



# SEPTEMBER 2019

The 2020 reunion will be July 9-12, at Devils Lake State Park in Lincoln City, Oregon. Reservations are allowed 9 months prior. You can start calling the State Park on the 9th of October. I recommend you make reservations early to ensure you get the spot you want.

As usual, we will have a campsite for the group to gather. Special plans are in the making for the pot-luck dinner. Details will be in the Spring Newsletter.

We will have the photos, auction and pot luck on Saturday, if a fishing trip is planned, it will be very early Friday or Sunday not Saturday. Last year the fishing trip the same day as the other events made for sick and tired fisher-people. The water was rough and I heard more than one of us turned green (I can't say who because I wasn't there).

The 9th is Thursday. The group campsite will be available on that day. We are hoping for the same site as last year, but I have heard that the State is revamping some sites and we might have to take a different one.

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| Reservations online at ReserveAmerica.com, or by calling —<br>800-452-5687 —Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm | <b>GPS Info. (Latitude, Longitude)</b><br>44.97083, -124.01111<br>44°58'15"N, 124°0'40"W |
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Devils Lake State Park is located in Lincoln City. From Highway 101 turn east onto NE 6th Dr (at the stoplight). Park entrance is 500 feet. Landmarks to look for are the Dutch Bros and Lincoln City Cultural Center.



## HOSTS 2020

Left: Dan Oleman  
Project Manager

Right: Sheila Oleman  
Office Manager  
Terry M. Lanig  
Owner/Manager

Terry employs several family members which you will see later in this newsletter.

DEXTER FAMILY

- ⇒ Breakfast items available Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning.
- ⇒ Lunchables and drinks purchased by the family fund will be available in the group area on Friday and Saturday so we can just sit and enjoy visiting with one another.
- ⇒ Speaking of sitting, I can't stress enough for everyone to bring seating. Picnic tables are extremely hard to move. And at the end they are even harder to put back when the crowd has diminished.
- ⇒ Ice-cream social, crafts, tinker-bell, family meeting. As mom used to say "we shall see."
- ⇒ Fishing charter maybe Friday or Sunday. If so we need a coordinator. Not me, call me.
- ⇒ Picture taking, auction, and Pot luck on Saturday afternoon.

## ANDY'S CLAN

Grandfather Andy, who we call HotPop, is doing well and taking care of Grandma Sheri, who we call GiGi. The year 2019 has pulled her through the medical Knothole backwards. In January she spent nine days in the hospital with an infected finger. Just before surgery, the Orthopedic Surgeon told HotPop "I *think* we can save her hand; we will *try* to save her finger." Removing the infected flesh from her right middle-finger left an open wound that exposed the bone. Doing so destroyed one of the ligaments, leaving her no control of the end of her finger. Seven months later, her finger had healed and the doctor inserted an inch-long pin/screw, fusing the joint solid. GiGi's finger is now about as good as it will ever be.

In June, GiGi contacted a serious intestinal infection, which caused her heart to go into A-Fib. The Emergency Room Doctor put her out and shocked her heart back into a normal rhythm. While unconscious, her bacterial infection caused projectile vomiting and diarrhea. Unable to get that under control, GiGi was admitted to the hospital and put on massive doses of antibiotics. One night it was touch and go but after a week GiGi was sent home to finish recovering, which she has accomplished.

During all this, she has been fighting extreme lower abdominal pain and cramping. The doctors were unable to find a cause, so GiGi took herself off of red meat to no avail. Then, she went on to try a gluten free diet. So far, it seems to be solving that problem.

HotPop and GiGi are hopefully back to normal! They are looking forward to a trip to Wisconsin for a Navy reunion, and a few days with friends at their lake house in northern Minnesota. In October they plan to spend time in Oregon with family.

### Their daughter, Debi:

Debi continues her meaningful work for the State of Oregon DHS – Stabilization and Crisis Unit, and recently celebrated 11 years in this position. She's spent the summer on backyard projects, including landscaping and gardening. She has the goal of cultivating an active and productive vegetable and herb garden and greenhouse.

