



TOUCHET EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Spring 2023



MAY DAY on Friday May 19th at 10 a.m.

Queen Emilly Hilbert **King** Joey Calcagni

Maid of Honor Tanya Luna

Herald Grayson Zessin

Juniors Jacee Tobin & Yesenia Contreras

Sophomores Diana Rincon & Marielle Mendoza

Freshmen Charlotte Britton & Carmen Vargas

**** Alumni Baseball Game 2 p.m. ****



Class of 2023

Kindergarten to Senior Year

7 members of the class began together with Mrs. Warner

Daniel Lopez, Tanya Luna, Jayson Martinez, Inry Mendoza,
Brayan Orozco, Giovanni Rodriguez & Noah Villalpando

Touchet Community Library

The Walla Walla County Rural Library District was established in 1972 to serve the 26,000 rural residents of unincorporated Walla Walla County. The Touchet rural library was first housed in a corner of the commons at the Touchet School. And then, over 30 years ago, services were moved to the current location, across the street from the Touchet School and sports fields.

Honoring the pledge made to Touchet residents for a permanent location and building, the Walla Walla County Rural Library District (WWCRLD) has purchased property next to the Touchet School parking lot. The building and lot development are currently very much in the design phase, but two plans are being considered. One of the values of the WWCRLD is "to provide facilities at the heart of each community as a gathering place for all ages and to be a fundamental source for lifelong learning." The designs being considered will, of course, have stacks for books. But there will also be computers, E-readers, games, access for online audible books and video streaming, craft projects, and a host of other free services. There will also be a community room for local people to use for meetings or events, and a large outdoor space. Date for completion is spring 2024.

On May Day, the WWCRLD will have four stations coinciding with the May Day festivities. You can visit the Touchet Friends of the Library table and get information on the current library services, visit the bookmobile and get a library card or check out a book. The current library will be open where you can participate in an art project for all ages. You can visit the site of our new library and perhaps see the preliminary schematic drawings.

Our library provides free and open access to information for every person in our community. We invite you come and take advantage of our services and be a part of plans for the future.



Check us out on Facebook:

Touchet Friends of the Library; Touchet Library;
Walla Walla County Rural Library District

Touchet Educational Foundation

Dedicated to serving graduates of Touchet High School through college scholarships
Class of 2023, 14 students eligible for scholarships

TEF BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

President, Marilyn Schaecher (Class of '72)
Treasurer, Melissa Cummins (Class of '73)
Secretary, Carol Hopkins (Class of '87)
Sandy Reppe, Jessica Pedroza
Ron Dunning (Class of '65)
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.

**Winter 2023
Scholarship
Raffle**

Great job Seniors & Families!

Another successful fundraising event to support the THS Class of 2023.

TEF Scholarship Raffle raised \$6800

The drawings were held at half-time of the THS Alumni Basketball Game on Feb 18, 2023



Picture from Shirley Schaeffer (Class of '65): "Here is my Dad, Perry Anderson, getting ready to draw the winning name for the TEF fundraiser. He was thrilled to do this. He is 101 years old and a 1939 graduate of Touchet. He is a huge fan of Touchet School."

TEF was pleased that Perry's family could bring him to the game. He got a big round of applause & cheers from the players and fans!

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 Donors:

**United Seed Services, Tallman's Pharmacy,
Atkinson Construction**

Raffle Prize Donors:

51 E Main/Ron & Dana Dunning

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| Walla Walla Steak Company | Mi Pueblitos |
| Bright's Candies | Runway Market |
| Wingman Birdz & Brewz | Lori Moro |
| Buk'n Bar Soaps | Detour Farms |
| Book & Game | Earthlight Books |
| Nobody's Girl Boutique | Wine Valley Golf Course |
| Sportsman's Warehouse | |

ALUMNI BASKETBALL

Organized by Dominic Solis ('20)
and Mim (Brt) Jaggar ('89)
Feb 18, 2023
At the Touchet High School Gym

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 \$40

*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



Thank You 2022 Donors

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

Amazon Smile
Atkinson Construction
Axelsen, Diana
Clara & Art Bald Trust
Blue Mountain Comm Foundation
Buckley, Mike & Sandy
Callander, Bruce & Barbie
Columbia REA
Crowley, Lee & Melinda
Cummins, June & Melissa
Dial, Bill & Phyllis
Dickey, Wayne & Nancy
Dodd, Larry & Lonna Borgens
Dunning, Ron & Dana
Edwards, Yvonne
Fowler, Michael & Cheryl

