



Ephrata High School 100-Year Reunion Website

How Can You Contribute?

Do you have information that you believe Ephrata High School alumni and school supporters would be interested in reading about and that you are interested in sharing? There are several ways for you to accomplish this. You can get started by visiting the reunion website at ehs-100.com.

(1) You can contribute to the **Teacher Tributes** page. Surely you have a favorite teacher, administrator, or member of the support staff that influenced you in your life choices. Go to the Teacher Tribute page for information; click to email your tribute; further information and a picture of the person to whom you are paying tribute will be added.

(2) Add class information and pictures to your class' site on the **Class Almanac** page; simply click to send your information via email. For example: A recent contribution includes graduating class photos for years 1924 thru 1956 which will be added to the class pages as time permits. Class reunion photos are a popular way to up-date your high school friends and show your class pride.

(3) **Tiger Talk** is available for advertising information regarding up-coming class reunions. (See current reunion announcements.) Tiger Talk is a quick and far-reaching method of contacting a large number of EHS alumni. (See scam information and read about the current "Challenge" project.) The process for contributing is easy. Be on alert for future reunion committee projects and rules for entering a poster design contest.

(4) Become a participant of the EHS Reunion **Facebook** site. Sign on to ehs-100.com and click on Facebook.

You can also: (5) **Volunteer**. Start the New Year out by getting involved in the activities and projects of the Ephrata High School 100-year reunion! The committee is looking for alumni to share their special skills, interests, abilities, and has a willingness to help out with reunion planning. Volunteers from all past decades are needed in order to make the 100-year reunion in 2014 an event that will hold interest for all EHS graduates, former administrators, teachers, support staff and the citizens of Ephrata. Committee contact and meeting information is found on the website.

(6) **Contact Classmates**. Use your various communication skills and devices to make sure that as many as possible of the 8,882* graduates of EHS have been advised of the Ephrata High School 100-year reunion and website. To ensure success, as many persons as possible should be provided information regarding the reunion so they may make an informed decision to attend the celebration. *including class of 2014.

Tiger Tales

EHS Student Body News with Hunter Sears

Math Team Earns Respect. The Ephrata High School's freshman/sophomore Math Team has given our school recognition by successfully competing in math contests. The team members are Patrick Bennett, Josh Williams, Stenn Monson and James Mathis. All Ephrata students have had the opportunity to participate in the "Math is Cool" program since the fourth grade.

The team of four qualified at the 2012 "Math is Cool" Competition with a second place finish at the regional contest which was held at Spokane Falls Community College in October. This qualified the team to compete in the "Math is Cool" Master's Competition on December 1 at Moses Lake High School where the team again placed second.

Right: Mathis, Bennett, Monson, Williams.



The final 12-team master's competition was a day-long contest which began with individual testing. The team then participated in problem solving, mental math, the pressure round, and the college bowl. Megan Boland is the Math Team advisor. Congratulations Tiger Team! Thanks to Mrs. Boland for the extra effort she puts toward helping the Math Team and the students in her math classes.

ASB Project Report. The Associated Student Body Executive Board is very happy with the success of their "Tis the Season to Be Giving" Toys for Teens project where we collected money from EHS students and staff members. The project raised \$4,518.00 and was used to purchase 150 teenager gifts which were then donated to the Ephrata Food Bank and the Ephrata Kiwanis Club for use in their Christmas baskets.

The project promoted a lot of spirited competition. The freshman class came out on top with the most money in the competition between the classes. They were given ten extra minutes at lunch time for their reward. Devin O'Brien's class rooms won for collecting the greatest amount of money. The class members' reward was to choose three teachers who would each take a turn in a dunk tank. They went with Jason Laugen, Tobin Springs, and David Tempel. Five class members, chosen for the accuracy of their throwing arms, then hurled baseballs at the targeted dunk tank set up in the school parking lot. The dunk tank teachers were good sports even though they ended up taking several dives into the ice-cold water.

