

## CAREER DAYS KEY NOTE SPEAKER - AMANDA RENTERIA

Amanda Renteria was a standout student and athlete in Woodlake High School's class of 1992. After leading her basketball, softball, and volleyball teams to league championships, she was voted the Central Section's CIF Girl Scholar/Athlete of the Year. Amanda was also the top student and valedictorian of her class.

Amanda was the first female Mexican-American from Woodlake to be accepted at Stanford University. While at Stanford, she earned a BA in Economics and a BA in Political Science, with honors. She was also a member of the varsity basketball and softball teams. In softball, Amanda was voted the team's captain and Most Inspirational Athlete.

In her first job out of college, she gained nearly four years of private sector work experience as an investment analyst in Los Angeles. But because she wanted to give back to the community that had given her so much, Amanda soon returned home to teach Advanced Math and Economics at Woodlake High School. She also coached the girls' junior varsity basketball and softball teams.

After teaching at Woodlake, Amanda attended Harvard Business School, where she earned a Master's degree in Business Administration with a focus on public/non-profit management. She then returned to California to work for the City of San Jose, where she managed the budgeting process for three city departments in America's 11th largest city. She also served as an interim development director for the city's Strong Neighborhoods

Initiative and led major projects to improve city services.

In 2005, Amanda had the honor of joining the office of California's US Senator Dianne Feinstein, serving as the Senator's advisor on economic issues. In 2006, she moved to the office of US Senator Debbie Stabenow of Michigan, where she soon became the first Latina

Chief of Staff in the history of the US Senate.

In 2009, Amanda received the Imagen Foundation's Latina Leaders Award. In 2010, she was named Outstanding Chief of Staff by the Tri-Caucus Staff Association. In 2011, she received MANA's Primera Award for being the first Latina Chief of Staff in the US Senate. In 2012, she led the team that authored, negotiated, and gained passage of the 2012 Senate Farm Bill. This was a landmark achievement and one of only a few major bipartisan successes of the past few years.

In 2006, Amanda married Patrick Brannelly at St. Mary's Church in Visalia. They live in Sanger, where they are raising

their sons Diego (age 4) and Trinidad (age 1). In her spare time, Amanda serves on the Advisory Board of Stanford University's Haas Center for Public Service.

Amanda is a dedicated and effective public servant who is sincerely motivated to help others. She is running for Congress as a pro-growth Democrat because she believes the Central Valley deserves a stronger voice in Washington. Amanda has the right values and can work effectively to solve problems, address challenges, and get things done on behalf of our community.



*Amanda Renteria*

# WOODLAKE HIGH SCHOOL CAREER DAY - 2014

Throughout the year at Woodlake High School there are many fun, interesting, and informative activities. There are days when holidays are celebrated, days that have crazy themes, and days with rallies or special activities. By far, the day that is most beneficial to students, is Career Day. Career Day is an annual, one day event in the fall that involves a large number of presenters. There are typically about one hundred professionals that come to Woodlake High school to provide us with information on their own personal careers. Over half of the presenters are WHS Alumni that enjoy sharing their career paths. It is a day that is entirely devoted to helping us figure out what career we would like to pursue after High School. There are over 30 professions that are represented on Career Day, and everyone gets to choose which careers they

would like to learn more about. There is also a College Fair that is going on Career Day. The college fair consists of potential employers and colleges that students may pursue after high school graduation.

I myself have thoroughly enjoyed Career Day the past three years. This year I will continue as the Career Day Chairperson for my second year. As the chairperson I am responsible for helping to organize and coordinate the event. Career Day takes many hours of planning and coordination and the neatest part of it is that it is primarily run by our student body. Without the student volunteers as well as the community support Career Day would not be possible.

*Career Day Student Chairperson,  
Terran Brown*

## WOODLAKE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

The time is now. The iron is hot. The fruit is ripe. All of these phrases indicate the need to get something done now rather than waiting. For 100 years Woodlake has had a high school and it is time to honor past faculty, staff, students and supporters that have had influence on the Tigers either while they attended or after in their post high school life. Some of the names that come to mind are legendary in the area of education, athletics, community involvement, the arts, sciences, and politics. With one hundred years to choose from, many people can qualify.

