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Golf Tourney Yields **BIG** Results for Your Foundation

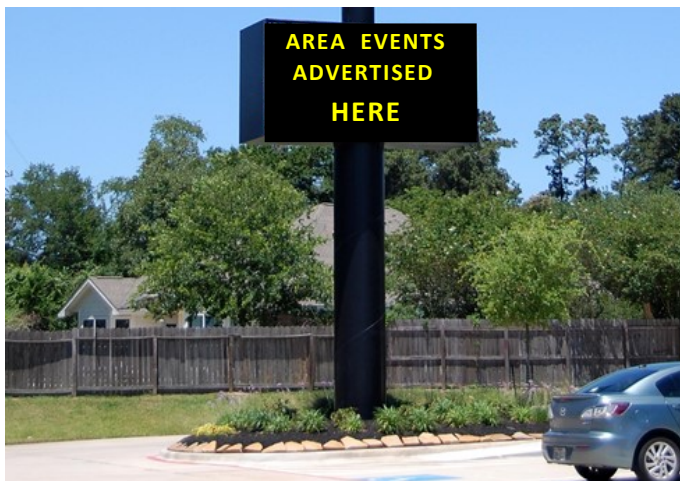


The Foundation got a big boost August 5th, as a result of the annual Kasmer and Aafedt Oil Charity Golf Tournament held at The Links of North Dakota, east of Williston/south of Ray. The 4 person scramble is presented by K & A Oil each year and helps raise money to support local charities in the Williston area. This year John Kasmer and Dean Aafedt generously opened the tournament to any interested non-profit charities as long as they participated in the tournament. Four teams representing your Foundation were sponsored, with team members including Foundation board members Troy Walters and Hunter Berg. They were among 32 teams and 100 golfers participating. Sponsors and donors helping your Foundation were Williston businesses *JK Properties* and *Manager Insurance* and Grenora's *Buds and Blooms*, *Centennial Bar*, *Farmers Union Insurance*, *GHS Activities*, and *the Zahl Elevator*. Robert and Cleo (Olson – GHS '79) Erickson also made a very generous donation through this tournament and specifically earmarked it for the school's second playground, now in the planning stage. Donations, entry fees, and teams' winnings produced for your Foundation a whopping **\$14,450** share of the over \$90,000 raised for charities and non-profits in the area!

Many thanks to Kasmer and Aafedt Oil for including the Grenora Public School Foundation in their tournament this year and to the donors associated with it !

A Collaboration of Many Organizations

New Electronic Community and School Events Sign



A sign similar to the one in this stock photo will soon appear in Grenora to announce community and school events. We had hoped to have a picture of the actual sign for this newsletter, but it was damaged in delivery and a replacement is on the way.

The effort to bring such a sign to the community is an inspiring story of teamwork and generosity.

Read about it on Page 2.



New Electronic School & Community Events Sign (from front page)

The guessing stops — whatever is happening in and near the Grenora community and school can soon be prominently displayed on a 5 ft by 10 ft electronic sign, situated along U.S. Highway 50, next to the Buds and Blooms flower shop, east of the Farmers Union. Funding for this \$55,000 sign to be installed by Dakota Fence was made possible with funds from the Grenora Public School Foundation, along with the City of Grenora, Grenora Economic Development, Grenora Community Club, Grenora School District, Grenora area's Today's Women, and Northwest Communications Cooperative. This is truly a collaborative effort of community folks who feel strongly about bringing the community together in many ways, including better informing them of upcoming activities. This sign will help do that, making information available for all to see. Options are also being worked on which may make those same announcements available on a website for those who are not in the Grenora area but have a need to know. Connected by a fiber optic cable link donated by NCC back to the school, the sign displays events when entered by computer at the school office. Announcements of future events can even be stored in the computer to automatically appear on the sign on a specified date. It is anticipated that many events will vie for a spot on this sign, so community leaders are working on a procedure to fairly process requests for event postings. Future announcements as to procedures and the final "turn-on" day will appear in the 'Town and Country Crossroads' and elsewhere.

An inspirational team effort for the community , with many involved in the funding and planning process, will soon **come to light !**

Grillin' on the Gridiron

Foundation board members Carlyle Norby, Lavern Johnson, and Nicky Berg served up hamburgers and chips to over 350 football fans at the Thunder—Terry, MT game in Grenora the evening of September 29.

With generous help from Northwest Communications Cooperative which provided the burgers, (on top of a very generous monetary donation to the Foundation and to the GHS Junior class concessions) our folks from the Grenora Public School Foundation, with behind-the-scenes help from school administrative assistant Amy Berg Johnson (GHS '97), served hungry fans and let them know more about the Foundation.

At print time, the Grenora-Westby *Thunder* 6 man football team is undefeated this season and has been very successful since it was formed in 2011, going to the State tourney numerous times. Comprising the Montana football conference of which the Thunder is a member are Savage, Richey, Lambert, Terry, Medicine Lake, Jordan, Ekalaka, Wibaux, and Bainville.

Thanks, Northwest Communications! With your donation and food supply you let us put a face on the Foundation and serve our team's loyal followers.

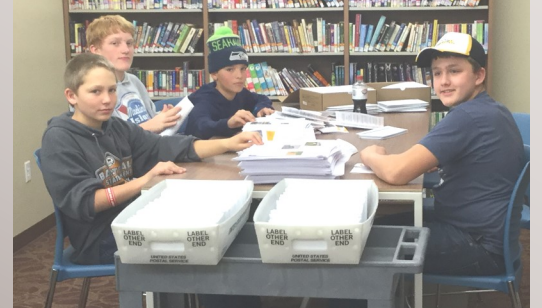


OK, our hamburger stand doesn't look like this and Carlye's car isn't that new. We were just too busy serving burgers to take a REAL picture of the evening's fine dining event.



Thanks, Foundation Volunteers !

These students were very generous with their time to fold and insert over 1,100 copies of your Foundation's previous edition newsletter which were sent to Grenora School alumni, teachers, and others. Thanks also to teachers and staff who, with every newsletter edition, coordinate these students, order supplies, run the printer, and do all that is necessary to spread the word of how donors' generous contributions are making great things happen at the school.



New Day Care !

With 18 full time kids plus walk-ins, the new and larger 'Little Gophers' Day Care facility is just what was needed. The State had only temporarily approved the previous day care site, capable of 12 kids, until the new site could be established to meet all standards. Located across the street from the school, this former teacher residence provides space for children up to 2 years old on the upper level, with the lower level serving ages 3 to 5. Updated wiring, windows, shingles, bathrooms and wall treatments bring this new facility into compliance and provides a safe, enjoyable atmosphere for kids and their caregivers. Moriah Rademacher, a licensed director, and two other full-time employees are entrusted with the little tykes Monday through Friday, providing a much needed service to teachers and the community. A school work program also allows students to assist at the day care. Your Foundation has assisted with the cost of an education center at this facility.



\$aving Your Foundation Dollar\$



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The great works funded by the Foundation are only possible because of your donations. Prior donors' names and the projects which have been funded with those generous donations appear on our website www.grenorakids.net (**Thank you!**)
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Grenora, ND 58845

Statement of Grenora Public School Foundation Funds as of 9/30/17

Donations Received Since Inception	\$123,055
Funded Projects	(33,733)
Administrative Costs	(6,559)
Foundation Cash Balance 9/30/17	\$82,763
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