

WOODLAKE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOUNDATION

Woodlake High School Foundation

Fall 2008

CAREER DAY

The original Career Day was started in the spring of 1987 by Sally Pace, Dennis Conner and Pearl Clarke who had started working in the Counseling office with Mercy Herrera, the Migrant Education Counselor. The Counseling staff came up with the idea to invite alumni to come and talk after many students would come into counseling saying “I can not do thus and so or go to such and so college because I am from Woodlake High.” We decided the best way for our students to see the connection to great colleges and career opportunities was to hear directly from people with the same high school experience.

The first Career Day was a half-day event starting with a Key Note address by Dr. Frank Clarke. The day was organized by FHA-HERO members with Cuca Carretero Atherton and Billie Shaver Merlo serving as the first student chairpersons. Maribel Rivas Rodriguez and her crew catered the event. The event has grown to an entire day and now has eight student committees and involves almost all parts of the student body.

Career Day is organized by a student steering committees guided by Head Counselor Carmita Peña, class of 1996. This year’s Career Day Student Chairpersons are Jordan Vieira and Ben Pfenninger. Students involved in Career Day work all year planning the event. These students are in charge of overseeing the rescheduling of the entire student body for one day, inviting presenters, and helping organize eight student committees. They do an outstanding job coordinating this event - from the planning process through the final thank you letters.

This issue of the Woodlake High School Foundation Newsletter will feature several of our alumni who have been involved with Career Day from it’s inception. We have asked them to tell us a little about what they are doing now and their thoughts about their experience with Career Day. This year’s event is October 24th and will again feature our Alumni as presenters. Career Day starts out with a Key Note speaker in the gym; students attend five different presentations on careers throughout the day.

CUCA CARRETERO ATHERTON

Little did I know that the work I did for Woodlake High’s first career day during my senior year would some day be my future! I was a typical high school freshman who only went to the counseling office to pick up my schedule or change a class. All that changed when my FHA advisor, Sally Pace, became a counselor. I found myself hanging out in her office more and more. Billie Shaver and I were her personal assistants. Keeping her desk in organized piles and finding her something to write with were our two essential jobs. When she asked us to help with Career Day, we thought this lady must be nuts if she’s looking to start another project, but what the heck! I can recall endless hours at the computer or on the phone. I learned from this experience that being a Woodlake High School student did not limit my career choices. I decided then to major in Psychology. In May of 1994, I graduated from CSU, Fresno with a MA in Education and a Pupil Personnel Service Credential. I had become a counselor (Sally Pace, Jr.) I even managed to use Career Day as my Master’s Thesis. I created a handbook on how to put together a career day or fair for high school students. I also did my internship at Woodlake Schools. I had more hands on experience at being a counselor than a lot of my peers. It didn’t take long before I was hired.



I began my career in August of 1994, at Corcoran High School where I was the Migrant counselor. As my family is my number one priority, later that year I accepted a counseling position closer to home at Golden West High School in Visalia. I was a counselor for 13 years. Last year, I again followed Sally’s lead and became an administrator. I am currently the Assistant Principal of Student Services at Golden West. I am forever grateful for the mentorship and work ethic Sally instilled in me. Helping to plan and organize the first Career Day at Woodlake taught me to set goals and follow my heart. I have a wonderful family and a great career. I am married to Sam Atherton (also a Woodlake graduate), have a daughter, Samantha, who is 10 years old, and a son, Nathan, who is five. As chaotic as my life can be, I look forward to each day’s challenges. I enjoy being a wife, mother and an educator.



BILLIE SHAVER MERLO

As a young high school student, when I was first assigned the task of co-chairing the 1st Career Day at Woodlake High school, I viewed the job as just something else I had to do for Mrs. Pace before I graduated. I honestly had no idea that I was going to be part of something that would grow and flourish long after I left Woodlake. That first career day was fairly small. I remember recruiting my own parents to participate! With the support of people

within the community, it was a success. It was also great to be able to work with Cuca Carretero Atherton .