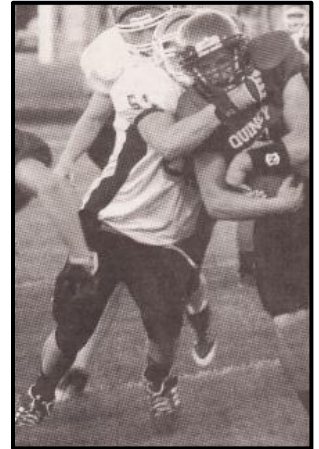
Cabaret. Another successful variety show! The EHS music department's biggest fundraiser of the year featured eight emcees including Alissa Bair, Gavin Barnes, RaeAnn Hiatt, Tyler Clark, Garrett Devine, Melissa Nelson, MacKenzie Canfield and Seth Weed along with a group of 26 talented singers. The show paid tribute to the four elements of earth, wind, fire, and water through songs and skits. The show's director was choir instructor Tim O'Donnell. Student set designer Michael Bosnar, who has won many art awards, created awesome backgrounds for fire and water, earth and wind.

Director O'Donnell announced that because of previously successful Cabarets the EHS Performing Arts Center is now equipped with major improvements in sound and lighting. Before show time he indicated, "The Cabaret experience has really been enhanced. We have lots of tricks up our sleeves, so expect the unexpected." He was right about that, the show was "sweet".

Honor Society. The Ephrata Chapter of the National Honor Society* will begin the selection process for new members at the January 2013 semester break. New members will be selected from those whose cumulative GPA is 3.60 or higher. Induction of new members will be held after the spring break in April. Meanwhile, the chapter will continue to collect recycled paper on a weekly-basis and work in the basketball concession stand. In February we will assist at the Red Cross blood drive to be held at the Ephrata Recreation Center. We will also supply the cookies that will be available to the blood donors. If they qualify, students may be donors. *name correction from December newsletter.

Football Player Honored. The Associated Press has announced their selection of the 2012 Class 2A all-state first-team football squad. Recognized was Ephrata High School junior offensive guard Jake Laird. Jake was one of two Central Washington Athletic Conference (CWAC) offensive linemen named to the first team and he was just one of two underclassmen selected to the first unit. Jake is also a successful member of the Ephrata Tiger basketball and track and field teams. Way to go Jake!

Jake bringing down a Quincy Jack - Ephrata won 22-21 thanks to his efforts.



The year 2012 was a great year for coaching awards. For his efforts in improving the football program, Tiger head football coach Jay Mills was recognized as CWAC Coach of the Year. Earlier in the year Tiger head track and field coach Dan Martin was named the 2012 boys coach of the year by the Washington State Track and Field Association. He is now the state's boys' nominee for national coach of the year with the National Federation of High School Athletics (NF). He successfully coached his boys' team to the 2012 state championship. Congratulations coaches. Information provided by Grant County Journal.

Lil' Tiger Basketball. The Tiger basketball players and coaches will be working on a community program with the Ephrata Parks and Recreation by offering boys and girls from Kindergarten through second grade the chance to learn the fundamentals of basketball. On Saturday mornings, January 5, 12, and 19, the Ephrata High School gym will be open for the future Tigers to learn skills and play in games. They will show off what they have learned at halftime of the varsity boys' game on Saturday, January 26. This halftime entertainment is great fun to watch; lots of pushing, grabbing, and traveling along with a few 'wildly-cheered' and celebrated baskets. High-fives are seen given all around.

Sports Report. On January 1st the boys' basketball team had a CWAC record of 2 wins, 4 losses with a season record of 4 wins, 4 losses. The girls' conference record is 2 wins, 4 losses and the season record of 3 wins, 5 losses. We will be back in action January 4th against the newest and largest-numbered school in the conference the West Valley of Yakima Rams.

The Tiger wrestlers are 1 win, 3 losses in the conference. Tyrus Kemp at 195 pounds is the top Tiger wrestler. He has won three individual tournament titles in four attempts. Good job Tyrus! Keep it up.

Fans can follow league scores and find team schedules by visiting the Central Washington Athletic Conference website at cwacathletics.com - click on the orange "E". The "Voice of the Columbia Basin" will provide further information. By going to iFIBERONE.com on the internet or a mobile device fans can catch the Ephrata Tigers in live action. Check iFIBERS' schedule for coverage. This site reports on area sports and is a good place to catch up on Columbia Basin News.

