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Ephrata News

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EHS-100 Reunion News

Go the reunion's website www.ehs-100.com and keep informed!

This is the best advice that the EHS-100 Reunion committee can provide to alumni and friends of Ephrata High School. There is new information posted on the site on a regular basis. New projects, finalized plans, schedule changes, attendance reports, information, information, information. When you attend the reunion you won't have to wonder what and where things will be happening – you'll be prepared! The only thing the committee can't help with is helping you recognize your old classmates and friends. Name tags will have to take care of that particular situation.

Recognizing the EHS-100 Reunion Committee Members



The committee members are faithfully attending meetings and working toward providing a very well-planned and eventful reunion for everyone choosing to share this big event with them. Anyone who has served on a committee planning a major event can fully appreciate the time and effort put forth by these volunteers. It has been my privilege as the chairman to work with some very special people. **Vice-chairman Jerry Pitts** – EHS '55 is our walking, one-man, advertising executive. If the committee needs any information he is quick to search it out. He has been working diligently with the Ephrata School District to make sure the venue for the activities at Kiwanis Field is ready to go when the reunion begins. **Secretary Barb**

Anderson Deycous – EHS '61 has the difficult job of recording the minutes of our monthly meetings. Let's just say our meetings are very casual and sometimes everyone is talking over everyone else. A lot of good ideas come out during these times and Barb is quick to record them. She is always agreeable to helping out with events planned toward promoting the reunion. **Treasurer Gail Mason Smith** – EHS '70 has the confusing and difficult job of keeping track of the donations, alumni association dues, poster and annual sales, quilt raffle tickets, challenge funds. Her efficiency is of great importance. **Alumni Association Treasurer Mike Lehmann** – EHS '57 is the strong, steady hand of the group. Mike plays the important role of promoting membership into the Ephrata High School Alumni Association. Fully engaged in the committee's progress, albeit from afar, is **Webmaster Greg Folsom**.

There is a core of committee members who regularly attend meetings and offer support to the officers of the reunion committee. The wisdom and generosity of Grace Lampman – EHS '51, among attendees, is very much appreciated. Over the past months, beginning in April 2012, alumni have been meeting monthly and sharing ideas on how best to proceed and how best to accomplish a reunion gathering of any and all persons with ties to Ephrata High School.

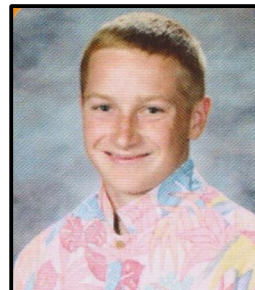
Sharon Rood Spofford, Janet Jenkins Nelson, Marj Matthews, Mallin Ferguson, Linda Pierce Pierson, Marcie Ehinger, Julie Herr, Stephanie Sherwood, Denver Morford, Mike Scellick, and EHS. Green Allstot. Randy Bracht and the Grant County Journal are

particularly supportive. Thanks to everyone on the committee and to all the others who have contributed in other ways. You really do have the Tiger Spirit! I sincerely hope that all efforts are rewarded when the EHS-100 Reunion proves to be a successful event - one that will be long remembered. Bev

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Tiger Tales

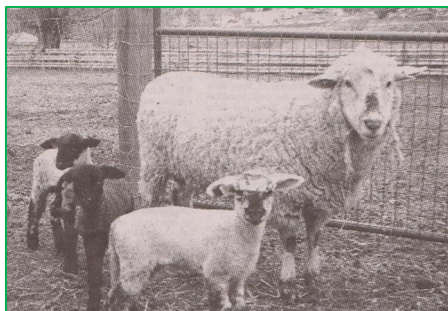
Student Body News with Chance Flanigan
ASB Representative to EHS-100 Reunion Committee



EHS-100 Reunion. I have enjoyed representing EHS on the reunion committee. Plans are rapidly moving toward the June 7th, 8th, and 9th reunion which follows the June 6th graduation exercises for the class of 2014. There is a lot of opportunity for students to volunteer for the different events and projects planned by the reunion committee. I will work with the committee to match up volunteers with specific jobs. This is a great way for students to represent our school and help honor the past years and alumni of EHS. Students can contact me to volunteer. We can serve a purpose and have fun at the same time.

