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

Thomas Aven Ford, B.A. ’37, chemistry, turned 100 on Aug. 29, 2017. He lives in Hockessin, Del. His wife of 62 years, Margaret McCain Ford, died in 2006. Ford keeps busy playing alto saxophone, caring for his lawn, feeding the birds and visiting with friends and family. Ford worked for E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Co. as a research chemist and manager of technical facilities at the experimental station. After his retirement, he and Margie traveled the world. Ford’s grandfather, Aven Nelson, was one of UW’s first professors and former UW president.

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Thomas Bradley, B.A. ’68, economics and math, is a board member with the Inland Northwest Land Conservancy that protects open space and watershed in eastern Washington and northern Idaho.

Larry Jorgenson, J.D. ’67, law, has published his debut novel, Not Water Over the Dam. Jorgenson calls himself a “hunter-fisher-conservationist-lawyer” who lives in the mountains of Jackson Hole.

James T. Anest, B.S. ’77, economics, J.D. ’80, law, was re-elected for a second time as District 7 director to Intermountain Rural Electric Association in Sedalia, Colo.

Keith Geis, B.S. ’75, agriculture economics, was inducted into the Wyoming Agriculture Hall of Fame during the Wyoming State Fair. Geis was raised on a dairy farm in Wheatland, where he developed a passion for agriculture. He enjoyed the value system and the people of the agricultural community. Through his presidency at Platte Valley Bank in Wheatland, Geis distributes loans for 4-H and FFA projects, among other things, to the community. Not only has Geis made an impact on Wheatland’s community, but he also has impacted Wyoming’s agriculture industry through his hard work and dedication. Geis is a member of the UWAA Board of Directors.

Janet Killian, B.M. ’75, music, has been inducted into the American Institute of Floral Designs, a group of 850 members across the United States. Membership is earned by passing a series of written and hands-on tests. Killian’s flower business, Killian Florist, has operated in Laramie for 70 years due to Janet Killian and her late father’s customer service and quality products.

Mike Mecke, M.S. ’79, range management, is enjoying his retirement from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of Interior, at Fort Washakie.

Lance Goede, B.S. ’88, sociology, B.S. ’89, psychology, M.S. ’95, lifelong learning, was reappointed in March 2017 by Gov. Matt Mead to the Wyoming Mental Health Professions Licensing Board, which he currently chairs, representing licensed professional counselors. Goede was also appointed to the Riverton City Council to serve through 2018. He is also a member of the UWAA Board of Directors.

Katherine (Brunett) McGuire, B.A. ’88, international agriculture, M.S. ’97, agriculture economics, has been nominated by President Donald Trump to be an assistant secretary for congressional and intergovernmental affairs at the Department of Labor in Washington, D.C. She serves as chief of staff to Rep. Randy
Ramsey Avery, B.A. ’85, theatre/dance, is designing Hotel Artemis, a movie starring Jodie Foster, Sterling K. Brown, Dave Bautista and Sofia Boutella, and directed by Drew Price. Avery was inducted into the Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2016. He has worked on 10 Cloverfield Lane (production designer), Guardians of the Galaxy, vol. 2 (supervising art director and production designer) and Spider-Man: Homecoming (production designer).

Hultgren, R-Ill., and previously was staff director of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee under Wyoming Sen. Mike Enzi.

The Hon. William L. Simpson, B.S. ’80, journalism, J.D. ’83, law, serves on the Wyoming Supreme Court, after appointment by Gov. Matt Mead.

1990

Christopher Doyle, B.S. ’92, marketing, won the Edward Jones Financial Spirit of Caring Award, designed to recognize those financial advisers who exemplify the values, culture and spirit of giving back.

Roger L. Gilchrist, B.S. ’91, physical education, M.S. ’95, physical education, Ph.D. ’99, molecular biology, received the President’s Award for Excellence in Teaching at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Owen St. Clair, B.A. ’95, social studies secondary education, is the first Native American named to the National Federation of High School Sports board of directors.