Ephrata Past and Present

"Old Ephrata Landmarks Bring Back Memories to Native Son"

by Vern D. Matthews

Note: Vern D. Matthews, a native Ephratan who graduated from Ephrata High School in 1941, contributed nostalgic pieces on Ephrata's past and future for publishing by the Grant County Journal. The articles appeared in 1964-1965 and will be reprinted in four parts beginning in December 2012 edition of the Tigerville News and concluding in the March 2013 edition. Updated information appears in **(bold)** as a point of reference in case you weren't around 48 years ago when Vern "followed *The Star* home to Ephrata."



"As we wrote last month, it is always nice to come home for the holidays... home to Ephrata, our natal city, the cradle of so many fond memories which give special meaning and purpose to the Yuletide season. It's nice to walk the snowy streets beneath the stars and the snow-garbed trees. It's a time of the year to revel in memories of Christmases in Ephrata so many years ago.

So, come. Walk a ways with us on our 1964 pilgrimage along the highways and byways of the city of my birth. Close your eyes for a moment and imagine that you are a 10-year old boy, just as we were 32 years ago (**1932**).

The exact dates in our travels about Ephrata are vague, for we have not reached that magical age when we can recall with pinpoint certainty the exact date when the brown cow gave birth to twins in the south pasture. So, forgive us if we misplace a business location here or there. Overlook our misspelling of names. If we stub our toe and omit names which should be recalled here, we beg your indulgence. Remember, the memory of a 10-year old boy had not yet been sharpened by an appreciation of the preciousness of time.... ago nor ahead.

In our mental meanderings we recall that the Ephrata of our boyhood was centralized pretty much as it is today, less the long north and south fingers which extend outward from right palm. The only surfaced street was "B" (**Basin**). Wooden sidewalks were common in those early days of the '30s. If you were lucky you might spot a coin, to be fished from between the cracks with a stick and gum. Street lights were few and of tired vintage. Tree limbs embraced across the main streets, serving to cool the hot summer sun back in those days of no air-conditioning.

Long radio aerial wires spanned from housetops to higher outbuildings, the better to receive Salt Lake City or San Francisco. Every yard had an outdoor clothes drying line. Gardens were an important part of the family activity. Chickens and cows were permitted within the city but their indiscriminate wanderings were discouraged. More street corners had barns than service stations. A child who couldn't milk a cow was as old-fashioned as one today who can't tune in a TV set.

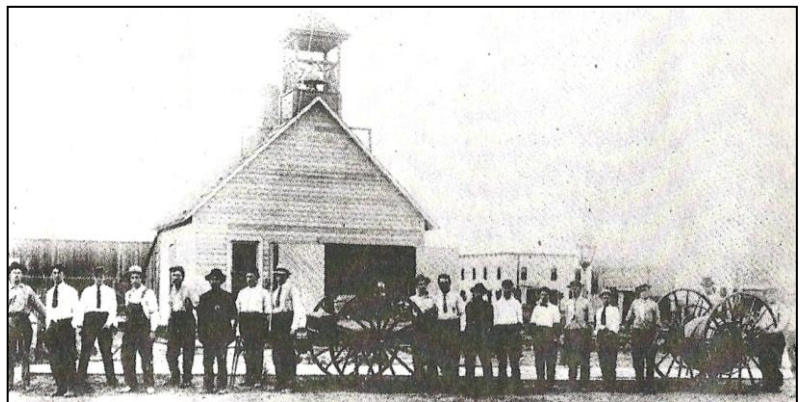
Come... Stand with me for a moment at the intersection of B (**Basin**) and 1st Ave. N.W., just as we might have stood 32 Christmases ago. On one corner is the closed Bank Tavern (**vacant building**). Then it was the Ephrata Post Office and Levi Niles was the first postmaster we can recall. The post office was later moved a block east to the McDonald building (**Heritage Building**) and the Bank Tavern building became the United States Bureau of Reclamation's first headquarters. Next door, now Ephrata Drug, was a drug emporium owned by a Mr. Davis, and later by Joe Dirstine. (**Sole Performance**) On down the street was the Ephrata Bakery, operated even in those early days by the Ableson family. (**Sole Performance/Ephrata Athletic Club**) Ralph had a sister, Florence, she used to visit our home and we liked to sit next to her because she always smelled of fresh donuts, of such things are childhood memories so fragrantly filled. Oops! Back up one building. We overlooked the meat market of Ben Platt..... and how can we forget a man who used to give us a wiener each time we went for three pounds of hamburger for 25 cents. (**Sole Performance/Ephrata Athletic Club**) The Washington Water Power office was on the alleyway, Jack Brannon was manager, as we recall. Others who probably were in the office included Sky Hill, Everett Gibbons, Vince Lemon, Ben McKeane and Denny Cochrane. (**Dick's Meat Market, Wanda's County Kitchen**)

