

# Tigerville News

*"Remembering the Past – Celebrating the Present"*

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## **EHS-100 Reunion Committee Update**

The committee is pleased with the results of its revamped website and hope that you will take the opportunity to send in stories about your favorite teachers, up-date information regarding your graduation class, interact on Facebook, join the Ephrata Alumni Association or make a donation to support the planning efforts of the reunion committee. Through the website, the committee will reach out to the alumni community for project ideas and suggestions for reunion plans. The committee encourages your participation.

## *Students Serve the Community*

*Making a difference a little at a time.*



The Family Community Career Leaders of America (FCCLA) student volunteers hosted the community to a pumpkin painting event designed for families to spend time together and get in the Halloween spirit. The popular event, held this year on October 27<sup>th</sup>, has shown a steady increase in attendance over the past 11 years. This year 130 donated pumpkins were available to be painted with ghoulish faces, scary monsters, black cats, and other Halloween scenes. FCCLA is not just about helping out the community and learning to be a

better part of it, the members of the group also focus on family and careers.

On October 29<sup>th</sup> the Ephrata High School Key Club members "tricked and treated" for non-perishable food items which they will donate to the Ephrata Food Bank. Students canvassed neighborhoods searching for bags of food sitting on doorsteps just waiting to be picked up by the club members. After the weigh-in for this year's collection there are high hopes that the total beats the 2010 collection record of 782 pounds of food. The Key Club is all about unlocking the door to success by helping others.

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is holding a blood drive on Friday, November 2nd. Students are given the opportunity to give blood that may save a life. Volunteer members of the group assist with the blood drawing by registering donors. The purpose of the FBLA is to provide members with the opportunity to learn more about emerging business issues by listening to guest speakers and participating in workshops. The group's officers have an opportunity to travel to leadership conferences where they are given the knowledge necessary to become a leader. They also have the chance to compete in various business topics related to their coursework at Ephrata High School.

Ephrata High School is the site of a Veterans Day Assembly on November 8. The Ephrata Chapter of Future Farmers is in charge of the ceremonies honoring local veterans. The public is welcome to attend.

## *Ephrata Homecoming Celebrated*

Homecoming at Ephrata High School is always a special time. The desire to win is heightened on the football field, homecoming royalty is voted on and announced at halftime of the homecoming game, and throughout the preceding week all kinds of “special days” with all kinds of “crazy costumes” are seen in the hallways of EHS. The creativity of the students has become more pronounced, but the enjoyment of this yearly event has always been remembered by the alumni of EHS as a time to show their “tiger spirit”.

During the 2012 homecoming game on October 12<sup>th</sup> Ephrata slammed Toppenish in a 48-7 CWAC victory at Kiwanis Field, which is dubbed the “Tiger’s Lair”. The Tiger defense shut down the CWAC’s leading rusher who only gained half of his per-game average leading into the contest. Shown at the right is the defensive effort of Tigers Brice Turnbull, Zach Friend and Dalton Balentine. The Tigers are currently tied for 4<sup>th</sup> place in the standings as they take on the newest and biggest school in the league, the team of West Valley-Yakima at their final game for the season on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The CWAC League has only two state playoff berths so, even if they win their final game, they are done for the season, The team can be proud of their efforts in placing in the top half of the league and improving on the success of recent years.



## Homecoming Festivities Pictured Over the Years







## *Armistice Day Dedication of Kiwanis Field*

On Armistice Day in 1940 Ephrata Tiger fans arrived at Kiwanis Field anxious for the “big game” and to celebrate the dedication of Kiwanis Field. As recorded in the 1951 annual by a student, “I can feel the anticipation as we filed in, the excitement of a new milestone, the spirit of the crowd, and the thrill in my heart when the flag went by and the field was officially ours. All were held in a cloak of awed silence as the flag was raised to the strains of the “Star Spangled Banner” and the Kiwanis Field was a reality. The dedication of this field will stand out as Ephrata’s monument to progress. It is the climax of years of careful planning, hard work, and many disappointments that made this dream come true.”

