



Tigerville News

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EHS-100 Reunion News

Invitations Extended to Committee

Members of the EHS-100 Reunion committee have received an invitation from the director of the Ephrata Senior Center to join its membership for lunch and to share stories of the early-day school years in Ephrata. It will be a good opportunity to share the committee's plans for the up-coming reunion and invite the center to become involved in reunion activities. It is highly possible that some of the center's members are graduates of Ephrata High School; the committee is sure to have an enjoyable time hearing about their days at the school. The committee is always open to hearing and recording the school's historical stories.

In addition, the Associated Student Body homecoming committee has invited members of the committee to participate in the half-time activities of the homecoming football game on October 25th against the Grandview Greyhounds. Members will be accorded the honor of crowning the homecoming royalty which includes a King and Queen (seniors), Duke and Duchess (juniors), Lord and Lady (sophomore), and Knight and Maiden (freshman) This should bring back memories of the "good old days" when the homecoming queen arrived in full-formal attire, riding in a mile-long convertible, with the Pep Club forming an alleyway for the grand entrance.

Committee Activity

Getting the word out about the EHS-100 Reunion is **important**. The reunion committee is busy forwarding messages to class leaders which are intended to inform and give all alumni the opportunity to make plans to take part in the reunion. If you don't know who the leader of your class is go to "Class Almanac" for listing.

Inter-action with the alumni is another goal of the committee. Through the website, alumni can share news of their class, buy posters, raffle tickets, and annuals; find information regarding accommodations, engage in an inner-class competition for raising funds to help with committee work and add to alumni association funds, become informed about and join the alumni association, contribute directly to reunion expenses, pay tribute to a special teacher, and enjoy the Tigerville News with information and stories about Ephrata High School and the City of Ephrata both past and present. Contributors to the Tigerville News are welcome.

By going to the "Contact Us" page, alumni can request to be listed on the committee's e-mailing list, contribute information, ask questions and offer to become involved with any aspect of the reunion planning process. It's your reunion! The committee will appreciate your interest input.

Committee's Work in Progress

Constant up-dating to the ehs-100.com website is helping to keep alumni on top of the latest developments. (1) Not all alumni have internet access and the committee has addressed this situation by offering an informational mailer to class leaders. If you have a classmate or friend of EHS who you would like to send a mailer, provide information on "Contact Us". (2) If you want to read a recap of the October meeting go to "Reunion Committee". Recaps of future months will follow. (3) If you want to follow the progress of reunion event scheduling go to "Reunion Schedule". After checking out the schedule decide where your classmates can fit in plans for their own min-reunion or activity. The reunion committee will co-operate with scheduling, advertising, and securing event sites. Go to "Contact Us" to make inquiries. (4) Plans are developing to involve Ephrata High School students in reunion activities. (5) Committee searching for Fun Run organizer and volunteers from the 40s, 50s, and 60s classes to plan a night reminiscent of KOVE.

Mission Statement

At the October 1st meeting of the reunion committee the members voted to accept a mission statement as it was presented for their consideration. The statement was written to define the committee's purpose and primary objective as well as, serve as a guide for decision-making. The EHS-100 Mission Statement can be found at "Reunion Committee".



Hotel Rooms Filling Up



If the reservations for local hotels are any indication, the EHS-100 Reunion weekend looks to be a popular destination the weekend of June 7-9, 2014. There is heightened interest in returning to Ephrata to take in the weekend of activities planned by the reunion committee. The Hotel Ephrata is no longer available to take reservations because it burned down in the 1909 city-wide fire but reservations at other locations may still be available. In the Hotel Ephrata's picture to the left young Dyveke Jensen is shown fifth from the right, next to her father Carl, the proprietor of the hotel.

Dyveke went on to graduate from Ephrata High School in 1922. She would be 110 years old at the time of the up-coming reunion so it is doubtful she will be attending. To assist you in finding a place to stay while you are attending the reunion, look for "Local Accommodation" information on the reunion's website.

Ephrata High School Past and Present

Tiger Tales

Student Body News with Chance Flanigan

Active Student. Chance Flanigan is a member of the EHS-100 Reunion committee representing the Associated Student Body of Ephrata High School. He is a member of the senior class that will be graduating in 2014 – one day before the EHS-100 Reunion begins. As a member of the ASB Executive committee he serves in the capacity of social chairperson. Chance is president of the Orange "E"; a varsity member of the Tiger football and track teams. Throughout the coming months Chance will contribute to the Tiger Tales.

