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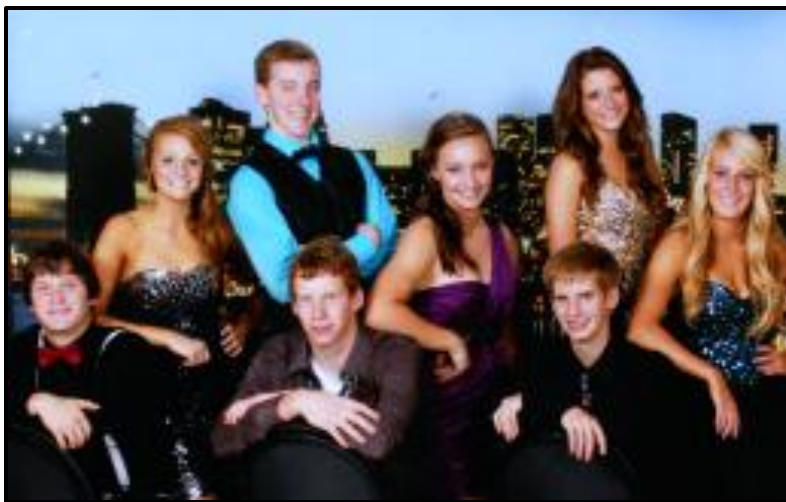
EHS-100 Reunion News

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Ephrata High School Past and Present

Life at Ephrata High School is "full-steam-ahead". After only one month in session the classroom schedules have been perfected; the opportunity for classroom education has begun. The freshman students are losing their glassy-eyed look, the Associated Student Body officers are meeting in planning sessions, class officers have been elected, the Tiger band has participated in half-time activities at a University of Washington game in Seattle, and Fall sports athletes are competing their way through their various schedules. In addition, the annual staff is busy laying out plans for the 2013 Tiger yearbook, the clubs, organizations, drama and music departments are scheduling and planning for a wide variety of events. The Orange "E" Club has, yet again, celebrated another successful Orange "E" Carnival.

Ephrata High School Student Leaders



Ephrata High School 2012-2013 Associated Student Body officers.

*Front row l-r: President Tyler Clark, Boys' Social Chair Evan McMartin, Treasurer-elect Matt Mortimer.
Back row l-r: Secretary Lana Sween, Vice-President Hunter Sears, Publicity Manager Monae Hendrickson,
Girls' Social Chair Hannah Gunderson, Treasurer Kristen McDonnell.*

Event Planners

The Associated Student Body officers, aided by the class officers and student council representatives, develop, organize, coordinate and evaluate several events throughout the year. Success requires dedicated leaders and this year's officers, along with advisor Kathleen Allstot, are working toward achieving success by their efforts. Between September and June of each school year the Executive Board meets on a weekly basis and holds a monthly meeting with the Student Council. The group publicizes school events by creating flyers and signs and they are responsible for keeping the high school's two electronic reader boards up-to-date. They coordinate the activities that take place in the school's commons area. A committee screens new standards and recommends action by the Council with regards to awarding letters to qualified individuals.

Before school began in September the executive board helped with the **Frosh Summer Camp**, an open house held for incoming freshman students. Plans were finalized for the **Welcome Back Assembly** which also recognized the fall sports participants. They announced plans for **Homecoming Week** which will occur October 8 thru 12. A homecoming story will appear in November newsletter.

The wintertime at Ephrata High School is filled, along with learning and sporting events, with fun and worthwhile projects. The ASB officers' duties begin with the planning of the **Winter Sports Assembly**, often in cooperation with the cheerleading squad. At Christmas time the officers name **Candy Cane Greeters**, organize a **Red and Green Matchup Game** in order to develop student relationships, and takes full responsibility for the **Toys for Teens Fundraiser** by counting donations, keeping track of each class' donation amount and, finally, making sure appropriate gifts-for-giving are purchased. In 2011 there was \$4000 available for Christmas baskets supplied in co-operation with the Kiwanis and the Ephrata Food Bank.

Beginning in January the ASB leaders hold monthly events. They make plans to acknowledge **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**. In February they will organize a **Steal My Heart** game and in March a **Silent Shamrocks** game; both events planned in order to promote school solidarity. In March they manage, promote, and judge auditions for the **Annual Variety Show**.