Debi's daughter, Nikkie, started a new job in the spring as a Software Support Specialist for a tech software company and loves it. She finds the work rewarding and looks forward to many more years with the company. Her husband, Dustin, continues to grow and expand his I.T.

company in Atlanta. They will celebrate their 14<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this Christmas.

Debi's daughter, Jessica, is wrapping up the final details for her **wedding** to fiancé Joseph in mid-October 2019. Joe continues his work with NorthSky Communications, and had a very successful salmon fishing season this year. Their daughter, Baylee (10), is in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and starting her 6<sup>th</sup> year in dance; Baylee's award-winning dance team is even traveling to Disneyland in April 2020 for the Disney Performing Arts program! Their son, Joey (15 months), is walking and talking more and more every day.

Debi's daughter, Emily, continues to enjoy her work as a CNA2 at the local hospital. She's had a rough year because she tore the LCL in her knee in the spring, and then had an Appendectomy this summer followed by several surgical complications she had to overcome. Emily's fiancé, Michael, continues his work with R2M2 Rebar and Stressing. In his spare time, he enjoys taking the family to his mother's working farm and teaching the kids about animals and the joys of nature and the outdoors. Their daughter, Annaleise (4), has excitedly started Pre-K; she loves school and reading. Their son, Wesley (22 months), loves playing outside and "helping" daddy work on the truck.

### Their daughter, Kim:

Kim traded in her full-time job as the Faculty Coordinator of Student Leadership and Development at Sacramento City College after 20 years, for three part-time jobs working as a counselor in Disability Support Programs and Services at Sacramento City College and Cosumnes River College, and in Career Education at Sacramento City College. She's enjoying this professional lane-change and spending more time with her family.

Her husband, Greg, continues in his faculty position at Cosumnes River College and just started a two years term serving as Academic Senate President. The kids are 14 (Dexter) and 10 (Zada), and are both healthy as they navigate through the trials of adolescence.

She says, "Our home is 16 years old now and everything seems to be falling apart", so they are about to embark on a whole-house mess of improvement projects.

*This entire branch of the tree sends their love and best wishes to all!*

ORIN'S CLAN

For those who were at the 2018 reunion and are curious about the dog bite on Dan Oleman's eyebrow, it has been repaired and looks marvelous as you will see in 2020.

Jackie, Derryll, Klancee and a whole lot of Jackie's family went to the Buell Reunion held at the Buell Park in Polk County, Oregon. This is an important day for Jackie, and she gets special permission for motor homes to park overnight even though this is a day use park. Helen Buell is our mother; the Buell and Hinshaw families, gave the land to the County. They make sure the toilets are clean and paper restocked just for us on the 2nd Saturday of every year.

Helen's dad Dick Buell always has the most family attending, we're such over achievers. Or maybe we just don't have a life. Crystal and Danica attended this year too.

Warning, be careful and don't stand up (stand out) as I was nominated President of this group. As near as I can tell it doesn't entail much, the Secretary does most of the work. Terry Lanig was also coerced into being Vice President. Thank you Terry. We want to make this reunion as fun an event as the Dexter reunion.

Derryll, Klancee, Jackie and Billie are collaborating and sharing an Ancestry .com account. We're having a dickins of a time finding data for our great grandmother on our Buell side. If you are curious about our endeavors, ask us.

Klancee has been to Oregon this summer, she bought a smaller motorhome and spent time at the Southern Oregon Coast, Jackie's, Debi's (where she got to see Uncle Andy and Aunt Sheri). Then over to Bend, to see Crystal, Rich and Danica, 2 weeks with Derryll and Ralph, back to Jackie's, and the coast again, to Chuck and Billie's and back to Reno. She will hopefully sell the property in SunValley. Travel some before settling permanently, plan not developed yet. The property has just become too darn demanding.

