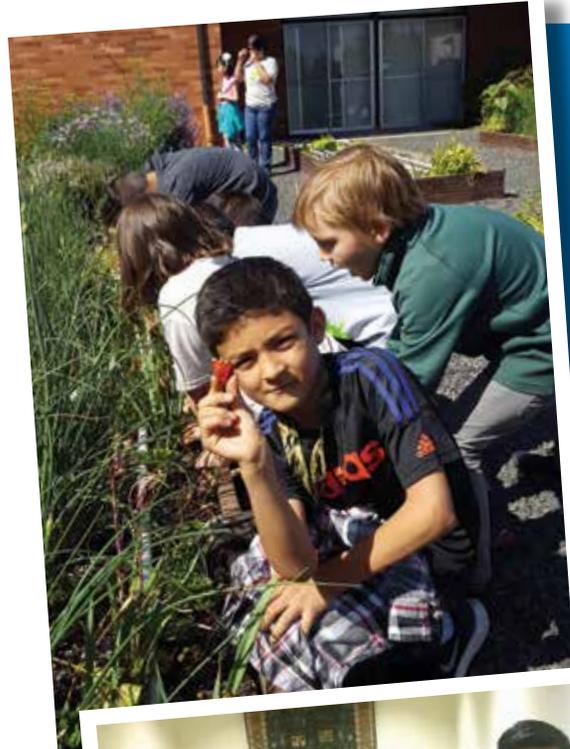




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# Newsletter

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## What do iPads, *Of Mice and Men*, and strawberries have in common? YOU!

LEFT: Funded in 2012, the RAIN (Realizing Academics in Nature) garden program is still going strong at Mooberry Elementary. **Kaiden Medina** harvests a juicy strawberry in the after-school club where students learn math, science, and language arts in an enriching natural setting.

LOWER LEFT: Liberty High School's **Mrs. Doughtit** and freshmen **Sophia Bailey, Shivashriganesh Mahato,** and **Kevin Avina** stop by to talk about their grade-wide study of the Steinbeck novel, *Of Mice and Men*.

LOWER RIGHT: Rosedale 3rd grader **Milana Yagolnikova** shows HSF Board Member **Harvey Berkey** how she uses an iPad loaded with strategically-selected literacy Apps that facilitate learning and boost test scores.



**GALA  
PHOTOS  
INSIDE!**



## Run on the Runway Family Fun Run 5K

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## HSF Phone-a-thon a ringing success for Hillsboro students



(Right) Faith Valdez



(Above) Century High School students with First Tech employees Marian Bebec and Danielle McCoy



(Right) Ryan Van Domelen



## Alumni Spotlight: Matt Brennan

Meet **Matt Brennan**, Glencoe Class of 1996. Matt has served on the HSF board of directors for five years

and as auction chair for the last two. A true creative mastermind, Matt has heightened the level of fun and excitement and is the driving force behind Hillsboro's "Must-Go" gala event. We are so pleased he will be sharing more of his vision and collaborative spirit with HSF as he takes on the role of board president.

"I'm confident Matt will provide prudent guidance and support to the HSF staff, and under his strong leadership, the organization will continue to thrive," outgoing **President Laura Bekken** said.



## President's Message • Laura Bekken

*"Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of gratitude."*

— A.A. Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh

I am grateful for YOU!

I've been thinking a lot about gratitude lately. I'm so grateful for the approaching summer season, for the explosion of color we see all around us, for this green, green place where we live. Spending time feeling grateful is a real treat and something I'm trying to do more.

When I think of gratitude and the Hillsboro Schools Foundation, there are so many things to be grateful for! In no particular order, let me name just a few. I'm grateful for the dedicated staff and members of the board of directors who believe so strongly in our mission and who give over and above the call of duty in their work on behalf of HSF. I'm grateful for the host of volunteers who help time and again to do the work of raising funds to inspire excellence in Hillsboro schools. I'm very grateful for the growing list of individuals and businesses that support HSF with their dollars. I'm grateful for those who attend our fundraisers and help spread our message of support for schools. I'm grateful for the dedicated Hillsboro School District staff who believes so strongly in children and education and who work hard to help kids succeed. Essentially, if you are reading this article, I am grateful for YOU!

With bittersweet emotion I tell you that my tenure as president of the HSF Board of Directors has come to an end. I'm so grateful for the privilege to have led such a worthy organization alongside the most remarkable people in a community that I love. I'm grateful I can continue to serve on the board and work on the Auction, Innovative Grants Committee, and all my favorite HSF projects. I'm tremendously grateful **Matt Brennan** has been unanimously elected president of the HSF Board, because he is going to do a fantastic job.

For all these things and many more, I'm with Piglet. My heart is filled with gratitude and thanks to each of you who help HSF thrive. I hope you have a joyous summer and continue to follow HSF at [hsfonline.org](http://hsfonline.org) to learn about all the exciting things to come.

Matt's roots in the Hillsboro community and its schools run deep. His eldest son **Andrew** will be continuing in 2nd grade at West Union this fall, and four-year-old **Calvin** is coming up in the pipeline. Matt and his wife **Christine** work their family's ranch where they raise cattle and hay. Christine is also the medical director at VCA Rock Creek Animal Hospital.

Matt's mom and one of HSF's founding mothers, Trudy Brennan, brought him up with strong values of generosity and community stewardship. She is proud to see Matt carry on the tradition and be a driving force for the future of HSF.

For so many reasons, we're pleased Matt will be our board president. He will continue to work hard to bring much needed resources to Hillsboro schools.



Are you a graduate of Hillsboro schools? We'd love to know. Please email [foundation@hillchamber.org](mailto:foundation@hillchamber.org) or call 503-726-2159.



Adam and Laurie Schmidt with Liz and Jeremy Reding

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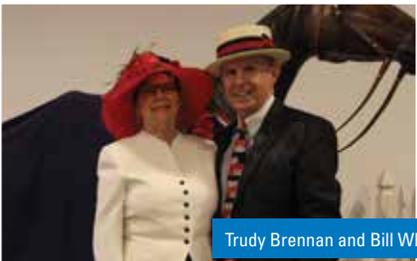
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Gimre's Shoes recently held a Sandals and Sangria Fashion Shoe Event at Primrose and Tumbleweeds on Main Street in Hillsboro. They generously donated a portion of sales to HSF. Thank you, Gimre's Shoes!



Donate redeemable cans and bottles at New Seasons Orenco in the bin in the front of the store. You can also select HSF to be the recipient of \$.05 each time you use your own bag in their Bag it Forward program. Thank you, New Seasons!



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