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High School Skills Center a reality

Architectural designs nearly completed

Progress continues on the development of a high school skills center in Walla Walla, according to an update to the school board during Tuesday night's public work session. Superintendent Mick Miller reported approximately \$11 million has been earmarked in the state's capital projects fund this legislative session. He said the district could receive funding this summer, break ground on the project in the fall and open the new skills center in 2013.

Architectural designs are nearly completed for the 36,000 square foot facility located at Walla Walla Community College off of Isaacs Ave. The Skills Center will initially offer construction trades, welding, renewable resources and health programs. The building will have two spaces for future growth which may also be used for other district educational needs. The Walla Walla skills center will be a branch campus of the Kennewick School District's Tri-Tech Skills Center.

Kirk Jameson and Sergio Hernandez are taking the lead on organizing the project and coordinating programs. The skills center will serve regional high schools, including Dayton, Waitsburg, Touchet, Prescott and possibly local private schools. An agreement could also be reached with the Milton Freewater School District to serve Oregon students.

Students from Walla Walla High School and Lincoln High School are expected to take 80 percent of the slots. Miller anticipates the skills center will serve 60 Full-Time Equivalent students when it opens and grow to 160 FTE in future years. Students will attend for a three period block in either the morning or afternoon. Career and Technical Education courses at Walla Walla High School will still be offered.

District studies preschool options

Bulging elementary enrollment figures the past few years are pushing the district to capacity at all Walla Walla grade schools. The district is studying an option to offer relief through the construction of a new preschool facility at the northeast corner of the Blue Ridge Elementary grounds.

This would free up space for Blue Ridge to offer another section of classes for K-5 students. Facilities Support Director Dan Johnson provided a progress report of preliminary designs and costs during Tuesday night's school board public work session. The district is considering a 17,000 square foot modular structure which would include 12 classrooms, a multipurpose room and office space for staff. The cost for the project is estimated at just under \$3 million.

The district has funding options, but no decisions have been made at this time. The district could opt for non-voted debt by borrowing the money and paying it back over time. The district could also propose a capital levy or bond to Walla Walla voters to fund the project. School board members also asked the district to research options for paying for part of the project with district reserves. If funding is secured, Johnson estimated construction would take at least six months.

Board approves installation of Automated External Defibrillators

Tuesday night the school board approved Policy 3412 marking the final step needed to install automated external defibrillators in all district facilities. The district plans to install these devices in district schools, support services facilities and the district office by spring break, according to Health Services Director Jennifer Douglas. An automated external defibrillator is used in cases of life threatening cardiac arrhythmias which lead to cardiac arrest.

Health Center at Lincoln video showcases success

Students praise center for helping improve their lives

Tuesday night, Health Center at Lincoln Executive Director **Holly Howard** showed a new video to the school board highlighting the work being done at the center. The 20 minute video features health center staff, Lincoln High School students and staff.

Nearly every Lincoln High School student uses the health center for medical and mental health care. Students in the video praised the center for helping them turn their lives around. The video is available on the health center facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Health-Center-at-Lincoln/145037788888142>

Classified Employees Week: March 12-16

Next week is Classified Employees Week and a time to say thank you to the district's 376 support employees. Assistant Superintendent Laure Quaresma read a proclamation from Governor Gregoire during Tuesday night's school board meeting. Quaresma said we could not operate our schools without classified employees.

Excerpt from Governor Gregoire's Proclamation:

"Classified employees are involved in nearly every aspect of education, including maintaining school buildings and grounds, providing secretarial and clerical assistance, preparing and serving meals, providing safe transportation, keeping school facilities clean and orderly, assisting in the classroom, providing a secure environment and many other specialized services."

