June 26-29—Children’s Summer Theater, Doo-Wop Wed Widing Hood

July 10-12, 17-20, 24-26—Summer Musical, Fort Walla Walla Amphitheater, Showtime is 8 p.m.

It’s finally summer! The temperatures are warmer, the skies a little bluer. And that means summer quarter has just begun, year-end expenditures are being made and we’re all looking ahead to summer and fall quarter enrollment statistics. Budgets are set and we’re ready for the new fiscal year.

Now it’s time for you. Although there never seems to be a lull on campus, do try to take some time for yourself this summer. Get away for a few days. Finish up a home project or take a trip or find a new summer activity that you and your family can do together—biking, swimming, hiking, camping.

We are constantly giving of ourselves as we help students attain their educational goals. So now give yourself, your spouse, your kids, the grandchildren the same attention you give those students. Take care of yourself so you can be available for the important people in your life.

Have a great summer!

Vacation Ed has his bags packed and is ready to hit the road. He’s planning a great vacation but will be back to help students register for Fall Quarter. Classes begin Sept. 22!

Summer Musical Opens in 2 Weeks

Stage workers are busily finishing the sets for Anything Goes, the summer musical that opens July 10 and runs for ten evenings over three weekends through July 26. Actors and actresses, singers and dancers are finding temperatures to be a little warmer than necessary now that they are holding evening practices at the amphitheater. But the 50 performers, many who play double roles, are excited for the opening night production.

Directed by Parke Thomas, the show takes place on a cruise ship filled with zany yet intriguing people. Stage construction resembles three levels of a cruise ship where all the action takes place.

Billed as a laugh-a-minute, tap dancing extravaganza, Anything Goes should bring smiles to all in attendance.

Performers, many of them local and many who have performed in previous musicals, bring believability to the roles they “take on” for three weeks.

A lot of hard work, an unbelievable number of volunteer hours and great family fun—priceless!

Doo-Wop Wed Widing Hood Is Rock & Roll Fairy Tale

If you combine 1950’s rock and roll songs with a children’s fairy tale, what do you get? A funny play with a cast of 41 children participating on stage in such roles as Wise Prince Jason, Strong Prince Justin and Loud Prince Frank who all want to woo Red Riding Hood!!

Add a fairy godmother who sets up three tasks for the princes to complete and RRH’s own couch potato parents who don’t want her to leave (so they hire the evil queen to upset the Fairy Godmother’s contest) and you have a convoluted fairy tale that makes Mother Goose and Dr. Seuss roll over in their graves.

Theater goers of all ages will enjoy and laugh at the lines as Red Riding Hood’s sisters, Big Green Riding Hood and Medium Purple Riding Hood, help to balance out the situation.

The big bad wolf and a sock hopping 50’s musical score combine to bring a light happily-ever-after ending to the evening entertainment.

Showtime is 7 p.m. June 26-28 and 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon, June 29. Tickets may be purchased at the door of the China Pavilion for the show you attend.
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... From Professional to Personal

Linda Sherman, Enrollment & Course Information Coordinator

Linda grew up on a fruit ranch in Zillah where she says “my little sister and I would spend summers running barefoot through the peach and cherry orchards – always looking for little animals and birds to turn into pets (are you surprised??). I would find them and send my little sister after them – birds, bunnies, gophers – she caught them all, but they would be MY pets. I don’t think she has forgiven me yet.”

Bob and Linda have six children. “I enjoy his three boys because they are a lot like him – but individually unique,” Linda notes. “The older boy, Jack, lives in North Carolina and works for one of the largest zoos in the United States. Jack’s brothers, Fred and Mike, live in Everett and Phoenix and both stay in close contact with their father. My three children live in the Tri-Cities and in Springfield, Oregon. I have had the pleasure of seeing my granddaughter through her last two months of 7th grade this year — such a challenge our children go through while attending schools today. We have had a great adventure together, and now grandma knows who Hanna Montana is! She settled in at Waitsburg Middle School and loved it.

Linda’s favorite book is Gone with the Wind because of the history of the South, the tragedies of the war, and the romance. “I was excited when the movie was made but was extremely disappointed with the lead characters, Scarlett and Ashley,” she says. “Visualizing them as very beautiful and handsome, I feel that neither lived up to my expectations. Rhett Butler certainly was cast well, though!”

For relaxation Linda likes to go to bed early and turn on an old movie on a Sunday night when the weekend work is done, she’s had a warm bath, and the sheets are fresh. “This is true relaxation,” she states. “Another form of relaxation is just playing with a few of my parrots. They are all different and have their own vocabularies and games. Our home is filled with love and laughter because of our love of critters.”