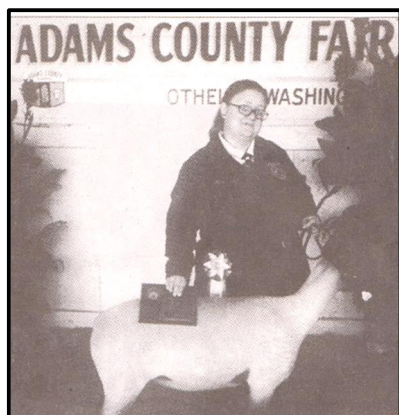


Carnival a Big Success. This advertisement from the Grant County Journal tells the story of the very popular activity sponsored by the letter-earning athletes of the Ephrata High School.

President of the sponsoring organization, the Orange "E" Club, is Chance Flanigan with David Tempel – EHS '00 as the advisor. The Orange "E" clowns were Freddie Ham – EHS '15 and Brandon Aldaco – EHS '14. They made sure that "youngsters" of all ages enjoyed this 46-year

event. The carnival is considered to be one of the most enduring of school activities .

Ephrata Chapter of the Future Farmers of America. The FFA members have continued their busy summer schedule of fairs and competitions. Junior class member Missy Little, described by FFA advisor Terra Smith as a "city girl who has developed a



passion for raising animals," showed her third lamb at the Adams County Fair, earning a blue ribbon in the market class and Reserve Grand Champion in fitting and showing. Smith noted that Missy "has spent countless hours this past year taking care of the animals at the high school barn, making sure they had food and water, and staying up in the middle of the night to monitor sheep that were in labor. This is a great example of how hard work and dedication can create success. Well-deserved congratulations to Missy. Note: EHS alumni returning for the June 2014 EHS-100 Reunion will have the opportunity to visit the FFA Barn and see what the students and advisors have accomplished.



At the Adams County Fair members of the FFA won the first place award in the tractor driving competition. Fifteen teams took part in the contest, including several first-time drivers; the competitors spent four hours in the hot sun out in a dusty field. EHS junior Matthew Meulman was the top individual posting a perfect driving score and one of the highest written test scores. Team members, in addition to Meulman, were Brook Burns, Kaitlyn Hinnens, Max Waters, Chiara Hudson Alex Larsen, Ovid Pashkovski, and Spencer Cobb. The team is congratulated for their fine performance.



"Teacher of the Week". The first "Teacher of the Week" sponsored by the football program was Shelley Yenney who was nominated by Evan Brooks. She was present during the "Battle of the Basin" against Quincy. David Mayhugh was nominated by Nate Elliott for his positive attitude that he brings to all students at EHS; he took part during the Ellensburg game. The teachers were invited to observe the home football games from the sidelines and were invited to be in the Tiger locker room. Ms. Yenney indicated that, "it was a high honor to be a part of the football team."

Second Month of 2013-2014 School Activities. October promises to be a busy month what with studying and all of the extra-curricular activities. The Knowledge Bowl Team and the Speech and Debate Team are seeking members and getting organized for coming competitions. Members of the Future Business Leaders of American are sending out reminders that the organization's \$19.00 dues need to be paid. Yearbook orders can be placed on the school website. Book cost begins at \$50.00. If you want to be a member of good standing in the National Honor Society, \$5.00 dues must be paid. The Math Team is meeting on Tuesday and Friday mornings. Powder Puff Volleyball teams are being formed by the different grade levels; first-come make the team. The tournament will be held on October 23rd as part of homecoming activities. By November 1st members of the senior class must submit to the Yearbook class their senior photos by e-mail, on a jump drive, or via a scan of the photo.

Sports Scene

Run-down of team standings in the 10-team
Central Washington Athletic Conference. October 1, 2013.



Girls Soccer's highlight is the 4-3 double over-time win over East Valley-Yakima. After getting "beat up" by a Cashmere team (players with a sore knee, minor head injury and a neck sprain with a severe concussion) the Lady Tigers came back in their next match to defeat Grandview 5-2. The team is 5-2-1 on the season and is in a four-way tie for first place in the CWAC.

The Volleyball Team is 0-1 in conference play, 3-3 overall. The opening match of the season was a three-set victory over Toppenish. The opening match of the CWAC against West Valley, the defending state champions who are from the biggest school in the league, resulted in a straight three-set loss. The team is made up primarily of underclassmen; two seniors, one junior, five sophomores and two freshmen who are looking to improve through the season and be competitive.