Personnel Report (from March 6, 2012 school board meeting)

Employment - NONE TO REPORT

Resignation/Retirement

(Certificated)

Daisy Amirzadeh, Kindergarten, Blue Ridge, 2 years
(resignation effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year)

Kyle Hurst, Science, Pioneer, 7 years
(resignation effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year)

Kristin Lee, Second Grade, Sharpstein Elementary, 22 years
(retirement is effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year)

Vicki Shafer, Art, Homelink Program, 18 years
(resignation is effective at the end of the 2011-2012 school year)

(Classified)

Jill Sporleder, Para-Educator, Prospect Point, 24 years
(Jill is resigning a portion of her position - she will continue as a 4.5 hour per day para-educator)

Leave of Absence

(Certificated)

Richelle Palmer, Title I Specialist, Blue Ridge, 8 years
(for the 2012-2013 school year)

Jeanne Schmidt, Special Education, Walla Walla High School, 24 years
(for the 2012-2013 school year)

(Classified)

Denise Fraire, Family Advocate, Head Start/ECEAP Program, 7 years
(Denise will serve as Family Service/Mental Health Coordinator for the Head Start/ECEAP Program during her leave-of-absence from April 2012-March 2013)

School Stories

Walla Walla High School plans March Madness fun

GEAR UP is excited to bring March Madness to Walla Walla High School as part of its College and Career Going culture. Beginning Wednesday, March 14 during lunch at the Commons, students will have the opportunity to vote for the Division I team they want to see advance to the next round of the NCAA basketball championships.

Program highlights:

- Tuesday, March 20 Wear-Your-Favorite-College Hoodie or T-Shirt
- College themed prizes for winners at each level of the championship
- A college of the week will be displayed at the voting tables, which will include programs of study, financial information and brochure

The event will continue Mondays and Wednesdays for the last two weeks in March. Championship winners will pick up their final prize, Monday, April 9 in the Commons.

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Walla Walla High School Conspiracy of Hope Benefit Concert March 21-22

Walla Walla High School presents the annual *Conspiracy of Hope Benefit* concert, Wednesday, March 21 and Thursday, March 22 at the Walla Walla High School Auditorium. Both performances begin at 7 p.m. with a \$5 donation being collected at the door.

Conspiracy of Hope is a student production benefiting both the *Dave Meyer Foundation* and Walla Walla High School's new program *Winter Wish Week*.

The *Dave Meyer Foundation* was created to help athletes of low-income families with expenses associated with sports participation such as equipment and camp fees.

Winter Wish Week is Walla Walla High School's student lead version of the Make a Wish Foundation. Its mission is to show, through the granting of wishes, that every student is valued. This year Walla Walla High School was able to grant over 200 wishes with donations from the community.

"The hope is this program may continue, and that within the four years of high school, every student will have had one wish granted," said Jenny van Dyk, ASB President. "However, in order to achieve this goal, Walla Walla High School must have a fund set up purely through donation, and that's where Conspiracy of Hope comes in."

For more information about this event, contact WA-HI's ASB coordinator Arch McHie at 527-3027

Conspiracy of Hope Fact Sheet:

- Event Highlights: Student produced benefit concert highlighting the multi-talented student body
- Concert Dates: Wednesday, March 21 and Thursday, March 22
- Location: Walla Walla High School Auditorium
- Cost: \$5 Donation

Sharpstein Elementary invites community to Celebration of the Arts March 21

Little Pollacks, Matisses and Picassos have been busy this winter at Sharpstein Elementary in preparation for the school's fourth annual Celebration of the Arts. Their creations will be on display Wednesday, March 21 from 6 to 8 pm in the school gymnasium, and organizers welcome members of the community to join the festivities.

"We are excited to bring the Celebration of the Arts to the kids at Sharpstein because it gives them yet another opportunity to awaken their inner artist and create beauty in the world," said Lisa Stott, the event's chairperson. "We would love for members of our community to come and see what we've created."

More than 20 student-created items will be on display and auctioned off during the evening. Third-grade students painted in the style of Jackson Pollack, flinging, splattering and drizzling paint on canvases. First-graders fused nature and art, creating delicate paper mache birds-nest bowls and eye-popping, whimsical birdhouses. Encouraged to "draw with scissors," second-graders fashioned a large-scale paper leaf collage in the style of Henri Matisse. Fifth-grade students painted original 4x6 pieces, acrylics on heavy paper, that were combined together into one eye-catching work of modern-abstract art. One of the more unusual projects was spearheaded by parent Scott Caldwell, who worked with Sean Reid's fifth-grade students to create a three-dimensional dragon head.

