



Medical Lake SCHOOL DISTRICT CONNECTIONS

January 21: No School on Martin
Luther King Day

It takes the whole community to raise a child

January 2013

A 1940 Grad Remembers

When Bud Glasgow attended Medical Lake's only public school in the 1930s, the town was known for three things: grain, mud and Eastern State Hospital.

The grain was what nearly everyone grew for cash, the mud was the mineral-rich sediment that brought visitors for therapeutic baths, and newly expanded Eastern State Hospital was what brought professional people and provided healthcare careers.

Local businesses included Anderson's store (with personal cold lockers!), The Bright Spot and Waltz Inn taverns, a bank and a funeral parlor, a blacksmith and a coal dealer, among others.

"In the Depression, most farm families had money only at harvest," Bud recalls. "So businesses ran tabs for residents all year, and then the summer crops paid almost the whole town at once".

The Medical Lake School District was a single school—both elementary and high school—where Bud's 1940 graduating class had all of six students. *(Continued on p.3)*



Graduation Rate Tops Spokane County

At Medical Lake High School, 97% of students now graduate within four years. That is the highest graduation rate for any high school in Spokane County, and far above the average graduation rates for Washington (76%) and the United States (75%).



Gary Glasgow, Medical Lake class of 1964; Myrtle Glasgow, 1941; Bud Glasgow, 1940.

Career & Technical Education: Learning the Tools of the Trade, from Shop Class to Engineering and Robotics

Remember VoTech, Home Economics and wood shop? Well, that was then.

Today, Career and Technical Education also means engineering, robotics and sophisticated technical training, all of which are special strengths in Medical Lake Schools thanks to a High Demand Grant we received. Now Medical Lake Middle School has a Robotics Club, Medical Lake High School has classes in engineering and digital design, and students can achieve Microsoft technical certification.

Career and Technical Education isn't all about computers and robots, however.



Programs also include finance, manufacturing, horticulture, biotechnology, business, culinary arts and the Reserve Officer Training Corps. And, yes, there's still shop.

Generous Donations for Food Bank and Humane Society

Hallett Elementary and Middle School students collected over 1,800 pounds of food for the Medical Lake Food bank this season. For the Humane Society's "Helping Paws" program, students from Hallett also collected dog food, dog beds and dog toys for needy animals.



Greetings from STA Plaza!

Learning to Bus

For handicapped students, learning to navigate the bus system can be especially critical. So, in December, Medical Lake High School Special Ed students rode the bus to downtown Spokane to learn the ropes, and routes, of Spokane's regional transit system. They learned to read schedules, to use electronic bus passes and more, enjoying the city's holiday sights and sounds along the way.

"It was a fun and informative outing for all," says teacher Ms. Baughman.



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The biggest thrill in town was high school basketball, the only letter sport in those days. “No shot clock back then, so you’d get ahead and just keep the ball away from the other team,” says Bud. “The scores were so low, we won one big game 14-13!”

At Medical Lake School, Bud also met his future wife, Myrtle, the class of ‘41 valedictorian. Their children Gary and Linda graduated from Medical Lake Schools as well.

So when you look at the suburban Air Force town that Medical Lake is today, think of Bud and Myrtle Glasgow, and the community that was: a quiet rural place sustained by wheat, therapeutic mud, the hospital, and all those credit slips at Anderson’s store to pay with next summer’s harvest.

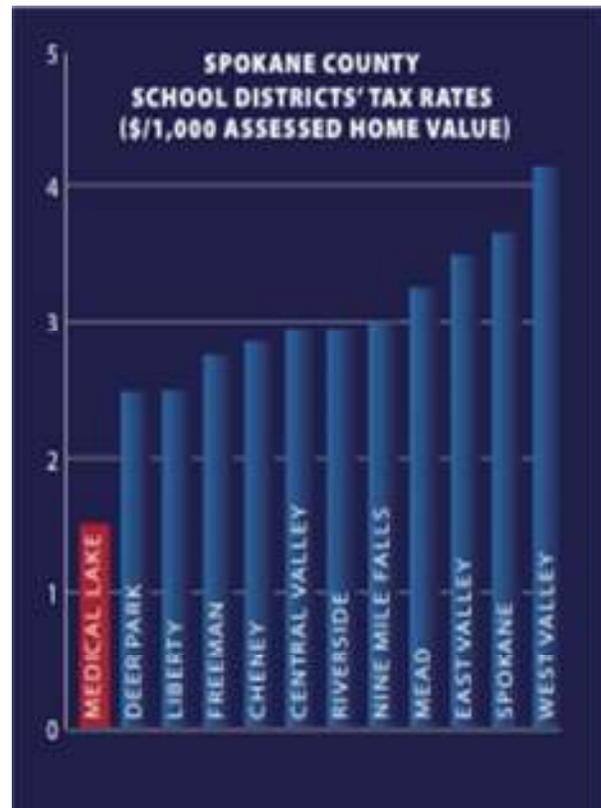
District Wins STEM Grant, Starts Advisory Board

Medical Lake Schools will benefit from a recent three-year, \$1.35 million Department of Defense grant to boost our teaching of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics—“STEM” subjects, for short.

Awarded last summer, the grant will provide extra resources for military and non-military students alike. To make the most of this remarkable opportunity, the district has assembled community members and faculty in a new STEM Advisory Board to direct and track performance improvements in these subjects. Expect to hear more soon!

You Pay Spokane County’s Lowest School Taxes

Medical Lake has a lower tax rate than any other Spokane County K-12 public school district, and one of the lowest school tax rates in the state of Washington.



From Your Superintendent:



Dear students, parents and community members,

We are all shocked and deeply saddened by the tragic news from Connecticut. As educators and parents, it's difficult to comprehend such senseless violence.

I want to reassure you that we take school safety and security very seriously. We are vigilant and proactive when it comes to our children's safety and have clear plans and procedures to deal with emergency situations. Furthermore, in response to recent events across the country, we are continually reviewing those procedures and offering ongoing training to staff. If you have questions or concerns regarding our procedures, please contact our district safety officer, Scott Blasingame (565-3300) or me.

Thank you again for passing our February 2012 school levy. For the 2011-12 school year the local levy in the amount of \$965,745 was used for the

following:

- \$347,913: high school sports activities
- \$142,105: middle school sports activities
- \$24,734: elementary and middle school after-school projects including robotics, reading assistance, science activities
- \$88,272: transportation for sports activities
- \$12,419: elementary sports activities including basketball, track, soccer and Bloomsday training
- \$38,916: after-school activity buses to take students home after regular school bus hours, allowing students from Fairchild and outlying areas to participate in after-school
- \$35,103: extra-curricular supplies and equipment, and helmet safety inspections

- \$150,663: buildings and grounds maintenance including high school roof repair, gym floor refinishing, field dressing, painting, and changing ventilation systems filters
- \$100,000: new classroom and lab computers, and upgrades to the district technology infrastructure
- \$25,622: field trips, including Mobius Science Center and Camp Reed; singing engagements for high school and middle school choirs, Vocalaires and Choralaires

We appreciate your support for our children, and all that you do for each and every one of them.

*Dr. Pam Veltri
Superintendent*

CALENDAR

- January 5: High School Midterms
- January 8: Hallett Elementary Family Reading/Game Night
- January 10: Hallett Elementary Geography Bee
- January 11 : High School Jazz Band at EWU Jazz Festival
- January 12: MS Jazz band at EWU
- January 17: DARE Graduation at MAE
- January 21 : No School - Martin Luther King Day
- January 22: School Board Meeting



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