as headmaster of Winchester Christian Schools in Casper from 1988 to 1992. Doyle is survived by his wife, daughter, son, three sisters, four grandchildren and other family. He was preceded in death by his parents and seven siblings.

Paul M. Drake B.S. ’42, animal science, died January 7, 2015, in Tucson, Ariz. He was born June 23, 1920. He was a member of the UW national champion livestock judging team. After graduation, he enlisted in the US Air Force, where he served as a bombardier and bombardier instructor during WWII. After discharge from the service in 1945, Drake returned home, and in 1946, married Ellen Louise Hulme. He worked as an agricultural extension agent for the UW on the Wind River Indian Reservation for many years. He combined his experience in agriculture with his love for working with the youth to establish 4-H Clubs on the reservation. In 1970, he joined the faculty at the University of Arizona Extension Service. He retired in 1985. He is survived by his wife, three children, four grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Mary Rose (Bruegger) Freeman, B.S.‘58, home economics, died March 28, 2015. She was born April 14, 1935, on the family ranch east of Lusk. After graduating college, she became a home demonstration agent in Gillette and Wheatland. In November 1969, she married Kenneth Freeman. She is survived by her sisters and other family members.

Willis Geer, B.S. ’70, business administration, M.S. ’71, business administration, J.D. ’74, law, died March 2, 2015, in Chico, Calif. He taught political science and other courses at Chico State University since 2007. In the 1970s, Geer taught at the University of Wyoming, Casper College and Sheridan College. He is survived by his wife.

Nancy Lee Anderson Ohrtman Hart, B.A. ’60, elementary education, died April 10, 2015. She was an elementary school teacher in Huntington, New York, for 30 years. She retired with her husband Robert to Piney Flats, Tenn. She is survived by her husband, two daughters and six grandchildren.
Shirley (Klingler) Hitchcock, B.A. ‘74, elementary education, M.A. ‘93, curriculum and instruction, of Cheyenne, died Feb. 17, 2015. She was born Sept. 7, 1952, in York, Pa. She married Tom Hitchcock June 12 1982, in Lander. She was an educator for 34 years. Her first teaching position was in Lander for seven years. Hitchcock completed her career as a 27-year employee of Laramie County School District 1, working primarily at Cheyenne’s Rossman Elementary and Johnson Junior High. She is survived by her husband and mother.

John Hogg, Exp. ‘45, undeclared, died Jan. 18, 2015. He was born March 4, 1922, in Meeteetse. He grew up on the family ranch on the upper Greybull River west of Meeteetse, where he lived until 2009. He attended UW before he was drafted into the U.S. Army. Upon his return in 1945, he worked on the family ranch. On Sept. 23, 1957, he married Lucille Peterson. He is survived by five children and their families.

Margaret (Eaton) Johnson, B.S. ‘46, zoology and physiology, of Laramie, died March 25, 2015. She was born Nov. 19, 1923, at the family farm at Yoder. She graduated from UW with honors. After attending medical school in Chicago, she returned to Wyoming and married Everett Johnson March 7, 1947, in Torrington. The couple ranched west of Laramie. She worked at UW in the College of Agriculture. She is survived by her daughter, son, grandchildren and other family.

Evelyn (Deck) Johnston, B.A. ‘30, college of education, ’58 education, died April 3, 2015. She was born Sept. 12, 1908, in Green Valley, Minn. The family moved to the Burns area and then south of Egbert. She earned a teaching certificate and later a bachelor’s degree from UW. Johnston began teaching in rural schools and then in Torrington and Cheyenne, spending 31 years teaching, 21 of which were in Cheyenne schools. She married Clarence Johnston. She is survived by her son, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other family.

Tobin (Smith) Korsch, B.S. ‘05, dental hygiene, M.S. ‘10, kinesiology and health, of Sheridan, died April 2, 2015. She was born Aug. 2, 1965, in Casper. In 1985, she married John Smith of Montana, and they had two children. In 2003, she married Pete Korsch of Buffalo. She was a dental hygiene instructor at Sheridan College. She established an HIV screening program at Sheridan College, a program that has been nationally recognized. She is survived by her husband, children, grandson, parents and other family.

