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LET'S MEET **Charles Glenn**

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Charles began working for the Keizertimes in February 2022.

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Defense Information School (broadcast and print journalism basics), Columbia College of Missouri (B.A. Liberal Arts, History & Philosophy)

Why I work at the Keizertimes:

I enjoy journalism and wanted to get back to it. Keizer is a strong community and a great place to improve my skills.

Why local community journalism is important:

It's vital - people need to have a place they can turn to that is going to give them information relevant to their own community. It creates a healthy culture when everyone is informed and involved.

Passion: Bad martial arts movies - basically all of them. The worse the production quality, the more times I've seen it.

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Four generations mark twins' 96th

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They were born in 1926, 15 minutes apart in a house in Scholls, Oregon, amidst an orchard of walnut trees.

On Saturday, April 16, surrounded by dozens of family members, sisters Letha and Lela celebrated their 96th birthday at The View Restaurant at McNary Golf Club.

The sisters are one of two sets of twins born into the family.

The family moved to Dundee when the girls were in second grade. After relocating to Newberg, the sisters went to different high schools due to family dynamics. Letha was a cheerleader at her school while Lela played volleyball at her high school. Lela wanted to play basketball as well. There was no girls basketball team at the time and she was denied acceptance on the boys team.

Letha and Lela graduated high school in 1945, then went their separate ways. Letha married in 1946. She and her husband Bill eventually made their way to Riverside, Calif., where both made careers in the banking field. They had two children. Today, Letha has six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Lela married Ward Rolland in 1947. They settled in Salem where Lela cleaned houses for some of the area's most prominent families. Lela and Ward had three children, including Marlene Rolland, now Marlene Wellin. There are six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

On Saturday, the banquet room at The View was filled with four generations, all descendants of Mable and Monroe Hutchens.

Today, Letha lives at a retirement community in south Salem while Lela resides at a senior facility in Keizer.



Twin sisters Letha (left) and Lela celebrated their 96th birthday with four generations of their family at The View restaurant at McNary Golf Club.

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