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 uwalumni@uwyo.edu; or fax (307) 766-6824. Photos may be sent to uwalumni@uwyo.edu for consideration. WyoGrams written by Bobbi Plummer.

1960
Pat Hand, J.D. ’63, law, is president of the National Council of State Housing Boards. He also serves on the board of WCDA. Hand and his wife reside in Cheyenne.

1970
Perry Livingston, B.S. ’74, animal science, received the 2017 Wyoming Farm Bureau Distinguished Service award at the organization’s 98th annual meeting. He is also a current UW Alumni Association board member.

1980
Kenneth Charles, M.P. ’89, planning, was awarded the Ed Morlan Economic Development Leader of the Year award from the Region 9 Economic Development District Board of Directors, which recognizes achievements in regional economic development.

Dee Dee Hawk, B.S. ’87, microbiology, M.S. ’90, pathobiology, B.S. ’94, medical technology, is the chief of services for the Wyoming Game and Fish Department after serving 23 years in the Wildlife Forensics and Fish Health Laboratory, with 12 of those years as the director.

Karen (Scholes) Hayhurst, B.A. ’82, elementary education, earned the Lifetime Achievement award from the Wyoming Counseling Association (WCA). Hayhurst served as WCA president for two terms and secretary for several terms.

1990
Robert McCray, B.S. ’92, agriculture education, is the support services coordinator for the Park County School District.

Martin Winchell, B.S. ’94, agriculture business, was recognized as one of UW’s College of Agriculture’s 2018 Outstanding Alumni during Ag Appreciation Weekend in September 2017.

Dona Playton, B.S. ’89, criminal justice, J.D. ’93, law, is the municipal judge for the city of Laramie.

Michael Tomlin, Ed.D. ’88, education administration, member of the UWAA board in the 1990s, has published a leadership book titled Hard Truths on Amazon.

1980
Amy (Johnson) Allen, B.S. ’86, civil engineering, MBA ’89, is Cheyenne’s city engineer.

Jim Hearne, B.S. ’72, accounting, received the 2017 Wyoming Tribune Eagle’s Community Spirit award. Much of his time and energy is dedicated to helping improve Cheyenne. Hearne is involved with organizations including the Cheyenne Rotary Club, the Cheyenne Lions Club, the Wyoming Travel Commission, Cheyenne Frontier Days, the Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce and the chamber’s Military Affairs committee.

Richard Patterson, Ph.D. ’92, counselor education, is president emeritus of Eastern Wyoming College (EWC). He retired from EWC in June after serving as college president for the past three years.
2000

Blythe Duell, B.S. ’00, psychology, is a clinical track associate professor at Washington State University in Pullman.

David Furin, M.A. ’00, geography, is a senior environmental scientist with CBRE, based in Durham, N.C.

William Furin, B.S. ’05, biology, attained his master’s degree in applied environmental microbiology from Georgia State University.

Tye Jordan, B.S. ’03, civil engineering, works for Dewberry, a privately held professional service firm, as a project manager for water and wastewater services in the firm’s Denver office.

Julie Laib, B.S. ’04, communication, M.S. ’08, counseling, received the Outstanding Service award from the Wyoming Counseling Association (WCA) for her service and commitment to the counseling field, the WCA, and the state of Wyoming. Laib has also served as treasurer for the WCA.

Jack Hoffman, B.S. ’01, civil engineering, works for the Wyoming Department of Transportation as leader of District 5’s traffic program.


Sara Reed, B.A. ’04, elementary education, is Wyoming’s 2018 Teacher of the Year.

2010

Hunter Hinckley, B.S. ’16, geology, was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the Wyoming Army National Guard as an infantry officer. He was recognized as a distinguished military graduate and ranked in the top 20 percent of cadets. He was assigned to the Charlie Company of the 297th Infantry Regiment out of Star Valley and Evanston. Hinckley graduated from the U.S. Army Ranger School in Fort Benning, Ga., on Nov. 10.

