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Wednesday school board members conducted a public work session to discuss the district's facilities improvement plan and options for modernizing schools with the greatest needs. High school facility improvements, including both Walla Walla and Lincoln High Schools, remain at the top of the district's list for improvement. Architects from BLRB/USKH have been developing preliminary conceptual designs to illustrate potential options for improvements.

Preliminary designs for Walla Walla High School are centered on re-purposing the existing structures with today's modern features. BLRB/USKH also illustrated a design concept for Lincoln High School which modernizes the original 1927 school. The district is also studying options for improving Blue Ridge Elementary to provide additional space for elementary enrollment and preschool students.

No decisions were made at the work session. The school board and district leaders will continue reviewing options for improving district facilities in the coming weeks.

Fourth of July Holiday Hours

The district office will be closed July 4-6 in observance of the Independence Day Holiday. The district office reopens for business Monday, July 9 at 8 a.m.

WWPS District Office Summer Hours

- 8 a.m. to 12 noon & 1 to 4 p.m.
- Closed 12 to 1 p.m. for lunch
- Open Monday-Friday

School Stories

Payne named to Louisville Slugger All Region First Team

This year, 159 student-athletes from 92 high schools spanning 28 states have earned the distinguished honor of being named to one of 10, 2012 Louisville Slugger/NFCA High School All-Region teams.

Walla Walla High School outfielder TraeAnn Payne was named to the West Region First Team. Teammates Alyson Ambler, Jordi Storm, Andrea Hamada and Libbie Jimenez were named to the West Region Second Team. The Blue Devils (26-2) fell just short of the WIAA Class 4A state title this season, losing to undefeated Woodinville in the finals.

All players who were selected to one of the five first teams in their respective region are now eligible to be named as either a 2012 NFCA First-Team, Second-Team or Honorable Mention High School All-American. The 2012 NFCA High School All-American teams will be announced on Tuesday, June 26 on NFCA.org.

Blue Devil Athletic Development (BDAD) Summer Program now through August 2

Dates: Now through August 2 (Monday-Thursday)

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

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

Cost:

- \$35 registering at the door

Registration form available on the Wa-Hi web site

Questions:

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Community Stories

Dohe elected president of Exchange Club of Walla Walla

Brian Dohe of Whitman College was elected president of the Exchange Club of Walla Walla Monday, June 26 during a ceremony to install the club's 2012-2013 Officers and Directors. The Exchange Club of Walla Walla also named this year's Rookie of the Year and Exchangite of the Year.

Exchange, America's Service Club, is a group of men and women working together to make our communities better places to live through programs of service in Americanism, community service, youth activities, and its national project; the prevention of child abuse. Learn more about the Exchange Club at wwexchangeclub.org.

2012-2013 Officers and Directors

- Brian Dohe, President
- Chris Drake, President-Elect
- Tracy Shrouf, Vice-President, Programs
- Carolyn Keyes, Secretary
- Scott Adams, Treasurer
- Christopher Bess, Immediate Past President
- Megan Watts, Club Member Activities
- Tina Bradbury, Youth Activities
- Michelle Goodwin, American Citizenship
- Mark Higgins, Public and Member Relations
- Denise Mann, Child Abuse Prevention
- Kim McDaniels, Community Activities, Finance
- Ed George, Club Liaison for Awards & Meeting Set-up
- Rich Eagon, Club Newsletter Editor

2012 Rookie of the Year

- Tera Davis

2012 Exchangite of the Year

- Chris Drake

The Moms' Network 3rd Annual Diaper Drive a Success

For the past 8 weeks, The Moms' Network has been collecting diapers of all sizes to benefit Helpline, Catholic Charities of Walla Walla and Sonbridge Community Center. This year the Moms' Network has also collected monetary donations to purchase diapers. Thanks to the generous donations of diapers from the community and financial donations from the Plaza Way Sewing Group, Walla Walla Harvest Foods, Karri and Mark Bruce, Ruben and Dee Ojeda, a generous anonymous donor and various Moms' Network members 14,149 diapers were collected in the community.

"We are so excited about the donation numbers. There has been an increase in diaper demand and these donations were needed. Walla Walla is a tremendously giving community and we are so thankful to the businesses, TMN members and the community for embracing this fundraiser" said Amy Reed, TMN Board Member. "Even though our Diaper Drive is officially over you can still donate diapers directly to Helpline, Catholic Charities or Sonbridge Community Center."

Business drop off locations were Safeway (Plaza Way), Safeway (Rose Street), Providence St. Mary Medical Center, Wal-Mart, the YMCA, Super One Foods, Harvest Foods, Assumption School, Andy's Market, WWCC Parent/Child Center, and Walla Walla Public Schools District Office Building. All diapers collected will be distributed through the organizations to local families in need.

The Moms' Network is a local nonprofit that provides tools for members to communicate, receive and exchange information, network with each other and be involved in the community. For more information visit www.themomsnetworkww.com or contact Beth Swanson at 509-301-7471.