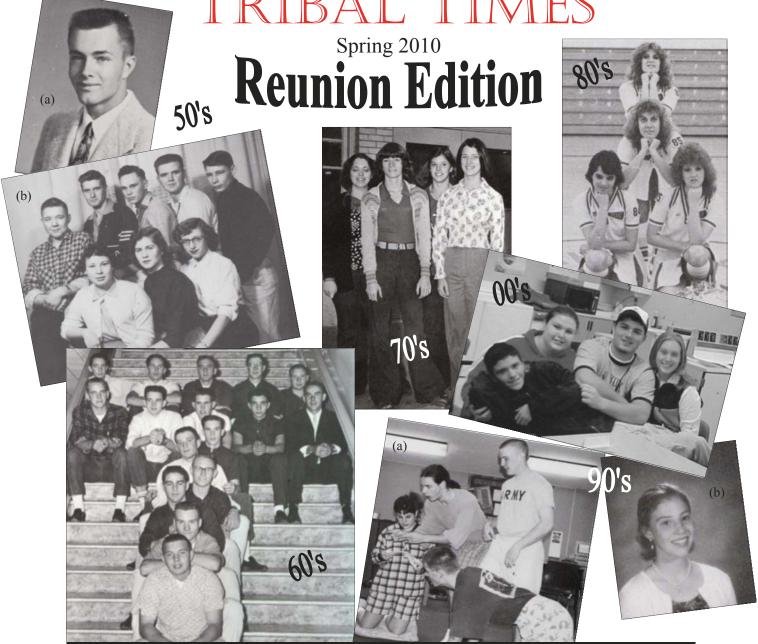


# **TOUCHET EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**





CAN YOU NAME THESE STUDENTS? (answers are on back cover)

**Touchet Educational Foundation** Dedicated to serving the youth of our community Class of 2010, 27 students eligible to apply for scholarships

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### 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 donating an "Oktoberfiesta Dinner Basket" to our Booster Club's silent auction. We really appreciate your support as we get our club going. Thanks again, Polli Weaver. Treasurer

Kennewick School District teachers have earned certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, which is the highest credential in teaching. Included in the announcement were Douglas Reppe ('86) and his wife Daronna Reppe both teaching at Horse Heaven Hills Middle School.



May Pay Court, May 7, 2010

King & Queen Kyle O'Brien & Zoe Weaver

Hgrald & Maid of Honor Tuff Goble & Elizabeth Pedroza

Junior Attendants Lauren Brashear Elida Rodriguez

Sophomore Attendants Addison Doering Alex Nasburg-Sasser

Freshmen Attendants Chevenne Kessler Megan Reed

# **OPPORTUNITIES**

### SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY **College Juniors and Seniors**

For the third year, the Touchet Educational Foundation will be offering a "Continuing Education Scholarship" to past Touchet graduates. This scholarship, in the amount of \$1000, is funded by the Eileen Endowment Fund.

Eileen Cummins Collier left a generous gift to the Touchet Educational Foundation when she passed away in 2005. This allowed us to establish the endowment fund in her name with the Blue Mountain Community Foundation in 2006. Mrs. Collier graduated from THS in 1919, attended a year at Whitman College, finally graduating from Washington State College (WSU) in 1926. We are grateful for her generous contribution that will benefit so many Touchet students.

### Eligibility:

Touchet High School Graduate

Minimum 2.75 college GPA

Junior standing or above at the beginning of the 2010-2011 academic school year Plan to obtain an undergraduate or graduate degree at a 4-year accredited college or university