"My goal was to help them discover possibilities in art that they might otherwise think was beyond them," said Caldwell. "Through the Picture Lab program (formerly Picture Lady), I have had many opportunities to work with Sharpstien students over the years and I knew I had some really talented kids to work with, also it is the Chinese year of the Dragon. With all that in mind, I proposed to the class a more advanced project that would really challenge them."

The dragon head is actually made from card stock paper pieces that had to be meticulously cut out with a very high level of precision and accuracy. Once cut, each piece had to be scored to ensure accurate folding and then finally inspected before the piece could then be added to the model. There were a total of 193 individual parts printed on 47 sheets of card stock. The class worked over the course of three days to cut out all of the pieces with every student taking part, including teacher Sean Reid.

Once the dragon was assembled, Caldwell asked the students to come up with their ideas for paint schemes and with those he tried to incorporate the varying styles into the final painting. (A poster of the students' concept art work will also be available for auction). Finally, they added some LED lights to the head and a display stand made from oak and galvanized pipe. The finished dragon head stands 20 inches tall and 29 inches long.

"I have to say that this was an incredibly rewarding project to be part of," said Caldwell. "I know whoever wins the dragon head at this year's auction will be acquiring not just an amazing conversational piece but also an inspiring sculpture that showcases the amazing heights that children can achieve through art."

All artwork will be auctioned to raise funds for the Sharpstein PTA. Family-friendly packages and gift certificates from local merchants like the Walla Walla Sweets, the Sweet Putt, Walla Walla Clothing Company, and Bright's will also be available through a silent auction.

Sharpstein teachers have also gotten into the spirit, offering "adventure packages" for students and their families to bid on—fun activities hosted by teachers that include bowling, pottery painting, baking cookies, a Wii tournament, a Sweets game, a "spa" day and more.

In addition to art displays and silent auction items, guests will be treated to musical performances and light refreshments. All are welcome and invited to come!

Pioneer Middle School Explorer students' films accepted to national film festival

Two films from Dan Calzaretta's 7th and 8th grade Explorers class have been accepted into the National Film Festival for Talented Youth (NFFTY), the largest youth film festival in the world.

One film, a documentary called *Bump in the Night* is about the work of Eastern Washington Paranormal, a group that seeks to identify and explain paranormal activity. The film was made by 7th graders Oriana Golden and Amelia Mott. Both students are 12-years-old, and they will be some of the youngest film makers at the festival.

The other film is an animated short called *Imagination*. This film was made by 8th graders Cameron Bennett, Carlos Montalvo, Reilly Michener, and Lucas Rassbach.

NFFTY accepts only 200 films, from over 700 submitted. This is the second year Calzaretta has submitted films. Last year a film was accepted into the festival. Films are from students under the age of 22, and come from all across the United States, and 20 other countries. Most films are submitted by high school, college and film school students. NFFTY is held in Seattle from April 26-29th. For more information go to www.nffty.org

This year Pioneer Middle School will also be holding its own film festival. SPIFFY, Student Produced Independent Films For Youth, is scheduled for May 19 at the Walla Walla High School auditorium from 4-8 p.m. Students under the age of 19 are invited to submit films. Deadline for submission is April 20. If you know of any students who might be interested in the festival, please forward them the link to the website: <https://sites.google.com/site/pioneerexplorers/>

"We will publish a schedule with films and show times in late April," Calzaretta said. "Please come by for some or all of the films. You will be amazed with the work done by these young film makers!"

Walla Walla High School Debate Team student qualifies for national tournament - By Debate Coach Jean Tobin

For the first time, a Walla Walla High School student has qualified to attend the National Speech and Debate Tournament! This past weekend three Wa-Hi juniors, Kera Parsons, Julia Cosma, and Hope Grant-Herriot, competed in the Inland Empire National Qualifying tournament in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Schools from the 5/6 District, the Spokane area and Northern Idaho also competed.

Hope Grant-Herriot took 1st place in Original Oratory and will be attending Nationals. Hope's speech is a 10 minute persuasive essay that she wrote and memorized. Her essay focuses on the discrimination and negative stereotypes that overweight people endure in our society. She competed in five rounds and had a total of 11 judges. In her first round she brought her judge to tears and in her finals round one of the judges started clapping during her speech and afterwards told her that he was proud to send her to Nationals because she had an important message to share.