Orina's son's in-law's family visited from Singapore recently. They were in the States for 2 weeks.

Ralph and Derryll are at the coast too, we go 3 times a year. Ralph is slaying the fish in the gorge, we had both Salmon and Walleye for dinner last night.

I finally quit my final job in July. With more time to visit, I went to Reno in April and again in July.

Danica is going on 16 and is in 10th grade, with a car in the driveway-oh the torture. Ashley and husband Corey live in Battle Ground, WA, loving the "country" feel. They would like to buy the house they are renting.

Thank you to Crystal and Rich for 2019 reunion; and Terry, Lisa, Sheila, and Dan for the 2020 reunion planning. The next generation is stepping up, and it is so very appreciated.



Kevin Lanig, Rigger/Crater Crew Lead, Terry's son

Mid Valley Rigging & Crating was established in July of 2013. MVRC was branched off from the North West division of MEI Rigging & Crating. Terry M Lanig purchased MEI R&C where he was employed for over 25 years. As the owner of Mid Valley Rigging and Crating, he maintains the same high standards and quality continuing to provide professional service for his customers.



Katelyn and Cody Hill, Rigger/Craters, she is Terry's daughter



Bookkeeper Amber Westphal, Eric's girlfriend



Brandon Rice, Rigger/Crater Journeyman, Lisa's son



Eric Oleman, Rigger/Crater Journeyman, Sheila and Dan's son





**Chuck & Billie Taylor.** Just celebrated 38 years of marriage, we had a fun summer creating flower gardens in our renovated yard, gardening & canning vegetables, taking minions (grandchildren) to camp and even having a family campout close to home, as Chuck doesn't do much overnights anymore. It's amazing to watch our family grow. My fashion has taken on a new look this year. I have lipedema / lymphedema and have to wear compression garments full time now. I also have to pump my legs and arms daily. We have remodeled our kitchen. Totally love it. Even got inground watering system and a new yard put in. House & yard are looking good Lots of great things to come even though there are things that make life hard. Lots of Love

**Tracey & family;**  
Tracey & Nicole are separated. They are continuing to roommate/co-parent until the kids are through school. Tracey is still a Personal Trainer at Taft Athletics and is also coaching Taft HS football. He had ligaments & meniscus repair surgery on his knee. They also had to clean out

some broken cartilage. At that time, they took some good cartilage to send to Boston to grow new cartilage. On the same leg, to alleviate blood clotting that was occurring in the calf, they burned & shut down certain veins and re-directed the blood flow. Amazing what they can do these days.

Nicole is working on getting her disability establish for her Fibromyalgia. She is assisting with a pre school class once a week at the Nazarene Church. She is also the animal caregiver for their 3-year-old Siberian Husky, a bearded dragon, the cat and 2 chickens. Austin is a big help with this.

Sam, 21 yrs; still at the Nike outlet store. He is the leader for Nike's community programs. He did the Hood to Coast run for Nike. Still has small seizures from time to time but has learned how to manage. Tracey is still his wingman on that.

Ariel, 16 yrs; Junior at Taft HS, plays varsity soccer. She was a camp counselor all summer at Twin Rocks for girls 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades. She got her drivers license this year and got a car.

Austin, 13 yrs; 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Taft HS, still doing percussions in band and continues involvement in theater both at Taft and Missoula Children's Theater. Graduated from Speech last year and also received an award for being the only 7<sup>th</sup> grader with a 4.0 gpa.

**Darcie & family;**

Don and I are going on our 5-year anniversary. We are going our first family vacation to include kids this year; Cody's family (with 5 children) to Disneyland. Mom, Aunt Darcy and Don's sister Donna are going too. Next year for vacation Don & I will be going to Lake Charles, LA to see Don's son Justin and wife Paige and our Grand Daughter. She is expected to come in December. If she is born on December 28<sup>th</sup>, she will have the same birthday as her sister Ivy. We are very excited for that trip too.