Also in March, as the year winds down and the 100th year of Ephrata graduates is seen on the horizon, the 99th class' leaders will manage the **ASB Election Forum**. It is their responsibility to put forth and count the ballots; then announce the new ruling body. They also assist with the **Class Executive Board Elections** in May. Before graduation occurs on June 07, 2013, the group will co-ordinate a **Dodge Ball Tournament** and will organize the year-ending **Yearbook-Signing Party**.

Through their involvement, the school leaders who serve Ephrata High School are preparing for future successes. If they continue on the road they have begun traveling, they will become successful individuals.

Leadership Advisor



Kathleen Allstot and her husband Rick moved to Ephrata from the Oroville School District in August 1987. He was the high school/middle school counselor prior to becoming the Ephrata Middle School principal and she began by teaching sophomore English at Ephrata High School to one period of students. Through her years in Ephrata she has taught history at EMS, been the shared teacher-librarian at Columbia Ridge and Grant Elementary Schools for one year, and became the teacher-librarian at EHS in the fall of 1990. Kathleen was the Knowledge Bowl coach at EHS for 24 years, the National Honor Society advisor for 14 years, and has been the Associated Student Body Advisor since 2000.

Allstot recently indicated, "I have really loved all four of my jobs at EHS – working with teachers developing lessons and study units, helping students learn how to research well, and guiding the academically gifted into opportunities for service and fun. Since I have been in Ephrata, the others who have been Associated Student Body advisors are Doug Pedersen (principal), Amy Parris (Home & Family teacher), Wes Crago (history teacher) and me. Students have changed some in the years I've been at EHS – student leaders are much busier in terms of school activities. Those who are elected are often involved in sports, drama, music, and many take challenging academic loads. Helping them learn to balance their responsibilities, to complete tasks in a timely fashion, and to include the views of students unlike themselves as they plan activities have been my challenges. I look forward to working with high school leaders as long as I am at EHS."

The EHS-100 Reunion committee considers Kathleen to be a valuable asset to the committee and looks forward to working with her as the EHS representative. ASB Vice President Hunter Sears has this to say about Mrs. Allstot, "She is just great! She does a lot of things to help us."

ORANGE "E" CLUB

The Orange "E" Club and its carnival go back far into the history of Ephrata High School. One of the earliest recorded stories of this club appeared in 1928 as an article titled 'Orange "E" Club Makes Money Out of Fines'. The article appeared in the Grant County Journal under *Tiger News*: "Ephrata did not suffer the usual damage from the hands of Halloweeners this year thanks to the activities of the boys of the Orange "E" Club. Under their guidance everyone had a very enjoyable evening and the coffers of the club were filled with \$25.00 in fines. The festivities of the evening began with a bonfire at seven o'clock, after which a parade of goblins and ghosts marched through the main part of town. The grade school children took part in the parade. The Gold Dust Twins, little Jimmie Porter and his cousin Janice Robinson, won the first prize.

Ray Deycous of the Orange "E" Club then acted as chief of police and under his authority every adult male was arrested for being on the street after 8 o'clock. Each offender was brought before Judge Don Jeffers for a hearing with Nat Washington acting as prosecutor and Ed Harvill and Calvin Grant acting as defense attorneys. Many and varied were the charges from 'attempting to take up the sidewalk', 'wife beating', 'resisting officers', to 'spitting on an oiled highway'. Many friendly offenders, however, when fined a quarter left a dollar for the Orange "E" treasury. About 11 o'clock all went home fully satisfied and with no thought of entering into the usual escapades in order to enjoy Halloween. The Orange "E" Club will use the proceeds of the fines for getting wrestling and boxing equipment for the high school gymnasium."

During this same time, 1928, the Ephrata girl athletes were engaged in basketball and tennis and they also had their club. It was named the T. K. Klub (Tiger Kittens Club). This club vanished somewhere along the way and, eventually, girl athletes became members of the Orange "E". Another change in the structure of the club came about when Ephrata High School students began receiving letter awards for participation in academic and extra-curricular activities.

