

10-10 Staff Newsletter

Partners in Learning

Exchange Club recognizes Wa-Hi students

Meghan Carlson and **Rachel Rudnick** of Walla Walla High School received the Exchange Club of Walla Walla *Youth of the Month* awards for the month of October. This year's Youth of the Month/Year Essay Theme: Youth and Exchange - Growing America's bright future together.

These students will also be eligible to compete for the Exchange Club of Walla Walla Youth of the Year Awards and special \$1,000 college scholarships.

Communications Director **Mark Higgins** is the Youth of the Month coordinator for the Exchange Club of Walla Walla.

Meghan Carlson

- AP Academic program - 3.993 GPA
- Editor-in-Chief of the WA-HI Journal
- VP of Amnesty International Club
- Community service through Key Club and Amnesty activities
- Advanced Studio Art
- President of Key Club
- National Honor Society

Parents: Margie and Rusty Reece

Rachel Rudnick

- AP coursework
- Senate Page - Mr. Hewitt
- Amnesty International Club (Officer)
- Girls' League (Officer)
- National Honor Society
- Yamate
- ASB Treasurer
- Swim team
- FFA participant

Parents: Sam and Toni Rudnick

October
Extra**What's New?*****Citizens for Schools Levy Calendar******Community Meeting***

- November 19 - 6:30 p.m.,
Whitman College Memorial Bldg, Rm 316

Community Meeting

- January 7 - 6:30 p.m.,
Whitman College Memorial Bldg, Rm 316

Community Rally

- January 11 - 1:00 p.m. @ YMCA

Community Silent Auction/Dinner

- January 24 - 6:00 p.m. @ Fairgrounds

Citizens for Schools Co-Chairs

- **Cindy Meyer** 529-0952
- **Bob Hill** 522-7087

Staff Profile - Count on us!**Margaret Yount - Blue Ridge Elementary School**

Job Title: Music Teacher and Walla Walla Valley Education Association President

Years in District: 28

High School: Tonasket H.S. (WA) - Go Tigers!

Favorite Music: All kinds...

Favorite Movie: *Dirty Dancing*

Favorite Food: Salmon

Favorite Book: *J.A. Jance is my all time favorite*

Birth place: Tonasket, WA

Hobbies: Scrapbooking, WW Hotwheels Car Club, guitar, and karaoke

What I love about my job: I work with the greatest staff and kids are the number one reason I love to teach.

Tell Us Something About Yourself That Nobody Else Would Know: Way back in my genealogy, I am related to Herbert Hoover.



Our Core Values are more than mere words; they're our business!

Quality

Integrity

Accountability

Respect

Courtesy



Retired educators present local grants

Walla Walla-Columbia School Retirees Association presented autumn mini-grants to Garrison PE Teacher **Diane Briggs** and Library-Media Specialist **Jackie George**.

Briggs and George will each receive \$100 checks to use to improve instruction and achievement.

Briggs will use her mini-grant to purchase an insta-pulse stick used to give instant feedback on pulse rates of physical education students while they work on cardio-vascular conditioning.

George plans to use the grant money to purchase several "big" prizes for

students who earn an extraordinary number of points in the Accelerated Reader program.

"Mini-grants are a way for retired school employees to show their appreciation to active members for the sterling work they do in the schools," Mini Grants Chairwoman **Joyce Oakley** said.

All public school employees in Walla Walla and Columbia counties are eligible to become members.

If interested in becoming a member, contact **Bob Fox**, **Joanne Martin**, or **Mary Jo Geidl**.

Ueckert leads Wa-Hi band students to state performance

Congratulations to the following Walla Walla High School band students for being accepted to perform in the 25th Annual Western International Band Clinic Nov. 22-24 in Seattle:

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| • Tim Davis | Tenor saxophone |
| • Carl Falcon | Tenor saxophone |
| • Brittney Rhodes | Flute |
| • Jeremy Ueckert | Percussion |
| • Devin White | Alto saxophone |
| • Ricky White | Euphonium |

These students were selected by a taped audition process and will each perform in one of four different honor bands. More than 1000 students from across the western U.S. and Canada sent in audition tapes with about 550 students being selected for the four honor bands.

Special thanks to Wa-Hi Band Director **Andrew Ueckert** for preparing these outstanding students. Good luck in Seattle!

In Our Thoughts

Our condolences to...

- Berney's **April Graybill** on the loss of her mother in August. April is married to Wa-Hi's **Oscar "Digger" Graybill**.
- Edison's **Dave Larson** on the loss of his father last month. Dave is married to Berney's **Karen Larson**.
- Wa-Hi's **Casey Cramer** on the loss of his mother, who fought a long and hard battle with cancer.
- Green Park's **Kathy Rudell** on the loss of her father.
- Transportation's **Steven Hagen** on the loss of his brother.

Please take a moment to think about our colleagues during this difficult time. You have our support.

Prospect Point's Parodi organizes local *Make a Difference Day* activity

For years Prospect Point Fifth Grade teacher **David Parodi** has used *Make a Difference Day* to help his students learn the importance of community involvement.

Last month Parodi organized a special Saturday headstone cleaning project at Mountain View Cemetery in support of the national community giving day.

Students gathered cleaning supplies, donned protective hand and eye gear and set off to complete their beautification project at the historic cemetery located across from their school. The students, with ample support from their parents, prepared breakfast in Parodi's classroom before starting their cleaning project.

Parodi said the Make a Difference Day project helps students become better citizens and learn the importance of being a role model.

"It is my hope that the volunteer work done on this year's Make a Difference Day will help deepen their friendships as well as help develop a healthy pride about who they are," Parodi said. "Perhaps giving unconditionally is getting something in return: an intrinsic reward of increased self-worth."

Board schedules levy workshop

School board members are conducting a public levy workshop Tuesday, Nov. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the district office board room.

Board members will discuss setting an amount for the upcoming 2004 Maintenance and Operations Levy. Staff members are encouraged to attend and provide input.

Exercise Your Right! Vote Tuesday, November 4

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