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LEGACY
OF
LEARNING

This summer the Plentywood Education and Alumni Foundation was created to support the educational programs for both the students and staff of the Plentywood School District.

The Foundation will provide funds for innovative educational programs and activities, which either have not been funded or have been under funded by the normal operating budget. These funds will be used to facilitate student achievement and skill development, to recognize and encourage staff excellence and to expand community involvement from individuals, businesses and civic organizations.

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How can I help?

Your contribution to the Plentywood Education & Alumni Foundation will be gratefully received and appropriated to education opportunities for students. Your support can come from personal or business interests and can include not only direct financial support, but also community support and by encouraging others to get involved in the Foundation's effort.



What
are my Investment
Options?

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100 East Laurel

a letter from Kordy's desk to yours

Welcome to our first newsletter! While I never wanted to be a journalist, I muse at the challenging efforts that formulating and editing a newsletter bears! This is an endeavor that hopes to inform you and whisk you back to this small place on the prairie where your lives were once shaped and formed among

peers, teachers, parents and community members. We all know about giving charitable contributions to our college & university alma maters but have we ever thought about keeping our high

Let us whisk you back to this
small place on the prairie.....

schools funded with our charitable giving tax dollars? Think about it and then show your appreciation. Support future generations of PHS students while keeping your memories of excellence in education alive and well, here in this prairie town nestled among the Land of the Lazy Mountains!

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We're on the web!

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General Donation: Cash or pledged donations at any time

Planned Giving: Wills, trusts, life insurance, and other options

Matched Giving: Contributions may be doubled or tripled when matched by an employer donations at any time

THE FACTS

The Plentywood Education and Alumni Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit tax-exempt philanthropic organization of citizens

- ◆ Shares a vision of enhancing education in the Plentywood School District
- ◆ Works to increase private support for educational activities in the Plentywood School District
- ◆ Benefits Plentywood students and staff personnel by supporting activities above and beyond

those funded by tax dollars.

Charting the Course to Excellence



- ◆ Fosters creative approaches to education through private grants and involvement
- ◆ Awards Foundation funds through a volunteer Board of Directors made up of business, community and educational leaders.

How Donors Can Pay Less to Give More...ask Rick

A recently introduced Montana tax credit allows donors to pay less in Montana income taxes by giving a qualified planned gift to a Montana charitable endowment. This is an incentive of 50% of the present value of a planned gift, up to a maximum of \$13,400 tax credit, per year per individual. An outright gift by an estate or other pass-thru entity is also allowed a credit of 26.7% of the value of the gift, up to a maximum of \$13,400 tax credit.

Qualifying charitable contributions are irrevocable planned gifts to any qualified endowment. Unlike annual

giving, planned gifts are generally used by individuals and families to make an irrevocable commitment of a principal asset for the future benefit of charity. At the same time, the donor may retain the use of the asset or income from the asset during his lifetime. This tax-credit encourages individuals to make substantial charitable commitments now to the future of Montana. But it is not simply for the wealthy. It is also a way for Montanans of more modest means to provide for themselves and their favorite charities. The planned gifts may be made using any of the following techniques:

- ⇒ Charitable Remainder Unitrusts
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- ⇒ Pooled Income Fund Trusts
- ⇒ Charitable Lead Unitrusts
- ⇒ Charitable Gift Annuities
- ⇒ Deferred Charitable Gift Annuities
- ⇒ Life Estate Agreements (gift of a residence or farm)
- ⇒ Paid up Life Insurance Policies

Watch for more information in upcoming issues of *Alumni Almanac*!

Quiz...

Yes No



Have you wanted to support the Plentywood School but didn't think you could afford it?

☐ ☐

Are you surprised at the low interest rates when it's time to roll over your CD's?

☐ ☐

Would you like to pay less federal income tax on your investment income?

☐ ☐

Would you like to save up to \$10,000 directly off your Montana income taxes?

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Could you use a charitable deduction to save on your taxes?

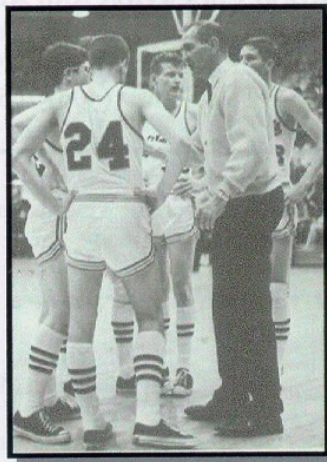
Answers:

If you've checked "yes" to any of these questions, then perhaps a charitable gift annuity is the key! Increase your income, save on your taxes, and support the Plentywood Education & Alumni Foundation!

