

**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: MICHAEL A. COTTLE**

Mike Cottle is a 1998 graduate of Everett Area High School. In 1999 he formed a partnership with his dad, Sam Cottle, and is presently vice-president/project manager of their company, Cottle's Asphalt Maintenance (CAM). Mike manages all of CAM's Penndot projects and shares responsibility with his dad on equipment purchasing, hiring, and all other day to day operations. The company has grown from a small operation with two full time and two part time employees to a multimillion dollar operation with 55 employees.

In the fall of Mike's senior year, he was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Although ill much of the time from treatments, he continued to attend school and participate in activities and sports. Through all of this, Mike always kept a positive attitude. He was instrumental in bringing the Renaissance program to Everett by visiting a Renaissance school in North Carolina and helping to establish the perimeters of the Everett program.

Following graduation from high school in 1998, Mike attended college at Saint Francis as a physical therapy major. The next year he transferred to UPJ as a civil engineering major before going into business with his dad. Mike leads a

very busy life with his family and other outside interests. From 2001-2005 he was an assistant varsity and jr high football coach, has been a hunters' education instructor giving several hunters safety courses per year since 2001 and has coached Everett Little League and Everett Youth Football League since 2006. Mike is a member of the Everett Lions Club and the local Ducks Unlimited chapter. He also regularly attends the Community Grace Brethren Church.



In September of 2006, Mike married Ashley Price (2000) and purchased their present home on Sponsler Road the following year. They have three sons, Eyziak, Benjamin and Brett. Mike says, "I enjoy time with my family, hunting and will look forward to watching my three sons grow and eventually becoming young men."

**We Would Like To Hear FROM YOU**

We would like some feedback from you. Let us know how we're doing. Tell us what you'd like to see us report in the Alumni News.

**Send story ideas to us, or better yet, send us a story about yourself or another alumni. Tell us about your class reunion and other class get-togethers. Share your pictures with us.**

## WHO MOVED MY CHEESE?

Submitted by Superintendent of Schools, Dixie Paruch

**Who Moved My Cheese?....** That has been the theme recently at Everett Area School District and will continue over the next few years as we embark on a building project. There has been much change in the district over the past few months with new faces in positions and some positions left open for now. We have to remain positive, anticipate the change and "move with the cheese".

The Board accepted the bids for the building project and we will continue moving forward. The final drawings are beautiful and will show that Warrior pride. Many modifications have taken place in order to make the project affordable as well as still give us what we need for our students. The plan is to break ground in October yet the phasing will not affect classes in session. The new wing will be built prior to the demolition of the current wings, so students can move right into the new area at that completion stage. We will not move sixth grade to the middle school location until the project is completed. We will continue to give you updates and pictures along the journey. This is definitely an exciting time for the district and community!

## NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

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## OBITUARIES

### Arnold Joseph 'Joe' Cross

Longtime Everett Special Education Teacher, Joe Cross, 67, died Monday, July 4, 2011, at his home in The Villages, FL. Most of his 35 years of teaching were spent in the Everett Area Schools. While at Everett, Joe also coached basketball, baseball and softball.

Joe was preceded in death by his first wife Nancy Cross who died in January of 1993. In June of 1997, he married Barbara Naperkoski Cross who survives along with Lorrie Butterfuss White (1979), Susan Butterfuss Miller (1980), Mary Cross Ritchey (1989), Michael Joseph Cross (1991) and Sharon Anne Cross (1998).

### Linda L. Kachurik

Linda Routt Kachurik, 64, died Wednesday, June 29, 2011. Linda was a 1964 graduate of Everett High School and a long time employee of the school district. She is survived by husband Andy Kachurik, daughter Andrea (1993) and sons Allen (1996) and Aaron (1999).

### Russell B. Gordon

Russell Gordon, 90, of Homewood Retirement Community, Martinsburg, passed away July 5, 2011. He was preceded in death by his wife Doris M. Born who passed away in April of 2006. Doris was the daughter of Everett elementary teacher Pearl Born. Russell and Doris are the benefactors for the Pearl Born Scholarship which is administered by the Alumni Association and given yearly to an Everett High School Senior.

