Alumni, we want to hear what you’ve been doing. Mail career, wedding, birth and obituary news to: WyoGrams, UW Alumni Association, 222 S. 22nd St., Laramie, WY 82070; email us at uwalamuni@uwyo.edu; or fax (307) 766-6824. Photos may be sent to uwalamuni@uwyo.edu for consideration. WyoGrams written by Bobbi Plummer and Shelby Burroughs.

1960

Charlie Brown, B.A. ’69, political science, a former Denver city councilman, was inducted into the Tourism Hall of Fame for helping Denver achieve a record-breaking tourism year in 2017. Brown is a current UWWA board member.

Art Howe, B.S. ’69, business administration, was inducted into the 2018 UW Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame for his baseball career as a third baseman.

1970

Bob Archuleta, B.A. ’71, political science, was named the 2017 Richmond Times-Dispatch Person of the Year, an award that recognizes people for their contributions to or achievements in the Richmond region. The award comes as Archuleta’s program, Noah’s Children, reaches 20 years as Richmond’s only pediatric hospice and palliative care program.

Bill Barrett, B.S. ’73, broadcasting, was inducted into the National Country Radio Hall of Fame in Nashville, Tenn., along with his two radio partners, Tim Fox and Tracy Berry. The trio are five-time winners as Morning Show Personalities of the Year awarded by the Academy of Country Music and the Country Music Association. Barrett started his broadcasting career at KUWR and KLME/KOJO in Laramie. He and his wife have 12 children, eight of them through adoption from American inner cities.

Helene (Silverman) Belisle, B.A. ’78, journalism, has retired from her position as executive director for the Arthritis National Research Foundation (ANRF). In 1997, she founded a scientific advisory board to launch far-reaching programs for victims of arthritis. ANRF has grown exponentially with Belisle’s help and has provided grants of up to $100,000, directed mostly to medical doctors and academics in the early stages of their careers.

John Brannen, B.S. ’77, geology, has published his eighth novel, Crow and the Cave, the fourth book in his prehistoric adventure series.

Patricia (Johnson) Diehl, Exp. ’73, arts and sciences, has published her third book, Debra/Deborah, available electronically on Kindle and as paperback through CreateSpace/Amazon Books.

Curtis Clabaugh, B.S. ’76, civil engineering, was inducted into the National Academies’ Transportation Research Board (TRB) as an emeritus member of the TRB Standing Committees for 2018. The award was presented to 17 national and international members to recognize the long-term, significant contributions of individuals who have provided outstanding service through participation on the board’s standing committee. Clabaugh served as chair of the Geospatial Data Acquisition Technologies committee and is currently the chairman of the Small Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Subcommittee.

Roger Lubiens, B.S. ’74, accounting, retired from the state of California as senior compliance officer after 30 years. Lubiens launched a private accounting business that serves clients from Florida to California. He manages IH Collectors Inc. for a six-state region, assisting high schools with ag science and active FFA chapters. IH Collectors has sponsored 32 antique Farmall tractor restoration projects in which FFA youth have gone on to become teachers, welders, doctors and more. Lubiens currently resides in Folsom, Calif., with his spouse of 40 years.

Michael McCoy, B.A. ’73, anthropology, has written a new novel, Sleeping Dogs Don’t Lie, the first installment of the Clifford Gustafson Trilogy. The book tells the story of Clifford Gustafson, born Clifford Whitetail, on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation in southeastern Montana.

Steven Suder, B.S. ’79, physical education, was inducted into the 2018 UW Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame for his wrestling career and for returning to his alma mater as the head coach of wrestling from 1989 to 2008.

1980

1987 WAC Championship Football Team was inducted into the 2018 UW Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame for an impressive football season under first-year head coach Paul Roach. The team went 8-0 in the Western Athletic Conference to win the league championship and a berth in the Holiday Bowl. The team was ranked 21st by the USA Today poll during that year.

Sean Dent, B.S. ’87, business education, was inducted into the 2018 UW Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame for his basketball career that included a Sweet 16 appearance in 1987.

1990

Robert Jarosh, B.S. ’93, journalism, placed first in the Associated Press Sports Editors 2017 contest in beat writing in the 30,000 to 75,000 circulation category. Thorburn covers the Oregon Ducks for the Register-Guard in Eugene, Ore.

Ryan Thorburn, B.S. ’98, agriculture education, was inducted into the 2018 UW Intercollegiate Athletics Hall of Fame for his record-holding football career as a placekicker.

1990

Robert Jarosh, B.S. ’93, political science, M.A. ’95, political science, J.D. ’01, law, was elected president of the Wyoming State Bar for 2017-18. Jarosh is a senior litigation partner at the Cheyenne law firm Hirst Applegate LLP.

Kristen Mitchell, M.S. ’94, botany, was appointed as a deputy attorney general at the Washington State Attorney General’s Office. Mitchell supervises the attorneys and staff in the office working in areas of natural resources, environment, transportation, health and tribal issues.

