

Cocalico Pride

Summer 2016

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SAVE THE DATE

Cocalico Education Foundation:
9/10/16 - Yard Sale

Alumni Association Events:
6/24/16 - Golf Tournament
Board Meetings held 3rd Wednesday of Month.

Cocalico School District:
8/22/16 - First Day of School



Alumni in the Spotlight Denise Graybill-Donohoe Class of 1975



Denise Graybill-Donohoe is a professional landscape designer who does more than plant flower beds. She produces works of art using sustainable design practices, where natural and built systems work together and gardens become much more than a collection of plants. She explains her craft, "In a nutshell, sustainability is defined as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of the future. Sustainable landscape design is an integrated effort to preserve or restore our ecosystems, provide adequate storm water solutions, design our hardscapes with heat, light, and air movement in mind, and design integrated open spaces." Sustainable landscaping is extremely important and if implemented in every home, we could do amazing things for our environment. Denise articulated further, "Sustainable design and its implementation, in all its forms, is vital to our future on this planet. We've known for many generations that contaminated storm water run-off from parking lots, farms, and homeowner's lawns have severely damaged the Chesapeake Bay. For example, our continued use of springtime weed-n-feed products, which contain fertilizers, contributes to algae dead zones in streams, rivers, and the Chesapeake Bay. Dead zones in the Bay means that fish struggle to survive. Excess nitrogen, phosphorous, and sediment loads are the culprits." So while incorporating best management practices in her designs, Denise is also trying to design to a customer's wants and needs. She adds, "This involves many considerations such as the architectural style of a house, the need for shade and entertaining space, the views that should be enhanced or screened, and the existing site conditions. Professional landscape designers have formal training in the fields of design and horticulture, and in my case, sustainable practices. A landscape designer can transform a ho-hum space to a functional and inviting destination just like a professional interior designer can transform a home's interior to a beautiful coordinated space. Think of a landscape designer like an 'exterior designer.'" Denise's inspirations for her projects come directly from Mother Nature. She explains, "I've seen snow drifts and wind-swept beaches that have inspired the shape of a planting bed and the massing of shrubs and perennials. I love to mimic the natural flow of a stream when designing dry creek beds."

Like many of her gardens, there was no clear-cut path to Denise Graybill-Donohoe's profession. After graduating from Cocalico High School and Penn State University with a degree in Community Development, she started out in the survey research industry designing data bases and analyzing data before switching over to health care, analyzing data on behalf of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institutes of Health, and drug and biotech manufacturers. Denise added, "To prepare for this career shift, I went back to school and studied epidemiology and biostatistics at Georgetown University. I worked in this industry for about 15 years, and then I decided it was time for me to do something creative." Denise then started her first business. She continued, "I opened a gourmet bakery for dogs in Bethesda, MD out of my love for dogs. We baked exquisite healthy treats and cakes for dogs, sold high-end merchandise, and became quite active in dog rescue groups." (Continued on Page 2)

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Denise soon realized that owning her own business required 7 day work weeks, and she worked all the time. She disclosed, "That ate me alive and I closed the business after 5 years. The creative bug still persisted, so I ran through my options and interests and decided to pursue landscape design." Denise became interested in the field after working on a garden project with a landscape designer while building her first home with her husband. She added, "When Steve and I built our first home, I wanted to make the garden look pretty so I started researching and installing plants. I quickly realized that what I planted and the planting arrangements I created, didn't look that great, so I hired a landscape designer to help me make the garden glow! I learned a lot from my experience with her which eventually led me to my love of gardening and design." With this new career shift, more schooling was inevitable. Denise noted, "I got a Master's degree in Sustainable Landscape Design from George Washington University and opened my own practice – Dancing Grass Designs. (Her company name was inspired by an old proverb which says "grasses dance in the wind and lie down in the storm.") Unlike her previous business, Denise is able to work from home to create her designs. She explains, "I create aesthetically-pleasing and sustainable designs using a CAD program called Vectorworks. I manage the installations of my designs by acting as the general contractor/project manager and subcontract out the installation activities to various



