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The U.S. News & World Report released its latest high school rankings, including data on more than 21,000 public high schools in 50 states and the District of Columbia. The decisions were

served all of their students well, using their performance on the math and reading parts of their state proficiency tests as the benchmarks, factoring in the percentages of

based upon test scores and academic proficiency. In addition to Wishkah Valley High School, Elma, Hoquiam, Hoquiam Homelink, North Beach, Oak-ville, and Rochester high schools all

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made on the key principles that 1) a great school must serve all of its students well, not just those who are college bound, and 2) great schools must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show it is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators.

A three-step process determined the Best High Schools. The first

economically disadvantaged students. For those schools that made it past the first two steps, a third step assessed the degree to which schools prepare students for college-level work. Schools were award-ed gold, silver or bronze medals based on their performance on state assessments and how well they prepared students for college.

Seven Grays Harbor County high schools were nationally

received the publica-tion’s bronze award for 2015, competing against other schools in Washington state. South Bend High School and Willapa Valley High School in Pacific County also received the distinction. Access to high-quality schools is often a top priority for parents and [home](http://money.usnews.com/money/personal-finance/articles/2015/05/07/buying-a-house-if-you-have-or-want-kids-consider-the-schools) [buyers](http://money.usnews.com/money/personal-finance/articles/2015/05/07/buying-a-house-if-you-have-or-want-kids-consider-the-schools) alike. The 2015 Best High Schools tend to be situated in coastal areas on both coasts.

Congratulations to the students and staff of Wishkah Valley

*ABOVE:* Badge of Excellence earned by Wishkah Valley High School.

two steps ensured that the schools

recognized by U.S. High School. News & World Report

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**Prom’s** **Casino** **Nights** *by* *Jared* *Merrill*

The Wishkah Valley High School 2015 prom was held at the Aberdeen Elks and was put on by the junior class. The theme for this year’s prom was Casino Night and was decorated with big playing cards, dice, feathers, and

crowned Prom King and Prom Queen. The rest of the court included Junior Prince and Princess, Bradley Allen and Ryan Ander-son, and Senior Prince and Princess, Jace Anderson and Lacey

hearts, all done by the Barber. The prom was

hard-working Ryan Anderson and Payton

filled with great music provided by Payton

West of the junior class. West. Prom 2015 was Jared Merrill and a good time for

Chrissy Rurup were everyone.

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**EARN MONEY FOR WISHKAH VALLEY SCHOOL**

RENEW (OR REGISTER) your Safeway card online at [**www.eScrip.com**](http://www.eScrip.com) Make your normal grocery purchases and a percentage is donated to our school.

**Group** **name:** Wishkah Valley School District **Group** **ID:** 8568084

Money raised is deposited in the Booster Club account and used to support sports teams and community activities.

**Middle** **or** **High** **School?** **Need** **Help?** **See** **Mrs.** **Petheram.**

**“…to** **help** **promising** **young** **people** **at** **critical** **times** **in** **their** **lives.** **To** **do** **that** **which** **otherwise** **would** **not** **be** **timely** **done.”** ***–*** ***Saul*** ***Haas***

Graduation events

**Baccalaureate** — Tuesday, May 26th at Wishkah Community Church

**Academic** **Awards** assembly Thursday, June 4th. Also, **Move-up**

**Day** right after Academic Awards assembly.

Senior **graduation** **practice** and **gym** **set-up** Thursday, June 4th, and Friday, June 5th.

**Senior** **breakfast** Friday, June 5th, before final rehearsal.

**$50** **$50**

**Yearbook** **signing** Friday, June 5th.

**Graduation** — Saturday, June 6th , 7pm.

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*Wishkah* *Valley* *All-School* *Reunion*

When: Where: Social Hour: Banquet:

Band:

Price:

July 18, 2015

Hoquiam Elks Club, 624 K Street, Hoquiam 5pm (Registration and No-Host Bar)

6:30 pm

(Prime Rib or Chicken Cordon Bleu) 7:30 pm Ready or Not

$30 per entry (Dinner and Dance) $40.00 at the door

$10 post-dinner festivities ONLY; payable at the door

*For* *more* *information* *contact:* **Bonny** **Johannes** *532-8983*

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climb eat June library may rain sun talk

