

# Tigerville News

*"Remembering the Past – Celebrating the Present"*

*Tenth Edition – May 2013*

*Ephrata, Washington*

*Beverly Mayer*

## **Ephrata High School 100-Year Reunion**

**Launch Party.** Ephrata High School Principal Dan Martel welcomed alumni, teachers, administrators, and support staff who gathered to celebrate the official beginning of the 2014 EHS-100 Reunion celebrating the



100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first graduating class from EHS. He expressed his gratitude to the reunion committee and confirmed the commitment of the school's staff and students to work with the committee to put on a memorable event in June 2014.

Honored guests at the party, held April 12<sup>th</sup>, were to be Elaine Daling Porter and William "Bill" Robinson, graduates of the EHS Class of 1938. Bill was not able to attend, nevertheless he was honored right along with Elaine. Elaine is shown looking over a picture of 1938's nineteen class members who attended the "green, two-story skyscraper", the Lincoln School, which was located in the current school's parking lot. Elaine moved to Ephrata during her high school years. She was active in the school's art department and school plays; she earned a school letter for her activities (which she still has). Elaine married her high school sweetheart Jack Porter who was also a member of the class and they made their home in Ephrata.



Most high school students in the 50s, 60s, and 70s remember Elaine as the lady who ruled over the luncheon-fountain at the Ephrata Drug where she was famous for her wide variety of aprons-one for every day of the work week. From 1950 to 1975 she served up the lime-cokes and chocolate shakes to students looking for a treat after a day at school. She said she was "usually treated with respect" and "had fun".

Bill Robinson is familiar to many people in Ephrata. He has spent all but five years of his life living in the city. Bill's time was limited for extra-curricular activities during his high schools years; he spent a lot of time helping out at his father's meat market. The school annual identified him as "the best butcher in town!" He has wonderful memories of growing up in Ephrata.

Bill has always been involved in civic activities; he is the go-to man if a question comes up about the history of Ephrata. He has always connected to the local young people; serving on the Ephrata School Board for 15 years and as KOVE chaperone for many years.



Elaine and Bill are two valued citizens in the Ephrata community and they are special in the history of Ephrata High School. They are the first, and only, Ephrata High School graduates to reach their 75<sup>th</sup> class reunion year. The EHS-100 Reunion Committee is pleased to be able to celebrate the history of EHS by honoring the graduates of the Class of 1938. If you wish to congratulate them on their 75<sup>th</sup> graduation anniversary you can reach Elaine at 1311 D St. SW and Bill at 222 Maringo Rd. – both Ephrata WA 98823.

During the launch party Elaine was honored by the Ephrata High School Chamber Choir with their rendition of the 1911 school song “Orange and the Black”. The choir is directed by Tim O’Donnell. Hearing this song after 75 years brought back many happy memories for Elaine of her days as a student at EHS.



### **“ORANGE AND THE BLACK”**

Clarence B. Mitchell

1911

**Although Quincy’s always favored, the violets dark blue,  
And the gentle sons of Hartline, to the crimson rose are true,  
We will own the lilies slender, not honor shall they lack,  
While the tiger stands defender of the Orange and the Black.**

**Thro’ the four long years of high school, midst the scenes we love so well,  
As the mystic charm to knowledge, we vainly seek to spell;  
Or we win athletic vict’ries on the football field or track,  
Still we work for dear Ephrata, and the Orange and the Black.**

**When the cares of life o’re take us, mingling fast our locks with gray,  
Should our dearest hopes betray us, false fortune, fall away,  
Still we banish care and sadness as we turn our mem’ries back,  
And recall those days of gladness, ‘neath the Orange and the Black.**

The school colors of orange and black and the Tiger as mascot were designated in 1911. In the 1910-1911 school year there was only a freshman class in Ephrata High School. For the next three years a class was added – sophomore class in 1911-1912, junior in 1912-1913, and finally a senior class in 1913-1914. In the 1949 Tiger Tracks annual the “Fight On!” song appeared, written by Doris Correll (Matlock). Over the years a few words have been changed, but in general it has retained its original wording.