Graduation. Graduation is just three months away. Seniors are busy with school work and getting ready for the big day. Applications can be made for a wide variety of scholarships being offered to senior students. The EHS-100 Reunion committee has announced that two \$1000.00 scholarships will be awarded this year. Look into this opportunity and consider applying. Club activities, music and drama productions, and spring sports are in high gear. EHS students have many chances to be involved in their school and represent it in a positive way.

Mark Your Calendar. Tolo will be held on March 8th. Signups open for ASB officer and cheer positions until March 12th. March 12th is the deadline to turn in pillow cases for the AVID 10 class project. Auditions for "The Land of the Dragon" spring play will be held March 13th and 14th. Spanish Club will meet March 14th with Mrs. Evenson to plan spring activities. Auditions will be held the week of March 10th for the annual ASB Variety Show to be held on March 21st. Consider participating and share whatever talent you have or "believe" you have.



Spring is Here! Lambo, a white-faced sheep, shows off her new lambs at the EHS agriculture barn. The sheep are being raised by Future Farmers of America students with the intention of showing the animals at the Grant County Fair in August. The agriculture students are fully responsible for the care of these animals; the birthing process, inoculations, treating illnesses, cleaning the barn. The students transport the sheep to the fair and participate in fitting and showing competitions. Market lambs are put up for auction and the money earned allows students to have the funds to initiate another ag project.



Members of the Ephrata High School Tigerettes and their coaches include In the front row: Coach Sally Kaatz, Desirae Armijo, Alejandra Mendoza, Brianna Barragan and Sophie Giles. Back row: Assistant Coach Megan Gerrer, Summer Davis, Paige Moore, Kimber Moore, Krystal Ker, and Manager Samantha Smith and Assistant Coach Mary Moberg.

Tigerette Dance Team. The Tigerette Dance team has qualified for the district finals by placing third in the “pom” category while competing in Spokane. The lady Tigers were performing against 4A schools which had 12-24 member teams. According to Coach Kaatz, qualifying was quite an accomplishment. The team had to score at least a 195 to advance to district and 210 to qualify for the Dance/Drill State Championships. EHS girls scored a 215.5.

The team will compete at district on March 15th at Pasco and, hopefully, on to the State Championships on March 29th at Yakima.

Top Honors for Choir Students. Representing Ephrata High School at the state Solo and Ensemble competition in April at Central Washington University in Ellensburg are two soloists and six choral groups, directed by Tim O'Donnell. The students qualified by taking top honors against 26 area high schools while competing at the regional contest recently held at Wenatchee. Category winners were Mikaela Bosnar (mezzo soprano), Elliot Boyd (bass), Harmonia (mixed large group), Harmonia Men (men's large group), Harmonia Ladies (women's large group), New Kids on the Bach (men's small group) and Fresh Quartet (women's small group). Students advancing to state competition include Sarah Moore, Mikaela Bosnar, Bailey Merchant, Sariah Bradford, Clair Youngers, Carley Peters, Lindsey Bair, Marissa Wright, Dylan Benthem, Derek Paynter, Elliot Boyd, Marcus Plagerman, Tarren Selig, Justin DeHoog, Tucker Merchant, Gavin Barnes, Son Bui and Josh Williams. Good luck choir students at the competition.

Centennial Play. The Ephrata High School production of “I Remember Mama” was chosen to recognize the EHS-100 Reunion to be held this summer. The turn-of-the century story occurred about the same time that the first class graduated from Ephrata High School. The play held a great deal of comedy mixed in with a little incidental tragedy.

Re-creations of appropriate period clothing and matching hats and accessories were made possible by costumer Beverly Mayer.

