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CHANCE OWEN - KEYNOTE SPEAKER CAREER DAY 2015

Chance Owen graduated from WHS with the Class of 1985. He moved to Three Rivers when he was in first grade so he basically grew up there. He now lives in Newport Beach with his best friend, Autumn, two children, Chloe 16 and Caden 13, and a dog, Jay.

While at WHS, he was Freshman Class President and held multiple other class offices over the next three years, which kept him busy in ASB. He also worked on the yearbook and was part of the Mock Trial Team. During his senior year, the Mock Trial Team won the local area competition against the schools from Visalia, Porterville and Tulare and went on to Sacramento for the state competition. Though they didn't win, they performed very well. All four years at WHS, Chance was a three-sport athlete earning letters in Football, Basketball and Baseball. He received six Captain's Awards and was named to 1st Team All-League in both Football and Basketball. Also, when available in his senior year, he was a diver on the swim team.

He was recruited to play football at College of the Sequoias so attended there his first year out of high school. He started as a freshman as one of the receivers on the team and was selected Player of the Week during that season. He was on the COS Diving Team in the spring, where he was coached by Bruce Montgomery, the present coach of the WHS Swim Team.

After one year at COS, he enrolled at San Diego State and moved to Southern California. He joined Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity at SDSU. Over the next three years, he held

Fraternity offices of President, Rush Chairman and Social Chairman. He earned his BA degree in Communications. He states that he has since earned his Masters in Street Knowledge!

After graduation, Chance worked in marketing with the Southern California Tennis Association, the group that

holds the LA Open Tennis Championship at UCLA.

As a side note during that time, he lost the entire front of his apartment during a big LA earthquake.

Chance started out in the clothing industry as a salesman with Tag Rag clothing line. He quickly learned the business, and moved to XOXO Clothing Company where he was National Sales Manager. He soon realized that his Street-Knowledge-Master's Degree would serve him well if he started his own company, which he did in 2004.

He is now CEO/President/Owner of Around the World Apparel, Inc. with annual sales of \$60 million dollars. His name brands might be familiar to some of you: Chance or Fate and Miss Chievous. In addition, Around the World Apparel, Inc. manufactures clothing under multiple private labels. The styles are mostly for ju-

nior girls, and can be found at Nordstrom, Bonmarche, Charlotte Russe, Wet Seal, Forever 21, JC Penny, Macy's, Kohl's, Wall Mart and Target.



Chance Owen - Class of 1985

When asked for his message or a quote that he lives by, he replied:

"Family First. Work Hard and Play Hard!"

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

ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURE ARTICLE

Woodlake High School (WHS) is excited to introduce the Academy of Agriculture Program for the 2015-2016 school year. The Academy of Agriculture is being piloted with a group of incoming freshman that take coursework together as a cohort throughout their four years at Woodlake High School.

The Woodlake Academy of Sustainable Agriculture features the following two pathways: 1) Natural Resources Pathway- Coursework with a focus placed on plants and animal science. 2) Ag Mechanics Pathway- Coursework with a focus placed on technical skills, welding, and engineering.

The Academy will incorporate several learning concepts one being Linked Learning through projects and the other being Work Based Learning. Work-based learning has been around for years in a variety of different forms. Students are exposed to work-based learning in a logical and educationally centered sequence. Students will begin with career exploration activities such as professionals doing presentations on their careers or student exploring careers of their choice online. Students are then expected to transition into the career preparation phase where

they get to explore business sites and observe what goes on in a variety of Ag related industries. Lastly they transition into the career experiences which is the paid or unpaid internship opportunities. The ultimate goal being that our students will graduate from Woodlake High School being

prepared for both college and career.

The Linked Learning Model ties all curriculum together to help students see the relevancy behind what they are learning in their other courses. Students will work on a project that ties their English Course, Math Course and Agriculture Course together demonstrating the relevancy and application of skills they are learning in all three subject areas.

This model allows teachers to collaborate and focus more closely on students and tailor the education to better fit the student's needs.

The Woodlake Academy of Sustainable Agriculture is placing students on the fast track to careers in the field of Agriculture. The students, faculty and staff are all excited to kick start this exciting program. If you have any questions about the Academy or would like to offer support please contact Woodlake High School.



FOUNDATION PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

How can you help put scholarship money into kid's hands?

By supporting our events!

- Currently we are selling the History of Woodlake books for \$20.00. Available at the WHS office or purchase from any Foundation Board Member.
- Purchase a \$10.00 ticket (donation) for a chance to win a Fantastic 2-night stay at the Beresford Arms Hotel in San Francisco PLUS a \$500.00 Visa gift card. Available at the WHS office or purchase from any Foundation Board Member.
- Attend our Annual Spring Dinner Fundraiser on April 29, 2016. \$50.00 per person at the Woodlake Memorial Building. Awesome social hour, dinner and silent and live auctions.
- Make a monetary donation anytime, in any amount. You can set up a monthly donation by visiting the Foundation Website: www.woodlakefoundation.org.

*We appreciate and acknowledge
your donations.*

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and all your donations are tax deductible.*

Thank you for your support!
Dee Rochin, President

WHS VARSITY BASEBALL - 2015 SCORES BIG!