EHS-100 Reunion Committee Treasurer Denver Morford awarded Ephrata High School freshman Krista Claussen her cash prize of \$100.00 for creating the winning poster design in the contest sponsored by the EHS-100 Reunion Committee. The cash award was generously provided by Denver and his wife Sarah of Barry's Chrysler in Ephrata. Krista's poster, along with nine other of the top poster designs, was on display during the launch party.



A committee report, presented by EHS-100 Reunion Committee Chairman Bev Mayer, reminded alumni and school supporters that it is important that all alumni, former administrators, teachers and support staff are made aware of the June 2014 event. The reunion website is a big help in spreading the word, but the established network of class leaders needs to do its part in making sure all of their classmates are aware of and have the opportunity to attend the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary reunion. During the launch party Garner Sears, Ephrata High School freshman, provided a power-point demonstration show-casing the reunion's website - ehs-100.com. Webmaster Greg Folsom, of Phoenix, keeps the website information up to date.

Financially, the reunion committee is associated with the Ephrata High School Alumni Association. With the association's support the committee has begun developing income generating projects, but the majority of operating expenses will be dependent upon cash donations from alumni and friends of EHS. There will be no reunion fee so donations will be important. Excess funds collected by the reunion committee will remain with the alumni association for its scholarship program. Mike and Grace Nelson signed up new Alumni Association members during the launch party. See EHS Alumni Association information on ehs-100.com. Mike Lehmann, EHS Alumni Association reunion committee representative, is shown thanking Judi Woods and Jan Barr for their contribution to the reunion's funding.



Jan Barr, Judi Woods, and Melinda Farmer provided a beautiful quilt for a raffle. All three women are members of the EHS Class of 1958. Raffle tickets will go on sale in September 2013 with the drawing for the winner to take place during the EHS-100 Reunion in 2014. Appropriately, the quilt is 100" x 100"; it features a wide variety of fabrics in black, white and dark red. Details for the sale of raffle tickets will be announced by September.

Numerous alumni have already found ways that they can contribute to the reunion events and planning: the Sieverkropp family is supplying storage space for reunion committee supplies at the Beezley Stor-All, Cheryl Jeney is tracking down inexpensive easels for display projects, Denver Morford will provide the use of a truck for the committee's entry in this year's Sage 'N Sun parade, Mike Scellick of the Sole Performance presented executive board members with polo shirts which features the reunion's logo designed by former EHS graduate and teacher Gary Archer, and several alumni provided the cupcake refreshments for the launch party.



There are lots of ways to contribute and you don't have to live in Ephrata to do it! All persons interested in helping out with reunion planning will be greeted with open arms. All ideas from the many generations of EHS graduates will be considered. Keep up with activities and projects and see where you can fit in! Contact "Contact Us" on website to share your thoughts or to volunteer for committee participation.

Ephrata School Superintendent Jerry Simon addressed the launch party audience; unveiling some of Ephrata School District's plans for educating the attendees at the 2014 reunion on the progress and success that the district has achieved in its years since 1902. The reunion, celebrating 100 years since the first graduation, is being looked upon as a very important occasion in the history of the Ephrata Schools. Pictured:



Superintendent Jerry Simon, Committee Chair Beverly Mayer, Vice-Chair Gail Smith, Treasurer Denver Morford, and Secretary Barb Deycous. Other executive board members include EHS Alumni Association Rep. Mike Lehmann, EHS Librarian/Liaison Kathleen Allstot, and Webmaster Greg Folsom.



After the evening's program, guests enjoyed refreshments. Sharon Spofford and Barb Deycous, chairpersons, served orange and black decorated cupcakes, coffee, and punch. They were joined in this picture by Sherri Patterson and Linda Ebberson.

