

# 'Fortune' smiles on Camas resident

Filming a half-hour episode of "Wheel of Fortune" back in November changed Barry Williams' life. Now that the episode has aired, he can finally talk about it.

The Camas phlebotomist won



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\$111,250 on the game show, making him the biggest winner so far this season. His episode aired Thursday, and he and about 100 family members, co-workers and friends gathered for a viewing

party at Big Al's in Vancouver.

"We had an absolute blast," said Williams, 35.

Watching the episode brought back the feelings of elation he had when he solved the final puzzle during taping. The category was phrase, and the answer was "school of thought."

"When Pat Sajak opened that envelope (for the \$100,000 prize), I literally took off running," he said. "I did a lap around the studio."

Williams is a Clark College student, and the winnings will help him pay for school and pay off debt. He plans to splurge a little, as well. He'll take his wife on the Hawaiian honeymoon they never had and buy a camper for his family. His mother-in-law is battling cancer, so he'll also donate \$1,000 to the American Cancer Society.