

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our newsletter

We would like to welcome our new readers to our newsletter that we publish twice each year. Briefly we try to keep our supportive community aware of the current projects that the D-9 Foundation is involved in.

We have a mission statement that addresses two major priorities for our volunteer efforts. Our first goal is to provide scholarship support for our graduating seniors of Eagle Point High School. Our second is to address our student needs... these have been identified as dental and vaccination needs in our elementary schools at present.

The foundation invests its funds with the Oregon Community Foundation where growth and perpetuity is assured. We distribute well over 5% of our funds each year to support programs as well as additional funds that are donated and treated as pass through accounts. Last year we distributed over \$70,000 in scholarships and over \$7,500 in student needs.

If you are receiving this publication in error, please notify us and we will remove your name from our mailing list. If, on the other hand, you would like to share this with another alumni or person interested in our goals, please ask that they register with

us. We have a link on the home page of our web site, d9foundation.org that allows for registration. Our mailing and E Mail address is located in the highlighted square of the address page of this newsletter.

We would like to inform our alumni and friends who have been receiving this newsletter, that we have suspended the inclusion of the Contribution Envelope with this mailing. The costs of production and mailing have dictated this decision. We still, of course, appreciate your contributions and direct you to our web site or our address box for mailing information.

Foundation Board President's profile-Mike Malepsy

I guess I was destined to come out west! I was born and raised in the flat country of the mid-west, Minnesota. After college, I took off to Colorado where I met my future wife, Bonnie. I also fell in love with the mountains and streams and rugged country. I knew there was no turning back.

My parents had moved to Southern Oregon and when Bonnie and I decided to settle down, Southern Oregon seemed like paradise. We liked to be outdoors and the Upper Rogue area offered great fishing, hiking and year-round recreation. The mild weather was a big plus! We immediately knew this was where we wanted to raise a family. The year was 1974.

I started working for a small real estate firm in Shady Cove called Bacon - Coleman Real Estate. We liked Shady Cove and decided to build our first home, a log home, on Rogue River Drive. Soon we had two sons, Casey and Evan. We enjoyed getting to know the local people and watched as the dam at Lost

Creek Lake was built. We couldn't wait to be one of the first to launch a boat off the ramp at the lake. It was a fun and exciting time watching the community grow.

In 1978 I bought Trails End Real Estate and started my career as a broker/owner of my own office. Trails



Mike Malepsy

End Real Estate represented the north end of the valley and we dealt mostly with rural properties. I had one other salesperson and no secretary. The only heat in the office was a wood stove and we always had a pot of coffee on. Some pretty interesting conversations took place around that old wood stove.

Real Estate was slow back then. A major factor was the demise of the timber industry. We watched with great

disappointment all of the affected families.

My career expanded and I began developing parcels of land in Shady Cove and Eagle Point along with the day to day management of the office.

Since then, Windermere Trails End

Real Estate has grown. We soon hope to have 30 agents, most in our new office on Shasta and Nita Way in Eagle Point. We will now be a full service real estate company with Land America Title Company and Eagle Mortgage in the same complex.

Bonnie went back to school and graduated with a degree in accounting. She worked in the accounting field for 20 years. She has recently opened Chickadee Gift & Garden in Shady Cove.

Our two sons, Casey and Evan started their educational journey at Elk-Trail School. It was charming and we

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sure appreciated the personal attention they received. The staff was like family. Casey and Evan attended District 9 schools throughout their K-12 experience. Bonnie and I were very happy with the education our boys received. We are very proud of both our sons. Casey is a very successful fishing guide in the Roseburg area in the winter and Alaska in the summer. Evan is a civil engineer in Portland. He and his wife, Michelle, hope to move back to this area in the near future. One of the most exciting times of our lives was when Evan played in the 1996 state championship football game. District 9 gave him that opportunity and we became aware of how important school activities can be in a young person's life.

I became more involved with District 9 just as our kids were out of

school. I wanted to put forward some energy towards the fulfillment of the great gift of education. I became involved in the creation of the district's "Goals and Mission Statement". I was part of several superintendent searches. I was one in a group that started the Eagle Center as an advisory service for juniors and seniors striving for higher education. I was also able to help the district procure the sites for two new schools.

