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## TOUCHET EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

# TRIBAL TIMES

### **Showcase of Touchet Schools Administration and New Staff**

This is the second part of an ongoing series, in which the Touchet Educational Foundation is highlighting teachers, administration, staff, and school Board members who are so critical to the educational success of Touchet students. In the next newsletter, we will introduce Touchet School's School Board.



Touchet School District's new **Superintendent, Susan Bell**, is entering her thirtieth year in education and is eager to make a long-term commitment to a community she truly admires. Born and raised in Washington, the Walla Walla Valley is quite familiar to Susan. Both of her parents graduated from Whitman College, her Aunt Jean was raised in Walla Walla, and her step-mother was born and raised in Waitsburg and currently lives in Walla Walla. Susan has always loved the Walla Walla Valley and the four seasons of outdoor activities that the area has to offer. Susan is married to Wally who is a retired electrician. They have two grown daughters and two grandchildren. Susan and Wally enjoy time with their family and also riding horses at Bennington Lake and Skiing at Bluewood.

According to Susan, there is a great deal of pride and history in the Touchet community, with strong family ties throughout. The great pride and high expectations that emanate from the district are a strength that Susan hopes to carry through as a top priority. Building relationships and establishing a positive teaching and learning climate are also Susan's top goals. "The greatest strength of Touchet School District and its community is the people. I want to get to know as much as possible about the people and the students I serve in Touchet."

Like other superintendents, Susan finds herself extremely frustrated with the impact of major budget cuts and not being able to fully support the school system due to lack of funding. Regardless of last year's mid-year cuts and the likelihood of cuts again this year, Superintendent Bell is striving for fiscal responsibility and assuring the Touchet community that they will be alright. "It's my responsibility to be optimistic and communicate the positive so that we are doing the best for our kids."

As the new superintendent, Susan is greatly impressed with both the students and the school board in Touchet. Though Touchet may be a small community, Susan emphasizes that between student's classes, ASB, sports and other extra-curricular activities, the students have numerous opportunities to travel and interact with a variety of people throughout the State, giving them a more global viewpoint. "I think the kids in Touchet are very well connected and they really do give education hope."

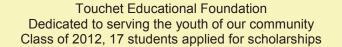


Fairly new to Touchet is **Principal**, **Elissa Tinder** who was born and raised in Pullman, Washington. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Washington State University in Elementary Education and Special Education. Her Master's Degree came from Eastern Washington University in the area of Curriculum and Instruction. Her Principal's Credential also came from EWU. Ms. Tinder has three boys that she is raising in our Touchet Community, ages 6, 8, and 10. Her interests range from playing with her children, reading, yoga, and traveling.

Ms. Tinder has been a principal and teacher in public education for 16 years. Eleven of those years has been with grades 6-12. This is her fourth year in Touchet. She understands what it takes to raise children in an educational

setting that encourages students to become well-rounded individuals. Having helped transition middle and high school students into adult life has given her a comprehensive vision of what needs to be taught to students in the middle and high school years to be successful competitors in our economy. She is well versed in educational strategies that assist children in their learning and in becoming well-rounded citizens.

Ms. Tinder is a life-long learner and has been passionate about education her whole life. Indeed, her grandmother taught for 26 years and passed that love for teaching on to her mother, who taught for 22 years and, in turn, passed it on to Elissa. Her father was also a well-respected professor for over 30 years. She believes that if she leads by example and enthusiasm, it encourages others to do the same. Recently, she finished her Professional Certification in administration.



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### Welcome New TEF Board Member!



### Jose, Owen and Sonia Godinez

It's hard to believe, my ten year reunion is coming up this spring. I graduated from Touchet High School in 2002 and the memories are still fresh in my mind. While in High School, I participated in football and baseball every year of eligibility while doing relatively well in my classes. Upon graduation, I enrolled the University Washington. There I received my B.A. in 2007 with distinction and a double major; Comparative Literature and Spanish (I know you're thinking that's cheating, but that's like you getting an English degree, right?). I also participated in a year-long ESL teaching internship in Ocoltan, Jalisco, Mexico, where I met my beautiful wife, Sonia. graduation from UW, I worked as the director of an after-school program designed to help supplement in-school instruction; The Millennial's Program. Shortly after that I became an Academic Advisor at Walla Walla Community College where I still work today. I will be finishing my M.B.A. at WSU Tri Cities this December, but make no mistake about it...I bleed purple and gold!

