

CAREER DAY 2013 KEYNOTE SPEAKER - ROY HUERTA

Woodlake High School proudly presents this year's 2013 Keynote Speaker Roy Huerta. Roy is a WHS Alumni from the Class of 1974, who was born in Pharr, Texas and raised in Woodlake California. He considers himself "American" with rich Mexican roots. He was born into a migratory family and during his younger years, he and his family traveled yearly, as far north as Washington, in search of work to help support the family. He is the son of Ramon and Josefina Huerta of Morelia Michoacán México. Roy was 1 of 9 siblings, all of whom attended Woodlake Elementary Schools and Woodlake High School. Currently, Mr. Huerta is a retired CHP Captain residing in Fresno, with his wife. He is father to seven children and grandfather to seven grandchildren.

The high school experience for Roy was typical of what many teenagers go through today. He had little to minimal clue about future career plans, rather taking what was necessary to get a high school diploma and being involved in everything possible. He gained vocational experience in elective courses such as Electronics, Welding and Auto Shop, which allowed him an exit from working in the fields with his family and led him to part time employment using his brain, as a mechanic, welder and store clerk, during his high school years. Roy attributes his love and participation in school sports for keeping him focused on academics, as he knew the rules were "Bad Grades meant no participation in sports". Roy was a "B" Average student and gave credit to the wonderful teachers and coaches who mentored and supported his efforts to be a scholar athlete.

Upon graduating from Woodlake High School, Mr. Huerta continued to work part time and he enrolled at Porterville Jr. College. There he continued his passion of sports by participating in their Football Program. With no financial means or family support to continue college enrollment, he enlisted in the United States Navy in 1975. There he served a four year term at both the San Diego and Lemoore Naval Air Bases, passing up opportunities to serve in Italy and Japan. While the military experience was a great opportunity, it was not a long term career option for him. Upon returning from the navy, he held numerous employment positions such as an oral surgeon technician, custom farming operator, dairy processing lab technician, foreman and many others, which in some instances he juggled multiple jobs to stay afloat financially.

In 1981 Roy worked as a foreman in a milk processing plant in Tulare. At the same time he volunteered as a Reserve Officer for the City of Tulare Police Department. He began testing for multiple agencies throughout California. With success, Roy entered into a career of law enforcement with strong encouragement and support from



his older brother, Deputy Sheriff Ray Huerta. This resulted in him becoming a California Highway Patrol Officer. Finally he found a career that he loved. The California Highway Patrol propelled him to a multitude of opportunities with the highlight of his early career jump starting a monolingual Spanish Public Affairs Program called "El Protector". This program taught the Latino community in Spanish and English about the perils of driving under the influence, how to avoid traffic violations and what to do in case of a traffic accident. This program allowed him to travel the United States throughout California, Illinois, and Washington D.C. to appear on various radio and television talk shows. Not totally content as a traffic officer he desired a position of leadership. He worked tirelessly and ultimately reached the rank of captain. In 2011, after 30 years he retired as the Area Commander of the CHP Fresno Area Office. While his career was fulfilling and the long road uphill was definitely a great experience, his only regret is that he is 40 credits short of obtaining his Bachelor's Degree.

His retirement days have been spent obtaining his Real Estate License, creating and owning his own Live Scan and Notary Services Business and doing construction work when things get slow.

SPECIAL HONORS THROUGHOUT ROY'S LIFE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Co-Captain of the WHS Football Team
- Captain of the WHS Basketball Team
- Selected as Sailor of the Quarter, while enlisted in the Navy
- Multiple Community Awards as "El Protector" including two from the State Assembly,
- A few from the National Traffic Safety Administration –
 - One for an Act of Bravery from the CHP for disarming an armed suspect, during a labor relations hearing in San Francisco
 - Many others for creating or participating in other CHP Programs, including the S.A.F.E. Program (Farm Labor Safety Program)

His message to today's youth:

"Don't give up even when you don't know what your future plans are", "Live by Life's Golden Rules" and "Do the Right Thing, even when it's not popular or when no one is looking" Remember for success in life, "There is no substitute for Hard Work". You are what you make of yourself!

Have You Included the Woodlake High School Foundation in Your Will or Trust?

WHS FOUNDATION WELCOMES FOOTBALL CHAMPS CLUB



The WHS Foundation, following the example of other Tulare County schools, has agreed to act as the repository for athletic and other groups that wish to conduct fundraising for their specific team or group, thus eliminating the need for each booster organization to establish their own separate bank accounts. It also allows for receiving tax deductible contributions under the Foundation's 501(c)3 non-profit status. The WHS Football Boosters are the trail blazers for this new partnership. The Champs Club is a fundraiser being sponsored by the WHS Football boosters to provide alumni and community members the opportunity to make tax deductible contributions that will directly benefit the Football Booster programs. The Football boosters have worked tirelessly over many years to help support Woodlake Football and promote Tiger Pride. They have helped purchase necessary supplies and equipment for which school funds were not available. With volunteer help, they also provide Friday night dinners for both JV and Varsity teams, snacks and shade for passing league tournaments, and have hosted the annual awards banquet. This year has seen many exciting

changes with the new field, and new coaching staff. To keep up the excitement, the Boosters are hoping to raise sufficient funds each year to provide funding for team camps, coaches clinics, and a new mascot tunnel for the field.