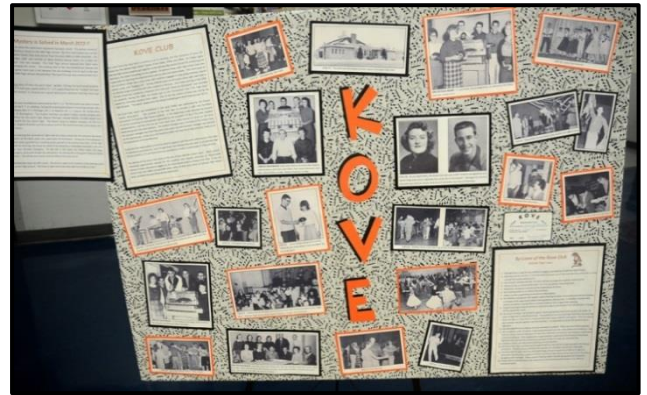
Guests also enjoyed a variety of activities: the top ten poster design entries were on display as well as the raffle quilt; there was an Ephrata High School Alumni Association information table, student's historical display, Kove information board, ehs-100.com power point demonstration, and student-led school tours; making for an enjoyable evening. Thanks to office staff member Sandi Black every party-goer had the opportunity to go to the EHS office and obtain a copy of their grade transcript from their days at the school.

The success of the party was due in part to student participation. School leaders, attired in bright orange reunion-designed tee-shirts, assisted with set-up, serving refreshments, and acting as tour-guides. The most appreciated were the speedy clean-up crew! The students and their advisor Kathleen Allstot displayed a lot of enthusiasm for the up-coming celebration. Over the next year the reunion committee will be calling upon this group of young people (minus the 2013 graduates) to assist with various projects. Principal Martel has confirmed the school's full co-operation and participation.

Party assistants included: Associated Student Body officers Hannah Gunderson and Hunter Sears, shown setting up the sound system. Other officers and officers-elect included Monae Hendrickson, Astride Hamm, Freddie Hamm, Chance Flanigan, Kristin McDonnell, Evan McMartin, Lana Sween, and Matt Mortimer. The members of this group of students are high academic achievers and have chosen to serve their school with positive actions.



The Kove Club poster board drew a lot of attention since many of the attendees had no idea that students in the 1940s to 1960s had a club which was designed strictly for the enjoyment of students during after-school hours. Many of the students of today were impressed with this type of opportunity early-day students had for having fun. The club was managed by students with adult supervision. Dancing to the juke box was the main activity. The information board also revealed the meaning of the name kove, a long-time mystery. It seems it would have been more accurately spelled as “cove”. Kove was founded, “in a building that had, upon entry, a painted picture of a pirate! The whole decorative scheme followed the pirate trend.” There was a fully-stocked snack bar and tables and chairs – much like a night club. For full details on the history of Kove, make request through “Contact Us” on the website.



Ephrata High School students prepared a story board, pictures, and memorabilia display. Shown at the left is Marj Burkhart and to the right Anna Key and EHS Principal Dan Martel enjoying the display. The oldest artifact of EHS is a bronze tablet with the words, “Set a High Price on Your Leisure Moments” neatly engraved. It was presented to the school by the Ephrata Women’s Study Club at the dedication of the first high school in March 1915. The tablet currently hangs in the school library.



Just over 100 people were signed in to the EHS-100 Launch Party by greeters Janet Nelson and Marj Burkhart. Among those were sisters Joan Burd Archer, Class of 1943, and Norma Lee Burd Scheib, Class of 1946. They have been life-long area residents and came, “to find out what was going on.” See the following May Day story with Joan featured as the May Queen.

With the support and encouragement of Ephrata alumni such as Joan and Norma Lee, the EHS-100 Reunion committee will be keeping in mind three things in order to properly recognize this momentous occasion. First, how can we best honor the history of Ephrata High School? Second, how can we celebrate the present-day Ephrata High School? And third, how can we show the future graduates of Ephrata High School how lucky they are to be an Ephrata Tiger? Through a variety of projects and events the committee will strive to put on a celebration that will reach across the generations and bring pleasure to all who return to Ephrata in June 2014.



