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Fall 2009

**Touchet Educational Foundation
7th Annual Fundraiser**

**OKTOBERFIESTA
2009**



and



Dickey Day Celebration

Saturday, September 26, 2009

1:00 Football Game

Touchet vs. Wallowa at Touchet School Football Field
1/2 time celebration honoring Mr. Dickey

5:00 Oktoberfiesta

Touchet Gardena Lions Hall
mexican food • raffle • hire a worker auction
continue celebration with Mr. Dickey

Touchet Educational Foundation
Dedicated to serving the youth of our community
7 graduating classes...122 students...\$137,680 awarded in scholarships

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The first May Day Queen
Naomi Dodd and her Royal Court in 1920.

Mission Statement

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

LETTERS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Touchet Educational Foundation,

Thank you for sponsoring the Touchet Merit Scholarships. The Foundation's commitment to the youth of this community is truly awe-inspiring.

I will use this gift to start a new chapter in my life as a freshman student athlete at Linfield College and I will do my best to justify your faith in me.

Thanks again for your generosity and support.

Taylor Gregg, '09

Touchet Educational Foundation,

Thank you for rewarding me with a \$400 scholarship. It shows great appreciation to the students who so chose and are chosen to be a Class Representative for the Foundation. It's not an easy responsibility but it's worth the time and effort in the long run. The money from this scholarship will help me earn a business degree from Walla Walla Community College.

It is with great pleasure to say thank you for honoring me with this scholarship. I'm sure I'll see all of you around this summer.

Jessica Groat, '09

Touchet Educational Foundation,

I wish to express my most humble thanks for awarding me and each of my friends a gift of \$700. How kind you all are and how lucky am I to be a part of such a caring and involved community! Back at MSU no one believes that I came from a graduating class of 26 and a school of 300, K-12! Thank you for making a difference in our lives, I appreciate it so much!

Rachel Huesby, '09

Touchet Educational Foundation,

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Touchet Educational Foundation Board. You treated me like any other member, not just as a "kid". I learned a lot about what it takes to run the Foundation, the hard work and the organization it takes. I learned you have to work together as a group, even though there are individual ideas. I know you all work very hard so the students of Touchet Schools will get the best opportunities outside of high school. I can't thank you enough! Also, I would like to thank you for the money I received from the Foundation. This money is really appreciated. I plan on attending Columbia Basin College in the fall. I am pursuing a career as a surgical technician. The money I will receive will help me so much. Again thank you for allowing me to be a part of the Touchet Educational Foundation and for your financial support. It is such a privilege.

Kelsey Dorman '09

Touchet Educational Foundation,

Thanks again so much for the scholarships you awarded me for the 2008-2009 school year. It was a huge relief to not have to worry about finances all the time. Instead, I was able to focus on my studies and was rewarded by being placed on the Dean's List and the Honor Roll. This fall, I plan on continuing my studies at Washington State University, with the goal of receiving my Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Your generous awards were greatly appreciated during my freshman year. Thanks again for all the wonderful contributions you make to the students at Touchet High School.

Taryn Short, '08

Touchet Educational Foundation,

Thank you for choosing me as the recipient of the Eileen Collier Continuing Education Scholarship. I appreciate it very much. I will graduate from Washington State University in the spring of 2010 with a degree in communication emphasizing in public relations. Also, I have recently decided to pursue a double degree in business finance that I am very excited about. Thank you again for your continued support to the students at Touchet and those continuing their education. Go Cougs!

Katrina Plucker, '06

CLASS OF 2009

*“Each of us has different talents, different dreams, different destinations,
but all have the same power to make a new tomorrow.”*



BACK ROW

Saul Martinez, Juan Castillo, Joel Guardado,
Justin Richards, Taylor Gregg, Justin Grant,
Salvador Pina, Jorge Velazco, Julian Contreras

MIDDLE ROW

Robin Penland, Josie Starr, Ashley Humbert,
Edlyn Dehonor, Linda Solis, Josephine James,
Kelsey Dorman, Maria Meza

FRONT ROW

Kayla Saldana, Hilda Pedroza, Kalya Buckley,
Rachel Huesby, Karissa Henzel,
Jessica Groat, Tabitha Thompson

The Touchet Educational Foundation awarded \$26,960 at the Touchet High School graduation held on June 6, 2009. This included the Continuing Education Scholarships highlighted on page 10. Each senior who submitted a complete application received a scholarship award. Founded in 2003, the Touchet Educational Foundation has awarded scholarships to 122 Touchet graduates for a total of \$137,680.