27th ANNUAL CAREER DAY AT WOODLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

Woodlake Union High School is having its 27th Annual Career Day on Friday, October 25, 2013. Career Day is one of Woodlake High's most important events. It provides an opportunity for our students to interact with various professionals in order to get them thinking and planning towards a career pathway. Woodlake High School believes that it is essential for our students to be exposed to a variety of careers and opportunities in order for them to find their path. Career Day is just one of many activities that our students experience in order to help guide them into a career that best fits them. This event is sponsored by Woodlake High School students and faculty, Woodlake Kiwanis, and the Woodlake High School Foundation. This year's Career Day schedule will consist of five career class period presentations along with a college fair in our gym.

Anyone interested in getting more information may contact Carmita Peña at (559) 564-3307 Ext. 329 or by email at cpena@w-usd.org.

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In honor of Woodlake High School's Centennial Celebration, WHS Foundation is offering the opportunity to enjoy a two night's stay in Beautiful San Francisco at the Historic Beresford Arms Hotel. The Beresford Arms is located only 2 blocks from Union Square, where you will enjoy gracious hospitality in a setting of San Francisco Victorian charm and elegance. All suites are complete with whirlpool baths, bidets, two queen beds and your choice of wet bar or kitchenette. Visit here to view the hotel: www.beresford.com/arms

As if that weren't enough...we will include a \$500.00 prepaid Visa gift card to enjoy a Christmas Shopping Spree or a magnificent dinner. Yours to spend how you like!!!

Your reservation is for December 6th & 7th, 2013 (Friday & Saturday) and for you 49er fans Sunday, December 8th is a home game against the Seahawks. What more could you ask for???? (Game tickets not included but you can use the Visa card towards the purchase of them.)

All this could be yours if your name is the lucky ticket drawn on November 1st, 2013, which coincidentally is the last home WHS Football game of the season. The winning ticket will be drawn during halftime but you need not be present to win.

How do you join in the fun? Your donation of \$10.00 per ticket will get your name entered and will be greatly appreciated. All funds raised will go towards scholarships for WHS students.

What better way to invest in a deserving kid and have a memorable San Francisco weekend? Tickets may be purchased from any Foundation Board Member (see list below) or from the WHS main office: Mari Villegas Call: 564-3307.

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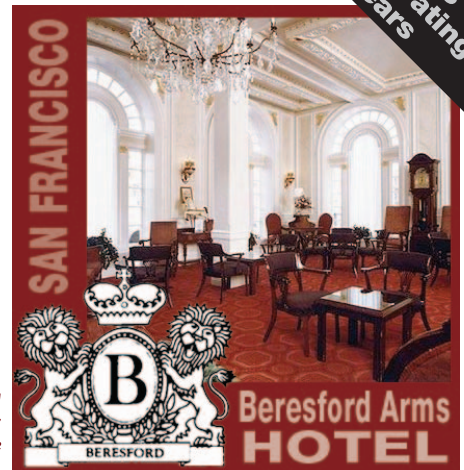
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WOODLAKE HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM PROJECT UPDATE



The stadium project should be completed when you read this article. The light poles were the final piece and were installed in mid-April. While the project itself took a bit longer than expected, the finished product is one to behold. The stadium is a wonderful addition to our school district and community. Students, K-12, will benefit from having a top-notch competition facility.

The track is now open for both school and public use at the appropriate times. Schools will have priority during regular school hours and practice or meet times. We will make after hours available to the public until dusk during the week, and from 5 am to 5 pm on Saturdays and Sundays. Rules and regulations will be posted, so please follow them. Help keep our track, field and stadium in great shape for many years to come. Entrance is through the gate on the Walnut cul-de-sac near the old gym.



Besides track meets, the first major event was the graduation ceremony for Woodlake High School on Friday, June 7, and WVMS promotion ceremony on Thursday, June 6. Both were great events and we were proud to show off our newest facility to our community.

We appreciate greatly the support that the citizens of Woodlake, Three Rivers, and Stone Corral have shown to the Woodlake Unified School District and will strive to do our best to maintain and upgrade our facilities so that they will benefit our students for decades to come. Please come out and see your new stadium! The first football game will August 30th against Immanuel High School.

Sincerely, Drew S. Sorensen, Superintendent



WOODLAKE SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS 2012-2013

FOOTBALL:

Last year was a great comeback year for football. The young men finished the year with a record of 9 and 4. They made it to the second round of playoffs succumbing to Corcoran. They begin this year with a new coach, Jose Del Rio, at the helm. That coupled with a brand new state of the art stadium and they are ready to rock. They have a great schedule with mostly home games due to all away games last year because of construction. To date they won their first game against Immanuel 38-6! Great start for the season. Make sure to come and support the team and check out the new stadium.

VOLLEYBALL:

Despite having a young team, Varsity Volleyball accomplished the unthinkable! 2012 Central Section Division IV Valley Champions! This is Woodlake's first Central Section Title since 1988. The team won ESL League for the 3rd consecutive year. With most of the team returning this year, Coach Tori Johnson has high hopes for a repeat. Catch a home game at the Event Center. Individual player honors went to: Melissa Samaniego, ESL Most Valuable Player, named to Tulare County 1st team, and Fresno Bee All Star 1st Team. Teammate KiAnna Cunningham was named to Tulare County 2nd team and awarded Rookie of the Year honors. Specialist of the Year went to junior player Brenda Acosta. ESL 1st team: Regina Ramirez and Quinn Keller. ESL 2nd team: Luisa Ramirez and Shanya Weller.