Taylor’s Brainteasers

*by* *Taylor* *Dziubak*

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German with Dziubak *by* *Taylor* *Dziubak*

**Climb**

**Eat** **Library** **Rain** **Sun** **May** **June**

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**Essen** **Bibliothek** **Regen** **Sonne** **Können** **Juni**

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**Future** **Leaders** **Shine** **—** **ASB** *by* *Lacey* *Barber*

For the first time in years, the ASB candidates had to deliver a speech or do some sort of presenta-tion to show the high school that they are a good choice for a spot in ASB. All the runners for an ASB spot did an amaz-ing job getting up in front of the high school and middle school students. There were a total of 16 students who ran for office this year. In addition to ASB officers, there is also going to be a

student council, and that will consist of class representatives and people to represent all the different sports.

Some of the things that the ASB is in charge of is the local blood drive, help for prom, homecoming assembly, dance decora-tions, royalty for homecoming, and the half time show for homecom-ing. This coming year, ASB is going to be a part of the Jostens Leadership

Conference where they are shown how to make the school a better and bright-er place and how they can become great leaders.

The new leaders of the student body ASB are Tiana Warren as presi-dent, Payton West Vice President, Kati Poisal as Secretary, Emily Olson as Treasure , Mackenzie Rob-ertson as Assistant Treas-ure, and Ally Ancich and Abbi VanBlaricom as the two members at large.

**Farewell,** **Mrs.** **Hillebrant**

At the end of this year, the classroom, library and Diana Hillebrant will be resource since that time. Her retiring after 18 years at favorite memory would be Wishkah Valley School baking with one particular District. She has been happily transition student who married to Jon for 23 years absolutely loved chocolate and has 2 daughters, Raea a chip cookies!! Prior to work-Senior at WWU, and Sophie a ing at WVS, Mrs. Hillebrant Senior at AHS. When she worked at a dental ofice in first started at WVS in 1997, town. She chose to work she worked in Special here because her children Education and has been in were attending school.

*by* *Bradly* *Allen*

Her plans after retire-ment are to travel, fish, camp, garden, garage sale, coupon clip and support both of her girls in college. Mrs. Hillebrant will miss all of the students that she has helped over the years and all of the family of friends that she has worked with. Con-gratulations, Mrs. Hillebrant.

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Lunch Calendar June 2015

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*by* *Ally* *Ancich*

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| This institution is an equal opportunity provider. | MON | TUES | WED | THURS | FRI |
| *1*  *Tomato* *Soup* *Cheese* *Sandwich* *Salad*  *Fresh* *Veggie* *Fruit*  *Milk* | *2*  *Hamburger* *Gravy* *Mashed* *Potatoes* *Wheat* *Roll* *Veggie*  *Fruit* *Milk* | *3* *Burrito*  *Refried* *Beans* *Salad*  *Fruit* *Milk* | *4* *Taco*  *Refried* *Beans* *Salad*  *Fruit* *Milk* | *5* *Hotdog*  *French* *Fries* *Fresh* *Veggie* *Fruit*  *Milk* |
| *8* *Nacho* *Salad*  *Refried* *Beans* *Fresh* *Veggie* *Fruit*  *Milk* | *9*  *Chicken* *Nugget* *French* *Fries* *Fresh* *Veggie* *Fruit*  *Milk* | *10* *Corndog*  *Veggie* *Beans* *French* *Fries* *Fruit*  *Milk* | *11*  *Teriyaki* *Chicken* *Rice*  *Wheat* *Roll* *Veggie* *Fruit*  *Milk* | *12*  *Chicken* *Burger* *French* *Fries* *Fresh* *Veggie* *Fruit*  *Milk* |
| *15* *Pizza*  *Fresh* *Veggie* *Corn*  *Fruit* *Milk* | *16*  *HIGH* *SCHOOL* *ONLY* *Sweet* *&* *Sour* *Chicken* *Brown* *rice*  *Veggie* *Fruit* *Milk*  *ELEM* *BBQ* *provided* | *17*  *Cheerleader* *Fundraiser* | *18*  *NO* *LUNCH* |  |

Summer Meals Programs

Wishkah Valley School does not sponsor a summer feeding program. However, the infor-mation below will help you locate the nearest location to a summer feeding program in our area.

The USDA Summer Meals Hotline is **1-866-3-HUNGRY** or **1-877-8-HAMBRE**. Families will re-ceive assistance to find the location, meal times, and contact information for summer meals based on their full address, city, and/or zip code.

The summer meals finder is located at **http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks** This web-site is easy for families to use as they can access summer meal locations by entering their zip code. This service will begin May 15 and information will be updated throughout the sum-mer.

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**Distracted** **Drivers** **Can** **Kill**

*by* *Jace* *Anderson*

Recently students 9-12 attended a Distracted/ Drunk Driving presenta-tion at Montesano High School. It was a very emotional experience for everyone that attended and it was also very informational at the same time. They made up a fake accident scenario and played it out over the

course of a few days and

even made it so real that the police even told the kids involved parents that they had been in a car accident. The parents of those kids spoke at the assembly and gave everyone a glimpse of what it is like to lose a loved one due to drunk or distracted driving. There was also a couple

different guest speakers.

Most of them, people who had actually lost loved ones due to accidents. What they said really changed everyone’s views on drunk and distracted driving; to hear it from the people that have actually been through those tragic events was a huge

eye-opener and surely had a big effect on everyone

that attended!

**Technology** **Changes** *by* *Robert* *Rodriguez*

This spring, Mr. Hay is updating the school’s computer technology by installing Windows 8.1. Windows 8.1 will allow the school to become more familiar with today’s Microsoft and Windows features. Windows 8.1 uses the Microsoft store which is nice for finding applications without

downloading them from your Internet Browser. Windows 8.1 is also easier to maneuver around because of its new start menu which many find easier than the Windows 7 start menu. Windows 8.1 also contains a new search feature which a lot of teachers like

compared to the old search menu. The Windows 8.1 search menu can also search the Internet which is helpful in case you wanted to explore directly from the search menu. There are also plans to have one-to-one tablets for student use in the 2015-2016 school year.

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Birthday Calendar May, June, July, August 2015 *Emily* *Olson*

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| **Sun** **Mo** **Tue** **May** **Thu** **Fri** **Sat** | | | | | | |
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| *3* | *4*  *FP* *Vs.* *Elma* *JV*  *Ethan* *Shaddox* | *5* *Baseball* *Ocosta* | *6*  *FP* *@Monte* *JV*  *Jr.High* *Track* *@* *Naselle* | *7*  *Track* *@* *Raymond* | *8* | *9*  *Prom* *9:00-12:00* |
| *10* | *11*  *Jr.High* *Track* *@* *Ocosta* | *12* | *13* | *14*  *Jr.High* *Track* *@* *North* *Beach*  *Hailey* *Rurup* | *15* | *16* |
| *17* | *18* | *19* | *20* | *21* *Anthony* *Warren*  *Khol* *Brander* | *22*  *Early* *Release* | *23* *Mylee*  *Robertson* |
| **24** | **25**  *Memorial* *Day*  **NO** **SCHOOL** | **26**  *Kolton* *Newbury*  *James* *Flink* | **27** | **28** | **29** | **30** |

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| *2* | *3* | *4* *Delaney* *Baltzell* | *5* *Trista*  *Cochran* *Olivia* *Ridgway* | *6* | *7* | *8* *Tyler*  *Williams* |
| *9* | *10* | *11* *Micah*  *Evensen* | *12* *Aleah*  *Clevenger* | *13* *Mackenzie* *Robertson* | *14* *Damien* *Claessen* *Allison* *Cushing* | *15* |
| *16* | *17*  *Maddy* *Fultz* | *18* | *19* | *20* | *21* | *22* |
| *23* *Aaron*  *Williamson* | *24* | *25* | *26* | *27* | *28* | *29*  *Payton* *West* *Juliana* *Johnson* |
| *30* *Justice*  *Stankavich* *Foster* *Patterson* | *31* *Kaydn* *Spooner*  *Kira* *Hillyer* |  |  |  |  |  |