The play was directed by Randy Johnstad, Assistant Director was Carley Peters, Stage Manager Holly Slininger, and Costume Master Annalis Espinoza.

Stage Crew included Caitlin Downey, Patrick Little, Austin Franks, Maya Garcia, Sabastian Lee, Ellie Ledgerwood, Briana McGuire and Tarren Selig.



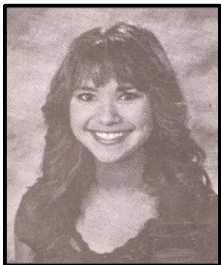
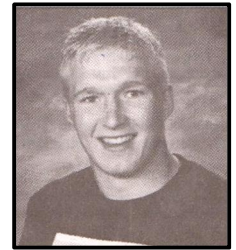
The cast included in front row: Sadie Merchant, Bridget Paul and Roni Wenz. Middle row: Brooke Burns, Mikaela Bosnar, Jessica Bair, Sienna Bedford, Sarah Moore, Lindsey Bair and Alec Lobe. Standing: Cristian Urbina, Kieran Kenison, Sariah Bradford, Khailla Severin, Manuel Trejo, Garner Sears, Jason Stortz, Stephen Paul, Alex Bergman, Derek Paynter, and Emilia Soriano.

Baseball team will have their first outing when the Granite Falls team visits on March 15th. That same day the **Fastpitch team** will visit the team from All host Clarkston. **The Boys' Golf team** will start the season at the tournament on Monday, March 17th. The **Tennis team** takes to the Ephrata courts in non-league action against the Ellensburg Bulldogs on Tuesday, March 18th while, close by, the **Tiger Track team** hosts the Ephrata Icebreaker Meet. On Friday, March 21st the **Girls' Golf team** will participate in the Wenatchee Valley Girls Championships. Good luck to all of the teams during the regular and post-seasons. Show your Tiger Pride while displaying good sportsmanship; contribute to making the school proud of it athletes.

Winter Sports Post-Season.

Wrestlers Make Their Mark

Two Ephrata wrestlers have set records in the history books of the wrestling program of Ephrata High School. For the first time in the history of the school the Tigers have a two-time state champion. Tyrus Kemp won the 195-pound individual state title during the WIAA State 2A championship Mat Classic XXIV event held at the Tacoma Dome. Tyrus participated in and won the championship bout for the second year in a row. He scored the only point of the match; winning the state title with a 1-0 victory over Russell of Lindbergh High in Renton. During the regular season he only suffered one loss at the hands of the defending Oregon 6A champion at 195 pounds. He finished his senior season with a 36-1 record, getting 21 wins by pin fall. In four years as a Tiger varsity grappler, Tyrus scored 114 wins to 15 losses and recorded 48 pins. His final two seasons he went 72-3 with 35 pins. Tyrus will continue wrestling as a member of the NCAA Division 1 Central Michigan University wrestling team. Ephrata is proud of the work ethics leading to his success.



Chloe Spencer's name was added to Ephrata High School's record books when she became the first-ever girl from the Tiger wrestling team to qualify for state championship competition at the Mat Classic event. Chloe's hard work and determination in her first year in the sport helped her in reaching her goal. She earned a sixth place medal despite the fact that she had to forfeit her final two matches because of injury to her arm. Her scoring in the 130-pound weight class was Chloe Spencer (2-3-2, 6th place) pinned Kaylee Ditlefsen (Sequim) 5:59; pinned Olivia Adams (Blaine) 3:47; pinned by Mariah Horton (Kelso) 1:51; lost to Haven Camden (Washougal) by injury default; lost to Jesenia Meza (Mabton) by injury default. Seventy-six teams from across the state entered girl wrestling teams into competition. With six girls turning out for the wrestling team this season who knows what the future holds for the female version of Tiger grapplers.