The Orange "E" Club was described in the 1940 "Tiger" as: "All those boys who have won a letter by participating in boys' athletics, or being directly connected with athletics, such as managers or yell kings, are eligible to belong to the Orange "E" Club. The object of this club is to promote higher athletic ideals, higher scholastic standing, and to create more interest and enthusiasm toward athletics. It is also to promote better sportsmanship and a friendlier feeling toward the school at large. The club also acts as a disciplinary body to guard the name of the school. It also acts as guardians of the gymnasium, its equipment, the building, the tennis courts, and the school grounds."



The 1954-55 Orange "E" Club, pictured at left planned a "smoker" in which the members participated in boxing and wrestling matches – much to the delight of the audience. The blindfold bout was called a "Battle Royal" with four Tigers slugging it out.

Orange "E" Carnival



The 2012 version of the Orange "E" Carnival was billed as being the 45th annual event to be held. According to the Grant County Journal, "People crowded into the Ephrata High School Performing Arts Center gym to play a variety of games including darts, ring toss, basketball, and bingo all in an effort to win small prizes and candy. Some of the more popular events were the cake walk, any game where you could win a goldfish, and the haunted house."

The Orange "E" clowns have been popular through the years. In 1969 Skip Molitor (left) put on his happy face while the most recent clown, Casey Etter, 2012, gives a fan a piggy-back ride.



The President of the Orange "E" Club is senior Bryan Heer. It has been announced that the money earned will fund ongoing activities including event speakers, new uniforms and gym equipment, as well as other student events. Throughout the years the carnival has been a much anticipated event for those of all ages.



Cake Walk - Fish
Toss - Bingo -
Car Smash -
Raffle - Teacher
& Win - Cotton
Corner -
Booth -
House - Tattoo Booth -



Pond - Ring
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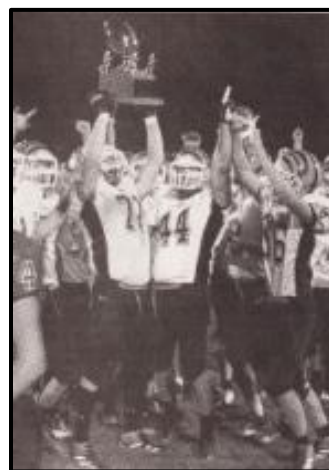


Refreshment Table - Softball Throw - Haunted
Lucky Duck Pond

Fall Sports Report

In the 1995 "Tiger" two annual staffers, Heidi Schultheis and Yasser Said, put high school sports into perspective. They shared their thoughts about the word **SPORTS**..... "What do you think when you hear that word? Does it kindle fond memories of past seasons, conquered opponents, injuries, fallen heroes, or your own dreams to become a sports hero? Each one of us has our own idea of the word that many times invokes a memory, good or bad, and has helped shape our life. While participating in high school, you may have had the pleasure of being part of a sports team. You could have tried a sport because of friends, for the competition, or just for fun. Whatever your reasons, you most likely have some memories of them which may or may not be pleasant. Perhaps you sank the 3-pointer to beat the other team in overtime or.... maybe you dropped the game winning touchdown. Then again, you could have had your shorts fall around your ankles during introductions or.... lost the tennis racquet on a mammoth swing. ('I tell you, I *meant* to drill that seagull')! But through the adrenaline, anger, exultation, and embarrassment, you probably had fun. Unless you averaged 28 points per game, hit 35 homeruns, or you could run like greased lightning, good enough for college competition, you may never again compete regularly in these sports."

As of October 01, 2012 the Ephrata Fall sports teams have recorded the following scores: **Football** team, 3-2 overall, 2-2 League (three-way tie for 5th place). One of the most exciting wins was over the Quincy Jacks on August 31st. With 91 seconds of the game remaining, and facing a fourth-and-11, the Tigers went for it and scored; bring the score to 21-20 in favor of Quincy. Ephrata decided to go for a two-point game-winning conversion. Tiger fullback Sergio Magana took the handoff and disappeared into the mass of Ephrata and Quincy linemen at the goal line. At first, one of the four officials working the game appeared to signal the play had been stopped, but once the referees had un-piled the bodies, the call went in favor of the Tigers, who had their final lead of the game. Needless to say, pandemonium ensued on both sides with partisan-Jack fans voicing their disapproval and Tiger fans rejoicing in the win and the return of the "Battle of the Basin" trophy to the Ephrata High School trophy case. Ephrata has claimed the trophy 43 of the 63 battles since the beginning of competition in 1942. Highest margin of victory occurred in 1958 when Ephrata posted a 63-0 victory. This season the Tigers have topped that score with an 87-6 victory over the under-manned Wapato Wolves. Tigers celebrate winning the "Battle of the Basin" trophy.