Dale Lucas, Ed.D. ‘68, education, died Feb. 27, 2015. He was born Jan. 15, 1931, in Macksville, Kan. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force. Lucas started as a classroom teacher in the Wichita Public Schools. His administrative duties began when he became a junior high principal in Cody. He then was appointed to the Wyoming State Department of Education to serve as assistant superintendent in charge of data collection and federal programs. Lucas offered the position as aide to the state superintendent and later was designated as the deputy state superintendent. During his term as deputy, he was selected as the chairman of the committee for the state superintendents to write, compile and review the National Educational Policies. Lucas later had administrative duties in Ogallala, Neb., as a high school principal, before returning to Wyoming to become the superintendent in Powell. He moved to Larned, Kan., in 1987 to become superintendent of a school district. Survivors include his wife, Grayce, two sons and other family members.
Neil Albert “Mick” McMurry, B.S. ‘68, business administration, died March 10, 2015, in Casper. He was born Feb. 5, 1946, in Casper. He spent most of his life in Casper before going on to UW and then serving in the United States Army. On Dec. 21, 1973, he married Susie Warburton in Glenrock. Together they raised two daughters, Trudi and Jillian. McMurry was a brilliant entrepreneur, businessman and philanthropist. He was a UW Distinguished Alumnus and proud supporter of UW as well as a member of the Cowboy Joe Club and UW Alumni Association. He is survived by his wife, daughters, seven grandchildren and other family.

Aline (Haight) Mankin, B.A. ’68, elementary education, of Gillette, died April 13, 2015. She was born Oct. 14, 1929, in Omaha, Neb. While at UW, she was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. She married John Mankin April 18, 1947, in Fort Collins, Colo. Mankin began her career in 1968, teaching at the Bundy, Gap and Stocktrail schools. She retired from teaching in 1978. She served on the foundation board of Gillette College and was actively engaged in fundraising for the first college building. She is survived by her two children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Michael Martinez, B.S. ‘07, finance, of Cheyenne, died April 16, 2015. He was born June 22, 1981, in Rawlins. He married Laura Rowe on Sept. 19, 2009, in Cheyenne. He was an appraiser for Laramie County. He was a fan of the UW Cowboys, New England Patriots, NASCAR and Pink Floyd. He is survived by his wife, parents, siblings and other family members.

Wallace Moon, B.A. '50, music education, a lifetime resident of the Big Horn Basin, died April 7, 2015, in Cody. He was born Dec. 1, 1925, in Greybull. Moon joined the U.S. Navy in 1944 and served for more than two years before being honorably discharged. He worked for Hughes Tool Company for 20 years. He is survived by several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Eleanor Noble, M.S. ‘67, microbiology, passed away. She was born Oct. 9, 1923, in Englewood, Colo. She married Robert Noble June 23, 1944. The couple moved to Laramie in 1956, and she went to work part time at the UW College of Pharmacy. She also played bassoon in the UW Symphony and Laramie City Band. The couple had four children.

Guy Robert “Bob” Parkins, B.S. ‘70, vocational agriculture, M.S. ‘74, agriculture education, of Cheyenne, died Feb. 10, 2015. He was born Feb. 20, 1948, in Lander and had lived in Cheyenne since 1970. He grew up on a diary farm outside Riverton and began his career teaching vocational agriculture and later welding at Cheyenne’s East High. Parkins retired from Laramie County School District 1 after 38 years. He is survived by his wife, two children; three grandchildren and other family.

