



Tigerville News

"Remembering the Past – Celebrating the Present"

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EHS-100 Reunion News

Celebration Time

There isn't much left to be decided by the EHS-100 Reunion committee; all the committee has to do now is pull all the different events and projects together. We look forward to presenting a well planned and executed celebration in order to properly recognize the 100 years since the first class graduated from Ephrata High School. Our goal is to provide a pleasing experience for all those who attend the reunion.

Attendance Contest Winner

Shawn O'Brien – EHS '88 couldn't have gotten much closer in coming up with the correct numbers in the contest sponsored by the reunion committee. On May 1st the pre-registration process for the reunion was "officially" completed. Shawn guessed that 675 alumni would register by this date. He also guessed that a total of 1050 would pre-register for this event including administrators, teachers, support staff and guests. His winning numbers are 674 and 1060. Shawn will be awarded a commemorative reunion poster and commemorative coin for his efforts. Shawn was a 13-year student in the Ephrata School system. His competitive nature came naturally as he is the son of Judy and former teacher-coach Marty O'Brien. As a student-athlete at EHS he experienced winning as a member of EHS championship basketball teams.

Hospitality Site

Immediately upon entering Kiwanis Field reunion attendees will be greeted by members of the EHS-100 Reunion committee along with volunteer alumni and friends of Ephrata High School. In this area will be name tags, commemorative coin sales, commemorative booklet sales for those who did not pre-register for the reunion, reunion poster sales, Tiger annual sales, quilt raffle ticket sales, and information regarding the EHS Alumni Association. There will also be a donation jar for those who wish to support the cost of bring the reunion to its completion. Since there is no fee collected to attend EHS-100 Reunion committee events, donations will be happily accepted. Many have already sent in donations and for that the committee is very grateful – it has kept us afloat. All funds not put toward reunion expenses will go to the EHS Alumni Association for establishing future scholarships to EHS graduates. Opposite the hospitality site will be a wall made up of attendance reports so that you will know who you can look for in the mass of people now numbering nearly 1200.

There will be a photo-op area beneath the football scoreboard. A variety of posters will be displayed on the Tiger running track during Saturday and Sunday activities at Kiwanis Field. On Saturday an eleven-decade display of automobiles will be offered for viewing on the football field.

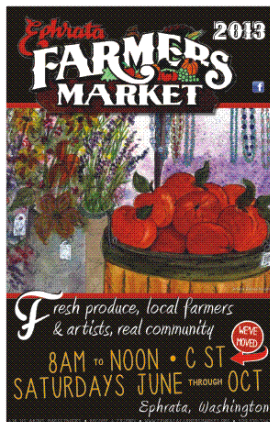
Don't forget that Saturday, starting at 9:30 a.m., you can join anyone and everyone who wants to participate in the Tiger Track Walk around the EHS track at Kiwanis Field. Lots of music, lots of prizes, lots of fun.

Individual/Class Participation

It is not too late to pull your classmates together. May 15 the attendance records on Register Now page will be updated and you can see who is coming from your class. Contact your fellow class attendees and create name tags, shirts, hats, to identify your class. Plan a gathering at one of the local eateries in Ephrata. Lots of places to choose from. The gathering doesn't have to be elaborate... just get together to reminisce about your good ole days at EHS.

Students Learn About 1914 School Children

EHS Senior Ana Rose Lyles-Riebli presented a program at Grant School Elementary painting a picture of what life was like for a young student one hundred years ago; taking them through a typical day of that time. It was early-rising, milking cows, gathering eggs, walking to school; then drawing water and bringing in wood for the woodstove before they even began school work. She explained how after the student's journey back home the family would work together to keep a good home and to provide for the necessities of life. Ana Rose was dressed in period clothing similar to what a young teacher would have worn. Beverly Mayer provided a showing of antique items that the students would have encountered during their day – tobacco can lunch box, schoolyard toys, butter churn, scrub board and kerosene lamp. The students in Ms. Jenna Mayer's third grade class wore clothing and hats from that time – much to the delight of their fellow students.