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**Shauna Fletcher, high school English teacher**, grew up in Walla Walla, and received her bachelor's degree in English, as well as her master's degree in teaching from Walla Walla University. Her love of literature and Shakespeare sprung a crazed passion for theater arts, too. She minored in drama and spent unconscionable hours at the University of Idaho, WWU, Little, and Fort Walla Walla theaters in both on- and backstage roles. Most recently, she was the love struck nerd, Penny Pingleton, in the 2011 Summer Musical production of Hairspray.

"There is something electrifying," says Fletcher, "about spending three hours walking—or in this case, dancing and singing--in someone else's shoes. It's the same thing I love about literature! It explores someone else's views and experiences that you might not otherwise have had yourself." Fletcher hopes to inspire her English students to explore in their writing and delve deeper into the elements of literature. When she's not grading English assignments, she loves biking, running, gorging on sushi rolls, and holding the occasional Harry Potter movie marathon.

**Karl Loree, high school Math and Chemistry teacher**, grew up in the Walla Walla Valley. He attended high school at Walla Walla Valley Academy in College Place. He also received his Masters Degree in Education for Secondary Education from WWU. He has substitute taught for the last few years, but this is his first full time position.

He loves the outdoors and basketball in any form. He loves coaching, watching, or playing. He has been married for a year and a half now to his wife Kelsie. They don't have any kids yet, just their cat Summer. He loves being here at Touchet. He can honestly say that this has been a fantastic year. He loves the small school atmosphere where he knows most of the students. The staff has been beyond supportive and reaching out to help. He really feels at home.



# CONTINUING EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

### **ATTENTION CLASS OF 2011 GRADUATES**

The Touchet Educational Foundation announces to offer the class of 2011 graduates an opportunity to apply for scholarship assistance for their second year of college. The scholarship available will be shared in equal amounts among those who apply with a maximum amount of \$500 to each of the applicants.

To qualify, the student must plan to enroll for their second year of college, have earned a minimum of 35 college level credits during their first year of college and have achieved a minimum GPA of 2.75. For more specific information, email Dave at repped@msn.com.

### **POSTMARK DEADLINE IS JULY 15, 2012**

The Touchet Educational Foundation is offering three (3) continuing education scholarships for the school year 2012-2013 to past Touchet graduates that will have a minimum of junior standing at the start of the 2012-2013 school year. For more specific information, email Dave at repped@msn.com. **POSTMARK DEADLINE FOR THESE SCHOLARHIPS IS MAY 25, 2012** 

**Eileen Collier Memorial Scholarship \$1000**, A general scholarship available to students majoring in any program of study with a minimum GPA of 2.75 and a minimum of junior standing at the start of the 2012-2013 school year. Applicant needs to be planning to obtain an undergraduate or graduate degree at a 4-year accredited college or university.



"Making a Difference Scholarship" \$500 In memory of Katie Nolan was established by her family in 2010 to encourage others to follow Katie's example of service to others, offering hope and inspiration. This continuing education scholarship will award a minimum of \$500 to the successful applicant. In addition to the general application requirements applicants must also submit an essay of 300 to 500 words describing in detail your philosophy regarding service to others, activities and/or projects you have participated in that reflect your commitment to making a difference in the lives of others, and any plans you have made for service after college graduation.

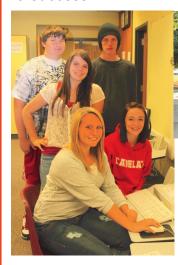
Pheasants Forever Wildlife Scholarship \$500 A continuing education scholarship that is directed towards students interested in wildlife management, natural resource sciences, and/or agriculture and is funded by Pheasants Forever Blue Mountain Chapter #238 of Walla Walla in the amount of \$500. In addition to the general application requirements, applicants must also submit an essay of 300 to 500 words. This essay needs to describe in detail your future educational plans in the above fields of study, your extra-curricular activities at school, your community service endeavors, and your academic achievement.



