

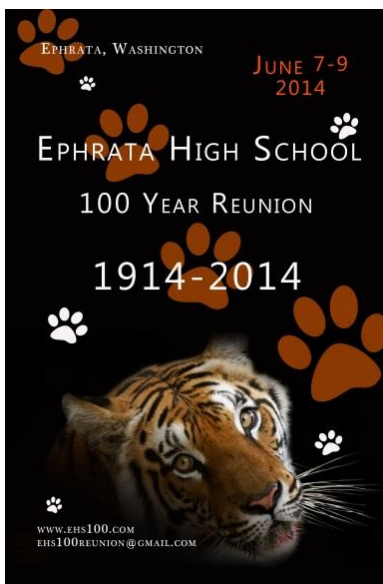
Tigerville News

"Remembering the Past – Celebrating the Present"

Twelfth Edition – August 2013 Ephrata, Washington Beverly Mayer

EHS-100 Reunion Report

Reunion Advertising Posters



If you are a life-time member of the Ephrata High School Alumni Association a copy of the EHS-100 Reunion poster will be mailed to you the second week of September. Your copy of the poster is presented in appreciation of the support that you have shown the association. Want to be a supporter and receive a poster? Check out the Alumni Association page on this website. Mike Lehman, EHS '57, represents the association on the EHS-100 Reunion committee.

Local businesses will be given the opportunity to display the reunion poster in their store windows. It is expected that there will be a great deal of co-operation in this effort. At last count there were at least 35 businesses owned and operated by EHS graduates.

If you would like to purchase a poster for yourself or as a surprise gift to a former classmate, make inquiry at "Contact Us" and you will be advised of the purchasing procedure. Posters will also be available at the June 2014 reunion celebration. The 12" x 18" poster is suitable for framing.

August Meeting of Committee

All interested alumni and friends of Ephrata High School are encouraged to participate in the EHS-100 Reunion committee meetings. The reunion will stretch over many generations of high school graduates. Ideas and opinions of all age groups are encouraged in order to ensure that everyone has a good time when they return to Ephrata to celebrate their time as an Ephrata Tiger and to re-new old friendships. A list of proposed projects will be posted on the ehs-100.com website beginning in September. All alumni, near and far, will be given an opportunity to support the committee's efforts and join in on the process of putting the reunion together. Those with special skills or ideas are encouraged to contact the committee.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 13 at 7:00pm, Ephrata City Hall. The committee is in the planning stages of activities that will be held during the 2013-2014 school year of Ephrata High School. It is working with the staff and members of EHS to plan special events. The reunion celebration will take place June 7-9, 2014 honoring the 100 years since the first graduation held at the school. A weekend of events, programs, and mini-reunions is planned. Search the ehs-100.com website for details on a variety of topics.

Financing the Reunion Celebration

The EHS-100 Reunion will have no attendance fees associated with the celebration. It is the intent of the committee to host school alumni and to thank the community of Ephrata for their support over the years by including them in the festivities. The financial success of the EHS-100 Reunion is dependent, in part, on donations from alumni, former administrators and staff of Ephrata School District and Ephrata High School and supporters of the school. The committee will be hosting events and planning a variety of projects that will financially aid in the committee's efforts. **Consider.....**

1. Making a direct donation to the EHS-100 Reunion committee. Check out "Reunion Funding" on this website.
2. Joining the Ephrata High School Alumni Association and your membership fee will go toward supporting the reunion as well as set up funding for scholarships to be awarded to future EHS graduates. For details go to "Alumni Association".
3. Participating in the "50 With \$5.00" Challenge. At this date \$1445.00 has been donated in \$5.00 bills. Go to "Tiger Talk" for full accounting of classes involved in challenge and how additional classes can become involved.
4. Purchasing a copy of the EHS-100 commemorative poster. Open up "Contact Us" to submit order or check ordering information and details on "Tiger Talk".
5. Purchasing raffle tickets for quilt created by members of the Class of 1958. Full details will be posted on this website beginning in September regarding availability of tickets. Check out the quilt design and its creators in the May 2013 issue of the ehs-100.com newsletter.
6. Purchasing an annual from the past. Several past-year annuals have been donated for sale. Check out the list of available years and print out order form found at "Tiger Talk".