Don has worked at Sherm's for 22 years and hopes to continue working there for another 13 years. I have a wonderful job as Load Manager doing dispatching with Western Emulsions.

**Cody & family;**

In August we were awarded legal guardianship for Payshens & Braylon after fostering for 2 years. No more DHS involvement – woohoo!!

We will celebrate our 4<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Nov. Cody is the Production Manager at Pickled Planet in Ashland. April is a home & child wrangler plus teacher this year. She wears many hats. The family is very involved in Scouting.

Chyna; 14 yrs, Freshman at Ashland HS, does field events in track, Tenderfoot Scout, went to Canada with Scouts for the Pacific Jamboree during the summer.

Leo, 12 yrs, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Ashland Middle School, does field events in track, continuing with the viola, Second Class Scout, Payshens, 11 yrs, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Ashland Middle School, on a competitive soccer team, Tenderfoot Scout & Senior Patrol Leader

Braylon; 10 yrs, 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Home schooled this year, on a competitive soccer team, 2<sup>nd</sup> year Webelo Scout & Arrow of Light.

Juniper Eva; 2 yrs, Honorary Scout, in potty training and just darn cute!

Cody; Den Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster & Scout Committee Member. He is also the Assistant Coach for the soccer teams working with the goalkeepers.

April; Assistant Leader who helps with outings, Pack Meetings and troop Court of Honors with her art & craft creativity.

LOUGENA'S CLAN



Jennifer (JD) Simmons

August 19, 1977 - April 19, 2019

Sore Today/Strong Tomorrow

JD wrote on April 12, 2019: "Unfortunately I'm dealing with some health issues. I know God is going to work this out for His good and there is going to be an amazing testimony that will bring Him so much glory and we will just stand in awe of how good He is!"

She spent time in the Air Force and passed at Tampa, FL VA hospital. All her family was there. She had breast cancer the prior year and had been told she was cancer free in June. She spent her time continuing to improve her health and build her personal fitness business. She made a friend at the clinic she went to and they found they had lot in common. They even ate the same! This is a big deal when you have to be careful of every bite. John's job had him traveling so Jennifer would go with him and they would check out the parks, hiking and frizbee golf. They became engaged around December and were planning a wedding date of May 5th. In early April she realized the cancer had returned. It was a very fast growing form. She passed on Good Friday and we spread her ashes on the day they were to be married. She is now on a beautiful mountain in North Carolina. The trip up the mountain was videotaped thanks to the kids having a drone! If you want to watch it go to utube. We will have it available at the next reunion along with some great memories, and smiles.



JD was preceded in death by her grandmother LouGene Mae Dexter Fowler, grandfather Wayne Allen Fowler and aunt Gwen Fowler. Surviving her are mother Wanda Rose Fowler (Pete), father Paul Simmons, sister and brother-in-law Jauna & Casey, aunt Diann & Terry, uncle Wayne (BO) & Cindy, and uncle Merle & Jeri, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.



On May 27, Memorial Day, 2019, Wayne Allen Fowler Sr. had a flag dedicated in his name at Spring Canyon Isle of flags in Electric City, Washington.

Wayne served in the USMC during WW II in several battles. His son Bo made the arrangements and gave me permission to post this on facebook. Merle sent this picture.