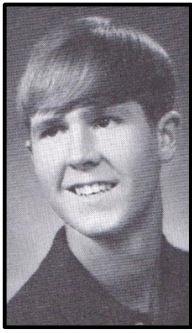
Girls Swim Team fared well in the inaugural Ephrata High School swim meet, the Eastern Washington Swim Jamboree, held at the city's SplashZone aquatic center. Tiger freshman Kelsi Flynn swam to three individual wins with teammates Catherine Scellick and Hannah Robinson each posting top 10 finishes during the meet. Ephrata competes with the Moses Lake Chiefs swim team until the post season when they will compete against other CWAC teams for possible advancement to state meets.

Cross Country has total of 53 athletes running for a starting position on the girls and boys teams. There is limited varsity experience among the runners. Underclassmen are expected to step it up to put the Tigers in contention at the various meets. The teams recently participated in the Bellevue Invitational and at the Apple Ridge XC Course in Yakima. In a CWAC dual meet the boys scored wins over East Valley and Wapato with a loss to Ellensburg. The girls out-ran Wapato, but lost to Ellensburg.

The Tiger Football Team is 2-2 in conference with an overall record of 3-2. Highlights for the season include the "Battle of the Basin" clash between the Tigers and the Quincy Jacks. Ephrata was victorious with a 28-12 score. A capacity crowd of 1800-2000 attendees was given an offensive show by both teams. Dalton Ballentine of Ephrata rolled up 175 yards on 32 carries. Quincy quarterback Dallas Basset completed 21 of 35 passes for 324 yards. The Tiger team has been victorious over Wapato High School by the lop-sided score of 78-8. The other win this year for the Tigers was against the East Valley squad 30-6.

Ephrata Past and Present

History Buff



Mike Scellick, a member of the Ephrata High School class of 1971, not only enjoys the history of his home town, he actively takes on projects to preserve that history and makes it readily available for others to enjoy. When it appeared that the Nat Washington home located across from the Grant County Courthouse was going to be torn down and a parking lot put in, he made the decision to purchase the home and restore it to its former glory. The historical documents found during the renovation of the Washington House were turned over to State Historical Archives. The home is now the site of historical presentations and is rented out for events.



In 1906 Nat Washington, Sr. lived in the Grand Coulee area and was prominent in early-day politics and participated in early attempts to draw irrigation water from the Columbia River. A swimming accident took his life in 1926 and his family moved to Ephrata. His widow Gladys became a teacher, principal, and eventually the Grant County Superintendent of Schools. The children, including Nat, Jr. and his twin sisters Glenora and Roberta, graduated from Ephrata High School in the early 1930s. The next generation of the family to graduate from EHS were the sons of Nat, Jr. and

his wife Wanda Washington; Nathaniel in 1964 and Tom in 1967. Nat Washington, Jr. was a longtime Ephrata resident, state senator and historian. The Nat Washington House is a tribute to his many contributions to Ephrata, Grant County, and Washington State. To the left Nat, Jr., Wanda, little Nat, and Tom.

Once the Nat Washington House was ready for guests, Mike turned to his current project of constructing history kiosks around the town of Ephrata. The kiosks contain historical pictures as well as relates the story that goes with them. Two kiosks have been completed and installed. One is located on First Avenue NW and tells the story of Ephrata's connection to Grand Coulee Dam and the history of the two historic bank buildings on Basin Street. The other is outside the Nat Washington House and tells the story of the Washington family.

A third kiosk is in the planning stages. Mike feels that there is a lot of history about the city that people are not aware of; at least enough stories for 42 to 50 kiosks. He is looking for local participation. The kiosks cost \$700 to \$800 to construct.

Mike has his sights set on Beezley Springs; its water played a pivotal role in Ephrata's growth. In a time of steam power, the spring water was crucial for trains coming east out of the Cascade Mountains or about to head west over them. Most people know that Ephrata was home to a bomber training base in World War II because a lot of the buildings are still located at the Port of Ephrata, but do they know the story behind the base?



Mike will continue working one kiosk at a time to bring the history of Ephrata alive and differentiate the city from its neighbors. The hundreds of former residents returning to their home town of Ephrata for the EHS-100 Reunion in June 2014, seeking the chance to re-live their time in Ephrata, will have a chance to travel even further back in time and learn about the historical events that influenced the development of Ephrata.