# OKTOBERFIESTA 2011

Another successful and fun fundraising event for the Touchet Educational Foundation in 2011. Over 220 people attended enjoying homemade Enchiladas, Rice, Beans, Carne Asada, good company and great music. The senior class slave auction, live and silent auction and raffle items helped raise over \$11,000.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated items, the alumni and community members who make this annual event a success!







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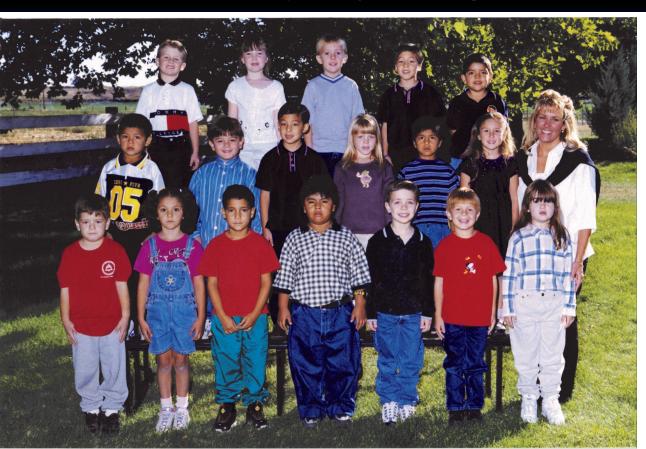
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## **Endowment Fund Update**

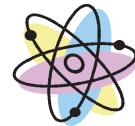


An endowment is a permanent fund set up to provide yearly scholarship distributions from a portion of the earner while maintaining the principle. The minimum contribution to establish an endowment fund is \$10,000.

The Touchet Educational Foundation began our endowment fund in 2005, when we deposited \$5000 with Community Foundation (BMCF). The BMCF manages our endowment funds, tracks each of our funds separately quarterly statements.

We have received gifts in amounts both large and small that were specified for our endowment fund, which were endowment fund with BMCF. To further grow our general endowment fund, we also applied for and received \$20 from the Higher Education Coordinating Board in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010. Our second endowment Eileen Collier's passing in 2005. Mrs. Collier graduated from Touchet School in 1919 and bequeathed \$1 Educational Foundation. We award a continuing education scholarship for \$1000 in her name each spring.

An additional endowment began after, the Touchet Gun Club was sold in 2006. The \$26,000 proceeds from that sa were given to the TEF, and then deposited in the BMCF. We are proud to award a scholarship in the name of the Touchet Gun Club to a graduating senior each year.



In the fall of 2011, the TEF received wonderful news that the Medical Science Scholarship McCubbins had been funded by family members to the endowment level of \$10,000. The scholarship in 2009 and has recently contributed the addition funds. This is a great example o successfully grow scholarships for our graduating seniors. Robert McCubbins (THS, class passion for the well being of others, especially children. Robert succumbed to a rare Prion Disea because of this tragedy, and Robert's desire to care and give to those in need, that the McCub this Medical Sciences Scholarship in his memory.

Bernard Easley, a long time Touchet resident, passed away in late November. In his will, he left a donation to the Touchet Educational Foundation of \$10,000. The TEF Board of Directors voted to place the funds in our General Endowment Fund. The interest from that donation will be combined with other monies in our General Endowment Fund to help fund scholarships or other operating expenses as needs arise. Thank you, Bernie!! Bernard Dale Easley was born October, 23, 1934, and died Nov. 23, 2011.

Bernie and his wife moved to Touchet in 1978 after twenty years in Alaska. He was a lifelong construction worker and journeyman carpenter. His wife, Stephanie Holman-Easley, was an elementary school teacher in Alaska and in College Place, WA. She was diagnosed with brain tumors in the summer of 1998 and passed away soon after. She left a huge void in Bernie's life.



