

# Cocalico Pride

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### Alumni Association Events:

*Board Meetings - 3rd Wednesday of the month*

6/1/19 - All Alumni BBQ  
6/21/19 - Golf Tournament

### Cocalico Education Foundation:

4/27/19 - Spring Yard Sale

### Cocalico School District:

1/6/19 - Post Prom Trivia Night 3:00pm  
1/27/19 - Girls Basketball Purse Bingo 2:00 pm  
3/7 - 3/9/19 - Middle School Play  
3/16 & 3/17 - High School Play  
3/29/19 - Cocalico Community Partnership Intergenerational Bingo 6:30  
4/6/19 - Senior Citizen Prom 5:00

High School Library Hours: Thurs 3-5 pm



## Alumni in the Spotlight Heidi Schlegel Ward Class of 2009



While attending Cocalico High School, Heidi truly enjoyed going to school. She reminisced, "Each day was really something that I looked forward to. I had an amazing support system of teachers and friends that really made my high school experience enjoyable." Heidi



also admitted that her favorite part of the day was her extra-curricular activities. She recounted, "Choosing what to do outside of standard school requirements felt like my first chance to make decisions that would shape my future. I liked having that responsibility. Being involved in a wide range of subjects set me up for success as I transitioned out of high school and into college." Heidi certainly had a full plate. She played field hockey all four years ending as team captain her senior year. She played soccer as a freshman before switching to lacrosse for tenth

through twelfth grades. She was involved in student government, Mini-Thon, Honors Program, and Homecoming Court. She was class president her senior year.

Although there were quite a few "extras" in her daily routine at school, Heidi found her niche in TV Production. Heidi added, "As soon as I realized what a Television Production class was, I took as many classes as I was allowed. I even created an independent study my senior year where I learned and made a documentary about



Gettysburg. It was the first class that I took where I thought, 'Wow. I could do this every single day of my life.' It gave me a voice and allowed

me to use my creativity, and offset from traditional learning." A creative writing class her freshman year with Mr. Vulopas taught her story telling, and Mr. Greg Buck in Television Production taught her the ins and outs of television. Heidi reiterated, "My first influential teacher was Joe Vulopas.

I'll never forget when he read a story he had written about a baseball and

a little boy. I think I had finally gotten to the age where I realized the magnitude a story could have on a person. His story was so beautifully written and resonated with me deeply, and hearing such a creative story made me realize that I wanted to tell stories in a unique way. With that being said, my second influential teacher was Mr. Greg Buck. He believed in me when others didn't and supported my dreams no matter how big they may have seemed. I can hands down say I would not be where I am today if I didn't have Mr. Buck in my life. I hope he knows how grateful I am for his generous teaching style."

Heidi hadn't really given college much thought until she was in her junior year of high school. She added, "I was the first person in my entire family who considered a four-year degree so the idea was rather novel. I could only imagine where life would take me when my wings had a little more room to fly." A trip to the Student Television Network Convention cemented her interest in going to college. She explained, "It was a three-day conference where students and teachers taught, competed, and networked with one another. On this Florida trip, we went and toured Full Sail University, which explores degrees in Entertainment, Media, Arts, and Technology. Their facilities absolutely blew my mind. As soon as I saw the caliber that could be achieved in story-telling, I knew I wanted to go to college for something in liberal arts." (Cont. on next page)



(Cont. from Page 1) Heidi attended Point Park University in Pittsburgh and majored in Cinema and Digital Arts with a producing concentration. She also minored in Business Management. During her senior year she won the Outstanding Senior Award, and her senior thesis was selected for the Los Angeles Showcase. After graduation and freelancing in Pittsburgh for a year saving up money, she decided to move out to Los Angeles to try to become a producer. She added, "Attending the showcase in Los Angeles is the reason I actually ended up moving out to Los Angeles. Once I get a taste of something, it's hard for me to say 'no'."



Once relocated in California, Heidi found work. She explained, "My first consistent job was for *Dance Moms*. I had worked with a Production Manager who moved out to California a few months prior to me. He had caught wind that I was in town and offered me a Production Assistant job working on another reality television show called *Botched* (a plastic surgery show). I knew the jobs weren't forever, but rather a building block to propel me in the right direction to where I ultimately wanted to be. Over time, I developed a niche for culinary cooking shows. Food is AMAZING!"



So what is it like working in this industry? Heidi explained, "Sometimes it feels like I am a brain surgeon. People who work in entertainment work in a fast-paced, high stress, constantly changing environment; often working 80 hours a week. I am a project manager, coordinator, creator, babysitter, how about we say jack of all trades. It is my job (whether producing or coordinating) to help execute the overall vision of the show and the endless duties that come with that vision." Although it's difficult to maintain a life outside of work, Heidi has found her career fulfilling. She continued, "What I enjoy most is that I actually did what I set out to do. Produce. Wanting to work in entertainment was very uncommon in my neck of the woods and I feel proud of all the work I've done. With each show, I've learned to collaborate with other talented artists and create content that is rather remarkable. It's amazing what you can do when everyone has the same goal."