As time progresses the committee will be offering other opportunities for individuals and corporate sponsors to become involved. Those opportunities will be included in future newsletters and on the "Tiger Talk" portion of the ehs-100 website. All excess funds from the reunion account will be donated to the Ephrata Alumni Association for its future use in supporting EHS. A full accounting of reunion expenses will be made available upon request.

Ephrata High School Past and Present

Sage Hills High School



In the last issue of the Tigerville News the commencement ceremony of the EHS Class of 2013 was reported. It is also important to tell the story of the Sage Hills High School's sixth annual ceremony. Sage Hills is the Ephrata School District's alternative learning program for grades 8-12; approximately 59 students. The school was established beginning with the 2004-05 school year. Ephrata School Board president Bob Herzog and Superintendent Dr. Jerry Simon awarded diplomas to:

Marcine Solina Avila
Kayla Dawn Beezley
Thomas James Beezley
Sabrina Teresa Flores
Gabriel Gaona Pena
Matthew Mark Grace
Sarena Marie Greenhaw
Tyler Steele Greenhaw

Naum Toribio Guzman
Ayla Christyne Hall
Caitlin Michael Halperin
Joshua Charles Johnson
Zachary Kristopher Kallstrom
Aisha Mary Merred
Justin Gage Moreno
Micheal Brandon Rieve

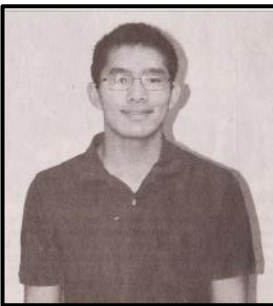
Ashlee Kae Schweiger
Dillon James Severin
Dakota Lane Sewell
Jimmie Benjamin Simon
Chelsea DeeAnne Smith
Christopher Sean Young
Jeffrey Micheal Vinson

* Aisha Merred w/Bob Herzog

Principal Charlotte Throgmorton welcomed family and friends of the classmates, saying, "The room is filled with support for these students", as indeed it was. Student speaker Dillon Severin encouraged his classmates to "have faith in yourself so you can do great things". Cami DeHoog, in her fourth consecutive appearance as the faculty speaker, congratulated the graduates for their hard work "to get to this point". She hopes the graduates will have confidence to state their own opinions and perspectives "in a positive way", along with the confidence in their abilities and "the many contributions that they have to make".

Washington All-State Marching Band

On July 1st, as members of the 150-member Washington All-State High School Marching Band, Ephrata High School students Tate Sircin and Matthew Mortimer participated in ceremonies at Mount Vernon in Virginia and appeared briefly on Good Morning America. On July 4th they performed with the marching band in Philadelphia's Independence Day Parade. The student musicians represented 53 high schools from around Washington State. Prior to their performances they had to memorize "America" and "This Is My Country" along with learning five other patriotic-themed songs. They were nominated for this honor by Ephrata band instructor Larry Anderson.



Both Tate, a sophomore, and Matthew, a senior, are members of the EHS symphonic and jazz bands. Tate alternates between playing the trombone, baritone, tuba and sousaphone while Matthew plays both the alto and baritone saxophones. Both began their band experience while in the sixth grade.

Tate to the left, Matthew at right.



In addition to their performances the band was able to tour the White House and national memorial sites in Washington D. C. In Philadelphia they toured Independence Hall, cruised on the Delaware River and enjoyed Philly's Fourth of July Jam. Tate and Matthew both agree that it was a memorable experience and EHS can be proud of these fine representatives of the school.

Fall Sports Schedule

The fall sports schedule for Ephrata High School team sports of football, volleyball, girls soccer, cross country, and girls swimming, have been set. The first weekend of activity features a football game at home against Quincy on Friday, September 6th with the girls soccer team going up against Cashmere on the 7th. A preview of the teams' expectations will appear in the September edition of the Tigerville News.