*Woodlake High has a unique history  
with many varied people who have contributed  
to the fabric that is the  
Woodlake High School family.  
One hundred years is long enough to wait  
to honor those who have brought about  
positive notoriety to Woodlake.*

If you would like to be a part of the committee that would put together the criteria and the inaugural event honoring former staff and students at Woodlake High,

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Before the show even begins the guest of honor falls face first into her spaghetti - DEAD! To add to the hilarity, her face falls into the spaghetti two more times.

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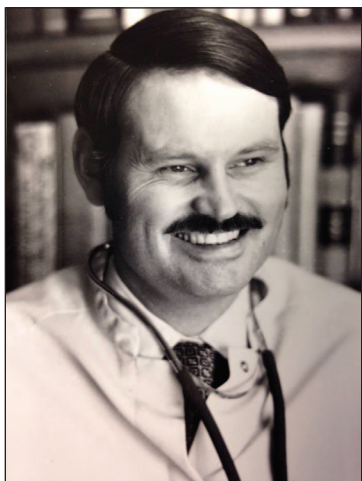
**Get your tickets by contacting Barbara Hallmeyer:  
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# RONALD P. GEORGI, D.C. - SCHOLARSHIP



In 1969, Dr. Ronald P. Georgi, D.C. graduated from Los Angeles College of Chiropractic which later merged with California State University Whittier.

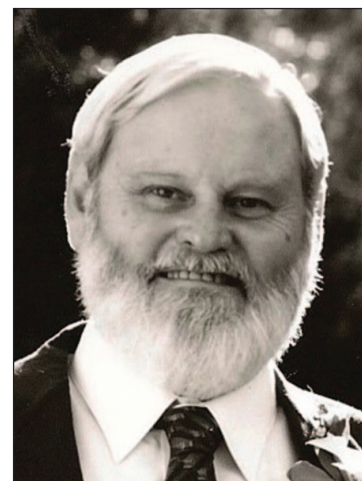
During his 45 years in practice, Dr. Georgi specialized in holistic treatments for his patients. Chiropractic adjustments were complimented with nutritional support and physical therapy modalities.

He treated countless patients with devotion, care, and compassion. He was able to assist people with their healthcare who were not helped by others. Considered a master Chiropractor by many; he was a mentor, teacher, and confidant.

Education was very important to Dr. Georgi. He never stopped studying new information and techniques in order to pass the benefits along to his patients. He was proud to have served as President of the Woodlake School Board in the 1970s when the F. J. White Learning Center was

constructed. He also supported many Woodlake High School activities and sports.

Dr. Georgi's wife, Gayle, his daughters Diane Georgi, (WHS 1978) a corporate attorney, and Denise Georgi, a vintner, as well as his step-sons, Steven Patterson, (WHS 1996) a fire fighter for the USFS, and Nathan Patterson, an air traffic controller for the USMC would like to honor him with this scholarship in his memory.



The purpose of the Ronald P. Georgi, D.C. Memorial Scholarship is to give support to those Woodlake High School students who are interested in pursuing a career in the healing arts, particularly a profession as a chiropractor.

You may donate online through the Woodlake High Foundation website at [www.woodlakefoundation.org](http://www.woodlakefoundation.org) or mail a check to Woodlake High Foundation, P.O. 450, Woodlake, CA 93286

**2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL Scholarship DANCE**  
**WHS FOUNDATION**  
 Featuring:  
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**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2014 • 8PM-12AM**  
 Woodlake Veterans Memorial Building  
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## WHS SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED TO CLASS OF 2014

Woodlake High School held its annual scholarship night on May 19, 2014. This year the Class of 2014 received a grand total of \$338,971.00 and counting. The counseling office continues to be notified of additional scholarships that our students are being awarded. These scholarships consist of both institutional and private sector.

Woodlake takes pride in recognizing our students' hard work and achievements. The Woodlake High School Foundation works diligently to raise scholarship money in order to offer our students the financial assistance they need to make their college dreams come true. It is gratifying to see how completely the communities of Woodlake and Three Rivers stand behind the school and supports its students.

