

**Stories this week include:**

**District Stories**

- End-of-Year Celebrations (remaining)
- School Board meeting Tuesday, June 5
- District names Graduates of Distinction honorees
- Superintendent Miller launches new video series: "The Pulse"
- Retirement Celebrations 2011-2012 (remaining)

**School Stories**

- Watch Walla Walla High School's Commencement Live Online
- Walla Walla High School Class of 2012 graduation photos available online
- Sixty-one Lincoln High School students graduate
- Lincoln High School Resource Officer promoted to new position
- Blue Devil Athletic Development (BDAD) Summer Program
- Orchestra teacher Julia Woods joins Walla Walla Chamber Music Festival performances
- Walla Walla High School Latino Club elects new officers for the 2012-2013 school year
- Wa'Lu'La' Pum Dance Troupe performs at Pioneer
- Exploring Post 311 honors Walla Walla High School Latino Club Present Awards
- Edison Physical Education teacher receives national award for innovative teaching

**Community Stories**

- Youth summer "Discover Camp" comes to Whitman Mission
- Register now for Kids College
- Walla Walla Dance Company Spring Finale June 2
- Register today for Walla Walla Rock Camp
- Free "Sounds Like Fun" children's concert June 7 at DeSales High School

## District Stories

### End-of-Year Celebrations (remaining)

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 Board meeting Tuesday, June 5

- 5:30 p.m. (Graduates of Distinction program)

- 6:30 p.m. (regularly scheduled meeting)

- District board room (364 S. Park St.)

- Meetings open to the public

### District names Graduates of Distinction honorees

Walla Walla Public Schools names this year's honorees for the Graduates of Distinction program. Honorees are: John P. Folsom, Class of 1962; Jill A. Largent, M.D., Class of 1968; and Megan Ferguson Clubb, Class of 1974.

These individuals have distinguished themselves in their communities, professions, or careers and continue to bring honor to the district. Celebrate alongside these distinguished alumni at a reception in their honor on Tuesday, June 5 (details listed below). Listen to their stories and hear who helped shape their lives during their school years.

### RECEPTION DETAILS

Date: Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Time: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Place: Walla Walla School District Board Room (364 S. Park St.)

### HONOREES:

- John Folsom

His nominator was Judy Chamberlain Holloway. His inspirational staff member was his high school music instructor Russell Larsen.

- Jill Largent, MD

Her nominator was Bill Bieloh. He was also her most inspirational staff member as her high school math teacher and mentor.

- Megan Ferguson Clubb

Her nominator was Judy Hicks. Her inspirational staff member was her English and Spanish teacher Ruth Hanson at Pioneer Junior High School.

### Superintendent Miller launches new video series: "The Pulse"

Superintendent Mick Miller continues to seek new ways to keep staff, parents, students and the community connected to Walla Walla Public Schools. This week he launched his new video series - "The Pulse."

This monthly series will feature Miller briefing viewers on a variety of school-related issues. He plans to go on location to different schools from time-to-time. Visit the district's web site at [www.wwps.org](http://www.wwps.org) or type in Walla Walla Public Schools on YouTube to watch "The Pulse."

**Retirement Celebrations 2011-2012 (remaining)**

District Office

Diana Erickson

Monday, June 4 / 3 to 5:30 p.m. @ District Office Board Room

Walla Walla High School

Mary Matau, Jeanne Ruecker and Karen Shafer

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

**School Stories**

**Watch Walla Walla High School's Commencement Live Online**

Visit the Walla Walla Public Schools or the Walla Walla High School web site to watch the June 1 Commencement Ceremony live, online. The program begins at 7 p.m. A link to a live video stream is posted on both sites. The page also has important information about the ceremony for students, parents and guests. Special thanks to Technology Teacher Dennis DeBroeck for coordinating the production.

