

What's the Buzz?

**Winter 2008
Newsletter**

549 Family Foundation
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549 FAMILY Approves More Grants for Perham-Dent Schools

HOTL/DENT 1st Graders: *Students attended the play "Frog and Toad" at the Holmes Theater in Detroit Lakes. Their teachers incorporate the play into their lessons, and the experience begins to build an appreciation for the performing arts. \$380.00 grant*

PWMS 6th Graders: *Students of the 6th grade will soon be using technology called the "Personal Response System". This is the same system as was granted the PHS Science Department earlier this year. Teacher, Dave Cresap applied for the grant to better assess his students in their progress in math, but will make excellent use of the system for all subjects. \$2000.00 grant*

PWMS 8th Graders: *The 549 Family Foundation is assisting the 8th grade class with their travel expenses to this year's Laurentian Experience in northern Minnesota. \$2000.00 grant*

PHS Industrial Tech: *Speaking of ground-breaking technology for Perham-Dent, the I.T. department will be purchasing a laser engraver, its software and attachments. Every student in the I.T. department will use the device for several projects including model building. Access to this high technology will, no doubt, inspire many to pursue hi-tech careers. \$3000.00 grant*

PHS Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar: *The HOBY program has been supported by 549 Family for several years. It's designed to prepare the selected sophomores to become more effective, ethical leaders in their school and community. \$150.00 grant*

PHS Media Center: *What do you do when you're teaching a class which requires the use of a computer, but a student has no computer available at home to do the work? 549 Family was asked to supply computers for student check-out from the media center. Once protocol has been developed to secure the computer's use, maintenance and repair, and it has the administration's approval; 549 Family plans to purchase one computer to test the idea. \$500.00 grant*



Effective December 31st, 2007, David Arvig completed his maximum term of two 3-year terms with the 549 Family Advisory Board. We would like to sincerely thank Dave for his leadership, his desire to improve education for kids here in Perham-Dent and his valuable time that comes at a premium with his many commitments and obligations across the country. Thank you, David!

Waldon Selected to 549 Family Advisory Board



Sandra Waldon of Perham was unanimously selected to serve a three-year term on the advisory board of the 549 Family Foundation. Her commitment and dedication to the Perham-Dent schools has been evident for many years, so the board is thrilled that she has accepted the position.

Sandra is currently employed by United Community Bank in Perham as Business Relationship Manager/Marketing Officer. Sandra serves on the Perham Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. She is the Vice President of her husband's geological consulting business—Monaco Services Inc. Monaco provides geological consulting, mud logging and data acquisition services to oil and gas exploration companies through-out the Rocky Mountain Region. During the past 9 years living in the Perham area, she has been involved with the New York Mills Civic & Commerce,

Perham's Women of FOCUS (which raises funds to benefit the children and activities in the Perham area), and has served as Events Coordinator for the Republican Party of Otter Tail County.

Sandra grew up in Pelican Rapids, MN. She moved to Barnesville and graduated from High School in 1977. She married Lonnie Griffin in 1978, and had two children Daniel & Tamara—aka: Danny (wife Melissa and their children Mason (5), Josie (3)) & Tami (husband Jeff and the twins Griffin & Grace (2 ½ yrs). Lonnie passed away in 1985 from cancer. At that time Sandra returned to college and obtained an AA degree in Business Administration from Moorhead State University (MSUM) in 1987. She graduated from the University of Denver (DU) in 1996 with a BBA. She married Peter Waldon in 1988, and they have two children--Ben (16) and Andrew (14) both currently at Perham High School.

Why 549 Family Foundation? "The answer is definitely to play an instrumental role in raising and distributing funds to the youth in our school district. The opportunity that 549 Family Foundation provides is invaluable, and I am fortunate that my children benefit from such a caring foundation."

Bob Wilkowski and Tom Spencer have both been invited and have accepted to serve a second and final three-year term for the 549 Family Foundation Advisory Board. The next positions to vacate the board will be December of 2008, when Brian Mort will complete his second term and Tom Tomporowski and Jo Strege will complete their first terms. Any member of the 549 Family Foundation can be considered for advisory board positions. Those interested in being considered the end of '08 may request a position description from current board members found on the website.



549 Family has been collecting Box Tops to benefit the Perham-Dent school district for four years. The money received through this program is spent reimbursing teachers for their in-classroom expenses, student incentives, bare books and classroom project materials. Please bring or send your box tops to PWMS. There is a collection can in the office. Thank you for your support!!

Calendar: 549 Family's Honey Bee Gala, March 29th. This fun event celebrates Perham-Dent students, their accomplishments and the adults that help them reach their goals. Mark your calendars and join us there!

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Board Members:

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