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We missed hearing from some of the family clans this go-round. You are loved just the same.

DEXTER FAMILY

LOUGENA'S CLAN .

Adrienne Golding (Gwen's oldest), her daughter Nik, Gwen's partner Brett Arvidson and I spread Gwen's ashes on Whidbey Island. It was bittersweet time to spend together. Brett has been focusing on his work and his health. He has been hiking and swimming almost every day and plans to do more painting this winter. Adrienne is happy to have two of her three children back in the classroom. When I spoke with her she was headed to Hebo to their family cabin. Nik her oldest is starting her first year of college online and hoping to be in the classroom winter quarter. Norah is now in high school and is running cross country. Nellie is in 3rd grade and happy to be in class.

Aaron, Adees (Adrienne) husband works remotely and every spare minute is spent playing in his woodshop on the lathe. His wood work is beautiful, perhaps you have seen it on his Facebook page.

Hannah Haden (Gwen's youngest) is living in Clackamua , OR with her daughter Maecy.who is a senior in high school and very active in choir. Pre-Covid, she had done some acting in the school plays.

On a sad note Adrienne and Hannah lost their father Kevin Golding on December 2, 2020. It was unexpected. Diann's Fam: We are so fortunate. During COVID we put on a little weight, like everyone else, but we didn't get sick. We are both retired and working on our "See America Plan." Terry is looking at pickup trucks and Diann is planning some

different road trips.

Our oldest child Gena and family live in Redmond, Wa. Their family unit is thriving. Gena is teaching 4th grade and adult education classes. Eric her husband is still with General Dynamics creating amazing things for our world. Their Brienne is in 7th grade (holy s**t) she loves learning and art, she is running cross country and has the legs for that sport. Marshall is in 4th grade and taking up the trumpet, he has been filling their home with lego structures.

Our youngest child Bret and his family live in St. Louis. We love his wife Jaelyn who teaches Chemistry and loves to bake. Their daughter Audrey has started playing field hockey and loves to play goalie. I can't wait to go watch a game.

Merle's Fam: Merle and Jeri are active in their church. They have been busy lately with restructuring the church. They were instrumental in selling the building and moving all the contents. "Yes, it's true they are hero's." If you don't believe me ask Gwinny, who has moved in with them this fall. They are helping her while she saves money to get her own place. Their children Kennedy and Ari are busy with homeschool, Michael has had surgeries on his joints to help relieve the pain.

Merle's daughter Terra and her family have a new home in Newman Lake and are exploring every chance they get.

Bo and Pete updates are on another page of this newsletter.

Chuck & Billie: We are doing fine. We still do gardening, canning and have 8 chickens that keep us busy. This year our kids surprised us with a 40th anniversary party. What a blessing (1) to share with family & friends in person and (2) there were times (due to Chuck's health from time to time) we wondered if we would ever get to see 40,



TC: Tracey opened a new gym, Point Break Fitness, in the Lincoln City Mall in March. Tracey's family all still live in Lincoln City.

Sam works for Scout in the mall.

Ariel graduated from Taft High School in June and got married to Josiah Lafrenz on a windy day in August. He works at Roby's Furniture and she is working at Human Bean in Lincoln City. They are both part of the worship team at the Nazarene Church. He plays the bass and she sings.

Darcie: Darcie & Don have been married 7 years now. Don's Dad passed away this year. Darcie & Don have become Grandparents from Don's son Justin. They took a trip this year to Lake Charles, LA to visit. They now have 2 granddaughters who are adorable. Darcie and I are headed to Portland in Oct to see a heart specialist. We are hopeful he can address her chronic A-Fib.



Austin is a Sophomore at Taft High School. He has organized a Bible Study at school. He continues his interest in Drama and also has taken up golf and got his driving permit this year.

Cody: Cody & April have been married 6 years now. Willow was born in July 2020. His tribe's ages are; Chyna Noel 16, Leo 14, Payshens 13, Braylon 12, Juniper 4 & Willow 1. Their family is very involved in Scouting, Payshens & Braylon are in soccer, Leo does boxing & track and Chyna does track & and yearbook (at school). June is entering preschool and Willow just started walking. Cody started a new job this year at Western Emulsion as a Lab Tech.



ANDY'S CLAN

Sheri and Andy have been house bound for over a year and a half. But, they are still alive. They are fully vaccinated and are starting to venture out into safe environments. Our country is now over 700,000 deaths from Covid-19. Will we make a million?

While being house bound, Sheri has read over 100 books. Andy has written and published one book and has two more in the works. His latest book, *Death by Golf Ball*, is available on Amazon under his Pen Name, Andrew Dexter. During his sequester, Andy has been writing short short stories and sending one to his readers every three or four days. He has emailed out over fifty Doofus stories and thirty Hero stories to about 85 readers. If you would like to receive his stories, send him a request at mcpodexter@gmail.com. If any of you have read Andrew's work, he would love to have some feedback. Andrew's next book *Hot Pop's Short Stories* will include all of his Doofus and Hero series plus numerous long short stories. He hopes to publish it in 2022.

