May 8-10—Balloon Stampede vendor booth. Feel free to stop by. Or call 4675 if you’d like to assist!

May 8—10—Lighting Dedication, Baseball/Softball fields, 6:15 p.m. in between scheduled games

May 8—Informational meeting for the Children’s Summer Theatre to be performed June 26-29. Parent or responsible adult must accompany child. 10 a.m., China Pavilion

June 6—Clarkston Graduation, 9 a.m.; Nursing, 10:30 a.m.

June 7—Walla Walla Graduation 1 p.m.; Nursing 4 p.m.; GED 7 p.m.

Lighting Dedication

Come join us for an exciting evening of softball, baseball, food and dedication of the lighting system at the ball fields on Saturday, May 10 at 6:15 pm.

Lights will be turned on at about 7:00 p.m. between ball games at the end of a short ceremony. Softball hosts CBC at 5 and 7 p.m. while baseball plays YVCC at 4 and 7 p.m.

With the help of Walla Valley Youth Baseball, our WWCC Foundation is in the midst of its lighting fundraiser.

The “green” lighting system improves the community’s ability to host playoffs and state and regional tournaments by providing one more lighted field for evening competition. In turn, the added events will benefit community youth athletics, bring people into the Valley and increase tourism.

Hot dogs, popcorn and bottled water will be served.

The President’s Corner

We talked about a lot of things at the College Wide Meeting this week and I just want to reiterate the importance of sustainability—in all aspects of our lives.

The vision and construction of our William A. Grant Water and Environmental Center has put us at the forefront of the sustainability movement. Not only do we teach it but we also practice it. And we have the opportunity to showcase and role model our efforts.

We will develop a value statement for WWCC’s sustainability and form a Sustainability Task Force. We need to approach our practices in a realistic, no-nonsense manner when people come to see how it’s done. Each division on campus can address the sustainability of their department from an economic, ecological, educational standpoint.

Where to begin? Let’s all start with the easiest everyday tasks of turning out lights when we leave a room, using less paper (making fewer copies) and dressing in layers to accommodate room temperature fluctuations. As these become automatic habits, we can add new ways to conserve.

And remember—sustainability is an all encompassing practice that affects every aspect of our lives. You know that you can turn down your heat at home or turn off unnecessary lights, but did you realize that planting native trees and plants is also an important way to lessen or even eliminate irrigation of our yards? I’m told the Home and Garden channel on television even notes that recycling old furniture or buying at yard sales is a sustainable practice.

Sustainability, simply put, means meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

What a legacy we can leave our children and grandchildren and all generations to come!

(For more information on sustainability, go to the Department of Ecology’s website at www.ecy.wa.gov)

Question of the Week Results

Last week’s question was “If you could save $12,000 annually for two years, what would you buy or do with the $24,000?” It was an odd question, but we had ulterior motives—an advertising campaign to show how much money a student would save if he/she attended WWCC and lived at home instead of rushing off to a four-year college.

Here are some of the results:

I would invest one third, spend one half on my wife, spend another third on girlfriends and buy a new hunting rifle with what’s left.—Dave Waltner (Sorry Dave—not going to work in our ads!)

If I had $24,000 “to play with,” I would convert my conventional rain gutter system around my house and barn into an ornamental rain catchment system (inspired by Portland’s Japanese Garden) for my home permaculture project. Including art as a functional part of my garden... what a dream come true.—Gretchen Hormel-Tomkins

I would build a $15,000 parrot sanctuary, complete with running water streams and fountains, natural trees, logs to climb and an irrigation system (inspired by Portland’s Japanese Garden) for my home permaculture project. Including art as a functional part of my garden... what a dream come true.—Fernando Villagomez

I miss owning my home, and I would use the majority of it for a down payment on a house, share some with my parents for all they have done for me, and the rest I would put in some sort of an interest-bearing account to add to my retirement funds.—Tracy Peterson

I would pay my other son’s education.—Nancy Jacobsen

I would plant wine grapes, as well as install trellising and an irrigation system, on some family property here in town. I would also have money left over for equipment needed to maintain the vineyard. —Mike Moyer

O.K. – Something fun...I would build a $15,000 parrot sanctuary, complete with running water streams and fountains, natural trees, logs to climb on, big enough to fly in. The remainder of the money would be used to air condition the large enclosure in the summer and with heat in the winter – for a year or two!—Linda Sherman

I’d use that $24,000 to make a fat payment on my student loans!!—Cami Eastep

With $24,000, I’d put a new and wonderful kitchen in my 93-year old house.—Theresa Degan

I would use the money to live on while I pursued my passion, studying metaphysics and starting a mind-body-spiritual counseling and healing practice.—Nancy Jacobsen

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**Spotlight...**

Denise Williamson, Payroll Manager

Denise was born in Soap Lake, Washington, #2 of four daughters in a family of six. Her mom was originally from Nebraska and her dad was born and raised in Zillah. During the early years, they moved frequently and eventually established themselves in Kennewick where she graduated from high school in 1971. “Dad, the adventurer, taught us about camping, the love of music and made each one of us girls feel like his favorite special princess,” Denise said. “Mom, the practical one, taught us how to cook, clean and work efficiently. It was definitely a wonderful childhood filled with love, laughter, family and good cooking.”

Family has always been Denise’s #1 priority in life. “I’ve been married to my still handsome husband Bob for 32 years and we have three children and four grandchildren with another one due May 1,” she notes. “All the kids and grandkids come over Sunday afternoon for a weekly family dinner. We’ve been known to make cheese, sourdough breads and some tasty hot mustard.” On the second weekend in December all family members gather for a cookie/candy baking weekend. And in July, they all gather at Hood Park for family camping and fishing.