In 1999, I became involved with the D-9 Foundation. At that time, the foundation was forming their first human needs committee to establish the dental sealing program for kids. I watched that program build to what it is today with the help of the Community Health Center organization. Dental problems are

diagnosed and corrected early on which greatly influences school attendance, and so importantly, a child's self esteem.

I've enthusiastically watched the D-9 Foundation grow at leaps and bounds under the guidance of Mike and Kathy Bowles over the past years. I have greatly enjoyed being the president of the organization for the past two years. The D-9 Foundation is here to stay. There will continue to be more and more scholarships available to our graduating seniors thanks to all the wonderful support of this caring community.

Bonnie and I were right way back in 1974. This IS a nice place to live and raise a family!

Wally Iverson Memorial Scholarship



Mr. Wally Iverson, longtime Rogue Valley resident and philanthropist, provided a legacy in his estate planning when he passed, that provides scholarships for students from Rogue Valley schools. Mr. Iverson, close personal friend of Lee and Mary Gossett of Eagle Point, and

in the range of 4-5% of the fund's balance. Mr. Iverson provided for a quarter of the scholarships to be distributed to students who attend his alma mater, Hillsdale College in Hillsdale, Michigan. The remaining scholarships are to be given to students based upon an application process. Students from Rogue Valley schools apply for the scholarship through a common application provided by the Student Assistance Commission, the scholarship clearing house for OCF according to Cristina Sanz, Charitable Gift Planner with OCF in Medford.



frequent guest of theirs at the annual D-9 Community Scholarship Dessert, donated the sale proceeds from one of his apartment complexes to the Medford Rogue Rotary for the purpose of establishing a scholarship endowment. Eagle Point High School students, among others, were named as one of the beneficiaries of this endowment. The sale and gift of the \$1.8 million proceeds will impact generations of students of the valley.

The funds are deposited with the Oregon Community Foundation, the same as the D-9 Foundation's endowed accounts. Annual distribution of funds from the Wally Iverson Memorial Scholarship fund will be

Students will be interviewed and their applications evaluated by members of the Medford Rogue Rotary Scholarship committee. The committee is chaired by Linda Evans, wife of Jerry Evans, alumni of Eagle Point High School. Approximately \$80,000 will be distributed annually as the Wally Iverson Memorial Scholarships to students. The Hillsdale College scholarships will provide \$4,000 per year for up to four years. The other scholarships will be distributed in the \$500 to \$2,000 range. Some of the students will be eligible to apply to have their scholarships renewed each year.

Advanced placement test at Eagle Point HS

Eagle Point High School is participating in the Advanced Southern Credit Program for high school students through Southern Oregon University. High school students can earn college credits through courses we offer in cooperation with Southern Oregon University. The student's grades are entered on both a high school transcript and an SOU transcript, transferable to most colleges across the nation. The cost of these courses to the student is about 1/4 the cost of regular college tuition.

Save these dates

Annual All School Reunion
Saturday, March 17, 2007

Alumni Football Game
Saturday, August 11, 2007

The first weekend following Labor Day
D-9 Foundation Benefit
Saturday, September 8, 2007
Sunday, September 9, 2007

The first Thursday after Thanksgiving
D-9 Community Scholarship Fund
Scholarship Dessert
Thursday, November 29, 2007

Scholarship Dessert

The 20th annual Scholarship Dessert was held November 30 in the cafeteria at Eagle Point High School. The chilly damp weather outside was not felt inside as hostesses decorated their tables and brought in their desserts, some homemade, some straight from Costco. There was time for visiting, viewing the decorated tables, and splurging on the delicious desserts.

