

# Cocalico Pride

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## SAVE THE DATE:

### Cocalico Education Foundation Events:

March 13 - Cocalico Iron Chef Competition

April 13 - Community Yard Sale

### Cocalico High School Events:

March 15-17 - Spring Musical Production - "Grease."

April 13 - Sr. Citizen's Social

### Cocalico Middle School Events:

March 8 & 9 - Play production of "Frankenstein."

### Evening Library Hours

Every Thursday from 6-8 pm (Open to the Public)



## Goals of the Cocalico Alumni Association

- ◆ Let people know about upcoming events and reunions
- ◆ Help Alumni get in touch with other alumni
- ◆ Raise awareness of the Cocalico Education Foundation and all of the great things the organization does for the community
- ◆ Keep alumni connected to what is happening

## Featured Alumnus

### Jay Althouse Class Of 1969



Imagine our surprise when we googled Jay Althouse after he registered on our alumni database listing his profession as a composer. After a little research, we realized he's quite an accomplished composer!

Jay Althouse graduated from Cocalico High School with the class of 1969. In high school, he was on the golf team and participated in the band and chorus. Mrs. Darlene Boggs, who taught English, was Jay's favorite teacher. He noted, "Mrs. Bogs gave us a very thorough grounding in the basics of writing and English composition, which served me very well in college and continues to do so today." Jay had attended Cocalico schools for his entire education, starting at the "old" Denver Elementary on the corner of North Fourth and Walnut Streets. After graduation, he attended Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Jay received a B.S. degree in Music Education and a M.Ed. Degree in Music from IUP, from which he also received the school's Distinguished Alumni award in 2004.

Jay has been married to Sally Albrecht for over 25 years, and they reside in Raleigh, NC where he has served two terms on the board of the North Carolina Master Chorale. Jay has been writing music for over 35 years. He has over 600 works in prints for choirs of all levels. In addition, he has co-written several musicals with his wife, compiled and arranged highly regarded vocal solo collections, and co-written two best-selling books and reproducible texts for the music classroom.

During the 2009 Presidential Inauguration, one of the songs that Jay co-wrote with his wife was chosen to be sung by the San Francisco Girls & Boys Choruses. Jay mentioned, "The piece, 'I Hear America Singing' includes some arrangements of patriotic songs as well as some original words and music, along with narration from famous American speeches. It was originally written for a performance by a festival choir at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC in 2006. We weren't aware of the performance at the Inauguration until we heard it as we watched the Inauguration on television. The choirs were just one of the musical groups which performed that day, and their performance came while dignitaries were being seated prior to the oath of office. If I remember correctly, they performed just before Aretha Franklin. It's a nice memory."

**Do you know someone who would make an interesting Alumnus for our feature? Email the alumni association at [alumni@cocalico.org](mailto:alumni@cocalico.org) or call (717) 336-1413.**

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### DID YOU KNOW?

Senior Citizens, age 65 & over, living within the Cocalico School District are eligible for special lifetime passes which admit them without charge to all HOME sporting, drama, & musical events. These passes can be obtained by visiting the Administration Offices at the front of the senior high school during normal business hours.

We're on the Web!

<https://sites.google.com/site/cocalicoalumniassociation>

## Class of 2013 Homecoming Queen

### Layne Gable

On the night of the Cocalico Homecoming football game, in the pouring rain, Layne Gable was announced our homecoming queen. Layne is the only child of Greg and Heidi Gable, who live in Reamstown. After high school, she plans to attend college at Dickinson, Lafayette, or California University of Pennsylvania for English courses. In school, Layne works for the school newspaper, writing articles and designing pages. She and Jenna Weachter also write an article for the Ephrata Review each month. Aside from writing, she enjoys swimming with a club team and with the high school team. She participates in FBLA as the community service leader, and NHS as the secretary. Outside of school, Layne volunteers at her church, Faith Evangelical Lutheran, with youth programs. She also teaches swim lessons for the East Cocalico Swim Team, and volunteers at the Lititz Senior Center. In her spare time, she likes reading, mostly classic books, watching movies, and going to the beach. We congratulate Layne Gable on becoming our homecoming queen!



article by Mariah Sensenig (Cocalico HS student)

EVERY CHILD...EVERY CHANCE...EVERY DAY... - CSD MISSION STATEMENT

## Teacher In the Spotlight - Mrs. Gail Witwer

Mrs. Witwer started with the Cocalico School District in the fall of 1971 as a fourth grade teacher at the former Denver Elementary School on the corner of North Fourth Street and Walnut Street. After teaching fourth grade for two years she was assigned second grade and says she had "found her niche". She has been teaching second grade ever since. She finds it incredibly rewarding that her former students are now walking through the doors as parents of second graders of their own.