In 2005 he started the building of the Old Glory Saloon to provide a place where neighbors could gather for a re being an incentive to visit with him. He was full of stories to tell and had many of his mementos of life in Alaska of Glory. Many birthday parties, anniversary parties and wedding receptions were held over the years there as well as Valentine Dinners and lobster feed where children were always welcome to attend. Bernie had an insatiable ap learning everything he could about any area in which he'd lived. He was an early President of the Touchet Friend and started the dual language section of the library after his wife's death. When his eyesight started failing due to he began to listen to books on tape. The Library eventually ran out of books on tape for him and he had to switch CD. His friends were able to find a player that worked for him—a CD-TV combination unit. He had run out of the the time of his passing. Partly because of Bernie's avid reading habits, the Rural Library purchased guite a colle Bernie and his wife both believed very strongly in childhood education and so recognized the Touchet Education with a very generous donation.

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### **Opportunities for Sharing**

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 four year colleges and universities, community colleges and trade schools. We provide a way for Touchet alumni, businesses and community members to be involved in providing that support.

### **Opportunities for giving:**

- A cash contribution
- A gift in honor or memory of a special friend or loved one
- A named scholarship minimum \$500 contribution
- Endowment—An endowment is a permanent fund set up to provide yearly scholarship distributions from a portion of the earned investment income, while never expending any of the original principle gift. The minimum contribution to establish an endowed scholarship is \$10,000.

A lasting legacy of the gift of education – planned gifts help insure that the mission of the Touchet Educational Foundation continues for many years to come. Perhaps you would like to make a gift through your will, or through an estate plan. Please contact us if we can be of assistance in helping you make your decision.

Your donation will help Touchet High School graduates further their education.

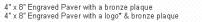


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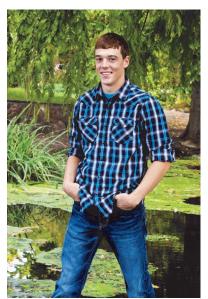
# TRACKING THE INDIANS







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A 97 year legacy will come to an end with the graduation of Eric Hall Hines June 9, 2012. The Adams/ Dodd family was created by the marriage of Roy "S.R." Adams and Blanche Dodd. The combined families have been graduating from Touchet High School since the first Graduating class of 1915 with Hall Adams. Eric's Great Great Uncle. The family has been represented by students, superintendent, eachers, staff, and parents down through the years. Did you know the school is built on Adams land?

In looking at the pictures hung in the high school you can pick out the generations. Eric's Great Grandmother Blanche Adams, graduated in 1916, and the last of her siblings graduated in 1928 with Fern Dodd. Eric's Grandfather Alvin Hall Adams graduated in 1938, and Alvin's brother John B. Adams graduated in 1948. John married Patricia Moss Adams '59 which covered the gap until Samuel Adams '63 started in Touchet. Sam was the first of seven, so the last sibling graduated in '82 with Christine Adams. The next generation was ready to take over with Stephanie '94 and Michael Adams '96, and

Jessica '02 and Brian Pisca '08. The legacy comes to an end with Eric a fourth generation soon to be Touchet High School graduate. Congratulations Eric!

It has been a great and proud legacy. We all have wonderful memories, and are proud supporters of the Touchet Indians. We have used our Touchet High School education to be the stepping stone to further careers, higher education, and our life. Thank you Touchet High School and staff.



Hall Adams, Ester Shumway Byrnes, Ellen Hanson Laducer, **Agnes Carlson, Minni Potter** 



Tim Dickey ('2000) and Mary Ann Ewing were married February 4 2012 in Mesa, Arizona. Tim graduated from Washington State University in 2004 and now teaches at Wildflower Elementary in

Goodyear, Arizona. He teaches 6<sup>th</sup> grade math and science, and also coaches basketball and baseball.

This fall friends and family gathered to celebrate Marguerite Kregger's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday! Extended family from Idaho, California and Florida arrived to attend this community celebration. An afternoon and evening of fun ensued as guests enjoyed visiting and reminiscing with Marguerite. Following dinner there was a special presentation documenting the highlights of her life. Guests were amazed as it was a walk back in history. The Kregger family wants to thank all who attended this fun celebration and made the day very special for Grandma Kregger!





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