The **Cross Country** runners recently participated in the Pasco Invitational, competing at the Tri-Cities International Course. The boys' team finished 5th in a field of 17 and the girls' team placed 6th in a field of 14. The teams faced runners from all classifications of regional schools and featured nearly 600 runners in varsity, junior varsity, and middle school divisions. Kiernan Rolfe place 11th and Hannah Gunderson placed 16th in the individual competitions. Tiger Henry Hayduk, running in the freshman/sophomore two-mile race, finished as the top runner. During the first duel-meets of the season, Gunderson posted the fastest time of girl winners in CWAC League's three meets, 10-team competition, with the highest winning time of 22 minutes, 14.08 seconds. Rolfe is ranked 4th among the boy competitors with a time of 17 minutes, 58.27 seconds. The Cross Country teams are coached by Ephrata High School alumni Erik Burck – EHS '05 who was the 2004 individual cross country 2-A State Champion in 2004. Burck and his Tiger runners will be the featured sports team in November newsletter. Hanna Gunderson pictured.

Ephrata Tiger's **Volleyball** team is 2-5 overall and 1-1 league (four-way tie for 4th place). The young team, only three of the players return from the roster of eight that went to state last fall, is coached by Ephrata High School volleyball player and alumni Britney Ratigan – EHS '08. Pictured: Coach Ratigan, Stephanie Wulf, Tieghan Moore, Demi Beavers and Alex Mickelsen



The girls **Soccer** team, 7-2 overall and 1-2 league (six-way tie for 4th place), managed to snap a 10-match, eight-year, losing streak to East Valley of Yakima. Haley Berryman scored twice for the Tigers in the 3-2 victory. Coach Hillary Harnasch-Coomes was a 1998 Tiger soccer player and graduate of Ephrata High School. Haley Berryman pictured.

Newest Ephrata High School Athletic Program

"Send out three, bring in four, and continue to build the newest athletic program at Ephrata High School. This is what has happened in 2012 as the Ephrata girls **Swim** team prepared to begin year five of its existence. They did so without its founding sister, Kaitlyn Knitter, the first girl to swim competitively for EHS and the first-ever Tiger swimmer to qualify for state. She graduated, along with 2011 teammates Moregan Balthazor and Shannon Flynn. This year's team photo: front row – Lauren Laird, Grace Beierman, Casey Etter, Catherine Scellick and back row – Alice Turnbull, Brook Stutzman and Shelby Koch.



There is experience, and there is talent, that will be in the pool for Ephrata this year. Once again, the Tigers will swim in co-op with Moses Lake where they practice after school under the coaching of Tony St. Onge. The team competes against Central Washington 3A and 4A schools until the postseason. Each member of the Ephrata squad has been a member of the Ephrata Tiger Shark summer swim team which competes throughout the summer at pools around the region.



The most experienced of the three returnees is senior Lauren Laird, who enters her fourth year with the high school team. Laird can swim a variety of different events, and came through strong late last season to crack the 30-second barrier in the 50-meter freestyle (29.58 seconds) while getting close to the 1-minute mark in the 200-meter freestyle (1:08.12 is personal best). According to Laird, "Success is based on your own personal times and improvements versus how you perform compared to everyone else."

Lauren shared, "I began swimming at age four because my dad's family all swam and I just wanted to start as soon as I could. Ephrata didn't have a swimming pool so my dad drove me to Quincy for practice. I really enjoy swimming because not only is it an individual sport but, with relays it becomes a team sport where you depend on others. I don't plan on swimming competitively after my high school years but will always enjoy swimming as a life-long sport." Lauren is an Ephrata Tiger softball player. She indicated, "Softball is my favorite sport; I would like to play on a softball team in college."