trades. What I love about my practice is the fact that I have my studio at home, I have low overhead, and I can take on as much or as little work as I want to." In addition to her clients, Denise is also working on an on-going project called the Poolesville Community Garden. She shared, "This was a pro bono design that started out as a place for people in the community to grow food, but it also became a lovely pocket park for the town of Poolesville where I live. I love spending time there and seeing what everyone has planted in their raised bed. I guess the farm girl in me is still alive." Denise's farm-girl roots began as a child. She recalls, "My family, including my father and his two brothers, owned Triple G Farms & Dairy store. My parents, aunts, uncles, siblings, and cousins all contributed to the success of the family business. I worked in the dairy store and on the farm gathering and candling eggs from the time I was in elementary school through high school and college breaks." Denise attended Cocalico while growing up in the Stevens area. During high school

she played tennis and field hockey all four years, and cheerleading her freshman year. She was also a member of the girls' athletic club called "Tri-Hi-Y." Denise added, "When I entered high school the Title IX legislation had just passed. This helped expand the sports programs for girls at Cocalico. Prior to 1972, schools that received federal funding did not have to offer equal opportunities for girls to compete in sports. How interesting this was since I was raised in a family where men ruled the roost." Denise noted that she learned through Mrs. Elaine Bowman and her sports teams that women and girls were equal to men and boys. She reminisced, "Elaine Bowman was by far the most instrumental teacher/coach in my middle and high school years. She was my gym teacher in middle school, 9th grade cheering coach, tennis coach, my Jr. Varsity and Varsity hockey coach, and now my friend. Clearly we spent a lot of time together when I was growing up. I learned important life skills from her that I carry with me today."

When asked if she has any recommendations or advice for high school students who may be considering a career in landscape design, Denise had a few suggestions including finding a good landscape design program and formally study the profession. This would include learning the principles of design such as proportion, contrast, repetition, unity, etc. and learning how to draw and sketch by hand before learning a CAD program. She encourages students to study woody and herbaceous plants and understand the meaning of their Latin and common names. If at all possible, work for a design/build company to learn from senior designers and construction professionals.

Denise has many favorite plants and admits it was hard to narrow down the list, but she recommended a few like the Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*), Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*), and River Birch (*Betula nigra*). She shared, "The Cardinal Flower provides nice summer color and the hummingbirds are so attracted to it. Butterfly Weed, which also flowers in the summer, is the only plant that can host Monarch Butterfly larvae. If we all planted Butterfly Weed, the Monarch would have a much easier path to long-term survival, but don't confuse it with the Butterfly Bush, an invasive species that cannot host native butterfly larvae." Denise also used 70% native plants in her designs and 30% exotic non-invasive species.

In addition to landscape design, Denise likes to spend time with sporting hobbies. She explains, "Just like high school, I bike, kayak, golf and play a little tennis. I watch a lot of pro tennis on TV and attend pro events like the US Open in NYC and smaller tournaments in the DC area."

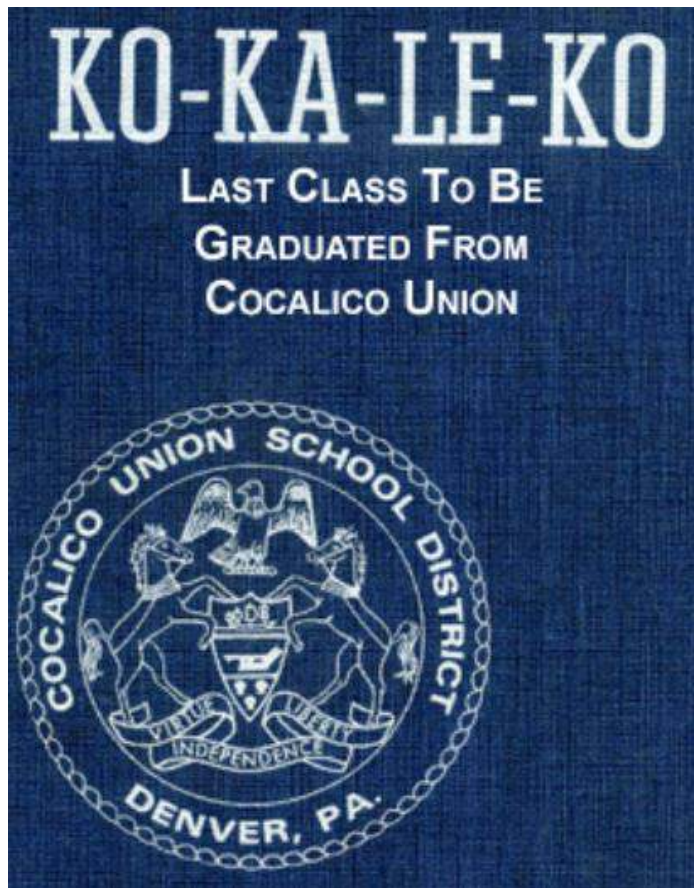
Denise lives in the agricultural reserve of suburban Maryland with her husband, Steve, a civil engineer in his family's large commercial construction business, and her newly adopted one year old yellow lab Finn.