Her favorite show by far was indeed a cooking show, and Heidi ended up winning a daytime Emmy for the second season. *Naturally Danny Seo*, is a healthy lifestyle show that airs on NBC on Saturday mornings. Heidi worked as the cooking segment producer for Season Two and Three and was responsible for over 60 segments that focused on healthy tips and plant-based cooking. She offered, *Naturally Danny Seo* has been my favorite show to date. It feels really great to make content that can help influence people to live a happier and healthier lifestyle. Winning an Emmy was the icing on the cake. I had already been thrilled with how quickly I had advanced in my career but being recognized by my peers was an incredible accomplishment. By the way, that statue weighs 7.2 pounds!"

So what is next for Heidi? Heidi replied, "The next step is actually to transition out of entertainment and into something more fulfilling. The best part about being an adult is that YOU get to decide the life YOU want to live. To be successful in this industry, you have to give up a lot of personal things. I love working, but I also love having time to do the things that make me a better-rounded individual. If you spend your whole life working, do you actually get to enjoy life?" Heidi and her husband Jon, along with their Boston terrier, Howie, have just moved back to Pittsburgh where they first met. Heidi added, "I would like to transition into education, events, or coordinating. A lot is up in the air, but I am optimistic about the future." Heidi concluded, "Whatever dream you have, go for it! I have zero regrets, and that's how everyone should feel."

Work hard and always remember to be kind. That was my secret. Seems simple, but when you work under such intense pressure, it can be hard to keep your cool. And remember, if your dream changes once you've seen the view at the top, don't be afraid to change the field you work in. No one can define who you are but you."

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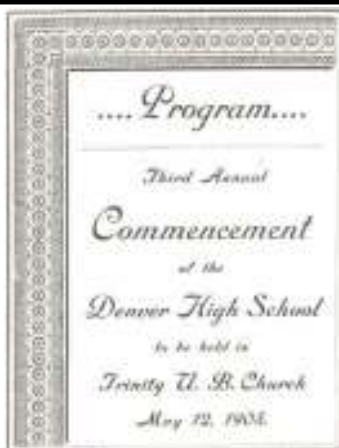


September 21, 2019  
6pm - 10 pm

Foxchase Golf Club  
and Banquet Room  
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More information to follow at a later date.  
Questions, please contact Tom or Debbie Henly  
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## COCALICO CLASS OF 1969



## *Thank You!*

The Cocalico Alumni Association would like to thank Bob Lutz, class of 1955, and his brother Jim, class of 1962, for their recent donation of Denver High School and Cocalico Union memorabilia to our organization. Their parents were Betty and Ralph, lifelong residents of Denver. Ralph was a principal and teacher at Cocalico Union. We are working on a place to display these items.





# HISTORY OF THE COCALICO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT



In our last issue of the Alumni Newsletter, we gave you a brief history of the Cocalico Union School District and how it was formed and administered the first four years from 1952 until 1955. During those years, there were two high schools in the school district: Denver High School which took in students from the Borough of Denver and most of West Cocalico Township and East Cocalico High School in Reamstown which took in students from Reamstown, East Cocalico Township and some of West Cocalico Township. Students from Adamstown attended Governor Mifflin High School in Shillington.

Recently four people who were in the Cocalico Union class of 1955-56 sat down with us to discuss what it was like to get students from those three schools together under one roof as a single class. These four people, Barbara (Kring) Getz, Audrey (Reddig) Youndt, Robert Getz and Clifford Youndt, agreed to chat with us about that first year.



**Barbara Getz** was born and raised in Adamstown and attended Governor Mifflin High School through her junior year.



**Audrey Youndt** was born and raised in Reamstown and attended East Cocalico High School through her junior year.



**Robert Getz** was born and raised in Schoeneck and attended Denver High School through his junior year.



**Cliff Youndt** was born and raised in Adamstown and attended Governor Mifflin High School through his junior year.

We went into our meeting with these four with some questions and some assumptions. First we assumed that since Denver and Reamstown were so close to each other and since the two schools' athletes went together to make up the Cocalico Union athletic teams that naturally many of the students in the two schools knew each other. This proved the old saying about the word "assume."

In the early 1950s, not many students owned their own car. The people they knew were the people with whom they attended school. So they really didn't know each other until they got to the new high school. A few, Bob and Cliff being two of them, got to know each other because they happened to work at the same place. They didn't even know each other through sports since Cliff attended Governor Mifflin.

Another assumption one might make is that there might have been some rivalry between the three schools. This proved to be another wrong assumption. Denver and Reamstown were in the same school district and had been rivals for years. Now all these strangers from Governor Mifflin were introduced into the class. These were not only strangers to everybody but they came from a class of 172 students to a class of 54 students. Some of the Adamstown students opted to finish high school at Governor Mifflin as was their choice for the 1955-56 school year. If Adamstown students chose to finish high school at Governor Mifflin, they had to furnish their own transportation from home to school and back since, starting with the 1955-56 school year, there was no bus service in Adamstown other than Cocalico Union. After that year, all Adamstown students attended Cocalico Union High School. (Continued on next page.)