History in the Making

For the first time in the Ephrata High School's 100-year-long history the Tiger girls swim team, in its seventh season, will host a meet in Ephrata. On September 14th Ephrata's SplashZone aquatic center will be the site of the Eastern Washington Jamboree with nine teams expected to compete. Other competitions for the 2A Lady Tigers will be held in a co-op with Moses Lake High School swim team with competition in the class 4A-3A Big 9 League.

Principal Retires

Jill Palmquist, a member of Ephrata High School's Class of 1977, retired at the end of the 2012-2013 school year as Ephrata Middle School principal. After 22 years of working in Fife as a teacher and middle school assistant principal she returned to finish out her career back where it all began in her hometown of Ephrata.



Jill attended school in Ephrata for 12 years where "watching the teachers at Ephrata inspired her to work for a career in education". She "couldn't imagine any scenario where she would come back home to teach or finish her career". After applying for and being hired as the EMS principal her former teachers joked that "it was appropriate for her to end up in the principal's office because she spent so much time there while she was in school". Jill's decision to apply for the principal's position was due in part to an agreement that she jokingly made with her late-father Ken Palmquist. The two made a hand-shaking deal that she would wrap up her education career by her mid-50s; she later made a decision to retire in Eastern Washington.

Principal Palmquist was very impressed while working with the staff at EMS, referring to them as "fabulous, world-class teachers who make decisions with the best interest of the student in mind". Further, "the teachers and aides are open to change, willing to try new ideas and hold kids to high standards". The staff and students would agree that, Miss "P", as she became affectionately known by some of her students, was indeed herself a world-class person and leader.

While a student at EHS Jill was active in the sports of basketball and track. During the 1976-77 basketball season she was the only senior on the team, leading the way in rebounding and was second in scoring. The girls basketball team, in its fourth year of league competition, finished with a 15-win, 5-loss season. The team qualified for state competition for the first time in the history of EHS.



1976-77 Varsity Basketball Team. Back row: Margo Myers, Nina Kuhlman, Marti Norfleet, Sharon Wiersma, Michele Ratigan, Laurie Carnevali, Sue Lund, and Sheila Palmer. Front row: Ann Kidston, Linda Bye, Jill Palmquist, and Teresa Smick.

During State Track and Field Competition in 1976 Jill was 6th in the discus throw at 106' 11". She improved in 1977 for a throw of 124' 5"; winning the state championship award. In 1977 she also placed 4th in the shot put with a distance of 39' 4". In George Smether's book on EHS track and field school records she ranks third all-time in both the shot put and discus events.

Note: Principal Palmquist's replacement is Ken Murray, EHS Class of 1995. Another EHS graduate, Scott Monson, Class of 1980, is principal at Ephrata's Columbia Ridge Elementary School.

Teacher Remembered



Over the years certain teachers in the Ephrata School District have served as special role models for their students. One such person was Mary Monson who passed away on July 30, 2013. After all four children of her children were in school Mary went to Central Washington University where she earned her education degree, teaching certificate and Master's degree. While she was a teacher at Grant Elementary School and a coach for the Ephrata Tiger tennis team she touched many lives in her positive way. She was greatly involved in her church, community and with people; the ripple effect of her attitude and actions will be touching people for years to come.

Former students and friends have the opportunity to honor Mrs. Monson and other teachers who shared her love and concern for the students of the Ephrata Schools. Memorials may be presented to the Ephrata School District to be used to provide for children in need of warm clothing and shoes. Mail to: Mary Monson Memorial, Ephrata School District Office, 499 C St. NW, Ephrata WA 98823.

Ephrata Past and Present

Reminders of the Past

Two recent news reports of the Ephrata area has brought to mind stories from Ephrata's past. Reports are of the air surrounding Ephrata which is filled with a smoky reminder that a huge fire is burning in nearby Chelan and Kittitas Counties on the opposite side of the Columbia River from Grant County. The Colockum Tarps Fire has burned over 80,000 acres of mostly uninhabited sage and grasslands and has destroyed four primary residences along with numerous outbuildings. In its early day, the town of Ephrata also experienced devastation by fire.