The following awards were presented to the class of 2009:

Rachel Huesby, Valedictorian, Montana State University



Dale Cummins Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
Leadership Scholarship in memory of Paul Garbe and Wilbur Garbe, Jr. \$500
Friendship Scholarship in memory of Robert McCubbins \$500
Merit Scholarship \$700

Taylor Gregg, Salutatorian, Linfield College



Touchet Gun Club Scholarship \$750
FPL Energy Science Scholarship \$600
Merit Scholarship \$700

Kayla Buckley, Walla Walla Community College



Recognition Scholarship \$500
Merit Scholarship \$700



Juan Castillo, Walla Walla Community College



Athletic Scholarship \$500
Merit Scholarship \$700

Saul Martinez, Walla Walla Community College



59ers FFA Scholarship in memory of
Leon Mayberry \$500
Merit Scholarship \$700

Julian Contreras, Walla Walla Community College



Merit Scholarship \$700

Maria Meza, Walla Walla Community College



Merit Scholarship \$700

Edlyn Dehonor, Walla Walla Community College



Tri-Community Homemakers Scholarship \$500
Merit Scholarship \$700

Hilda Pedroza, University of Washington



Recognition Scholarship \$500
Merit Scholarship \$700

Kelsey Dorman, Columbia Basin College



FFA Scholarship in memory of Brian Weber \$500
FFA Scholarship in memory of Roy Kregger \$500
FPL Energy Science Scholarship \$600
Board of Directors Scholarship \$400

Robin Penland, Walla Walla Community College



Merit Scholarship \$700

Jessica Groat, Walla Walla Community College



Maxine Kempf Memorial Scholarship \$500
FFA Scholarship in memory of Ron Dunning Jr. \$500
FPL Energy Science Scholarship \$600
Board of Directors Scholarship \$400

Salvador Pina, Jr., Walla Walla Community College



Merit Scholarship \$700

Joel Guardado, Walla Walla Community College



Merit Scholarship \$700

Linda Solis, Eastern Oregon University



Recognition Scholarship \$500
Merit Scholarship \$700

Karissa Henzel, Walla Walla Community College



Merit Scholarship \$700

Joselene Starr, Walla Walla Community College



Merit Scholarship \$700

Ashley Humbert, Walla Walla Community College



Recognition Scholarship \$500
Merit Scholarship \$700

Tabitha Thompson, Walla Walla Community College



Recognition Scholarship \$500
Merit Scholarship \$700

Josephine James, Walla Walla Community College



Merit Scholarship \$700

Jorge Velazco, Walla Walla Community College



Merit Scholarship \$700

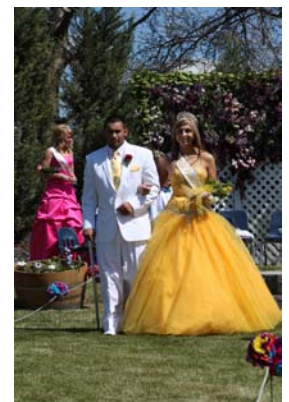
May Day 2009

This year Touchet Schools celebrated the 90th May Day Celebration on Friday, May 8, 2009. This was the first May Day Celebration that our first beloved May Queen Naomi Dodd (seen below, lower left) class of 1922 was not in attendance. She passed away this spring on April 21, 2009. She was honored in a tribute video at the beginning of the performance.



Naomi is seen here with her daughter Delores Rea at her last May Day Celebration in 2008. Naomi, a long time Touchet School supporter and community member will be deeply missed.