I grew up amongst many facets of Agriculture. My father, Bill Shaver was a horse shoer. My sisters and I raised pigs, sheep, and steers for our 4-H and FFA projects. In the summers, my mother would work in one of the local packing houses sorting peaches and nectarines. Because I was raised with agriculture being part of my daily life, I never questioned that I would be involved in some aspect of it as an adult.

Future Homemaker of America – Home Economics Related Occupations (FHA-HERO) was a big influence in my life during my years at Woodlake High School. Many of the things I learned through FHA I use in my adult life, such as organizational skills, financial responsibility, how to properly do research on a subject (before Google), and how to conduct myself in a formal situation. Public Speaking, however, was the biggest life skill that I developed while in FHA, and it has proven very beneficial over the years. Through FHA I was able to broaden my horizons and travel to areas I would never have seen otherwise.

After graduating from Woodlake High in 1987, I attended California State University, Fresno. Majoring in Plant Production, I met my husband, Harry, in a Plant Genetics class our Junior year of college. Upon graduating from CSU, Fresno, Harry and I moved to the North Coast of California where he took over operations of his family vineyards and winery. We have 200 acres of premium wine grapes in the Dry Creek Valley of Sonoma County. Working with my husband gives me the flexibility to do many different things on a daily basis and still have time for the most important job in my life – that of a mother to our two sons ages 13 and 9.

Have you included the Woodlake High School Foundation in your Will or Trust?

Career Day cont...

Maribel Rodriguez



My initial participation with the first WUHS Career Days, consisted of assisting the FHA catering group who provided the lunch and hospitality to our special guests. I still recall the excitement of the day. In October 2002, I had the honor of presenting at Career Day. When I approached the campus I found myself experiencing the same excitement from 1987. The campus seemed so alive. I believe that the WUHS Career Day has become a career awakening event for many students including myself.

Upon graduating high school in 1989, I pursued my education at College of the Sequoias, where I obtained my Associate of Arts degree. I transferred to California State University, Fresno and completed my Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies and BCLAD Teaching Credential. I maintained a full time position as a teacher for Visalia Unified for three years. During these three years I continued my education in the evenings. After completing my Masters and Pupil Personal Service Credential in Counseling, I applied for a counseling position at Lindsay Unified. During my employment with Lindsay Unified, I went back to school for my school psychologist credential. Currently, I am servicing the Woodlake Public School District as the school psychologist.

I'm proud of my career accomplishments, but nothing compares to the pride and joy of my family. I have a wonderful husband (Manuel Rodriguez) and three beautiful healthy children Jacqueline (6 yrs), Andres (4yrs.) and Aldo (1yr.). My husband and I are excited about our children's future because we know that they will be provided with a solid support system here in Woodlake.

Fernando Rubio



I have recently returned to my first love in the educational realm - - teaching. I'm currently teaching sixth grade in Fresno, California. I am a graduate of Fresno State University with an MA in school administration and a BA in liberal studies.

I am a 1981 graduate of Woodlake Union High School. While I attended Woodlake High School, I was involved in Frosh football (we were undefeated, thanks to the coaching and mentoring of Ron Garcia and Tim Keith). I also played J.V. baseball under the guidance of Ron Garcia. Most of my time though was devoted to the uplifting activities provided by Mr. Dennis Conner through Mexican Folk dance classes and performances. Being involved with the dance group was a vital part of my education at Woodlake High School.

We had the opportunity to visit university campuses, including UCLA, where we performed and were trained by professional dancers from other states and Mexico City.

Having the opportunity to participate in such activities helped construct my world view. This world view has afforded me the blessing of serving others. Currently, I am on the executive board of Arts Visalia. I also serve as a volunteer for the Visalia Police Department as well as on the Children's Ministry Committee for my church.

One of the other passions in my life is art. I particularly enjoy watercolor. Through my service as past President of the Association of Mexican American Educators (AMAE), I had the distinct pleasure of producing two posters for their Día del Maestro (Day of the Teacher) activities.

My greatest joy and pleasure is being a husband to my wife of 16 years, Elaine, and my wonderful daughters, Joy and Annie. All three of them have been great blessings in my life. Another blessing is being able to serve as the keynote speaker at Career Day 2008 for the second time!