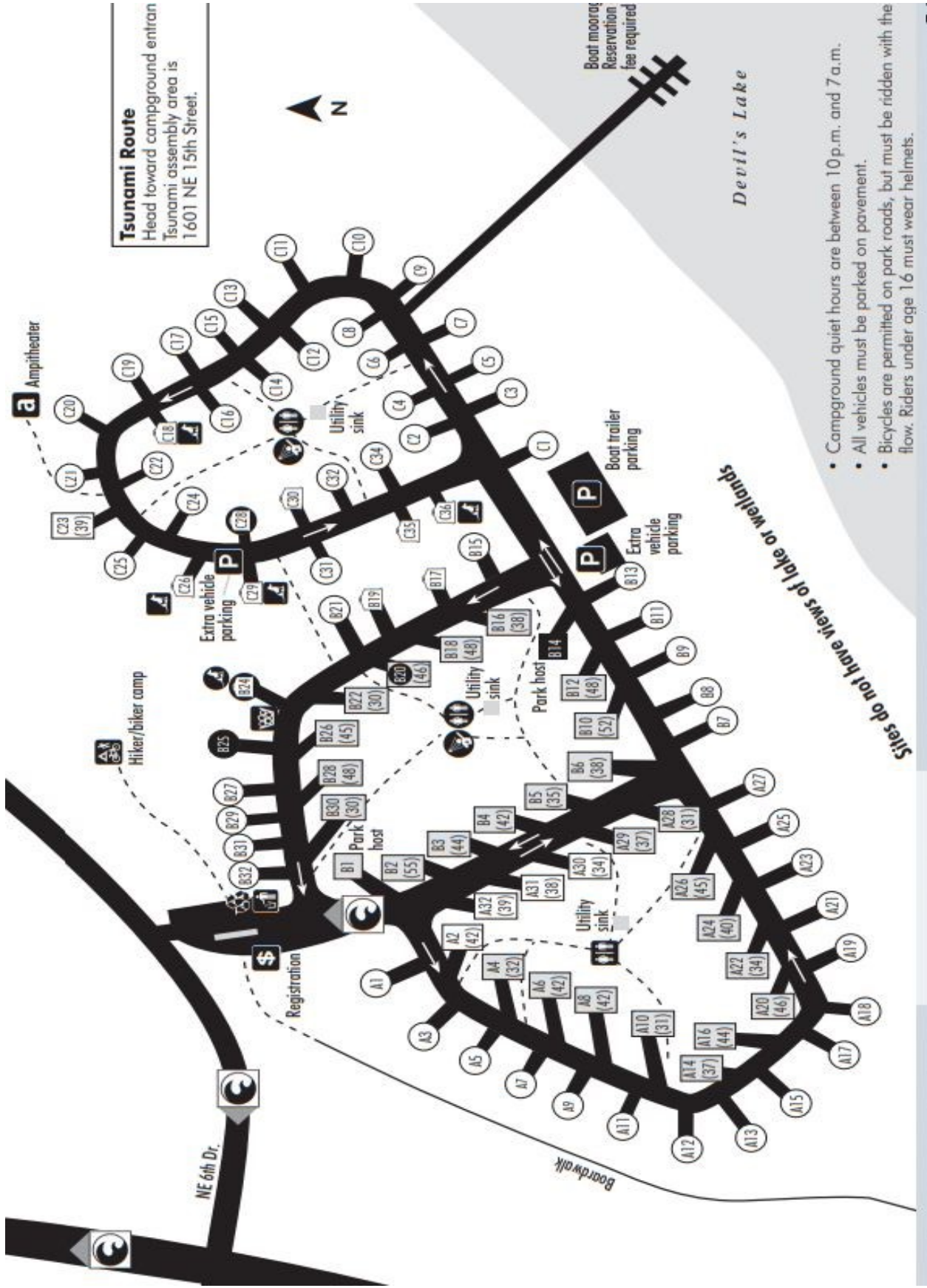
Wayne's flag will join a large number of Veterans' flags there.

At right is son (Bo) Wayne (Fowler, Jr, and his gf Cindy.

By Kenny Dexter







**Tsunami Route**  
 Head toward campground entrance  
 Tsunami assembly area is  
 1601 NE 15th Street.

*Devil's Lake*

*Sites do not have views of lake or wetlands*

- Campground quiet hours are between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- All vehicles must be parked on pavement.
- Bicycles are permitted on park roads, but must be ridden with the flow. Riders under age 16 must wear helmets.