We were told the students got along very well. When it came to committees, yearbook staff, newspaper staff, class officers, etc., there were no quotas and no restrictions. The students really came together as one single class. We who followed this class may be glad for the example they set for the rest of us.

As mentioned in our earlier newsletter, East Cocalico High School and Denver High School pooled their athletes to compete as Cocalico Union. Basketball games and practice were held in the Denver High School. Baseball games and practice were held in the Denver Park. This was fine for the Denver students but the students from East Cocalico High School had to furnish their own transportation to Denver in order to participate. The athletic bus service was provided after the new school was opened. It was noted that Don Graybill made the trip to Denver on his motorcycle and often had Earl Ebling as a passenger.

Some early sporting events (school year 1952-53 through school year 1954-55) within the district took place between elementary schools. For instance, students in the Greenville Elementary School played softball games against the students in the Reinholds Elementary School. At that time Reinholds taught grades 1 through 8. Students from the West Stevens Elementary School went to Greenville for 7th and 8th grade. These ball games helped introduce students from different areas to each other who later became classmates at Denver High.

One of the big differences the students found at Cocalico Union was the curriculum. Governor Mifflin, East Cocalico and Denver each controlled their own curriculum and of course, each school was different. Students from Governor Mifflin found they were ahead of the new curriculum at Cocalico Union. The highest level of math offered at Cocalico Union was what Governor Mifflin students had in their sophomore or junior year. Some of the science courses offered at Governor Mifflin weren't available at Cocalico Union. These created a problem for some college-bound students and they chose to return to Governor Mifflin to complete their senior year. A Business Math course was created and some of the Mifflin students took it. Some of the girls had Home Ec more than once a day and some of the Mifflin boys spent some of every day running on the track. Some of them got to Cocalico with enough credits to graduate. Having already achieved the course levels offered at Cocalico Union, they were left with a lot of free time.

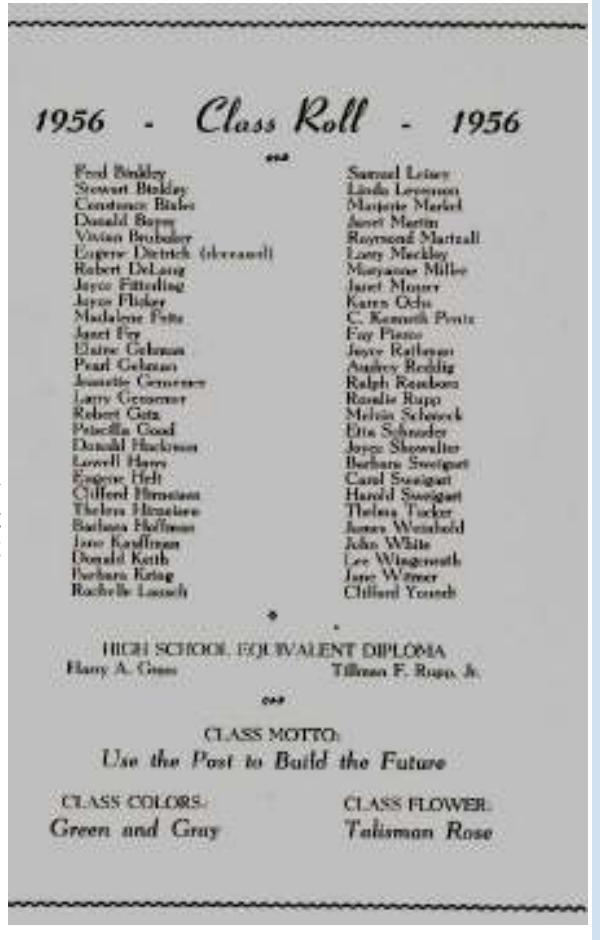
Reamstown didn't have typing classes so those students were happy to see the typing lab on the second floor at Cocalico Union. Denver students seemed to have the least difference between Denver High School and Cocalico Union curriculums and their education continued with an easier flow.

The four members from the 1955-56 class at Cocalico Union were happy with the way they came together as a class. Curriculum seemed to be the only real issue but they had no control over that. We sat and chatted about school days from elementary school right through high school. Many of us started in one-room school houses and we remembered the pot-bellied stove in the classroom for heat in the winter. We all had stories about going to the lavatory in those days since there was no indoor plumbing which meant we used the outhouse. In Reamstown they brought in water for the students. We didn't have that luxury at the one-room school at Cocalico. Cliff told us that the younger kids in Adamstown played ball with the older guys because there were so few older guys in town.

We discussed the good times we had in high school, the friends that were made and, in the case of the four people with me, their marriages. - Sam McQuate, Class of 1962.

Faculty and Board of Directors list including names and titles such as Superintendent, Assistant Administrators, and various department heads.

Program list including items like 'Proceedings', 'Invocation', 'Commencement', and 'Presentation of Diplomas'.



# Kruizing with Kristy



## A Tale of the Cocalico Alumni Bus Trip

- By Kristy Firestone Class of '92

We started our morning off with a four-hour stop in Peddler's Village, located in Lahaska, PA.