Across the alley and southward was a cabinet shop owned by Mr. Fleming where Sears (**Olde World**



Trading Company) now stands. No further buildings until the corner where a service station operated by Idel Dudley or Earl Kirkland stood. (**The Bookery**) Across Division was the Standard Lumber Company, now the Bell Hotel and office building area built in the later '30s, which was managed by Dick Thiemens, later by Ernie Britt when Mr. Thiemens succeeded Mr. Niles as postmaster. (**Ephrata Travelodge**)

Located on West Division to the west, the American Legion Hall served as a community center for years of dancing, parties, banquets, etc. (**vacant lot next to Grant County Defense Office**) Due north of the hall and back across West Division, was the old city hall and fire station, a wooden structure behind which still stood a hand-pull hose cart. (**parking lot next to Life Company Insurance**) Emmett



Jackson was the one city employee, as we recall, and who can't forget his efforts to keep city water mains, mostly wooden, from freezing during the long winter months.

Meanwhile, back at the intersection of B (**Basin**) & 1st Ave. N.W., let's walk across the street to Rollins' Department Store's present location. (**Ping Electric, parking lot**). It was then the site of the Morris Hotel a



giant two-story wooden structure, now located in north Ephrata, and was operated by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Southard. In the heat of the summer, guests would pull lobby chairs out to the cool of the sidewalks as the sun worked its way over the Beezley Hills to the west.

William Clapp had his law office in a building east of the hotel. (**In the Spirits Liquor Store**) Dr. Ingersol maintained his medical practice there and parked his grey Model-T Ford in front to announce that his office was open. Dr. K. C. Ward later set up offices across the street, but this was later in the '30s.

In the same area was a pool hall with Carl Krogness as the proprietor. (**Big Daddy's Sports Bar**) The alley corner of the same building is current site of L. H. Sporting Goods which was the Ephrata Second-Hand Store operated by Carl Jensen. Many a lad, our age, can recall selling gunny sacks, bottles, jugs and assorted junk to Mr. Jensen. As a frugal man who loved his cigars, he was wont to place the stubs of such cigars in his black coat pocket to be smoked in his pipe when they became too small for his fingers. Sure enough one day he accidentally fished a .22 shell out of his pocket along with the cigar tobacco. And, as Herb Jenkins recorded it for posterity in the Wenatchee Daily World, the resultant explosion demolished the pipe and shook up the composure of Mr. Jensen.

Emil Brunch later opened a dry cleaning place just across the alley from the second-hand store. (**Chain Stitchery**) We know that T. E. Jenkins, father of Herb Jenkins, had his undertaking establishment on the corner where the post office now stands, but we can't recall that far back.

But, across the street in the McDonald Building we can remember that this was the favorite square dance hall of the city. (**Heritage Building**) The stomping of eager feet and the squeaking of the fiddles were pleasant evening sounds; particularly when accompanied by competing frogs nested in the perpetual spray dropping from the Great Northern Water Tower just across the street. (**Amtrak parking lot**) This was a strictly forbidden structure, with a steep ladder, which tempted many a lad to reach its top in the dark of the night.

The Rock Café stood where the Rock Tavern is now located. (**Knudsen's Land Survey, an original-type business**) In the early days we can recall it was operated by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Calkins and later by Elsie Platt who produced a dime a day for packing in wood for the voracious kitchen range.