Mel Morris, Master of Ceremonies, then introduced Katie Germer Riley, a 1995 Eagle Point graduate. Katie, who received scholarships herself, started college at Southern Oregon State College (now SOU). Two years later she married her high school sweetheart, Jalen Riley, who was serving in the U. S. Marine Corps. Her education interrupted, they returned to the Rogue Valley after his discharge. She continued her education at SOU. Another move! This time they moved to Texas where Jay was a state policeman. In 2005, Katie completed her educational journey as she graduated from Texas Tech University, Cum Laude, with a bachelor of business administration in management. Currently, she is the Human Resources Supervisor

with United States Gypsum in Rainier, Oregon.

The 20th anniversary event was celebrated with holiday music sung by Terri Steinhorst's music students. Guests enjoyed the soloists, trios and entire concert choir as they filled the cafeteria with festive seasonal songs.

As the applause died down, Mel explained the purpose of the evening – to raise funds for scholarships. The Scholarship Dessert is a part of the D9 Foundation. Approximately one half of the funds raised at the dessert will go to scholarships for the Class of 2007; the rest is deposited with the Oregon Community Foundation which invests those funds. Interest from the deposited money is also given to the current class of graduates. Scholarships are given by formulaic score: 7/8th of that score is the student's GPA; 1/8th is his or her SAT or ACT score. The Scholarship Dessert committee decides annually how many scholarships will be awarded each year and what the values will be. This year the 20th annual Scholarship Dessert raised \$7635.00!

Education costs

The cost of attending higher education is forever increasing. Most students today are dependent upon scholarships or other financial aid to have any hope of affording the rising cost of college. There are various options of schools and housing to consider when students are calculating the financial impact of their education. Many factors figure in to what is needed financially to attend college.



The following figures include tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and personal and transportation costs for one year of continuing education. To attend a four year public university in Oregon, the annual cost is \$16,588. For a student to attend a private university, the costs range from \$28,000 to \$40,000 annually. Even the cost of going to a community college in Oregon is stunning. The projected costs are: \$3,000 for tuition and fees, \$1,200 for books and supplies, \$2,200 for personal and transportation costs. If a student doesn't live with family, they will need to budget approximately \$7,000 for room and board.

From these figures it is obvious that students in School District 9 who choose to continue their education benefit greatly from the gifts and contributions of our community.

FFA Buck-A-Roo & Plant sale

Each year the members of the Eagle Point Chapter of the FFA, prepare and host a "Buck-A-Roo" breakfast with proceeds assisting the chapter in meeting its annual financial obligations. All of the food and supplies for the breakfast are donated by Ray's Food Place, Jeff Ewin manager. This year's breakfast will be served beginning at 7 am, May 12th. Scrambled eggs, sausage, pancakes, milk, orange juice and coffee will be the menu. Mark your calendar!

The annual plant sale also will be taking place during the day time, May 10, May 11 and May 12 at the Eagle Point High School's greenhouses. Prices are always great and selection is the best on the first days of the sale.

Where The Eagles Soar Car Show

The fourth annual "Where Eagles Soar" Thomas Ussary Memorial car show will be held on April 28, 2007, at Eagle Point High School. The car show is hosted by Eagle Point High School's Skills USA Chapter and the industrial mechanics students. Thomas Ussary was an enthusiastic auto shop student who was enrolled at Universal Technical Institute in California and was tragically killed in an automobile accident one week before beginning his education. Thomas had the dream that one day the industrial mechanics students would host a car show with the intention of showcasing the students' own vehicles and the industrial mechanics program at Eagle Point High School.

The first "Where Eagles Soar" car show was held in 2004 in memory of Thomas. His dream became reality with the help of hundreds of supportive students and community volunteers. The car show has been very successful in the past and is growing more each year. This year it is expected that over 200 cars, motorcycles, and trucks will be on display. Proceeds will be generated from such events as the poker run, raffle tickets, engine blow-up, 50/50 raffle and the concessions stand. A large part of the show's success comes from, not only, the parents and students, but also from our local businesses that contribute food and raffle prizes. The proceeds and donations from this event will help fund two, five hundred dollar college scholarships for industrial mechanics students. The scholarships will be given to two students that are interested in going to a technical college or a trade school and further their education in industrial mechanics.