- Walla Walla Public Schools: [www.wwps.org](http://www.wwps.org)

- Walla Walla High School: [www.wahibluedevils.org](http://www.wahibluedevils.org)

**Walla Walla High School Class of 2012 graduation photos available online**

*(Message from: Marty Huie, Professional Photography)*

Photographs taken at the Walla Walla High School Commencement are available for viewing/ordering online.

Please go to: [www.orders.gradphotonetwork.com](http://www.orders.gradphotonetwork.com)

1. Enter EVENT NAME:
2. Click Continue
3. Select the EVENT (Walla Walla High School 2012)
4. Enter the student's Last Name:
5. View and Place orders on the secured servers:

Your orders will be processed and sent directly to the address you signify.

You will also be receiving an order form in the mail but it only has the individual proofs. You can see those, the class photo and hundreds of candids on the website above.

Additional Information:

- (509) 525-5183 Graduation Line

- [grads@bigfoot.com](mailto:grads@bigfoot.com)

**Sixty-one Lincoln High School students graduate**

Thursday night family and friends packed the Walla Walla Fairgrounds Community Building to salute Lincoln High School's Class of 2012 graduates. This year 61 seniors graduated from Lincoln High School. Principal Jim Sporleder says this is a record number.

"These are amazing kids who have so much to offer," Sporleder said. "We are proud of our seniors and are thankful they shared part of their lives with us."

Cesar Zuniga is the Class of 2012 Valedictorian. He plans to attend the University of Idaho this fall and study to be an electrical engineer. Johannah Paine and Heidi Schoessler are the school's Salutatorians.

"This school takes students you never thought would have graduated, myself included, and pushes them to overcome all the barriers that have been holding them back," Schoessler said. The staff care so much about the students and gave us the strength we needed to get here today."

### **Lincoln High School Resource Officer promoted to new position**

Today is the last day for Lincoln High School Resource Kevin Braman. Braman was recently promoted to City of Walla Walla police sergeant following the retirement of Sergeant Dennis McKee. Braman's replacement at Lincoln High School has yet to be named.

"It has been my pleasure for the last three years to serve the Walla Walla School District as the WWPD School Resource Officer," Braman said. "Although I look forward to the next challenge in my career as a police sergeant, I am going to miss the students and staff tremendously"

#### Braman took time to reflect on his experience at Lincoln High School:

"As a police officer in the city for eight years prior to being submersed in the school full-time, I was solving problems and dealing with the worst situations in our society. I seldom had time to sit down with a young person and talk about their problems and why they were experiencing each situation. As an SRO, I was able to connect with so many kids and take the time to really make a difference. Not only would this mean enforcing the law, but it also equated to explaining why rules are in place and examining how the situation could be avoided or dealt with differently in the future. I feel this is the key to changing behavior and look forward to teaching this experience to other new police officers as they begin their careers.

I have also learned to have more compassion for others, as I have seen kids who have overcome some huge challenges. It has proven to me that children are resilient and will flourish with the right positive environment around them. I have seen a remarkable difference at Lincoln in the past three years.

On my first day as SRO at Lincoln in the Fall of 2009, I witnessed and broke up a fight in the lunch room. I responded to 48 different police reportable incidents at Lincoln alone in my first year. There was very high gang tension in the building and the staff were overwhelmed trying to avoid the next incident.

The following year Lincoln began its transformation with the study of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and Complex Trauma and implementation of a different approach. From the 2009-10 School year to the 2010-11 school year, my police reports at Lincoln dropped from 48 to 17! I have yet to acquire the 11-12 year end statistics, however I am certain that the trend will continue. We still have arrests and police reports at Lincoln and the SRO's role in the process is important for success. I feel that the recidivism rate has dropped tremendously due to our approach and response. The Lincoln Health Center has also been instrumental in this transformation by providing both medical and mental health services to the kids.

I have been extremely fortunate to have been able to experience the staff and students at all schools and look forward to continuing my relationship with everyone. I will be assigned as a Patrol Sergeant and will be out and about in the community on a daily basis."