Invitation from the Community

The Ephrata Farmer's Market is holding its grand opening of their season on Saturday June 7. The event will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 12noon in front of the Grant County Courthouse on C Street with a ribbon cutting ceremony featuring the elementary school principals at 9:00 a.m.

Attendees of the EHS-100 Reunion are invited to stop by and see how vital the local economy in their hometown has become. There will be live music, free coffee and scones. The Market features fresh locally grown produce, handcrafted items, and delicious baked goods. The Market is open weekly on Saturdays from June through Octobercome rain or shine.

Cloudview Eco Farm

A major participant in local area farmer's markets is the Cloudview Ecofarms, a non-profit organization composed of two farms, "Royal" and "Ephrata". The eco farm is focused on experiential education, community involvement, and ecological farming. Their work involves providing a variety of produce for the local community through a 75-member CSA, farmers markets, and direct sales to restaurants, institutions, and schools. They provide learning opportunities and workshops to the community and work toward improving the farm planning and methods they practice.

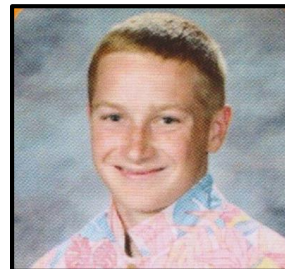


Jim Baird and Jamie Baird, both Ephrata High School graduates, invite you to join them on the "Ephrata" farm located at 17305 Frey Rd, just past Ephrata High School. You can learn more about the Bairds' operation at cloudviewecofarm.org. Contact can be made through the site for personalized information.

Ephrata High School Present

Tiger Tales

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

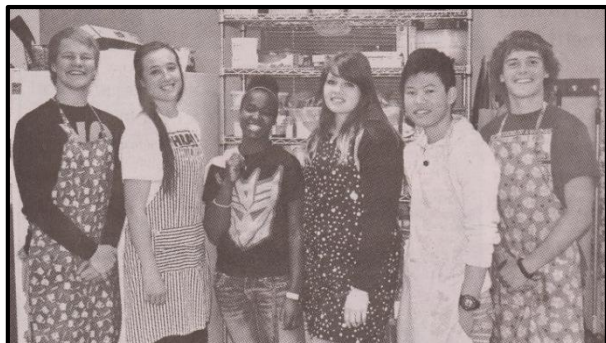


I will have graduated by the time the next edition of the newsletter appears on-line; involved in summer work to help with my college expenses. I have enjoyed attending the EHS-100 Reunion committee meetings and reporting on the activities of the students of Ephrata High School. I appreciate the interest and support that the reunion committee has shown me. I am looking forward to celebrating the reunion and having the opportunity to meet graduates from past years. The opening ceremonies will have a special meaning for me because the members of the EHS-100 Reunion committee have invited me to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. I will also play a part in unveiling the Celebration Bell – a commemorative gift to Ephrata High School.

Classroom Activities. As the school year winds down effort has stepped up to complete a variety of classroom and school organization projects. The AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) class, taught by EHS graduate Mikki Johns, recently completed 375 pillowcase dresses for impoverished children in Haiti and other disadvantage countries around the world. According to a class member, “knowing there are places in need, and knowing you’ve made a difference in someone’s life makes you feel accomplished and warm on the inside.” Community members donated money and materials for the project.



New ASB Officers. Newly elected ASB officers at Ephrata High School recently prepared breakfast for EHS teachers and staff. Elected to lead the students during the 2014-15 school year are (l-r) Publicity Manager Tucker Merchant, Vice President Grace Beierman, President Freddie Ham, Girls Social Chairman Chelsea Rollins, Treasurer-elect Son Bui, Boys Social Chairman Gavin Barnes and (not pictured) Secretary Chloe Spencer and Treasurer Camille Culbertson. The new student council officially takes office in May during the school’s annual dodge ball tournament and yearbook signing party.



