



TOUCHET EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Spring 2024



105th MAY DAY on Friday May 3rd at 10 a.m.

Queen Vanessa Angeles **King** Jose Rincon
Maid of Honor Yesenia Contreras
Herald Dallon Huntley

Juniors Marielle Mendoza & Allison Eakins
Sophomores Carmen Vargas & Angelina Preciado
Freshmen Daisy Cummins & Lexi Maestretti

**** Alumni Baseball Game—Still TBD ****

Touchet Community Library Update

The Walla Walla County Rural Library District broke ground on the new library building in Touchet on March 27th at 82 Champion Street. Actual construction is scheduled to begin April 1st with plans for the library to be open to the public by the end of the year.



The official name of the library will be the **Jean Marie Sansom Memorial Library**. Jean, a former library district employee who passed away in 2020, was a Touchet resident and worked for the library district for over 20 years.

Pictured at the ground breaking ceremony are two of Jean and Darrell's children, **Jason Sansom (Class of '05)** and **Amber Sansom Mathiasen (Class of '02)**

What a wonderful tribute to a long-time member and supporter of our Touchet community!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHTS

Makenzie Zessin—Class of 2021

Makenzie was enrolled at WW Community College in the Running Start program and received her Associate of Arts degree at the same time that she graduated from Touchet in June 2021. She went on to Washington State University and graduated with her Bachelor of Science Degree in Animal Science in December 2023. While at WSU, she participated in WSU's meat judging and meat animal evaluation teams. Makenzie will be applying to the spring 2025 KEMI program (Kentucky Equine Management Internship). This program will allow her to learn more about the reproduction side of the thoroughbred industry and the racing programs. Congratulations, Makenzie!



Grayson Zessin—Class of 2023

Grayson was class Valedictorian last year, while earning dual credits through the Running Start program. He is currently finishing his second year at Walla Walla Community College and will be completing his Associate of Arts degree. His goal is to work in Animation and Illustration. Best of luck, Grayson!

THS Alumni Updates—College Graduations

Braden McGreevy—THS Class of 2022
WyoTech '23, Collision/Service Management

Congratulations to all our past Touchet graduates as they further their education!

Touchet Educational Foundation
Dedicated to serving graduates of Touchet High School through college scholarships
Class of 2024, 17 students eligible for scholarships

TEF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President, Marilyn Schaecher (Class of '72)
Vice President, Jessica Pedroza
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Secretary, Carol Hopkins (Class of '87)
Ron Dunning (Class of '65) Sandy Reppe,
Darrell Loney (Class of '64), Kayla Rollinger,
Kimberly Niemeyer (Class of '02)

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Mission Statement

To provide financial support for Touchet graduates in pursuit of educational opportunities,
and to encourage community support for higher education.

**Fall 2023
Scholarship
Raffle**

Great job Seniors & Families!

Another successful fundraising event to support
the THS Class of 2024.

TEF Scholarship Raffle event raised \$11,670

The drawings were held at half-time of the THS
Basketball Game on December 3, 2023

Delores Dodd Rea—THS Class of 1940
joined us and drew the winning tickets



Thank you to everyone who donated items and all the alumni,
community members and families and friends who purchased
raffle tickets to make the event such a success!

Raffle Grand Prize Cash Donor:
Atkinson Construction

Other Cash Donors:

**Associated Appraisers, Banner Bank, Clean & Dry, Nelson
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Raffle Prize Donors:

Seed House Saloon	El Sombero Restaurant
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Ron Dunning	

**Here they are ... Class of 2024
Homecoming 2014—4th Grade Class Float**



**Class of 2024
Kindergarten to Senior Year**

9 members of the class began together
with Mrs. Warner

Vanessa Angeles, Chester Bergevin, Yesi
Contreras, Haden Kincaid, Charon Lozano,
Lia Osorio Contreras, Emilie Pedroza,
Austin Renwick, Jose Rincon



Thank You 2023 Donors

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Donations are supporting graduating seniors and past graduates.

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Whitaker, Roberta
Ziegman, Bruce & Sherry

*** Also, thank you to everyone that purchased raffle tickets - 739 tickets were sold to raise \$7,390!*

Contributions made (May 2023 to March 2024) in memory of:

Edna Brown, Larry Bussell, June Cummins, Gary Harpe, Julie Hockett, Christine Pincus, Dave Reppe, Robert Schaeffer

In Remembrance of Touchet Alumni: Christine Kregger Pincus, class of 1988

Donations are gratefully accepted for our scholarships.

Your gift will be directed to the appropriate endowment fund or scholarship, as indicated on the donation form on the back page. Please see the Touchet Educational Foundation website for a list of all scholarships.

Pave the Way

Reserve your place in history by purchasing a personalized brick with your name or name of your business. The bricks are located near the main entrance to the high school and form a THS design.

4" x 8" Engraved Paver with a bronze plaque \$50

Return the completed order form and check to
TEF – PO Box 272 – Touchet, WA 99360

Brick order form on TEF website.
If you have any questions, please
Email: touchetedfund@yahoo.com

TOUCHET ALL-SCHOOL REUNION UPDATE

Please continue to watch the Touchet School District Website and Facebook Pages for updates.

The All-School Reunion will be held in conjunction with the May Day 2025 celebration.

DATE & DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED

Pictured at 1985 Reunion

Blanche Dodd Adams—Class of 1916
Eileen Cummins Collier—Class of 1919
Lessie Anspauch—Class of 1919



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THS GRADUATION Saturday, June 8th at 1:00 p.m.

Where do contributions to area of “greatest need” go?

Our policy has been to award a basic TEF Merit Scholarship to every senior that participates in our fundraising and submits a complete application by the deadline. Since 2012, that basic scholarship has been \$1,000 per student. Depending on class size, we have awarded \$11,000—\$26,000 just in basic scholarships. The fundraiser, memorial contributions, and general donations fund these basic scholarships.

Upcoming TEF Scholarship Opportunities

Visit the TEF website for complete eligibility information and instructions. Download applications at toucheteducationalfoundation.com

Continuing Education (at least Junior Standing) Scholarships—due date May 1, 2024

Eligibility: junior standing or above, enrolled at an accredited college/university to complete bachelors or graduate degree, minimum 2.75 college GPA.

Class of 2023 (2nd Year) Scholarships—due date July 1, 2024

Eligibility: student enrolled at an accredited institution, have earned a minimum 36 college level credits (quarter) or 24 college level credits (semester), minimum 2.75 college GPA.

DONATION FORM

The Touchet Educational Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non profit tax exempt organization. Our primary focus is to provide financial assistance to Touchet graduates in pursuit of higher education goals at accredited four year colleges and universities, community colleges and trade schools.

Please direct my donation to the following area:

- Greatest Need
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Name: _____

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