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Ephrata Past and Present

Grant County Journal

Due, in part, to the co-operation of the Grant County Journal, the sports scene at Ephrata High School will be covered in this newsletter over the next two school years, all the while leading up to the EHS-100 Reunion. Readers will be informed regarding the present and past of all Ephrata athletic teams; coaches, individual athletes, and teams will be recognized for their successes on and off the field of competition.

The Journal also records other activities and events of the school; in most cases the featured story garners front page status. Pictures and stories of students starring in the latest musical presentation, acting in the junior class play, singing a solo during Cabaret Night, winning the Mr. Senior Contest, attendees of competitions and conferences; all have their moment to shine on the pages of the Journal. Of even greater importance is the honor roll listing of the names of high academic achievers.

Over the years the Journal has served the school community in other ways. As far back as 1915 Ephrata High School students were given "inches" to fill on the pages of the newspaper. In 1915 Inez McLean, editor of the column *Ephrata School Notes*, reported, "A smile is first seen – then comes Fred and his medal which he won for winning the largest number of points at the Grant County Meet." Mary Rose Wiley reported in the *Tiger News* of 1929 – "After the games the high school students and faculty enjoyed a party sponsored by the freshman class. The frosh thought they would try something new by having a Victrola to dance by, but the Victrola couldn't even be heard in the gym, so it wasn't long until Mrs. French was seated at the piano." In 1959 Bev Elshire reported the school news under the title *Tigerville- News, Views*. The column read in part, "The Ephrata High School Band has received an invitation to march in the parade for the Washington State University homecoming game. We are very proud of the recognition that our band is gaining." This year, 53 years later, history has repeated itself – only difference, it was the University of Washington where the band performed.

There has been involvement of the Journal in different areas. Many times the advertiser pages of the "Tiger" annual noted the financial support of the Grant County Journal. The owners of the newspaper participated in a program, known by various names such as vocational training, where students were allowed to work on-site and learn the various responsibilities of putting out a newspaper and of running its business office. In addition, the printers co-operated in providing early-day student newspapers. The relationship between Ephrata High School and the Grant County Journal has always been positive and greatly appreciated.



History of the Journal

The first edition of an Ephrata newspaper was published as "The Ephrata Journal" on October 18, 1907. During the first few years of the Journal's existence, publishers came and went. The newspaper business in Ephrata wasn't very stable until Ephrata became the county seat of the newly-formed Grant County in 1909. The business district of Ephrata grew at a steady rate; they needed a place to advertise their services and goods so they sought out the Journal.

In 1909 a man named J. W. Chamber became the newspaper's publisher and he re-named the newspaper the Grant County Journal. J. W., along with his brother Avery who acted as the printer and handyman, put out a newspaper for the next 11 years. The pair is shown here working in a false-front building filled with a wood-burning stove and a clap-trap of printing tools, machinery, stacks of paper and books. Because of the bleak outlook for the area in the 1920s, due to the stock market crash and the drought, J. W. moved on; Avery stayed on as the pressman working for the new owner J. P. Simpson. Simpson was recruited by a group of local Democrats who were looking for a publisher who would be sympathetic toward the possibility of an irrigation project.



For 28 years Simpson showed a great sense of responsibility to the community. In the beginning he reported news of the Great Depression, World War II, the construction of the Grand Coulee Dam, and continued on recording all of the events, ideas and milestones associated with a small-but-bustling community. Following



(John left and Jim, right)

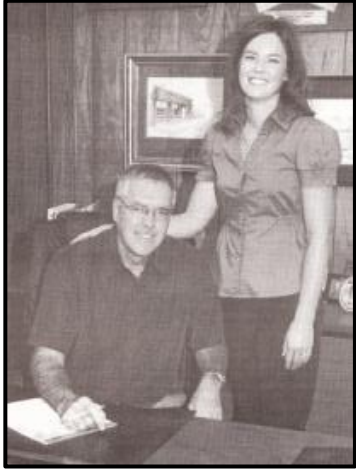
his death in 1948, his children assumed ownership and operation of the newspaper. Son John - EHS '34 was the salesman, Jim - EHS '39 took the responsibility of production and Pauline - EHS '52 worked the front office before going off to college. In the late 1950s the weekly newspaper became a daily, justified by the fact that the nation's economy was secure and new residents were coming to this area because of the completion of Grand Coulee Dam and the arrival of irrigation water throughout the Columbia Basin Project.

