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## Meet Barb Sampsell Welch's Office Manager

Barb originally began her career at Welch's Credit Union in 1972, while employed full-time at the plant. The credit union had learned of her background in finance and asked if she would consider helping with day-to-day operations. Barb agreed, launching a credit union career that now spans more than three decades.

After Barb began her family she quit her full-time job at the plant, but continued to stop in and serve members one day a week for the credit union.

"I carried the entire credit union in two boxes from my home," she reminisced. Gradually, her position and responsibilities grew, and became full time in 1995, with the credit union moving into its own building for the first time. Welch's later merged with Consumers Credit Union and Barb's passion for member service continued.

The merger, which took place in 2006, was an excellent fit for Welch's. "We always strived to give members the best possible service, and at Consumers, we carry on that tradition," said Barb. "Plus, we're able to offer so much more that simply wasn't feasible before."

Shortly after the merger, Barb made contact with the Lawton Public Schools and suggested we play a key role with students by developing a financial education program. She was instrumental in designing the program from its start, which now impacts more than 200 Lawton area students.

Barb and her staff go into the elementary school monthly assisting children with their deposits. She also speaks in classrooms teaching the importance of saving money. "In a smaller town, the school is the heart of the community. I'm so proud of this program," Barb reflected.

Barb lives on Bankson Lake in Lawton where she enjoys many outdoor activities both during summer and winter months. But, she is looking forward to warmer weather, when she can be out on the lake in her boat. Barb is married with three children and five grandchildren, and is involved in local charities like the Lawton Summerfest.



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**Monday, February 15, 2010**

*Staff will be participating in a full-day training event.*