Mr. Senior Pageant. The ninth annual Ephrata High School Mr. Senior competition took on a new meaning this year. With the theme “Calling All Superheroes”, eight seniors showed off their worthiness to be superheroes while dedicating their participation in the pageant to ESD employee Scott Kolves and his son Korey who recently died in a tragic accident. Matthew Mortimer was named Mr. Senior. Other participants were Dylan Benthem, Troy Christensen, Jonnie Green, Zach Friend, Jacob Laird, Brice Turnbull and Brandon Aldaco. Proceeds from the show goes toward funding graduation night party. Good job guys!

Congratulations. At the Washington Dance State Championship recently held at the Sun Dome in Yakima, the EHS Tigerettes dance team earned a rating of “Excellent” for their performance. They really deserve this award as they are a hardworking team and deserve to be recognized. Team member Alejandra Mendoza received a \$600 scholarship from the Washington State Dance Drill Coaches Association (WSDDCA). She is the first EHS student to earn this scholarship. Also honored was EHS athletic director Michele Webb who was named WSDDCA Athletic Director of the Year for 2014. Dance team coach Sally Kaatz was honored with a 40-year service award for coaching dance teams in Washington State for four decades. The school is proud of all of you.

Honors. During the recent EHS Academic Awards Evening 40 EHS students were inducted into the National Honor Society. Loyd Burleson III was elected to serve as the new president, Alice Turnbull as vice president, Tressa Davis as secretary/treasurer, Camille Culbertson and Kristi Billingsley, fundraising chairs; and Krystal Ker as recycling chairman. Awards were presented to members of the Knowledge Bowl Team, Math Team and Future Business Leaders of America.



Sports. The spring sports season is entering into the league and district competitions. The Tiger Boys Track Team finds themselves in the position to make a run at adding a few more championships to their record. The team has extended their CWAC winning streak to 52 straight meets. Johnnie Green has been consistently winning the 100-200-400 meter races. He is ranked “best in state” in the 100 and 400 races. His 400-meter time of 48.44 ranks him 51st nationally. Green has plenty of teammates adding to the success of the team. He, along with Jacob Laird, disc and shot-put, and Chance Flanigan, pole vault, placed in the top five of the Shoreline Invitational which featured 52 teams from across the state. Brice Turnbull also competed in the 1600-meter event at the meet.

The Girls Track Team recently recorded a sweep in CWAC dual competition with Prosser and Wapato. Top finishers were Haley Berryman-400 meters, Danielle Hiatt-1600 meter run, Alice Turnbull-100 and 300 meter hurdles, the 800 meter relay team of Turnbull, Potoicchio, Williams and Harman; Casey Etter-shot put, Elizabeth Novik-Javelin, and Madison Youngers-high jump. The league season ends May 15 with a dual meet with Othello and West Valley.

The Boys Soccer team finished out their home season with an exciting 3-2 come-from-behind win over Ellensburg. The team rallied with two goals in the final 10 minutes. The team is 3 wins, 6 losses in league.

The Girls Fast-pitch Team has their playoff destiny in their own hands. According to Coach Wood, “If the team wins their next four games, we’re in. If not, there may have to be a tiebreaker. We just have to make sure we play our game and don’t have mental errors”.

The Tennis Teams went to the “big city” to participate in one of the largest invitational tournaments in the state which featured more than 50 teams and 800 players. At the Inland Empire Classic Tournament the Tiger singles and doubles teams failed to place but, according to Coach Beierman, “The kids all gained some experience and were able to play multiple matches in one day. Hopefully this will help them when districts come around.” She commended first-doubles team Stenn Monson and Garner Sears with having a great match; they had their chances in the super tie-breaker but couldn’t get the final point.”

The Tiger Baseball Team finished in third place in CWAC competition. May 14 the Tigers will begin competition in the single-elimination round of the CWAC-2A, District 5/6 Championship Tournament.

Ephrata High School Past

Changes in Education from the 1996 Tiger Annual

In the past 10 to 20 years or more, education has gone through many changes. Society has generated changes with the flooding of computers and technology. And many other influences have sparked change. Some of the EHS Staff members took a trip down memory lane and reflected on changes in our society and schools in particular.

