



Reunion Update

The ehs100.com website has received many positive comments. The purpose of the website is to keep all persons with connections to Ephrata High School informed and eager to participate in the centennial year reunion activities; it seems to be working. Donations are being received to help fund the costs of putting on a reunion of such a magnitude. The support is gratifying. Remember, excess funds will go toward scholarships and projects benefitting Ephrata High School. The Ephrata High School Alumni Association reports a spike in the number of membership applications that they usually receive. Joining the association is a great way to show your "Tiger Pride". A membership report will appear in a future publication.

The EHS-100 reunion committee is planning to hold a wine-tasting reception on Saturday, November 17, 2012 at the Ephrata Recreation Center. Plans will be formalized at the September 4 meeting of the committee with details announced in the October newsletter. Want to offer your services in putting on what is promised to be a fun-filled event for alumni Tigers and friends? Contact Denver Morford at 750-5888.

Ephrata High School Past and Present

Source of Information

Ephrata school publications and annuals have and will continue to be the main source of the information and photos that will be used in future articles. Of particular note is the Ephrata High School Class of 1935's "History of Ephrata High School 1909-1935". The effort of the students and their teachers is admirable; using typewriters, mimeograph machines, and pencils sketches, they created a document which has preserved school history for those who have followed some 70 years later. This document includes the original high school song "Orange and the Black" written in 1911 by Clarence B. Mitchell. To the "Tiger" annual staffers and advisors of these many years, a word of thanks for your part in recording the history of Ephrata High School.

School Back in Session

The doors have opened for the 2012-13 school year. The countdown to the centennial reunion has begun with the 99th class to graduate from Ephrata High School ready to take on their senior status and responsibilities to the school and toward their futures. In contrast with the three students who showed up for opening day of the 1913-14 school years, a total of 165 seniors have begun the 2012-13 school years. Total number of graduates by decade, leading up to the 100th year are: 1910s-**36**, 1920s-**148**, 1930s-**187**, 1940s-**173**, 1950s-**706**, 1960s-**1,268**, 1970s-**1,366**, 1980s-**1,123**, 1990s-**1,435**, 2000s-**1,618**, 2010s (including estimates for 2013 and 2014)-**822**. That's a grand 100-year total of Ephrata High School graduating seniors, drum roll..... **8,882 !** It will be interesting to see how many return to Ephrata in 2014.



Standing at the front door of Ephrata High School on August 30th and greeting students was Dan Martell the current principal of the school. Martell began his tenure as principal in 2004; leaving his 17-year principal position at Ephrata's Grant Elementary School. Prior to that, he taught nine years for a total of 34 years in the field of education.

"Working with high school kids is a challenge, but well worth it," Martell said. He continued, "The first year was rough but because I knew a number of the kids through coaching my son's soccer team and half of the students were from Grant School, it became a great experience. Students need us and I believe at this stage of my life, being a little older, I have some good insights and perspective to offer students and our staff."

Principal Martell views the 2014 centennial reunion as, "A great opportunity to be alive and here during the 100th celebration of EHS! We have a particularly great group of students coming through the system now; they are wonderful representatives for the community." He is quick to point out that, "We have a great school system because we have a great, supportive community. It is always a blessing to be here!"

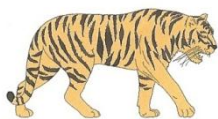
Principals Over the Years

1927-1928 E. J. Alskog *	1954-1956 Max Brunton	1972-1973 John Scholtfeldt
1928-1930 K. D. Whitenack	1956-1958 Donald R. Brown	1973-1982 Robert Mack
1930-1940 Roy E. Harris	1958-1959 James L. Pounder	1982-1992 Doug Pederson
1940-1943 Philip C Manning	1959-1962 Francis P. O'Brien	1992-2003 Gary Carlton
1943-1943 Theodore Brown**	1962-1970 Gene Crnick	2003-2004 Scott Hudson
1943-1945 Walter Thompson	1970-1972 Tom McDonald	2004-present Dan Martell
1945-1954 Albert W. Warner		

*Prior to 1927 the Superintendent of Schools was administrator of the high school.

**The year of 1943 was the time of World War II which caused a great deal of changes, not only with the administration but also with the students who went to serve their country during the United States' war effort.