Ephrata Business Houses Burn

***Property to the Amount of \$44,560.00 Goes Up in Smoke
While the Owners Stand Helpless***

FIRE ORIGINATES IN REAR OF ERICKSON'S SALOON

Neighboring Towns of Quincy and Wilson Creek Send Firemen to Help Fight Fire

"On Sunday morning (March 1910) about three o'clock, an alarm of fire aroused the citizens of Ephrata from their slumbers. Fire had been discovered in the rear of John Erickson's saloon building and by the time a crowd of any considerable number had arrived, the wind, which was blowing strongly from the west, had fanned flames to such an extent that it was at once seen that, with inadequate fire apparatus, the fight was to be a hard one.

The fire soon spread in both directions and within fifteen minutes from the first alarm the Ephrata Hotel on one side of the saloon and the Club restaurant building on the other side were in flames.

Property owners along the block commenced to remove their goods, while fire fighters under the marshal and others were at work at various places along the street.

The fire soon ate its way through the small frame structures to the Haviland Hotel. The frame building went up like a torch but the brick annex checked the flames and gave the fire fighters time to dynamite C. C. Linville's office and the McCue building. In a short time the interior of the brick was a mass of flames and roof and floors burned out leaving only the walls standing.

The fire departments of Quincy and Wilson Creek came in on special trains and did valiant service in saving the town from greater loss".

Grant County Journal 3/18/1910



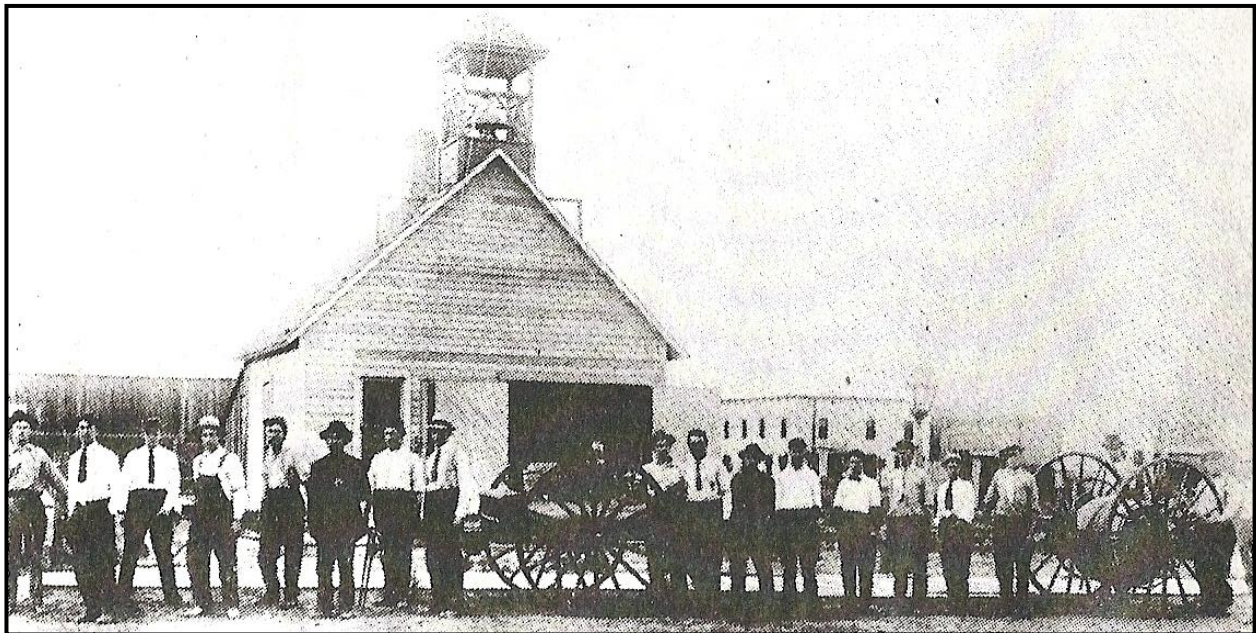
Business district
after the fire of
1910 taken from
the Great
Northern Railway
water tower.