Kevin Braman #280  
WALLA WALLA POLICE SGT.

### **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)

### **Orchestra teacher Julia Woods joins Walla Walla Chamber Music Festival performances**

*Courtesy of the Walla Walla Chamber Music Festival*

Julie Woods spends her days teaching orchestra for students in grades 5-12 in the Walla Walla School District. She seeks to foster independence in her young musicians and to expose them to many different musical experiences.

Woods graduated from Central Washington University with a Bachelor of Music in music education and from Eastern Washington University with a Master of Education. She performs locally with the Walla Walla and Mid-Columbia Symphonies.

Woods also volunteers with Embracing Orphans, a Walla Walla-based non-profit that works with the orphaned, abused, and neglected children of Jamaica. Woods joins other talented musicians for the Walla Walla Chamber Music Festival. Learn more about the Walla Walla Chamber Music Festival online at: <http://www.wwcmf.org>

#### Free Walla Walla Chamber Music Festival Events:

Sounds Like Fun! concerts for kids, sponsored by Columbia REA

- June 7, 4:30 p.m. — DeSales High School, 919 East Sumach St.
- June 8, 3:30 p.m. — Columbia County Rural Library, 111 S. Third St., Dayton
- June 13, 6:30 p.m. — Walla Walla Public Library, 238 East Alder St.

#### Outreach Concerts

- June 7, 12 p.m. — Rotary, Marcus Whitman Hotel, 6 West Rose St.
- June 8, 10 a.m. — YMCA Concert for Seniors, 340 S. Park St.
- June 20, 4:30 p.m. — Concert for Trilogy & Friends of Children of Walla Walla, Reid Campus Center, Park & Boyer

### **Walla Walla High School Latino Club elects new officers for the 2012-2013 school year**

The newly elected officers are:

- President – Brenda Lopez
- Vice President – Eduardo Feria
- Secretary – Maria Fuentes
- Treasurer – Alexsis Pasillas

Activity Coordinator – Christopher Esquivel

The purpose of the Walla Walla Latino Club is:

- to promote education and cultural support, and represent the Latino community at Walla Walla High School;
- to develop and implement activities to develop relationships and understanding of all students in the high school community;
- to mentor and provide information to increase the educational and career opportunities of Latino students;
- to provide opportunities for club members to serve Walla Walla through community service

### **Wa'Lu'La' Pum Dance Troupe performs at Pioneer**

Chief Walla Walla Peo Peo Mox Mox and members of the Wa'Lu'La' Pum Dance Troupe of the Umatilla Indian Reservation performed at Pioneer Middle School this week as part of a cultural awareness activity for the *Supporting Student Success* Grant.

Pioneer Middle School Library Media Specialist Janis Barton successfully wrote a grant to receive \$7500 to support numerous activities throughout the year. The *Supporting Student Success* grant focused on assisting the completion of the Social Studies Classroom Based Assessments (CBAs) using curriculum related to First People's culture, history and tribal issues.

The live performance included a narrator, dancers and drummers in native costume.

### **Exploring Post 311 honors Walla Walla High School Latino Club Present Awards**

Walla Walla High School Latino Club students were recognized for their exceptional dedication to the community and for their personal achievements over the past few years by Exploring Post 311. The Post is a subsidiary program of the Boy Scouts of America.

Seven WA-HI students received the “Young American Award” which is awarded to students who have achieved excellence in the fields of art, athletics, business, education, government, humanities, literature, music, math, religion, science, or service and have been involved in service to their community that adds to the quality of life:

- Ana Andrade, senior, is active in Latino Club, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID), ASB, Garrison Night School Pre-literacy program, and OneAmerica. She is currently the senior class president who plans on attending Walla Walla Community College.

- Edwin Flores, Bonneville Power Administration’s Science Bowl, WA-HI Link Crew, Garrison Night School, and AVID. He plans on attending WWCC.

- Seth Hall, junior, science bowl and Garrison Night School as a bilingual volunteer.

- Cynthia Jara, senior, AVID and Link Crew who plans on attending WWCC. Marcos Medina, senior, science bowl, AVID, and soccer were he was the team’s co-captain. He was selected to the Big Nine all conference soccer team and plans on attending Whitman College to study engineering.

- Cristina Sosa, senior, Latino Club, science bowl, AVID, and 4-H, where she has served as a 4-H ambassador. She plans on attending Eastern Washington State University.

- Erika Torres, senior, science bowl and AVID as the president of the club who plans on attending the University of Washington.

Twenty two Latino Club members received the “Learning for Life Leadership Award” which recognizes those who have provided exceptional leadership and dedication and have given their time to make the club a success:

- José Albarrán, junior, is active in Latino Club and wrestling. He is currently the Latino Club treasurer.

- Amairany Alvarado, senior, Latino Club, Garrison Night School, and the Walla Walla County Fair.

- Vanessa Alvarado- Rivas, junior, Latino Club and Link Crew. She is currently the Latino Club president.

- Maira Ambríz, junior, Latino Club and the county fair. Minerva Cardenas, junior, Latino Club, Garrison Night School, and Link Crew.

- Eduardo Durán, junior, Latino Club and Garrison night school.

- Lorena Esquivel, sophomore, Latino Club, AVID, and the county fair.

- Nallely Facio, junior, Latino Club, Garrison Night School, Link Crew, and the county fair.

- Paola Flores, sophomore, Latino Club, and captain of her science bowl team.

- Meganie Hernández, junior, Latino Club, Garrison Night School, county fair, and a staff member at Cub Scout Day Camp.

- Diana Jiménez, sophomore, Garrison Night School as a leader and tutor.

- Bertha Madrigal, junior, Latino Club, county fair, and a Link Crew team leader.

- Marilyn Mendoza, junior, Latino Club, science bowl and Link Crew team leader.

- Brenda López, junior, Latino Club, Garrison Night School, and track. She is currently the Latino Club secretary.

- Iris Salazar, junior, Latino Club and WA-HI cheerleading. She is the Latino Club vice president.

- Jorge Mejia, junior, Latino Club, soccer, and Garrison Night School.

- Lilia Navarrete, senior, Latino Club, Garrison Night School, and the county fair.

- Teresa Olivos, sophomore, Latino Club, science bowl as a team captain.

- Eduardo Olmos, senior, Latino Club, Link Crew team leader, and Garrison Night School. He is an award winning tenor in the vocal program.

- Yvonne Segovia, senior, Latino Club, ASB, AVID, and Garrison Night School.

- Nadia Sierra, sophomore, Latino Club, Garrison Night School, and science bowl.

- Brenda Sótelo, sophomore, Latino Club and Garrison Night School.

### **Edison Physical Education teacher receives national award for innovative teaching**

Edison Elementary Physical Education teacher Patrick McFetridge was recognized by the Character Education Partnership as a 2012 Promising Practice winner for his “Five Star Practice.”

CEP awarded 297 Promising Practices to schools, districts, and organizations from across the United States, as well as from Brazil, Canada, Hong Kong, and Mexico.

The “Five Star Practice” is incorporated in McFetridge’s PE classes at Edison each day as students earn team points for showcasing the Edison Fantastic-4 characteristics of: Show Respect, Solve Problems, Make Good Decisions, and Work Hard. Each day as a class, the students also get a chance to earn a “5-Star Day” on a 5 star PE class report. The earning of the five stars is based on Teamwork, Sportsmanship, Positive Attitude, Cooperation, and Following Directions. In addition, individual students, who display the Fantastic-4 characteristics in class, are also acknowledged after each class as “Shocker Students.” “5-Star” classes and “Shocker Students” are recognized in a variety of ways by McFetridge, their classroom teachers, and their classmates.

McFetridge says this about his practice in relation to character development, “My Five Star Practice allows for a safe learning environment, where students feel comfortable in stepping out of their comfort zone. Physical Education can be intimidating, especially with the different ability levels. Every student has their strengths and weaknesses and if we can capitalize on their strengths and build upon their weaknesses, we can help with building confidence in our students. My Five Star Practice helps create an environment where students are able to recognize that no matter what the ability level, all can contribute.”

Principal Josh Wolcott says McFetridge is deserving of this recognition.

“Character development is important to Patrick in his teaching,” Wolcott said. “McFetridge is a “5-Star Teacher” who has established a positive learning environment with his classes that is shown in the way he treats his students and the way they treat each other as they display teamwork, sportsmanship, cooperation, and positive attitudes. “

## **Community Stories**

### **Youth summer “Discover Camp” comes to Whitman Mission**

The Blue Mountain Action Council Americorps and the Whitman Mission National Historic Site are partnering to host a day camp for area youth. Participants will spend four days exploring the meaning of service learning through games and activities. Youth will also learn about the environmental and historical aspects of the Whitman Mission National Historic Site.

#### Discover Camp

- Open to students going into 5th grade through students going into 7th grade
- Location: Whitman Mission National Historic Site
- Dates: June 25-28 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Registration: [registerdiscover@gmail.com](mailto:registerdiscover@gmail.com) or call Jessie Bloom at: 529-4980 ext. 141

### **Register now for Kids College**

Did your child bring home a Kids College registration brochure yet? Walla Walla Community College’s annual summer camp for 9 to 12 year-olds is scheduled the week of June 11. To obtain class and registration information, call 527-4443 or check out our website at <http://www.wwcc.edu/kidscollege>

### **Walla Walla Dance Company Spring Finale June 2**

The Walla Walla Dance Company presents “The Spring Finale 2012”, Saturday, June 2, 7:30 p.m., Cordiner Hall. Tickets on sale May 23-June 1 at Earthlight Bookstore and at the door. General: \$10 / Reserved: \$12

### **Register today for Walla Walla Rock Camp**

The Walla Walla Symphony announces the 4th Annual Rock Camp! The Walla Walla Public Schools Music Department and Garrison Middle School will host a one week performance camp designed to give its attendees the experience of producing a Rock 'n Roll concert.

Who: open to students, ages 12-18, no experience necessary

What: one week intensive music experience

Where: Garrison Middle School, 906 Chase St., Walla Walla, WA 99362

When: July 30 to August 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; final performance Friday, August 3 at 6 p.m.

Why: To learn about topics such as

- Song selection and arranging
- Song writing
- Professionalism and stage presence
- Marketing and promoting a music production
- Instrument coaching

Cost: FREE, but limited to first 60 campers to sign up!

Registration: Registration materials are available at the Symphony office (please contact Elizabeth Fleming at [elizabeth@wvsymphony.org](mailto:elizabeth@wvsymphony.org)), Hot Poop, and Melody Muffler.

Questions: Email Anthony Barba at [abarbaemail@gmail.com](mailto:abarbaemail@gmail.com) or call the Walla Walla Symphony at (509) 529-8020

Mailing Address: Rock Camp, c/o Walla Walla Symphony, PO Box 92, Walla Walla, WA, 99362

Thank you to our sponsors: First Fruits Fund of the Blue Mountain Community Foundation, Melody Muffler, Hot Poop Walla Walla Public Schools Music Department/Garrison Middle School and Wildhorse Foundation

### **Free “Sounds Like Fun” children’s concert June 7 at DeSales High School**

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.

DeSales High School - 919 East Sumach Street, or if you have questions call 525-3030

Two other Children’s Concerts will be performed:

Friday, June 8 at 3:30 p.m., the Columbia County Rural Library at 111 S. Third Street in Dayton

Wednesday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m., the Walla Walla Public Library at 238 East Alder Street