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| *7* | *8*  *Noah* *Arnold* | *9* | *10*  *Molly* *Van-Blaricom* | *11*  *Megan* *Hill* | *12* | *13* *Anthony* *Couch* |
| *14*  *Lesa* *Rattie* | *15* | *16*  *Jace* *Ander-son*  *Erin* *Hunt* | *17* | *18*  **LAST** **DAY** **OF** **SCHOOL** *Gaige* *Johnson* | *19* *Madelyn* *Ridgway* | *20* |
| *21* | *22* | *23* | *24* | *25*  *Tiana* *Warren* | *26* *Triston* *Marbut* | *27* |
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| *6*  *Madison* *Cork* | *7* | *8* | *9* | *10* | *11*  *Zach* *Allen* | *12*  *Kenny* *Moe* |
| *13* | *14*  *Wesley* *Fultz* | *15* | *16* | *17* | *18* | *19* |
| *20*  *Skylor* *Boggs* *Colton* *Bombhoff* *Erica* | *21*  *Kohl* *Brander* | *22* | *23* | *24* | *25*  *Emerie* *Perron* | *26* |
| *27*  *Addie* *Marsh* | *28* | *29* | *30* |  |  |  |

Assessment Testing Schedule 2015

 Measurement of Student Progress testing and Smarter Balanced Assessment testing is complete for 2014-2015.

 The remaining state assessments are the End-of -Course Assessments (EOC), dates below.

EOC

 Spring

Math Grades 9-12 Make-ups for Math

Science Grades 7-12 Make-ups for Science

June 10 & June 11, 2015 June 12, 2015

June 9, 2015 June 12, 2015

**Finalists’** **Day** **in** **the** **Wishkah** **Valley** **School** **District** **June** **15,** **16,** **17** **and** **18,** **2015** **(one** **candidate** **each** **day)**

**9:10** **a.m..** **–** **9:25** **a.m.** **Welcome** **--** **Board** **Member(s)/Supt.**

**9:30** **a.m.** **–** **10:15** **a.m.** **10:30** **a.m.** **–** **12:30** **p.m.** **12:40** **p.m.** **–** **1:40** **p.m.** **1:40** **p.m.** **–** **1:55** **p.m.** **2:00** **p.m.** **–** **3:00** **p.m.** **3:00** **p.m.** **–** **3:10** **p.m.** **3:15** **p.m.** **–** **4:15** **p.m.** **4:30** **p.m.** **5:50** **p.m.** **6:00** **p.m.** **–** **6:50** **p.m.**

**7:00** **p.m.** **–** **8:30** **p.m.**

**Meet** **w/** **Principal** **&** **Business** **Manager** **Visit** **Classrooms**

**Lunch** **with** **Superintendent** **Yoder** **Break**

**Meet** **w/** **Selected** **Secondary** **Students** **Break**

**Meet** **with** **Teachers** **and** **Staff** **Dinner** **Break**

**Community** **Forum** **(Everyone** **is** **invited.)**

**Board** **Interview**

**Loggerettes** **—** **A** **Whole** **New** **Team** *by* *Aleah* *Park*

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**OF** **SPECIAL** **INTEREST:**  SEE TESTING SCHEDULE, PAGE 10

 MAY 9 — PROM

 **MAY** **16** **—** **DODGE** **BALL** **TOURNAMENT** **—** **\*SENIOR** **CLASS** **FUNDRAISER\***

 MAY 22 — EARLY RELEASE

 MAY 25 — MEMORIAL DAY

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MAY & JUNE STUDENTS

OF THE MONTH! *By* *Maggie* *Sorensen*

**MAY/JUNE)** **STUDENTS** **OF** **THE** **MONTH** *(aBOVE,* *from* *left* *to* *right)*

As summer is coming right around the corner, the 2014-2015 school year is coming to an end. Let’s see who the last students to receive great recogni-tion are! First off, Mr. Rich-ardson selected sopho-more Tiana Warren for her hard work. He states, “Tiana is an absolute pleasure to have in class. She works hard and does her best at all times. She is very helpful to me as a TA, as well. Tiana is very

organized and does not quit until a job is done.” Awesome job! Next, eighth grader Abbi VanBlaricom was selected by Mr. Killen. “Abbi is a very helpful student in my class and has great citi-zenship.” Gracie Greathouse was picked by band teacher Mrs. Patter-son. “Gracie is kind and positive every time she comes to music class. Her smiling face and her nice singing voice help her

class to make great music!” Ryan Anderson was chosen by Mr. Yoder. “Ryan is a very hard work-er. She carries the load and is an excellent, quality, top student. Ryan and Payton West were totally responsible for the high level of success for prom this year, as well. Excellent job, everybody. Have a wonderful summer!