Sports Scene



Fall sports are underway at Ephrata High School with schedules set for football, volleyball, girls' soccer, swimming, and cross-country. Ephrata is involved in a ten-team "AA" league pronounced as the C-WAC (Central Washington Athletic Conference).

The Washington Inter-scholastic Activities Association (WIAA) changed its classification system in 2006 causing a big change for Ephrata sports. This year, student count of 556 (senior, junior, sophomore classes) ranks Ephrata at the bottom of the league population-wise; West Valley-Yakima is at the top of the league with 1,037 students. Arch-rival Quincy has dropped to the "A" classification.

Despite the changes in classification, the Ephrata Tigers have experienced success; winning the state team titles in boys' basketball, boys' track team, with individual state track winners. The Tigers are competitive in individual sports like track, golf, wrestling, and tennis. Quoting Ephrata High School Athletic Director Michele Ratigan Webb-EHS '79, "To cap it all, 2011 was one of the better over-all seasons the school has seen in the six years of the new-CWAC. In high school, the kids come and go, but they always compete hard, the coaches work hard, and we find ways to be successful."

As various sport seasons unfold, historical and current articles regarding each sport will appear spread out in one or the other of the sport's next two seasons. Current sports scores will be reported when available.

Future Farmers of America

By the time Ephrata High School opened its doors for the 2012-13 school year, 15 chapter members of the Ephrata Future Farmers of America (FFA) had concluded one of their major activities for the year, the Grant County Fair at Moses Lake, August 14-18, where they participated in showing and marketing animals, exhibiting numerous educational posters and floral portfolios, as well as, personal projects, tractor driving contests, metal arts projects, and skills board presentations. The chapter's fair experience proved to be successful with honors including seven Grand Champions, two Reserve Grand Champions, two Superintendents' Awards, two Best of Section, two Best of Class; 37 blue, 16 Red, and seven white ribbons. Ephrata teams took first and third in the Tractor Driving and Knowledge Contests.



Founded in 1928, the FFA brought together students, teachers and agribusiness to solidify support for agricultural education. In 1950 FFA was granted a federal charter by Congress, in 1969 girls were allowed to become members and following that, the FFA became known as The National FFA Organization. The FFA, as it is still commonly known, operates on local, state and national levels and its agricultural education program provides students with a well-rounded, practical approach to learning through classroom education. It focuses on agricultural topics, hands-on supervised career experience, as well as provides leadership opportunities and challenges students' agricultural skills.

From its beginning in 1954 the Ephrata Chapter of the FFA has shown a steady growth and expansion of its programs and facilities. Vocational Agriculture teachers have provided the knowledge necessary to make this program a success. Terra Smith and Kent Devine-EHS '76 each teach vo-ag classes; together they are the advisors of the Ephrata FFA. Kent explained, "Terra does all the paperwork and I lead the barn work and other working activities. We share student activities, animal care, trips, and competitions." In addition to his advisor duties Kent teaches Ag Mechanics/Welding 1 & 2 and Animal Sciences. Before entering the teaching profession in 2010 he farmed and hired out for custom farming, experience that he now brings to the classroom.



Terra began teaching at EHS during the 2008-09 school years bringing her total years of teaching to nine. She described her paperwork as, "working with the officer team to plan and implement the program of activities which means meeting program standards in student, chapter, and community development." "Animal Science class is where I introduce students to animal anatomy and physiology, livestock care and management, meat and food science, and the importance of animal protein to the human population," stated Terra. In addition, "I teach a horticulture class of plant science, plant growth, landscaping, turf management, and horticultural careers. The ag program has a greenhouse that supports the FFA program and provides hands on learning. Floriculture focuses on floral design and includes all areas of the industry from growing to retailing flowers." The FFA plant sale in May and June is very popular with Ephrata gardeners.

According to Devine, "The ag program also includes a school farm complete with a barn where animals are kept for the purposes of Animal Science, Vet Tech, and where project animals may be kept by FFA members. Students and members learn about animal systems, feed and care, vaccinate when needed, get the chance to see live births, and all other aspects of raising farm animals."

Both advisors agree, "The 2012-13 year will be busy; new members, fairs, trainings, competitions, and a regular course of FFA activities. Because the chapter earned a Three-Star rating on their National Chapter Application, 'AWESOME !' they are qualified to attend the national convention at Indianapolis, Indiana."