BASEBALL:

The Varsity Baseball team won 2013 League Champions and made it to second round of playoffs with a heartbreaking 2-1 loss to Immanuel. Coach Raul Quintero was named Visalia Times Delta's Coach of the Year and earned the privilege of coaching the County All-Star team. Individual honors went to: League MVP- Eddie Pena, 1st Team Infielders- Zach Fesperman and Wesley Stevenson. 1st Team Outfielders- Jaykob Rodriguez and Cade Hedrick. 2nd Team Infielder- Spencer Jones and 2nd Team Outfielder- Scotty Baker. Coach Q touts a lot of young players making a comeback this year, hoping for a repeat and going deeper into the playoffs.

CROSS COUNTRY:

It was a stellar year for Senior Leticia Garcia winning 3rd in league, 5th in Valley, and 98th in State representing Woodlake High School Girls Cross Country team out of 204 participants panning the entire State of California.

SWIMMING:

Girl's swim team maintained their "Undefeated League Champions" title for the 12th straight year in a row. Boy's swim took 6th place. Several WHS swimmers qualified to advance to the D2 Championships level: Alex Gray-50 Freestyle and 100 freestyle, Nate Mesa-200 IM and 100 Breaststroke, Paris Carlsen-200 IM and Monte Vincent-50 Freestyle and 100 Freestyle.

GOLF:

The boy's golf team won "Undefeated League Champions" for the 3rd consecutive year with low medalist honors going to Junior Ryder Rochin for the third year also. The team advanced to "Area" level of competition where they drove their way to capture the first ever

Division V Valley Championship for Boy's golf. Rochin's score qualified him to advance to Valley Individual competition where he placed 4th in the Valley and advanced to Semi-Finals for Southern Section of California held in Pasadena. This feat accomplished a new WHS School record in golf. Rochin was also named to Tulare County 1st team and the Fresno Bee All Star 1st Team. Third year Coach Eddie Dominguez was named ESL Coach of the Year by the Visalia Times Delta.



3 GENERATIONS OF TIGERS IN THE OLAGUE FAMILY



My grandma Carmen Hernandez was born in 1924 in Inglemine, California. She moved to Woodlake, California and graduated High School in 1942. She moved to Canutillo, Texas in 1949, where she met my grandpa Hilario Olague and they married in 1950. They had 3 children, Hilario Olague Jr. (my dad) born in 1951, Delia Olague (born in 1952 and passed away in 1957 in a car accident) and Raul Olague (born in 1953). The Olague family moved

to Woodlake in 1963 where my dad, aka Jr., started the 5th grade. In 1965, my dad started the 7th grade where he met the love of his life, Eva Gonzalez, who was actually a year older than him. They both continued on to Woodlake High School where my mom graduated in 1970 and married my dad in February of 1971, while he was a Senior in High School. My dad graduated in June 1971. My parents had 2 kids, me and my brother, Ruben Olague. Many of you may know my dad as a mainstay at the Woodlake Veteran's Memorial Building, where he has worked countless events over the years. He bleeds black and silver and is a die-hard Raider fan!!!



I graduated High School in 1989 where I played Softball my Freshman year and Volleyball my Freshman and Sophomore year. I also participated in FHA, Mock Trial and was active in Friday Night Live. I worked for the County of Tulare for 17 years in the Elections Department. Shortly after the new city manager was hired, I was also

hired by the City of Woodlake as the City Clerk. I truly appreciate and enjoy my job. I am very fortunate to work here and be a part of this great community. I married my husband Jose Zacarias Jr. in 2001 (also graduated from Woodlake High in 1989) and we have a 19 year old son, David Ramirez. David also attended the Woodlake Schools and graduated from High School in 2012. My brother Ruben graduated from High School in 1992. He married his High School sweetheart Mary Hernandez (also graduated in 1992) in 1999 and they have 2 sons, Ruben James (RJ) and Jayden Olague. RJ will graduate Class of 2021 and Jayden Class of 2026!



By, Irene Olague Zacarias

WOODLAKE VALLEY CULTURAL MUSEUM IS ON THE WAY!

If you haven't heard, it's true; Woodlake is going to have a museum!! It will be called the Woodlake Valley Cultural Museum.

The purpose for this project is to preserve and teach future generations the heritage and culture that existed throughout this area. Three prominent cultures that will be exhibited are:

1. Our local Native American Tribes culture and traditions. The traditional baskets will be on display to show the materials used to make a basket and how they are utilized. The museum will have hands-on demonstrators to show the public the process of creating the traditional items. They will include the Wukchumni language and songs of the area to help our future generations keep the history alive.
2. Our Hispanic Culture that migrated to this farming area. Their contribution they brought to this land to make a better living for their families in times of hardships and in hopes of prosperity.
3. The Anglo settlers that established this community of Woodlake, with numerous items related to industries that were the foundations of this small city.
4. The museum will also display cultural artifacts, pictorials, first high school diplomas and other literature that describe the history of Woodlake.

Over all, this museum will show the growth of this prosperous land through its diverse culture and rich history, where industrious people worked hard for their families and community. A period in time that we hope will never be forgotten.