Sheri and Andy celebrated sixty years of marriage this last July and are looking forward to many more years together. They now claim two daughters, Debi and Kim, five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Debi is still working as a Behavioral Specialist for the State of Oregon and loves playing Grandma to her two granddaughters and two grandsons. Her second daughter Jessica is married and her family lives in Stayton, Ore-

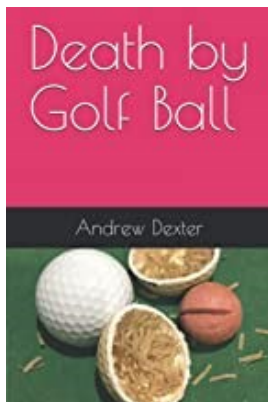
gon. Jessica's oldest daughter is dancing with a successful troupe at school. Emily, Debi's youngest daughter is now living in her great-grandparent's Lyons house with her family. She now has a daughter and son. Emily is studying for promotion in the medical profession and working at the Santiam Hospital in Stayton. Debi's oldest daughter, Niki and her husband Dustin still live in Atlanta, Georgia.

During the past year they sold their home and bought another one.

Kim and her family are still living in the same house in Sacramento. Greg is still the Distance Education Coordinator at a local community college. He also spent the last two years serving as the Academic Senate President for his college. Serving in these positions in the midst of the pandemic made for an unpredictable and heavy load. Kim is working part-time as a counselor at two different local community colleges, specifically

serving students with disabilities. She also counsels in the Career Education program. She enjoys having more time to take care of the family and the messy matters of life. Dexter is 16 years old and is currently in residential treatment out of state. Zada is 12 years old and in the 7th grade, a new middle schooler. She has adapted well to the new environment and structure. Living, working, and schooling in a new COVID normal has been challenging to say the least. Thankfully Kim and Greg are able to work from home and though kids had school at home for a while, they are both back to in-person. They are all blessed to have their pet dog, Lucy, and to be vaccinated and have their health.

Love, Andy and Sheri



This time we have news from our cousin Bo for the first time, and hope for more in future. I think an email from Pete was lost in cyber space, What I have, I got from Diann via text. It's really good to hear from you Bo. Well, everyone really! Thank you Diann.

This newsletter is for the Dexter Family from Vernon and Hannah kids and on down.. This is YOUR letter, when it started in 1990, we got volunteers from each of the 9 clans to provide input. If there is blank space, I usually fill it up by asking for more from an individual, or a photo, or just my own thoughts. This can only work by everyone helping me out. *Deryll

ORIN'S CLAN

Phoenix's baby, Vaylenn Dhabolt January 2019, so Danny Dhabolt has 3 grandchildren now.

Phoenix graduated high school in June 2021. Jackie passed away Sept 5, 2020, and is buried in Albany by mom, step dad, sister, brother, husband, son, nephew.

Terry Lanig has a new grandson, Clayton Hill born May 2019, making it his 4th grandchild Dave King has 3 new great granddaughters, Lyla Johnson March 2019, Eliza Johnson May 2021, and Isla King in Sept 2021; Isla is his grand daughter, but she's still "great." Isla is pronounced "Eye-la"

Sheila and Dan's son Eric and his girlfriend bought their first house on the So. Santiam river

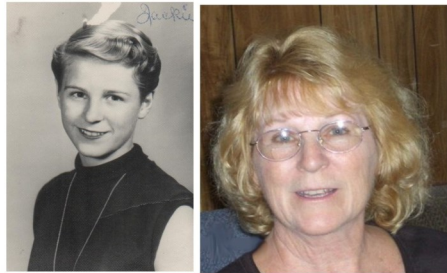
Klancee reports that James and Maria are plugging along. At their age, it's mostly all work, paying the bills, and grandchildren. 3 children, and 3 grandchildren so far. They had some Covid in the family, but are now well.

Derryll reports that Crystal and family, doing well, living in their home in Bend, OR for 18 years. They are facing Danica's final year in high school with trepidation, and mixed feelings. Empty nesting is both a blessing and a

sadness. Danica turns 18 this month, has had her own car for



2 years (actually she's on her 3rd, the first being burned up in the McKenzie River fire last Sept), and she will graduate in June. We don't know her plans for afterwards, there's a wide world out there, but in times like Covid, maybe staying home sounds like a good idea. Rich is a supervisor on his job for Tri County Paving in Redmond OR. Tri County is the "Premier paver for everything asphalt." In their leisure time, they go hunting, camping, snow-mobiling, hard yard working, and really miss the connections of our reunions. While everything was shut down during Covid, Crystal was selling furniture and décor on facebook marketplace. She enjoyed picking up used pieces of furniture and bringing them back to their beauty to adorn a new home. This is satisfying and rewarding. Not so much face to face though because the buyer would pick up their purchase off the porch and leave money under a paper weight. Crystal reports hating to have to wear a mask, as she is a face to face kind of girl. She loves to make people smile just by smiling at them and uplifting their day. That's why she does well in retail. Business on FB slowed down so she's taking a break from that. Thank you again for hosting the last reunion.