Mrs. Witwer is a life-long resident of the Ephrata area and graduated from Ephrata High School. A month after graduation she was crowned Miss Ephrata, and went on to win the title of Miss Lancaster County. Mrs. Witwer shared that when she graduated from high school females were not eligible for any academic college scholarships, and athletic scholarships were minimally available to young women. She feels very fortunate to have received scholarship money through the Miss America pageant for her participation in local, county, & state pageants, and it paid for a good portion of her college education. During her reigning year as Miss Lancaster County, Mrs. Witwer attended Millersville University and then transferred to Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, West Virginia to finish her education.

Mrs. Witwer feels that the second grade curriculum she covers today bears little resemblance to the curriculum of the 1970's. She states, "Children are learning differently because technology is impacting the way information is assimilated neurologically. Educators must continue to keep apprised of technological advancements; that's no small feat! I used carbons on electric typewriters to type newsletters and worksheets, copies were made on mimeograph machines (continued on page 3)

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and I remember having training sessions to learn how to use a laminator. Today I use iPads, computers, and document cameras to instruct my class. Technology has had a huge impact on my teaching. Embracing and implementing technology into my teaching has been challenging and rewarding. The more I learn, the more I know I need to learn!" Mrs. Witwer also feels that society demands that children develop academic skills at an earlier age and that our students are meeting this challenge, but that the children still enjoy the social aspect of school very much - including recess and chatting together in the cafeteria at lunch. Mrs. Witwer would also like to add, "I've never found teaching to be mundane or repetitious. New concepts and techniques abound. The challenge is to incorporate the things that work for you while implementing new ideas."

Mrs. Witwer is currently teaching at the Denver Elementary school and has also taught at the former Denver and Schoeneck Elementary Schools. During that time she has also filled the role as a teacher at "Camp Read A Lot" during summer breaks and as a PSSA tutor after school. Some of you may recognize her smiling face at the ticket window of the football games at Cocalico stadium or collecting tickets at the basketball home games.

Not surprisingly, both of Mrs. Witwer's grown children have careers of their own in the education field. Her son, Johnathan approves student loans through his employment with Sallie Mae, and her daughter, Abby, is a school psychologist with the Elizabethtown School district and is also in charge of autistic support at Elizabethtown's Middle School. Mrs. Witwer states "Both of my kids gestated on chalk dust, so their involvement in education seemed obvious!"

In addition to spending time with her grandchild, McKenna (daughter of her son Johnathan), Mrs. Witwer will remain busy in years to come. Mrs. Witwer thinks when the time comes to retire, she won't be far from children. She would like to have time to volunteer in elementary classrooms, read at "story time" in local libraries, and continue her work at the Ephrata Rec Center's ANCHOR program which works with handicapped children. And of course, reading on her newest technological upgrade, her "Kindle".

## *In Remembrance*



**John A Smaltz**

Cocalico Teacher

Mr. Smaltz passed away on December 17, 2012 at the age of 79. He taught science for 35 years at Cocalico High School before retiring in the mid 1990s. In addition to teaching, Mr. Smaltz served as department head, junior class advisor, and he supervised sound & lighting for school productions, football games, & band events. Mr. Smaltz is survived by his wife, a son & daughter, and 5 grandchildren. Mr. Smaltz was also an Army veteran and a member of the Ephrata Lodge #664 F&AM.

**Pictures Wanted!** Did you recently have a class reunion? If you took pictures of the reunion and would like to share, please contact Lesley Worline Stricker ('87) at [alumni@cocalico.org](mailto:alumni@cocalico.org) or 717-336-1413.

## FALL SPORTS RESULTS

### CROSS COUNTRY

BOYS' 3-18                      GIRLS' 7-14  
Jr. High Boys 5-16              Jr. High Girls 9-1

### BOYS' SOCCER

Varsity 12-6-1                      JV 7-6-3  
Jr. High V. 6-6-2                      JR High JV 10-1-3

### GIRLS SOCCER

Varsity 16-6-0                      J. V. 10-1-2  
Jr. High Varsity 10-3-1              Jr. High JV 9-3-1

### FIELD HOCKEY

Varsity 12-7                      J. V. 6-7-5  
Jr. High Varsity 3-6-5              Jr. High JV 3-3-3

### FOOTBALL

Varsity 10-2                      J. V. 4-3  
Jr. High Varsity 6-0                      Jr. High JV 2-4

### GIRLS' TENNIS 12-3

### GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Varsity 9-5                      J. V. 10-4

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# 7th Annual Iron Chef Cocalico