In 1961 the Journal was sold to Dave Johnson, who established the 52-year old business in a new building. Johnson returned the daily newspaper to a weekly schedule before going with the twice-weekly format of today. He also brought about better printing through chemistry and engineering – the off-set press. Because of this advancement the Journal contracted to provide press runs for other area publications.

Johnson was not only a progressive publisher he was also a well-respected journalist. During his tenure at the paper, he earned a National Public Service Award for his investigative work covering improper financial dealings related to the construction of the Grant County PUD's two Columbia River Dams. But it wasn't all serious stuff. Johnson also had a sly sense of humor. Once, he published a story about a tram-style passenger lift that was going to be built from downtown Ephrata to the top of Beasley Hill. The tram, wrote Johnson, was going to be called "Sloof Lirpa." Local residents were excited, until they learned that Sloof Lirpa, spelled backwards, is "April Fools". The story ran April 1st.

In 1968 Johnson sold the Grant County Journal to Les Parr and Ken Herr who shared duties associated with the publishing of the newspaper. Parr was responsible for the editorial and news side while Herr took charge of the advertising and production. In 1973 the partnership was dissolved when Parr left the newspaper business. Herr remained for eight more years before selling the newspaper in 1981 to the current owner Jeff Fletcher – EHS '65. Fletcher had worked for Johnson for four years as the paper's advertising manager before making the move to publisher.

Jeff Fletcher's history with the Journal goes back even further, to March 1963 on the day he turned 16 years old; he was hired by Dave Johnson to work in the press room. After graduating from Ephrata High School, Jeff attended Washington State University, graduating with a degree in print media management. Like the other longtime publishers, Fletcher has printer's ink in his veins. "I determined early on that I wanted to go into publishing," said Fletcher, who 'just found the atmosphere fascinating' from the first press run.



The Grant County Journal is a family business again. Jennifer Fletcher DeChenne – EHS '91, the newspaper's business manager, works along-side her father. During his ownership of the past 31 years, Jeff has developed a strong sense of pride in the newspaper. As reported in the 2007 Journal supplement "Celebrating a Century", Jeff stated, "Success is about the people to me. I feel my job is to look at the overall picture of all the departments and to understand that the people in those departments know more about what they're doing than I do. You get good people and then let them do their job."

Chief among those whose efforts go into producing the twice-weekly newspaper are production manager Kerry Moser who was a high school intern at the Journal and began work fulltime in 1972, managing editor Randy Bracht – EHS '73 to the right, who has been with the Journal family since 1983. Their efforts are supported by sports editor Steve Smith, community editor Kim Jorgensen, reporter Lauren McLaughlin, press technician Scott Cook – EHS '89, at far right; ad production-compositors Debra Kramer and Cheryl Morris, with Toni Canady as receptionist.



The Journal team has won many awards over the years for their excellence in producing a small town newspaper whose mission is to cover the news of the community and the lives of the people who live in it. In 1997 Fletcher received the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association's Miles Turnbull Master Editor and Publisher Award. The life-time achievement award recognized him for consistently producing a well-done body of work.

During the celebration of the Grant County Journal's 100th year, Fletcher acknowledged, "The real history of a community is in its newspapers; that's where the people are...it's the stories of them and their children. Without community papers, these stories aren't told." Continuing, "There is nothing to me more satisfying than community newspaper publishing. I can't imagine doing anything else."

It would be hard to find a home in Ephrata which ever housed an Ephrata Tiger that does not have a scrapbook sitting on a shelf, filled with memories preserved by the Grant County Journal.

The November newsletter will, in part, recognize Veterans Day and highlight alumni veteran, feature the Ephrata Tiger Cross Country program, report on 2012 homecoming activities, and relate the story of an early-day political activist.