Frank Philp, B.S. ‘70, farm/ranch, died March 8, 2015, in Riverton. He was born Dec. 23, 1947, in Casper. He grew up on the 100-year-old family sheep ranch in Lysite and attended Lysite’s one-room school, graduating from Shoshoni High School in 1966. Philp married Janet Zupan in 1974. The family owned and resided on a farm in Hidden Valley, and at the time of his death, lived for a while in Thermopolis. Philp was elected to the Wyoming Legislature in 1992, representing House District 34 in Fremont County. He served 18 years. His service to the agricultural community was recognized in 2007, when he was inducted into the Wyoming Agricultural Hall of Fame. He also received the Wyoming Farm Bureau Distinguished Service Award in 2008, and the USDA honor award for service to agriculture. Philp is survived by his wife, daughter, grandson, and other family.
John "Jack" Reesy, B.S. '52, electrical engineering, died April 18, 2015. He grew up in Worland. He served as a sergeant in the Army from 1946 to 1948. Upon graduation from UW where he was in ROTC, Reesy was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant and promoted to 1st lieutenant during the Korean War. He started his 37-year career in electrical engineering at Cheyenne Light and Power, finishing his career with Colorado Public Service Company in Denver. He is survived by his wife and numerous nieces and nephews.

Norman “Skip” Roberts, B.S. ‘55, journalism, died March 10, 2015. He was born Sept. 18, 1933, in Midwest. While at UW, he was a member of the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. After UW, he was drafted into the U.S. Army, and found himself in Fort Huachuca, Ariz., as a radar operator in the Signal Corps. Roberts found his place in public service and was assistant manager of the Casper Chamber of Commerce before taking a job as manager of the Worland Chamber of Commerce, where he met and married Lois Huseman. The couple moved to Laramie, where he was Chamber of Commerce manager and later a marketing assistant with Ideas, Inc. Roberts later joined the UW staff, where he retired after 28 years as publications editor, manager and director of communications. He served on city council and as mayor in Laramie. He is survived by his wife, three sons and eight granddaughters.

Bernice (Center) Robertson, M.A. '60, elementary education, died Jan. 22, 2015. She was born February 15, 1918, in Kentucky. She taught at Berea College Knapp Hall, Army School at Heidelberg, Germany, Boston Public Schools, and Syracuse City Schools where she was an administrator for 15 years.

Neil Royce, Exp. '52, undeclared, of Cheyenne, died April 22, 2015. He was born Jan. 15, 1928, in Hanna, and had lived in Cheyenne since 1962. He served in the U.S. Army during the occupation of Japan in 1946 and 1947. Royce retired in 1990 as the general manager of Credit Bureau Services of Wyoming. He is survived by his wife, Joan, whom he married June 20, 1953, two sons, a daughter, six grandchildren, one great-grandchild and other family members.

Pamela (Cleaver) Schaffer, B.S. ‘56, journalism, of Moreno Valley, Calif., died April 7, 2015. She was born March 29, 1935, in New Jersey. At UW was a member of the Kappa Delta sorority. She was very active in college activities including the Associated Women Students, Big Sisters, Pi Delta Epsilon, Spurs and Fourth Estate. In college, she met Ted Schaffer, whom she married. The couple retired to California. She loved UW class reunions and homecomings. Schaffer is survived by her husband, two sons and five grandchildren.

Randy G. Schmidt, B.S. ’71, accounting, of Scottsbluff, Neb., died Feb. 18, 2015, in Loveland, Colo. He was born March 23, 1948, in West Point, Neb. After college, Schmidt worked as a CPA for Peat, Marwick, & Mitchell Accounting in New Mexico before moving back to Scottsbluff. He opened his own accounting firm in 1977 and semi-retired in 2012. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, his children, grandchildren and other family.
**Linda (Laatsch) Schmiedt, B.S. 77**, biological science-secondary education, of Casper, died April 16, 2015. She was born March 29, 1954, in Harlingen, Texas. She married Jim Schmiedt on March 22, 1975, in Wheatland. She taught science at the secondary level, teaching for one year in Mountain View, 10 years in Sundance, four years in Yuma, Ariz., and 16 years at Kelly Walsh High School in Casper. She taught multiple subjects and multiple levels but specialized in teaching chemistry and biology. She retired in 2010. In 1995, Schmiedt and her husband began Old Dead Things LLC, a business centered on rocks, fossils and jewelry. She is survived by her husband, son, brother, sister and other family.