Courtesy of Matthews
family of the Grant
County Title Abstract
Company

Volunteer Fire Company

"The Ephrata Volunteer Fire Department held its annual election Monday evening. E. B. Killion was chosen chief, D. C. Thiemens, assistant, Jas. Armour was elected trustee, M. Garton treasurer and J. W. Chambers secretary. A number of young men signed the constitution and were admitted to membership. The chief and his assistant were empowered to enroll others until a strong company shall be secured to hold stated drills. Three taps of the fire bell, and repeat, is the signal for call the company together, and the meeting of the company was left to the discretion of the chief.

During the year the company has been organized they have not been called to a single fire, but the rapid growth of the town increases the risk and a strong company is needed".
Grant County Journal 5/26/1911.



Left to right: James Foster, Niles Wincoop, Fred Schmidt, Clyde Waller, P. F. "Pres" Billingsley, M. A. J. Smith of Quincy, Walter W. Kinsey, Frank Buckley – to the left of the chemical engine, James Hauser, Ed B. Killion, Fire Chief, Murray Hite, Walden Garton, James D. Campbell, Ernest Baunton, Joe Brame, Harold Baunton – standing to the left of the hose cart, Walter S. McLean, James Armour, D. C. "Dirk" Thiemens, Assistant Fire Chief.

Grant County Journal 8/18/1911.

The Grant County Journal of 8/27/1953 made note that the first fire department volunteers included: a telegraph operator, a jeweler, a blacksmith, the city marshal, a butcher, and a feed store proprietor. Later other volunteers were added including a dray and transfer company owner, Ephrata Lumber Company and Lamb-Davis Lumber Company managers, and a well digger. Article information supplied by Janet Jenkins Nelson

Bicycling is very popular in Ephrata these days with the city having developed bicycling lanes throughout. Beezley Hill is the site of the Beezley Burn XC biking competition and the course is enjoyed by local cycling enthusiasts. A recent biking story in the Grant County Journal reported a successful 61-day pedal-powered journey from Washington State to Yorktown, VA and the Atlantic Ocean. Harold Crose of Grant Orchards rode 3,840 miles in his trans-continental trek. An early-day attempt to complete the same fete did not end in success for Charlie Warren.

1918 - Ephrata to New York by Dog Team

C.W. Warren Left Monday on His Three Thousand Mile Trip Across the Continent

"One of Ephrata's early eccentrics was C.W. Warren a harness business owner. May 24th of 1918 he left Ephrata for New York traveling in a homemade vehicle powered by a dog team. Mr. Warren's means of transportation consists of four Scotch Collie dogs whose combined weight is three hundred pounds. Charlie's vehicle is of light construction weighing with its load, only three hundred pounds. It was made here in Ephrata and consists of four pneumatic-tired bicycle wheels, in the center of which is suspended the driver's seat with its steering handles, push bar, and brake



Charlie is traveling light. He is carrying little baggage and will stop at nights in towns and cities. He expects to travel slowly although his team is able to make six or seven miles an hour. His plan is to reach New York sometime this fall and return the following year by way of the southern route.

Mr. Warren expects to make his expenses in route. He will carry samples of Soap Lake products which he will wholesale in the towns through which he passes, and has provided himself with photographs of himself and team which he will sell in towns."

The November 29th paper reported that "Charley Warren, who left here last spring to cross the continent by dog team, returned the first of the week. He got as far as central Montana, but the roads were so bad the trip had to be abandoned. He went to work in the coal mines there and thought he would continue the trip, but the roads failing to improve and his health failing on account of rare atmosphere, he had to postpone the journey. He left his dogs and wagon in Montana. He expects to work here at the harness business and if conditions are right he will try again next spring". News article courtesy of Janet Jenkins Nelson. Picture postcard courtesy of Mike Lehman.