2000

Kenneth Keffer, B.S. ’02, wildlife/fish/biology, won an award in the youth audience category of the 2017 Outdoor Writers of America Excellence in Crafts Contests. This annual awards program honors and recognizes the best work of outdoor communicators who are members of the OWAA.

Sandra (Siel) Kitchen, B.A. ’80, elementary education, J.D. ’83, law, received the 2017 Children’s Justice Project Golden Award for “extraordinary commitment to Wyoming children and families involved in the court system.” The award is presented annually at the statewide Children’s Justice Conference. Kitchen received the award for her work in the Guardian Ad Litem (GAL) program, in which she represents the interest of children in juvenile court cases. She also supervises GALs in a multi-county region in northern Wyoming, as well as her own representations in Powell.

Megan Maurer, B.A. ’04, secondary education, B.S. ’04, chemistry, M.S. ’05, chemistry, graduated with a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry from West Virginia University in May 2017.

2010

Josh Adams, B.A. ’16, criminal justice, signed a two-year contract with the Turkish basketball team Anadolu Efes.

Brianna Jones, B.A. ’09, international studies and political science, was selected to the National Wildlife Federation list of EcoLeaders Top 50 Inspirations. Jones is the executive director of the Equality State Policy Center, a nonprofit coalition advocacy organization that works towards making better policies in Wyoming involving conservation, labor, social justice and economic justice. NWF EcoLeaders is the nation’s first project-based leadership development program for sustainability, leading to certification for college students and young professionals.
Jared Boardman, B.S. '11, agriculture secondary education, is Lovell (Wyo.) High School’s FFA chapter adviser, where he teaches agriculture and welding.

Hillary Carlson, B.A. '13, math secondary education and former Cowgirl basketball player, is an assistant coach for women’s basketball at NCAA Division II School, Central Washington, with former teammate Randi Richardson B.S. '11, kinesiology and health promotion, serving as the head coach.

Mason Finley, B.A. '17, theatre/dance, recorded a discus throw of 68.03 meters to finish third at the 2017 IAAF World Championships in London, bringing back a bronze medal for the United States.

Ashley Spatz, B.S. '15, agriculture secondary education, is the adviser for Paintrock FFA, which consists of members from Greybull and Riverside, Wyo.

Weddings

Stephany Sessions, B.A. '17, social studies secondary education and Steven Durtsche, B.A. '17, social studies secondary education, married 7/15/2017.

Arrivals
Jessica (Fox) Rasby, B.S. ‘04, animal and veterinary science and Shane Rasby, B.S. ‘00, animal science, welcomed a baby boy, Stryker Ryan, on 8/3/2017.

In Memoriam
Clydene (Robb) Allen, Exp. ’60, education, 12/16/2016. Survivors include her children, daughters-in-laws, sons-in-laws, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and others.

Dennis James Amadio, B.S. ’73, business administration, 8/9/2017.


Dave R. Bean, B.S. '63, mechanical engineering, 8/13/2017. Survivors include his wife, sister, nieces, nephews and others.


Ralph Brostrom, M.A. ’55, education administration, 8/10/2017. Survivors include his sons, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and others.

Jeremiah Gregory Burridge, B.A. ’59, social studies education, 7/21/2017. Survivors include his sons, daughters, grandchildren and siblings.

William E. Carroll, M.A. ’53, education administration, 4/27/2017. Survivors include his sons, grandsons, nieces and nephew.

Lucien M. “Chip” Chipley III, J.D. ’72, law, 8/11/2017. Survivors include his sister-in-law, nieces and others.

Perry William Clay, B.S. ’50, animal production, 8/17/2017. Survivors include his wife, sons, brother, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Henry Harry Cook, Exp. ’45, agriculture, 8/19/2017. Survivors include his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, brother, niece and nephew.

John Fredrick Cram, B.S. ’70, business administration, 8/15/2017. Survivors include his wife, children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and others.