To date there have been two planning meetings in January, a presentation in February and another in March. This has generated much community support. Mr. John Wood has developed building plans for the museum and has provided us an estimated cost of \$100,000.00 dollars to construct this building. 79% of the monetary goal has already been raised. This has been enough to begin construction. We have acquired the land off of Magnolia Street between the city park restrooms and the fire station. The Woodlake Chamber has donated \$10,500.00 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars local chapter, who has recently disbanded, donated \$1,500.00. The Trinity Apostolic Faith Church has volunteered labor and cabinets, an estimated value of \$6,000. An individual has also offered to install the central cooling system an estimated labor cost of \$2,000.00. A local lumber company has generously



pledged the donation of all lumber required for this project approximately valued at \$7,000.00. The Woodlake Lions Club recently donated \$500.00. Along with other monetary donations, as of September, our total amount collected totals \$79,500.00. Everyone is excited and optimistic about the development of this community museum. At this point we are asking for your help, if possible. Donations are greatly needed. It has been decided that a donor's plaque will be mounted on the building in recognition for individuals, organizations and businesses that participate in the goal of completing this ambitious yet very worthy project. The plaque will display twenty names lines each representing a contribution of \$5,000.00 or more, whether it is monetary, materials or volunteer work equivalent. Any anonymous donors will of course be respected, but we would like to show appreciation for those in the community who believe in this endeavor as much as the founders do.

If you are interested in donating, any amount and /or materials will be greatly appreciated. The committee would be happy to provide you a presentation of our plans and goals for the completion of the Woodlake Museum. If you have any questions, concerns, or to donate any amount, please feel free to call Rudy Garcia at any time. Rudy can be reached at 564-0621. Please make checks payable to: Woodlake Chamber of Commerce, Museum, P.O. Box 550, Woodlake, CA. 93286. The chamber can be reached at 564-3559. All contributions will receive a receipt with a Tax Id# for your tax purposes. To donate building materials or volunteer labor, please call John Wood at 564-2392 or 804-4705.

The Woodlake Valley Chamber of Commerce, our local businesses and YOU can keep this history in our hearts, spirit and soul! Through your contributions/donations you can help us reach that goal! Work has already begun and you can be part of that history! Drive by and see the progress and be inspired !!

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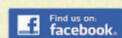
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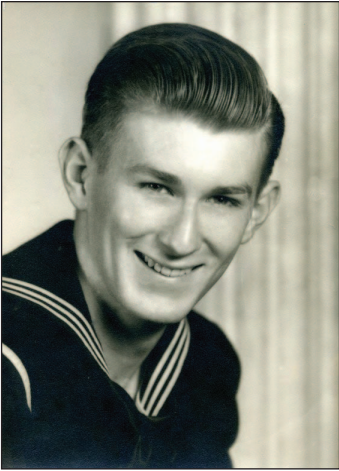
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“BUD” KILBURN LEAVES A LEGACY OF MEMORIES & PHOTOGRAPHS

R.S. (Ralph Stanley) Kilburn was born on June 7, 1923 as the second son (and ultimately middle child) of H.M. and Grace (Smart) Kilburn. His elder brother Mick and younger sister “Sis” christened him “Bud” a few years later and the name stuck.



Bud, Sis, Nana and Mick circa 1930



Bud’s father, H.M. Kilburn, worked for the Hoover administration and sometime in the mid 1940’s bought the Sentinel Butte Ranch in Woodlake. He and his wife Grace soon moved to the San Joaquin Valley. Bud was admitted to Stanford University at the tender age of 16 but soon took leave from college to join the Navy in 1944. Once the war was over, Bud moved to Woodlake to help his father with his new fruit packing company - Sentinel Butte Ranch.

Meanwhile, Betty was born on

November 12, 1933 to Edward and Marie Edwardsen of Three Rivers, CA, one of 4 children: Christina, Betty, Edward and Charles. The Great Depression proved hard for nearly everyone in the US but Betty and her siblings never seemed to notice. They played by the river, helped out in their father’s store and generally lived a normal, happy life, getting into and out of trouble regularly. Friends she made in Three Rivers have remained so for nearly 80 years. Betty also remembers getting her behind smacked as a result of playing “hospital” with her school chums, preparation for which included tearing up most of the “good” bedsheets for “bandages”.

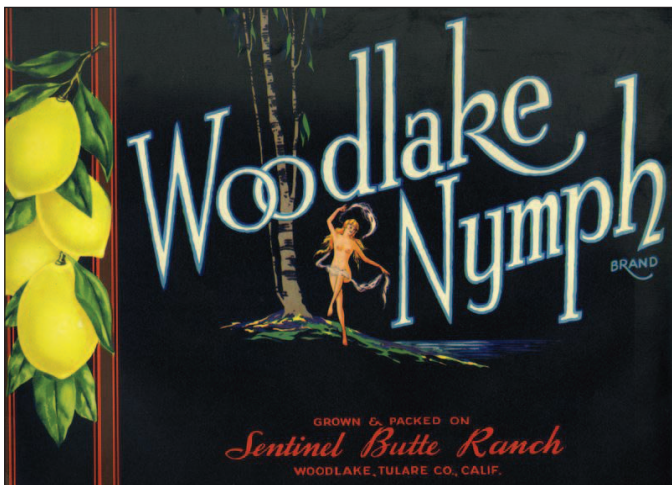
One day, while Bud was having lunch at the counter in Bob Painter’s Woodlake Drugstore, in walked a WUHS student, Betty Edwardsen, with a gaggle of gal pals. For Bud, it was love at first sight, and their courtship began. He would show off for the girls, make them laugh and often give them a ride back to Woodlake High when lunch was over. Betty wasn’t so sure about this new guy from LA, especially since he was SO much older (7 years) and continued to date various high school friends. Bud wasn’t worried, especially since he had made friends with Betty’s mom, Marie