Officers of the Ephrata High School FFA Chapter are (l-r) Jordan Cobb, Alex Larson, Mathew Meulman, Jeni Doiron, Maribel Bustos, Max Walters, and Xavier Arizmendi. To qualify for an office, each candidate filled out an application which included a resume, took a FFA knowledge test, and participated in the interview process. Officers are responsible for planning meetings and organizing events that develop future leaders. With qualified members such as these, along with their dedicated advisors, the Ephrata Chapter of the FFA is in good hands at EHS.



Ephrata's Agriculture Department Takes Root



The 1954-55 school years marked the first time that Vocational Agriculture Education was offered at Ephrata High School with Mr. James L. Pounder as the first instructor. The 1955 "Tiger" annual described vocational agriculture as "an important course to be added to the curriculum as we are all dependent upon the prosperity of the farmers in this area to be prosperous ourselves." The addition of a newly-equipped metal shop provided an area where vo-ag students could repair and build machinery used in the practice of farming. As early as 1958 the vo-ag department began planning to acquire "2.2 acres for a barn and experimental plots".



In conjunction with the vocational agriculture class, the Ephrata Chapter of the Future Farmers of America was formed with Harris Brooks as the first president and Mr. Pounder as advisor. The aim of this national organization was the same in the beginning as it is today, making a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for leadership, personal growth and career success through ag education.



The main activities of early-day members of the FFA were livestock and soil judging contests. The first-time Livestock Judging Team, consisting of Bob Treiber, Gary Massey, Don Durkee, Bill Chamberlain, and Dick Dickerson, placed first at the Central Washington State Fair in Yakima.

In addition to participating at the State Fair, the FFA members entered herdsman'ship competitions at the Grant County Fair at Moses Lake, the Central Washington Fair in Waterville and the Spokane Junior Livestock Show. Members of the FFA diligently prepared for participation in parliamentary procedure speaking contests and attended leadership conferences. They planned such activities as hosting a state-wide potato judging contest, electing a FFA Sweetheart, holding a dance, preparing a Parent-Son Banquet and, as a community service project, helped the Ephrata Chamber of Commerce put on the Farmer's Banquet.

Of the 42 charter members of the Ephrata Chapter of Future Farmers of America there were those who benefitted a little more than others in their association with this group. They went on to find their life's work in the field of agriculture. Charter member Harris Brooks, the chapter's first president, is a cherry farmer in the Royal Slope area; Charter member Ross Bair is an irrigated-crop farmer in the Stratford area, Charter member Dick Mayer is a dry-land wheat farmer northwest of Ephrata, and Charter member Bob Treiber was involved in a wheat and cattle operation with his brother Albert in the Sheep Canyon area. During the celebration reunion of EHS graduates in 2014, the Ephrata Chapter of FFA will also have reason to celebrate, a successful beginning of their program and 60 years of amazing growth.

"Learning to Do, Doing to Learn, Earning to Live, Living to Serve"

Former members of the Ephrata Chapter of Future Farmers of America continue to embrace the FFA motto and apply it to their daily lives. Representing the FFA alumni of EHS are Terry Hunt and Landra Lange Kosa.

Terry Hunt, who graduated from Ephrata High School in 1962, was named president of the school's FFA chapter when he was a senior. One of the main purposes of FFA is teaching responsibility and developing future leaders. In the case of Hunt, the program proved to be a success. Hunt is shown below with the 1962 FFA Chapter.



Row 1: Jim Lemargie, Doug Boyd, Ken Sager, Rollin Machtmus, Vernon Anderson, Don Davis, Henry Severin, Phillip Anderson, Keith Bair. Row 2: Lawrence Woolery, Jack Clayton, Bruce Einspahr, Dave Burrell, Ross McCreary, Dean Andrews, Ted Austin, Dennis Ihli, Mike Finke, Robert Severin. Row 3: Gordon Hunting, LeRoy Knobel, Kory Sparks, Mr. Schmauder, Pete Lough, Bill Norton, Bob Mayer, Bobby Anderson.

In 1967 Terry purchased his parent's ranch and began an expansion program with his wife Mary McMains Hunt-EHS '63. The two have continued the family's farming tradition by including their three sons in their Douglas County farming enterprise consisting of wheat and cattle operations.