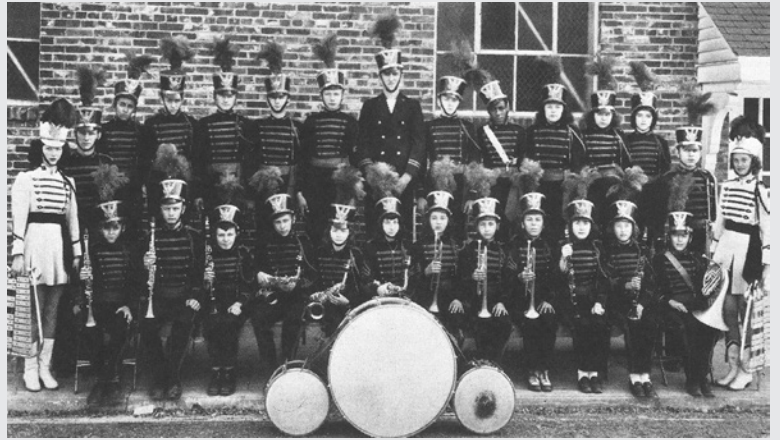


## BLUE AND GOLD GIVES WAY TO RED AND WHITE

Having read an article recently on the 70th anniversary of the Everett VFW National Champion Blue and Gold Band got me thinking. How did the segue from Blue & Gold to Red and White take place?

The VFW Band was active into the 1940s, winning the national championship title in 1941. Many factors contributed to the demise of the band. WWII was taking its toll with the older boys being drafted into the armed services and money to support the band was scarce. The death of director Lantz Knight in 1943 brought an end to the band. During this time, the Everett School's instrumental music program was limited to an orchestra and then a concert band with a few small ensembles. The community wanted a marching band again, but the school didn't have the money to provide uniforms and instruments.

Then, prior to the 1946-47 school year, the VFW donated the uniforms and instruments to the school. Fred Snyder was hired to direct the new band. The blue and gold uniforms continued to be used until the 1956-57 school year when the first set of red and white uniforms were purchased.



**Everett 1947 Marching Band** – Row 1: J. Cornell, J. Stine, D. Satterwaite, E. Rogers, B. Flint, L. Felton, M. Laher, C. Mountain, S. McGahan, E. Leach, L. Eshelman, A. Dunkle, D. Stine, B. Morris; Row 2: W. Wigfield, R. Whisel, R. Foor, D. Chamberlain, J. Wisler, M. Steckman, R. Pittman, O. Richardson, S. Marshall, E. Eshelman, E. Furry, A. Hersherberger, W. Lashley



**Everett 1947 Color Guard and Majorettes** – Row 1: E. Perrin, J. Perrin, M. Perrin, B. McFarland; Row 2: J. Perdue, D. Twigg, H. Decker, J. Hixson, I. Diehl, J. O'Neal, M. Dibert

### Class of 1946 get-together at the Corral.



## SCHOOL NEWS

### Tonya DeVecchis-Kerr Resigns

Mrs. Tonya DeVecchis-Kerr has resigned as Assistant Superintendent to take a position as Superintendent of schools at Moshannon Valley School District in Houtzdale, PA. Tonnie was an asset to the Everett Area school District and she will be greatly missed.

### Joni Whetstone Retires

Mrs. Joni Shambach Whetstone (1973) retires from teaching after a very successful 28 years as choral director at Everett High School. Joni joined the staff at Everett after teaching at the Everett Christian Academy.

# PLANNING A CLASS REUNION

This is a list of suggested basics to take into consideration when planning your class reunion. Some well organized classes have the planning down to a science but many don't.

## 1 THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The reunion planning committee should consist of a workable number of classmates living locally who are willing to get together several times before the reunion. It is your job to plan the entire reunion from beginning to end and inform ALL class members of the details. DO NOT send out surveys asking for suggestions.