*If you are interested in establishing a scholarship for Woodlake High School Students Contact Carmita Peña: 559-564-3307 Email: [cpena@w-usd.org](mailto:cpena@w-usd.org)*



# WHS GRADUATES - IN THE MILITARY



*2 Marine Recruiters, Noah Johnson, Nate Sahagun , Marine Recruitor & Alejandro Barragan*

## **Alejandro Barragan – Marines**

Alejandro is the son of Juana (Becerra) Barragan (WHS Class of 1988). Alejandro was involved in the WHS Football and Wrestling teams, and also attended La Sierra Military School but came back because he wanted to graduate from Woodlake. Alejandro is a Private First Class military police; currently a squad leader of a whole platoon and in the future hopes to retire as an officer. Alejandro chose to be a Marine because they are the elite and he wants to be a leader, someone people can look up to.

## **Nathan Sahagun – Marines**

Nate is the son of Brenda Castillo (WHS 1986) and Xavier Sahagun (WHS 1984). Nate chose the Marines for the “Challenge”. He will be leaving in early October for San Diego. Athletics were a big part of Nate’s WHS experience. He played Football for 4 years, played Basketball in grades 9 and 10, wrestled his junior year and played Baseball for 3 years in grades 9, 10 & 11. Also swam in his senior year. Nate’s favorite Quote is “Achievements are Earned not Given”.

## **Noah Johnson – Marines**

Noah is the son of Tori Johnson (former WHS Volleyball Coach and Activities Director and Jeff Johnson Woodlake Community Day School Staff). Noah was involved in WHS Football, Wrestling and Swim teams. He was also involved in Drama. Noah picked the Marines because he felt it was the most challenging and he wants to be part of the “best”.

***The Few, the Proud, The Marines - Semper Fi***

## **Ethan Deitz – Navy**

Ethan is the son of Emmet Deitz (WHS 1986) graduated in June of 2014 and left for Naval Boot Camp on August 19th; his graduation date is October 17th in the Great Lakes area north of Chicago. After boot camp, he’ll go straight to a school for hull maintenance in the same area. He enlisted in November of 2013 and he has a 4 year contract. He’ll spend 60% of that time aboard ship. Right now, he plans on staying in the Navy until he retires and then start a second career.

He owes his experience before enlisting to the Naval Sea Cadets. It’s a great organization that teaches kids discipline and respect. For More Information Visit: [www.seacadets.org/](http://www.seacadets.org/)





# CENTRAL VALLEY HONOR FLIGHT - HONORING ONE OF OUR OWN

By Lisa Castillo, WHS Principal 2011-2014

The Central Valley Honor Flight continuously works to raise funds to charter planes that will send local valley veterans, at no cost, to Washington D.C. in commemoration of their sacrifice, and in honor of their service to our country. One hundred percent of all donations go toward funding these flights. Top priority is given to WWII Vets and to terminally ill veterans from all wars. In order for Honor Flight to achieve this mission, guardians accompany the veterans on every flight, providing assistance and helping veterans have a safe, memorable and rewarding experience. The Honor Flight Network consists of over 100 independent non-profit hubs across the United States. On April 28, 2014, local resident Ernie Garcia (WHS 1945) was one of the honorees on the Central Valley Honor Flight. This was made possible by a generous community member, who nominated and sponsored him.

Ernie Garcia served our country as an Army Medic at the tail end of WWII from 1945-1947. He stated he had mixed feelings and emotions, during his trip to Washington D.C. He was fortunate to visit Arlington Cemetery, the Vietnam Wall and Memorial, several WWII Memorials including the WWII Price of Freedom Memorial just to name a few. According to his guardian, Stephanie Anderton, "Ernie was determined to see the Vietnam Memorial to find the name of Phillip Barba, local boy from Woodlake, and he did!" When asked what his most memorable experience was, he replied, "The Honor Flight was a great experience I will never forget. I got very emotional when I saw the Battle of Iwo Jima Monument, which is the monument with five service men raising the American flag. My brother Larry was in the military during this time, and even though he has been deceased for several years, reminiscing on the past brought tears of joy and sadness." The Battle of Iwo Jima (19 February-26 March 1945) was a major battle in which the United States Armed Forces fought for and captured the island of Iwo Jima from the Japanese Empire.



Ernie Garcia - 1945



Ernie next to Phillip Barba's name at the Vietnam Memorial

Armed Forces fought for and captured the island of Iwo Jima from the Japanese Empire.

Members of the Honor Flight were sent off with a bon voyage from the Fresno airport where Ernie was surprisingly greeted by Woodlake native and alumni Roy Huerta, who was working as an airport police officer. On the flight back home, each veteran was given a mail call from friends and family. The mail call was made possible by his son Joe Garcia's making contact with local school principals, district administration, city employees and community members.