In addition to the scholarship fund, the memorial car show also helps finance all of the traveling expenses to the state convention and Skills USA competitions for students. The first place winners from the state competitions go to the national competition which is held in Kansas City, Missouri. In the last three years Eagle Point High School students took first place in automotive technology, power equipment technology and auto body repair. This year we have 59 members in Skills USA. Many members are competing in a vast range of competitions such as photography, culinary arts, computer technology, nursing, speech, mechanical technologies to name a few. This year's car show registration will be from 8-10 am on Saturday, April 28, 2007. Come and join the fun and support EPHS auto shop students. For more information contact Matt Boren at 830-6397.

Eagle Point High School drama productions

The Eagle Point High School Theater students have been busy this year. Our first production started rehearsals in mid October, and finished with two weekends of performances in early January. We are proud of the finished product. "Fools", by Neil Simon, was a fun show for audiences, cast and crew. We are fortunate to have some very dedicated and hard working students who make these shows happen.

In addition to the fall show we were also able to attend the regional acting competition. This was the first time any of the Eagle Point Little Theater students have competed in an acting competition. It was a lot of fun to meet other Little Theater students from all over the southern half of the state who share the same interests. The experience was really beneficial for our

students.

The competition also helped to get everyone focused and looking forward to the next show. We will be auditioning for the Spring production on March 6th, for "All in the Timing", by David Ives. This is a collection of very funny short stories that ought to be both challenging and entertaining. Even though the stories are not directly related they all have some themes and concepts in common.

One story has three chimps working at typewriters for an experiment to see if they can eventually produce a copy of Shakespeare's "Hamlet". Another has a potential couple caught in a repeating moment in time until they finally perfect their conversation.

Performances for "All in the



"Timing" will be the first two weekends in May. Tickets will be \$5.00 for students and \$7 for adults. Shows start at 7:30pm, but there will be no reserved seating so if you want your pick of the seats you may want to arrive a little early.

Dental Program

Reporter Sarah Lemon MMT

A school-based health program is opening up dental care to hundreds of children in northern Jackson County.

Elementary school students in White City, Eagle Point, Butte Falls and Prospect will be given full oral-health assessments and go home with referrals for restorative dental work. Dental sealants also will be available to about 200 eligible children, said Peg Crowley, executive director of Community Health Center.

A \$40,000 grant from the Reed and Carolee Walker Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation will pay for the sealants and allowed Community Health Center to expand its program this year from the Eagle Point School District into Butte Falls and Prospect.

Other partners in the effort are the county health department's dental prevention program, the Children's Dental Clinic, the Eagle Point School D-9 Foundation and PacifiCorp.

"This is a tremendous example of what communities can do when they come together to leverage the various resources available," Peg Crowley, CHC, said.

"Dental health is one of the leading causes of absenteeism," according to Dawn Wille District 9 school nurse.

Jackson County, according to federal standards, hasn't had enough local dentists to serve the population since the early 1990s, said Ronalie Sweet, dental program coordination for the county. In addition, few dentists here accept Oregon

Health Plan patients, she said. "The decay rate that we're seeing is anywhere from 40 to 60 percent," she said, adding that the number varies widely between schools, ages and socioeconomic status.

Community Health Center also helps uninsured or underinsured families obtain coverage either through OHP or the state's children's health insurance plan, another government-sponsored program, Crowley said. Children who have dental emergencies or otherwise can't get insurance, are sent to the Children's Dental

Clinic in Medford.

The program also focuses on education, putting nursing students into classrooms to demonstrate proper brushing techniques and to discourage eating sugary foods, particularly without brushing afterward, Crowley said.

"We talk about the meaning of having good teeth."

Community Health Center will reapply for an additional two years of grant funding, and is looking to establish the program permanently, Crowley said.

Twenty-fifth Eagle Alumni game

Be sure and mark your calendars for the Saturday night, August 11th, twentyfifth Anniversary Eagle Alumni Game! Game time kick off will be 7 PM featuring Eagle Point High School alumni and a team representing South Medford High School.