HAS IT REALLY BEEN 50 YEARS????



Hello fellow classmates! It is hard to believe it will be 50 years since we walked the halls of good old Cocalico Union High School. If you remember Miss Rathje, Mr. Fessler, and Mr. Weaver among others, you definitely need to circle the weekend of October 22nd on your calendars! The reunion committee has planned a special weekend to celebrate our 50th!



Friday Night, October 21st - Casual get-together at *Zia Maria's Restaurant*

Saturday Night, October 22nd - Dinner at the *Inn at Reading*; casual dress, social hour, cash bar, class photo. Dinner will start at 5:30. Cost is \$50.00 per person.

Final details along with the reunion reservation form will be mailed out by 9/1/2016.

If you have any photos or class memorabilia you want to share with your fellow classmates either bring them with you or mail to Gail Tothero at P.O. Box 130, Reamstown, PA 17567.

Hope to see you all at the reunion!
Vicki Sproesser (Class of 1966)



The Cloud Chaser

By Peter W. Riffle

Peter is a nationally recognized teacher of special needs children; but more importantly, he is also a person with multiple learning disabilities. He knows what it's like to be challenged on "both sides of the desk." *The Cloud Chaser* is a "grass-roots" approach for teachers of children with disabilities and for parents of special needs kids. Log on to thecloudchaser.net to learn more.

There's still time to sign up!

2nd Annual Alumni Golf Outing

Friday, June 24th



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CLASS OF 1981 Reunion

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**DINNER
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717-538-5148
with any questions**



35 YEARS



Recent Retirees *Mr. Thomas Englert*

After graduating from Moravian College, Mr. Thomas Englert started his teaching career at Lancaster Country Day School where he taught third grade. He then taught in New Jersey and he developed and ran a summer school before accepting a position in St. Louis Missouri. Wishing to return to Lancaster County, he applied and was given a position as a fifth-grade teacher at Reamstown Elementary where he remained the next 29 years. Mr. Englert identifies his parents as having been the most influential people when it came to his career. His mother was a preschool and kindergarten teacher, and his father was a UCC minister and Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew Science at the Lancaster Seminary. When asked about his biggest challenge during his career he stated, "It was the explosion of personal computers. I began teaching and using computers in 1978, and I am pleased with how Cocalico has grown its technology staff and equipment." Mr. Englert also reminisced about the "Great Construction Project" that took place when Reamstown Elementary was updated with an addition. He still comes across banana boxes from the "Great Move." His greatest memory will be the children. He concluded, "I enjoyed working with the children the most. I was eager to come to school every day and help children to love learning." He also added, "I would like to thank the Cocalico School District community for being a special and welcoming place in which to work."

Congratulations on your retirement Mr. Englert.

Alumni Association Presents First Scholarships



Congratulations to Jillian Hartranft and Kenneth Wallace for receiving the Alumni Association's first scholarships. Each student was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by the Association for their exemplary service, both in how they served their community as well as their fellow students at Cocalico.

Pictured are Cocalico Alumni Association members Lesley Stricker and Carl Unruh presenting the scholarships to the deserving students.



Thank you to all alumni and donors who made these scholarships possible. When you help support activities of the Cocalico Alumni Association you make it possible to provide scholarships like this for future students. We thank you and the students thank you.