“I have attended college classes since 1992 and I look forward to being done,” Linda says proudly. “I have just finished doctorate classes taken through the University of Phoenix. Each summer doctoral students are required to attend residencies in Phoenix; so we have stayed with Bob’s son during these, so our expenses were minimal. Bob was able to see the sites and visit with his son, and last year all three sons met us there. All that is left is finishing up my dissertation. My dissertation is a study of the Enduring Legacies Project at Grays Harbor College in Aberdeen, Washington. The purpose of the Project is to increase access and success for Native American students, offering stronger support services, and providing a more seamless transition to a 4-year college. The study will measure academic success of two groups of Native American students – those who are enrolled in the Project and those who are not. Evergreen State College, Grays Harbor College and the Washington State Board for Community and Technical Colleges worked together to provide a hybrid learning community for students enrolled in the Project.

When asked what is on the list of things she’d still like to do, Linda said she wants to start giving back to her community. “I would like to go through a course to become a wildlife rehabilitator and continue to work with my mentor, Shirley Miller, who has aided so many of our local wildlife,” she stated emphatically. “What makes me uniquely me is my love of animals. I married the right man, because Bob never says “No” to any creatures I bring home . . . and as you know, I am the bird lady!”

Position Announcements

Kevin Loomer has been named the new Theatre Arts Instructor for the college. Involved with the program for the past six years, Kevin will formally serve as instructor, director, set designer/builder and “anything else that’s needed.” Under his interim position for the past year, enrollments have increased, box office numbers rose by 20% and the Drama Club was reactivated. Congratulations, Kevin!

Personal Notes

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**Wellness at Work**

**Weight Watchers Continues**

The Weight Watchers at Work lunch group that meets every Wednesday at noon in the back dining room has added even more members to its roster. Now nearly thirty strong, they continue to eat healthy, lose weight and maintain a higher level of exercise and energy than they did prior to joining WW.

Current totals of weight lost and miles walked include:

- **649 Pounds**
- **1,593 Miles Walked**

If you are interested in joining the weekly group, you will receive a pro-rated fee for the remaining sessions. Call Doreen at 4239 for information.

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**BACTERIA IN YOUR KEYBOARD?**

As if we don’t have enough to worry about, now our computer keyboard could be the culprit in making us sick. The London-based consumer group called Which? (www.which.co.uk) swabbed 33 keyboards in its office and found four that were labeled potential health hazards due to the bacteria on the keys. One keyboard was even thrown out when they found five times more germs than one of the office toilet seats and 150 times more than the level the group considers safe.

How does a keyboard get so filthy?

1. Eating lunch at your desk. Crumbs fall between the keys, encouraging the growth of millions of bacteria that lead to stomach bugs.
2. Poor personal hygiene. Remember to wash hands after using the bathroom.
3. Dust. Bacteria already on the keyboard can flourish in dust that traps moisture.
4. Sharing your computer. Someone with a cold or flu may have coughed or sneezed into his/her hand, leaving viruses picked up by your hands.

How do you clean a keyboard?

1. Unplug it, turn it upside down and shake gently. Spray between the keys to remove remaining debris, vacuum between the keys or wipe between keys with a computer brush or small paint brush.
2. To remove grease and grime, keep the keyboard unplugged and wipe with a moist cloth; then wipe with a dry towel.
3. Use an alcohol wipe to rid keys of bacteria and viruses.

And do remember to keep your mouse clean. As with a keyboard, cleaning aids include a moistened cloth, moistened cotton swab, an alcohol wipe and compressed air.

*(Information provided by Reid Goldsboro, syndicated columnist and author of* Straight Talk about the Information Highway.*

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**Who Am I?**

She has a great sense of humor (who else would send the photo to the right?) but she doesn’t get out much!

She’s athletic, creative and loves her horses. She’s always willing to help fellow WWCC employees at a moment’s notice. She’s not a long-term employee yet so won’t retire anytime soon. And we’re grateful for that!

Do you think you know?

*If so send an e-mail to cathy.nelson@wwcc.edu*

First correct responder wins a Kudos bar!

And remember to send your own photo in when you were 2-5 years old.

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**Employee’s Kids Shine on Stage**

Children of WWCC employees have major roles in this week’s Children’s Summer Theatre:

- **Amanda Meliah**—Little Red Riding Hood, Sandy’s daughter
- **Preston Loomer**—Big Bad Wolf, Kevin & Connie’s son
- **Nathan Loomer**—back end of Oswald the Dragon, Kevin & Connie’s son
- **Avery Cortinas**—Chorus, Sandi Madsen’s granddaughter
- **Morgan Clark**—Assistant Costumer, Tom & Sue’s daughter

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**Happy Fourth of July**

*Land of the Free, Home of the Brave!*

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