Chloe Spencer

Bryce Unruh

Dalton Balentine

Tyrus Kemp

Isaac Garcia

The five Ephrata Tiger wrestlers who qualified for this year's WIAA State 2A Championships shown above. Chloe Spencer finished in 6th place, Bryce Unruh did not place, Dalton Balentine finished in 8th place, Tyrus Kemp won state championship and Isaac Garcia also won the 8th place medal. Great representatives for EHS.

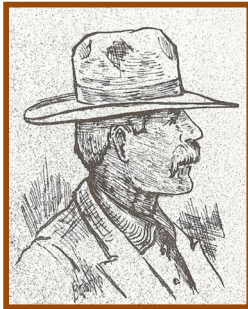
Ephrata Present & Past

THOMAS BURGEN

CATTLEMAN/HORSEMAN

Thomas Burgen was born near St. Joe, Missouri in 1847. When he was a young sprout of five years he and his family joined a large wagon train heading to the Oregon Territory. They were looking to settle in the Willamette Valley. After staying in the Oregon Territory for five years the Burgens headed for Washington Territory. At the age of 16 young Thomas decided to go into the cattle business. He found great enjoyment riding his horse and herding cattle out on the open range.

SAGEBRUSH FLATS FARMER



Burgen's care-free days ended in 1885 when he married Miss Jessie Haskett. The newlyweds settled in Douglas County in an area that came to be known as Ephrata. In the year of 1900 Tom and Jessie were only living part-time in the town of Ephrata. The rest of the time they lived on their 240-acre homestead located 12 miles away on Sagebrush Flats where they raised horses, cattle, wheat, and potatoes. Work on the homestead was difficult. Tom was lucky to have a fine neighbor by the name of Paul Mayer. They formed a partnership; helping each other to plant and cut their wheat and hay. They also worked together breaking out new land – pulling weeds and chopping down sagebrush.

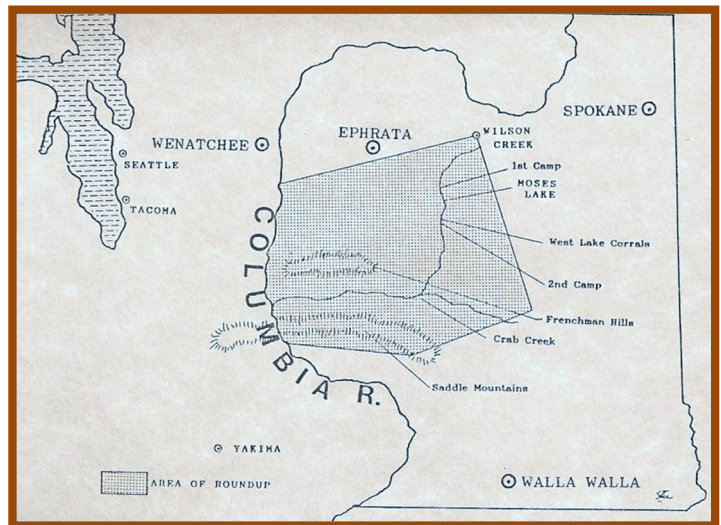
LEADER OF THE LAST GRAND ROUNDUP

In March, 1906 Burgen was invited to a meeting in Ephrata. It seems a group of local horsemen were going to discuss plans for putting together a large roundup of horses. They intended to collect range horses that ran in wild bands over the sagebrush prairies. It was decided at this meeting to rendezvous at Ephrata on April 23, 1906 to begin the roundup. In the end about 150 buckaroos corralled about 3000 wild horses. The horses were then shipped by rail to the Dakota Badlands. Because of his vast experience with horses Burgen was chosen to be the foreman of the Last Grand Roundup and he was proud of his part in this successful venture.

LAST GRAND ROUNDUP

In March 1906 Al Soper, a local horseman, met with a group in Ephrata to discuss plans for putting together a large roundup of the range horses that ran wild in large bands over the sagebrush prairies of the Big Bend Country.