Roy Huerta & Ernie Garcia

Ernie was surprised to receive more than 300 letters from many of our local students and community members. Upon arrival, the Honor Flight members were given a celebratory welcome reception from friends, family and even perfect strangers thanking all the veterans for their years of service and sacrifices made for American Freedom. Ernie is forever grateful to all who gave him letters, to his guardian and to his sponsor, who made this experience possible. Ernie is definitely a gem, as he continuously gives of himself by volunteering for many veteran affairs and events and attending funeral services for those who served in the military. He still manages to support Woodlake High School by volunteering at sporting events, activities and simply just supporting the youth with his presence as a fan and observer!



Battle of Iwo Jima Memorial



Ernie at Vietnam Memorial Statue

**For more information about the Central Valley Honor Flight Visit: [www.cvhonorflight.org](http://www.cvhonorflight.org).**



# THE CRUMLY FAMILY - CELEBRATING FIVE

The Crumly family has been pivotal in the Woodlake community for over one hundred years. With the establishment of Woodlake High School in 1914, Blanche Crumly attended classes in Woodlake and was in the first graduating class in 1917. Blanche married William Lewis soon after graduating, but she tragically died of tuberculosis in 1920. Blanche's younger brother Harold Crumly established the current lineage in the Woodlake area.



*Blanche Crumly  
First WHS Graduating Class  
of 1917*

The Crumly family Patriarch was Harold (Hal) Crumly, he graduated WHS in 1923 - he later attended Stanford



*Harold & Blanche Crumly - Christmas 1910*

University, and received his Civil Engineering degree. Hal was the owner/president of Hal Crumly, Inc Refrigeration & Air Conditioning in Woodlake. Hal's company is known for building & maintaining the refrigeration

of many of the Central Valley's commercial fruit packing houses & various businesses throughout California. He was also an inventor & had a wonderful inventive mind, constantly in motion, which created many inventions over the years; including many government & military contracts and machinery still used today. Hal was an avid supporter of the WHS Football team. He could be seen in the stands cheering on the team, even on the coldest of nights. Hal passed away in 1992, at the age of 86. The Family Matriarch was Mary Ruth Crumly. She raised each of her kids with strong values,

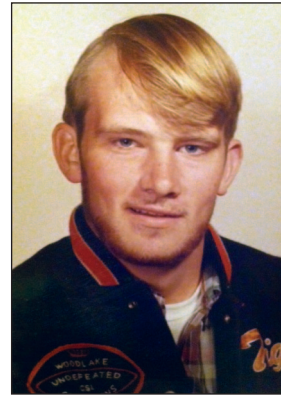


*Back: Chris Crumly, Hal Crumly, & Smokey Crumly  
Front: Cathey Crumly Elizaldi & Mary Ruth Crumly*

expectations & a known 'glare across a room' if any were ever to misbehave in public. Mary Ruth was a "wonder-

woman" of the times! She was a Den Mother for the local Boy Scouts; also the reporter for the 'Woodlake Echo' newspaper; official timer for the Tiger Sharks & WHS Swim Teams. Mary Ruth was involved in WHS Boosters, including football, basketball, and wrestling teams. She not only worked full-time side-by-side in her husband's business (Hal Crumly, Inc.) as secretary/bookkeeper, but also worked & ran the family orange grove ranch. Mary Ruth was also awarded the prestigious award of California's Woman Photographer/Reporters. She was also one of the early winners of Woodlake's Woman of the Year award. She was an inspiration to her family and her community. Mary Ruth passed away in 1986.

Charles "Smokey" Crumly, oldest boy of the family excelled in WHS sports & graduated WHS year of 1968.



*Charles "Smokey" Crumly  
WHS Class of 1968*

Smokey went on to attend Hayward State on a football scholarship, then later attended COS Police Academy, eventually hiring on as a Woodlake City Police Officer, and then moving on to Tulare County Sheriff's Dept. serving in various departments and finally retiring in 1991. Smokey and his wife, Betsy eventually purchased property adjacent to the original family Crumly ranch just north of Woodlake. Smokey dabbled in cattle ranching, & finally concentrated on the family orange grove ranching. Smokey's wife is Betsy Crumly, a well-known F.J. White School teacher, teaching for over 10

years. Smokey finally settled into his beloved ownership of Smokey's Dead-Rat Saloon, just west of town. Smokey passed away in April 2013. Smokey's life was celebrated with a special burial in Eshom cemetery with honors by the Tulare County Sheriff's Department.. Smokey was a colorful local resident and a great story-teller. He is truly missed.