Although the day was brisk, we enjoyed perusing the quaint shops, listening to live music, and sampling the menus of the wide array of food trucks that were there for the Annual Apple Festival. It was my first visit to Peddler's Village, and I was pleasantly surprised. The next leg of our journey took us on a twenty-mile scenic ride along the Delaware River and Delaware Canal Towpath. We passed through charming towns like



Lumberville and Point Pleasant. Along the way, we saw waterfalls, kayakers along the river, Victorian style homes, and the beautiful fall leaves. Our next stop was Sand Castle Winery in Erwinna, PA. Sand Castle Winery was perched upon a mountain with stunning views of the area. It was surrounded by acres of grapevines used to make their on-site award-winning wines. We were greeted by a polite staff, given a brief history of the winery, had a tasting of 12 of their signature wines, and a took a tour of the facilities including the wine cellars. We greeted our driver, who helped load our purchases, and then we were off to dinner. (See next page for continued story).





The next stop on our itinerary was the historic Spinnerstown Hotel Restaurant and Taproom in Quakerstown, PA where we had a relaxing dinner. The Spinnerstown Hotel is housed in a



historic inn dating from the early 1800's and features 18 rotating taps and an extensive menu. The hospitality was top notch, and the food was delicious. If you're ever in the Quakerstown area, stop at Spinnerstown Hotel. You won't be disappointed. The final destination of the night was Ridgewood Winery. I was very excited to stop here because the owner is a



Cocalico Alumna, and I wasn't disappointed. We tasted many of their local, state, and international award-winning wines. Although we were running quite behind on our schedule, the staff was very friendly, accommodating, and they stayed open late just for us. We had quite a few laughs and enjoyed ourselves immensely. The winery is housed in a beautiful historic home and was warm and welcoming.



Ridgewood Winery hosts many

entertaining events, and I have scheduled another visit to return before the holidays! All in all, I've been on many bus trips over the years, and I have to say (unbiasedly of course) that this was one of the most enjoyable



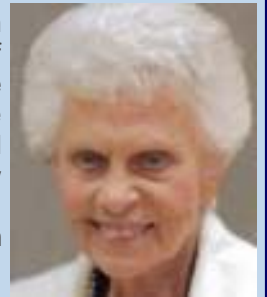
days I've had traveling. We have many hidden jewels right here in our surrounding counties, and I experienced many of them today (And you certainly couldn't beat the price for this trip!) Kudos to all who planned the outing. I can't wait for the next one!

# Obituaries



Luke W. Royer peacefully passed away at Ephrata Manor on Friday Oct. 12, 2018. He was born on Oct. 14, 1924 above his parent's store in Denver. He was the son of the late Daniel Mark and Sue (Wolf) Royer. He was the husband of the late Josephine C. Royer who passed away in 2016. They celebrated 71½ wonderful years together. Luke grew up in Denver. In his youth, he enjoyed trapping, hunting and fishing. His father took him to baseball games and his favorite player was Jimmie Foxx. When Jimmie was traded to Boston, Luke became a lifetime fan of the Red Sox. However, he always remained loyal to the Phillies. He graduated from Denver High School in 1943, where he played basketball and baseball. After graduation, he enlisted in the Army Air Corp with several of his friends. He was stationed in England and Belgium. He was a cryptographer with the 9th Air Force in which he was holed up in a room for eight hours a day ciphering secret codes. He was awarded a Bronze Star for decoding a message which resulted in the destruction of 50 German tanks at the Battle of the Bulge. Luke was valuable with the use of his PA Dutch language to communicate with German prisoners of war. During his tour, he met his future Dutch wife, Finny. After the war, he used the GI Bill to train for his profession as a butcher. He started his career by working as a butcher for his father's store, Royer's Food Store. In 1960, he took over the store from his father. "Lukey" was known for his quality meats and cheese. He used a secret marinade, "wiffle dust," on his meat. His small store specialized in delivering groceries to customers. He always looked forward to the holiday seasons of the year. Easter, Mother's Day and Memorial Day, the store was filled with hundreds of flowers. Every winter, he would line the sidewalk and alley with Christmas trees. Luke retired in 2003, at the age of 79, after 58 years of proudly serving the greater Denver community. Luke had a passion for golf. He learned how to play at Galen Hall golf course. In his younger days, in an effort to learn the sport, he would play 3 rounds on his day off, walking this course. Luke helped to form a league at Lebanon Valley Golf Course. He was a member of this league for over 50 years, ultimately playing with some of the grandchildren of the original league members. His last round was at the age of 90. Luke, as the oldest player, was fondly referred to as "The Kid." He was a life time member of the VFW, Richland Legion, and the Denver Orioles. Luke is survived by two children: daughter, Cynthia; and son, Daniel, husband of Tatiana; four grandchildren: Danielle Stirling, wife of Russell; Richard Royer and wife Malisa; Kiersten Rippley, wife of Craig; and Austin Royer; seven great-grandchildren: Lilah, Ainsley, Sophia, Jaiden, Cooper, Archer, and Shepherd, who will be born in March 2019. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his son: Marty; a brother: Donald Royer; and his sister: Floy Eshleman.