**Louis Schultheiss, B.A. ‘49**, political science, of LaGrange, Ill., died Dec. 11, 2014. He was born Oct. 30, 1925, in Cody and was raised on a ranch near Meeteetse. He graduated valedictorian from Meeteetse High School. He worked as a librarian for the University of Denver for eight years and then moved to Chicago to work for the University of Illinois at Navy Pier. Schultheiss later became the director and then the head of libraries for the University of Illinois, where he remained until his retirement. He was the author of *Data Processing in the Library*, and co-writing two books on the same subject. He is survived by his roommate, and his niece and nephews and their families.

**Les Smith, B.S. ‘92**, crop science, of Burns, died March 25, 2015. He was born Sept. 11, 1958, in Cheyenne. He spent his early years in Carpenter and later moved to Burns. At an early age, Smith developed a love for farming and agriculture, and he spent his livelihood in this field. He was an agriculture entrepreneur and devoted much of his time to helping and assisting area farmers. A lifelong Wyoming Cowboys fan, he attended games in Laramie for many years.

**Mary Alice (Howshar) Stapleton, Ed.S. ’83**, education administration, died, Feb. 2, 2015. She was born Dec. 11, 1930 in Glendo, Wyo. She went to college at Loretto Heights College in Denver, where she majored in music theory and minored in education and voice, receiving her degree in 1953. Her first teaching job was in Portland, Ore., followed by a year as Elementary Music Supervisor in Torrington. She moved to Wheatland to teach at Libbey Elementary. She earned her Professional Education Specialist Degree in 1983. She eventually became principal of Libbey, serving as their first female administrator. She was active in numerous professional organizations through the years. She retired in July, 1991. She is survived by her sister, her brother, and other family.

**Roberta “Bobbi” Sulk, P.h.D.’98, chemistry**, of Howard, Wis., died April 1, 2015, in Green Bay. She was born April 16, 1956. For the past 11 years, she was employed as an instructor with Northeast Wisconsin Technical College, Green Bay campus. Sulk is survived by four children, their families and other family members.

**Larry Taylor, Exp. ‘62**, undeclared, of Laramie, died Jan. 14, 2015. He was born Nov. 21, 1939, on a ranch outside Casper. The family moved to Gillette where they lived on and worked the Taylor Ranch. He met Charlotte “Suzy” Harlan while attending UW, and the couple married Sept. 13, 1969, in Chicago. The family moved to Rawlins where Taylor spent 26 years with Foster’s Inc., first as a diesel fuel truck driver, then as general manager of the hotels and fuel stations. They returned to Laramie in 1986, and in 1999, purchased a fuel station and renamed it Suzy’s. Taylor later sold the store and retired in 2007. Taylor will be remembered as a rabid UW Cowboy and Cowgirl athletic fan. He is survived by his wife, children, five grandchildren and other family.
Margaret Josephine (Murray) Toscano B.A. ‘51, English, died November 10, 2014 in Bowling Green, Ohio. She was born August 26, 1929 in Evanston, Wyoming. At UW, she met John R. Toscano. They were married August 12, 1951. Margaret was a member of The Order of Eastern Star, Kappa Delta Sorority, The First Presbyterian Church, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, and Circle of Light. She was a Girl Scout leader, a volunteer and deacon at the First Presbyterian Church, and a long-time employee at T.O.’s Campus Corner. She is survived by three daughters, one son, six grandchildren and other family.

Judith Ann (Cuthbertson) Turner, B.A. ‘73, English-secondary education, died Jan. 20, 2015. She was born June 16, 1951, in Laramie. She taught in Hay Springs, Neb., Medicine Bow, Kemmerer and Chatsworth, Calif. She married Ed Turner June 14, 1975, in Laramie. They moved to Newcastle where she worked for Eastern Wyoming Community College in adult education. Turner is survived by her husband, two sisters, two brothers and other family. She was preceded in death by her parents and one nephew.