Smokey's children are: Chris D. Crumly, WHS graduate of 1988, and Sara J. Crumly, WHS graduate of 1990. Chris was active in band and swim team. After high school he graduated from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo with a degree in Science. Chris has worked for Ruiz Foods since 1999 as a Food Technologist, developing frozen food products.



# GENERATIONS AT WOODLAKE HIGH SCHOOL

Chris and his colleagues developed the line of batter-dipped taquitos known as Tornados, which is one of the most successful products ever launched by Ruiz Foods. Chris enjoys camping, fishing, riding his motorcycle and singing karaoke. Chris has a daughter, Vanessa Crumly, who attended high school in Visalia.



*Back Row: Sara Crumly - 1990, Betsy Crumly, Scarlett Rodriguez  
Front Row: Chris Crumly - 1988, Wyatt Crumly - 2013, Smokey Crumly - 1968*

attend Woodlake Unified.

The next family sibling is Christopher P. Crumly, (Chris) graduated WHS in 1970. Chris was voted "Biggest Flirt" in his high school yearbook. In high school Chris was active in football, basketball, and swimming. After high school, Chris attended College of the Sequoias briefly. Then he returned to work alongside his father Hal in the family business, Hal Crumly, Inc. Chris is now the owner operator of Hal Crumly, Inc. He married Barbara Smith in 1973, and they established their home on the original family ranch where they raised their three children. Chris enjoys riding his motorcycle and flying his private plane. Chris is active in the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) which provides free airplane rides to kids 8-17 during their annual Aviation Day as part of Woodlake's Western Week tradition.

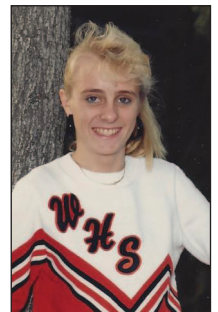


*Chris Crumly  
WHS Class of 1970*

Chris and Barbara's daughters are Sheila Smith, Gina Smith and Shannon Crumly. Sheila Smith graduated WHS in 1981 and was active in pep squad, and FHA. After graduation, Sheila attended College of the Sequoias and eventually graduated from Sacramento State University. Sheila married Kyle Rowert in 1999. Sheila and Kyle established



*Gina & Sheila Smith  
WHS Class of  
Gina 1984 & Sheila 1981*



*Shannon Crumly  
WHS  
Class of 1994*



*Left to Right: Chris Crumly - 1988, Betsy Crumly, Cindy Johnson, Vanessa Crumly, Smokey Crumly, Sara Crumly, Liberty Taylor, Don Taylor, Scarlett Rodriguez and Wyatt Crumly*

Sara Crumly was active on the WHS swim team. Sara was also involved in Gymkhana Association and won a trophy and saddle in 1988. Sara was also Woodlake Lion's Rodeo Queen in 1990. Sara attended Reedley College and moved to Vallejo for a couple of years. Upon her return to the area, Sara worked for the City of Farmersville for 14 years. Sara now manages Woodlake Manor Senior Apartments and owns and operates the Smokey's Dead-Rat Saloon. Sara's son Wyatt Crumly graduated WHS in 2013, and is a fourth generation alumni. Wyatt was active in FFA during his tenure at WHS. Sara's daughter, Scarlett Rodriguez is a sophomore at WHS and is active in volleyball. Sara's youngest daughter, Liberty will eventually



*Back row Gina Smith Evans, Sheila Smith Rowert, Kyle Rowert, Skyler Rodriguez, Steve Rodriguez, Shannon Rodriguez, Nate Rodriguez.  
And Front row: Barbara and Chris Crumly.*