Men of progressive spirit were behind the realization of Kiwanis Field. They took on a project that was thought to be a goal far beyond the grasp of Ephrata High School scholars, a hope above realization. “These men were men of patience, fortitude, generosity, and a love for Ephrata High. Their accomplishment resulted in a stronghold in the future.”

“Progress was stopped on the field because of many difficulties. There were times when the students were uncertain of ever getting a field. But they did not give up. Supplies finally arrived, the field was engulfed in a flood of light at the first game, and the hopes, dreams, and hard work of men of virtue was realized.”

Note: Armistice Day was declared November 11, 1919 to honor deceased veterans. The day became Veterans Day in 1947 to include all who served their country, both deceased and living.

## *Sports Report*

The fall sports season is nearly over. Only a few contests remain before qualifiers move onto post season competition. The Ephrata High School girls swim team has completed their season. For the Tigers two individuals and three relay teams managed to get to the final heats, but the Tiger girls failed to push anyone through to state during the Eastern Washington 2-A District meet.

The Ephrata girls soccer team is slated to play on November 3 against one of the top two teams from the Great Northern League (either Pullman, West Valley-Spokane or East Valley-Spokane) in a winner-to-state, loser-out match.

The Tiger volleyball team found themselves in 6<sup>th</sup> place in league competition during the regular season with four wins and five losses. The team failed to win in a single-elimination round match at the Central Washington 2-A District Championships and have completed their season.

## *Ephrata Cross Country Team*

The Tiger cross country team started out the season with a new head coach. Erik Burck, a member of the Ephrata Class of 2005, returned to his alma mater to take the reins of the Tiger runners. Burck brought a solid resume with him to the job, starting with winning the state 2-A boys individual cross country title in 2004. He parlayed that into two years with the cross country program at Spokane Falls Community College, then two more at Concordia College in Portland, where he still holds the college’s record in the 10,000 meters.



This is Burck's first head coaching position – he spent two years on the Concordia staff as a graduate assistant then returned to Ephrata with an education degree. "I think it's neat when you can go home. I learned so much when I was in Ephrata and this is my chance to give something back," Burck said. "When I was in college, I knew I wanted to coach, but I figured I'd have to wait to get my opportunity. After one year as Shelly Yenney's assistant coach here at Ephrata, she was gracious enough to put in a good word for me, and the school was willing to give me a chance."

Burck also said he wouldn't mind someday following the path of another Ephrata graduate who won a state cross-country title and went on to a successful career. The mold for that was created by Greg Metcalf, the 1987 state "A" champion who is now the head cross country and track coach for the Huskies at the University of Washington. "Most definitely, that would be great," Burck said.

"Right now," Burck said, "I'm having a good time coaching these kids; this is where I want to be." He began the year with some solid talent and runners who worked hard over the summer. The team has finished the season with a trio of runners having earned trips to the state cross country finals to be held at the Sun Willows Golf Course at Pasco. During the Eastern Washington 2-A Region IV meet the Ephrata girls team ran a strong event, but slipped to a third-place finish, missing a chance to take its full roster to the state finals. Hannah Gunderson and Jeanna Segaline have earned the right to compete in the state meet as individual runners. The winning individual runner was from West Valley who finished in a time of 19:09.0; was followed in second by Gunderson at 19:32:9 and in third, Segaline, at 19:33:1. The Tiger boys finished sixth in the team standings. Recording the fastest time in the boy's event was a runner from Deer Park with a time of 15:31.5. Tiger Kiernan Rolfe finished in 11<sup>th</sup> with 16:04:5, qualifying him for a trip to the state finals.