Cocalico Baseball, Champions Forever

By Pete Riffle

Starting in 1957 until 1967 the Cocalico Eagles won nine Lancaster County section crowns and five Lancaster County Championship trophies. From 1964 to 1967 the Eagles won four consecutive county titles, a feat that has never been duplicated before or since. Frequently, Hempfield was on the wrong end of a play-off game against the Eagles. I was fortunate to play on the '64 team that was expected to be a so-so team in Section 3 but ended up winning the Lancaster County title.

Please bear with me as I recount some of the memorable stories from my own high school career. This has to start with Harry Schaeffer, the coach. Harry drove his players hard, ran you to death, and was a no-nonsense type of person. There was the right way, the wrong way, and Harry's way, the latter option being the one you had better follow. He had played professional baseball in the Yankee's farm system and had a *cup of coffee* in the "show." When Harry became Cocalico's head coach, he deftly transferred what he had learned from the Yankees to CU. What worked in New York worked in Denver, too, as we all eventually found out. For those of you reading this who had pitched for Harry, you will certainly remember his infamous drills: there was "tap-and-go" and "catch tossed balls in the gym" for what seemed an eternity, and let's not forget the "foul line to bleacher sprints" outside! Harry's philosophy on winning was quite simple: "Throw strikes, field the ball, hit a little bit, and you'll win most games." We lived it and won.

Three stories about Coach explain what it was like playing for him. This first one deals with Bob Weitzel, who has to be one of the best players to ever play for Cocalico. Bob was an outstanding high school pitcher and hitter; his only weakness was, well let's just say, he wasn't exactly a world-class sprinter. We were playing a game one hot Saturday afternoon and Bob hit a tremendous shot that rolled across the football field, an automatic homerun for most players, but not necessarily for Bob. While the right fielder gave chase to the ball, Bob chugged around the bases, hit third, and Coach sent him home. About ten feet from home plate, he tripped and fell sending up a huge, explosive cloud of dust. He was too exhausted to get up so he tried to crawl to the plate and was tagged out just before completing his homerun. We undoubtedly strained our facial muscles trying to disguise our grins until we noticed Coach doubled over laughing at third base. We totally lost it! Bob please forgive me; this story had to be told.

Harry's knowledge of the game won the '64 Lancaster County title for CU. The score was tie, thanks to my throwing error, with two outs in the fourth inning, and Tom Shirk on third base. Coach Schaeffer told him to take a very short lead. Hempfield's pitcher saw this and went into his normal windup on the next pitch, Tom stole home, and we won the championship. Like I said, Harry knew the game.

Coach had promised me that if we won the county title he would play *tap-and-go* with me at Sixth and Main Streets. He forgot he made that promise, but I didn't! We stopped all traffic, made a circle around him, and watched him suffer in public like we did in the gym.

Undefeated '65 Team

As a player I played on section, county, league, district, and state championship teams yet never had the honor of playing for a team that went undefeated. No baseball team goes through an entire season undefeated; even the best of the best lose, but CU didn't in '65. That year's roster had the names of the entire '64 team listed again except for Bill Brubaker and me. Also most county teams in '64 were loaded with seniors while the Eagles played mostly underclassmen. When '65 rolled around, other teams were rebuilding, but Cocalico simply reloaded their gun. The statistics that team put up are nothing short of ridiculous. Craig Long (.522) and Tom Shirk (.517) led the team in hitting. Their team batting average was .382 which couldn't be duplicated even if you were playing "T-ball." Phil Kauffman, who was a senior and the starting catcher, hit .429 and batted sixth. Can you imagine a starter hitting .429 and only hitting sixth? Unheard of!

Dan Heisey's Career

Cocalico has had countless numbers of outstanding players which would fill a book for sure. I'm making special mention of Dan Heisey, Class of '67, because he had a career that is unmatched in Lancaster County high school baseball history. He was a varsity starter in '64 as a ninth grader on the county title winner and was also a starter in '65, '66, and '67.... all Lancaster County Champions! Very few players get to win a county title, and yet Dan won four of them.

Phil Kauffman's Two Great Catches?