## 2 PLANNING THE REUNION - DO NOT WAIT TILL THE LAST MINUTE

The initial planning needs to be done well in advance of the reunion. A year in advance isn't too early to start planning.

## 3 BOOK AN ADEQUATE FACILITY

Book a suitable venue that can fill your needs. Make sure your classmates have ample space to eat their meal and mingle afterwards. A crowded space doesn't make for an enjoyable reunion. Take meal quality and cost into consideration. Expensive doesn't make it better. You might also want to keep the reunion in the Everett Area School District if possible.

## 4 DETERMINE THE PER PERSON COST

Determine all the expenses of the reunion so a per person cost can be projected. Take into consideration the facility cost if any, price of the meal (including

those of your invited guests), paper, envelopes, postage, decorations, programs, etc. Plan so some start-up money is available to start the next reunion. KEEP EXPENSES DOWN! Some places charge as much for the meal as other classes pay for the entire reunion. There are many inexpensive ways to provide a very nice reunion for your classmates.

## 5 CONTACTING CLASSMATES

Make an all-out attempt to contact EVERY class member personally as early as possible, preferably by mail. This is suggested so they can get the date on their calendar to avoid conflicts later. This will also check your mailing addresses for accuracy. If the letter is returned then you know you have to search for an updated address. Social networks like Facebook or MySpace are NOT acceptable for first contact. The reunion is for the entire class, not just your friends or those who belong to an internet social network.

## 6 INVITED GUESTS

The committee needs to determine who and how many guests, i.e. teachers and coaches, it would like to invite to the reunion. Mail written invitations to them in a timely manner and remember that they are your honored guests at no cost to them.

# UNION – DO'S AND DON'TS

## 7 MAKE THE FACILITY ATTRACTIVE

A little bit of decorating can go a long way toward creating a festive atmosphere for your reunion. A big sign welcoming classmates that is visible when they enter the room and Vases of flowers on the tables or balloons add considerably. A display of memorabilia from your high school years is enjoyable to see. Invite classmates to bring some of theirs. Colorful table paper adds a lot without adding expense.

## 8 PLAN THE EVENING

The whole evening needs to be planned from beginning to end. Times for happy hour, class picture, meal and entertainment. Remember to reserve time to recognize deceased classmates and to sing the Alma Mater. Plan games and/or skits. Trivia games from your high school years are always fun. Reserve plenty of time for classmates to mingle with each other. Have it all printed out in a program so everyone has a copy of the evening's events to take home. The program could be a booklet containing names and addresses of all classmates. If you conduct a business meeting, take minutes. Be creative! A couple committee members should man a registration table at the entrance. Have everyone sign a registration book for your records. Use this opportunity for classmates to order and pay for a copy of the class picture, hand out name badges (people do change their looks), programs and all other information for the evening's events. REMEMBER THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION. We can provide some copies of the latest newsletter and business cards with our address, email address and website info.

## 9 WEEKEND REUNION

Some older classes are now planning events for the entire weekend and holding reunions every year or two. Some suggestions are: Friday evening get-together at a football game, restaurant or tavern. Saturday morning tour of the high school. (With the anticipated building program the present high school will be gone as we know it.) Saturday afternoon tour of Briar Valley Winery (owned by Everett alumni), or the Everett Train Station museum. Saturday evening main event banquet. Sunday brunch. Use this opportunity to visit the Union Hotel or Bedford Springs Resort.

**Here's to a great class reunion!**  
**Do it right and they will keep coming back!**

**THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY WE CAN.**

## HIGH SCHOOL TOUR

All high school classes holding reunions the next couple years should consider taking a tour of the High School building as a part of their reunion weekend. With the new building program getting underway, the present building, as we know it, will be gone. The Association would be more than happy to arrange the tour for you.

**Look for updates at our website**  
**[everettareaalumni.org](http://everettareaalumni.org)**



## ASSOCIATION PETITIONS FOR HARTSOCK RECOGNITION

What are the chances of there being a Medal Of Honor recipient from Bedford County? There are five, but only two since the criteria was changed in 1917 so they were awarded only for deeds that were considered exceptional. What are the odds that the two recipients are both from the Everett Area? That's right! We have two Medal Of Honor recipients from the Everett Area; Ellis R. Weicht and Robert W. Hartsock (1962).