Pam Gluck's 20th year coordinating the May Pole performance was well received by the 90th May Court Queen, Linda Solis, King Taylor Gregg, Maid of Honor Kayla Buckley, Herald Joel Guardado, Junior Princesses Yuri Can and Schae Richardz, Sophomore Princesses Courtney Downing and Emily Huesby and Freshman Princesses Jessica Morris and Morgan Bergevin. The elementary classes put on a stellar performance to a variety of musical members for the entertainment of the court and community.



Touchet Hall of Fame

This year Touchet School's FEAST team (a teacher leadership committee) created a special honor for community members past and present in the Touchet Hall of Fame. A member of the **Touchet Hall of Fame** is someone nominated by the community to honor a person from Touchet, past or present. This person should exemplify qualities of leadership, dedication, honor, integrity and the intangible "Touchet Pride." Touchet Hall of fame members will be honored each year at the annual May Day celebration. Nomination forms are available by contacting Touchet Schools at 509.394.2352 or emailing Gary Dorman at dorman@touchet.org.



Our first inductee of the Touchet Hall of Fame Alvin Adams was born August 8, 1920 in Touchet to Samuel Roy and Dottie Blanche (Dodd) Adams. He was the local paper boy as a child, he graduated from Touchet High School class of 1938. He was May Day Herald and then May Day King his senior year. He served his country in the US Navy during WWII and married the love of his life Mary Oceania (Yeend) before the war was over. Alvin came home from the war and took over the Touchet Mercantile from his father.

He later partnered with his brother John and his wife Patricia Adams and then sold the store to John in 1975. Alvin joined with local community members to start many local organizations that became the foundational infrastructure for this community.



He was president of the phone company in Touchet and consequently the lineman on many occasions.

Alvin, Ted Small and John Rea bought a fire truck from the forest service and started the Touchet Fire District - now the largest fire district in Walla Walla County. He also served as Fire District Commissioner. He served the community on the sewer district and was a charter member of the Touchet Gun Club, Touchet Lions Club, and the Touchet Grange. Alvin helped construct the football field behind the school in the 50's, listened to the Christmas wishes of Touchet school children, and in later years has shared Touchet history with many generations. Touchet School is proud to make Alvin Adams our first "charter member" of the Touchet Hall of Fame.

2010 Touchet All School Reunion



Remember the Past and Support the Future

TOUCHET ALL-SCHOOL REUNION 2010

Saturday, June 26, 2010

reunion.touchet.org

The 2010 Touchet All School Reunion is coming. Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 26th and go to our website at www.reunion.touchet.org to register today. Contact Shelley Perkins at 509.301.9383 or via email at perkinss@touchet.org if you would like to get a list of your classmates addresses to coordinate your reunion add-on event. Many classes have used this weekend to host their own gathering either Friday night or Saturday afternoon. Reminder - if you have recently had a reunion and have updated your class contact list please email that update to Touchet Educational Foundation Secretary, Carol (Riley) Hopkins (class of 1987) at chopkins2@hotmail.com.

Friday night the Seed House will be hopping, new owner Nicki Blanchard has a great menu. You are welcome to make the Seed House your pre-function destination Friday night!

Saturday morning activities start at the Touchet High School Gym, 10AM Registration, 11AM Class Pictures, 12PM Lunch and 1PM Program. Many afternoon events are planned to keep you and your family entertained or give you an opportunity to catch up with old friends and make some new ones. We will have a windmill tour, winery tasting tour and golf tournament in the afternoon.

This year the Touchet Historical Society www.touchethistory.org will be hosting a history booth at the reunion where you can bring historical photos to be scanned and added to the online museum or share your favorite Touchet memory on video. Saturday evening will end with a social at the Old Gardena School house (the Touchet Lions Hall) at 7PM.

If you would like more information or would like to help coordinate or volunteer for the event, please contact Co-Chairs Jeff Kelso (class of 1967) and Marilyn (Munns) Kelso (class of 1968) at 509.394.0263 or marilyn@my180.net or Shelley (Saranto) Perkins (class of 1987) at 509.301.9383 or perkinss@touchet.org. We hope to see you there!