According to Phil Cam, Eagle Alumni president, since this is such a special year to celebrate the 25 years of this event, many other activities will take place during the afternoon and evening programs. The celebration of football will be highlighted with Pop Warner games slated at Eagle Stadium beginning at 4 PM and prior to the Alumni Game.

Phil Cam (779-6188) and Mike Johnston (826-4958) encourage all businesses or individuals who wish to place an ad in this commemorative 25th Edition

of the Alumni game, to contact them as soon as possible. Alumni from Eagle Point High School are encouraged to gather as a class group and report their class year and grads names to the game announcer, Tom Carnes. Recognition will be given for those members and class years during the half time celebration.

Funds that are earned during the evening are used throughout the year to support youth programs in School District # 9. Scholarships are presented to the top male and female athletes each year. Coaches, teams, and individuals are given assistance upon application to help defray some of the costs of their sport. Coaching clinics, meals, housing, transportation and even uniform costs are often underwritten by the Eagle Alumni organization.

Immunization project

D9 students are well immunized thanks to D-9 Foundation funding support. Dawn Wille, RN, School Health Program Manager for Community Health Center and Jackson County School District #9, provided immunization clinics at the three middle schools in 2006. She also provided immunizations to incoming kindergarteners at Elk Trail in May. During the summer, Dawn administered immunizations to D9 students at the Community Health Center on a weekly basis in preparation for school in the fall. All together, 100 students from D9 received a total of 170 immunizations last year with assistance from the D-9 Foundation. In 2007, so far,

the immunization compliance rate is much higher, due, in part, to the availability of immunization clinics in D9. Dawn only needed to immunize three students at one middle school in January.

The school secretaries were advised by Dawn to notify parents to call her, if their child needed any immunizations before February 21st to prevent exclusion from school. Dawn plans to provide immunization clinics at the Community Health Center in White City again this summer but will expand the hours to a full

I prefer to be remembered for what I have done for others, not what others have done for me.
Thomas Jefferson

day each week, especially in August. Thank



you again D-9 Foundation for supporting the immunization program for the health of D9 students.

**Dawn Wille, RN, Nurse Consultant,
School District #9**

Texas Hold'em

Last fall, at the D-9 Foundation's benefit auction event, guests were given the opportunity to sign up, and (also pay to play!) for a great evening of entertainment a Texas Hold'em poker tournament! Ken Trautman and Phil Cam have hosted the event, now in its second year.

The event took place at Phil Cam's game room and shop on February 24th. Mel and Diane Morris prepared their famous BBQ rib dinners for the 60 guests prior to the games. There was plenty of food, drinks, snacks, tables, chairs, cards, poker chips, dealers, valet parking attendants, and...did we mention food? It was a great evening of fun for the players.

It should be noted that prizes are awarded to the evening's top winners, and no money is bet during the evening's festivities. Prizes included: a stay at White Rock Resort, Smith River, California, generously donated by alumni Beth and Allen Murrey, an overnight stay with dinner and morning brunch at the Seven Feathers Resort and Casino, a beautiful 12 gauge shotgun, Winchester Model 1300 speed pump, stamped with the National Wild Turkey Foundation logo, donated by Ken Trautman, the grand prize also included a twenty-dollar gold piece valued at \$860 and a Grand Champion bracelet, won by Mike Malepsy, poker tables constructed and donated by alumnus B. J. McFall, as well as center piece arrangements donated by EPHS Floriculture Team Members.

We thank the many participants and of course all of the individuals that it requires to successfully plan and put on an event like this. Judging from the talk during the evening, a similar event will be held next year.

Second annual Alumni Directory



We are confident that we are still missing some of the early classmates names. We can still furnish names and address information to the publisher during the month of April for his year's edition.

We utilized many different methods to collect class mates names and address information for this edition. We have posted a link on our web site, d9foundation.org and received several hundred responses! It is still an active link and we are still receiving updates. We also had a full page ad in the Upper Rogue Independent for its full market edition that reaches over 15,000 households in our area. An E mail campaign was initiated and hundreds have responded to that electronic request. Reunion organizers have been a wealth of information for the project supplying updated class address lists.