Ana Carretero



I have been attending WUHS Career Day since my sister Cuca Carretero Atherton needed help getting the first one done during her Senior year at Woodlake. I graduated that Spring of 1987 from CSU Fresno and obtained my BS in Accountancy. I was working at a Certified Public Accounting firm in Fresno when I attended a Career Day in 1988 and meet Carey Kajioka, class of 1973, and ended up moving back to Woodlake and working for him for four years. I realized that after my son, Michael Samaniego was born, who by the way is a Senior at WUHS, that working 60+ hours during tax season was not what I wanted to do with a newborn. I applied to work for the State of California as a tax auditor and have been with the State for 15 years now. In those 15 years, I have worked for the Fresno Branch Sales and Use Tax Office, the Motor Carrier - International Fuel Tax Agreement office in Sacramento/Riverside and currently I am with the Fuel Industry Section office in Sacramento as an Associate Tax Auditor. I am very fortunate to be able to work out of my home and travel to my audit appointments either in Southern California, the Central Coast or here in the Central Valley. Through my work, I have been able to travel outside of California including Arizona and just recently, Michael and I went to Virginia and Washington D.C.

I would recommend that you not only be involved in your academics but also in sports and community activities. When I was in high school, I did almost everything. I was involved

in Volleyball, Basketball, Softball, MAYA club, Pep Club, Youth in Government, Student Body Secretary and I was also one of the top ten academic students. But the one activity that has benefited me the most was Future Homemakers of America - Home Economic Related Occupations. (FHA-HERO) Now let me see hands ups for all those that remember our Red Jackets....I know there are a lot of us, thanks to Sally Pace and Margaret Wolfe. We were able to travel up and down California and participate in not only Competitive Recognition events but some of us even became State Officers...including myself, Christy Lane Irvine, Cuca Carretero Atherton and Billie Shaver Merlo. As a matter of fact, I don't remember much of my Senior year because if I wasn't going to Cal Poly - San Luis Obispo I was traveling to Sacramento for monthly meetings. The big highlight was attending the National Convention in Atlanta, GA and being part of a group that recommended that the competitive recognition events be held at the national level.

And I have Sally Pace to thank for how involved I am now. I am currently the Treasurer for the Woodlake Union High School District Foundation, Treasurer for our Woodlake Club Volleyball program and President of the parent group at Castle Rock Elementary School-Knight Vision and Woodlake Valley Middle School - Parent Teacher Student Booster Club and the coach for the JV Volleyball program at WVMS. I have also managed to get my 1st degree Black Belt in Tae Kwan Do with the help of Mr. Terrance Keller (5th degree) and Johnny Varela (2nd degree). I would also like to thank you Sally Pace for all the influence that you had in my life and for helping me become the first generation family member to graduate from college.

I am engaged to Gilbert Contreras, also a Woodlake graduate, and have a son, Michael who is 17 years old, and two daughters, Melissa who is 12 and Michele who is 10. I enjoy the work that I do and have always told students that as long as they look forward to going to their work then they are in the right job no matter what it is.

Jackie Harris-Gröeber



I graduated from Woodlake High in 1976. At that time, we didn't have career day or career counseling. Consequently, my goal my junior year was to be a trucker when I finished high school. That changed before graduation and I decided that I didn't know what I wanted to be, but I knew that I wanted to go to college. It didn't really occur to me or