Betty Edwardsen, WUHS Carnival Queen, 1951



Bud & Betty Kilburn - Wedding Day 1952



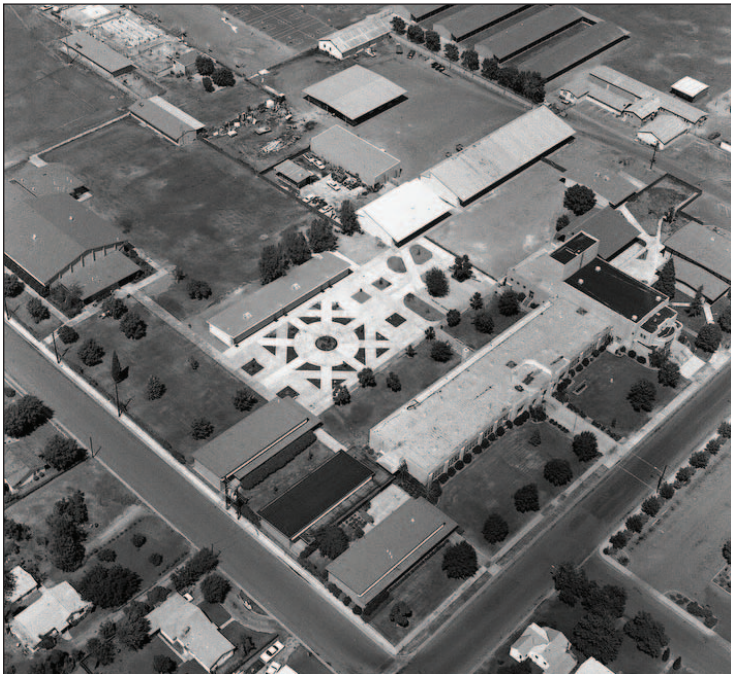
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Kilburn Family Ski Trip

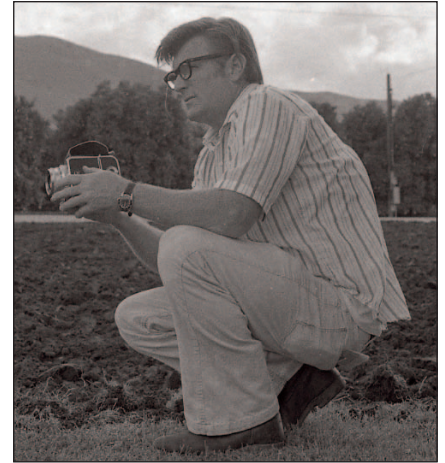
Edwardsen of Three Rivers, CA. Betty remembers one night when Bud came to the door in Three Rivers when Betty already had a date with someone else. She politely told him that she was going out with someone else and he politely replied he wasn't there to see her but was there to see her mother. When Betty's date finally arrived to pick her up, Bud was calmly drying dishes in the kitchen, keeping momma Marie (or Nana Ree, as she soon came to be known) in stitches. Ah, those poor little high school boys never stood a chance.

Betty finally decided this goofy guy Bud was the man for her and they were married in 1952. They soon began a family: Ann



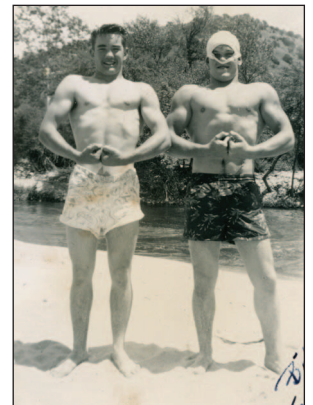
Marie was born in 1955, Lisa Erin came soon after in 1957 and David Edward arrived March 4, 1961.

All three Kilburn kids, Ann, Lisa and David, were graduates of Woodlake High and have since moved out of Woodlake to various other parts of California. Ann lives in Davis, CA and works at California Statewide CDC as a loan officer; Lisa in San Luis Obispo, CA where she runs an investment management firm with her husband, Jim Maino and David is Executive Director of the AIDS Support Network in San Luis Obispo and lives in Atascadero with his husband, David Perez.



Bud died in 2010 and Betty continued to live in Woodlake until June of 2013 when she moved to San Luis Obispo. Bud's legacy lives on, not only in our memories but in all the fabulous photos he took over the span of nearly 70 years. From friends to owls to mountains to butterflies to weddings to babies, Bud was THE man with the camera.

And while Bud may have been the only one in his family NOT to attend WUHS, he was truly an Honorary TIGER!



Senior Ditch Day - 1951



LEEANNE CRAINE RECEIVES - BIG 12 COACH OF THE YEAR

Many great athletes have passed through the halls of Woodlake High School. Some of them have continued in the sporting arena as professional athletes and high level coaches. This is an update on the outstanding career of Leeanne Crain, Class of 1984.