"The most obvious change since I was in school is the way students and teachers dress. Students and staff are much more casual these days. At the beginning of the 60s the girls were still wearing dresses and blouses or sweaters. The boys were wearing clean jeans or slacks without holes or tears. Students did not wear shorts, warm-ups, thermal underwear, spandex, and we always had our shoes tied," commented mathematics teacher Mr. Funk.

Principal, Mr. Carlton also responded to the many changes since the 60s. "Technology of today was non-existent in schools in the 60s. A new electric typewriter was a huge advancement then. Women athletics were NOT near as equal in numbers to men's athletics. We still used a slide rule – calculators did not exist. Vietnam was part of our daily life. Few boys ever took Home and Family courses.

There was not a State Championship developed (that came in the 70s). One could receive a "technical foul" for not raising an arm/hand after being called for a foul in a basketball game and there was no 3-point shot."

History/CWP teacher and baseball coach Mr. Johnson added, "We had films and film strips in class instead of video-tapes. There were records and albums instead of CDs. Cars were bigger, faster, and more powerful. They also used more gas; gas price was 32.9 cents per gallon. Sock hops were popular in the gym some mornings and after school. We didn't wear baseball caps to school."

"We now have dry-erase boards instead of black or green chalk boards. We have fluorescent lights instead of incandescent ones in most cases. We have alternate ways of getting a diploma (Running Start for example). Many classrooms are carpeted. Teachers cannot swat students, now. And, we didn't have to study any history after the Korean War," added special services teacher Mrs. Bernhardt.

No matter the car we drive or the clothes we wear, we are all here for the almighty EDUCATION, just as in the past.

Liberty Bell Visits Ephrata



The Liberty Bell is an iconic symbol of American independence, located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Formerly placed in the steeple of the Pennsylvania State House, now renamed Independence Hall, the bell was commissioned from the London firm of Lester and Pack, today the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, in 1752, and was cast with the lettering, part of Leviticus 25:10, "Proclaim LIBERTY throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." It originally cracked when first rung after arrival in Philadelphia, and was twice recast by local workmen John Pass and John Stow, whose last names appear on the bell. In

its early years, the Liberty Bell was used to summon lawmakers to legislative sessions and to alert citizens to public meetings and proclamations. Likewise, the Ephrata High School Celebration Bell will be rolled out at special assemblies and sporting events so that it can be rung in celebration of those activities.

The Ephrata bell which was recently removed from the 1953 high school building and prepared for display, will be on full view during the EHS-100 Reunion ceremonies beginning with the un-veiling of the bell at the opening ceremonies. Chance Flanigan, chairman of the bell committee, will be joined by 1938 graduates Elaine Daling Porter and Bill Robinson of the class of 1938 in officially presenting the bell to the Ephrata High School student body.

The Liberty Bell viewing came on July 12, 1915. A special train bearing the historical bell, made a half-hour stop at the Ephrata train station. According to the newspaper, "Those who stayed at home to see the Liberty Bell had a better opportunity and more time for viewing it than probably did those who went to other places. It was not definitely known that the train would stop here until Tuesday morning, and bills were printed notifying the people that the train would stop at Ephrata for three minutes between, three and four o'clock in the afternoon. The train did not arrive until 5:45, and an accommodating freight train about a mile long came in about six o'clock and took the siding and helped to delay matters, then the bell car had to wait for the evening passenger train which was about 20 minutes late, and by those delays and switching trains, the people of Ephrata had over half an hour in which to see the bell."

"There was a large crowd present, and the members of the escorting committee handed out booklets giving a history of the bell, and neat souvenir buttons to the people who were eager to accept them."

"Several small children were helped on the car that they might get a better view and touch the bell, and some grown-ups had the pleasure of getting on the car with their cameras and taking snap shots of the historical Liberty Bell."

A Memorable Day in Ephrata Area

From the pages of the National Geographic Magazine

"On the morning of May 18, 1980, many people in eastern Washington noticed dark, threatening clouds approaching from the west. Most thought the clouds were part of one of the enormous thunderstorms common in late spring. However, what they did not know was that at 8:32 a.m. Mount St. Helens had erupted explosively, blasting an enormous column of volcanic ash and gas more than 60,000 feet into the air.