Chase McNamee, B.A. '13, history, M.S. '15, counseling, is the stewardship manager at Bank Street College of Education in the Development and External Relations Office. McNamee is responsible for ensuring that donors are recognized thoughtfully and in a timely manner and for generating meaningful stewardship and engagement opportunities.

Jean (Stevens) Davies, B.A. ’46, French, 6/5/2017. Survivors include her sons, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and sisters.

Daisy Helen (Blakeman) Dennis, B.A. ’50, mathematics, 8/9/2017. Survivors include her sons, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Donna June (Williams) Dereemer, B.A. ’59, music, 6/25/2017. Survivors include her husband, children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Heather Marie Eckstrom, Exp. ’12, Spanish, 6/11/2015. Survivors include her parents, siblings, grandmother and others.

May (Fillerup) Emmett, B.A. ’71, elementary education, 9/8/2017. Survivors include her children, sisters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

David Erickson, B.A. ’78, physical sciences, J.D. ’81, law, 7/21/2017. Survivors include his wife, children, mother, son-in-law, siblings, grandchildren and others.

Nicole “Nici” Jean Garman, B.S. ’09, biology, 7/11/2017. Survivors include her parents, sister, fiancé, grandmother and others.


Marjorie Ann “Marj” (Clark) Haass, B.A. ’71, elementary education, 8/6/2017. Survivors include her sister, children, grandchildren and others.

Merle Chester Hamilton, B.S. ’50, animal science, 8/13/2017. Survivors include his wife, sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Floyd Edward Hawley, B.S. ’63, mechanical engineering, 7/27/2017. Survivors include his wife, children, sisters, grandchildren and others.

Albert Torrey Hays, Jr., B.S. ’60, accounting, 8/7/2017. Survivors include his wife, children, sisters, grandchildren and others.

Mason Lee Hinman, M.E. ’66, counselor education, 7/16/2017. Survivors include his wife, sons, grandsons and great-granddaughter.

Thomas W. Hitchcock, B.M. ’75, music, M.A. ’80, counselor education, Ed.S. ’81, counselor education, 6/16/2016. Survivors include his siblings, mother-in-law, nieces and nephew.

Philip M. Hoyt, B.S. ’57, civil engineering, M.S. ’61, engineering, 9/4/2017. Survivors include his wife, children, grandchildren, brother and others.

Lois Edna (Cochran) Hungate, Exp. ’45, business, 3/26/2016. Survivors include her son and three grandchildren.

Leora J. (Butterfield) Ireland, normal degree ’41, elementary education, 5/12/2016. Survivors include her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and others.

Dollie M. Jelovchan-Root, B.S. ’95, nursing, 7/29/2017. Survivors include her husband, daughter, grandchildren, brother and others.

Donald “Don” Greenlees
Edgar “Woody” Wayland, B.S. ’57, engineering, 7/9/2017. Wayland died at age 90. He worked at FMC Corp., specializing in plant turn-arounds. Later, he was appointed by the governor of West Virginia as commissioner of the Department of Energy to focus on protecting the environment and the health and safety of miners, while overseeing the growth of the industry. Wayland was a principal partner in a cow-calf ranching operation in Wyoming and a charter member of the National Cattlemen’s Association and the Wyoming Stock Growers Association. Survivors include his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Gale Allen Long, B.A. ’70, geography, 7/29/2017. Survivors include his wife, children, grandchildren and siblings.

Sharon Anne Long, B.A. ’82, art, 6/17/2017. Survivors include her daughters, grandchildren and great-grandson.

Mary Emilie Martellaro-Harman, B.S. ’82, accounting, M.B.A. ’83, master of business administration, 6/6/2017. Survivors include her husband, daughters, parents, siblings, nieces, nephews and others.