Two Long Time Teachers Retire



Pam Gluck started her teaching career at Touchet in 1966. She taught the first grade for two years and then retired the first time in 1968 when her daughter Tracy was born. When Tracy and her brother, Tyler, were in middle school, Pam began doing some substitute teaching, and soon was back in the classroom full time. She has taught 3rd, 5th and 6th grade. She enjoyed teaching all the grades and liked teaching math the best, even teaching a few classes of middle and high school math. Students who had Mrs. Gluck for 6th grade remember the great trips she took them on to Seattle. They were also among Mrs. Gluck's favorite memories.

She enjoyed providing students an opportunity to ride an escalator for the first time, see the rain forest, a beach or the animals at the zoo. One girl kept asking, "is it really real?" when seeing a giraffe for the first time.

Mrs. Gluck will start her retirement with a trip to Alabama to visit daughter Tracy and husband Greg Garbe, and her grandson, Karston, age 2.



Marge Gary was hired on a three year contract to teach remedial reading at Touchet in the fall of 1978. Three years later, she taught her first math class, and thought, "I love it!" She continued teaching reading, and added 7th and 8th grade English.

And then a Spanish teacher was needed, so Marge raised her hand, and found herself the entire math and foreign language department at the Touchet High School for the next 22 years.

Although she loved teaching the math classes, the Spanish classes provided an opportunity for more fun, cultural activities, like a fiesta, or watching the Spanish soap operas with her students. For many years, Mrs. Gary was also the advisor for the National Honor Society, and enjoyed a trip every year to Seattle, Olympia or Portland with a group of students. Marge hopes to do a lot of traveling in the next several years. She will be in Croatia when school starts this fall.



Mrs. Gluck and Mrs. Gary, thank you for all of the years of excellent instruction you provided Touchet. You made significant contributions to a generation of Touchet students. We wish you well on the next chapter of your lives.

TOUCHET EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

TRACKING THE INDIANS

The Touchet Educational Foundation will feature you!

Just fill out the information below and we'll publish it in our newsletter.

Name: _____ Year Of Graduation: _____

(please include your maiden name)

Finally get a job? Write a best seller? A new baby in the family? Let your fellow Indians know!

TRACKING THE INDIANS



Eileen Collier Continuing Education Scholarship \$1000
Awarded to Katrina Plucker - class of 2006

After graduating from Touchet in 2006, Katrina attended Wenatchee Valley College, where she played softball and was selected Team Captain. She was also named to the Dean's List and selected as the college's Outstanding Scholar-Athlete upon completion of her Associates of Arts degree. Katrina then transferred to Washington State University, where she is pursuing a Communications major with a Business/Sports Management minor and expects to graduate in the spring of 2010. She has been involved with community service projects during college, as well as working to assist with her education costs. Katrina writes, "I hope that my Bachelor of Arts degree will provide me with strong career opportunities. There are many avenues that are available with a Communications major. Coupled with my interests in Business and Sports Management, my education will provide me the chance to utilize my skills and interests."



Medical Sciences Scholarship in memory of Robert McCubbins \$1000
Awarded to Mindy Nolan - class of 2004

After graduating from Touchet in 2004, Mindy graduated cum laude from Eastern Washington University in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Exercise Science. She then enrolled in the Doctorate Program of Physical Therapy program at University of Puget Sound, where she expects to graduate in 2011. Mindy plans on working as a pediatric Physical Therapist and writes, "I am traveling to Peru this summer in order to learn Spanish and volunteer at an orphanage and rehabilitation clinic. This will allow me to be immersed within the culture and language, as well as have a great experience volunteering my time in order to serve those in need. I believe that this experience will only enhance the skills and knowledge that I am currently learning in school, as well as help me decide which direction I would like to take once I graduate."

CLASS NOTES

2000s

Kylee Durfee ('04), graduated cum laude from Eastern Washington University in 2008, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. She is currently a graduate student at EWU, earning a Master of Business Administration degree. She hopes to come back to the Walla Walla area to work after completing her degree in December 2009.