Dane Robertson, B.A. ’16, biology science secondary education, is a teacher at Lovell High School.

Reinette (Curry) Tendore, B.A. ’09, elementary education, M.S.W. ’17, social work, is UW’s new Native American adviser. Her job is to help Native American students feel connected, stay engaged and to graduate. She will work very closely with the Multicultural Affairs and the Center for Student Involvement and Leadership, and programs within the center: American Indian Studies, the High Plains American Indian Research Institute and the student organization Keepers of the Fire. Tendore will continue to help build the summer institute for Native high school students to come to the Laramie campus for a week and learn more about the university.

Tyler Comte, B.S. ’10, electrical engineering, was named outstanding C-130 graduate from the United States Air Force Weapons School in Las Vegas in December 2017. Weapons officers are tactical experts skilled in the art and science of integrated battlespace dominance.

Megan Romano, Exp. ’17, law, will work for the full-service national law firm Holland & Hart as an associate in Cheyenne in fall 2018. Romano is the first Salt Creek Energy Excellence Scholarship recipient at the UW College of Law. The scholarship financially awards law students as they advance toward careers in the field of energy and natural resources law, as well as connecting students to friends and donors to facilitate employment opportunities. The scholarship was created in 2015 by UW alums and benefactors practicing in the areas of oil and gas and energy law.
Weddings

In Memoriam
Donald Adams, Exp. ’67, 9/28/2017. Survivors include his brother, son, daughter, stepchildren and others.

Sandra (Hittle) Barton, M.A. ’02, education, 11/21/2017. Survivors include her mother, son, grandchildren and others.


Alex Christiansen, Exp. ’60, agriculture, 6/22/2017. Survivors include his wife, sons, grandchildren, great-granddaughter, sister, nieces and nephews.

Myrtle (Lucey) Coleman, B.S. ’44, physical education, 9/28/2017. After graduating from UW, she was recruited by the U.S. Army and trained as a physical therapist, serving during World War II and the Korean War. Survivors include her daughters, granddaughter, nieces and nephews.

Katherine (Jesmer) Copenhaver, normal degree ’48, 12/26/2017. Survivors include her sons, daughters-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Robert Cross, B.A. ’72, elementary education, 10/16/2017. Survivors include his wife, sons, sister and grandchildren.


George Harokopis, B.S. ’49, civil engineering, 11/17/2017. Survivors include his sons, his companion, granddaughters, nieces and nephews.

Donald Harris, B.S. ’71, accounting, 11/17/2017. Survivors include his wife, sons, stepdaughter, grandchildren and others.


Jack Davidson, B.S. ’53, agriculture economics, 9/10/2017. After receiving his bachelor’s degree from UW, Davidson went on to obtain his master’s degree from Montana State University and his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. Following his degrees, Davidson went on to become the first Sea Grant Program director at the University of Hawaii, where he inspired innovative solutions to managing and protecting the precious ocean resources of the Pacific. He will be remembered for his tireless service to others and as an influential mentor. Survivors include his wife, children and their spouses, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Kathleen (White) Bobbitt, B.S. ’93, accounting, 11/6/2017. For the past 27 years, Bobbitt worked for the University of Wyoming Financial Aid Office, most recently as director, helping students fund their education. Bobbitt loved being with her family, playing with her grandchildren and being in the mountains. Survivors include her husband, daughters, grandchildren, siblings, nieces and nephews.

Thomas Davidson, B.S. ’61, agriculture education, 1/9/2018. Davidson was raised at the University Stock Farm, which is now the Wyoming Territorial Prison, and attended grade school and high school in Laramie. After teaching in Pinedale, Davidson worked in the publishing field until he retired in 2001. During the past two decades, Davidson supported UW and served on the boards of the agriculture and business colleges, while also serving the UW Art Museum with his wife. He received the Medallion Service Award from the UW Alumni Association in 2012. Tom is survived by his wife, children and grandchildren.
Richard Jarrard, Exp. ‘65, education, 10/15/2017. Survivors include his wife, son, daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren and others.