Ardelle M. (Rathman) Moyer, 87, of Ephrata, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018 at Ephrata Manor. Born in Reamstown, Ardelle was a daughter of the late D. Weidler and Irene (Stricker) Rathman. She shared 62 years of marriage with Paul E. Moyer, who died in 2012. Ardelle formerly worked in textiles at Cinderella and Moyer's, and in the stockroom at Doneckers. She was a member of the Salem Evangelical & Reformed Church in Reamstown, a graduate of East Cocalico High School, Class of '49 and participated in alumni activities. An avid Phillies fan, she enjoyed watching baseball, playing cards, and spending time with her family. Ardelle is survived by three children: Kerry (Cindy Garner) Moyer of Ephrata, Kathi Moyer of Ephrata; Kelly (Lisa Horning) Moyer of Ephrata; six grandchildren: Matthew, Megan, Tim, Jonathan, Josiah, and Hannah; and four great-grandchildren: Micah, Reid, Claire, and Brielle. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by two sisters: C. Virginia Wenger and S. Isabel Young.



John Charles Firestone, 72, of Denver, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 11, 2018, at home. He was born in West Reading to the late Charles Grille and Miriam A. (Scholl) Firestone, and was the husband of Connie (Walmer) Firestone, with whom he shared 29 years of marriage. John was a 1964 graduate of Cocalico High School, and a 1968 graduate of Albright College. He was the owner and president of the Denver Planing Mill. He was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, and he enjoyed golfing and traveling. In addition to his wife, John is survived by a son: Derek John Firestone of Lancaster; a daughter: Sondra Desiree, wife of Jerges Cortina of Ramsey, N.J.; a stepdaughter: Melisa Ann, wife of Mark Mertz of Ephrata; three grandchildren: Isabella and Lilianna Cortina, and Lucca Firestone; and a step-granddaughter: Megan Mertz. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter: Heather Lynn Firestone; and a brother: William Richard Firestone.

Kerry E. Wenrich, 64, of Millerton, died on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018. He was born on Oct. 10, 1953 in Ephrata, a son of Ada (Miller) Kline and the late Clair Wenrich. He was married to Donna J. (Mollenkopf) Wenrich. Kerry enjoyed hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities. He loved spending time with his family and his dogs. Kerry is survived by his mother: Ada Kline of Ephrata; wife: Donna Wenrich of Millerton; two sons: Todd Wenrich of Tioga, Chad (Lori) Wenrich of Liverpool, N.Y.; brother: Jeff (Sue) Wenrich of Ephrata; sister-in-law: Barb Wenrich of Denver; grandchildren: Amanda Wenrich, Halie Wenrich, Jordan Wenrich; step-grandchildren: Ericka Gillette, Geena Gillette, Kas Gillette; great-grandchildren: Kenliee, Ella; step-great-grandchildren: Keyanna, Gab, Lala, Hayleigh, Tim, Kaydence, Bryson and Ameia. He was predeceased by a brother: Kenny Wenrich. Funeral services will be private.

John F. Hilton, 68, formerly of Adamstown, passed away early Monday morning, October 8, 2018 at The Gardens of Stevens skilled nursing facility. Born in Reading, he was a son of the late Robert W. & S. Helen (Boldt) Hilton. John had worked in manufacturing at Dorma in Reamstown. For many years he served as Fire Police for the Stevens Fire Company and participated in all the fire company events. He was also a Lancaster Barnstormers fan and enjoyed going to baseball games. John is survived by two sons, Shawn Hilton of Denver and Shannon Hilton, husband of Angie, also of Denver; three grandchildren, and five siblings: Robert R. Hilton of Woodbridge VA; Joy C. Texter of Reading; his twin, Leonard E. Hilton, husband of Sharon, of Stevens; Susan J. Devert, wife of James, of Rexmont; and James D. Hilton of Exeter. He was predeceased by a brother-in-law, Harvey L. Texter.





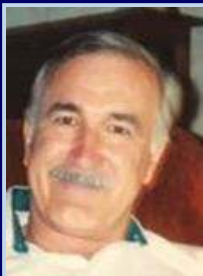
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Douglas Steen, 57, of Denver, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 16, 2018, at home. He was born in Manhattan, N.Y. to Ann (Olsen) Steen of Ephrata and the late Willy Steen. Douglas was a graduate of Cocalico High School. He loved the 49ers, NASCAR, and shooting pool. He was employed as an electronic engineer. In addition to his mother, Douglas is survived by two sisters: Susan, wife of Mark Mosser of Denver; and Laurie, wife of Kris Rogers of Alexandria, Va.; nieces and nephews: Andrea, wife of Shawn Bearinger; Adam, husband of Amy Nichol; Hannah, wife of Victor Query; Sam Rogers; and Joel Rogers.