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any of the top students in the class, including the valedictorian, to go away to a four year university. We all went to COS, completed our general ed courses and then went on to four year universities. I went away to the only college that I ever visited, the University of Redlands. It was a good music school and I was going to be a musician. Mid junior year I decided that people really wouldn't care if I had a degree to sing the kind of music that I like to sing. I liked the psychology classes better and singing in the romance languages was killing me so I changed my game plan. I graduated with a psychology degree and no career plan. I stalled for a year at U of R, worked as a head resident and met my husband (fanatic tiger fan, Robert). I moved to Orange County for no particular reason and worked selling shoes and weight loss programs and stumbled on a graduate program at Cal State Fullerton. It turned out to be a good Masters in Counseling program and so I followed that with an internship that didn't pay anything and continued working for a weight loss center. Deciding that I may as well continue to increase my debt, I decided to complete a Ph.D. in psychology so that I could do any thing that I wanted in the field. This serendipitous manner of planning my career has worked out well for me but I don't recommend it. I love my job and I am excited each year to come to Career Day at WHS to tell the students what a day in the life of a clinical psychologist is like. I share with them the most logical way to decide what they want to do in psychology and give them a list of psychology related jobs. They ask good questions and each year I enjoy the letters or emails from the students who are really interested in the field. I still have a thank you note from a student who graduated in 1996 who said she wanted to go into the field. She is now my niece and head counselor, Carmita Pena. When my children, Travis and Chelsea graduated from WHS in 2005 and 2007, they had visited 12 colleges, applied for numerous scholarships and heard countless career day talks by people in many different careers. Travis is studying abroad this semester in Chile and is a senior at UC Santa Barbara. Chelsea is a sophomore at Loyola Marymount University. They both benefited from career day and know about many possible career choices. So far, neither one of them wants to be a trucker or a singer!

Go Tigers!

Sandy Crawford

Sandy Crawford's roots go deep in the community which has given her so much.

She was raised in Elderwood, across the road from the location of her great-grandfather's

blacksmith shop and surrounded by several of the many homes built by her dad and grandpa. She attended Elderwood School before coming to Woodlake Elementary to enter the fifth grade. In the sixth grade, she became a majorette in the marching band, an activity she continued at WHS, along with tennis team and various clubs. Sandy graduated as Valedictorian from WHS in 1962, long before the first "Career Day." (She has been a presenter at all but one Career Day and thinks it is a great way to explore interests and widen our vision). High School, then, was a closed campus, PE was required every semester, and girls were allowed to wear pants only on the Friday before the Rodeo. Her Mom made most of her clothes.

Following graduation, Sandy ventured out of Woodlake to UCSB as a PE major. After two years she opted to marry and have a family. During those years she became a tree farmer, and learned to grow cattle and catfish, milk a cow and shoot rattlesnakes.

Her daughter, Becky Davis, teaches 2nd grade at FJ White, and her son, Rich Deitz, works at the Coalinga State Hospital as a Hospital Police Officer and serves as a volunteer fireman. His wife, Heidi Baker Deitz, was the third Career Day chairperson for the 1988 event. Another daughter, Brenda Peckinpah and a son, Ray Deitz, live out of the area. She has 10 grandchildren, whom she counts among her greatest blessings.

Through the years, she has taught Sunday School, and has enjoyed being a Middle School/High School Youth Advisor since 1979. Her love of kids led her to return to COS in 1983 to take the courses necessary to become a teacher/Director at St. Clement's Day Care Center in 1984. (Four children of former students now attend the center). At the Day Care, she is addressed as "Teacher Sandy", a title that persists long after preschool graduation.

Sandy likes to go new places, hike in Mineral King with her husband, Bill Crawford class of 19__, be at her grandkids activities, and hang out with the Youth Group kids.

Hoping to pass on her enthusiasm for teaching children, Sandy's latest undertaking has been the TCOVE Child Development class at WHS. Even if these students aren't led to careers involving children, they will be better prepared



Sandy with Doug Ferguson, Assleandra Quintero and Vincent Bowers; children of WHS teachers.

for parenthood.

Chosen as the Chamber of Commerce "Woman of the Year" in 1996, and "Woman of the Decade" in 2000, she feels she is just one of the many community members who are dedicated to making our community a better place for kids.

Patti Reed

The Class of 1983!
Go TIGERS!!!!
What a Blast we had in High School! How I would have done things differently if I knew then what I know now!! I know



you've heard that before, but get involved and take advantage of your classes and teacher's advice. It will take you in a different direction in life.

