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## District Stories

### School board work session and public meeting Tuesday, May 15

- 5:15 p.m.: Public work session (Honor and celebrate the accomplishments of this year's retirees)
- 6:30 p.m.: Regularly scheduled meeting
- 364 S. Park St. (district board room)
- Both meetings open to the public

### Retirement Celebrations 2011-2012 (remaining)

Edison Elementary

Connie Pinza

Friday, May 18 / 3:15-4:30 @ Edison

Green Park Elementary

Elissa Stites

Tuesday, May 22 / 3:30-5 p.m. @ Green Park Library

Homelink

Vicki Shafer

Retirement reception, which is in conjunction with our Spring Project Faire

Thursday, May 31 / 3 to 5 p.m. @ Carnegie Arts Center

Sharpstein Elementary

Kristin Lee

Friday, May 25 / 3:30-5 p.m.

Sharpstein atrium

District Office

Diana Erickson

Monday, June 4 / 3 to 5:30 p.m.

District Office Board

Walla Walla High School

Mary Matau, Jeanne Ruecker and Karen Shafer

Tuesday, June 5 / 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the Wa-Hi Commons

### End-of-Year Celebrations

Lincoln Alternative High School Graduation

- Thursday, May 31 @ 6 p.m. - WW Fairgrounds

Walla Walla High School Commencement

- Friday, June 1 @ 7 p.m. - Wa-Hi Commons area (gym if raining)

Pioneer Middle School 8th Grade Recognition

- Tuesday, June 5 @ 7 p.m. - Wa-Hi Gym

Garrison Middle School 8th Grade Recognition

- Wednesday, June 6 @ 7 p.m. - Wa-Hi Gym

## School Stories

### **Edison students to perform the musical: The Tortoise and the Hare**

- Edison Drama Club presents the musical: The Tortoise and the Hare
- May 18, 7 p.m.
- Edison gym
- Donations for Books for Babes will be gladly accepted!
- This event is open to the public

### **Walla Walla High School AVID Senior Recognition Night**

- AVID Senior Recognition Night
- Thursday, May 24
- Wa-Hi Commons
- Dessert will be served at 6:30 p.m.
- Program 7 to 8 p.m.

### **Hisaw named Track “Coach of the Year”**

Eric Hisaw was selected as the Big Nine 4A Boys Track “Coach of the Year” for leading the Blue Devils to an undefeated season and their 6th League Championship in the last 7 years. Athletic Director Don Wilkins says Hisaw continues to build on the rich tradition of a winning track program.

“The boys won their 6th championship in the last seven years and their 9th in 12 years,” Wilkins said. “The keys to their program are: they get a large turnout of athletes, they make each team member feel valued, the contributions of each coach is valued, they have fun, they work hard, they are fearless competitors and they believe in the team concept”

Congratulations to Eric Hisaw!

### **Last weekend for Rogers and Hammerstein’s *‘The Sound of Music’***

Box Office Hours: 4 to 6 p.m. weekdays and one hour prior to shows. (Box Office phone: 509.526.8613)  
(Please note: All tickets reserved in ‘Will Call’ need to be picked up 24 hours prior to the show date)

‘Sound of Music’ Show Dates:

May 11, 12 @ 7 p.m.

May 12 matinees @ 2 p.m.

Walla Walla High School Auditorium

During The Sound of Music’s Broadway premiere season 45 years ago, which starred Mary Martin, one critic wrote, “The new Rodgers and Hammerstein show has a warm-hearted, unashamedly sentimental and strangely gentle charm that is wonderfully endearing.”

After being transformed into a Hollywood classic starring Julie Andrews, which celebrates its 47th anniversary this year, the original musical by Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein II became even more popular. Children and adults continue to fall in love with Fraulein Maria as she wins over the Von Trapp family. Families will delight in The Sound of Music classics “Do-Re-Mi,” “Sixteen Going on Seventeen,” “Edelweiss” and “Climb Every Mountain.”

### **Proceeds from Mr. Wa-Hi event to fund senior gift**

- May 21 at 7:30 p.m.
- Wa-Hi Auditorium

Mr. Wa-Hi is a mock beauty pageant for high school boys. The students will display a talent, model both sportswear and tuxedo, participate in a group dance routine and answer questions. Participants must be in good academic standing, well disciplined and represent Wa-Hi well. Mr. Wa-Hi is a fundraiser to raise money for Wa-Hi’s senior gift.

### **Blue Devil College Cup activities**

Kick Like a Pro Week: May 8-11 during lunch at Walla Walla High School

- Students and staff will attempt to kick a soccer ball the fastest and raise money for scholarships.

Blue Devil College Cup Staff vs. Students Soccer Match

- May 23

- 5 to 6 p.m.

- Wa-Hi soccer field, (students vs. staff soccer match).

Information: Miriam Garber, AVID Club Advisor (503) 348-1608

### **Big Nine 4A Baseball and Tennis All Conference selections**

#### Girls Tennis

1st Team - Claire Konen

2nd Team - Rachel Schueller

Honorable Mention - Chantel Desjarlis

#### Boys Tennis

1st Team - Blake Rowley

Honorable Mention - Josh Kaznetsov, Drew Swenson, James Tupper-Bridges

#### Baseball

First Team - Josh Eggers, Moe Handcox, Taylor Lemke

Second Team - Cody Furstenberg, Luke Reardon,

Honorable Mention - Spencer Locati, Adam Mathews

### **Walla Walla High School develops new college and career readiness web page**

- [www.yourcollegeandcareer.org](http://www.yourcollegeandcareer.org)

- quick reference to college & career events

- AVID strategies & classes

- single source guide for district parents for summer programs, leadership opportunities crossing over middle schools and the high school

- great resource for college visits

### **Blue Devil Athletic Development (BDAD) Summer Program**

Dates: Wednesday, June 27 - August 2

Incoming 9-12 grades: 8-9 a.m. or 10-11 a.m.