The Varsity Baseball team coached by Raul Quintero, had a record of 20-5 last year which earned them a league title. They have been league champs 2 of the last 3 years and have also won the Ron Robinson classic baseball tournament 2 years in a row. Eddie Pena, Zack Fesperman and Gunnar Little were last year's team MVP's. Gunnar Little, Zack Fesperman, Eddie Pena and Spencer Jones were 1st team All League selections. Zack Fesperman was also selected to the Visalia Times Delta All County 2nd Team, 2nd Baseman and selected as one of the Fresno Bee's top 50 players in the valley.

Four of these young men are playing Junior College Baseball:

Spencer Jones - Reedley College, Eddie Pena - Fresno City, Zack Fesperman & Gunnar Little - COS



The following player's parents are Woodlake alumni:
Thomas Woods – Wendy Williams Woods (1985) Eric Woods (1981)
Zack Fesperman – Steve Fesperman (1984)
Eddie Pena – Carmita Rodriguez Pena & Eddie Pena (1996)
Corny Ortiz – Corny Ortiz (1990)
Sage Davis – Sona Sargant (1986)

WHS FALL SPORTS UPDATES:

The Varsity Football team is currently 3-2 this season and enjoyed a much needed bye week on October 2nd. After starting the season 0-2 with defeats from CVC and Exeter, they came roaring back with impressive victories over Farmersville 55-27, Pariier 48-8, and Orosi 47-12. The varsity coaching staff has the team focused and ready to take make post season run in November.

Coach Jose Del Rio and his staff are enjoying the fruits of their labor over the past two and a half years. The number of participants has nearly doubled since his first year as head coach. This year there are a total of 90 players involved in program. The players and coaches have dedicated their time to improving their craft and this year is looking promising at the varsity level.

WHS Volleyball has a new coaching staff in place this year. The varsity team is led by WHS Alum Yvette Garcia, class of '99. The JV squad is led by Miriah Chavez, while the Frosh team is led by WHS Alum Ashley Kambourian, class of 2012. Coaches and players have invested their short time together in unifying the program and building a cohesive unit. The Varsity program is 7-12, the JV program is 4-4 overall, while the Frosh squad is 1-5 on the season. All teams open their league season on Tuesday, October 6 at Woodlake. After a grueling preseason where the teams played larger schools, they are primed for the season and expect to have winning records.

Cross Country is now under the direction of WHS teach-

ers Omar Garza and Blanca Lucatero. Omar Garza is in his 4 year at Woodlake High School, and it is his first year as Varsity head coach. Prior to this year, he was the assistant Cross Country coach 2 years ago and he also coaches JV Baseball. Blanca Lucatero is in her 15th year at WHS and it is her first year as the Cross Country JV coach. Our Cross Country team has experienced an all-time high level of participants. The squad consists of over 40 members, which spans across all four grade levels. The coaches and team -members have enjoyed an array of cross training in their season which ranges from weight lifting, plyometrics, swimming, and many more. Over the course of the season the boys have placed 6th at Monache Invitational, 4th at ESL Mini Meet, and 8th at Mt. Whitney Invitational. The girls placed 5th at ESL Mini Meet in Lindsay. There are 5 meets remaining in the season and our Tigers are ready for the challenge.

Our Lady Tigers Tennis team is led by coach Mike Judson who is in his 13th season. Coach Judson's team started off the season in very hot form by beating Kingsburg, Exeter, and Tulare Western before starting league play versus Orange Cove. This sports program also experienced a rise in participants this year. The team has over 30 members, 5 of which are Seniors. At this point of the season, the team is 8-6 overall and 5-6 in league in play. There are 3 matches remaining in the regular season before heading off to Sierra Pacific for League Championships. Coach Judson and his team are ready for the final stretch of the season.

THE STUDENT PORTFOLIO AND SENIOR EXIT INTERVIEWS

The spring of 2016 will mark the 20th anniversary of the implementation of the Woodlake High School Student Portfolio and Senior Exit Interview. With the transition to the Common Core State Standards and the focus on preparing students to be college and career ready, these two already established WHS diploma requirements fit right into the new state standards and expectations.

During the Senior Exit Interview process, the Student Portfolio serves as the job application and is reviewed by the interview panel. The portfolio contains valuable documents and evidence that is intended to be used for scholarship, employment, and college opportunities. Some of the items contained in the portfolio include a resume, letter of application, letters of recommendation, and examples of student work that demonstrate that the learning outcomes, set by the Woodlake Unified School District, has been met by each graduating senior. All items contained in their portfolio are designed to help any future employer evaluate and determine the student's skill level and work ethic. With the transition to Common Core State Standards, WHS has redesigned the expected student outcomes, formally known as the Expected School Wide Learning Results (ESLR's), into the new Graduate Profile. The transition has stemmed from school district's work on developing academics. While the Graduate Profile may appear to be a new term, it serves to identify our student learning outcomes just like our ESLR's have done for the past twenty years.



Class of 1996 First Students to take part in Sr Exit Interviews

The Senior Exit Interview process serves as a mock job interview for our graduates. Students are required to “dress for success”, meaning they are expected to dress just as if they are actually interviewing for a real job. Students are interviewed by a panel consisting of various community volunteers. All students are asked questions that would typically be asked in a real-life job interview. WHS is one of only a few schools

that require all their graduating students to complete an exit interview. The exit interview process also involves students receiving written feedback from members of the interview panel so that they have the opportunity to improve their interview skills. Guiding our students to become college & career ready has always been a primary focus for WHS staff. What better way to prepare our students, than to have them create a student portfolio that they can use to showcase their talents, skills and experiences through an interview process that will ultimately prepare them for a future job or career opportunity.