We relocated to Woodlake in 1970 from El Centro, California. I started Kindergarden at the Whitney campus and continued through High School. Highlights of Woodlake were - 1 being a TIGER!! There's nothing better than a TIGER! 2 - Being on Student Council, playing Volleyball, Tennis and Band. 3 - FFA: Competing at the Tulare County Fair and the Cow Palace, showing sheep to judging Citrus and competing in Parli- Pro to being a Local and Regional Officer and don't forget "FFA Sweetheart". 4 - FHA: Competing at the State Level in Energy Conservation and driving Mrs. Sally Pace "stir Crazy" was the ultimate. 5 - The friendships that we have made thru the Woodlake School District; I don't see others making them in their schools. From our classmates to teachers Mr. Ziegler, Mr. Ainley, Ms. Achenbach, Mrs. Costa (Kerwin), Miss Machau, Mr. Welch, Mr. Keith and can't forget Barb Edwards in the office. These are the people that I see in town and I can go up to and give a hug and feel like they were a huge part in our success.

After graduation we had to think of what we wanted to do when we grew up so volunteering for the Tulare County Fire Department and Woodlake Fire District was the thing to do. Everything from driving the Ambulance to fighting fire was a blast! So off to C.O.S. from 1983 - 1986 I earned an AA Degree in Liberal Arts. In 1984 I started working at the Visalia Fire Department part time in the office and later was hired on full time as a Fire fighter April 1, 1987 "April Fool's Day....the joke was on them cuz I'm still there! I still continued to go to C.O.S. and earned a second degree, an A.S. in Fire Science. Education is a never ending story - I still take classes to this

day. Being a Firefighter is a great job. I work an average of 10 days a month and LOVE my job. I'm currently on the Hazardous Materials Team and get an incentive for being bilingual.

I now live in Visalia with my 15 year old daughter, Melissa, who is a sophomore at Redwood High. I love watching her water polo games and swim meets and going to her choir and dance performances. Now that she is almost out of school I can look at retirement. 21 years as a Firefighter / Fire Engineer have flown by.

I Love going back to Career Day at WUHS. I wish that we had one when I was there! I see fellow Fire Fighters now that were sitting in those same seat when we went to the very first WUHS Career Day and wonder if they didn't make their choice of career because they had someone present the Idea to them and now they are one! Follow your dreams and they will take you somewhere!

Remember once a TIGER always a TIGER!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Go Orange and Black!!

Paul Marquez

I am a 1982 graduate of Woodlake High School. After high school I was planning on attending a Culinary Academy in the Bay area. As fate would have it, plans changed and I worked various jobs while attending COS. These jobs included being a teacher's aid, working as an EMT with Exeter District Ambulance and being a volunteer fire fighter with the Tulare County Fire Department in Woodlake. I began to be more involved with the Fire Service and the Emergency Medical Services. I applied with different Fire Departments throughout the state as well as the California Department of Forestry (CDF).



I was hired by CDF in 1985 as a Fire Apparatus Engineer and was assigned to the Pebble Beach Fire Station in Monterey County. Between 1985 and 1989 I also worked for American Ambulance in Visalia as an Emergency Medical Technician II (EMT II). I was contacted by Sally Pace, asking if I would consider being a presenter at the first Woodlake High School Career Day. I felt by being a presenter I could influence prospective new fire fighters and hopefully provide them with the direction they needed to start a career in the Fire Service.

In 1989 I married my high school sweetheart, Debbie Rivas. Debbie and I established our home in Visalia and had our first of three children in 1991, Stephanie. In 1993 Allison was born, and in 1996 we had

Tigers in the News...

Woodlake High Teen Represents California's 18th Senate District



Woodlake High School senior, Jordan Vieira of Three Rivers, was selected as the "student senator" to represent California's 18th Senatorial District at the August, 2008

session of the Sacramento Leadership Experience (SLE).

Conducted at our state's Capitol, the SLE is a prestigious four-day activity where high school students throughout the state get to "live the life" of a California State Senator as they engage in a living laboratory about government, public formulation, and civics.

One of the week's highlights for the students was working in actual committee rooms at the Capitol where amendments were made to three bills.

The climax of the week's activities was the convening of a general floor session of the student senate in the actual State Senate Chamber, where Jordan was honored with the offer to be the sponsor of the water bill.

By accepting this responsibility he had the opportunity to speak first on behalf of the bill as well as conduct a closing argument once all who wished to speak had a turn.

After returning home Jordan received a letter from one of the program facilitators saying he hoped Jordan would return to the Senate in the future as the "real deal."