# CRUMLY FAMILY CONTINUED

their home in Rancho Murieta, CA. Sheila is currently employed by All About Hawaii, as a Regional Sales Manager. Sheila & Kyle enjoy travelling, & their two dogs Sammy and Shadow. Gina Smith WHS Class of 1984 was active in basketball, pep squad and FHA. Gina graduated from Sacramento State University with a teaching credential. Gina married Randy Evans in 1999. Gina and Randy have established their home in Portland Oregon. Gina teaches Microeconomics and enjoys traveling, cycling and hiking. The youngest daughter, Shannon Crumly WHS Class of 1993. Shannon married Steve Rodriguez (WHS 1994). The two have also established a home on the original family ranch. Shannon is active in the community volunteering at various sporting and school based events. Shannon is definitely a "Sports Mom." She always has a car full of Woodlake kids. Woodlake Tiger Sharks would be lost without Shannon's help & energy. Shannon and Steve both work for Hal Crumly, Inc. Shannon's children are Nathaniel and Skylar Rodriguez. Nathaniel is a sophomore at WHS and is active in football and wrestling. He was MVP for both sports his freshman year. Skylar plays volleyball for WVMS and Woodlake Club. She is an outstanding swimmer for Woodlake Tiger Sharks, and won three medals at CVRSL Time Trials.

Hal and Mary's youngest child is Cathey Crumly Elizaldi. WHS Class of 1978, excelled in art. Cathey married



*Cathey Crumly-Elizaldi  
WHS Class of 1978*

Ruben Elizaldi right out of high school and had 4 children: Cheyenne, Jamie, Gabriel and Sierra. The family relocated to Carpinteria, CA around 1991. All children graduated from Carpinteria High School, CA. Cathey worked for UCSB for many years. Ruben & Cathey eventually divorced. Cathey has two additional children, Elijah and KiAnna Cunningham. Cathey, Eli & Kiki moved back to Woodlake. Cathey works as a Financial Aid Officer at San Joaquin Valley College. SJVC is owned & operated by WHS graduates Mark & Mike Perry. Cathey's last two children eventually attended WHS and have always excelled in sports: football, volleyball & track. Elijah (WHS Class of 2014) excelled in football and track. He earned many awards including MVP's and Tulare Co Best Utility Player Award in 2014. He is currently attending Santa Barbara City College, actively playing football. KiAnna is currently a senior at WHS, well known on the Volleyball Court and Track & Field. She was a member of the CIF Valley Championship 2012, as well as the undefeated 2013 Valley Volleyball Championship Team. She has a reputation for her running speed and is well known in the Track & Field arena. Both of the Cunningham kids are notable athletes, and should be followed in their college career.

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*front row: granddaughters: Savannah Cardenas & Jessica Sadler  
middle row: Cathey Elizaldi, daughters: Sierra, & Cheyenne Elizaldi & Jamie Cardenas - granddaughter: Hunter Reyes  
back row: children: Gabe Elizaldi; Elijah & KiAnna Cunningham  
Camera Shy grandchildren: Arthur Reyes; Aleeya Cardenas & Jace Vidito*

The Crumly Family has a long and colorful history in the Woodlake Area, and feel honored and humbled to be selected for this WHS Foundation article.

## *In Loving Memory of Woodlake's Barbara Brewer Ainley*



1950

2011

**Please Join the Ainley Family  
In Remembering  
this Amazing Woodlake Lady!**

### **Barbara Brewer Ainley MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

**Barbara was a WHS Cheerleader in High School  
and in over 67 years never stopped  
Cheering for the Tigers.**

**"ONCE A TIGER, ALWAYS A TIGER"!!**

**Donations may be sent to  
Woodlake High Foundation**

**PO Box 475, Woodlake, CA 93286.**

*Please indicate Barbara Brewer-Ainley on the memo line of the check.*



# WOODLAKE HIGH SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS RECAP

This has been a great year for the children of our Alumni. Over 1/3 of the Outstanding 2014 Spring Athletes are at least second generation Tigers.

**SWIMMING:** Coach Mary Leinsteiner's team had five girls qualify for Division 2 Valley Championships in Bakersfield: Sayge Davis, (Kyle Davis 1986) Monte Vincent, (Lori Cooper 1983) Kendra Legge, Gabby Diaz (Sylvia Rodriguez Diaz 1993) and Kelsey Hopper. (Debbie Wood Hopper 1982) Team MVPs were Mason Smith, boys and Monte Vincent, girls.

**TRACK:** Coach Jeff Beck had a record number of students join his track program this year due to the addition of the new track funded by Measure C. Team MVPs were Eli and Kianna Cunningham. (Cathy Crumley 1978)

**BOY'S TENNIS:** Coach Scott Wood had a young team in a rebuilding year. There will be several key returners for 2015. His choice for MVP was Bladimir Sanchez.