The class of 1996 was the first graduating class required to complete the portfolio and exit interview. For the past 20 years, the WHS Student Portfolio and Senior Exit Interview has been more than just a graduation requirement. These two concepts have enhanced the real-world learning experiences that our students receive, provided evidence that students are college and career ready, and most importantly, they have encapsulated what it means to be a WHS Tiger Graduate!

WHS Drama Department Presents

Holmes on the Range

*Join us
for a
Night
of Dinner
& Theatre*

**Castlerock Elementary Cafeteria
on Saturday, November 21, 2015
at 6:00 pm**

**Adults \$15.00 • WHS Students \$10.00
Children under 10 \$5.00**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



The commencement of the 2015-2016 school year at Woodlake High School (WHS) brings about a new group of students, new staff, and a variety of school wide initiatives. These initiatives strive to continue the tradition of providing all students with quality learning experiences while building partner-

ships with parents, local businesses, and community organizations.

For 2015-2016, WHS welcomed eight new members to the WHS Tiger Team-Cody Gibson (Social Science), Adrian Medina (Math), Jesus Medina (Spanish), Lacy Mello (Education Specialist), Lauren Moss (Ag), Ana Garcia (English), Elizabeth Moya (Counselor) and Frank Cardoza (Educational Technology Coordinator). We are all looking forward to discovering the knowledge and experiences these new staff members will bring to our school community. Although not new to WHS, we also have several veteran staff members that will serve our students in new roles. Casandra Ledesma is the new Head Counselor, Jose Palomo will be serving as the k-12 Athletic Director and Carmita Pena has filled the newly created position of Coordinator of College and Career Programs.

Together, WHS staff will continue to focus on meeting the demands of the CA Common Core State Standards and providing opportunities for students to practice 21st Century Skills (Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking, and Creativity). To meet the instructional demands needed to prepare all students to be college and career ready upon graduation, school staff will be engaged in weekly one hour collaboration sessions every Wednesday. Staff will also be provided with 27 full days of staff development in English, English Language Development, and Mathematics. In addition, WHS teachers, District Staff and School Board members will conduct classroom visitations in teams to observe instruction and student learning through a process called Instructional Rounds. Through the Instructional Rounds

process, teachers are provided with constructive feedback on what they can do to improve student learning.

WHS has placed a new emphasis on providing relevant learning experiences to all students. The Academy of Agriculture is a new educational program at WHS that will introduce students to a broad range of career opportunities available in the field of agriculture. Local business have already partnered with WHS to provide students with work-based learning experiences. Also new at WHS is the Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematic or S.T.E.M. elective class. In the S.T.E.M. class, student will be exposed to a variety of projects such as robotics, computer programming, and 3D-Printing to generate interest in pursuing careers in S.T.E.M. related fields. Also returning to WHS is the Journalism class. In addition to creating the Tiger Times school newspaper, one of the goals for the Journalism class is to develop a digital newspaper to reach a much larger audience and simultaneously provide students with opportunities to learn about digital media, computer applications and graphical design.

Beginning with freshman orientation, students are informed very early about the importance of obtaining a well-balanced learning experience at WHS through active participation in sports, academics, clubs and meaningful community service projects. Students are informed that Colleges and Scholarship Committees do not just consider high academically achieving students; they are looking for individuals that demonstrate the ability to be leaders, work well with others, think critically and be creative, communicate well, and be active participants in school and the community. The 85 hour community service requirement to receive a WHS diploma has been revised to promote and encourage more involvement in the community and job shadowing in professions that are in alignment with their career plans. Currently, 65 out of the 85 hours must now be completed through non-profit community-based projects and/or job shadowing.

WHS has always put student learning, building relationships, and preparing students to be college and career ready at the forefront of what we want our graduates to accomplish. WHS's new motto, "A Place of Purposeful Teaching and Relevant Learning", is a belief that all WHS staff members will strive for. WHS is truly a community of learning and committed to preparing students for life beyond high school.

SUMMER MEANT CONSTRUCTION AT WUSD

Our largest and most important project was the demolition and replacement of all of our portable classrooms at our Francis J. White Learning Center for grades K-2. This project began immediately at the conclusion of the 2014-15 school year. It was completed for the beginning of school in August. Also at FJW, the shingles on the side of the remaining buildings were removed and the siding was replaced with a teal colored sheet metal. FJW has an entirely different feel for 2015-16!

There were other projects completed this summer. There is

a new block wall at the stadium on Cypress Street making the parking lot safer and the sidewalk cleaner. Some classrooms were repainted, and new carpeting installed.

In the fall following girls tennis, plans are in the approval stage for the addition of two tennis courts at the high school. In addition, following football season new visitor bleachers will be installed to complete the stadium project. The Performing Arts Building will also be renovated next summer, with new seating, lighting, sound, and other amenities.

TIGERS RETURN TO WORK AT WOODLAKE

The Woodlake Unified School District employs 285 people in various classified, certificated, and management positions. Many of the employees are proud Woodlake Tiger graduates. In fact, this year 55 are working in classified positions, 27 in certificated (teaching) positions, and 14 are serving in management positions, for a total of 96. This means that almost 35 % of the people working in WUSD were raised right here in Woodlake and have chosen to spend their working hours benefitting our children and community. When their years of service are added together, they have a combined 1280 years of serving the students of Woodlake Unified!