Hope has made it to finals and placed at every tournament the Wa-Hi team has attended this year. Her speech has been inspirational to many of the students and judges who have watched it and she has frequently had fellow competitors come up to her after a round to tell her how powerful her speech was. In fact, as we were leaving the tournament a student stopped her to tell her how glad she was that Hope had won.

Hope is President of the Speech and Debate team and from the beginning of the year she has set her sights not just on qualifying for Nationals, but making it to the Finals round of Nationals. Hope has rewritten her speech and rememorized it multiple times over the course of the year to adjust it based on judge feedback - a difficult task.

Hope was one of only three students from the 5/6 District to qualify to compete in the National tournament. It will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana from June 10-15.

As a team, our next competition is Saturday, March 10 in Tacoma, Washington at the University of Puget Sound for the State Speech tournament. Walla Walla High School will have 21 students competing. Our final tournament (other than Nationals) will be the weekend of March 16-17. We will be sending 6 students to compete in the State Debate Tournament in Spokane, Washington at Gonzaga University.

Green Park students participate in Missoula Children's Theater

Green Park students performed in the The Wiz of the West, Missoula Children's Theater last week. Thank you Kristie Coleman (PTA Vice President) and Michelle Carpenter (GP 5th grade Teacher) for coordinating Missoula Theater this year, and to Principal Mike Lambert for housing the Missoula directors!

JROTC shooting team prepares for All-Service Air Rifle Championships

Walla Walla High School JROTC Senior Army Instructor Lt. Col. (R) Bill Bialozor named the four team members who will represent Wa-Hi at the All-Service Air Rifle Championship in two weeks. The members are Rishi Patel (Captain), Karri Mickelson, Kyle Jameson, and Sarah Jameson.

“As hot as our students are shooting right now, we have a solid chance at winning the whole thing,” Bialozor said. “We are shooting higher scores than we did at Army Nationals.”

Two weekends ago, the JROTC shooting team competed in an NRA Offhand shoot in Spokane. Sarah Jameson, Caitlyn Lasseigne, and Allison Juergensen won the match. Sarah placed third overall and won the Bronze medal.

Last weekend at the Cascade Mountain League Championship Drill Meet, the Precision Shooting Team won their match with five of the top six medals awardees being Walla Walla High School shooters. The Sporter Team placed second with three shooters earning awards. Our Precision Team won the overall league championship for the year.

Sarah Jameson has earned an invitation to attend the Junior Olympics Offhand shoot in Colorado Springs in April. The school's Sporter Team has earned an invitation to the Three Position Junior Olympics shoot in Alabama in June.

Student drop-off and pick-up changes coming to Berney Elementary

Public meeting scheduled to review changes aimed at improving safety in the school zone

Walla Walla Public Schools has teamed with the City of Walla Walla Public Works Division, city police and parent volunteers from the Safe Travels Alliance to improve school zone safety at Berney Elementary.

The school district is planning a public meeting Thursday, March 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the Berney gym to review changes aimed at improving safety in the school zone. A site map will also be distributed during the meeting detailing the changes. The school zone changes at Berney Elementary will take effect after Spring Break on Monday, April 9.

Berney School Zone Changes: (changes will take effect after Spring Break on Monday, April 9)

- Student drop-off and pick-up areas have been expanded to the front of Berney Elementary on Pleasant Street and will continue around the building to the west-side of School Avenue.
- School buses are being relocated to a school bus loop west of the school.
- The parking lot west of Berney is now an “enter only” lot for staff and visitors. Motorists will leave the parking lot using the new one way exit loop.
- The bus lane/car exit area is NOT a student drop-off and pick-up area.
- A new crosswalk is being installed on the north side of Pleasant Street at Sycamore Street.
- Flashing School Zone Speed limit signs will be installed on Pleasant Street and School Avenue.
- City of Walla Walla crews will repaint all crosswalks to improve visibility and curbing to indicate no parking zones.
- Additional signage is being installed to better identify student drop-off and pick-up areas.