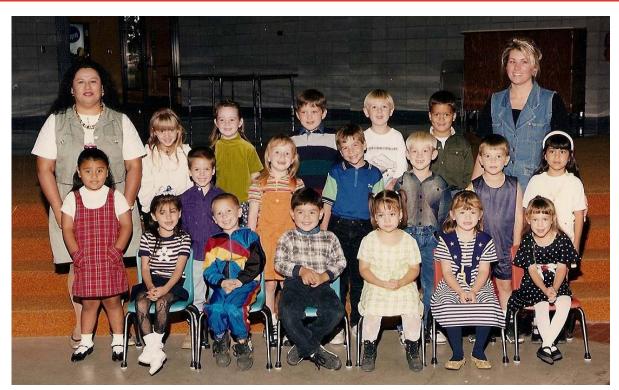
The application for the TEF Continuing Education Scholarship is available to download from our website: www.toucheteducationalfoundation.com

**Application Deadline: May 7, 2010** 

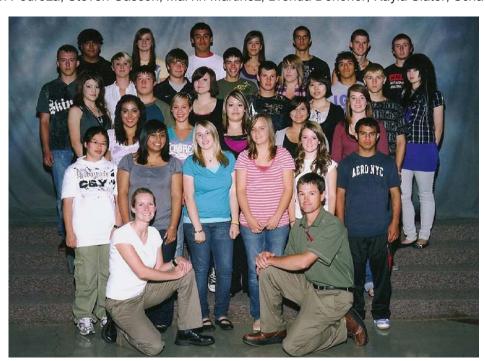
### Class Motto

"The past is my heritage, the present my responsibility, the future my challenge."

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Mrs. Holecek, Mr. Gregg

# OKTOBERFIESTA 2009

Another successful and fun fundraising event for the Touchet Educational Foundation in 2009. Over 220 people attended enjoying 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 \$13,000.

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











### **Special Thanks!**

### Senior Slave Auction Supporters raised \$4,700

Stuart & Sheryl Byerley, Bob & Terri Cantrell, Ron & Dana Dunning, Craig & Tami Hodnefield, Randy & Dawn Kessler, Terry & Janice Nealey, Tim & Erica Richardz, Mark & Sharla Wagoner, Tim & Michelle Wagoner.



### Live and Silent Auction Supporters raised \$3,575

Marilyn Adams, Stuart & Sheryl Byerley, Bob & Terri Cantrell, Curt Dawley, Michael Dettmer, Tatia Hackiewicz, Joe & Diane Harris, Tom & Patty Jones, Bob & Jacky Kentch, Don & Sandy Marlatt, Michael & Julie McCubbins, Colton Mohrland, Scott & Cathy Plucker, Tim & Erica Richardz, Shawn & Kirsten Royse, Tim & Michelle Wagoner.



# Thank you VERY much for donating raffle items, auction items, table sponsorships and supplies for Oktoberfiesta 2009!

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### Additional Thanks...

Touchet Gardena Lions Club and Henry Garbe for their help and use of the hall and Auctioneer Randy Grudzinski for offering his enthusiasm and generous support!



# Touchet High School Reunion Saturday, June 26, 2010

The festivities will begin Saturday morning at the Touchet High School Multipurpose Room and Gymnasium.

**10:00 AM** - Welcome and Registration

**11:00 AM** - Individual class or decade pictures (available for purchase)

- Tour of school

12:00 PM - Lunch

**1:00 PM** - Program

The afternoon is open for individual classes to plan their own activities or take advantage of one of the events listed in our "Afternoon Activities" section (opposite page).

7:00 PM -Social at the Old Gardena School (Touchet Lion's Club) complete with hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar.

Whether you have moved far away or stayed close by, come join us this June and reconnect with old friends!



### 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!

### **Need help contacting clasmates?**

Touchet Educational Foundation Secretary, Carol (Riley) Hopkins can help. Contact her at chopkins2@hotmail.com.

Also, if you have had a recent address change or know someone who has, please let Carol know so she can keep the alumni database up to date.

#### We need volunteers!

If you would like to help coordinate or volunteer for this year's reunion, please contact Jeff Kelso at 509-394-0263 or marilynk@my180.net

Touchet Historical Society (touchethistory.org) will be hosting a history booth at the reunion Saturday morning. Please bring your historical photos to be scanned and added to the online museum and share your favorite Touchet memories on video.