We have a graduate from as long ago as 1960 (Ron Barkley, a semi-retired teacher at WHS) and as re-

cently as 2011 (Jeremy Varela, a night custodian at FJW), and many people in between. The 1980's has the largest number (29) and four folks graduated in the 60's. Castle Rock Elementary School has 18 Tigers prowling their classrooms and fields, the most of any site in the district, with WHS right behind with 17 graduates.

We are so fortunate to have the many homegrown employees who contribute much to our school district. When you are driving around Woodlake and see a WUSD employee, take a chance and ask them what year they graduated. You may be surprised at the answer. That being said, we are always on the lookout for new folks who understand the "Woodlake Way" and may fit in perfectly to our system.

School	Name	Classification	Position	Grad Yr	Yrs of Service
FJW	Elizabeth Campillo	Certificated	Kindergarten Teacher	2008	2
FJW	Keenan Law	Certificated	2nd grade Teacher	2008	2
WVMS	Llulis Maldonado	Certificated	6th Grade Math/Science Teacher	2009	2
WHS	Casandra Ledesma	Certificated	Head Counselor	1996	3
FJW	Brandon Price	Certificated	1st grade Teacher	1999	5
FJW	Mandi Price-Cabello	Certificated	2nd grade Teacher	2002	5
CRES	Monica Figueroa	Certificated	4th grade Teacher	1997	8
DO	Monica (Santa Cruz) Carter	Certificated	Administrative Assistant	1997	9
WHS	Tony Lopez	Certificated	Teacher	1996	9
FJW	Maribel Rodriguez	Certificated	Kindergarten Teacher	1995	12
CRES	Esther (Reynoso) Valencia	Certificated	3rd grade Teacher	1984	13
WHS	Barbara (Hays) Hallmeyer	Certificated	Drama Instructor	1973	15
WHS	Jose Palomo	Certificated	Athletic Director	1991	17
CRES	Roy Guerra	Certificated	5th grade Teacher	1991	19
FJW	Terri (Smith) Gutierrez	Certificated	Kindergarten Teacher	1989	20
CRES	Yolanda (Ruiz) Bolanos	Certificated	3rd grade Teacher	1983	21
FJW	Becky (Deitz) Davis	Certificated	Teacher	1989	22
WHS	Hector Corvera	Certificated	Teacher	1980	23
CRES	Penny (Villegas) Urena	Certificated	4th grade Teacher	1978	25
CRES	Donna (Hills) Fraser	Certificated	3rd grade Teacher	1973	36
WVMS	Paul Crawford	Certificated	Teacher	1971	37
CRES	Darlene (Baker) Hardcastle	Certificated	3rd grade Teacher	1969	39
CRES	Becky (Valero) Aguilar	Certificated	4th grade Teacher	1997	<1
WHS	Ana (Moreno) Garcia	Certificated	Teacher	1989	<1
WVMS	Gilberto Flores	Certificated	6th Grade Math/Science Teacher	2007	<1
WVMS	Guillermo Gonzalez	Certificated	8th grade Science Teacher	2002	<1
WHS	Ron Barkley	Certificated	Teacher	1960	semi retired
WHS	Luke Campe	Certificated	Teacher	1991	12
FJW	Jessica (Childress) Deles Dernier	Classified	Yard Duty Aide	2002	2
FS	Gina Barron	Classified	Food Service Worker	2006	2
FS	Liset Reynoso	Classified	Food Service Worker	2005	2
DO	Jasmin (Rodriguez) Rangel	Classified	Business Service Technician	2006	3
MOT	Jeremy Varela	Classified	PM Custodian	2011	3
MOT	Manuel Medina	Classified	PM Custodian	2006	3
CRES	Amanda (Reyes) Gamez	Classified	Yard Duty Aide	2002	4
CRES	Mike Flores	Classified	Yard Duty Aide/After School	1998	5
FJW	Christyna (Childress) Johnson	Classified	SPED Instructional Aide	2007	5
MOT	Armando Villegas	Classified	Grounds/Mower	1999	5
FS	Margarita (Reynaga) Diaz	Classified	FS I Lead	1988	6
WVMS	Elizabeth Sahagun	Classified	Attendance/Health Clerk	1981	6
WHS	Lydia (Ramirez) Kimble	Ramirez	Classified Workability	1978	7