Eileen Behr

Eileen Behr, class of 1975, was awarded the Department of Behavioral Health Contract Agency Employee of the Year Award for San Bernardino County! This is for a contract service employee who goes 'above and beyond' for the good of the community. Eileen received her Associate Degree in Nursing at C.O.S. 1978, and her Bachelors of Science in Professional Arts at St. Joseph's College, Maine 1994.

Tigers in the News

If you know any WHS Alumni that has been honored recently, please let us know by calling or emailing Sally Pace.

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our last, Eric. I was still working for CDF in different capacities and locations. While being with CDF I have worked in many areas of California fighting fires and training as well as dispatching. In 2001 I attended CDF's Peace Officers Standardized Training (POST) academy in Ione for 18 weeks and became a Peace Officer with the State of California. I have promoted through the departmental ranks from Fire Apparatus Engineer to Fire Captain to the position of Battalion Chief. My current Battalion Chief position has me supervising the Law Enforcement/Fire Investigations Bureau here in Tulare County. I often travel to different parts of the state teaching fire investigation.

I have been with CDF for 23 years and have my eye on retirement. I enjoy family time, watching our children play sports and sing. I also enjoy getting together with high school friends and talking about our days playing high school sports and having fun. In 2008 I graduated from COS with a degree in Fire Technology. I felt it was still important at this point in my life to complete this task for several reasons: I wanted to show my children that an education was important to me and to get it done while you are young because the older you get the tougher it is. I still try to attend as many career days as possible. I feel that if I can influence and assist someone in

becoming a fire fighter, I have given back to a school and it's teachers that helped make me who I am today.

Message from the President

Just as the school year is underway, so the WHS Foundation is in full swing, with preparations for our Golf Tournament going full steam ahead! Our purpose as a Foundation continues to be providing a conduit for community support for the high school and its students. Through the Foundation's effort, the high school is able to provide equipment, facilities and services which would not be available within the budget of the district, thus enhancing the students' education. The Foundation also raises funds for scholarships, so that more students are able to continue their learning in institutions of higher education. Your contributions have already assisted the WHS Football, Color Guard and the Journalism departments this school year. Thank you for your support through your planned giving, donations and your support of our fund-raisers.

Sincerely,

Barbara Hallmeyer

TIGER SPORTS UPDATE

FOOTBALL

By Varsity Head Coach:
Scott Hernandez

Woodlake football is back! As I write this, the players and coaches prepare for our first playoff game in 5 years. The young men involved in this program have worked extremely hard to get to this point!

We re-established freshmen football, which I and the other coaches believe will bring more young men into the program.

Our JV program had a tremendous year. Coach Flores and the rest of his staff did an excellent job and finished the season with a chance at claiming a piece of the league championship.

I would like to thank all of you for your support of our program. Your financial contributions allowed us to put a quality product on the field and help restore Tiger Pride in the football program.



BAND

By Future Head Drum Major:
Ben Pfenninger

The band really took its performance to the next level this year. Anyone who went to a home football game will know what I am talking about. Seventy-seven students performed the half-time field show Musica Fuerte.

Under the direction of Bethanie Hansen, the band performed its field show at competitions in Selma, Visalia, Clovis, and Fresno State. These performances were enhanced by our outstanding coaches Tammy Range (color guard coach), Nick Galvan (marching instructor) and our

VOLLEYBALL

By Varsity Head Coach:
Tori Johnson

The Woodlake Volleyball Program experienced much success this year. The Varsity girls finished the season as co-champs of the East Sequoia League. The J.V. team was the Undefeated League Champions. Additionally our Frosh team had the perfect season, finishing the year with a 15-0 record.

The girls are experiencing success on and off the court. This year, the Varsity team was recognized in the Visalia Times Delta for showing good Citizenship. The girls helped a man reload plywood that had fallen out of his trailer. They will also be recognized at Christian Educators International on December 6.

The frosh team got together and did something for our community by painting over graffiti by the softball field. The girls are becoming great volleyball players as well as young women of character.



parent volunteers.

We enjoyed performing for our home crowd who were very supportive. We would like to thank the Woodlake High School Foundation for its generous donation to buy new color guard uniforms.