Lori Sue High, 49, of Stevens, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, November 10, 2018, at Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia. She was born in Ephrata to the J. Clair High and the late Shirley Ann (Weaver) High. She was a member of Blainsport Mennonite Church and attended Lancaster County Bible Church. She was a cheerleading coach for Cocalico Midget Football for 15 years, and volunteered for the high school squad also. She attended various sporting events, and enjoyed crocheting and spending time with her children and grandchildren. Lori was a graduate of Cocalico H.S. Class of 1987 and she furthered her education at Central Penn for Physical Therapy Assistant. She worked as a Para Professional at Denver Elementary School and previously worked for the Cocalico School District. In addition to her father, Lori is survived by 2 daughters, Alisa Francis High (Warren Whirt) of New Holland, and Halle Christine High-Benson (Joey Becker) of Philadelphia; 3 grandchildren, Bria High, Walker Whirt, and Samuel Whirt; companion, Scott Sweigart of Denver; 6 brothers, Gary L., husband of Cecelia (Leed) High of Elizabethtown, Jay, husband of Star (Moser) High of Reinholds, Dennis, husband of Connie (Becker) High of Robesonia, Kevin, husband of Holly (Dillman) High of Denver, Curtis, husband of Joan (Higgins) High of Stevens, Darrell, husband of Cindy (Werner) High of Lebanon; and many nieces and nephews.

Kenneth E. Flinchbaugh, 89, of Lancaster, passed away on Saturday, November 10, 2018, at Homestead Village. He was born in Loganville to the late Jacob and Minnie (Brown) Flinchbaugh and was the husband of Helen O. (Witmer) Flinchbaugh with whom he shared 66 years of marriage. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Ephrata. Kenneth was a principal for Cocalico School District for 33 years before retiring in 1986. He served in the US Army during the Korean War, was a member of the Cloister Post #429, American Legion and Phi Sigma Pi, honor society. He enjoyed reading, gardening and traveling. In addition to his wife, Kenneth is survived by a son, Fredric H. Flinchbaugh of Ephrata and a daughter, Jenifer K. Flinchbaugh of Dover. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, William Flinchbaugh and a sister, Lois Marstelller.



Loran R. Gensemer, 77, of Reinholds, passed away on Wednesday, November 7, 2018, at Hospice and Community Care, Mount Joy. He was born in Reinholds to the late Lee O. and Irene M. (Kopp) Gensemer and was the husband of Shirley M. (Crouse) Gensemer, with whom he shared 56 years of marriage on February 16th. He was a graduate of Cocalico H.S. Class of 1959, served in the U.S. Army, was a member of Swamp Christian Fellowship Church, and he enjoyed playing golf. Loran retired as manager of the trust department for Wickes Lumber. He then worked as the manager of Pine Hills Antiques. In addition to his wife, Loran is survived by a son, Daniel R., husband of Anne Gensemer of Reinholds, a granddaughter, Cortney Gensemer of Charleston, SC, and a brother, Larry, husband of Ernestine Gensemer of Reinholds.

Eleanor M. Lynam, 88, of Denver, beloved mother, grandmother, mother-in-law, friend, and a registered nurse, entered eternal rest and peace on Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018, at Hospice and Community Care, Mount Joy. Her late husband Earl V. Lynam preceded her in death in 1997. Eleanor, affectionately known as "Fuzzy," and born in Johnstown, was the cherished daughter of Lloyd A. and Lillian V. Mansfield. A survivor of the Johnstown flood of 1936, she graduated from Ferndale Area High School. After graduating from Conemaugh Valley Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, U.S. Steel employed her as an industrial nurse. She is survived by four children: Mark, husband of Mary Sheetz Lynam, Mount Joy; Lauren, wife of Dr. Thomas Winkler, Bethesda, Md.; Susan Lynam, of Denver; and Paul, husband of Amanda (Mandy) Moore Lynam of Lancaster. Was was the loving grandmother: of Andrew; Ian (husband of Grace Obando); and Mary Lynam; Elizabeth, Caroline, Luke, and Julia Winkler; Matthew (husband of Elise Bowder) Pini; and Nicholas and Benjamin Lynam. Her sister-in-law: Janet (Ullery) Lynam of Davidsville, also survives her. Family and friends will remember Eleanor for her kindness, generosity, selflessness, and quick wit. She enjoyed family vacations and holiday gatherings. She was her grandchildren's biggest fan attending their scholastic, theatrical, and sporting events. Eleanor and Earl moved to Denver in 1968. In 1973, Eleanor earned a bachelor of science in education from Millersville State College. She became an instructor of nursing students at Lancaster General Hospital and later spent 22 years as a school nurse in the Cocalico School District. Eleanor loved tap dancing and watching classic movies. As a young girl, she took tap dance lessons from Gene Kelly. Retirement did not slow Eleanor down. Having a love of travel, she visited many fascinating places including Alaska, Peru (Machu Picchu), Australia, Fiji, and New Zealand. She enjoyed playing cards with her neighbors, reading mystery novels, and watching Jeopardy. In her spare time, Eleanor volunteered for the Ephrata Public Library, Meals on Wheels, Peter's Porch, the Ephrata Cancer Center, and as a volunteer chaplain at Ephrata Community Hospital. Eleanor was a member of Faith United Evangelical Lutheran Church, Denver.