Coming back west, up the street, we pause at Bill's Barber Shop (**vacant building next to Friendship Diversion Service**) In our mind's eye we can still see Harry Woods cutting hair there. We can see Gordon Nicks there, too, as a young man learning the barbering trade before doffing his apron to become a deputy sheriff under Morgan Porter. In our early days, the brick corner building now housing the Hal Peterson Agency was a bank, with Paul Patrick as president and Larry Nixon, cashier. (**Mundy's Realty, Pioneer Travel, Hairklips Beauty Shop**)

Around the corner and southward we find the Twin Café given its name by the Linville twins, a lovely set. (**All Aboard for Travel, Basin Street Bistro**) Next door was Greenlee Bros. Garage with new Chevrolets on display each year that changes were made in styling. (**Greenlee Furniture, Blue Haven, Galfano's, Rock Park**) We used to marvel that "Pop" Greenlee could get his cigar so close to the gas tanks without dispatching all into eternity as he closely listened to fuel flowing into the vehicles. Here, again, chairs were pulled to the sidewalk for siestas or gabfests in the shade. "Big Bill" Red and Oscar Pickett were frequent visitors, as they were on benches in front of the bank.

Next door to Greenlee's was Bjorklund's Mens Wear (**Rock Park**). We've always believed that Vic Bjorklund was recruited to Ephrata for his great baseball pitching talents and we've always been afraid to trace this belief for fear that another of our precious childhood remembrance balloons might be punctured. However, he was a tremendous pitcher and many a vicious bat of the opposition was tamed by his whistling fast ball. He was of our early-day idols, a stature which has not lessened as the years have passed. Note: Bjorklund's later moved across Basin Street.

Across the alley from Bjorklund's was Burgan's Grocery Store (**Loree's Market, Western Auto, restaurants, vacant building**). Next was the pioneer business of T. J. Cook, hardware and supplies. (**Security State Bank, Washington Trust Bank**) At the end of block was McKellar Fountain and Rexall Drug. (**Don's Rexall Drug, Harrison's Diamonds and Designs**).



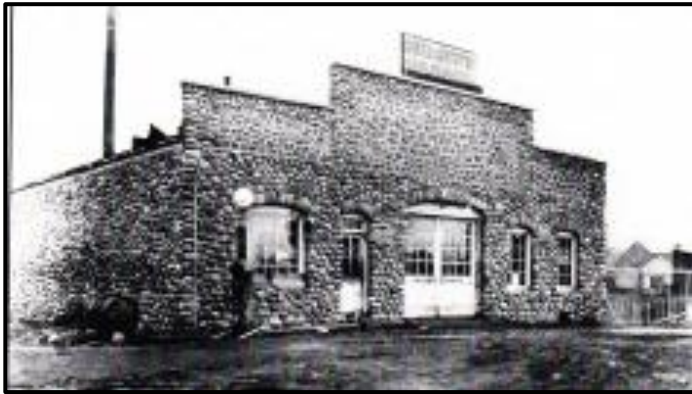
The Grant County Journal was across West Division on the alleyway, now a chicken dinner-emporium. (**AJ'S Eatz 'N Drinkz**) From its presses poured early cries for a giant dam at Grand Coulee. J. P. Simpson nourished the community and county through many a crisis. From his linotype flowed the words of W. Gale Matthews, Billy Clapp, Frank Bell, James O'Sullivan, and others, all looking toward power and reclamation as a new frontier for the Columbia Basin.

President Roosevelt visited Ephrata twice during the '30s and we can remember the street signs which implored him to "Build the High Dam Now". Hundreds of people poured into Ephrata to see him leave the train for the motorcade trip to the dam site.

Just east of the Journal office was a large barn, even then a relic of a bygone age of horses and buggies and wagons, owned by Mr. Jones. Its interior was a fascinating place with its stores of old harness and relic farm equipment.

W. Gale Matthews, who was no relation 'though our life-long friend and counselor, had his title abstract office one door west of the present Bank Tavern location. (**vacant building**) Still further west, in the later '30s, was a meat market with Wes Robinson, Bill's father, as the butcher; the shop was connected to John Florence's farm produce stand. (**vacant lot**) Across the alley and further up was our favorite of all Ephrata stores, the Ed Wilson Grocery (**Schultheis, Tabler and Wallace Attorneys**). Mr. Wilson always remembered our sweet tooth and always had a job for us, cutting weeds or cleaning snow from the walk. How proud he would have been to know that his son, Del, is now a general in the Air Force.