Donald Jensen, B.A. ‘51, geology, J.D. ‘56, law, 10/29/2017. Jensen worked most of his career as an attorney for Husky Oil Co. Born in Laramie in 1928, he loved his roots in this state and was a great fan of the university. He

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Sterling Johnson, B.A. ‘60, political science, M.A. ‘61, Spanish, 12/7/2017. Survivors include his wife, brother, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Justin Lairscey, B.S. ‘06, microbiology, 11/24/2017. Survivors include his wife, daughters, mother, brother, grandmother and others.

Norma (Avis) Larsen, Exp. ‘54, home economics, 9/30/2017. Survivors include her daughter and grandchildren.

Larry Gubbels, former UW Board of Trustee member, 1/8/2018. Gubbels won a seat on the Douglas City Council in 1978, and served one year as interim mayor. Gubbels was appointed by Gov. Matt Mead to the UW Board of Trustees, on which he served proudly. Gubbels was a Wyoming Cowboy football and basketball season ticket holder and fan from 1979 until the last year of his life. He cheered on, was a sideline referee, and loved his Wyoming Cowboys and Douglas Bearcats. Survivors include his wife, son, daughter-in-law, step-granddaughters, daughter, son-in-law, granddaughter, great-granddaughter and siblings.

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Lois Mottonen, B.S. ’51, accounting, 12/6/2017. After graduation, Mottonen was an internal revenue agent with the United States Treasury Department and was the manager from 1951-79. As a pioneer in the accounting field, she became the second woman in Wyoming to receive a CPA license. Mottonen was also the first woman in government to be elected president of the American Woman’s Society of Certified Public Accountants. She received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the UW Alumni Association in 1976. Mottonen also was honored by the AARP for her work in publicizing their benefits. She is survived by many cousins across the country.

Cynthia (Manning) Mockensturm, B.S. ’89, psychology, 10/20/2017. Survivors include her husband, daughters, granddaughters, brothers and sisters.

William Novotny, Exp. ’71, pre-professional, 11/19/2017. Survivors include his wife, children, son-in-law, grandsons, cousins, sisters, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Jim Oudin, Exp. ’59, agriculture, 10/1/2017. Survivors include his wife, sister, brother and others.

Gene Payne, Exp. ’57, business, 9/14/2015. Survivors include his wife, children, sister, sister-in-law, brother-in-law, grandsons, nieces and nephews.

Jacqueline (Casey) Payne, B.A. ’54, elementary education, 10/9/2017. Survivors include her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Margaret (Bolle) Prine, B.A. ’44, English, M.A. ’48, English, 11/30/2017. Survivors include her sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mark Robbins, B.A. ’84, elementary education, 9/26/2017. Survivors include his parents, brother, sister, nephew, nieces and others.

Delmar Somer, B.A. ’70, art education, 9/27/2017. Survivors include his grandchildren and others.

Mark Steinle, B.S. ’90, general business management, M.B.A. ’94, 11/25/2017. Survivors include his wife, daughter, mother, brother, sister, and several nieces and nephews.

Ted Stephenson, B.S. ’73, range management, 11/16/2017. Survivors include his wife, sons and grandchildren.

Robert Sturges, J.D. ’52, law, 4/27/2017. After service in the Air Force, Sturges established a law firm in San Jose, Calif., and was an active member of the legal community until he was 80.

Daniel Travsky, B.S. ’73, business administration, 12/30/2017. Survivors include his son, daughter-in-law, brother and sister-in-law.

Brent Willis, Exp. ’62, civil engineering, 11/18/2017. Survivors include his sisters, wife, children and others.

Howard Wilson, B.A. ’50, history, 12/24/2017. Survivors include his wife, daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren.