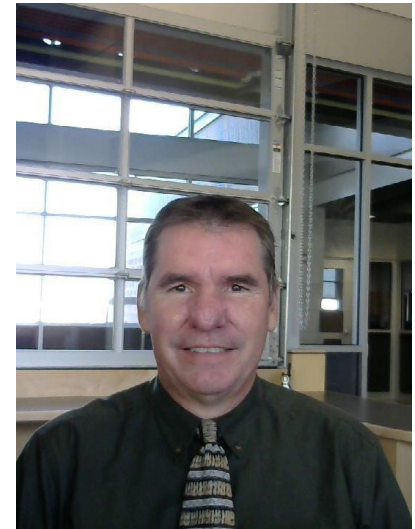


CTE Director Receives Regional Honor From Agriculture Educators

District Career and Technical Education Director Dennis Matson was selected as the Washington Association of Agricultural Educators (WAAE) District 6 Administrator of the Year. Matson was nominated based on his support and advocacy for all CTE programs in the Walla Walla School District.

He will be recognized and receive his plaque at the WAAE Conference in Pasco at the end of June. There are 18 schools in the WAAE district. Matson was hired in February 2014. He also directs the Southeast Area Technical Skills Center. Matson was principal at Newport High School, Newport, WA for four years prior to coming to Walla Walla. He was also a Marketing and Business Education teacher for 10 years at Deer Park High School and served as the Deer Park CTE director from 2007 to 2010. Matson's career also includes 15 years of experience in sales, marketing and management.



Dennis Matson

ROTC Precision Rifle Team

Walla Walla High School Junior Cadet Staff Sergeant Daniel Enger swept the National Rifle Association's annual Sectional Matches held in Spokane the weekend of January 8th. Sectionals are local matches sponsored and sanctioned by the National Headquarters of the NRA in Virginia.



Cadet Staff Sergeant Daniel Enger

"This was my first match "sweep". said Enger after the contest. "I have been doing a lot of hard work lately in both air rifle and smallbore, and it was really nice to see it pay off."

The three matches, held at the Spokane Rifle Club last Saturday involved almost 8 hours of competitive shooting over the course of a single day. The day began with an Indoor Metric Smallbore match, consisting of 20 shots each from the prone, standing and kneeling positions for a total of 600 possible points. Enger finished the match with a 564, 6 points ahead of Spokane's Maliya Hillman.

The second event was a 40 shot match with air rifles, all from the standing, or offhand firing position.

Enger's second target, a near-perfect 99 out of 100 pushed him past Spokane's Aidan Maddox with a top

finishing score of 385 out of 400.

In the final event of the day Enger's first two targets, a 196 from the prone position with his air rifle, started off 2 points behind Maddox's 198.

"I am not sure exactly what happened with my prone air set. I did not expect to drop 4 points in prone, but I think it probably caused me to focus the way I needed to for the remainder of the final match.

In the next set, two targets in the standing position, Enger passed Maddox and made up the deficit 193 to 186. Enger held the lead as the two shooters tied in kneeling each with a 195. Enger's final score of 585 completed his trifecta win for the day.

"Daniel's offhand scores were really the difference in all three of these matches." said WAHI Rifle Coach Mark Mebes of Saturday's match. "Daniel will be traveling to Fort Benning later this month to compete in the US Army Junior Air Rifle Championship. That is an all-offhand match, so he has really been doing a lot of work with his air rifle in the standing position, and that paid off in spades today."

SEA-TECH Digital Media Technology Jeffrey Townsend, Instructor

Digital Media Students have the world in their sights

At Sea-Tech, the students in the Digital Media Technology program have been building a strong foundation in design, audio production and photography in their first semester. Storytelling in all its forms is always front and center in the DMT program. On a recent shoot, each class created their own "small world" photo, a technique that draws on both photography and design skills to sustain the very subjective illusion of a tiny planet. They look forward to the second semester, with digital filmmaking projects, game design skills and 2D and 3D animation just around the corner.



Walla Walla High School Agricultural Education Program Lindsey Butcher, Jessica Johnson, Arch McHie Instructors

The Agricultural Education program is gearing up for a busy spring ahead. The veterinary assistant classes are gaining hands on experiences by caring for 20 ewes that are due to lamb throughout February and March. Students care for the ewes. This includes health checks, routine vaccinations and hoof care. When the lambs arrive, students are responsible for assessing the health and wellbeing of the lambs. If there are problems or complications, they use their experiences, collaborate with others, and use critical thinking skills to come up with the best plan of action. Through FFA, students can raise these lambs and show them at the fair. This is a hands on way for students to learn how food goes from a farm to market. Students gain an appreciation for farmers and ranchers who dedicate their lives to raising healthy and safe food for consumers. Students will also share their experiences and animals with the community during our annual Farm Day. You are all invited to this FREE event at the Walla Walla FFA barn on April 15th from 4:00 to 6:00pm.

Our FFA members have been focused on developing Premier Leadership, Personal Growth and Career Success through many activities and Career Development Events (CDEs). Members have participated in community service activities such as Fill the Bus, Trunk or Treat and volunteering at local businesses. Members are also working hard as they prepare for CDEs that include the Creed, Agricultural Sales, Livestock Judging, Food Science, Veterinary Science, Floriculture, Agricultural Mechanics, Job Interview, Marketing, Tractor Driving, Agricultural Issues and Agri-Science Fair projects.

The FFA Alumni and Friends are looking for supporters of the FFA to join them in helping our chapter. The annual banquet is on March 25th and you can buy tickets or get more information about supporting the chapter at <http://wallawallaaffaalumni.weebly.com/>.

Lincoln High School CTE Art Marketing Jayne Eacker, Instructor

CTE Art Marketing classes at Lincoln High School started the year out making various greeting cards. Students enjoyed creating watercolors for the cards. Jeffrey Townsend's class at Sea-Tech are printing the paintings in color. Envelopes will be included with the cards. The class also created flower magnets from pistachio nut shells. After collecting and gluing the shells, students spray painted the flowers and attached magnets to the backs.

On January 14th, CTE students created and exhibited their artwork and crafts at the Annual Lincoln Art Show. Student artwork was labeled and matted for the exhibit. Items such as the dragonfly keychains were for sale at the event. At the Art Show opening night, students were able to experience an authentic opening night with community members in attendance as well as students and parents. Student musical performances and hors d'oeuvres rounded out the opening night.

In the spring, Lincoln CTE Art Marketing classes will be exhibiting at the Annual District Art Show slated for May. Artwork from Middle and High Schools throughout the district will be on display at the Sea-Tech Skills Center located on the Walla Walla Community College Campus.



Walla Walla High School Sports Medicine Kelsey Brennan, Instructor

Sports medicine classes have been busy getting involved in community projects as well as letting their voices be heard by state legislators. On January 7th, they combined with Anatomy and Physiology classes to help host a Red Cross Blood drive at Wa-Hi. Twenty-eight pints of blood were collected during this drive, with each of those units potentially being used to help three different people. This was a terrific opportunity for our students to help make a difference in their community! Wednesday, January 27th was CTE Civic Engagement day in Olympia. Since it was not possible for the students to make the trip to take part in person, they each wrote a letter to our state legislators explaining how CTE classes have impacted their high school experience as well as future plans for post-secondary education. These letters were to show support for CTE classes in the secondary setting as HB 6415/2868 regarding state funding for CTE classes was to be discussed that day, and students from across the state were planning to speak in its favor. There were a lot of heartfelt messages sent to our state representatives and senators. Here is a small sampling of how students expressed their support for CTE classes.

"This is also the most relatable class I have ever taken, I have played sports all my life and enjoyed every minute of it never knowing that I could relate that to school. In this class I feel like I am using what I have learned every day." -Amanda Gilmore

"I believe that CTE classes are one of the most important, if not the most important classes offered at public high schools. I think that they offer a type of education which can't be given by any classes in the curriculum." -Cameron Bennett



Walla Walla High School Microsoft Office Gay Buissink, Instructor

The Microsoft Office Application classes have just finished the fall qualifier for the Microsoft Office Specialist (MOS) competition.

Junior Cameron Peters placed first in PowerPoint 2013 and has been extended an invitation to Nationals in Orlando in June. Sophomore Clare McKeirnan took second place, and senior Ryan Manny finished with third. In the Word 2013 competition, sophomore Mackenzie Harting placed second.

Wa-Hi students will enter the spring qualifier and will also compete in Excel 2013.

As of January 5, current standings in the State places Wa-Hi at the number one position for pass rate with 98.96% and for number of exams passed at 573.



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