**SOFTBALL:** The Lady Tigers finished their season with a 12-14 overall record (7-8 in ESL play.) Coach Adrian Corrales named Regina Ramirez (Ralph Ramirez 1990 and Felicia Torres Vaughn 1991) team MVP. Regina was also named Senior Girl Athlete Tiger of the Year. Regina plans on continuing her softball career at College of Sequoias.

**BASEBALL:** Coach Raul Quintero built a winning baseball program at Woodlake High School. Though the team will lose seniors, Wesley Stevenson (Debbie Robinson Stevenson 1988), Ricky Rodriguez, (Rick Rodriguez 1992 and Jessica Urena Rodriguez 1994) and Jaykob Rodriguez (Sal Rodriguez, Rick Rodriguez 1989 and Margie De La Rosa Rodriguez 1990), there will be several key returners to the infield: Josh Bergdol, Eddie Pena, Jr. (Eddie Pena, Sr. 1996 & Carmita Rodriguez Pena 1996) and Zach Fesperman (Steve Fesperman 1984). Woodlake's record was 19-9 overall and 11-4 in ESL play. Coach Q's picks for team MVP's were Bergdol and Pena.

**GOLF:** Under the leadership of Coach Eddie Dominguez, the senior-laden team completed a four year string of undefeated league championships. They came close to a repeat of the 2013 Valley Championship, finishing runner-up to the Valley Champions, Bishop. In spite of suffering



Ryder Rochin from Visalia Times Delta Front Page of Sports Section Article Friday, July 11, 2014

from a strep throat, senior Ryder Rochin (Richard Rochin 1973) shot 69 (three under par) to win the individual Area championship qualifying him to advance to individual Valley Championships. He shot a qualifying score there and advanced for the second year in a row to the Southern Section Regionals in Pasadena. His trip last year set a WHS school record for advancing further than any other golfer in the school's history, a feat he repeated this year. While at the Pasadena tournament, he finished 3 strokes short of advancing to the CIF State finals by firing a 75 on the challenging Brookside Golf Course. Highlights of his record setting high school golf career consisted of being featured on "High School Hot-Shots" last May on KSEE24. He also was named to the Fresno Bee All County All Star First Team for the second year in a row. Ryder achieved the highest honor in Tulare County by being chosen Visalia Times Delta's Golfer of the Year. The front page article was titled "Ryder's Cup" referring to the famous international PGA team competition. He was named to the Times Delta's First Team for two consecutive years. Ryder was also named Senior Boy Athlete Tiger of the Year for WHS and was named team MVP for all four years of his high school golf career by Coach Dominguez. Ryder will continue his golf career for the Reedley College TIGERS this year.

*Proving again that "Once a Tiger, always a Tiger" !!!!*

## WOODLAKE FFA GOES TO THE TULARE COUNTY FAIR

The 2014 Tulare County Fair was a successful fair for the Woodlake FFA Chapter. 13 students exhibited their projects at the fair this year. Veronica Gonzales and Alyssa Inong both exhibited market hogs. Alexis Brogan, Cody O Dell, Alisia Garcia, Alejandro Torres, Abbie Friel, Fallon Souza, Sayge Davis, Delaney Deitz, and Sonni Hacobian all exhibited market lambs at the fair. Sayge Davis, Brianne Rivas and Hannah Wood showed beef replacement heifers. These students spent their summer raising these market animals and the students exhibiting beef heifers owned their projects for 18 months. Sayge Davis raised the Grand Champion Commercial Heifer and Hannah Wood raised the Grand Champion Grade heifer. All of these students did well and represented Woodlake in true tiger fashion by being some of the hard-

est working kids at the fair.

The fair is a big undertaking for the Agriculture Department and would not have been as successful without all of the help we received from so many of the exhibitor's parents. The parents showed up to help setup pens, decorate pens and cheer the kids on when they were showing. We would like to thank all of the parents who helped in making this year a successful fair. The fair would also not have been successful without the buyers who showed up to support our students in the livestock auction. We would like to thank all of the buyers who supported our students this year at the auction. We looked forward to a great 2015 Tulare County Fair with even more exhibitors.