Jackie Dexter Then and Now

When our sister Jackie passed away in September 2020, we gathered at her home in Albany for several days, which is also Terry's home. The funeral was held outdoors in the worst ever smoke/air quality conditions due to the terrible forest fires all up and down the Cascades. We wore masks of course as per the Governor's Covid mandate. 2020 Covid and Forest Fires-argh. When she passed, Jackie had 2 living children Terry and Sheila, (Larry, her 1st had passed in late 2013); She had six grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. She was fierce in her devotion to family, always welcoming family to her home.

I am currently going through her box of genealogy, which she worked on in 2005. Our Buell side came here on the 1847 Wagon Train, and there are good accounts of them carving out their lives all over Oregon and Northern CA. Our great-great-grandfather Samuel Buell lead several trains between Mahaska, Iowa and St. Joseph, Missouri and Oregon. *Derryll

KLANCEE AND ORINA'S SUMMER VACATION 2021

Orina and I left on this trip on June 3rd, 2021. We met in Ely, NV, she from AZ, me From Reno, NV, where we got my motor home organized for our trip,. We were not sure how it would go or how far we would go, but we ended up going 4100 miles in my motorhome and over 6000 miles with her car. (She followed me in her car, so we had transportation with us other than the motorhome.

We toured many places in every state we went through— Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Texas, New Mexico, and back to Arizona. Some of the places we toured were so amazing and beautiful. Flaming Gorge, Dinosaur Museum, Jackson Hole and the Grand Tetons. The National Museum of Military Vehicles in Dubois, WY. Carlsbad Caverns was amazing, and Roswell, alien country, was a lot of fun. The cities and towns all had amazing things to see and do. We travelled through some beautiful country and saw many road-side attractions. There was so much that we only did little bits of each one, and some we just bypassed altogether. We found Colorado Springs had so much to do that we spent three days there and did not even see all that we had put on our list.



We visited with Orina's son Orin and Zubaidah, and grandkids, Syafiq 14, and Saaifa, now 5 years of age. We spent two weeks there and had a wonderful visit and great downtime.

For the two of us in my motorhome (the Minnie Winnie), it was close quarters—two older women who normally live alone all the time. AND THEN add our 2 old cats to the mix—one is 14, the other, 19 yrs old. They lived on each end of the motorhome and did not cross lines.

A very special aspect of the trip was our stop for a week in Grace, ID, where we met up with the Vale Dexter Clan. They hosted us for dinners took time off work to take us on a tour, and everyone was just friendly and hospitable. They cooked, we hung out and visited, Orina loved the outdoor cooking in a dutch oven. Big thanks to **Jim** and Donna, **Roy** and Dixie, **Kay** and Aaron. And the few of their children we got to spend time with. The trip was 4 months and I cherish every moment of it. See photos of it all on mine and Orina's facebook pages.

**Klancee (photos, me at Jackson Hole, WY. Orina at memorial for all that have served in the armed forces from Caribou County, Idaho. Pointing at Vale Dexter's name.)*

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Although there are a few photos sprinkled throughout this newsletter, there are more photos in a separate photo array posted online at the above website.

I had thought to do a picture only newsletter, but got swamped under in the attempt. I thank those that sent me photos, I hope I included them all.

Exciting news coming soon, there is going to be a brief synopsis from Uncle Andy focused on his memory of his siblings and the family move from Nebraska to Oregon.

VERNA'S CLAN

Alta: My oldest boy Dustin has been living in Brookings for several years, and will most likely stay there for several years. At the beginning of 2020 my oldest girl Kimber relocated to Albuquerque NM for a job and has been doing well. She battled COVID early summer of 2021 and thankfully has had a full recovery. As housing and tourism devastate the economy on the Oregon coast my last two —Kieran and Luke—have remained living at home, taking online classes and working temp jobs.

As for Peter and myself we were blessed to keep our jobs through-out this and have thankfully remained virus free. As we are not highly social we stay to ourselves and use our Casita Trailer for camping each month. We look forward to being able to start traveling further in the upcoming year as we have explored the surrounding camping areas multiple times. Due to the loss of several family members we have learned just how lucky we are to have our family and learned to look out for each other. I believe we value each other more each day. Dam what a sad way to learn this lesson.