She was a three-sport athlete at WHS in the typical high school sports, but upon arriving at UCLA, Leeanne was recruited by the rowing team where she spent all 4 years on the PAC 10 Conference's winning team. She was Captain her senior year and made the PAC 10 All Conference Team. After graduating with a BA in Psychology, she competed on the U.S. National team until 1990, when she hired on at UCLA as Assistant Coach.

In 1993, she was hired as Head Coach at the University of San Diego. While there, she was selected as West Coast Conference Coach of the Year. In 2003, she went to the University of Central Florida as Head Coach. Her teams continued to win championships. During her second year there, her team received its first ranking in the NCAA South Region, won several regatta cups and the overall points trophies. Her team also had the highest grade point average of all 17 teams at UCF.

The University of Oklahoma recruited her in 2008. As the first



Leeanne Craine

Head Coach of the OU rowing program, she oversaw the construction of the facility and built her teams from scratch. It took just five years for her team to be crowned conference champions and reach the NCAA Rowing Championship. She has led the Sooners from a first-year program to a national contender during her reign. Three times she has been selected conference Coach of the Year, twice the Big 12 Coach of the Year and this year (2013) Collegiate Rowing Coaches Association, South Region Coach of the Year.

Just as important, she encourages her athletes to be strong academically. They are winning Big 12 Conference All-Academic awards as well as USA Academic Medals. This year, one of her athletes became the first OU student-athlete in any sport to earn the prestigious Elite 89 Award from the NCAA.

Presently OU is building a state of the art (\$6.5 million, 24,000 square feet) practice facility for the rowing program. Leeanne is overseeing the design. This update on Coach Crain is just a very tiny "tip of the iceberg" summary. The full story about her success, including multiple awards, can be seen on the website of University of Oklahoma (athletics-women's rowing.)

CELEBRATING A CENTENNIAL YEAR IN 2013-2014!

On August 30, 2013, WHS had a special celebration commemorating the centennial year of Woodlake Union High Schools existence. Woodlake Union High School district was first organized in 1914 with a student enrollment of 30 and for two years, classes were held in what was called the "Brick Block". In 1916 a new school was built which consisted of 13 classrooms, an auditorium and 65 students. In 1917, the new campus was officially dedicated and the "Pioneer" class of ten students graduated. Mr. Walter Smith succeeded C.J. Walker as Principal. The Board of Trustees were D.C. Cole, Albert Ragle, Philip W. Davis, Mrs. J.G Howard and W. V. Brown. CJ Walker of Dinuba was hired as the first Principal.

Today Woodlake High school has a combination of 46 certificated and classified employees, a student enrollment of 721, two gymnasiums, a swimming pool, a Performing Arts Building, a baseball and softball complex and a recently renovated football stadium with an all new weather Track! Current Board President is Joe Hallmeyer, Board of Trustees are Helen Renteria, Edmond Pena, Kent Owen,

Ralph Chapman, George Sanchez, and Richard Rochin. WUSD is now a unified school district with Drew Sorensen as Superintendent, Glen Billington as Assistant Superintendent, Lisa Castillo as Principal, Rick Rodriguez as Learning Director and the counseling staff consists of Carmita Pena Dean of Students, Casandra Ledesma as Counselor and Coordinator of Student Services/Counselor is Steve Katz. The class of 2014 along with some parent supporters would like to consider raising funds to be able to provide a firework celebration at graduation; however, nothing is official nor has the word been put out to all. WHS Staff is proud to note that "Tiger Pride" in self, school and community are words that we continue to pass on to generations of students enrolled!



As part of the Centennial Celebration for the 2013 Football Season, WHS would like to honor the WHS Valley Football Championship Teams of "1972", "1982", "1985", "1986", "1987", and "1989" at the remaining home football games. For more information please contact Athletic Director Raul Quintero at 564-3307.

Look for a more WHS history information in the Spring Whs Foundation Newsletter. If you have photos or more historical information you would like to share, contact Sally Pace 559.564.2054 • Lisa Castillo at 564-3307 • Carmita Pena 564-3304



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CITY OF WOODLAKE... STEPPING INTO THE FUTURE



Chief Mike Marquez & Ramon Lara

Coming Home to Woodlake, Bringing Positive Changes In Woodlake

Irene Zacarias:

Mrs. Zacarias (Olague) graduated from Woodlake High School in 1989. She attended the College of the Sequoias. She was employed by the Tulare County Registrar of Voters for seventeen years before joining the City of Woodlake as the City Clerk in 2011.

Leticia Orozco:

Mrs. Orozco graduated from Golden West High School in 1996. She attended the College of the Sequoias. She was employed by the YMCA for eight years before joining the City of Woodlake as a Clerk in 2011.

Rachel Lira:

Mrs. Lira graduated from Dinuba High School in 1987. She attended San Joaquin Valley College. She was employed by Blue Anchor for three years before joining the City of Woodlake as a Clerk in 2000.

Mike Marquez:

Chief Marquez graduated from Woodlake High School in 1995. He attended the College of the Sequoias Police Academy and joined the Farmersville Police Department in 1997. While an employee of the City of Farmersville, Mike was promoted through the ranks to the position of Lieutenant in 2009. He served the City of Farmersville for fifteen years before joining the City of Woodlake in 2012 as the Chief of Police.