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School	Name	Classification	Position	Grad Yr	Yrs of Service
EOP	Guillermo Garcia	Classified	Custodian	1983	8
MOT	Guillermo Garcia	Classified	Custodian	1983	8
MOT	Julio Haro	Classified	PM Custodian	2007	8
WHS	Mari (Benavides) Villegas	Benavides	Classified ASB Secretary	2000	8
CRES	Martin Meza	Classified	Instructional Aide	1979	9
CRES	Pam (Allred) Sweeney	Classified	Instructional Aide	1989	9
MOT	William Crawford	Classified	PM Custodian	1961	10
MOT	Tami (Whittaker) Acuna	Classified	Bus Driver	1987	10
CRES	Debbra (Wood) Hopper	Classified	Instructional Aide	1983	11
WVMS	Ramon Garcia	Classified	Light Maitenance	1981	11
KRESS	Monica (Hoover) Montes	Classified	Preschool Teacher Assistant	1988	12
FJW	Debbie (Jones) Moriado	Classified	Librarian	1981	13
KRESS	Esperanza (Moraido) Toledo	Classified	Preschool Teacher Assistant	1974	13
FJW	Maria (Martinez) Hinojosa	Classified	Instructional Aide	1985	14
FS	Johnny Varela	Classified	Driver/Warehouse	1984	14
FS	Alice Cardenas	Classified	FS II Lead	1991	14
CRES	Lori (Carrion) Gonzalez	Classified	instructional Aide	1974	15
CRES	Jessica (Urena) Rodriguez	Classified	Attendance/Health Clerk	1994	15
FS	Rosa (Reynaga) Rodriguez	Classified	Food Service Worker I Lead	1986	15
MOT	Raul Cabrera	Classified	Light Maitenance	1974	15
WVMS	Rosie (Meza) Cabrera	Classified	SPED Instructional Aide	1986	15
WVMS	Lydia (Perez) Castillo	Classified	SPED Instructional Aide	1983	15
FS	Cindy (Harrity) Varela	Classified	FS Technician	1984	16
FS	Lauralyn (Childress) Sahagun	Classified	Food Service Worker II Lead	1982	17
WHS	Juan Rodriguez	Classified	Custodian	1994	17
WVMS	Brenda (Stout) Persall	Classified	Librarian	1982	17
WVMS	Carmen (Munoz) Garcia	Classified	Instructional Aide	1988	19
FJW	Berta (Flores) Cornett	Classified	Attendance/Health Clerk	1974	20
WHS	Esther (Gaziola) Aguilar	Classified	Attendance/Health Clerk	1971	20
FJW	Eva (Luna) Quevedo	Classified	Instructional Aide	1975	22
FS	Maria (Moran) Ruiz	Classified	FS II Lead	1990	22
WHS	Natalie Lara	Classified	Counseling Tech	1984	23
KRESS	Rosmarie (Castillo) Valero	Classified	Lead Pre-School Teacher	1969	24
KRESS	Maria Del Carmen Hernandez	Classified	Lead Pre-School Teacher	1976	24
MOT	Dewayne Childress	Classified	Lead Maintenance	1980	29
KRESS	Veronica Zacarias	Classified	Preschool Teacher Assistant	1974	33
WHS	Aurora (Hernandez) Medina	Classified	Counseling Secretary	1975	34
CRES	Anna (Sanchez) Ornelas	Classified	Instructional Aide	1974	36
FJW	Frances (Canizalez) Cisneros	Classified	Instructional Aide	1976	38
WHS	Gloria (Armenta) Villicana	Classified	Instructional Aid	1973	40
FJW	Crystal De Haro	Classified	Yard Duty Aide	2008	<1
FS	Neri Stockton	Classified	Food Service Worker	1998	<1
KRESS	Blanca Correa Vasquez	Classified	Preschool Teacher Assistant	2003	<1
MOT	Flora Robles	Classified	PM Custodian	1979	10
DO	Isela Tenorio	Management	District Social Worker	1989	2
WHS	Maribel Rivas-Rodriguez	Management	School Psychologist	1989	8
WHS	Carmita (Rodriguez) Pena	Management	CCCP	1996	11
DO	Ruth Ruiz	Management	Personnel Technician	1978	18
DO	Michelle West-Dyer	Management	Director of Special Education	1984	18
FS	Laura (Baker) Bullene Jacobo	Management	Director of Nutrition Services	1982	18
WHS	Christy (Willis) Castillo	Management	Office Supervisor	1980	19
CRES	Debbie (Robinson) Stevenson	Management	Learning Director	1988	20
FJW	Victoria (Valdez) Romero	Management	Office Supervisor	1990	20
MOT	Darren Dunn	Management	MOT Director	1979	20
WHS	Rick Rodriguez	Management	Principal	1989	20
KRESS	Nancy (Stiltz) Crawford	Management	Kindergarten Readiness Coordinator	1971	21
EOP	Maria (Herenadez) Ponce	Management	Office Supervisor	1975	30
CRES	Sandra Andrade	Management	Office Supervisor	1999	<1

WHISPRERING FALLS by K.D. HUDNISON



K.D. Hudson is a 1988 Woodlake Union High graduate. He is currently a Family Service Counselor in Woodlake for Miller Memorial Chapel. He is a single dad, raising three daughters who relocated back to Woodlake in July of 2014 after an almost five year stint of residing in Bowling Green Kentucky while holding a senior pastorate position. Upon returning to Woodlake, he injured his right foot and was placed in a boot where he was severely restricted in his movements. During this time he wrote a novel, pursuing a long time desire of becoming

an author. The following is a synopsis of his book:

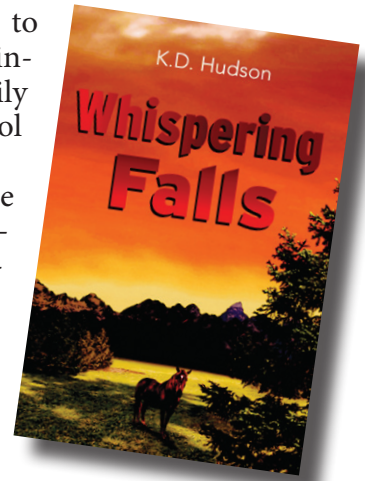
Cynthia Langdon was raised in a small Montana cattle and timber town vowing never to return. She settled living a plush life in a big city in California. However, in the blink of an eye after losing everything, except her son Zach, life forced them back to Whispering Falls in the pursuit of rebuilding their lives.

She is faced with returning to everything she left behind including her aunt, the family ranch, and her old high school love.