Or

Happy Graduation to Bill Kauffman

There is no way I could write about my baseball career at Cocalico without including this famous or infamous story. The last game of the 1962 season was against Ephrata on our field. It was one of the few years the last game meant nothing so Coach brought a few of us kids up to the varsity for that game; Phil and I were two of those kids. We were losing 6-0 after two innings so Coach decided to give me a chance, plus he put Phil in to catch. As the game progressed, we began to score and gradually we found ourselves winning 7-6 with two outs in the last inning. Ephrata's star player was at the plate and hit a lazy pop-up to Phil. If he caught it, I got my first varsity win. WHAT! My God, he dropped it. How was that possible? Next pitch produced another soft pop-up. Now I would surely get my first win, but he dropped that one, too! I'm standing on the mound thinking *are you kidding me*, and being only 15 years old, I was thoroughly rattled. On my next pitch the kid hit a homerun off of me, and suddenly it was a tie ballgame. I'm removed from the game and replaced by Phil's brother Bill. Bill threw one pitch and got a ground ball out which brought Cocalico back to hit in the bottom of the last inning. First up was Ron Dietrich, who hit a triple, which was followed by a single, and we won the game. Who was the winning hurler in that classic game? Why it was Bill Kauffman who threw "I" pitch! Can we all say conspiracy?

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An "Oh Crap" Moment

My senior year I was pitching against Twin Valley at home. During the first inning I struck out a hitter, and as the ball is being thrown around the infield, I tossed a pebble from the mound. Little did I know the reaction that would bring from Twin Valley's coach. He started riding me about tossing the pebble for the rest of the game. I was trained by my dad to never show emotion on the mound; I never reacted except for one small gesture. I had a bunch of strikeouts that day, and after each one I'd tossed a pebble in the coach's direction. When I struck out the game's last hitter, I flicked one final pebble and told the coach to pick up those stones and go build a house with them. End of story? No, not quite. My junior year at K-town we had a pre-season meeting which included meeting our new assistant coach and, oh crap, it was HIM! Now *what....probably he doesn't remember me*, I rationalized. WRONG! He walked up to me, smiled, and said, "I did build a beautiful home with those rocks." Turned out that he thought that day was funny with no hard feelings over my behavior.

A Tribute

My articles frequently are my lame attempt at humor, but writing on my CU baseball career can't go to print without a tribute to Phil Kauffman. Phil and I became friends in junior high school but weren't teammates until I was in 10th grade and he was in 9th. I was a tall, hard-throwing lefty whose pitches moved constantly; catching my heat was not an easy task. From day one, Phil and I became "battery mates" throughout high school, Legion ball, and even college where we were teammates and also roommates. Who knew in 1962 that teams we would play for would win championships and that we would develop a lifelong friendship. If you never pitched or caught, you can't understand the bond these players have for each other. When games weren't going according to plan, Phil was the one to keep me focused. So, Phil, for the countless hours of practice, innings played, and pitches caught, the success I achieved was yours as much as mine. Thank you!

I hope you enjoyed my reflections on Eagle baseball and that the pictures and stories brought back wonderful memories as they did for me. As a former pitcher I pitched for multiple championship teams at all levels. Numerous people have complimented me on my career, and I always responded in the same way: a pitcher is only as good as the guys around him. I was blessed to have been surrounded by the best of the best at CU and beyond. To prove my point, 9 players selected on the all decade team were my teammates at some point during my career.

I would appreciate hearing from former players and/or fans and would like you to share your own stories or thoughts which will be published in the September newsletter. Send them to me at peter@thecloudchaser.net.

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CLASS OF 2006

CHS Class of '06, can you believe it's been 10 years? We are celebrating at the Lancaster Barnstormers game on Saturday, August 27, 2016. For more information find our event on Facebook and RSVP! Search

"CHS '06; Time for our 10 Year!" You can also email Shanna Muscavage at shannamus@gmail.com or Becky White at rawwhite4@gmail.com. Event details and ticket info will be posted on the Event Page. We're looking forward to celebrating with you!