The bridge at the west end of Everett is named the Ellis R. Weicht Bridge, so the association has petitioned the office of Representative Dick Hess to have the eastern bridge designated the Robert W. Hartsock Bridge. We think it would be a great tribute to recognize both of our Medal of Honor recipients. We will keep you informed of our progress.

## REUNIONS & CLASS GET-TOGETHERS

### **Class of 1961 Reunion**

**August 20, 2011**

Tour of the high school - 10 AM

The Union Hotel in Everett - 5:30 PM happy hour

### **Class of 1976 Reunion**

**August 27, 2011**

Spring House - 6:00 PM

### **Class of 1946 Get-Together**

**September 6, 2011**

Azteca - location varies monthly

Contact Jean Barney

Get-together the first Tuesday of each month

### **Class of 1959 Get-Together**

**September 15, 2011**

Kelly's Scenic View Restaurant - 11:30 AM

Get-together the third Thursday of each month

### **Class of 1956 Reunion**

**September 17, 2011**

Spring House - 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM

### **Class of 1967**

**September 17, 2011**

Picnic at Five Forks in Clearville

Reservations requested

### **Class of 1952 Reunion**

**September 24, 2011**

Weekend reunion

### **Class of 1966 Reunion**

**September 24, 2011**

Tour of the high school - 10 AM

Down River - 6:00 PM

### **Class of 1946 Reunion**

**October 1, 2011**

Spring House - 5:30 PM

Get-together the first Tuesday of each month

### **Class of 1946 get-together**

**October 4, 2011**

Azteca - location varies monthly

Contact Jean Barney

Get-together the first Tuesday of each month

### **Class of 2001**

**October 8, 2001**

Reunion at Clara's Place - 5:00 PM

### **EAHS Homecoming**

**October, 14, 2011**

Football with Mount Union

### **Class of 1959 Get-Together**

**October 20, 2011**

Kelly's Scenic View Restaurant - 11:30 AM

Get-together the third Thursday of each month

### **Class of 1946 Get-Together**

**November 1, 2011**

Location varies

Contact Jean Barney

Get-together the first Tuesday of each month

### **Class of 1959 Get-Together**

**November 17, 2011**

Kelly's Scenic View Restaurant - 11:30 AM

Get-together the third Thursday of each month

### **Class of 1946 Get-Together**

**December 6, 2011**

Location varies

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Get-together the first Tuesday of each month

### **Class of 1959 Get-Together**

**December 15, 2011**

Kelly's Scenic View Restaurant - 11:30 AM

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# Congratulations Class of 2011



## Class of 1961 Celebrates 50th Year Reunion



Everett High School Class of 1961 Senior Trip to Washington D.C. - MAY 1961

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## Everett Area High School Alumni Association

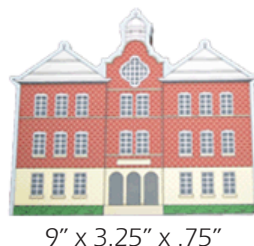
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## REPLICAS AVAILABLE

The Association has colorful, wooden replicas of the two former North Spring Street school buildings available for you to purchase. The history of each building is printed on the backside. You can obtain each building for \$20.00 or the set for \$35.00. We can mail a single replica to you for \$4.00 or the set for \$7.00.



9" x 3.25" x .75"



6" x 5.25" x .75"

To order your replicas, please use the enclosed form and mail along with your payment to:

**Everett Area Alumni Association** 427 East South Street, Everett, PA 15537

You may obtain an order form online: [everettareaalumni.org](http://everettareaalumni.org)

The Alumni Association meets the third Tuesday of the month at Kelly's Scenic View Restaurant at 7:00 PM.\*

## 2011 CALENDAR

September 20 | \*October 18 - 6:30 PM | November 15 | No December meeting