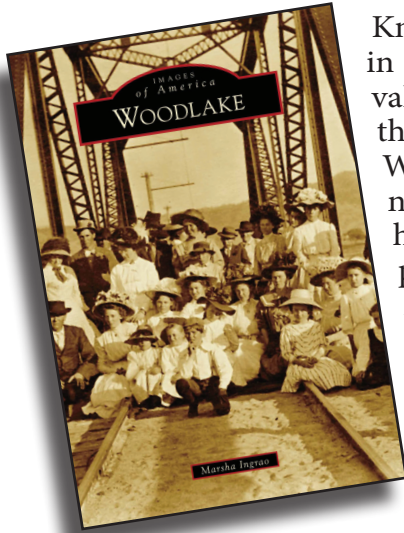
Cynthia, Zach, and those surrounding her find themselves in the midst of challenges while a wealthy timber harvester is trying to eliminate her to obtain the timber from the ranch due to her aunt's refusal to sell and desiring to leave it to her.

The local sheriff is left with the daunting task of determining the cause for all the chaos in Whispering Falls and at the same time keeping her and those close to her alive.

Shortly after writing the book, Hudson submitted a different movie script to a friend with Hollywood connections. He hopes to put the story into a script and get it "in the hands of a producer." The quick success of the book inspired Hudson to write a second book which should publish early next year under a different publishing company. Who knows, Sheriff Taylor might be the new Jesse Stone portrayed by Tom Selleck.



IMAGES OF AMERICA: WOODLAKE by MARSHA INGRAO



Known as the area "Within the Magic Circle," the valley, which surrounds the western town of Woodlake, is rich in both natural resources, and hard working citizens proud of their heritage. Most Tulare County towns sprang up along the Southern Pacific Railroad. Woodlake, designed as a tourist town, drew together farming commu-

nities; people too busy raising fruit and cattle to create a town. Starting with Thomas Henry Davis in 1853, settlers established farms and ranches, which attracted Los Angeles millionaire, Gilbert Stevenson when he arrived in 1907. Approved by the County Board of Supervisors on October 3, 1911 the world-class tourist town, named Woodlake, sprang into reality out of the imagination of Gilbert Stevenson into reality. Led by the strong sales personality of its founder, Woodlake grew quickly, yet remained a west-

ern town which retains reference points to early communities visitors won't find on signs. Visitors to Woodlake today will find Woodlakers still doing what attracted Gilbert Stevenson - raising cattle and growing citrus within protection of the Sierra Nevada Mountains and foothills.

Author Marsha Ingrao, a Woodlake resident and former Woodlake teacher and Tulare County Office of Education history consultant, shares her love for Woodlake and its past through this evocative publication, a reminder of Woodlake's exotic past. All proceeds from the sale of this book go to Woodlake High School Foundation. Books can be purchased at the Woodlake High School Office or the Woodlake District Office.



NEWLY ESTABLISHED WHS FOUNDATION MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Barbara Edwards 1942 – 2015

Barbara Jean Edwards, a resident of Woodlake for nearly 60 years, died Monday, Sept. 7, 2015, after a long courageous battle with cancer. She was 72.

Barb was born November 14, 1942, in Huntington Beach. When she was in 5th grade, the family moved to Woodlake where her father was a pharmacist who owned and operated the Woodlake Drug Store. She graduated from Woodlake High School in 1960, and attended College of the Sequoias in Visalia.

Barb worked in the main office at the Woodlake High School for 45 years. She retired in 2007 as the administrative office manager.

Barb was honored several times for her dedication and service to Woodlake High School and the community. Barb was a charter member of the Visalia Rockettes Drill Team, an equine drill team.

Her first adventure upon retirement was to buy a horse.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Don, mother Virginia Painter, 3 sons Alan, Mike and wife Patty, and Ryan and wife Kelly, four grandchildren, 3 sisters and her dear friend of 45 years, Louise Achenbach of Woodlake. A funeral service was held on September 16, 2015.

A memorial scholarship trust fund has been started through the Woodlake High School Foundation, (P.O. Box 475, Woodlake, CA 93286).



Daniel Vincent Dudley February 6, 1936 - March 27, 2014

Dan Dudley was born on February 6, 1936 to Howard Dudley and his wife Mary Dudley, in Washington D.C. He was the youngest of seven children. Dan leaves his wife Sharon of Lemon Cove, four adult children, including Kelly who is following in his father's footsteps teaching at Castle Rock Elementary School in Woodlake. Before coming to Woodlake, Dan taught school in Frederick, Co., for 2 years and then worked in Culver City, Ca., for 2 years while going to school in Northridge, obtaining a teaching credential. He then worked in Simi Valley for 5 years, all levels, before moving to Woodlake in 1967-68 where he taught at Woodlake Junior High School until 1999.

He was a PE teacher and coach (volleyball, basketball, soccer and baseball/ softball) at the junior high, as well as some coaching in the high school, basketball and tennis. He also umpired high school baseball in Tulare County and played in various tennis tournaments in the area. He continued to substitute and coach after retiring in 1999.

Dan loved all sports and was himself a star athlete at Mark Keppel High School in Alhambra in the 1950s. He loved his job, his students, co-workers, and the Woodlake Schools and community where he spent so much of his life and was dedicated to them all. A memorial scholarship has been established with the Woodlake High School Foundation in Dan Dudley's name.