Lacey Mayberry ('05), is a senior at Lewis-Clark College, finishing up her Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. She expects to graduate in the spring 2010 and would like to work in banking and become a bank branch manager.

Jennifer Brown ('06), is currently a senior at Washington State University. She plans to graduate in December 2009 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting and hopes to move back to the Touchet area after graduation.

Natalie Durfee ('06), attended Eastern Washington University for two years and has transferred to Oregon Institute of Technology in Klamath Falls to enroll in the Diagnostic Medical Sonography (DMS) program. Her goal is to obtain her Bachelor of Science degree in DMS in June 2011.

Kyle Fazzari ('06), is a senior Computer Engineering student at the University of Idaho. He plans to attend graduate school after completing his Bachelor of Science degree in the Spring 2010.

New Scholarships Established

Friendship Scholarship in memory of Robert McCubbins

This scholarship was created by Michael McCubbins in memory of his brother, Robert, who passed away in June 2008 after a short battle with Cruetzfeldt Jakob disease. Robert was born and raised in Touchet, where he attended Touchet School from Kindergarten through 12th grade, graduating in 1977. Robert was known for being there for others, even putting aside himself and his own responsibilities to help anyone. He had a contagious smile and a friendly hello for all. He was very giving and generous of himself. This scholarship is awarded to a student who is friendly, helpful, courteous, and kind and caring towards others. The candidate will be nominated and selected by his or her class peers.

Medical Science Scholarship in memory of Robert McCubbins

Robert McCubbins was born to L.D. and Patricia (Bean) McCubbins, the fourth of six children. Raised on the family farm in Touchet, he was active in his school and community, graduating in 1977. Although he had no children of his own, he had a great passion for the well being of others, especially children. In 1980, Robert donated a kidney to save the life of one of his siblings, which he did without hesitation. At Christmas time, he was known to go on shopping sprees, buying gifts for the Toys for Tots program. Robert was always willing to lend a hand, offering physical, spiritual or monetary support. Doing whatever he could to make things right. Robert succumbed to a rare Prion Disease in June 2008, at the age of 49. It is because of this tragedy, and Robert's desire to care and give to those in need, that the McCubbins family has set up this Medical Sciences Scholarship in his memory. Applicants must have a minimum of a 3.0 GPA and express why they became interested in a particular field of medicine, such as physician, nursing, medical technologies, radiology, EMT, or research studies.

The Touchet Educational Foundation would like to say thank you to those who made memorial contributions in spring 2009. Your generosity is appreciated and these donations support Touchet School graduating seniors.

Contributions Made In Memory Of:

*Mary'O Adams
Shirley Burnham
Naomi Dodd
Helen Durfee
Florence Harting
Bill MacMurdo
Lee Parr
Mildred Pentecost
Elly Peterson
Joe Pisca*



Oktoberfiesta Glasses Available

Please support the Touchet Educational Foundation by purchasing your limited edition pint glass for \$15.

The glasses will be available for sale at the entrance of the Touchet Gardena Lions Hall, Saturday, September 26 beginning at 5:00pm at Oktoberfiesta 2009.



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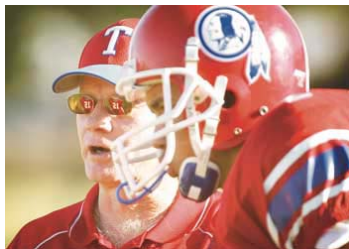
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Dickey Day Celebration

Saturday, September 26, 2009



Longtime Touchet head football coach Wayne Dickey (pictured here during a game in 2007) led the Indians to four state championships, as well as three state second place finishes. Now after 30 years of walking the sidelines at Touchet football games coach Wayne Dickey decided it's time to hang up his gridiron whistle. Mr. Gary Dorman will be taking over as Head Football Coach at Touchet.

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1/2 time celebration honoring Mr. Dickey

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continue celebration with Mr. Dickey

Send a favorite football memory or note of appreciation to Mr. Dickey through the Touchet Educational website: toucheteducationalfoundation.com