Ramon Lara:

Mr. Lara graduated from Woodlake High School in 2000. He attended the University of California at Santa Cruz and majored in Business Management Economics. After college, he worked for Bank of America, N.A., Buckman-Mitchell, Inc., the County of Tulare and the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG). He served as the Chief Financial Officer for TCAG for four years, before joining the City of Woodlake in 2012 as the City Administrator/Finance Director.

Ladies of City Hall

Leticia Orozco
Irene Zacarias
Rachel Lira



Improving the City of Woodlake

The City of Woodlake began to implement its “Quality of Life” (QOL) Project in July of 2013. The purpose of the project is to improve the general well-being of individuals and societies associated with the City. The first phase of the project is the construction of the City of Woodlake Transit Center at the corner of Lakeview Ave. and Magnolia



City of Woodlake New Transit Center

St. and the designation of Naranjo Blvd. as the City’s commercial corridor. The Transit Center will be served by the City Dial-A-Ride and the Tulare County Area Transit. The Transit Center will serve as a hub, providing transportation city-wide and connecting the City to the rest of the County. The designation of Naranjo Blvd. as the City’s commercial corridor helped in attracting the Dollar General Store and will lead to the addition of other businesses on the corridor.

The second phase of the QOL Project will be the construction of downtown improvements on Valencia Blvd. from Naranjo Blvd. to Lakeview Ave. The improvements will include new sidewalks, crosswalks, lighting and landscaping. The project will revamp the downtown and make for a more pedestrian friendly area that attracts individuals looking to do business in the City of Woodlake. Simultaneously, both City parks will receive a face lift. New arbors, barbecue grills, lighting and trees will be added throughout City parks. The improvements will help entice families to enjoy the parks for both recreational and family activities.

The third phase of the QOL Project will be the construction of downtown improvements on Valencia Blvd., from Lakeview Ave. to Whitney Ave. and the construction of a round-a-bout at the intersection of Valencia Blvd. and Naranjo Blvd. In all, over ten million dollars of Federal, State and local funds will be spent in the continued enhancement of the City of Woodlake.

**You’re Invited to Visit City Hall,
and Look Over the Rendering
of things to come in our Great Little Town of Woodlake!**

**WE ARE EXCITED TO WITNESS THE
ONGOING TRANSFORMATION!**

FREDDIE VIGIL & JACQUIE BIVENS IN THE SERVICE



Alfredo Vigil II in the Army

Alfredo Vigil II or Freddie Vigil as called by friends, graduated Woodlake Union High School in 2009. Freddie moved to California in 2002 as the youngest of six children of Fred and Sally Vigil, where he started at Woodlake Valley Middle School and was active in all sports with many awards throughout his time in Woodlake. Freddie moved to Texas in 2010 then to St. Augustine, Fl. in 2011 where he met



Melissa Shae. They were married September 12, 2012. Freddie graduated Infantry boot camp in Ft. Benning, Georgia in August 2012,. In October, 2012 Freddie was stationed to Vilseck, Germany where he trained for his current deployment. Freddie has visited the mass graves and castles in Germany. He has always been a history buff and his favorite movie is the Band of Brothers. He comes from military brother and sisters; Kevin Bivens US Navy 1998-2002, Jillian Zoltok-US Army 2002-2010, Jacqueline Workman (Bivens) US Navy 2004-present and 2004 graduate WHS, Jenelle Bivens 2005 WHS graduate, 2009 Fresno State graduate, Elena Vigil, 2008 WHS graduate, US Army entry date of October 8, 2013.

If you would like to contact Freddie or send a care package to him, here is his address as provided by his mom:

Current Address:
PFC Vigil, Alfredo II
4/2 CR, Ghost Trp, 2 Plt
POB Lindsey, Kandahar
APO, AE 09355

Current Ranking:

PFC Alfredo Vigil II
Weapons Squad 2nd Platoon, Ghost Troop
4th Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment
US Army Stationed in Vilseck, Germany
9/2012-present
Presently in Province of Kandahar, Afghanistan



Wish List:

Baby Wipes, Any Hygiene Products, Air Fresheners, Any Kind of Snacks, Monster Drinks (carefully wrapped), Drink Mixes (crystal light, pedialyte), Toilet Paper Freddie has a total of nine guys in his platoon that he would like to share with.



Jacqueline (Bivens) Workman

E6 AWO1
US NAVY- 2 tours of Iraq
8/2004-present
Petty Officer 1st Class Jacqueline Workman

Jacque is the 3rd child, 2nd daughter of Fred and Sally Vigil, graduating WHS 2004. Entered US Navy in 2004. Jacquie was the only female of the Air Combat Crew 11 in Operation Iraqi Freedom on the PC3 Orion and was one of the last flights out of Iraq where they flew the American flag which was each presented to their families. Jacquie has been stationed in Oahu, Hawaii, and is currently stationed in

Jacksonville Florida where she was recently promoted to Petty Officer 1st Class. Jacquie married Ryan Workman on March 27th, 2010 (Freddie Vigil married them) in Ragged Point, CA. They are currently living in St. Augustine, Fl. (the oldest city in America) and are expecting their first child in March of 2014



Personal Note From Freddie & Jacquie's Parents:

On our front door you will see 2 blue stars displayed on what is called a service flag. The 2 blue stars represent the 2 active service members from our home (Freddie and Jacquie) currently serving in war time. This started in WWI. Elena is going in October so we will be upgrading to a 3 blue star flag. (The only other star for the flag is a gold star outlined in blue, and that is for a service member who had died in war) This is a gift from Freddie, very patriotic!