For more information, contact Berney Elementary Principal Donna Painter at 527-3060 or by email at: dpainter@wwps.org

Community Stories

Walla Walla Kids Read 2012 welcomes best selling

Walla Walla Kids Read is excited to welcome best selling authors Tony DiTerlizzi and Andrea Davis Pinkney to Cordiner Hall April 16 and 17. Edison Elementary will be hosting the Community event for book signings and author activities, April 17 6-8 p.m. For full details, please refer to wallawallakidsread.com

Think Pink! Join Just Us Girls Sharing (JUGS) for a fundraiser to benefit local cancer patients

- Saturday, March 17

- Just Us Girls Sharing (JUGS) brings Pink Ball back to Walla Walla

JUGS is excited to bring back our second annual Pink Ball Saturday, March 17, 2012 from 7-11 p.m. VIP reception begins at 6:15 p.m. Join us for a runway show, dinner, and dancing to support our organization's fundraising efforts in the Walla Walla valley. Tickets are \$50, \$75 (VIP) and \$500 (table for eight).

VIP ticket holders will enjoy a private champagne reception to kick off the evening. Along with reserved seats for the runway show, gift bags and personal table service during dinner by Andrae's Kitchen come with the VIP tickets too!

"If one in three people get cancer in their lifetime," says JUGS president and founder Amy Vixie. "The need for our help is really out there," she said. "We love to have these events, and give everyone the opportunity to enjoy a night out. But these events are also about recognizing cancer survivors. And recognizing the need in our community to bridge the gap between help that's available to them, and the real need we all face for the things that aren't covered."

"Last year, JUGS raised thousands of dollars for local cancer patients with this event." said JUGS vice president and treasurer Traci Jensen. "We're hoping to meet and exceed that amount this year with ticket sales, donations and our raffle."

Just Us Girls Sharing is also excited to bring back a fun-themed photo booth by Melissa Brown Photography. Businesses such as Four Feathered Sparrow, Hollys Flowers, Bliss Spa & Salon, and C Salon have tickets on sale now. Ticket are also available online at - <http://www.just-us-girls-sharing.org>.

Check out the JUGS Facebook page at facebook.com/jugsww for information.

JUGS is a local non-profit organization dedicated to raising money for local cancer patients. <http://www.just-us-girls-sharing.org>

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Pink Ball Fundraiser volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed on Friday, March 16 around 5 p.m. for setup. This will likely take a few hours. Volunteers are also needed for cleanup Sunday, March 18 from 9 to 11 a.m. These volunteers can be students.

Volunteers are also needed during the event to be buffet servers, greeters, security, VIP staff, etc. Volunteers during the event must be 21. Anyone interested in volunteering can email j.u.g.s@hotmail.com or at (509)386-5296.

Shakespeare Walla Walla plans student matinees

Shakespeare Walla Walla is offering student matinees at the Power House Theater in May. The student matinees are full-length productions of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* followed by a 15-minute Q&A session with the actors. The production is geared towards middle and high-school students, but appropriate for all ages.

- May 1, 2, and 3
- 10:30 a.m.
- Power House Theatre
- Tickets \$10 for students (chaperones are free)
- A limited number of scholarship tickets available for students who are in need of financial assistance.

Information:

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Violence Prevention Conference set for March 26, 27

The second annual Walla Walla Valley Violence Prevention Coalition Conference, "Stop Violence Now — For Yourself, Your Family, Our Community" will open with a keynote speech by Dr. Vincent Felitti, M.D., noted for his research into the interconnections of childhood trauma — including violence — to problems in adult life. Dr. Felitti's speech takes place at 7 p.m. Maxey Hall, Whitman College. The conference workshops and panels on violence and its prevention in our community begin at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 27, at Reid Campus Center, Whitman College. A Community Fun Night for Families, at which dinner and childcare are provided at no cost, will be held at St. Patrick Church, (415 W. Alder St.) Walla Walla. Details: 509-540-0807. All events are free and open to the public.

Commitment to Community seeks volunteers for annual Children's Day event

Come join us to celebrate kids! This year is the sixth year that Commitment to Community (C2C) hosts the annual Children's Day at Washington Park. This year, Children's Day will be Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities at the event will include: a soccer tournament, piñata breaking, relays, hula hoop and jump rope contests, arts and crafts, the jumping castle and much more. Children's Day is a great way to get out into the community and begin to build some fundamental relationships.