The Cocalico Education Foundation will host the Sixth Annual Iron Chef Cocalico culinary event on March 3 at the Cocalico High School from 1 to 5 p.m. This unique event incorporates food, music and award-winning artwork to raise funds for educational opportunities for students and adults in the Cocalico School District. This year's Iron Chef competition has a theme of "By the Sea" and will include three competitors; Scott Snyder of the Ephrata Hospital, Dave Shefter of the Penn Warner Hotel, and Kelly Kapinos of "Lily's on Main". In addition to the Iron Chef culinary challenge, guests will have the opportunity to sample and judge the People's Choice Competition "At the Boardwalk" Cook-off and visit with the many vendor stand holders. As always, the competitions will be followed by the Event Auction. This year's event will be hosted by Casey Allen of WIOV, and John Witwer, voice of the Lancaster Barnstormers. Tickets will be available for purchase at Weaver's Market in Adamstown, Blue Ridge CATV, or the Administration Office of the Cocalico School District.



For more information, please call (717)336-1413.



The Cocalico Education Foundation is hosting our third Community Yard Sale. The yard sale will be open to customers from 8 a.m. – noon. We have had very positive comments from both stand holders and customers in the past. Anyone wishing to host a stand can reserve one by downloading an application at

<https://sites.google.com/a/cocalico.net/cocalico-education-foundation/events/yard-sale> or picking one up at

any of the district's schools. Complete the application and mail it, along with the rental fee of \$10 for two parking spaces (\$5 will be charged for each additional space requested) to Denver Elementary School, ATTN: Sharon Myers, 700 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Denver, PA 17517 or drop it off at the Denver Elementary School Office. Completed applications are due by Wed., March 13, 2013. Stand holders will be able to set up at 6:30 a.m. The foundation will secure a permit to cover the yard sale.

# YARD SALE

## Saturday April 13

Denver Elementary Parking Lot

Please take advantage of this win/win opportunity; you get to sell items you no longer want or need, and the students of Cocalico School District benefit. Or, just come out to the yard sale April 13 to shop!

*We all need a little drama in our lives!*



On March 15 at 7:00pm, March 16 at 7:00pm, and March 17 at 2:00pm, come out and watch the Cocalico High School students put on the musical, *Grease*. The cost for tickets are just \$5.

*Grease* is a story about kids in the 50's. A new girl, Sandy, comes to Rydell High School and finds out that the boy she had her summer romance with, goes to the same school. What happens to their romance as they go on throughout the school year?

Mr. Kimmich, the director, says, "It's a fun show and has high energy. A lot of people are familiar with it. It should be fun."

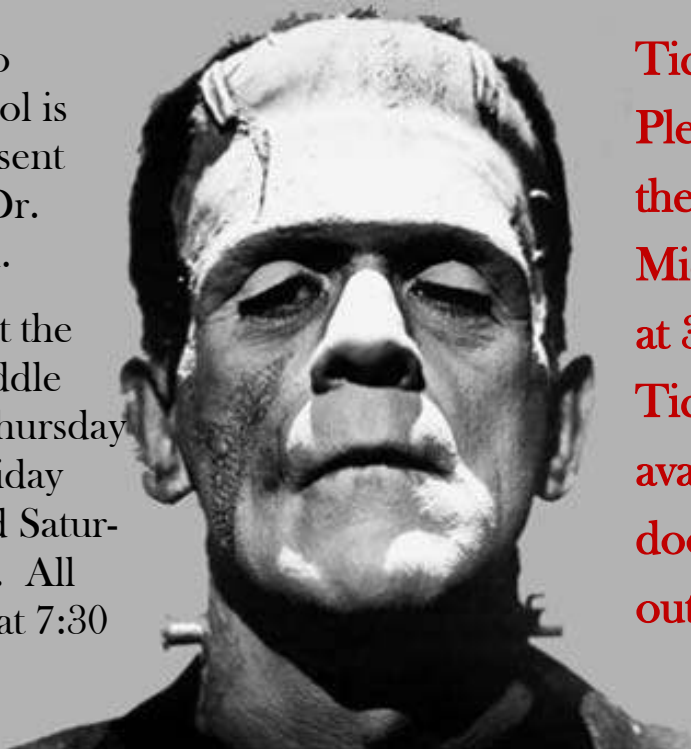
*Come out and see this wonderful musical!*

Article written by high school student Mariah Sensenig

# FRANKENSTEIN

The Cocalico Middle School is proud to present the story of Dr. Frankenstein.

To be held at the Cocalico Middle School on Thursday March 7, Friday March 8, and Saturday March 9. All shows begin at 7:30 pm.



**Tickets are \$5. Please contact the Cocalico Middle School at 336-1471. Tickets may be available at the door, but sell out early!**

**Help Wanted!** The alumni association would like to start holding annual events, but we need volunteers to help plan and organize. If you have an interest on serving on the event committee, please contact Lesley Worline Stricker ('87) at [alumni@cocalico.org](mailto:alumni@cocalico.org) or 717-336-1413.