Saturday nights are movie nights, especially during the cold winter months. “I prefer ones that are funny and have lots of music like A Knights Tale, Footloose and Happy Feet!” Although she doesn’t read as much as she used to, she does enjoy books that are inspiring and motivational. She is currently reading A New Earth by Eckhart Tolle, Hawaii is her favorite place to visit. Last year she went on a 10-day Hawaiian cruise visiting four of the islands with her mom, three sister and oldest niece. “Husbands and kids had to stay at home while the girls played,” she said with a chuckle. “It was great fun.”

When Denise says ‘life is still about adventure,’ you can believe her. In a week or so, she’ll be taking a motorcycle class so she can ride her new Honda Shadow 750 to work. Bob also has a new Harley and they plan to take a few road trips this summer.

“My philosophy about life is taken from the words of Mother Therese of Calcutta,” Denise stated. “She said ‘we are not called to do great things, but we are all called to do small things with Great Love.’”

She sincerely means it when she says, “I love my family, I love close friends like Bob and Linda Sherman, I love and appreciate my wonderful co-workers Judi and Kerri, and I love my job where I can be of service to others. I have been blessed in so many ways and I am always mindful and thankful for this beautiful, wonderful and abundant life.”

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**Question of the Week Results (continued from page one)**

Buy Carbon Offsets for yourself and your friends and family. Invest in companies designing ecologically superior products, using renewable energy, and developing efficient production methods. Make a donation to a local charity that encourages self-reliance. Retrofit your family’s home to reduce energy and water use, and save even more money. Replace your vehicle with a super-efficient hybrid. — Randal Son

And here’s the winning entry!!!

I’m sure you guys might have seen it already, but if I had zillions and $24,000 was pocket change, I might get this for my computer: [http://asia.cnet.com/crave/2007/01/26/a-us-24-000-mouse/](http://asia.cnet.com/crave/2007/01/26/a-us-24-000-mouse/) Gotta have your bling! Although I might splurge and pay an extra few thousand and make them make it a wireless mouse. Or, I’d exchange my $24,000 into Rupees (Indian rupees to be exact). That way I’d feel super-special being an Indian millionaire (or close... 970,020 rupees). With those million rupees I could buy an Indian dump truck [Click here for dump truck.](http://司.cng.com/crave/2007/01/26/a-us-24-000-mouse/) Or a really fancy sapphire: [Click here for sapphire.](http://司.cng.com/crave/2007/01/26/a-us-24-000-mouse/) Or if being just a millionaire isn’t enough, I’ll take my Indian Rupees to Vietnam and convert them into Donggs and I will now have 397,000,000 Donggs! I’m cookin’ with gas now! With that I would buy myself a nice little apartment (which is 4x the size of my current apartment but hey, I’m a multi-millionaire, I can afford to upgrade!) like this one: [http://en.hedvignon.com/details.php?hash=110163](http://en.hedvignon.com/details.php?hash=110163) . This lovely 3 bedroom/2bath apartment is in downtown Ho Chi Minh City and is on floor 37 of 38 so it has a pretty good view. Includes internet, swimming pool, air conditioning (thank goodness!), car and moped parking, security system, a “Security Person”, and fitness center! I would then spend the remaining 200M dong on things like the flights back and forth, shipping my new car to Vietnam, installing an ice rink nearby, and paying a really cute bodyguard to hang out with me since I’ve heard Vietnam might not be the safest place in the world to be. — Jessie Hackett

(Watch for student responses—they’re very creative!)
Dance Contest Added To Pre-Musical Events

If you love dancing, get ready to sign up for a dance contest on June 22 at 2 p.m. in the WWCC Performing Arts Theater. The pre-summer musical function promises to be fun and interesting.

All dancers need to register for the competition by June 5 by calling Kay Raddatz at 524.5161 or e-mailing her at kathryn.raddatz@wwcc.edu.

Age categories are 5-10, 11-17, 18-49 and 50 and older.

The top three couples in each age category will perform during Fourth of July in the Park where they will be awarded free show tickets.

Admission is free to the contest.

Wellness at Work

Weight Watchers Continues

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Weight Watchers at Work Testimonial

By Matt Graves, Director, Facility Services

When I stepped on the scale at the first Weight Watchers at Work meeting last November, I topped out at 274.5 lbs. Yesterday at weigh in, I was 213. Yea! I’ve tried to lose weight several times over the years. Everything has been successful for a time but no other program has been so easy and fulfilling. It’s all about portion control. I can eat anything that I want, just not as much. No more cabbage soup. Simple concept and it works.

My activity level has increased because I have more energy. I’ve had chronic back pain since an injury suffered 30 years ago and now that I am not carrying around 61 needless pounds, my back doesn’t hurt nearly as bad. My doctor wants me to lose 13 more pounds; my goal is to have it done by the first of June.

We’re looking for more people on campus that are interested in learning how to have fun losing weight. I recommend it highly. We meet on Wednesdays in the back dining room at noon, come join us to see what it’s all about. If we get enough interest, the program will continue all summer. You’ll see that you too can be successful and make friends who will become your support network.

The down side is that I have to buy new clothes again. My wardrobe has changed three times so far—no more size 44 pants and XXL shirts. I just bought my first pair of size 38 jeans and don’t expect them to fit by the end of the month. It’s not a diet, it’s a lifestyle change and it works.

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