See you at the EHS-100 Reunion! We guarantee a once-in-a-lifetime experience filled with memories, friends and enjoyment.

*Elaine and Tiger Mascot*

Launch party photos courtesy of Randy Bracht of the Grant County Journal.

## Ephrata High School Past and Present 1943 May Court



Joan Burd  
May Queen



From the 1943 annual, "The annual crowning of the May Queen was held at the Junior Prom following the Junior-Senior Banquet. Queen Joan Burd was crowned by the student body president Lester Morton after the effective Royal Procession. The court was composed of four girls chosen from each of the upper classes. They were: Seniors – Princesses Carol Vincent, Anne Lemon, Ruth Scheib and Lois Salter. Junior Princesses - Marie Woods, Eudocia Smith, Frances Castleman and Fontelle Wykoff.

"Following the coronation and grand march, which was led by Mr. and Mrs. Everett Luse, the Queen and her Court danced the Queen's Waltz. The princesses and queen for this ceremony were elected by the student body and were chosen for their leadership, beauty, and personality."

Queen Joan Burd (Archer) was an active student. Activities bio: Girls Club secretary-treasurer, Pep Club secretary-treasurer, Glee Club, Sextet, Operettas, Swing-Trio accompanist, Typing Team, May Festival attendant, Drum Majorette, Tennis, Junior Vodvil, Annual Co-editor, Student Body secretary-treasurer.

The theme for the 1943 annual had a military theme as this was war time. The history of the 1943 class is as follows. In the year 1939 thirty-three raw recruits enlisted at Ephrata High School to fit themselves for the "Battle of Life".





By the year 1942-43 the group were seasoned veterans, carrying the name and position of supreme seniors with dignity and pride. Martin Kriete was honored with the presidency but left to serve his country in the Navy. The vice-president, Roberta Schrag, was then advanced to his rank. The Junior-Senior play, "What a Life", was presented April 9 to an appreciative audience. Under the Generalship of Miss Fouts, our adviser, the great victory of the year was the successful strategy that occupied the heights and planted a triumphant "43" on the hill while the sleeping juniors were not on the alert.

On May 19, 1943, nineteen seniors were "mustered" out of Ephrata High School under the colors of white and gold and with the class motto, "Not the end but the beginning". Our training was thorough and pleasant and we feel well-equipped for active combat in the "Battle of Life".

Class members: Row 1-Earl Matthews, Lois Salter, Roberta Schrag, Martin Kriete. Row 2-Vila Walker, John Elliot, Jayne Douglass, Wesley Woods, Barbara Jone. Row 3-Vic Schempp, Ruth Scheib, Elinor Drittenbass, Lester Morton. Row 4-Elsie Heer, Carol Vincent, Janice Robinson, Joan Burd, Anne Lemon.

## *Tiger Tales*

### **EHS Student Body News with Hunter Sears**

**Graduation.** As of May 1<sup>st</sup> only 38 days until graduation and counting down! Graduation for the Class of 2013 is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup> at Ephrata High School's Kiwanis Field.

**Year-end Activities.** Elections will be taking place for class executive boards. The 2013-2014 Tigerettes Dance team members have been announced. Sports seasons are winding down with State competition on the horizon. The Future Farmers of America have held their awards banquet. The "Fire and Ice" Prom is set for May 5<sup>th</sup>. Spanish Club has a trip planned to Eastern Washington University. Cabaret Night master of ceremonies auditions are under way. Baccalaureate planning meetings are being held. Senior parents are collecting slideshow pictures for the senior reception. Seniors are receiving award and scholarship information; along with college acceptance letters. And, with all of this activity, there are senior projects, class papers, and final exams to prepare for!