2012 Team: front-Jeanna Segaline, Haley Hovland, Kristi Billingsley, Brianna Bazaldua, Camille Culbertson, Victoria Smith, Emily Wiersma, Hanna Gunderson, Brooklynn Maedke, Mercedes Brass. Middle-Krista Claussen, Zack Hope, Rex Hubbell, Benny Carter, Bryan Heer, Henry Hayduk, Troy Christensen, Aaron Larsen, Gavin Barnes, Nikeya Razey. Back-Jose Lopez, Hunter Stucky, Brandon Aldaco, Matt Mortimer, Austin Franks, Noah Petersen, Carlos Flores, Quint Ostrowski, Tyler Whitmus. Missing: Max Waters, Alexis Gallegoes, Vide Kinneberg, Kiernan Rolfe, Wesley Kliphardt, Dylan Benthem, Chris Simon, Ryan Trepanier, Stenn Monson, Sean Trepanier, Miguel Rodriquez, Tarren Selig, Alex O'Neel, Jennie Delong, Allexandra Heston, Katie Hilliard.

**Looking back** in the 1998 Tiger annual - "Coach Don McFarland began the cross country program at Ephrata in 1971. He dedicated 26 years of his life to this program. He made it into a traditionally strong program with a record that speaks for itself. He is a class act." His final year of coaching and teaching was the 1997-98 school years. His team did him proud at his last state cross country meet, the girls won the state title and the boys finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Don McFarland spent 33 years of his life enhancing the lives of the students in the Ephrata schools.



## VETERANS DAY SPECIAL FEATURE

### *War Memorial in Ephrata*

Have you ever stopped to visit the memorial placed in front of the Ephrata Recreation Center in downtown Ephrata? The memorial display was placed there to honor the men from the area who answered the “call to colors” in the World Wars. There are 121 names listed of those who fought to preserve our freedoms. We will celebrate Veterans Day on November 11; remember the seven listed on the memorial who made the ultimate sacrifice, Arthur Lampman, Charles McPhee, George Phillips, Rex Porter, Arthur Stover, Sam Walters and Wesley Woods. Many of the men and women listed on the memorial, some of them high school students, teachers or recent graduates, were willing to put off furthering their education to fight for their country.

Veterans Day honors all American veterans, both living and dead, who have made sacrifices in their lives to keep our country free. To honor the service of all who graduated from Ephrata High School and served in the Armed Forces, the story is being told of a fallen hero, Mike Masterson, who was a 1955 EHS graduate.

Masterson is remembered by his classmates for his “bubby enthusiasm, great sense of humor and his smarts.” He was a leader, served as the Associated Student Body president during the 1954-55 school years, participated in the Student Leaders’ Conference, attended Boys’ State, and served as president of Boys’ Federation. Academically, he was a member of the National Honor Society and the International Relations Organization. Though small in stature, Mike was a member of the Orange “E” Club and participated in football, baseball, and track.



Mike graduated from Washington State University and is described by a fellow Cougar as “a man whose leadership inspired us to lead, his sense of honor and humor taught us to be honest and laugh at our mistakes, and his discipline set the example for us of a high standard of excellence.”

### ***Michael John Masterson***

### ***Lieutenant Colonel – United States Air Force***

***16 May 1937 - 20 November 1978***



“Night closed over Laos, where clouds were piling up over the rugged mountain jungle. An American pilot, on a mission to disrupt enemy traffic bound for North Vietnam, was flying into trouble. The artificial horizon on his A-1 Skyraider, a single-prop workhorse of World War II vintage, had suddenly stopped functioning, making it impossible for him to gauge his position among the clouds.

“Dizzy and disoriented, Air Force Captain Michael J. “Bat” Masterson radioed to a companion flying nearby that he was ejecting. ‘I’m losing it and getting out,’ Masterson barked. At this, the wingman, Air force Major Peter W. Brown, began a sharp turn to avoid colliding with Masterson. Halfway through this maneuver, Brown saw an orange fireball light up the jungle. Masterson’s plane was down.

“Brown noted the time and date – 6:55 p.m., October 13, 1968. But where was Masterson? Had he parachuted to safety? Had he been captured by Pathet Lao troops, the Communists controlling this corner of Laos? Had he ridden his Skyraider into the ground?” Those questions would remain unanswered for almost 40 years.”

