

What's the Buzz?

October Newsletter

549 Family Foundation
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HOME COMING! Welcome home, visiting alumni! 549 Family is honoring two royal alumni this year; 1965 Queen Betty (Babbitt) Senske and 1985 Queen Carmen (Seifert) McCullough!



Queen Betty graduated from St. Cloud State College and married Greg Drummond. They had 2 daughters and Betty taught high school business classes for 10 years in Brooklyn Park, MN. Greg was tragically killed in a plane crash near Reno, NV in 1985. When Betty returned to Perham for her 20 year reunion, she re-met classmate, Marlowe Senske. They married a year later and have made Dallas, TX their home for the past 18 years. They still have strong ties to Perham and keep their lake home on Little McDonald Lake. Queen Betty has 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

Queen Carmen earned Marketing & Advertising degrees from Minnesota State University. She has since worked in an advertising agency and also as a marketing representative for companies both large and small. Carmen is currently employed as a Marketing Web Development Manager by Arvig Communication Systems in Perham. She lives in Detroit Lakes with her husband, Kevin and her two boys, ages 7 & 10.



LADIES, we tip our hats to you! Saaaah-lute!

Congratulations to the PHS Choir for receiving a \$2450.00 grant from 549 Family to assist them with their trip expenses to New York's Carnegie Hall in January of 2006.

Congratulations to PHS students taking AP (Advance Placement) tests in the spring! \$2000.00 has been granted to reimburse passing students for the testing fees. Testing for an AP class can cost each student up to \$80.00. Students wishing to receive college credit for an AP class need to take the test. PHS is working hard to expand its AP curriculum.

To apply for a grant to benefit ISD 549, go to www.549family.com for the application.

It is recommended that grant applications for the '05-'06 school year be submitted by September 30, 2005. Drop your completed app any district school, attention of coordinator, Jo Strege, PWMS.

TELETHON Approaches!

Be ready for a phone call on October 8th or 9th during 549 Family's TELETHON. PHS students want to be pro-active in making sure academic, art, music and athletic programs and activities continue to be successful for the district. Residents within the district may receive a call between 9-6 on Sat. or 12-6 on Sun. to ask for your support for the 549 Family Foundation. We would like to ask that if you do not wish to make a donation at this time, that you politely decline. THANKS to everyone making this event happen!!!

Meet 549 Family Board Member, Cyndy Huber

Cyndy graduated from Perham High School and received a BA degree from the University of North Dakota in 1988. She then returned to Perham to live with her husband, Mark, who is also a Perham High graduate.

Cyndy is currently the Controller/Human Resource Officer at United Community Bank and has been there for 10 years. They live on Big Pine Lake with their 3 children; Sam, 10th grade; Kaylan, 7th grade; and John, 5th grade.

She likes to spend her free time attending her children's activities, camping, reading and being with family and friends.

549 Family hits home with Cyndy. "The 549 Family Foundation is important to me because it gives the students of ISD 549 the opportunity to experience and learn things that may not be possible with all the budget issues these days. I think that community support for our young people is the best investment we could make for our future. I am proud to be a parent and resident of ISD 549 and will support them in any way that I can."



The current crisis in our schools across the country requires action locally now. Our children have just one chance for an education. Their future and ours depends on strong and excellent schools at the elementary, middle and high school levels.

To create a better life for our children and our community, improving the quality of education is our brightest hope. Say "yes" to our community's future and yours by participating in the 549 Family.

Graduates of our schools will become future leaders and citizens of our communities...our business owners, civic leaders, teachers, trades people, doctors, lawyers and our neighbors. Say "yes" to helping build strong schools and to helping our youth have a chance to live their dreams.

How Can I Give?

Membership/Yearly Gift: A cash donation at any of the levels offered in full or by pledges paid periodically.

Memorials: The gift would be acknowledged to the person designated.

Endowments: Securities, cash or real estate are common assets used to establish an endowment. Interest only is spent from these gifts, making them perpetual.

Charitable Gift Annuity: Gift annuities can be funded with smaller amounts and therefore suitable for donors wishing to make a more modest gift.

Living Trust: A way to set aside assets or income in a trust. If you never need the money, it goes to 549 Family upon your death. If you do need the money, you can revoke the trust at any time and have the money available to you.

Volunteer Corner

Kathy Simpson is organizing the annual Hearing and Vision Screening Oct. 10-12. If you can help, please call her at 346-1758 or 346-1592.

Dent/HOTL Bookfair is coming in November and will again need your help checking out books for the kids. If you'd like to know more, please call Rachel Hoff at 346-1414.

Want to run an exploratory at PWMS? See these kids' eyes light up from something new and interesting from the Perham area. For more information call Jo Strege at 347-0549.

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