Robert Turner, B.S. ‘52, journalism, died Feb. 13, 2015, in Denver. He was born June 28, 1927, in Greybull. At age 18, Turner was drafted into the U.S. Army and ordered to report to Fort Logan, Colo. After his discharge, he enrolled at UW. After graduation, he found employment as a staff writer at a newspaper in Saratoga, and later worked at KOVC Radio in Casper as a continuity writer and announcer from 1952 to 1960. Turner always remembered sharing his desk one morning with national newscaster Paul Harvey. He moved to Denver in 1960. After working briefly for a Denver radio station, he spent the remainder of his working career as a writer for financial companies, including Hamilton Funds and Financial Programs. He is survived by two nieces and three nephews.

Norman Udewitz, B.S. ‘59, geology, B.S. ‘64, business administration, died Nov. 23, 2014. He served in the U.S. Navy and subsequently had a lifelong career of 40 years in the Claims Department of the Southern Pacific/Union Railroad Co., in Los Angeles, ultimately becoming the senior claims administrator. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and the Casper Masonic Lodge #15. He is survived by his wife, sister, son, daughter, grandchildren and other family.

Herbert Viner, Exp. ‘49, undeclared, died Jan. 14, 2015. He was born July 25, 1928, in Laramie. He served onboard the USS Alabama at the end of WWII and lived nearly all of his life in Laramie. He was a custodian at UW’s Coe Library for nearly 30 years. Viner’s first job at UW was moving books from the old library in the Aven Nelson Building into the new library, all by hand, mainly using wooden milk crates. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred (Wiant). He is survived by two sons, two grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Sally (Engstrom) Voris, B.S.N. ‘72, nursing, died April 6, 2015. She was born Sept. 22, 1950, in Denver. She married Doug Voris in July 1972. They raised their two children in Casper. Voris was a nurse for many years before co-owning the Cutting Board in Casper. She also served on the Central Wyoming Hospice Board and the UW Alumni Association Board. She was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband, daughter, son, two grandchildren and sister.
Edwin Earle Walter, B.S. ‘70 electrical engineering, died February 8, 2015. He was retired from Western Electric/AT&T after 33 years of service. He and his wife Alice traveled extensively after his retirement and did a lot of square dancing. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, one son and other family.

Ilene (Farmer) Whaley, B.S. ‘48, vocational home economics, M.S. ’75, vocational home economics, died April 1, 2015. She was born March 20, 1926, and grew up on her family's farm northwest of Deaver. She met Phillip Whaley in 1946 and they married Aug. 18, 1947. Whaley taught for 25 years, mostly home economics, in Pavillion, Bell Fourche, S.D., Turlock, Calif., Burlington, Cowley, Imperial, Neb., and for five years as teacher, and counselor or “mother” figure to hundreds of girls at the Wyoming Girls’ Home. Whaley later owned and operated a floral and gift shop in Conrad, Mont. She was preceded in death by two grandchildren and other family.

Daniel Wilkinson, B.A. ’66, biological sciences-secondary education, of Riverton, died April 1, 2015. He was born March 31, 1942, in Valentine, Neb. Wilkinson started working summers in Alaska in 1960 for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. He was there for two summers before he went to work at a salmon cannery on Kodiak Island until he "retired" in 1972. Wilkinson married Donna Eggers Sept. 26, 1964. Together they raised two children. He taught middle school in Riverton from 1966 to 1996. After leaving the school district he worked for Spain's Sprinklers until his retirement. Wilkinson is survived by his wife, son, two grandchildren and other family.

Margaret “Margy” (Carver) Will, B.A. ‘70, elementary education, M.A. ’85, curriculum and instruction, died Feb. 13, 2015. She was born Aug 19, 1948, in Pittsburgh, Pa. She taught in Ybor City, Fla., then in Jackson, Miss., and in Cheyenne for 32 years. Her career included teaching adult education, elementary special education, fourth grade and as district math specialist where she facilitated new math programs with teachers of Cheyenne. She married Roger Will in 1970. She is survived by her husband, two sons and other family.