**Touchet Educational Foundation** will also be hosting a booth with information available regarding the TEF. Stop by to learn more about the great support they continue to provide for Touchet students in their pursuit of educational opportunities.



2010 THS Reunion Committee: Jeff Kelso (1967), Marilyn (Munns) Kelso (1968), Shelley (Saranto) Perkins (1987), Carol (Riley) Hopkins (1987), Cathy Schaeffer (1987), Lacy (Short) Moyer (2000), Leland Weber (1981), Traci (Hanson) Weber (1984), J. B. Dorman (1998)

### **Saturday Afternoon Activities**

Windmill Tour There will be a bus tour of the FPL Energy wind turbines. If you would like to participate, please sign up on the registration form.





Wine Tasting Spend an afternoon exploring the wineries of the Walla Walla Valley! On your own, you may plan for your class or group to enjoy the best wines in the state. Information is available to help you plan your very own wine tast-

ing tour at <a href="www.wallawallawine.com">www.wallawallawine.com</a> or (509) 526-3117. Many wineries have daily tasting room hours while others can be visited by appointment only. Transportation and group events should be reserved in advance. So make your plans now to arrange for a memorable time of wine tasting with classmates and old friends.

Golf Pheasant Creek Golf Course, a 9-hole golf course, is a short drive north of the school at 1432 Touchet North Road. Golfing at Pheasant Creek is truly an en-

joyable experience. Green fees for 9 holes is \$15 (\$20 with cart); 18 holes is \$20 (\$25 with cart). Call early to reserve your tee time (509) 394-4653.



Visit our website: http://www.touchet.org/reunion/

# Touchet High School 2010 Reunion Registration

# Registration Fee: \$10 per person (children under 6 free)

Lunch is included in your registration fee.

Number attending:
Name
Class of Maiden Name (if applicable)
Spouse's Name (if applicable)
Is spouse THS alumni? YES NO If yes, class of
Address
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Wind Turbine Tour  Please indicate below the number attending.  (Fee, if any, to be determined)  Number attending:
Veteran Status Please indicate if you are a veteran and in which branch you served.  Veteran Branch If still active, Duty Station
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Detach this form and return by June 5th with registration fee. Make check payable to: "Touchet Educational Foundation" and mail to:

THS Reunion c/o Jeff Kelso PO Box 75 Touchet, WA 99360

### **Dickey Day Celebration**

Longtime football coach, Wayne Dickey, was honored at halftime activities of the Touchet vs. Wallowa football game on September 26. Current and former players wearing their high school jerseys, community boosters and other well wishers were on hand for the celebration. In his remarks, Mr. Dorman spoke of Mr. Dickey's emphasis on sportsmanship and integrity. Later, at the Oktoberfiesta celebration, seven players representing 30 years of Touchet football, paid tribute to their former coach and shared fond memories of their football experiences. Thank you, Mr. Dickey!!!



### Touchet Hall of Fame Nominations Being Accepted

Touchet School's FEAST Team (a teacher leadership committee) created a special honor for community members past and present in announcing the new "Touchet Hall of Fame" at last year's May Day. Alvin Adams (THS class of 1938) was the first inductee. 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 below, online at <a href="https://www.toucheteducationalfoundation.com">www.toucheteducationalfoundation.com</a>, at the school office and by contacting Touchet Schools at 509.394.2352.

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### TOUCHET HALL OF FAME

Honor a person from Touchet—Past or Present. This person should exemplify qualities of leader-ship, dedication, honor, integrity and the intangible "TOUCHET PRIDE." We will honor the Touchet Hall of Fame members at the annual May Day Celebration. Please return this form to the main office by Friday, April 9, 2010.