# Obituaries

Betty H. Gehman, 90, of Adamstown, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 13, 2018 at Ephrata Manor. Born in Denver, she was a daughter of the late Walter and Lillie (Weidman) Hertzog, and widow of Floyd H. Gehman who passed in 1992. Betty graduated from Denver High School, Class of 1946. She was committed to her family and her community. She was a den mother for Cub Scouts and an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church where she taught summer Bible school and evening bible studies. Betty volunteered for Meals on Wheels and was dedicated to supporting local charities; she would walk door-to-door collecting donations. She loved her two feline companions, Amos and Church. She is survived by two sons: Dean A. Gehman, husband of Dreama (Taylor) of Goode, Va.; and Daryl L. Gehman of South Hadley, Mass.; a grandson: David A. Gehman, husband of Jessica (Kauffman); and a sister: Phyllis Dellinger.

Nevin L. Myer, 82, of Lititz died at Brethren Village on December 6, 2018. Nevin was born in Akron to the late Clarence and Iva (Martin) Myer. He served his country in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany. He married, and is survived by his wife, Jean (Burkins) Myer and was a longtime resident of Akron, serving for many years on the borough council. Nevin taught math at Cocalico High School until his retirement in 1993. He was an active member of Westminster Presbyterian Church and of the Historical Society of the Cocalico Valley. He was very involved with volunteer work at Brethren Village, and was an avid collector of Lionel Trains. Nevin is survived by a daughter Sue, married to Steve Sloat of Denver, PA and a son Charlie, married to Anne Szollosi. He has four grandchildren; Evan and Reilly Sloat, and Ben and Emma Myer. He is also survived by his brothers Larry Myer of Akron, Clarence M. Myer, Jr. of Mechanicsburg, and his sister Ann Roseboro of Reinholds. He was preceded in death by his sister Joan E. Kilhefner of Ephrata.

Jack D. Gainer, 76, of Reamstown, died at Hospice and Community Care on December 1, 2018. He was born in Lebanon County to Harry and Vera Gainer in 1942. Jack was preceded in death by his parents and sister Charlotte Meyer. He is survived by sisters Arlene Roberts and Polly Gainer in addition to numerous nieces and nephews, and grand nieces and nephews. Jack joined the Air Force shortly after graduating from high school and served in Viet Nam before retiring from the Air Force. He lived in California before moving to Reamstown and working for the Cocalico School District. After totally retiring, Jack happily enjoyed a life of helping others and doing some traveling

Betty J. Wolf, 90, of Ephrata, formerly of Schoeneck, passed away on Friday, Dec. 7, 2018 at Ephrata Community Hospital after a brief illness. She was the loving wife of the late Stanton H. Wolf, who passed away on Aug. 9, 1983. Betty was born in Ephrata, a daughter of the late Leroy and Elsie (Latshaw) Leisey. She graduated from East Cocalico High School in 1947 and was employed by Bollman Hat Company of Adamstown for 47 years. A faithful, lifetime member of Mellingers Lutheran Church in Schoeneck, Betty had participated on social ministry, the church's newsletter, and as a communion assistant. Betty will be lovingly missed by her two children: Greta Harting (Timothy) of Ephrata; and Erik Wolf (Georgenne) of Manheim; four grandchildren: Jeremy Harting (Megan), Jason Harting (Hoai), Melissa Kramer (Jeff), and Erik Wolf (Bethe); two great-grandchildren: Rylan and Aiden Kramer; and a number of nieces and nephews. In addition to her husband and parents, Betty was preceded in death by her sister: Marian Hainley; and her brother: Harold Leisey.



Clifford Leonard Behrendt, 93, passed away Thursday, November 29, 2018, at Londonderry Village, Palmyra, with his loving wife of 73 years, Jean Getz Behrendt, by his side. Born in Charleroi, Pennsylvania, on July 11, 1925, he was the son of William Behrendt and Ena Bayens Behrendt. He retired as Superintendent of Cocalico School District in 1985, with over 35 years of dedication and service in education. Graduating from Charleroi High School in 1943, he served in the Merchant Marines in World War II, completing officer's training before moving on to Indiana University of Pennsylvania, where he graduated in 1951 in Music Education. His footprint is left in the hearts of many who knew him as first a band director in Charleroi, then moving to Chester County where he started the Octorara High School Band and took them to win the state championship in Pittsburgh within five years. After graduate studies at University of Michigan, Penn State University and Temple University, Clifford became director of Elementary Education in the Octorara Area School District, then the **Superintendent at Cocalico School District for over twenty years.** His passion for education also lead him to serve as President of Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA) while at Cocalico. Clifford is survived by his devoted daughter, Deborah J. Bridgewater, and husband John T. Bridgewater, his devoted son, Clifford L. Behrendt, Jr., and wife Kathy Pfautz Behrendt. His uncompromised love for his family was always felt by his surviving sister, Trudy Williamson, four grandchildren, Jennifer and husband Adam Zeni, Kimberly