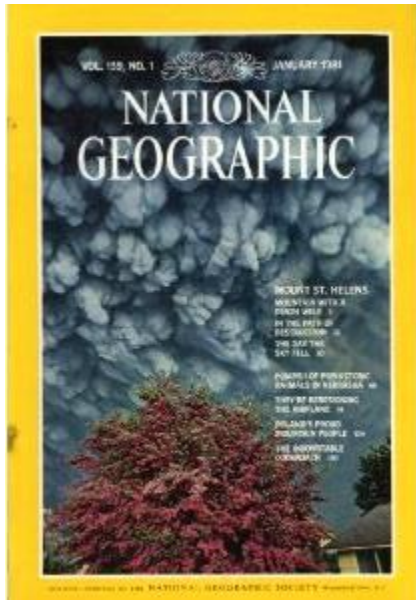
"This surreal-looking photo shows an enormous cloud of volcanic ash approaching the small town of Ephrata, Washington, on the morning of May 18, 1980. The ominous cloud was from Mount St. Helens, 145 miles to the west. The volcano had begun to erupt explosively less than three hours earlier, catching many communities downwind unprepared for the destructive rain of gritty ash that followed. (Copyrighted photos courtesy of Douglas Miller.)



"As the clouds drifted overhead, a rain of ash began to fall, plunging much of the region into darkness that lasted all day. Homes, farms, and roads were quickly covered by as much as 4 inches of gritty ash. The smallest ash particles penetrated machinery and all but the most tightly sealed structures. By the end of the day, more than 500 million tons of ash had fallen onto parts of Washington, Idaho, and Montana. The ash prevented travel throughout much of eastern Washington because of poor visibility, slippery roads, and ash-damaged vehicles, stranding more than 10,000 people and isolating many small communities.



"More than \$1 billion in property and economic losses was caused by Mount St. Helens' 1980 eruption—much of it by ash. Future large explosive eruptions in the United States are certain to produce widespread ash falls and are likely to cause even greater losses. Since 1980, rapid population and economic growth in the Western United States, widespread use of computers and electronics, and the dramatic increase in jet-airline traffic, especially over the North Pacific, have made more people and property in the Nation vulnerable to the effects of volcanic ash. Knowing the characteristics of volcanic ash and being prepared when a volcano shows signs of restlessness can significantly reduce the potential economic and health impacts of airborne and falling ash."



Cover Photo by Douglas Miller

The city of Ephrata was rightfully proud to have a photo taken by Doug Miller, EHS '66 appear on the cover of the National Geographic. Doug and his wife, Madalyn Waltho Miller, EHS '68, for years served the community of Ephrata through their Miller's Photography business. The main purpose of their business was to record the special family happenings of births, baptisms, graduations and weddings. They also served their alma mater; photographing class pictures, senior pictures, school dances, activities and sporting events along with many class reunion gatherings.

Miller's Photography was more than just a business on a side- street of Ephrata. Doug and Madalyn were friendly and gave generously of their time as they went about their business of recording "The Story of Ephrata's People."

1980 Graduation

What do you do when plans for your high school graduation ceremony have seemingly "blown up"? That was the dilemma of the Ephrata High School class of 1980. All of the schools in the Ephrata School District were closed for the year effective Monday, May 19, 1980 – several days earlier than planned.

The ash from the Mount St. Helens eruption left the city with a layer of fine ash which was hazardous to one's health. To reduce health risks, people were advised to avoid breathing ash, wear dust masks and goggles, not use contact lenses, and stay indoors when possible. There were not many vehicles moving around Ephrata because of the uncertainty as to what the ash would do to automobile engines. Due to the unhealthy conditions and safety concerns for their students, the school district felt it was in the best interest of all to close down operations for the 1979-1980 school year.



What about graduation? Tarps were laid on the high school's gymnasium floor; the would-be graduates held a short practice in the morning and returned later that evening to receive their diplomas in an abbreviated ceremony.