The purpose of the roundup was to collect horses for sale and removal from the Big Bend area because the horses were interfering with homestead activities and livelihoods. The group determined that Thomas Burgen would be just the man to lead the endeavor. It was decided that the buckaryos would rendezvous in Ephrata on April 22, 1906 to socialize and prepare for the rounding up of the wild, free-ranging horses.



Area covered during the last Grand Roundup.

ty for the sale and railroad shipment of the horses to Dickinson, s loose on his range lands in the Dakota Badlands.

1906 and it would be until mid-July before the last shipment was made to the Badlands and the adventure would be considered a success.

Change was coming to the Big Bend area. With homesteaders taking up claims for wheat farms and fruit orchards, the few remaining horses left running wild would become a thing of the past.

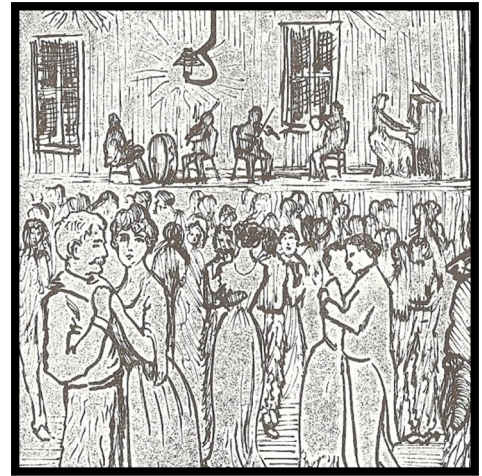
Buckayro Ball Held at Wilson Creek Opera House

April 20, 1906

In order to achieve a sense of community amongst the buckayros before they embarked on the Last Grand Horse Roundup, a ball was given in their honor. The range-style dressed buckayros enjoyed their evening rubbing elbows with gentlemen attired in fancy suits. A wealth of fellowship was shared by all attending. Drunken revelers stayed away from the ball.

The supper recognized the way-of-life of the buckayros. The meal was served on tin plates and coffee was poured into tin cups.

It wouldn't be a ball without music. Musicians for the occasion were Harry Scott, Mrs. F. J. Butler and J. W. Hedrick. William McCarty of Dickinson, North Dakota sang a special rendition of a song he co-wrote with W. H. Johnson entitled "The Yellowstone Flats".



LIVELY DAY AT EPHRATA

April 22, 1906

The population of the city of Ephrata increased by over 300 what with all the buckayros and sightseers coming to town for the big roundup event.

Harvey Hite, chief cook, put together a barbeque featuring a roasted ox in order to feed the hungry crowd. Following the barbeque the games began. Results were: The quarter mile and the 200 yard horse races won by a bald faced "dipper" mare owned by Charles Wickers of Waterville. The men's 100 yard foot race was won by B. M. McDonald. The boy's foot race was won by Thomas Rowe and the small boy's foot race was won by Morgan Porter. The bronco busting contest was awarded to Jot Heron even though he was thrown to the ground when the horse ran under a clothes line.

The leadership of the roundup decided everyone had too good of a time celebrating on Sunday and delayed the planned Monday start of the roundup until Tuesday morning April 24, 1906.



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Some of the local cowboys who took part in Ephrata's last roundup are (from left) Harry Burgen, Grant Smith, Preston Conners, Thomas Burgan, Billie Dunlap, Art May, Sam Hutchison, Zack Barden, Cash McCloud, Owen Minton, Jim Borden, Sam Brumbaugh, John Brookhouse, Walt Lemon, Merrel Terry, Claude Maxwell, Billie Walker, Frank Murchir, Oscar Burgen, the cook, and Jack Murray. Picture courtesy of the Verne Matthews family. A full-size picture hangs at the Ephrata Safeway Store.

Newspaper reporters from around the country wrote up the roundup – some in wildly exaggerated terms – prompting Wilson Creek publisher A. A. McIntyre to document his version of events in a book. “Some newspapers have printed fake stories of great stampedes and other exciting incidents, but truth will prevail”, wrote McIntyre in his account. “The last ride for range horses in eastern Washington marks a page in the history of the state...to those who have ridden the range this story is history. To those who come after it, it will simply mark the passing of the horse man into other pursuits.” “The Last Grand Roundup” by A. A. McIntyre, 1906.

