

chairman of Western Washington University's Department of Environmental Sciences, has received a \$46,782 grant from Montana State University to research the risk of whirling disease in the Southwestern United States.

Whirling disease, named for the manner in which fish swim when they are affected, is caused by a parasite found in trout that attacks the cartilage and deforms the skeleton of young fish. Landis and colleagues will perform an ecological risk assessment and use data collected by Colleen Caldwell of New Mexico State University to determine the risk of whirling disease on these trout and other native trout populations.

Landis, also the director of WWU's Institute of Environmental Toxicology, has researched risk assessment for 12 years and invasive species for five.

MANOS COMPLETES SOFTWARE TRAINING

Jules Manos, senior estimator at

Credo Construction Inc., recently attended training for Optima Builder Software in Modesto, Calif.

Optima guides users in steel building design to assist them in customizing projects to achieve the most efficient layout. With this step-by-step software, builders can take advantage of a broad array of design parameters and accessories not previously available in a steel building software package.

The software will allow Credo Construction Inc., an authorized builder of metallic building systems, to more efficiently design and price metal buildings.

LOCAL MASSAGE THERAPIST HAS ARTICLE PUBLISHED NATIONALLY

Bellingham massage therapist and counselor Marie Matteson saved her husband's life with a massage, and writing about it may have saved even more lives. Her article on massage and melanoma awareness was recently published in the American Bodyworkers and Massage Professionals Journal,



Marie Matteson

which reaches more than 40,000 therapists across the United States.

Matteson had noticed something odd on the bottom of her husband's foot, the site of a 4-year-old fire ant

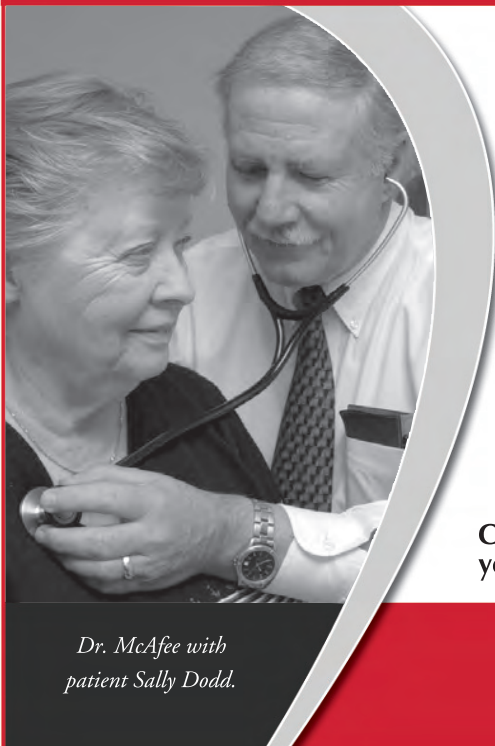
bite. A dermatologist confirmed that the spot had changed and become a melanoma.

Matteson has been a nationally licensed massage practitioner since 1997 and is a nationally registered emergency medical technician and registered counselor. She is currently partnering with a group of psychotherapists who are incorporating her work into the formation of the Creative Child Center in Bellingham.

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