

## Golden elected school board president



School board members elected **Anne Golden** to serve as board president and **Dan Hess** as vice president. Golden and Hess will assume their new duties December 18.

## Superintendent outlines Lincoln High School timeline *Committee to study location and building options*

Superintendent **Mick Miller** is forming a broad-based committee to study two main issues facing a Lincoln High School facilities improvement plan.

The first issue is determine whether to stay on the current campus location or find a new home. If it is determined to stay at the 3rd Street location, then the committee will make a recommendation to build new or renovate the existing 1927 school. Miller will seek a third party expert to study the condition of the existing building.

Lincoln High School is the district's next priority following the Wa-Hi bond election. Miller plans to bring information from the committee to the school board in June.

## Citizens for Schools Meeting

- Monday, Nov. 26
- 6:30 p.m.
- Whitman College (Memorial Building 328)

Walla Walla Citizens for Schools co-chairs **Craig Sievertsen** and **Shannon (Murdock) Bergevin** are planning the first Wa-Hi bond meeting Monday, Nov. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Whitman College Memorial Building -- Room 328. The meeting is open to all staff and the public. Sievertsen and Bergevin will organize activities over the next three months to help educate the community regarding the Walla Walla High School bond election scheduled for February 12, 2013.

Sievertsen is a 1991 graduate of Walla Walla High School. His father Al Sievertsen was a teacher, coach and assistant principal at Walla Walla High School spanning 40 years. Craig Sievertsen is the Senior Vice President and Manager of Small Business and Consumer Lending at Banner Bank in Walla Walla. He and his wife Julie have four school-aged children.

Bergevin is a 1987 graduate of Walla Walla High School. Her father George Murdock was Deputy Superintendent for Walla Walla Public Schools before taking a Superintendent position in the Pasco School District where he earned Washington state Superintendent of the Year honors in 1997. Shannon Bergevin is the owner and operator of Express Employment Professionals in Walla Walla. She and her husband Robert have two school-aged children.

## In other School Board meeting business...

### **Board members:**

- approved minutes from the Nov. 6, 2012 board meeting, extra-curricular contracts, Nov. 20 accounts payable, September financial report and personnel report.

## Personnel Report

### Employment

(Certificated) - **NONE TO REPORT**

(Classified) - **NONE TO REPORT**

### Resignation/Retirement

(Classified) - **Karen Hindman**, Homelink Program Secretary, 3.5 years

### Quote of the Week

"You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives."

**Clay P. Bedford**

## District earns Pest Management excellence award



Facilities Support Director **Dan Johnson** and former Facilities Support Secretary **Britt Adkins** were honored last night by the school board for receiving the "Excellence in Integrated Pest Management" certification. The district takes extreme caution with its weed spraying program to ensure safety and effective practices. Johnson said the district is also proactive in sanitation practices to limit pests and determining the best approach to addressing them if they are detected in schools.

This award is based on an extensive audit which hinges on effective pest management, public awareness, reduction of risk and outstanding performance. Johnson said the district has been following these practices for years, but it's nice to be recognized for this effort. Adkins helped Johnson establish an online communication system for reporting necessary requirements.

Johnson also thanked his entire staff for their professionalism in helping achieve this award. He said the district will continue to operate based on these high standards.

## Students take Cascades Climate Challenge

Last night Walla Walla High School science teacher **Clayton Hudiburg** and students **McKenna French**, **Jennifer Wall**, **Zachary Chilipala** and **Henry Hamilton** shared their experiences participating in the Cascades Climate Challenge last summer.

The event takes place in the north Cascades for three weeks. Some of the students went in June, while other participated in the July session. Students study glaciers, climate change and other environmental issues.

Hudiburg was able to go in advance of the students to take an educator training course. He said the experience is an excellence learning opportunity. Students also took nature walks, participated in leadership development activities and made friends with fellow students.

The Wa-Hi students plan to visit district elementary schools on Earth Day to share their experiences and knowledge. They all said they are committed to improving the environment and doing their part to ensure the earth is not further damaged by mankind.

## Thanksgiving Holiday Break Schedule

- Wednesday, Nov. 21 (Early Dismissal)
- Thursday, Nov. 22 & Friday, Nov. 23 (No School)
- Monday, Nov. 26 (Classes resume)

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