Clay Bonnyman Evans, B.S. ’94, animal science, had his book Bones of My Grandfather: Reclaiming a Lost Hero of World War II published by Skyhorse Publishing. The book tells the story of Evans’s grandfather, Alexander Bonnyman Jr., who was killed Nov. 22, 1943, in the Battle of Tarawa and posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor. The remains of some 500 U.S. Marines and Navy personnel were never recovered from the island. In 2015, Evans was present when his grandfather’s remains were recovered. After a long career in journalism, Evans is now a freelance writer.
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Stacy (Madden) Buchholz, B.A. ’07, women’s studies, M.P.A. ’13, public administration, received the UW Extension’s Diversity Enhancement Award by creating workshops and menu ideas for students that incorporated cultural diversity at the Crook and Weston counties, Wyo., 4-H Summer Camp.

JP Davies, B.A. ’03, communication, has been named a principal with Edward Jones’ holding company, The Jones Financial Companies, LLC. He was one of 59 individuals chosen from more than 43,000 associates across the U.S. and Canada to join the firm’s 384 principals. Davies has served as a financial advisor with the company for the past 10 years.

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Rachel Linke, B.A. ’13, elementary education, and Wade Allnutt, B.S. ’13, agriculture business, 6/30/2018. Rachel teaches second grade in Walden, Colo., and Wade ranches and raises beef cattle. Linke grew up in Granby, Colo., and Wade grew up in Walden. The couple knew each other in college but didn’t start dating until the summer of 2016. They enjoy teaching the Cowboys and Cowgirls basketball teams in the Arena-Auditorium or over the radio when they can’t make a game.

In Memoriam


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James Kelly, B.S. ’69, pharmacy, 3/6/2018. Survivors include his sister, nieces, nephew, grandnephews and grandnieces.

C.W. Macilvaine, M.P.A. ’73, public administration, 10/27/2017. Survivors include his wife, sons, granddaughters, stepchildren and brother.

Cathy (Fraser) McGregor, B.A. ’74, elementary education, 1/6/2018. Survivors include many family members and friends.


Jw Nuckolls, B.S. ’55, agronomy, 2/2/2018. Survivors include his wife, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephew and friends.

Gregory Rohr, B.S. ’16, biology, 2/10/2018.

Frank Sannes, B.S. ’54, physical education, M.A. ’61, physical education, 3/19/2018. Survivors include his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lois (Horsch) Sasso, B.A. ’56, French, 2/16/2018. Survivors include her daughter, son-in-law and cousin.

Richard Simmons, B.S. ’70, engineering, 12/26/2017. Simmons was a retired lieutenant colonel. He arrived in West Berlin in 1971 as a U.S. Army Officer, and his mission was to promote a program of Festivals for Cultural Understanding. Simmons was in charge of the German-American Festival in Dahlem. He also planned many other festivals and events. Simmons was known in Berlin as Mr. Volksfest or Mr. festival. Survivors include his wife and children.

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Stephen Ford, 3/6/2018. A former UW animal science professor of reproductive biology and fetal programming, Ford held the Rochelle Endowed Chair from 2001 until his death. Ford was passionate about his research and passed on that passion to his students. Ford was a longtime collaborator with Peter Nathanielsz, professor of life course studies at Texas Biomedical Research Institute and a Texas member of the UW department. Ford enjoyed fishing, outdoor activities and music. Survivors include his wife, children, sons-in-law and grandchildren.

Leland True, B.S. ’43, civil engineering, 11/25/2017. True worked for Morrison-Knudsen as a project engineer and project manager. He built dams in Washington, Wyoming, Montana, Arkansas and Puerto Rico. He was also a consulting engineer on the Metro in Washington, D.C. Survivors include his wife, daughter, son-in-law, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Jack Winninger, B.S. ’49, animal production, 11/25/2017. Winninger loved agriculture and made significant contributions to state, national and international advancements in cattle breeding and management. He was an active research committee member for the Wyoming Stock Growers Association and the National Cattlemen’s Association and served on advisory councils for the UW College of Agriculture, the Fort Keogh Livestock and Range Research Station and the U.S. Meat Animal Research Center. His ranch practices were featured in agricultural publications including the Farm Journal, Successful Farming, American Simental Magazine and Simbrah World. Survivors include his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.


Karen Underwood-Garduno, B.S. ’97, social work, 1/3/2018. Survivors include her husband, sons, stepchildren, grandchildren, brothers and sister.

Ralph Delano Vaughan, B.S. ’56, business administration, 5/29/2018. Vaughan pitched in the 1956 College World Series and was inducted into the UW Hall of Fame on Sept. 15, 2006. Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, son, sister, brother, seven grandchildren and great-granddaughter.

James Wages, Exp. ’69, engineering, 1/17/2018. Survivors include his children, sister, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, cousins, friends and his caretakers.


Marlene (Christensen) Westberg, B.A. ’54, art, 1/12/2018. Survivors include her sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, sister, nephews and niece.