

# What's the Buzz?

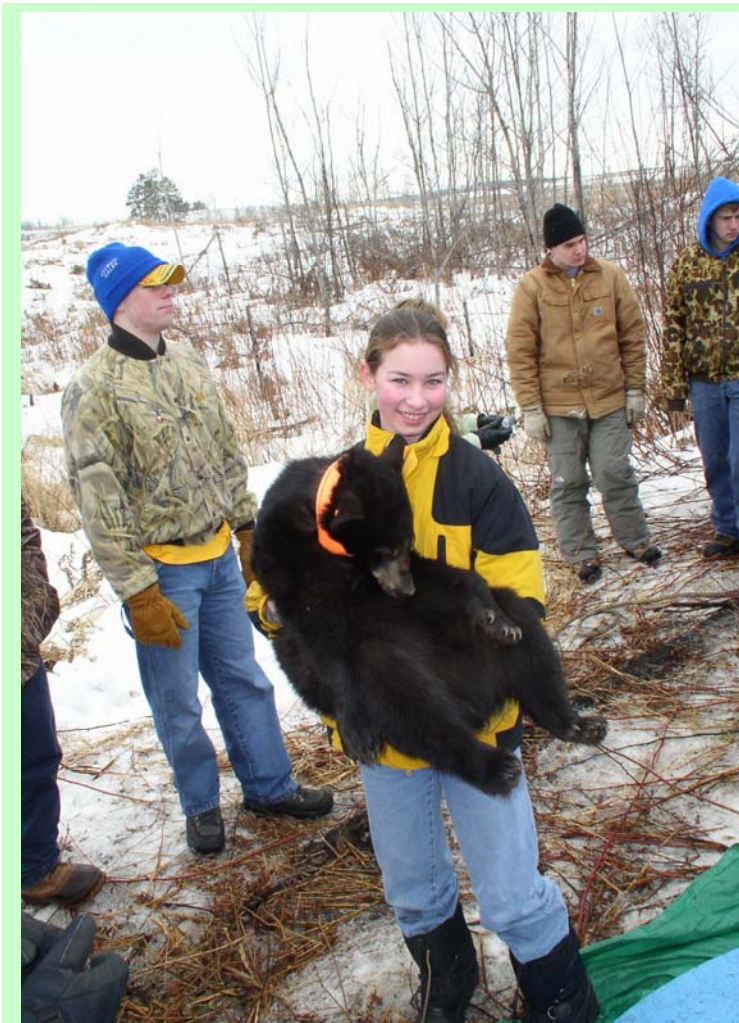
## February Newsletter

549 Family Foundation  
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Perham, MN 56573

*Happy Valentines' Day!!*

***Congratulations! 549 Family Foundation granted \$412.00 to Perham High School's German class to accompany Wadena-Deer Creek's German class to GERMAN DAY at the Minnesota Zoo. The students will interact, converse and learn by involving themselves and engaging others in their German language. The students were required to have questions prepared for the trip in German and will also need to record the responses in German. This trip will be a fantastic opportunity for the kids to learn expression, words and phrasing in the wonderful second language of German. The trip takes place on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. PHS's German class is being taught by Patricia McClellan.***

*To apply for a grant to benefit ISD 549, go to [www.549family.com](http://www.549family.com) for the application. It is recommended, but not required that grant applications for the '05-'06 school year be submitted by September 30, 2005. Drop your completed app at any district school office, attention of coordinator, Jo Strege, PWMS.*



## Meet 549 Family Board Member, Bob Wilkowski

**Bob was born in Oakland, CA. He attended St. Henry's in Perham from grade 1 to 4; St. Elizabeth in Oakland grades 4 & 5; St. Henry's 5-8 and graduated from Perham High School in 1963. Bob graduated with a BS degree in Physical Education and Health Education in 1968 from the U of M, Duluth and received his Master Degree in Educational Administration from the Tri-College Moorhead State University and North Dakota State University.**

**Mr. Wilkowski began his teaching career in Perham in 1968, but left from 1969 to 1971, while serving as Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps. In '71, Bob returned to PHS to resume teaching till he retired in 2000. During that time, he taught physical education and health, coached football and basketball, and became Athletic Director and Assistant Principal. Currently, he's a sales rep for AIM Electronics out of Eden Prairie, MN, selling scoreboards and message boards for Daktronics.**

**Bob's wife, Carol, is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher in New York Mills. His daughter, Alison married Troy Becker from New York Mills and now works in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Gunderson Lutheran Hospital in LaCrosse, WI as a Neonatal Physician Assistant. His other daughter, Margo, is a junior at Augsburg College, Minneapolis, majoring in Elementary and Special Education.**

**Why is 549 Family important? "The 549 Family Foundation has allowed many opportunities for students and staff at the Perham School to become involved in activities that could not be accomplished without the funds from 549."**

*The pictures on the front page show Science Research students taking part in the Eyes on Wildlife Research project, tagging both wolves and bears and locating dens with GPS units. Students below locate and test wells in the area as part of the Perham Wellhead Protection Project. Both programs were made possible with grant money from 549 Family.*



*Tim Buchin adds water testing chemical to samples taken from area wells.*



*Students work with George Kupferschmid on Wellhead Protection Project.*

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