Next door to Wilson's Grocery, on the very corner, was the Ephrata Telephone Exchange operated by Mr. and Mrs. Jordan. (**Attorneys**) Ephrata probably didn't have a dozen phones in those early days. Making a call was a very informal matter: 'Hello Mrs. Jordan, would you please ring up the Bill Schempp ranch for me?'



If we turn north now and across 1st Ave. N.W. we will come to the L. R. Nelsen Machine Shop, Gene Nelsen's father, another mighty interesting place for a youngster to visit with its forges a-blazing and the sound of steel echoing off the walls. (**State of Washington Building parking lot**) Ephrata's first water well was supposed to be located there, supplanting hauled water from the springs to the west of Ephrata..... so our childhood memory recalls.

W. E. Johnson, Neil's father, had his Johnson Motors Ford Garage on the corner of B (**Basin**) and 1st Ave. N.W., now Ping Electric. (**United Country Realty**) Gus Luft, Wes Robinson, Hank Yerke and Mr. Johnson all hold a place in our storehouse of memories for they were always quick to fix our toys or let us run our banana-cart wagons down the inclined slope which led to the basement. Note: Ping Electric later moved across Basin Street.

Going North up B (**Basin**) Street from Johnson Motors we come next to Reeder's Shop, operated by Charles Reeder. (**vacant J. C. Penney building**) He built one of the first automatic tire changing machines. He, too, had many interesting tools and machinery which attracted youngster then like bop record today.

Go north another stop to the corner of 2nd Ave. N.W. & B (**Basin**) and you would have found a gas station and cabins owned by Jesse and Mark Noble, with its popular bench outside to accommodate customers and visitors. (**Chevron Station**) Diagonally across the street was Owens' Cabins and they lived in a rock house on the corner now utilized by the Appliance Center. (**Victorian Court**).

On the fringes of this centralized business section we find Mart Dungan's cabins in south Ephrata (**vacant Randolph's Lumber Supply**) There was a service station operated by Hodloe Good, at about where the Shell Station is now located. (**Brewed Bliss Coffee**) Dungan's wheat and grain elevators and fuel lots were about in their present location east of the tracks. (**Odessa Union Warehouse and Storage**) Mr. Goodwin had the Standard Oil plant across the tracks. (**vacant lot bordering 3rd Ave. S.W. at railroad tracks**).

The old Kam Theater operated by Tubby Harris before John Lee appeared on the scene in the '30s, was just across the street from the courthouse. (**Grant County parking lot**) We can clearly recall those early movies in Ephrata, with sub-titles, with the curtain and its unchanging advertising messages which hung before the

screen. This was back in the days before popcorn and soft drinks in the foyer. The Arizona Wranglers, a top Western band on radio, appeared here; as did magicians and acts which showered vast quantities of coins, mostly pennies, on the audience.

No doubt we've overlooked some business firms and the people on our annual holiday jaunt down memory lane. If so, we beg your indulgence for many ghosts of the past have been our companions during this stroll, sometimes adding, sometimes subtracting from things as they really might have been back in the day."
Grant County Journal January 07, 1965

The February 2013 edition of the Tigerville News will include the third installment of this series, "Winter Was Happy Time for Youth in Old Ephrata".

Old Time Photos of Ephrata

Mike Lehmann – EHS '57 and his wife Myrna are avid antique collectors and dealers who are active in the local Antique Collectors organization. They provided picture postcards for this article. Janet Jenkins Nelson – EHS '65, a local historian, shared photos from her collection and Ron McComb – EHS '60, who grew up in Ephrata, provided additional photos. It should be noted that it is extremely hard to duplicate the old-time photos due to their quality, but it is hoped that they have given readers a sense of what Ephrata looked like in its early days.



On "B" Street, situated in the middle of Ephrata, the Cook & Kelley Hardware eventually became the site of Loree's Grocery, followed by Western Auto. The building was built for Burgen's Grocery in the early 1910s.



Scene looking north on "B" Street. To the left: Bank Tavern and Johnson's Ford Motor Garage which is now a real estate office. To the right: Twin Café which transformed from the Twin Tavern. It is currently a bistro.



The large building on 1st Ave. N.W. is currently in use as a bar. In this photo it was the Palmetto Restaurant. The small building to right is still in use as a commercial business.