COCALIGO BASEBALL DECADE OF THE '60's ALL-STAR TEAM



Dick Fisher, Jerry Harding, Dan Heisey, Larry Henly, Phil Kauffman,
 Craig Long, Gene Marderness, Ritchie Shirk, Tom Shirk, Rick Slabach,
 Marlin Sweigart, Bob Weitzel, Lenny Wenger



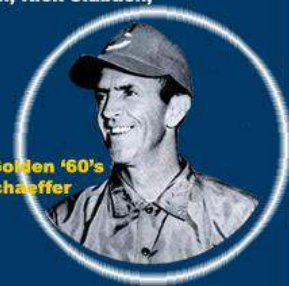
TOP ROW: John Artz, Jim Beamsderfer, Mike Butcher, Jim Emsing, Dan Fisher. Dick Fisher, Curt Glass, Gil Gockley, Gerry Harding, Ron Heffner, Bob Heineman, Dan Heisey, Larry Henly, Doug Hirnisen, Bill Kauffman, Phil Kauffman, Craig Long

BOTTOM ROW: Gene Marderness, Bill McQuate, Sam McQuate, Robert Meckley, Ernie Moyer, Marlin Musser, Dean Oberholtzer, Lynn Ramsey, Jeff Schweitzer, Ritchie Shirk, Tom Shirk, Dave Slabach, Rick Slabach, Marlin Sweigart, Lynn Weaver, Bob Weitzel, Lenny Wenger



Organizer Of The '60' All Stars

Pete Riffle
 Class of 1964



Coach Of The Golden '60's
 Mr. Harry Schaeffer



John Artz 1966 Jim Beamsderfer 1963 Mike Butcher 1967 Jim Emsing 1960 Dan Fisher 1960 Dick Fisher 1960 Curt Glass 1960 Gil Gockley 1962 Jerry Harding 1962 Ron Heffner 1961 Bob Heineman 1967 Dan Heisey 1967



Larry Henly 1965 Doug Hirnisen 1965 Bill Kauffman 1962 Phil Kauffman 1965 Craig Long 1965



Gene Marderness 1960 Bill McQuate 1966 Sam McQuate 1962 Robert Meckley 1963 Ernie Moyer 1963 Marlin Musser 1965 Dean Oberholtzer 1967 Lynn Ramsey 1968 Jeff Schweitzer 1961 Ritchie Shirk 1967 Tom Shirk 1965 Dave Slabach 1968



Rick Slabach 1962 Marlin Sweigart 1961 Lynn Weaver 1966 Bob Weitzel 1966 Lenny Wenger 1966



Recent Retirees

Mrs. Beth Sahd

Mrs. Beth Sahd has seen significant changes in school libraries throughout her 36-year career as a librarian. She added, "When I began my career, there were no computers in libraries! Everyone had to search through print resources and card catalogs, relying on very general subject terms to find information. Now, students and teachers can electronically search through all types of resources to find information based on very specific keywords. Information is right at your fingertips." Mrs. Sahd began her career with Cornwall–Lebanon School District and Millersville University but has spent the last 25 years here at Cocalico; 7 years at Denver Elementary and 18 years at the high school while also serving as Director of Library Media Services. She added, "Every school year has been different with various educational initiatives, construction projects, staffing changes, and new resources, equipment and technologies. The explosion in children and young adult literature has been very exciting. It's extremely rewarding to put the perfect book in a student's hands and see them be genuinely enthusiastic about reading. But, the most rewarding part of my career has been working with so many wonderful people, students, staff members, teachers, administrators, and parents throughout the years." Mrs. Sahd admits she looks forward to spending quality time with her family, which includes husband Benedict, who retired in 2009; her son, Philip and his wife Kristen; and daughter Laura, who is busily studying to pass her exams to become a Registered Dietician. Mrs. Sahd is also looking forward to traveling both in the US and abroad, making costumes for Warwick High School's choir concerts and musicals, and being involved with the Lititz Woman's Club and Library.

Enjoy your retirement Mrs. Beth Sahd!

Calling All Cocalico HS Class of '96 Alumni

It's hard to believe it's been **20 years** since we've left the halls of CHS! Your reunion planning committee asks that you please mark your calendars for the evening of Sat Aug 20 for our 20th HS Class Reunion.



"We are looking forward to reminiscing over old times and catching up on what everyone has been up to," says Amy (Leininger) Gensemer, Class of '96 President.

Class of '96 Grad Chris Dissinger states, "I look forward to seeing classmates that I haven't seen for 20 years and learning who might have gotten married and have kids now."