# CONSTRUCTION & UPGRADES AT WOODLAKE UNIFIED

For those of us in the school business, summer is an excellent time for construction projects. This is certainly true for WUSD, as we completed 11 projects while students were out on summer break. These projects included the paving of the parking lot at the Memorial Building, the completion of the track and field items at the stadium, painting of some sort at all of our campuses, the refurbishing of the Castle Rock multi-purpose floor, and the fixing of the swim timing system at the WHS pool.



One picture you will also see is the metal hoods we now have for our students in our Agriculture welding classes. These have been a long-time coming but they are installed and providing the needed safety for these students and teachers.



*Repaired Timing System at the WHS Pool*

We also are very cognizant of safety issues on all of our campuses, so included in our summer projects were new door locks that allow teachers to lock their doors from the inside, and new high-definition cameras that will replace our older, less sophisticated models. These two measures will help us deter school crime and give students the safe schools that they deserve.

*Drew S. Sorensen - Superintendent  
Woodlake Unified School District*



*Repaved Parking Lot at the Memorial Building across from WHS*



*Woodlake Valley Middle School Landscaping Redo*



*Completion of Track and Field at the New WHS Stadium*



*New Welding Hoods at WHS Agricultural Welding Department*



## WHS WELCOMES NEW PRINCIPAL - RICK RODRIGUEZ

Mr. Rodriguez was born in Exeter CA and grew up in Woodlake with 5 siblings. He attended all Woodlake Schools and graduated from Woodlake High School (WHS) in 1989. In 1995, he graduated from CSU Fresno with a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics and began his teaching career at Woodlake Valley Middle School that same year. Four years later in 1999, he was hired by current Woodlake Unified School District (WUSD) Superintendent Drew Sorensen to teach Mathematics at WHS. In 2006, he completed a Master's Degree in Education with an emphasis in Secondary Mathematics. After he was given the opportunity to train teachers on the use of Thinking Maps (visual tools to organizational thoughts & information), it motivated him to obtain an Administrative Service Credential to further be able to support the teaching staff on improving classroom instruction and student learning.

After 14 years of teaching mathematics, Mr. Rodriguez was hired as the Learning Director for WHS in



2010, and has since enjoyed collaborating with all school staff and encouraging students in making good decisions. He is looking forward to being the new Principal for WHS and continuing to offer his services to the WUSD and the community of Woodlake. Mr. Rodriguez is very thankful and appreciative for the kind words and gestures of support he has received from all WUSD staff, WUSD Board members, parents, students, and members of the community.

He is encouraged and supported by his wife, Margie Rodriguez, who often volunteers at WHS to help with sport fundraising, football concessions and chaperoning at school events. Mr. Rodriguez and his

wife have a family of 6 children-4 boys and 2 girls.

As professional goals, he would like to:

- 1) Promote more Parent & Community Involvement
- 2) Encourage the teaching staff to utilize emerging technology as a way to motivate and engage students in learning.

## TIGER PRIDE CHRISTMAS TREE DRAWING



The Woodlake High School Foundation will be holding their Third Annual "Tiger Pride" Christmas Tree Drawing this Winter Season. Up for grabs will be a 6ft. artificial, lit and beautifully decorated Christmas tree decked out Tiger Style. The tree will be on display in the Woodlake High School main office beginning November 17, 2014 when tickets officially go on sale. The drawing will be held Thursday, December 18, 2014 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 or Mari Villegas at 564-3307. All of the funds raised for this event will go directly to fund scholarships for graduating seniors for the 2015 school year. If you are the lucky winner of the tree and choose not to receive it, you can specify donating it to a local family or organization. The Tiger Spirit tree will "Restore the Roar" to your Holiday Season!!!

Last year's winner: Jessie Decker with Ursule Coutreaux.



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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**

<i>Date:</i>	<i>Event:</i>
Oct. 17, 2014	WHS Career Day 2014
Nov 15, 2014	WHS Scholarships Dance
Nov 22, 2014	WHS Theatre Dept Dinner & Play Dinner at 8, Dead by 9
Dec 12, 2014	1st Annual Woodlake Christmas Parade 7pm Call: 559-804-5203
Dec 12, 2014	Santa's Workshop 8-11pm
Jan 30, 2015	Woodlake Awards Applications email: runningp64@gmail.com
Mar 6, 2015	Woodlake Awards Dinner

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