Justin Davis McPhail - November, 10, 1980 - August 9, 2015

Justin was just 34 when he passed away at his home in Elderwood, California. Justin was born on November, 10, 1980 in Visalia, California. Justin attended and graduated from Woodlake High School in 1998. While there Justin pursued his passion of football. As a senior he was voted first team all league defense and the team's best defensive lineman. After high school he continued his football career at the collegiate level, playing for the COS Giants. Justin was the starting offensive center for the 1998 Conference Championship team. Justin had recently started coaching for Woodlake High School as a Junior Varsity assistant coach. Justin was an avid outdoorsman. The mountains were his second home. Justin loved to camp, hunt, and fish.

He was always looking forward to his yearly out of state hunting trips with his friends and family. This led to his career as the Tulare County road maintenance resident in Badger for 8 years. Justin then moved on to work for the Sequoia National Park Service as a heavy equipment operator. He was currently working alongside his father for Twin Butte's Farming. He was an amazing son, brother, uncle, and friend. Justin was a devoted fan to his Dallas Cowboys. He loved all animals, especially his dog, Reb. He loved to spend time with his nieces, and they loved being with their Uncle Justin. Justin always said his family was his everything. He is survived by his Mother Tonya McPhail, his father Larry McPhail, his sister and brother in law Brittney and Luis Valencia, and his two nieces Gracie and Olivia Valencia. A memorial scholarship has been established in Justin's name with the Woodlake High School Foundation, P.O. 475, Woodlake, Ca. 93286 Attn: Justin McPhail Memorial Football Scholarship.

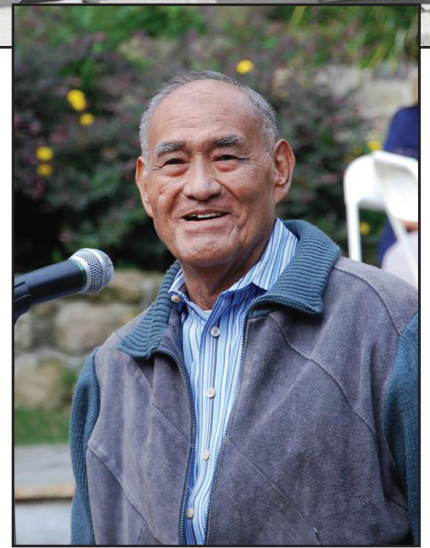


NEWLY ESTABLISHED WHS FOUNDATION MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Dr. Frank Clark November 11, 1921 - April 15, 2015

Dr. Frank Clarke passed away peacefully at his home on April 18th, 2015. A man of great heart, great talent, and great spirit, he will be deeply missed. Frank was born on November 11, 1921. In his early years he attended Sherman Indian School in Riverside, California. When he was 20 years old, as a student at L.A. City College, Pearl Harbor was bombed, and Frank immediately joined the Navy. He spent over two years on a troop transport ship in the Pacific Ocean, taking wounded Marines off the Solomon Islands, including Guadalcanal. As a medical corpsman, he developed a living blood bank for his ship, and the Navy sent him back to college at UCLA to pursue pre-medical studies in the V/12 program. Frank was accepted to St. Louis Medical School, and was one of the first Native American physicians in the United States. After graduating from medical school, he returned to the Navy and served as a physician during the Korean Conflict and for several years after as a Navy doc. While embarking on a Family Practice Residency at Tulare County Hospital in California, he fell in love with the town of Woodlake and its people. He practiced medicine for many happy years in Woodlake, delivering several thousand babies, serving as the Woodlake High School's team physician for 27 years, and as a team physician for College of the Sequoias for seven years. He also donated his time to the Well Baby Clinic and served on both the Woodlake High School and Woodlake Elementary School boards. In 1975, he was recruited by the Public Health Service, Indian Health Service, and moved to Albuquerque, N.M., where he was the clinical director of the Albuquerque Indian Hospital and nine outlying clinics. After serving 11 years in the Public Health Service, attaining the rank of Captain, he returned again to Woodlake, where he practiced medicine again before eventually retiring. He returned to the practice of medicine in his eighties to donate his services to the Good Samaritan Clinic, a clinic for the working poor and uninsured, where he worked one day a week until he was 91 years old. He thought the volunteer staff at Good Samaritan was the best ever, and he loved them dearly. Frank's life was one of service. He received great joy from helping others. He spoke several languages and loved traveling the world, both as a Navy doctor and later with his wife, Pearl. Frank was Hualapai Indian, but was also initiated into the Hopi tribe, and he leaves behind his Native American families in Arizona. He also leaves behind his wife of almost 50 years, Pearl, who shared many adventures with him and a long, happy life. He leaves behind 4 sons and 2 daughters. On the third day after Frank's death, a Hopi ceremonial ritual was performed by the Hopi tribe on the reservation in Arizona.

A memorial Scholarship fund has been started through the WHS Foundation. P.O. Box 475, Woodlake, CA 93286



MARYROSE KULICK CLASS OF 2013

Maryrose is spending the fall semester in Edinburgh, Scotland, as part of the UC Education Abroad Program. While she is in Scotland she will be continuing to write articles for the UCLA Daily Bruin, A&E section, every other week, and has started a blog to document her experiences overseas. Her articles for the Daily Bruin can be accessed at dailybruin.com and the blog website is <http://travelwithmrose.wordpress.com>. Maryrose graduated from WHS in 2013 and is in her third year at UCLA. She hopes to graduate with a double major in English and Geography. She has spent the last two summers working as a cave guide at Crystal Cave in Sequoia National Park. She is the daughter of George and Debbie Kulick of Three Rivers.