Our publisher, Harris Connect, will now begin the process of contacting classmates and notify them of an 800 number to call and give their biographical information that will appear in the 2007 Eagle Point High School Alumni Directory.

This project is completed at no cost to the D-9 Foundation. Harris Connect publishes the directories to sell to our alumni. That is how they make money and how the project is paid for. The directories become a great source of information and are used by reunion organizers, class mates who have lost contact with other classmates, and updating your Christmas card or birthday mailing lists. We hope you continue your support of this venture.

This year will mark the second publication of the Eagle Point High School Alumni Directory. It is the five year update of the 2002 edition. The directory promises to be more complete and up to date this year. The D-9 Foundation volunteers have spent a great deal of time researching past class years and class mates. It is amazing that such little information is available regarding the early years of the high school, but through the diligence of our volunteers, most class years have been reconstructed with enrolled student names.

To be an accurate accounting of our students we are still asking that if you have information on the class years 1927 through the mid 1930's, please contact us.

How you can get involved with D9 Foundation's Benefit

Though it seems that the weekend after Labor Day (September 8th and 9th 2007) is a date far, far away, the D-9 Benefit Weekend will arrive very quickly. We need thoughtful, dedicated, hard working individuals who will join current committee members to make this year's Benefit Weekend a 'back slapping', 'atta girl', 'atta boy' success.

The Benefit Weekend has two main components; the dinner and auction held on Saturday night, and the golf tournament on Sunday.

Now is the time to start the planning and work that will make the 2007 Benefit Weekend memorable as a fun and successful fund raising event

which supports the D-9 family. Are you saying to yourself, the D-9 Foundation does great things, I want to help? The D-9 Benefit Weekend has several committees that would benefit from your expertise and labor. The committees are; Auction, Dinner, Golf Tournament, Tee Sponsors, Corporate Sponsors, and Publicity. Each committee has specific objectives and responsibilities and they need active members to work toward meeting them. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information on a specific committee please contact Mike Bowles through the D-9 Foundation website.



The word philanthropy has its roots in the Greek language meaning 'love for mankind'. It was never meant to apply only to donors of thousands or millions of dollars.

Arthur C. Frantzerb

D9 foundation.org web site

The D-9 Foundation is blessed to have many volunteers who contribute to its success. None works harder and has contributed more hours of work than our web master and EPHS alumni, Diane Meierhenry Peterson ('91). Diane has been instrumental in the development and maintenance of our web site since its inception in 2000. Another of our alumni, Jennifer Baxter Williams ('79) has also volunteered many hours in proofing as well as writing much of the content that appears on the site.

We utilize the web site to distribute information to our alumni and friends. We

try to keep "Sticky Notes" on the home page that are linked to current matters of importance to our visiting guests. One of the most visited sections is our Photo Gallery where we try to include photos of our recent activities. Our Eagle Point High School students and parents visit our Scholarship section often, especially at this time of the year, to find information about the scholarships that we offer.

The web site has many documents that you can download including our Newsletters, Scholars Posters from past years, financial information About Us, and Class Reunion information. The entry form

for our Golf Tournament is posted as we near that weekend event. We have recently added a PayPal feature in our How You Can Help section, that allows donations on line to our various funds that we maintain. We are averaging nearly 1,200 visits each month now to the site.



Where and what are they doing now.....

Bill Caldwell EPHS Class of 1955

After High School I attended Pacific University on a basketball scholarship, graduating in 1959 with a degree in Education. I never did teach but did go to work for Oregon State Forestry Department and spent the next twenty four years with them. I finished as a District Forester. I served in Forest Grove, The Dalles, Gilchrist and Dallas (West of Salem) where the Pacific Ocean was my district's boundary.

In 1979 I left the Forestry Department to return to Southern Oregon to run the family dairy. In December 1980 I met my lovely wife Linda. (I still think she is a fox 25 years later!). The dairy was sold in 1989 and I then managed Medford Irrigation District until October 1994. I floated a while until I became Manger of Klamath City Schools Transportation Department in January 1999. I retired from there in December 2004 to join Linda in retirement. I still drive school bus for Laidlaw part time (60 hours a week) and take a lot of the athletic teams to their games, including the South Medford basketball team. Great way to watch their games!