“Has Four Year Honor”



This is the headline in June 1930 announcing the successful graduation of Miss Sara Clapp. Miss Clapp graduated from Ephrata High School with a four-year scholastic standing averaging 96.5 percent and was named the valedictorian of the EHS class of 1930. She was credited with an outstanding record. For three and one-half years she was unable to attend school, yet she finished at the head of her class. During her high school course she won first in all the essay contests she entered. She was the only member of her class who had four years of Latin to her credit. Besides her regular studies, she had for three years worked in the library doing considerable towards arranging and classifying books. Miss Clapp entered Whitworth College where she majored in library work. She is the

daughter of Attorney and Mrs. William Clapp. Grant County Journal news release.

This was the beginning of the story of Sara Clapp and her contribution to the Ephrata Public Library. In her role of city librarian Sara, as she was fondly remembered, was a loyal helper for both youthful and adult patrons of the library beginning in the early 1940s; the success of the local library program was largely due to her faithful guidance.

Ephrata's city library was established in the early 1930s by members of Clyde Greenlee's Sunday school class at the Community Methodist Church. The youngsters had earned extra money picking and selling huckleberries. There wasn't enough money for a trip so they thought of a library in the church. They used the money to purchase and paint shelves for the library. They took turns serving as librarians and collecting books about town.

When Mrs. Levi Niles was president of the federated Women's Club a movement was launched to raise money for the purchase of new books for the library. Mrs. Niles took subscriptions for the Ladies Home Journal in order to earn money for the library.

In 1937 Vesta Bush became the first official librarian while the library was still located in the Methodist Church. In 1939, Mrs. W. W. Johnston and Mrs. W. Gale Matthews thought the city should do something about an appropriation for the library and decided to do something about it. Accompanied by Mrs. William M. Clapp, president of the Federated Women's Club, and Mrs. Leah Carr, president of the Junior Women's Club, they told the council about the library and its needs. Funds were appropriated and Harry Pierson, mayor at that time, appointed the first library board consisting of Mrs. W. W. Johnston, C. A. Hawley, Everett Barnes, Mrs. W. Gale Matthews, and Mrs. Leah Carr.

Librarian Vesta Bush had to retire in 1941 because of ill health. Sara, who had graduated from college and had taken a course in cataloging of books at Whitworth College, became the first librarian appointed by the city. Since the books had not been catalogued that was Sara's first task.

Jim Hill built shelves for the children's books and Sara brought in furniture from the primary classroom at the church so the children could have their own department. The first children's story hours were then started by Miss Clapp, who remembered Judy Dunham, Cheryl Emery, and Karl Allgeier among the children who came. In November of 1941 the first National Book Week was observed at the city library.

A leave of absence was granted to Sara in 1943 for advanced study in the library science at the University of Washington where she obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree in library science.

In 1944, while Sara was at the university, the library was moved by the city from the church to the former Burgan house, a pioneer residence located on the corner of "B" (Basin) Street and First S.W. The new location consisted of a children's room, a "stack" room (to keep the duplicate copies of some books and some of the less popular books), reading table and chairs in the main room, and a pleasant, home-like atmosphere throughout. The reference books were placed near the reading table and the Pacific Northwest collection had a corner bookcase to itself. Thursday afternoons at 2:30 a story hour for children four and five years old was held.

In 1945 the Burgan residence, which was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Vic Bjorklund, was donated to the city for a library if the city would move it. Arrangements were made with the school board to move it to "C" Street N.W. next to the Lincoln School. Under the leadership of Mayor Guy Dungan the building was completely renovated at an expense of only \$1000 to the city. Labor, materials, and money were donated by the citizens.

When Sara returned from the University of Washington to again take over librarian duties, she was the only certified librarian in Grant County. This continued to be the case until 1955 when Moses Lake hired a certified librarian.

In 1956, citizens voted a bond issue of \$86,500 for a new library when it became evident that the old building would hold no more books. A site was purchased at First and "D" Street S.W. and bonds sold for a concrete block building. The new building was opened as a library on December 16, 1957, the first building in Grant County actually built for a library. A year later the circulation of the library had doubled, almost tripled, since moving to the new location. The two story hours, one on Tuesday and the other on Saturday morning, also doubled in attendance. Citizens showed their appreciation of the new building by taking advantage of the library's superior management and the friendly attitude of the librarian Miss Sara Clapp. The historical information contained in this article was written for the Grant County Journal by Selma Therriault and published February 7, 1958 at the time of the dedication of the new library.

The Story of Another Member of the Clapp Family

Miss Sara Clapp was not the only noted member of her family to contribute to the community's well-being. Her father, William "Billy" Clapp, was a man whose story of his life's accomplishments and the benefit of those accomplishments to others, would be hard to equal.