Wild West Days in Ephrata

March 1907 Bank Robbery

The following is the story about a daring hold-up in downtown Ephrata that was related in 1954 by I. N. McGrath, one of Ephrata's oldest residents. “It was a cold damp morning early in March when I got off the train from Quincy at about 6:00 a.m. I had been over there to a lodge meeting. I noticed a crowd milling around the bank building. Being an early hour I knew something must be on so I went over and learned that there had been an attempted hold-up and that my mother had run down the alley and given the alarm.

I was told that at about midnight my mother Mary McGrath and my wife were aroused by a loud explosion that came from the bank across the street from our home. The two women, alone in the house, went to a window and through the darkness saw men moving around in the bank with lighted candles. Suddenly they saw the men run from the bank and throw themselves on the ground. After another loud explosion occurred the men crept back into the bank. It only took the women a short time before they realized they were witnessing a bank robbery. My mother went out the back door of our house and ran down the alley and around to the Ephrata Hotel, where the McDonald building now stands. She woke up the hotel's proprietor James Pierce and he in turn awoke Deputy Sheriff Logan from Waterville who just happened to be staying overnight at the hotel. Deputy Logan went into the adjoining building, Erickson's Saloon, and got bartender Ed Olds and a .30-30 rifle for which they had no ammunition.



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store, McGrath's General Merchandise, and roused a store clerk provided shells for the empty gun and, after loading their guns, and the corner of the store and began shooting diagonally into the the robbers. As soon as they began shooting toward the bank the

robbers' lookout men began to return fire. One of the lookouts was stationed at the west corner of the bank and the other east across the alley and behind a large pile of barbed wire. My wife and mother were watching all of this happen from a window in the upstairs room of our house. They said that there were about 100 shots exchanged. Meanwhile, as the cross-fire was happening, the robbers were dynamiting the bank's safe.

The deputy and the bartender kept firing .30-30 bullets into the bank and soon it became too hot for the robbers so they ran out the back door and fled with their two lookout companions. Being out-numbered, the "good guys" did not attempt to follow the robbers and they waited until daylight to form a posse. No one ventured near the bank until daylight when they could see well enough to discover the robbers' escape route. The posse found that the robbers had gone south through the alley on foot and crossed the railroad tracks down near the south crossing. It was also discovered that the door of the safe had been blown off but the strong box inside the safe had resisted the dynamite. The old safe stood outside for a long time; nothing had been taken. Unfortunately, the inside of the bank was completely wrecked.

A posse was formed which was composed of local cowboys Jot Herron, Oscar Finney, Pres Conners, Johnny Smith and young Elmo Porter. They picked up the tracks of the robber's horses on the east side of the railroad tracks and proceeded northeast out past the head of Crab Creek and on to potholes near Willow Lake where they found that the gang of robbers had left their horses and had proceeded on foot. Over the brow of a pothole the posse saw four men lying down in the brush. The posse was well-armed and they covered the four would-be bank robbers with their guns and ordered them to surrender, which they did without resistance. Each member of the posse placed a robber in front of them on their horse and returned to Ephrata. Their approach into town brought a lot of excitement; everyone wanted to get a good luck at the bad guys.

The captives were taken to a restaurant for a meal and then they were held prisoner at my store until about 4:00 p.m. when the train arrived. They were put aboard the train and taken to Wenatchee; from there they were transported to Waterville, the county seat of Douglas County. This was prior to Grant County forming and splitting off from Douglas County in 1909.

Two of the robbers turned out to be ex-convicts and the other two were drifters they had picked up along the way. It was reported that the group of men had been around Ephrata all day of the robbery "casing the place". All four were tried and pled guilty for attempted bank robbery and were given prison terms. Even in early days the "best laid plans" could be thwarted by the law. In this case, the law and a woman."