Incoming 5-8 grades: 9-10 a.m.

Cost:

- \$30 pre-register (postmarked by June 25)

- \$35 registering at the door

Registration form to be on Wa-Hi Website soon.

Questions:

Eric Hisaw: [ehisaw@wwps.org](mailto:ehisaw@wwps.org)

Amy Hisaw: [ahisaw@wwps.org](mailto:ahisaw@wwps.org)

## Community Stories

### **Free Sounds Like Fun children's concert June 7**

The opening *Sounds Like Fun!* children's concert of the 2012 Walla Walla Chamber Music Festival will take place on June 7 at 4:30 p.m. at DeSales High School. This event is free, and open to all. WWCMF musicians will present a performance titled, *Construction Site: How To Build a Piece of Chamber Music*. The one-hour presentation will feature saxophone, clarinet and strings in music by Mozart, Beethoven and many more.

A musical composition is a lot like a building. You need a solid foundation, and you need a clear blueprint that connects design with construction. Laws like gravity apply to music just as they apply to the real world. The musicians of WWCMF will show how composers and performers work together to turn sonic chaos into beautiful music. We will even have a real composer on hand to help. Composer and 2011 Guggenheim Fellow, Marilyn Shrude, will make a cameo to compose some new music for the assembled performers.

Safety First... Bring your hard hat!

DeSales is located at 919 E. Sumach Street, if you have questions please call 525-3030

### **The Health Center at Lincoln fundraiser brings in \$15,000**

The Health Center at Lincoln held its first annual "Chocolate Journey" fundraiser on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at Dunham Cellars Winery. The event raised \$15K for programming to promote the physical, emotional and social wellbeing of some of Walla Walla's highest need children – the students of Lincoln High School.

The chocolate-themed event featured gourmet chocolate small plates and desserts, as well as wine and a silent auction. Approximately 170 friends of The Health Center came out to support the event. Restaurants providing food were: Brasserie Four, T. Maccarone's, Olive, Frosted, Cugini Imports, Arrowhead Chocolates (Joseph, OR) and Whitehouse Crawford. Wine was provided by Dunham Cellars. Many local wineries, merchants and individuals donated items for the silent auction which included several rare bottles of wine, original artwork, custom jewelry and a catered barbeque feast for six.

Mick Miller, Superintendent of Walla Walla Public Schools, spoke passionately about the need for The Health Center's services and the importance of the community's continuing to support The Health Center's work, alluding to a possible future collaboration between the District and The Health Center to provide on-site health care to the students of Blue Ridge Elementary.

The Health Center at Lincoln provides free medical, mental health and social support services to youths attending Lincoln High School. Many of their clients are dealing with serious health and/or social issues, including the lack of family support. Most would not access services on their own were it not for The Health Center at Lincoln, which is located next door to the school and is known for its relaxed atmosphere and caring, non-judgmental staff. Research conducted by the National Assembly of School Based Health Centers shows that students who use school-based health centers for medical care are less likely to visit hospital emergency rooms and are more likely to stay in school; students who use school-based mental health services show increases in their grade point averages.

"The Health Center at Lincoln is making a real difference in the lives of Walla Walla's children. Our first major fundraiser is behind us, but our journey is just beginning" says Executive Director, Holly Howard.

### **Baker Boyer Ducky Derby welcomes Relay for Hope child abuse prevention event**

*Tickets on sale now: See Mark Higgins for tickets*

The Baker Boyer Ducky Derby is Saturday, May 19 at Walla Walla Community College. Tickets are on sale now. This event is presented by the Exchange Club of Walla Walla. All proceeds stay local to support the HomeTeam Parent Aide program and for positive youth activities. This year the Baker Boyer Ducky Derby invited the HomeTeam's Relay for Hope Event to join the festivities. Relay for Life features 5K run/walk, free Columbia REA Family Fun Festival and Kid Olympics.

#### May 19 Event Schedule

- 8:30-11 a.m.: Relay for Hope-5K run/walk or 5K family friendly stroll along Mill Creek
- 11:30 a.m.: Kids Dash will kick-off the Baker Boyer Ducky Derby
- 11:30-3:30 p.m.: Columbia REA Free Family Fun Festival and Kid Olympics
- 2 p.m.: Baker Boyer Ducky Derby Race Begins

#### Registration Fee for Relay for Hope 5K run/walk

- Cost: Individual \$15; Family \$25; Team \$10 per team member (participants receive a t-shirt and water bottle)
- Proceeds: All proceeds support the Walla Walla HomeTeam Parent Aide Program (parent mentoring program)
- Become a corporate sponsor, form a team, pledge or sponsor someone to walk

#### Baker Boyer Ducky Derby Ticket Outlets:

- Baker Boyer Bank
- Walla Walla's Harvest Foods
- Safeway
- Super 1 Foods
- Any Exchange Club member

#### Ducky Derby tickets:

One ticket = \$5

Five tickets = \$20

### **AcroKnights performance takes guests to Gilligan's Island**

AcroKnights will set sail for A Three Hour Tour on Saturday, May 19 and Sunday May 20 for their annual AcroKnights Show at Walla Walla University. Students from Walla Walla and College Place will perform acrobatic stunts using people as their props instead of equipment.

The entire gym will be transformed into Gilligan's Island. There will be music, lights, action, and thrills for the whole family. It's a must-see. Tickets are available at: Book and Game, The Chamber of Commerce and Walla Walla University Bookstore.