Rufus Woods announced in the Wenatchee Daily World on July 18, 1918, "Last and newest and most ambitious idea contemplates turning the Columbia back into its old bed in Grand Coulee--the development of a waterpower equal to Niagara and the irrigation of a million acres or more. Idea first conceived by William Clapp of Ephrata." Left: Rufus and Billy. Picture courtesy of Wilfred Woods.

A defining glimpse into the Rufus Woods statement is from an article in the pages of the Grant County Journal March 27, 1952. Articles including the name Billy Clapp were front page, above the fold, news for many years.

First Trickle in 1952. On the first day of spring Attorney Billy Clapp stood on the edge of the West canal in Ephrata and watched a small trickle of the Columbia River come from the north – the small trickle was the culmination of a dream of 35 years. Billy Clapp was a young man full of aggressive ideas when he left the Douglas County town of Waterville and moved to Ephrata in the new county of Grant. The new county seat had a population of 300 with already a lawyer for each 100 residents. That didn't bother the newest attorney in town.

There were only three trees in town and one family with a lawn. That didn't bother the Wisconsin native either. The town would grow. The gardens would develop. Business would prosper. This was the West.

Disappointment First. Instead of the rich western development which Billy expected, there were a few years of dust storms instead of crop-producing rain. Billy Clapp saw new settler after new settler desert his farm house. The new life in the new county on new land was becoming a discarded enterprise

On the ashes of this disappointment, Billy, along with some of the other citizens of Ephrata, began to blame Mother Nature for her practical joke of diverting the Columbia River from its original course through the fertile but dry lands of Central Washington.

In 1917, Billy, the country lawyer, a few of his neighbors, and a country editor from Wenatchee met to discuss how they could civilize the desert. They eyed the Columbia River and its thunderous torrent 60 miles away. "It's not doing too much good up there. Let's bring it back down the river bed which it used in the ice-ages before Mother Nature went on her joking spree," voiced Billy.

Part of a Whole. "We aren't interested in the dam itself," Billy explained, dismissing the largest concrete structure in the world with a wave of his hand, "we wanted water down here. The dam was only one part of the project that had to be built to bring the water."

To some of the newcomers, the first little stream of water on March 22, 1952 was disappointing. It barely covered the bottom of the canal. Melting snow had put more water in the canal than the little fresh-let they saw. Not so to Billy Clapp. To a man who saw a rich agricultural empire blooming on the acres of greasewood and sagebrush, it was easy for him to translate that sample of the Columbia River into the 60,000 acres which would come into being this spring of 1952 - an area which would be as big as the Wenatchee Valley up to the Canadian border, and just as productive. And that was just the start. Another 60,000 acres would be receiving water each year for the next decade.

That was what Billy Clapp saw on the first day of spring 1952 some 34 years after he first helped start the machinery that brought the water to Ephrata.

Reiner's "Treasure House"

Darrel Reiner, Ephrata High School class of 1958, has run his business in south Ephrata since 1971. Darrel's antique business has been described as "an archaeological dig, a place that is cluttered floor to ceiling with deep layers of rust-hued history"; making this a popular stop for antique-seeking tourists as well as other vendors of second-hand goods.



Darrel is the first to admit that he's behind the times. Like the city of Ephrata where he has lived all of his life, "there has been little reason to change because business has been good the way things are."

Pointing to the thick cobwebs between a pair of spurs, bridles and a battered kerosene lantern hanging from the ceiling, he quipped, "I don't sell things on the Internet, but I've got a lot of web sites."

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Attention Ephrata High School Alumni Football Players and Fans!



All Tiger football players and fans from the past are invited to participate in a tent party held by the Ephrata High School 100-year Reunion committee prior to the homecoming game on October 25. Members of the 1986 and 1987 football championships teams are especially encouraged to attend.

The gathering begins at 6:00pm behind the ticket booth at the entry to the EHS football field. EHS Alumni will have the opportunity to socialize and learn of the events being planned for the 100-year reunion in June 2014. They will also have the opportunity to sign up as a supporter of the Ephrata High School Alumni Association.

A special feature to the tent party will be a drawing of the names of four alumni football players who will be given the opportunity to be on the football field and watch the game from the sideline with the team and coaches. Alumni football players must enter the drawing between 6:00pm and the 6:45pm drawing time.

The alumni football players and fans will form an alley entryway for the Tiger team when they come onto the field at the start of the game. Wear letterman sweaters, jackets – show your school colors.

Come to homecoming, cheer on the Tigers and support the EHS-100 Reunion.

Pictured Ray Deycous Class of 1931