The August 2006 issue of the Smithsonian Magazine contains information on the excavation of the crash site. It reported that, "the human remains recovered consisted of bone fragments too small and too damaged for DNA analysis, but it notes that the recovery team found personal effects, fragments of an unused parachute, ammunition for Captain Masterson's personal sidearm, and both of his dog tags." The article goes on to say, "Since neither teeth nor DNA were available in Masterson's case, it was finally closed February 7, 2006 on the basis of circumstantial evidence. Later that month, Air Force officers presented the findings, along with

Masterson's dog tags, a few coins, other effects, and a copy of the case file to his wife."



Update from the Virtual Wall: The Defense Department PM-SEA database indicates that Captain Masterson's remains were repatriated on 04 AUG 2005 and positive identification approved on 07 FEB 2006. His name is found listed on panel 41W, row 61 of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, The Wall, in Washington, D. C. To read the full story, access "Lost Over Laos", [www.smithsonianmag.com/history-archaeology/laos.html](http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history-archaeology/laos.html).

### *9/11 Commemorative Flags Presented*

"On behalf of the community, mayor pro-tem Bruce Reim accepted a City of Ephrata flag and a U. S. flag presented by Air Force SSGT Bill Chisum (at right) during the August 01, 2012 of the city council meeting. Chisum returned this spring from a six-month deployment in Afghanistan, where he had arranged to have both the Stars and Stripes and city flag raised and flown over a military installation in Kabul on September 11, 2011 – the 10th anniversary of terrorist attacks on the United States and the impetus to Operation enduring Freedom. Chisum, who joined the Air Force in 2005, said the flags and companion certificates represented an expression of personal gratitude from him and his family to the city. "It's my home," said Chisum, a 2001 Ephrata High School graduate currently station at F. E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming. Reim and other city officials in turn thanked Chisum for both his service and donations, which will be 'prominently displayed' at city hall." Photo/story courtesy of Grant County Journal, August 02, 2012.



### **EPHRATA PAST AND PRESENT**

#### *Ephrata Concert Band*



1932 Band: Front row l-r: Sarah Clapp, Jerry Cook, Robert Nickle, Joe Niles, Band Director Tom Jenkins, Charles Goodwin. 2nd row: John Frey, Doris Cook, Frances Thiemens, Dorothy Goodwin, Jane Norman, Francis Norman, Elder Hall, Walter Goodwin, Margaret Clapp, John Tucker, Ben Butler. Back row: Vincil Lemon, Alfred Nickle, Verne Matthews, Roy Harris, Marguerite Thiemens, Myrtle Noble, Dick Thiemens, Henry Dudley. A majority of the band members graduated from Ephrata High School between 1930 and 1941. Roy Harris served as EHS principal.

The Ephrata Concert Band was organized in 1931, mainly through the efforts of D. C. Thiemens. The first year the band grew to include 25 members of all ages. The band, directed by T. E. Jenkins, played at all community gatherings and traveled about the area to perform. It is easy to imagine that the band included Armistice Day as a day to perform on the bandstand located in downtown Ephrata. Patriot tunes, such as the "The Star Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America", were sure to be among the group's repertoire.

The group, decked out in their white uniforms and blue capes with scarlet linings, and white caps with navy blue bands, presented some very high profile performances. They proudly paraded at Spokane during the Grand Coulee Dam Celebration when the first contract was let for the construction of the dam, winning first place County Band honors and \$115. They also furnished music during the dedication celebration held at the dam when the first shovel of dirt was turned over by Governor Martin, and appeared two more times; when President Franklin D. Roosevelt made a visit to inspect the progress on the dam and in August 1934 when he spoke at the dedication ceremony. During their first trip to the dam site the musicians traveled on the back of a truck, along a dusty gravel road. During their last trip, Roosevelt's visit, the road to the dam was oiled for the occasion and the band rode in a school bus.

Considered to be one of the most active city bands in North Central Washington this group performed at a number of Wenatchee Apple Blossom Festivals, played at the Grant County Fairs at Moses Lake; entertained at Grand Coulee Dam picnics, Neppel (Moses Lake) fairs, Wilson Creek and Soap Lake celebrations. D. C. Thiemens served as manager with Margaret Clapp as secretary. Compilation of Grant County Journal articles furnished by Janet Jenkins Nelson. Picture provided by Ephrata High School Library.