Unfortunately, we are losing our graduating drum major, Jordan Vieira, who has served as drum major for an incredible four years! Next year brings new promises as a new drum major team takes the podium. We look forward to next year as we will bring even better performances

CROSS COUNTRY

By Boys' Head Coach:
Tony Ramirez

The 2008 Cross Country season was another successful one for the Tigers. They continue to thrive in a talent-rich division that proves to be tougher each year. The boys team traveled to Southern California to race in the Santa Clarita Valley Cross Country Invitational and placed 9th. This season the Runnin' Tigers were the East Sequoia League Boys Champions and the Lady Tigers earned Co-Champion Honors. The boys finished 4th at the Section Championships (Valley meet) and 10th at the Grand Masters meet. All season, the boys were led by captains Philip Yurikov and Ramon Guzman. Guzman qualified to the state championship meet and plans to continue running at College of the Sequoias next season. The girls squad finished 7th at section championships with a promising young group of runners.

TENNIS

By Varsity Head Coach:
Mike Judson

The girls tennis team had a very successful season. The JV team went 11-1. They will be called on to fill the holes left by 4 senior varsity players. The varsity repeated as league champions, going 10-0 in league play and an overall record of 14-7-1.

Heather Wood won the East Sequoia League singles championship which qualified her for the valley individual tournament and went undefeated in league at #1 singles. For her accomplishments, Heather was the Visalia Times-Delta Athlete of the Week. Joining Heather in qualifying for valley was Julia Lara in singles and the doubles team of Nereyda Dominguez and Tania Rocha.



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Go Tigers!





JONATHAN WAYNE LENTZ
1968 - 2008

Jonathan Wayne Lentz of Three Rivers died Sunday, June 15, 2008, due to injuries sustained in a vehicle accident. Jon was born June 20, 1968, and moved to Three Rivers with his parents, Wayne and Connie Lentz, when he was three years old. He attended Three Rivers School and graduated from Woodlake High School with the Class of 1987. While at WHS, Jon enjoyed playing football with legendary coach Leo Robinson. In his senior year, he and his friend, Spencer Jensen, were selected to play in the Tulare/Kings All-Star Game and brought home a victory for the "East Team" over the West. After high school, Jon left Three Rivers to attend Butte College in Chico and Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo. He returned to Three Rivers and worked for L.E. Britten Construction for 14 years. The only other time that he didn't reside in Three Rivers was when he accepted a position with the State of California Department of Transportation where, for two years, he worked in Taft and San Luis Obispo. A year and a half ago, he was stationed closer to home, working out of Caltrans's Pinehurst yard. Jon was an avid hunter and, with friends, took an annual hunting trip to Colorado. He and buddy Steve Fesperman were birdhunting partners. Jon also enjoyed riding dirt bikes. Every chance he got, Jon would join Chuck and Lisa Coulter and their children — whom he considered his second family — and his group of Three Rivers and Exeter friends on excursions to the desert with their bikes. For many years, Jon played in the Poison Oak men's summer softball league in Three Rivers. He also played softball at Visalia's Plaza Park. One of Jon's best memories, about which he always enjoyed telling stories, was when he was 12 and backpacked across the Sierra with his dad and Larry Britten of Three Rivers. They departed from Mineral King and hiked east to Whitney Portal, a distance of more than 70 miles. Jon was a dog person and loved his black Labradors, Duke, who died earlier this year, and Jake, who was with Jon in the auto accident and didn't survive. He could often be found at the river, swimming with his dogs. In March 2008, Jon met Katherine (Katie) Vargus and her little dog, Cloe. Jon and Katie soon became engaged and had plans to marry March 28, 2009, in Shell Beach. He was looking

forward to marriage and starting a family. According to Jon's mom and dad, Connie and Wayne, he was a wonderful son, fiancé, and friend. He also enjoyed all his coworkers he met while employed with Caltrans. Jon was preceded in death by his grandparents, Orville and Gert Lentz and Cotton and Vera Applegate. He is survived by his mother and father, Connie and Wayne Lentz of Three Rivers; his fiancée, Katie Vargus, who had recently moved to Three Rivers; his aunt and uncle, Linda and Dewey Woollum of Pasco, Wash.; five cousins, Nikke Costa and son Nicholas of Washington, Deena Andrews and husband Curtis and their four daughters, Kristin, Jannelle, Aisley, and Josie of Missouri, Scott Applegate of Palm Springs, Todd Woollum and wife Diana and children Elise and Elijah of Washington, and Mary Lynn Woollum of Washington. Donations in Jon's memory may be made to the Woodlake Union High School Foundation, P.O. Box 475, Woodlake, CA 93286.