Early on in his life Terry's parents encouraged him to be an active member in Youth Grange and, by the time he was 22 years old, he was elected Master of Two Springs Grange in Grant County. Terry was to ascend to even higher rank in the Grange community. In 1995 he was appointed to act as Director of Legislative Affairs for the Washington State Grange, he was elected and served as State Master of the Washington State Grange from 1999 until 2007 and served as vice-president of the National Grange from 2003-07. Currently, he serves as special deputy for Grange Properties and Legislative Affairs based in Olympia. In addition, he represents the State Grange on the Washington State FFA Board of Directors.

"I believe that my participation in Ephrata's chapter of the FFA gave me the opportunity to develop my speaking and leadership skills through its various programs," Hunt recently said. "The FFA's emphasis on learning parliamentary procedure was the key to my success in serving in leadership rolls."



Landra Kosa graduated from Ephrata High School in 2006 where she was an active member of the Ephrata Chapter of the Future Farmers of America. When she became a freshman member of FFA the members were involved in the finish-work of a newly constructed barn on the School Farm. She was involved with planting, harvesting, and marketing the farm's first crops of pumpkins and sweet corn. She served as FFA treasurer her sophomore year, vice-president her junior year, and participated in livestock judging and showing cattle through her senior year.

Landra has indicated that, "membership and participation in FFA has afforded her many educational and travel opportunities such as excursions across Washington state visiting college campuses, a first-time trip to the ocean, and a first airplane flight with destination of Louisville, Kentucky to attend the National FFA Convention." She believes, "it is important to provide these same experiences to the next generation of agriculturalists." Activities of Landra were not limited to FFA, she was also a member of the Tiger basketball and track teams.

Landra's family is involved in the field of agriculture in the Columbia Basin Project. During her early years on the farm, the Lange family was involved in raising sheep and managing a custom feed lot. Currently the family's farming operation revolves around a circle-operated, diversified crop-rotation program. Landra's father Levi and her siblings have also been involved in Ephrata's FFA program.

Following graduation from high school, and an extended trip to Australia, Landra attended Walla Walla Community College where she earned an Associate Arts transfer degree in Agriculture Education; she transferred to the University of Idaho and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree. In the summer of 2011 she married fellow EHS graduate Chase Kosa.

During the 2011-12 school years Landra began her teaching career at Soap Lake High School where she remains as the Agriculture Science and Shop teacher. She stepped into an agricultural program that had been established in 2005 and because of her specialized degree in agriculture; the program has been expanded to include six courses.

Landra was instrumental in developing the Soap Lake Chapter of the FFA and is the current advisor to the group which has grown to 18 members. The members are involved with potato judging, Creed speaking, dairy foods competitions, and first-year member contests. At the 2012 Grant County Fair the group entered pigs and rabbits into competition. "Participating in the fair, in its self, was a great achievement for the chapter," said Kosa.

What effect did participating in the agriculture and FFA programs at Ephrata High School have on Landra's choice of career? Obviously, growing up as a farm girl, her heart lead to a career in the field of agriculture; but she also greatly attributes the influence of her Ephrata FFA Advisor Brian Ellis for encouraging her toward her profession as an Agriculture Science teacher. Landra recounts, "Brian Ellis has the ability to engage and interest students in a wide variety of agricultural pursuits. I look forward to having him as a life-long advisor." Time will show that Landra also has the skills to provide a positive influence on her students because of her participation in the Ephrata Ag and FFA Programs.

Landra Lange (Kosa) and Advisor Brian Ellis -2003



Class Reunion

Ephrata High School Class of 1962 will celebrate their 50-year reunion on the weekend of September 14-16. The classmates will meet Friday evening for pizza followed by attendance at the football game between the Ephrata Tigers and East Valley of Yakima's Blue Devils. On Saturday Vaughn and Janeen Downing will host an afternoon get-together and in the evening, the class of 1962 will re-enact the good ole' days of enjoying Kove at the Ephrata Recreation Center. Guests are welcome after 8:30 on Saturday evening. A farewell brunch is scheduled on Sunday morning of the reunion. If you want to learn more about the Class of 1962 check out their website at www.ephratatigers62.com. Greg Folsom is responsible for creating and maintaining the site. It is well-worth checking out.

Kove Club

Not familiar with Kove? The name has long been a mystery as to its meaning, but the memories still remain for Ephrata High School classes of the 40s, 50s, and 60s. On Friday nights EHS students got together for dancing to the latest recordings on the jukebox and, on occasion, live



dancing to the latest recordings on the jukebox and, on occasion, live music was provided. For entertainment various classes and organizations put on skits while other members enjoyed ping pong and board games. Kove membership was open to all EHS students and was ruled by an elected board of students along with advisors from the community who acted as the chaperones. Students were not admitted without a Kove card and there was strict adherence to the rules of attendance and behavior.