Remember When

TIMEOUT STRATEGY

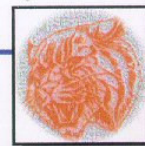
Coach Zoonie McLean talks with his team during a timeout in the 1967-1968 season. He is shown with Tim Eckerdt (24), Steve Kern (glasses), Butch Eckerdt and Zoonie McLean Jr. Hidden in the photo is senior center Pat Tange.



GO CATS GO!

DID YOU KNOW?

- ◆ Mr. Dick Bratton has held the position as band director since 1973.
- ◆ Plentywood established the first public kindergarten in the state of Montana in the early fifties (from Toil, Soil, and Oil pg. 356)



THE PLENTYWOOD HERALD'S new word describes the game in the new gymnasium:

"WE JAMMED IT TO THE RAFTERS LAST FRIDAY"

Thursday, February 16, 1961

Nearly 1400 fans and students packed Plentywood's new field house Friday night last week to watch the Wildcats defeat Wolf Point 53-44 in an Eastern Division B conference game.

Back to School!

Crisp air changing leaves and Back to School Supplies: Signs Summer is over and Fall has officially arrived.

BACK TO SCHOOL is right! We want to bring you back to good old PHS with The Foundation working hand in hand with the students and faculty to provide funding for incentives and innovative ideas. Throughout the year we will have fund raising events and we welcome any ideas you may have! We will be posting upcoming sports and academic events with pictures and video clips of the school and of the town via our web page! We will even offer free live teleconferences with former classmates, and much, much

more! All we ask is that you supply us with a current address so we can send you a hard copy of the newsletter and/or your e-mail address so we can keep you informed via the internet. The Foundation has already been interviewed by the PHS English Media class and we have had a terrific response from the school staff, teachers and students! Your input and participation is an invaluable asset to our success as well.

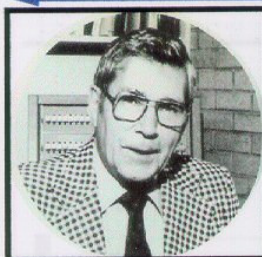
This is a WIN, WIN situation for everyone involved!

Meet The Foundation Board



Rick Darvis, Mike O'Toole, Bill McCoy
Joe Bennett, Rob Pedersen,
Jeanne French, Kordelia French (Ex.
Director), Sally Carpenter
Not pictured: Dave Zieske

Administration & Alumni



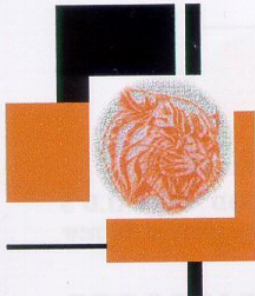
Eugene V. Lagerquist, Plentywood Superintendent of schools from 1958 to 1980, served as local superintendent of school longer than any other superintendent in the nearly 100-year history of public education in Plentywood. Following is a tribute to Mr. Lagerquist taken from the 1980 Yearbook:

As the class of nineteen-eighty departs from PHS, as the final bell in May peals loud and clear, a curtain slowly closes on an era in our school. Not just the end of another term, but on a whole career. For twenty-two years in Plentywood Eugene Lagerquist has been **EDUCATOR—ADMINISTRATOR—CITIZEN and FRIEND**. The philosophy of his career has made us all aware of how to live a fruitful life — "Be Firm—Be Fast—Be Fair." *J.F.*
Plentywood School District #20 has experienced true greatness in our leadership and we are still proudly charting the course to excellence!



Joel Tande, class of 1968, is owner and operator of Tande Computing Supply in Plentywood, MT. He also runs AirTime which is a satellite provider for internet service.

Asked how he likes living in his hometown he replied, "There is something unique and special in small-town living. Everyone in Sheridan County can assure you of that! We welcome all to come and explore our little corner of the Big Sky. There's no other more safe or better place to live. I'm here to stay!"



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- ☐ I intend to give a \$50.00 donation to become a member of the
Plentywood Education and Alumni Foundation

Please consider a gift that will qualify you for additional recognition.

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|--|---------|--|---------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bronze Membership | \$ 250 | <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Membership | \$ 500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Membership | \$1,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum Membership | \$5,000 |

Please make checks payable to "Plentywood Education and Alumni Foundation".
Thank you for including this form with your tax-deductible gift.

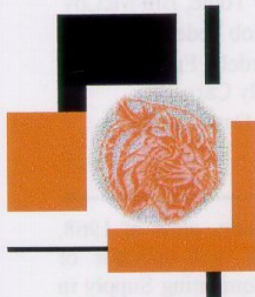
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Please retain this portion for your records and return the above form with your tax-deductible donation.



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Mission Statement

The mission of the Plentywood Education & Alumni Foundation is to generate creative approaches and distribute resources to the Plentywood School District to enrich, maintain and expand programs needed to meet the District's stated mission of excellence in education.

Gift Receipt

Name

Street Address

City, State & Zip Code

Amount of Donation & Date

THANK YOU!