THOMAS A. "ALLEN" LAHEY
1938 - 2008

Al Lahey, formerly a resident of Three Rivers and member of the WHS Board of Trustees, passed away on Tuesday, July 22, 2008, in Reno, Nevada. He had suffered a heart attack the previous Thursday evening, and never regained consciousness. He was 69 years old.

Al and his wife, Dottie, lived in Three Rivers from 1975 to 1991. Al served on the Woodlake High School Board of Trustees and was known for his hard work and dedication to educational excellence. He was a pilot for United Airlines for 38 years and often attended WHS Career Day. Their grandson, Jason Ingalls, attended Three Rivers School and Woodlake High School before the family moved to Lake Tahoe. After a battle with cancer, Dottie Lahey passed away in 1994. In 1997, Al married Joyce Collette Lahey, also a Three Rivers resident. Joyce worked in the computer lab at WHS before marrying Al and moving to Reno, Nevada.

Al is survived by his wife, Joyce, his children, Paula Ingalls, Kevin, Nathan, Tim and Rachel Collette, eight grandchildren and one great granddaughter and his brothers, Paul and William Doran, of Illinois. The family has requested memorial donations be sent to the Woodlake High School Foundation.

DELOIS GANEY GREER AND GENE GREER

DeLois, class of 1948, and Gene, class of 1946, recently passed away. In 1948, DeLois and Gene were married and a decade later moved to Ventura, where they settled and raised two sons. In 1961, they began attending Bible Fellowship Church, where DeLois founded and ran a well-respected co-operative preschool ministry until her retirement.

DeLois loved teaching, children and giving freely to others. Her first teaching post was at the age of 19 in a one-room schoolhouse, armed with a credential from Fresno State paid for by farm work and picking fruit.

During his school years, Gene pursued interests in football, FFA, band and mischief. 1948 was a particularly good year — his varsity football team won the regional championship and he married the girl next door, DeLois "Tuni" Ganey, two months after graduating from Woodlake High School. Throughout their 59-year marriage, Gene and Tuni were inseparable and steadfastly committed to God, their family and home. According to their son, Todd, "they both enjoyed attending the WHS reunions and one of my favorite pictures of them was taken just a few years ago - they are proudly wearing sweaters with the "W" letters they earned their senior years."

In the 1950s, the Greers set down roots in Ventura and raised two sons. They enjoyed being greeters at church, creating a sanctuary in their backyard and traveling. Those close to Gene always knew when he was in the neighborhood, well before they saw him in his signature red truck.

Gene and Delois are survived by son, Todd, of Ventura; grandchildren, Corey Triplett of Orcutt, Jay Amarillas of McKinney, Texas, Cody Greer and Lauren Greer of Ventura; great-grandchildren, Emma Triplett and Gracie Triplett of Orcutt; sister-in-law Edna West of Santa Paula, brother-in-law Douglas Ganey of Porterville, sister-in-law Jean Spies of Santa Paula, sister-in-law Reba Shanes of Bakersfield; sister-in-law Maxine Greer of Visalia; niece Jacqueline Manley of Ventura and many beloved nieces and nephews.

DeLois and Gene Greer's son, Todd said, "I do know that they both enjoyed attending the WHS reunions and one of my favorite pictures of them was taken just a few years ago - they are proudly wearing sweaters with the "W" letters they earned their senior years." Donations in DeLois and Gene's memory may be made to the Woodlake High School Foundation, P.O. Box 475, Woodlake, CA 93286.

Our Foundation Goals

The purpose of our foundation is to generate significant financial support for projects which otherwise would not be possible within the budget of our district.

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May 1 - Spring Dinner

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