and husband James Franck, David Bridgewater, and Ashley Bridgewater. He was also blessed to get to know all four of his great grandchildren, Evan and Addison Zeni, and Charlotte and Camden Franck. He is also survived by three nieces, Susan Behrendt, Sallie Dorman, Bettyjean Lesnak Steele, and two nephews, William and David Behrendt, and their families. He was preceded in death by two brothers, William and Francis Behrendt, niece Sandra Behrendt, and nephew John Behrendt. Cliff was a member of St. John's UCC in Denver, PA, where he resided for over 45 years. He was a member of the Free and Accepted Masons for over 67 years, both the Charleroi Lodge #615 and the Reading Lodge #62. He was also a member of the American Legion, Rajah Shrine, and Lions Club. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. John's UCC, P.O. Box 37, 659 S. 4th Street, Denver, PA 17517, Cocalico Education Foundation, 800 S. 4th St., Denver, PA 17517, or VisionCorps Foundation, c/o Megan Tomscheck, 244 N. Queen Street, Lancaster, PA 17603.

# Alumni Happenings



Mr. and Mrs. Ron Martin of Denver recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Julianne Martin, Denver, to Mr. Zachary Burkman, Ephrata. Zachary is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jason Burkman of Ephrata..

The bride graduated from Cocalico High School in 2016 and is currently attending York Technical Institute. She is employed by

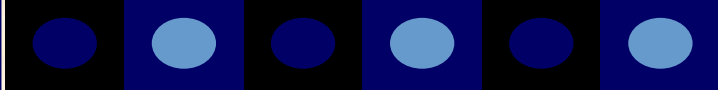
Delaware Valley Golden Retriever Rescue in Reinholds. The groom graduated from Cocalico High School in 2015. He is employed by Sindall Truck Service, New Holland. A Sept. 29, 2019 wedding is planned.

The following alumni recently graduated from Kutztown University: Emily Brubaker, Class of 2014, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication studies, cum laude, Karli Molygoni, Class of 2014, with a Bachelor of Science in psychology, magna cum laude, Aubree Robitzer, Class of 2012, Master of Education in student affairs in higher education, and Ethan Wallace, Class of 2014, with a Bachelor of Science in physics, magna cum laude.



Madison Weaver, Class of 2016, was named Miss American Angus 2019. The Penn State University freshman is studying animal science and agricultural business with aspirations to study ruminant nutrition and possibly attend veterinary school. Congratulations Madison!

The following alumni graduated this past spring from Pennsylvania College of Technology: Brock Gosling, Class of 2013, Associate of Applied Science in surveying technology, and Ryan Monteleone, Class of 2013, Bachelor of Science in applied technology studies.



On Nov. 21, Arthur and Mary Belle (Honberger) Graybill, Stevens, will mark their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married at the Church of God in Landisville on Nov. 21, 1953. The ceremony was officiated by E. Thomas Tillet and John Myer. They met as ice skating partners in an ice show in Hershey. They are the proud parents of four children: Michele, wife of Harry Heller of Stevens; Denise Graybill, wife of Steve Donohoe of Poolesville, Md.; Stephen, husband of Diane (Summy) Graybill of Stevens; and Stephanie, wife of Phil Fassnacht of Stevens. There are

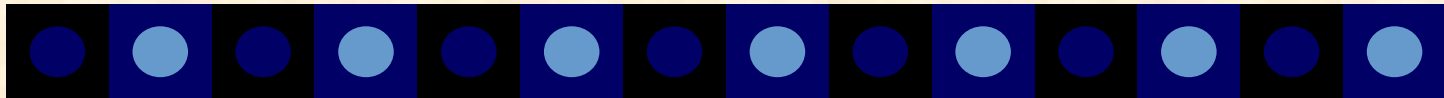


nine grandchildren: Joe, wife of Tara (Crawford) Heller of Elizabethtown; Curt, husband of Megan (Casey) Heller of Birdsboro; Elliot Heller of Stevens; Colleen Heller of Stevens; Samantha, wife of Matt Johnson of Adamstown; Kayla Weaver; Olivia Fassnacht; Brett Graybill; and Shannon Graybill; and five great-grandchildren: Kyle, Reed, Luke, Drew, Owen, and a sixth due in December. They are long-time members of Ephrata Church of the Brethren, and the retired co-owners of Foxchase Golf Club. They enjoy traveling with family and friends, going to their cabin in Tioga County, and spending time with family. The couple celebrated the milestone with family at a dinner on Oct. 13 in their honor, hosted by their children at Foxchase Golf Club.

The following alumni recently graduated from Alvernia University: Justin Gibbs, Class of 2010, Bachelor of Science Degree in Management; Lindsey Kern, Class of 2011, doctorate in Physical Therapy; and Sommer Wike, Class of 2012, Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing.

Hannah Hartman, Class of 2014, recently graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from Dickinson College.

Do you have alumni news you'd like to share? Please email us at [alumni@cocalico.org](mailto:alumni@cocalico.org).



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## DID YOU KNOW?

Senior Citizens, age 65 & over and 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.

VOLUNTEER

*All that's missing is U!*

Volunteers are always needed. We have a wide range of volunteer positions available and would love new input! Contact us at [alumni@cocalico.org](mailto:alumni@cocalico.org). We look forward to talking with you!



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*From the Cocalico  
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