As a local organization that works with children and families, we recognize you and the organization you represent as a great asset to the community. We would like to invite you and your organization to participate in this year's Children's Day. Generally, participating organizations host an activity station on the day of the event. Activities range from bean bag toss to relay races.

Any activity that engages kids in something fun and creative is highly preferred. Attending organizations are asked to supply all of the materials necessary to operate the chosen activity, such as volunteers, tables, chairs, art supplies, etc. Set-up will be from 8 to 9:45 a.m., although some participants will arrive early, and take-down is from 3 to 5 p.m. There will be volunteers available to help you set-up and take-down. Please contact us if you have more questions about what type of activity or game your organization would like to host.

Whether you have participated in Children's Day every year, or if this is your first year, we look forward to meeting and playing with you at the end of April.

For more information, contact:

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Early Learning Coalition Hosts Dinner and Dialogue: A Conversation about Early Learning

Area elementary principals, kindergarten teachers, preschool teachers, and childcare directors are invited to a dinner and dialogue session on Tuesday March 20 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Walla Walla Community College Conference Center. The purpose of the event is to build relationships among early learning professionals; successful transition strategies from pre-kindergarten to kindergarten will also be shared.

Hosted by the Walla Walla Valley Early Learning Coalition, the evening will include a light dinner and presentations by local educators and state agencies. Discussion will focus on WaKids (Washington Kindergarten Inventory of Developing Skills), early learning collaboration and transitions to kindergarten.

For more information, visit www.earlylearningwallawalla.org or call 509-527-4645 to reserve a place at the table.

The Moms' Network March 21 Parent Workshop: "Mom to Mom" with local mom Terri Neal

Workshops are open to all families in the community. There will also be Spanish language translation services provided at each event. Free childcare is also available during the workshop. The event is free thanks to the support of The Moms' Network, Walla Walla Public Schools and the YMCA.

To register for this event or for more information contact Beth Swanson at 301-7471 or beth@themomsnetworkww.com.

The Parent Workshop Series schedule is:

- March 21: "Mom to Mom" with local mom Terri Neal
- April 16: "Yoga Stretches for Moms" with yoga instructor Rebecca Thorpe

All workshops take place at the YMCA. The schedule (plus other family-friendly events) is online at www.themomsnetworkww.com.

Whitman College public lecture: "The Promises and Perils of Journalism in the 21st Century"

- Thursday, March 29
- 7 p.m.
- Maxey Auditorium

Through the prism of *The Seattle Times*, and illustrated by the Pulitzer Prize award-winning work he managed, David Boardman will discuss what the act of professional journalism requires and marrying the use of modern tools and "citizen journalism" with traditional values.

Boardman serves as Executive Editor of The Seattle Times and seattletimes.com. He has oversight and responsibility for the news department of Washington State's largest newspaper and for its website, seattletimes.com. As an editor for The Times, David has directed three Pulitzer Prize-winning team projects and edited six other stories that were Pulitzer finalists. As a member of the company's senior executive team, David contributes to overall company operations, strategy and long-term planning. Before joining The Times in 1983, David was a reporter and editor at several papers in the Northwest, and worked on a construction project in Liberia, West Africa. He is a graduate of the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University and has a graduate degree from the University of Washington.

About The Hosokawa Lecture Series: In 2000, an endowed lectureship was established at Whitman College by David and Beverly Hosokawa, and the Hosokawa Family Foundation. Intended to be a celebration of journalistic excellence, the lectureship honors Robert R. Hosokawa, David's father, by bringing a noted journalist to campus. The endowment also established the Hosokawa Prize to be awarded each year in recognition of outstanding achievement and excellence as demonstrated by student journalists and photojournalists of The Pioneer. A Whitman Alumnus of Merit, Class of 1940, Robert Hosokawa was a reporter for several papers in Missouri, New York, Iowa and Minnesota. He held journalism professorships at the University of Missouri and the University of Central Florida and has been a mentor to many young journalists.