Kove board gathering around the juke box in the 1961 annual: (l-r front) Jeanne Buchanan, Dennis Ackley, Barbara Anderson. (l-r back) Karen Nesse, Skip Gregoire, Mike Strathern, John Freer, Judy Christ. Jerry Borchardt as Elvis Presley singing "Too Much".

Kove rules included: Purchase of a membership card for 75 cents. All members required to register upon entering Kove. Leaving and re-entry was not allowed. No intoxicating liquor was allowed on or in any person attending Kove; no smoking on Kove Club premises nor gambling of any kind or description. Violation of any rule was cause for forfeiture of membership.



In addition: Proper dress was designated to be the same as the Ephrata High School's directive: "Girls do not wear slacks except on special occasions. Such occasions are arranged and announced in advance. During the cold weather, girls who wish to wear slacks to and from school must change to school clothes in the girls' locker room." School's directive for boys only required that they be "neat, clean, and appropriate for the occasion." This was the dress code during the time that Kove was rockin'. It wasn't until 1971 that girls were pictured in the Tiger annual wearing "slacks" in the hallways of EHS.

Pictured at the left showing their "American Bandstand" moves is the brother/sister duo of the Houghtons: Barbara-EHS '56 and Howard-EHS '57.

For a "way-back-when" journey check: oldfortyfives.com Home Page.

The days of Kove will come alive!

City of Ephrata Past and Present

The 1912 Grant County Fair Surpasses all Expectations

Exhibits in All Departments Delight Hundreds of Visitors to Ephrata during this Event.

"Amid the cheering of a multitude of joyful Ephrataites, who had assembled to take a last look at the magnificent exhibit and beautifully decorated booths before they were removed, the first county fair to be held in this place came to a happy and successful close at 10:00 o'clock Friday evening.

The officers, directors and citizens who were responsible for this fair had worked against great odds. With many of them it was their first venture of this kind: farmers and business men alike were busy; many were doubtful of success, while others were pronounced in their opposition: yet what was lacking in skill and knowledge of such matters was fully made up in energy by a band of willing workers from the country and town, and from a chaotic state order and system prevailed, and the result was a most gratifying and pleasing, if unexpected by some, exhibit of the resource of Grant County.

Everything is in readiness. Early Thursday morning the big fair was ready for the visitors and at 10:00 o'clock when the Ephrata Band opened up with strains of soul-stirring music the crowd began to assemble, and many were the exclamations of surprise at the transformation of the interior of the Owens garage which contained the Ladies department, the Agricultural and Horticultural exhibits and the Educational Department. Bunting of every shade and hue had indeed worked a marvel, and the building which had at one time been a livery stable looked like a section of some of the World's Fair exhibits." Grant County Journal, October 1912. "It Happened in Pioneer Ephrata" by Janet Jenkins Nelson.

2012 Grant County Fair

Because of the information in the previously reported article "*The 1912 Grant County Fair Surpasses all Expectations*", the city of Ephrata can justly claim to be the site of the first county fair to be held in "this place" but, there has long been a controversy as to which town can actually claim to be the site of the "first Grant County Fair". Based on the fact that this year the Grant County Fair publicized itself as celebrating its 101st year, it looks like another town claims to have beaten Ephrata to the punch.



Regardless of its true date and place of establishment, the Grant County Fair is the source of fun-filled days of getting together with friends and neighbors. After these many years, buildings still offer displays showcasing blue-ribbon jars of freshly canned fruit and preserves, hand-crafted items, and farm-related projects; with the modern-day fair leaning heavily toward commercial business displays. Other activities of the fair also have not changed; the politicians are still glad-handing the public, fair visitors can still view up-close a wide variety of farm animals being displayed by local 4-H Clubs and Future Farmers of America chapters, and there is always great down-home entertainment.

The real change since the first Grant County Fair is in the number of visitors who walked through the gates. This year's fair admissions for the five-day run totaled 61,000, far out-distancing the "delighted hundreds who visited Ephrata in 1912".

Newsletter

Have you shared your "tradition or unique activity" as requested in the August issue? Deadline is October 1st. Please consider passing along the information that ehs100.com is up and running.