I am the father of five children whom Linda and I merged with her four, for a total of nine! Our best achievement is that we have a wonderful family and all are doing well. We have fourteen grandchildren and are raising one seventeen year old grandson, James, which keeps us young. Our heart is still in Eagle Point but we live in Medford.

Mike Leonard EPHS Class of 1986

Mike Bowles asked me to write something about, "what I've done since graduating," but I had to keep it to half a page so I'll skim through the first 10 years since I graduated: 4 years in the Navy, a couple years working at the Upper Rogue Independent, a couple years working at the Southern Oregon Historical Society. In 1998, the night before John Elway won his first Super Bowl with the Broncos (I'm writing this while watching the Super Bowl), I was working at the Mail Tribune and had asked Meagan Iverson out on a date. Two years later I was self-employed as a graphic designer and photographer and Meagan was a piano performance major at SOU and we got married.

Now I have a very different life from what I did that first 10 years after I graduated (in '86). I try to live my life for Jesus, I have an amazingly creative and

wonderful wife, and I work for a company (ADP) that employs about 50,000 people worldwide. Meagan is a pianist and Musical Director in theater. She also manages the Crater Performing Arts Center. We live in Central Point but I spend most of my time in airplanes and places like Tulsa, Winnipeg, British Columbia, and Honolulu...all over the place.

We don't have any children (and are pretty happy about that!), but we do have a fish (Madeline, 6 years old), a box turtle (Poco a Poco, 5 years old) and a Shih Tzu puppy (Mackie, 10 months old).

For work, I do consulting and training in automotive dealerships all over the country. For fun I'm the main sound designer at New Song Church in Medford. New Song has about 300 members and I mix the sound nearly every Sunday (when I'm in town) and also for "Ignite," our in-house worship band.

Probably the most surprising thing about me since I've graduated is that I actually do have a daughter. That might surprise the people who know me... It was quite a surprise to me! Without getting into all the details, I have a daughter that is 16 years younger than I am. I was so honored to be able to walk her down the aisle at her wedding last March. (So I guess I lied when I said that we don't have any kids!) I didn't find out about her until a couple years ago, needless to say it was quite a shock, but she and her husband are a great addition to our family.

I guess the most important thing I've learned since I've graduated is to trust God more than anyone else, that having an amazing wife and partner like Meagan is something you can't even imagine until you have it. I also think it is very important for us to continue to support Eagle Point High School and the Eagle Point community. As much as I wanted out of there when I was in school, growing up in that community has made me much of what I am today and (I'm reminding myself of this as well) I need to do a better job of thanking Eagle

Point through my support of the Foundation and the community in general.

J.B. Dimick EPHS Class of 1997

I attended District #9 schools and graduated from EPHS in 1997. Throughout my high school tenure I was active in the local FFA chapter. I had the opportunity to be elected as an officer for the Eagle Point Chapter of the FFA as well as an officer in the Southern Oregon FFA district. I received my Oregon State FFA degree and was selected as the Star Farmer of Oregon. I continued on in the organization after entering college and also received my American FFA Degree. After high school I attended Lassen Community College in Susanville, California for two years. I then attended Oregon State and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture and continued in graduate school where I received my Masters Degree in Agriculture Education.

After college I had the opportunity to go to work for the Grange Co-op Supply in Central Point, as a livestock / agronomy consultant. I spent four years there, my first year as an intern through O.S.U., the other three as a full time employee. I purchased a small ranch next to my parents and long time friend and mentor Mel Morris. I was presented with the opportunity to apply for the agriculture teaching position at Eagle Point High School where I am currently employed as an agriculture/science instructor and FFA advisor. I love agriculture and the people who work in it every day. I could not have made it this far in life if people in this local community were not there for all the support over the years. I do thank you all for that!



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All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind have been convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth.
--Aristotle

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