100 YEARS OF MEMORIES - RED BANKS REUNION



The Redbanks Reunion 2015 celebrates with '100 years of Memories.' In 1903, Dr. William Squire with partners Charles Joannes and Phil M. Baier founded the Redbanks Orchard Company. They planned their orchards based on an early ripening season for deciduous fruits at the base of Colvin Hill. With the availability of power in 1903, they were able to power pumps to water their orchards. By 1910, the orchards and fruit were ready for harvest so they built a packing house. Just west of these were three rows of workers' homes, with about 10 per row. By 1912, they had the largest deciduous fruit ranch in Tulare County and a distinction of having the earliest peaches to market in the nation. In 1915, a Spanish style headquarters building was built. Hence, the celebration of 100 years of memories for our Redbanks Reunion 2015. The Redbanks Orchard Company fell victim to the Great Depression in 1932. In 1937, the property was bought by the Arena Family, 13 in all plus three other men renaming the ranch, Redbanks Fruit Company. In its heyday, there were up to 500 employees on the packing house rolls and up to 1000 employees in the fields during peak harvests. After the death of Joe Arena in 1962, the property was sold. In 1966, the ranch was bought by Griffith Brothers of Anaheim. (Redbanks, The Early Years, by Mary Anne Terstegge, March 1990)

It is the three rows of employee homes and all the ad-

ventures experienced by those growing up and working in Redbanks that bring us together for this Redbanks Reunion and its '100 years of Memories.' The Reunion took place on October 3rd, at the Woodlake Veteran's Memorial Building. Many in attendance graduated from Woodlake High School. Honorees present for the evening included Maria Luz Betancur, Phyllis Hernandez, Vicki Garcia, Paul Garcia, Ernie Garcia Sr., Sylvia Franco Mills, Anita Soleno and John M. Vaca. The program included a History of Redbanks by Rudy Soleno. Marsha Ingrao was present to sign her Images of America Woodlake. Special guests included three prior Woodlake High School teachers, Dennis Conners, Frank Ainley Sr. and Sally Pace. It was a great night of mariachi, dinner, dancing and sharing stories. An additional focus of the evening, was sharing the efforts of the Redbanks Scholarship Foundation and a call for others in the Redbanks Community to help by donating to the Redbanks Scholarship Fund. This scholarship helps deserving Woodlake High School graduates with similar circumstances as our own in pursuit of their college education.

If you would like information on how to donate to the Redbanks Scholarship Foundation, Contact Larry Garcia: larrygarcia@kw.com, (559) 679-4938 or George Betancur: georgebetancur@yahoo.com, (559) 909-2290.

STAN SANCHEZ, JR. SAYS GOODBYE TO NICKEL'S PAYLESS FOOD STORE AFTER 48 YEARS

On September 4th, after 48 years of employment, Stan Sanchez, Jr. walked the aisles of Nickel's Payless Food Store, one of Woodlake's longest running grocery stores, for the last time as an employee. Friends and vendors came in to the store to see Stan and wish him well all day long.

Stan started out as a box boy at Nickel's at the age of 18 in 1967. Over the years, he was promoted to various positions ending up as the much appreciated Point of Sales Manager. He also had the distinction of being one the few familiar faces that customers could count on seeing year after year.

Stan lives in Visalia with his wife, Phyllis, but will always be a Woodlake "kid" at heart. As a Woodlake High School student, he was a football standout. Stan was a dynamic running back

who played on the legendary Woodlake Tiger Team with Quarterback Ralph Keck and wide receiver Gary Hagar, among others. Coached by the famous Leo Robinson, this team won 25 straight games in the 1964, 1965, and 1966 seasons.

On his lengthy service at Nickel's, Stan said, "I didn't think I would be here this long, that's for sure! But it's been an amazing ride, and now I'm ready to enjoy retirement with my wife, Phyllis, and my wonderful family including very active grandkids."



Stan Sanchez Jr.

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Call WHS at (559)-564-3307

SAVE THE DATE

Oct. 23rd WHS Career Day.
Oct. 23 WHS Tiger Football Homecoming vs. Lindsay at 5:00pm
Nov. 19 WHS Drama Performance at 6:00 pm, WHS Performing Arts Building "Holmes on the Range"
Nov. 21 WHS Drama Dinner & Performance, Dinner at 5:30 pm and Performance at 6:00pm, Castle Rock Elementary School
Dec. 4 WHS Choir at City of Woodlake Tree Lighting at 6:30 pm
Dec. 12 Christmas Parade
Dec. 15 WHS Band Winter Concert at 5:30 pm, WHS Performing Arts Building
Dec. 17 WHS Choir Winter Concert at 7:00 pm, WHS Performing Arts Building
Feb 22 WHS Band Spring Concert at 6:00 pm, WHS Performing Arts Building
March 4 Woodlake Awards Dinner.
April 1 WHS Choir Spring Concert at 7:30 pm, WHS Performing Arts Building
April 29 WHS Foundation Spring Dinner
May 12-15 WHS Spring Drama Performances at 7:00 pm,
May 21 Choir Pop Gala at 6:00 pm, Castle Rock Elem School
May 23 Senior Scholarship Night at 6:30 pm, WHS Event Center
June 10 WHS Graduation @ 8:00pm, Painter-Robison Stadium

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