William Russel McCalla Jr., B.S. ’53, zoology and physiology, 7/19/2017. Survivors include his children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Jeanne Eleanor (Nelson) McIlnay, secretarial diploma, ’40, arts and sciences, 3/6/2017. Survivors include her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and others.


Carole Sue (Davis) McNutt, Exp. ’64, undeclared, 7/19/2017. Survivors include her husband, brother, daughters, grandchildren and others.

Richard “Dick” McQuisten, B.S. ’67, civil engineering, 9/6/2017. Survivors include his wife, daughter and grandsons.


Katie Lynn O’Keefe, B.A. ’15, elementary education, 6/6/2017. Survivors include her parents, brother, sister-in-law, nephew, grandmother, stepfather, stepsisters and others.

Rolland “Rolly” Dean Otto, Exp. ’73, agriculture, 8/13/2017. Survivors include his wife, sons, grandsons, sister, nieces, nephews and others.

Clyde Alan Roberts, B.S. ’55, marketing, 7/2/2017. Survivors include his wife, children, grandchildren, sister, nieces and nephews.

Johnston, Exp. ’60, general business management, 7/20/2017. Survivors include his wife and children.


Anne Maria “Babe” (Baillie) Kaisler, normal degree ’37, elementary education, 8/24/2017. Survivors include her children, grandchildren and others.

Doris JoAnne (Peverley) Kannard, Exp. ’50, arts and sciences, 8/21/2017.


Marilyn Joyce (Page) Kusler, B.S. ’64, home economics, 7/12/2017. Survivors include her husband, sister, brother, sons, nieces, grandchildren and others.

Lillian Oleson Miller, B.S. ’39, commerce, 7/23/2017. UW’s first homecoming queen passed away at the age of 102 in Laramie. Miller worked at the UW cashiers and registrar’s offices prior to her becoming a homemaker for her husband and two children. She enjoyed her Norwegian heritage, caring for her family, cooking, flowers, family sing-alongs, pinochle and picnics. Miller is survived by her brother, daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson and great-granddaughters.
Jean (Boles) Rogers, Exp. ’47, elementary education, 9/14/2017. Survivors include her children, grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Gustavo Marcelo Sbatella, M.S. ’04, agronomy, Ph.D. ’06, agronomy, 8/2/2017. Survivors include his two children, their mother, grandchildren and brother.

Mary Elizabeth Schroll, M.A. ’60, secondary education, 8/17/2017. Survivors include her sister-in-law, nieces, nephew, great-nieces, great-nephews and others.

John David Sloan, Exp. ’58, agriculture, 6/10/2017. Survivors include his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sister, nieces and nephews.

Donna Lee (Vesely) Tilgner, Exp. ’53, education. 1/10/2016. Survivors include her husband, daughter, son and granddaughter.

Mary Jane (Henderson) Uchner, B.A. ’56, social studies, 7/30/2017. Survivors include her husband, daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren.

Harold Underwood, B.A. ’69, physical science secondary education, 7/2/2017. Survivors include his daughter, granddaughters, great-granddaughters, nieces, nephews and others.

Dorothy (Evans) Wales, B.A. ’49, math secondary education, 9/15/2017. Survivors include her children, sister, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and others.

Merle E. Watt, B.S. ’73, education administration, 8/23/2017. Survivors include his wife, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, sister and others.


Esther May (Clendenning) Wells, Exp. ’35, arts and sciences, 8/18/2017. Survivors include her daughters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and others.

Larry Wester, B.S. ’73, civil engineering, 7/19/2017. Survivors include his wife, mother, sons and daughters-in-law, grandchildren, brother and sister-in-law, and brother-in-law.

Alan G. Wheeler, M.A. ’64, history, 7/21/2017. Survivors include his wife, daughters and sons-in-laws, grandchildren, step-grandchildren, great-grandchildren and others.

Coleen Frances (Blumenshine) Wimpenney, B.A. ’63, elementary education, 2/5/2014. Survivors include her husband, William King Wimpenney, B.S. ’62, business administration, and her daughters.