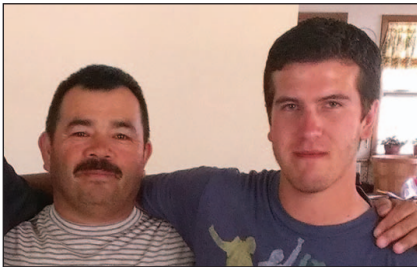
LEENA MENDOZA - HAS AN INCREDIBLE YEAR

This year has been an incredible year and definitely been a humbling experience. I began this year by being selected as “Super Mom” and was featured on the cover of Central California Family First Magazine. I was selected as the 2013 Women Inspiring Girls Honoree, 2013 Latina Business Woman of the Year, and the 2013 Educational Leadership Award. It is an honor to be selected and recognized with these awards. I hope to inspire others to reach their dreams and goals while serving their others. I believe in people and mobilizing resources to move our community forward. And I mentor an average of 60 students a semester by pushing them to do their very best.

I often remind people, “You deserve the best, and nothing less.”



WOODLAKE GRADUATES IN THE SERVICE



Wil McMains Joins the US Navy

Wil McMains (WUHS Graduate 2009), son of Billy Estrada (WUHS Graduate 1984) and Pam Chism Estrada (WUHS Graduate 1989), has joined the US Navy. He will be shipping off to boot camp in Great Lakes, Illinois in September. Following boot camp, Wil will remain in Great Lakes for Interior Communications Electrician class “A” school to be promoted to Petty Officer 3rd Class upon completion. IC Electricians maintain and repair communication systems including PA’s, navigation systems, visual landing aids for aircraft, and alarm, safety, and warning systems.

Tim Davis Graduates Army Basic Training

Tim Davis (Class of 2011) graduated from Army Basic Combat Training in June 2013, where he was a Squad Leader and 2nd Platoon Candidate for Soldier of the Cycle. He has just completed the first phase of his Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Lee, VA., and will soon transfer to Eglin A.F.B. in Florida, where he will have about eight more months of training before certification in Explosive Ordnance Disposal. Tim is the son of Gary and Becky Deitz Davis and brother of Roxanne (shown in photo). Grandparents: Leroy & Sandy Maloy, Bill & Sandy Crawford and Gary Davis, Sr.

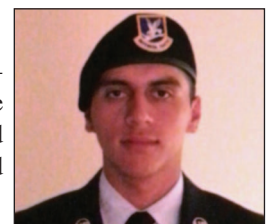


Nic Lewis Joins the Navy

Nic Lewis joined the Navy in May, 2013 and graduated basic training from Great Lakes Naval Station, Illinois in July, 2013. He is currently stationed at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas where he is going to school to be in the Hospital Corps. After 14 weeks of training (he is currently in week 3) he will receive an additional 6 weeks of training, specializing in the dental field. He is the son of Bill and Doni Lewis and brother of Humberto & Regina Lewis of Woodlake.

Nathan Pinon Joins the Air Force

Nathan Pinon joined the Air Force in October 2012. He went to boot camp in Lackland, Texas and graduated from there on April 5, 2013. He graduated from Tec School on July 15, 2013. He came back to Woodlake from July 18 to August 5 for a short visit before heading to Montana on August 5. He is in security forces and provides security for a missile field. Nathan enlisted for a 6 year period. Nathan is the son of Norma Pinon and family, Norma is a current employee of Woodlake Unified School District.



2012 Winner:
Olivia De la Rosa

“TIGER PRIDE” CHRISTMAS TREE AUCTION

The Woodlake High School Foundation will be holding their second annual “Tiger Pride” Christmas Tree Drawing this Winter Season. Up for grabs will be a 6ft. artificial, lit, beautifully decorated Christmas tree decked out Tiger Style. The tree will be on display in the Woodlake High School main office beginning November 15, 2013 when tickets officially go on sale. The drawing will be held Friday, December 13, 2013 and the winner will be contacted at that time. Cost for the tickets is a \$1.00 donation each or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets may be purchased from Mari Villegas in the Main Office of WHS or from any Woodlake High School Foundation Board Member. For questions please contact Dee Rochin at 564-3646. All of the funds raised for this event will go directly to fund scholarships for graduating seniors for the 2014 school year. If you are the lucky winner of the tree and choose not to receive it, you can specify a deserving local family or organization you would like to donate it to. The Tiger Spirit this tree will bring will help “Restore the Roar” to your Holiday Season!!!

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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.

Individuals or businesses interested in contributing to the WHS Foundation are encouraged to contact any of the members of the board or

Call WHS at **(559)-564-3307**.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Date:	Event:
Oct. 25	Career Day
Nov. 1	Last Home Game - Raffle Drawing for San Francisco
Nov. 23	Cafe Murder Play at FJ White Community Room
Dec. 6	WHS Choir Performs at Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

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Visit the WHS Website - www.woodlakefoundation.org

Know a "Tiger" or "Tiger Family" we should feature. - Please call Sally Pace at 559.805.3975 or email: RunningP64gmail.com