Gay, Doug & Kristi
Harpe, Dean & Odie
Heimbigner, Patsy
Hobson, Allen & Marllys
Mangum, Margene
Mathiasen, John & Elaine
McCubbins, Mike & Julie
Merrill, Alma
Moro, Gerald & Lori
Reiber, Kurt & Linda
Reppe, Sandy
Richards, Brad & Lisa
Sauer, Karen
Schaecher, Mike & Marilyn
Schaeffer, Nance
Schaeffer, Sally

See, Dan & Gayle
Stokes, Roma
Taylor, Randall
Touchet-Gardena Lions Club
Tri-Community Homemakers
United Seed Services, Terry
Perryman
Ziegman, Bruce & Sherry

*** Also, a very special thank you to everyone that purchased raffle tickets from December 2022—February 2023 in place of a Dinner & Auction Fundraiser. 680 tickets were sold to raise \$6,800!*

Donations are gratefully accepted for any of 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.

Contributions made (May 2022 to April 2023) in memory of:

June Cummins, Julia Delgado, Ron Dunning, Jr., Gary Harpe, Marllys Reppe Hobson, Sharon Knutson, Doug Loney, Robert McCubbins, Wayne Miller, Orpha Oliver, Dave Reppe, Darrell & Jean Sansom, Robert Schaeffer, Sandra Wistner

In Remembrance of Touchet Alumni:

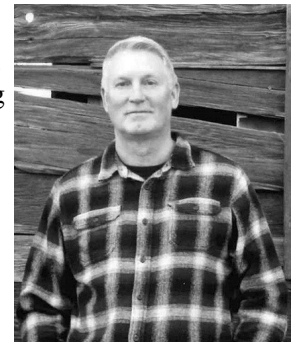
Marsha Peterson Gardner, class of 1964

Doug Loney, class of 1980

Gary Harpe, class of 1981

DOUGLAS RAY LONEY On December 12, 2022, the Touchet Educational Foundation, Touchet School and our community lost a long time friend, Doug Loney, after a yearlong battle with glioblastoma brain cancer. He served on the TEF Board of Directors from 2004 to 2016, and as President from 2012 to 2015.

Doug was born on April 29, 1962, in The Dalles, Oregon. He grew up in Touchet, Washington, and was a 1980 graduate of Touchet High School. During his school years, Doug was active in 4-H and FFA, raising hogs and steers for the Walla Walla Fair. In high school, he took great pride in his experience as a Touchet Indian Football player. Doug was captain of the 1979 state championship team. The friendships Doug formed in his early years lasted throughout his life. Doug graduated from Eastern Washington University, where he enjoyed theatrical set building, music, and art. He started his career working with the U.S. Forest Service because of his love of the outdoors. Doug joined the Employment Security Department in 1989, where he held various progressive roles over the course of 32 years until retirement in 2021.



Doug met the love of his life and soulmate, Berta Rodriguez, when they were both working in the Tri-Cities. They began dating and were married six months later. They welcomed their son, Ian, in 1993 and their daughter, Mckenzie, in 1996. They moved to his grandparents' farm in Gardena, renovating the homestead and raising their family. Doug and Berta were blessed to have celebrated 30 years of marriage in September of 2022. Doug enjoyed the simple things in life: family, friends, celebrations, and community. Hosting Thanksgiving was very special, with dozens of extended family gathering at their home each year. Anyone who spent time with Doug knew what a wonderful, kind, and gentle-hearted soul of a man he was! A celebration of life for Doug was held at the Chvatal Family Farm in Touchet.

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ALUMNI BASEBALL GAME Friday, May 19th at 2 p.m. after MAY DAY
THS GRADUATION Saturday, June 10th 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 15, 2023

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

Class of 2021 (2nd Year) Scholarships—due date July 14, 2023

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
- A gift in memory of a special friend or loved one

Name: _____

- TEF Endowment Fund
- Other Scholarship/Endowment Fund

Name: _____

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

Make checks payable to TEF, mail this form to:

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