**Send-off.** Students participating in the Washington State Solo and Ensemble Contest in Ellensburg received a police escort from the high school to the Ephrata city limits on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Michael Bosnar, who qualified to perform as a soloist, scored two superior and one excellent rating. Two groups of sixteen, the Harmonia and the Willow Girls, competed in the ensemble division. The Harmonia scored with three superior ratings while the Willow Girls scored in each rating of superior, excellent, and good. EHS students are very proud of their classmates' superior efforts and the quality of the school's music program.

**Mr. Senior Competition.** The annual fundraiser, with a “Back to the Future” theme, played to a standing-room-only crowd. Bryan Heer was named Mr. Ephrata Senior 2013. Runners-up were Tyler Clark and Benny Carter. Also competing for the title were Garrett Devine, Justin Dourte, Evan McMartin, Calvin Callahan, and Hunter Sears. Master of Ceremonies Dr. Emmett Brown, aka teacher/coach Dave Johnson and his sidekick Marty McFly (Byron Riche) returned the Mr. Senior competitors, their escorts, and the audience 28 years into the past with hilarious results. The senior boys competed in talent, physical fitness, and impromptu speaking contests. The event, in its eighth year, will fund the Senior Grad Night Party.

**Plant Sale.** The Future Farmers of America will open up the school’s greenhouse for its annual public plant sale on May 3rd. Bedding plants, flowers, and hanging baskets, grown by the EHS horticulture class, will be available as long as they last. This is a popular community participation school project so arrive early!

**Ag Expo/Farm Forum.** Members of the Future Farmers of America participated in the Ag Expo in Spokane. Chapter member Kristy Bowers earned a \$100 scholarship for her first place essay explaining “Why Ethics Are Important to My Future.” Congratulations Kristy!

The chapter has been participating in activities including food science and floral contests. They also took part in a milk quality and dairy products career development event in Ritzville. They recently put on a school assembly to promote club participation and recognized the many different service clubs of the school.

**FBLA Report.** Abigail McGuire, Future Business Leaders of America chapter president, earned recognition for a Future Level, Business Achievement Award. Matt Mortimer will lead the group as chapter president for the 2013-2014 school years. Monae Hendrickson was selected as Outstanding Chapter member for her efforts in the club this year. During the State Conference held April 25-27 in Spokane, Abigail placed first in Word Processing II and Stenn Monson placed second in Accounting I. Way to go FBLA!

**Sports Information.** The spring sports competitions are coming to a close. Some of the teams have found themselves in possible contention for district, regional, and state events while others find their competition days ending at regular-season’s end. The Tiger boy’s track and field, tennis, and golf teams are continuing with their winning seasons. Baseball and boys soccer are out of further competitions. Girls Fastpitch is standing in sixth place in the CWAC and depending on how they finish out the end of the season will determine post-season play. Girl’s tennis, golf, and track and field teams are finishing in good position in the league standings. Several stand-out athletes are looking to leave their mark in the record books of EHS.

**National Honor Society.** Thirty-four new members were inducted into the Ephrata Chapter of the National Honor Society bring pre-graduation membership to 93 members. Officers for 2013-2014 include President Brice Turnbull, Vice President David Swenson, Secretary-Treasurer Amairany Martinez, Recycling Chairperson Andrea Lopez, and Concessions Managers McKyna Jacobson and Sarah Pheasant. **Congratulations to new members** Lindsey Bair, Grace Beierman, Kristi Billingsley, Mikaela Bosnar, Loyd Burleson, III, Camille Culbertson, Tressa Davis, Samantha Dowd, Caitlin Downey, Adrianna Flynn, Freddie Hamm, Krystal Ker, Shelby Koch, Abigail McGuire, Alexandra Mickelsen, Vanessa Mofford, Stenn Monson, Sarah Moore, Carley Peters, Riley Pheasant, Chelsea Rollins, Austin Sandberg, Jessica Sandoval, Catherine Scellick, Adriana Simmons, Paige Slane, Holly Sliniger, Leeanna Smith, Chloe Spencer, Megan Spiess, Lana Sween, Alice Turnbull, Josh Williams, and Josie Zabala.

**The June newsletter will appear after graduation ceremonies on June 7.**