# TRACKING THE INDIANS

**Kylie Durfee** graduated from Touchet High June 2004 and went on to college at Eastern Washington University that fall. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration concentrated in Finance with minors in Economics and Visual Communication Design in March of 2008. Upon completion of her undergraduate career at EWU, she decided to take the next step to earn a Master's degree. Fall of 2008, she started school again to earn a Master of Business Administration degree. She graduated with her MBA degree in December 2009.

While in college, Kylie gained many great friendships that she believes will last a lifetime. She also gained the skills and knowledge necessary to enter the workforce with confidence. She is currently on the job search and is positive that she will find the position that is right for her at this point in time.





**Sean Akari** ('05) writes, "After four years at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas (UNLV) I graduated with a degree in film production and a minor in Acting for the Camera. Currently attending the Boyd School of Law in Las Vegas, to earn a law degree. Hopefully by 2012 I will be able to practice entertainment law. Ultimately my dream is to own my own production company and make feature films. I'm hoping that a few years on the business side of movies will allow me to make the proper contacts and opportunities for myself. School is very demanding at the moment, so work is out of the question. However, during the summer months I will use the time to work and will be looking for intern opportunities.

Other than school, and career prospects. I am fortunate to say that I am very happy and doing well. There is a lot of uncertainty in my life at the moment, where I'm going and where I want to go. The idea that keeps me moving forward is the anticipation of what is to come in the next few years and further."

#### **CLASS NOTES**

#### 1990s

**Aaron Gerla ('94)** earned his doctorate in Educational Leadership from St. Louis University in May 2009. He is an administrator in the Logan-Rogersville (Missouri) School District. Aaron and his wife Aimee welcomed a new addition to their family on July 2, 2009, when Aubrie Lynn joined her three year old sister, Ashlyn Jade.

### 2000s

US Navy Lt JG **Andrew Gerla ('00)** recently completed a duty assignment aboard the USS Chafee (as part of the USS Nimitz Strike Force) and is currently stationed in Norfolk, Virginia. In January 2010 he was deployed to Haiti, in charge of a platoon setting up a communication center at the airport.

Nathan Carlisle ('00) is currently serving in Afghanistan.

Andrew Plucker ('03) is serving in Jalalabad Afghanistan training Afghan forces.

Sheri Nolan ('03) just obtained a permanent position at Salem Hospital in Salem Oregon.

Ed Castillo ('04) recently returned from his tour in Iraq and will be attending college in the Spring.

Saul Velazco ('06) and his wife Brenda welcomed their first son, Emiliano. They live in Kennewick.

**Salvador Rodriguez** ('06) has returned from his tour in Iraq. He was a gunner on convoys and preformed explosive ordinance disposal. He is now living in Walla Walla.

**Shiloh Akari ('07)** and **Taryn Short ('08)** were both recognized on Washington State University's fall semester president's honor roll for students who earn a GPA of 3.75 or higher.

IN MEMORIUM Don Johnson ('48), Henry "Hank" Garbe ('53), Katie Nolan ('98)

# Thank You 2009 Donors For all you have done for Touchet students!

The Touchet Educational Foundation would like to honor all those who make contributions and choose to support this work. Your generosity is appreciated and the donations that are received are supporting graduating seniors.

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#### Trivia answers from front cover:

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**60's:** T-Club 1962-63 - Back: Tim Kelso, Butch Voshell, Bob Bryant, Pat Brock, Dean Munns . Middle: Bob Rea, Sam Adams, Chuck Saranto, Jim Martin, Coach Seachris. Front: Dick Hickman, Rich Anderson, John Munns, Mike Brock, Darrell Loney, Sam Weber

70's: Jeanette Oliver, Ronni Ingham, Darla Fulgham, Lori Peterson

80's: Penni Harpe, Michelle Willoughby, Sarah Bussell, Debbie Moore

90's: (a) Kim Kammenzind, David Marr, Chris Pauley, Jake Bussell, (b) Katie Nolan

00's: Saul Velazco, Angela Barnes, Joe McDole, Jessica Johnson