*Who knew hugging our family would become such a precious ability. I will remember the first hugs of my kids, my mom, and in-laws after we all got vaccinated and could gather again after 16 months and for years to come. *

Mildred's daughters (We knew her as Doetty) :

Janice Wooley in Texas is excited about having two grand babies as her daughters are both new mothers. She is Millie's youngest daughter.

Joni White, Millie's middle daughter, continues to live in Chesapeake, VA and is able to periodically visit with her two daughters, who are living in Georgia.

Jo Marie, Millie's oldest, is retired from teaching in Maryland, and has moved to Maine with her husband and her three oldest. They are thriving in Maine as well. Her youngest remained in Maryland and enjoys his independence.

WANDA'S CLAN

Donte' William and Jeannetta Bernard , he was born in April 2021 There's a sweet photo of him in the separate photo array you can find on-line at www.dexter.us.com .

Carolyn and William finally sold their home that they co-owned with Marolyn. They have left Troutdale to live with their daughter and husband, Wannetta and Bill, in Carson City, NV. It was a long hard year and a half move and very stressful.

I, Derryll, went there twice this year and Carolyn and William had boxes stacked sky high, living in limbo. I picked up some boxes of mementos that Aunt Wanda wanted family to have, pictures are posted on the Dexter Family Reunion page to choose now, or I will be bringing the rest to the reunion in July 2022. Some are already re-homed, and the FB page denotes which those are. There are still some of Grandma Hannah's treasures too.

Marolyn is living in assisted living in Oak Harbor, WA, near her ex-husband's niece, Sue. Sue lives in Oak Harbor too. Marolyn says she loves it, dinner cooked by someone else every day. We can only wish it were so in our homes! (I do anyway-derryll)



JIM'S CLAN

Started my fifth year of retirement this past spring, on April's fools day. I am about to spell out some very important life lessons that I learned too late, so I'm sharing them for the benefit of you younger people.

Still belong to the Fire Department. When covid started the mayor said no meetings. So foolish me knowing fires didn't care about covid went to the fire station, checked over the trucks as to insure they were ready to go. at least each truck twice a month, for six or eight months. I got promoted to Ass Chief, for my loyalty to the Department.

I'm still doing Softball umping and official for hi-school/junior hi, football. Write down in your notes over twenty years of that.

Joined the American Legion when I retired. I attend all their functions as it puts me with a group of men who I enjoy being around, except that one old fart who makes my blood boil. Well I showed a lot of attendance and this is gonna make you chuckle, they made me the post Chaplin.

Was going to a "Aisle Of flags" meetings. They put up flags for the veterans at the grave yard. Missed one and when I went to the next

one a motion came up and when the vote was ready they asked me how I voted. I replied I'm just an onlooker. They told me not anymore we voted you Electric City rep at the last meeting.

So here is an important life lesson. When you belong to volunteer group, only show up enough to have em ask you if you would like to join. Don't want to get promoted, stay away. Looking at where life was forty years ago, I'd of never thought this was where I would be now. God is great.

Karis and Trinity came up for two weeks. Took em up to surprise Jene, their mom who didn't know we had em. Had them knock on her front door and ask her if she wanted to buy girl scout cookies. Took em back for another as it is only about a two hour drive from our house. Also took em out shooting and they liked their targets full of holes so much that they told me "Gonna hang it on the bedroom wall". Grand-kids are Gods gift to you for not having killed your own and I believe that with all my heart.

No camping for us this summer and look forward to seeing y'all next year.

Love Kenny & Lynda

Cont't from page 1: Lougena's Family:

Bo (Wayne Jr): An update is in order, this is the first time I've given input, and if allowed, could probably fill the whole newsletter up with our news. There's Cindy and I, we have Over the past years Cindy and I have been blessed with lots of grandkids, the latest is **Damon's** and his wife Shannon are going to have a little boy and they already have a little girl named Ivy. **Keshia** has 2 little girls—Kinsley and Elsie. **Jimmy** and his wife Kelly have a boy named Cooper. **Andrea** has a little boy named Boone, and **Danielle** has 2 little boys—Tripp and Finn. And then, the youngest, **Kelsey**, is hoping to have a child in the near future.

Pete: I wanted to say my life is boring but it's not. It gets better all the time. I'm a caregiver still, I just have my own company now. I like being my boss. Jauna is still working with Delta Air. She works out of Salt Lake City. Crazy, huh? She comes home to Florida three days a week. She's loving it. She's in the airport checking people in, loading planes. Casey and the kids are well doing well with the adjustment. It does help that they can fly there whenever they want. Casey's Real Estate business is doing well. Rylan is 16 and has his first job. Alyssa is 14 and is enjoying doing school online.