Jim Weaver, Class of '96 Grad and Cocalico Education Foundation President adds, "I cannot believe it has been 20 years since we last shared the hallways of CHS. No matter where life has taken you since then, I look forward to seeing you and hearing your stories."

"It's been a privilege to be a member of the reunion planning committee as we've all been working really hard to make this a very special and memorable event. We look forward to seeing everyone," expresses Richard W Brenner, Class of '96 Grad and Cocalico School Board member.

We need your help in spreading the word! Here are some additional event details:

Date: Sat Aug 20 | 6 - 10 PM

Location: Stoudt's (2800 N Reading Rd, Adamstown, PA 19501)

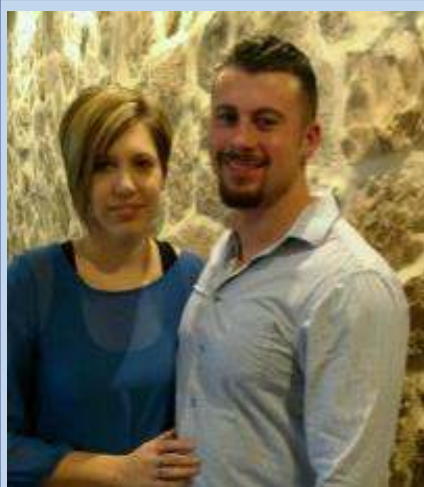
Menu: Chicken & Roast Beef Buffet | Seasonal Vegetable Medley | Roasted Potatoes | House Salad | Bread & Butter | Cash Bar (Alcoholic Beverages, Soda, Juice etc.)

Activities: Fun, Music (by Lancaster Sound DJ Stoolie), & Good Times

Like our Facebook page *Cocalico HS Class of '96 Reunion 2016* to follow event activities or go directly to our website <https://goo.gl/1J5Shk> to reserve your spot today. If you have any questions you may contact us via email: cocalicoclassof96@gmail.com. All payments must be received **no later than Sat Aug 13**. Register today!!

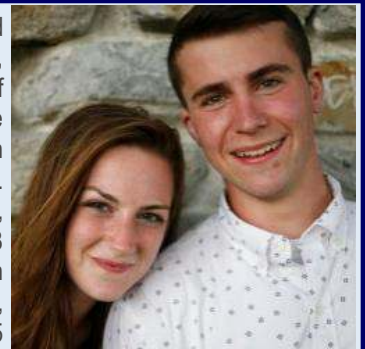
We Look Forward to Seeing You Sat Aug 20 @ Stoudt's in Adamstown, PA from 6 – 10 PM!!

Weddings & Engagements



Kayla Messner and Tyler Cugino, of Denver, recently announced their engagement. Kayla is the daughter of Lisa Sweigart and Dan Messner, of Denver. She graduated from Cocalico High School in 2008, and Empire Beauty School. She is currently employed by Ephrata Manor. Tyler is the son of Greg Cugino of Ephrata, and Amber Stief of Akron. A 2013 graduate of Ephrata High School, he attends the Penn State Berks Campus. He also works at the Ephrata Rec Center. A May 6, 2017 ceremony has been planned.

CAA would like to thank the Ephrata Review for granting us permission to republish these wedding and engagement announcements.



Mr. and Mrs. Gerald and Sheryl Mast, of Hubbard, Ore., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Karli Kaye Mast, to Mr. Oliver Martin Denlinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike and Corinne Denlinger, Denver. Karli is a 2013 graduate of Western Mennonite High School, Salem, Ore.; and a 2015 graduate of Hesston College, Hesston, Kansas; with an A.A. degree in graphic design. She served in Fiji through YWAM, Bethlehem, New Zealand, and is currently interning at Ashley Lippard Design, Newberg, Ore.. Oliver is a 2013 graduate of Cocalico High School and a 2015 graduate of Hesston College, Hesston, Kansas; with an A.A. degree in Bible and ministry. He served in Nepal through YWAM, Bethlehem, New Zealand, and is employed by Mast-Roth Farms, Hubbard, Oregon, and Stevens Feed Mill, Stevens. A July 2016 wedding is planned in Ore.. The couple plans to reside in Denver.

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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, and musical events. These passes can be obtained by visiting the Administration Office at the front of the senior high school during normal business hours.

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



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