

The WILLITS WOLVERINE

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SENIOR PROJECTS

RIDE WITH PRIDE

By Conner Medina

I decided to build a skateboard for my senior project because I've been skateboarding all my life. I'm passionate about it. I'm in woodshop, and Mr. Bowles agreed to be my mentor. I've been working on my project for a few weeks for a couple hours a day, during zero and first period.

I made my skateboard out of Baltic birchwood because this type of wood has flex in it one way but not the other. The board is nine inches by 36 inches and I painted a TV on it. I learned new band and table saw techniques in the process.

For research, I looked up how to make a longboard, and watched a couple YouTube videos. I found out exactly how to make one on a Wiki-how page. This was my first time ever building a skateboard and I think it was a success because it's 100 percent functional. I already plan to make another for my dad so we can skate together.

Above, left: Eddie Leon looks down from the roof trusses. Above, right: The construction class takes a break from building the goat barn to take a group photo. From left, on the roof: Don Donahoo, Daven Franke, Essen Youngstrom and Korvin Sweeny. On the ladder and ground: Josh Redding, Michael Frahm, Trent Herrera, Brian Bowles, Rodrigo Mandujano, Donny Loehr, Eddie Leon, Lil Bear, Justin Amador and Spencer Kendrick. Below: Jelly says, "Baaaahh. Thanks guys!"



SAWDUST CHRONICLES GOAT BARN RISING

By Carolyn Bakewell and Daisy Barrett

At the beginning of the second trimester, the construction class challenged themselves by taking on the project of building a new goat barn. They wanted the animals to live in a better, more comfortable environment. The students designed the barn with the help of Mike Colvig, Kelley Case-Brackett and Brian Bowles.

Freshman Daven Franke stated, "I really enjoy working on the goat barn because I am constantly working outside and Mr. Bowles is an amazing teacher. With his guidance, I have become a better craftsman and a better person."

The construction class is part of the California Technical Education pathway. Students learn skills that enable them to get a good-paying job in the construction field after high school. Senior Eddie Leon said, "Construction is a really fun class and I've learned skills that I can take with me and use for the rest of my life. Someday, I hope to build my own house."

All the students became friends and enjoyed themselves while working

together. There was a sense of camaraderie and playfulness, and at the same time, a sense of pride and accomplishment. Donny Loehr commented, "This class is great because we get to do projects that improve our school environment." Lil Bear said, "I've learned the skills to construct buildings for people on the land."

The students are currently working on the roof and siding, which hopefully will be done by the end of the year. The whole project should be done by the beginning of the next school year.

"My students are diligent; they work very hard and have a great sense of humor. It's a fun class to be a part of and I enjoy teaching these 'yahoos' because they come every day ready to work and learn." When asked what the final will be, Mr. Bowles said, "The final is to finish this project!"

The Goat Barn was made possible with donations of materials, time and labor from the CTE program, Becky Bowlds' welding class, Mendo Mill, Nor-Cal, Erin and Carrie Oliver, Sparetime Supply, Yokum's, and of course, WHS Principal Mr. Colvig and Superintendent Mr. Westerberg. Thank you for your generous support.



PEACE BY PIECE

Ceramic artists pose in front of the peace mosaic, from left: Lidelia Bolton, Maira Trujillo, Zannah Siseho, Elijah Decent, Robbie Hayes, Tayja Summers, Kylei Polen, Emily Williams, Joscelyn Beebe, Bella Nunez, Zandria Mondo, Alyssa Fraser, Jada Smith, Nicole Karkar, Bailey Schmid, Briana Sanchez, Jett Seaton, Ms. Bakewell, Rachel Woods, Eduardo Llamas, Kolby Johnson and Stacy Villegas.

By Joscelyn Beebe

Over the course of eight weeks, the ceramics students worked on a mosaic mural with guest artist Elizabeth Raybee. Each student drew a 10 inch by 10 inch design, carved it into clay, and individually picked out small tiles to surround it. Ms. Raybee helped us understand the ancient art of mosaic and the technique of making them. She stood by anyone who needed help understanding how to place tiles or how to create the perfect design.

Our mural was funded by a GASP (Get Arts in the Schools) Grant from the Arts Council of Mendocino County. The class hopes to send the message of peace on

earth, as well as promote being kind to others and taking care of our planet.

Nicole Karkar commented, "Learning how to make a mosaic was a valuable skill and I'm glad that I was heavily involved in the process." Elijah Decent agreed and said, "It was fun putting in the work. The time spent was worth the outcome."

Ms. Bakewell's creative vision is to transform the empty space outside the art studio and media center into a beautiful sculpture / reading garden. The plan includes flowers, a fountain, pathways, arbors and benches - all of which will surround the mural with beauty and life. It will become a welcoming environment that gives students and staff a place to relax.

The garden idea started years ago when WHS underwent construction and the old woodshop became the new media center. Then last September 2017 on International Day of Peace, the Rotary Club of Willits gifted WHS with a peace pole.

The monument is inscribed with the words "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in eight different languages including English, Spanish, Pomo, Hebrew, Russian, Swahili, Arabic and Japanese. The gift and the GASP Grant reignited the project.

"The mosaic makes the school look a little nicer." said Senior Bailey Schmid, and Kolby Johnson stated, "I learned the value of teamwork and friendship."



Conner: Conner Medina crafted his own skateboard from birchwood for his senior project.

MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

By Bianca Guevara

Hi! I'm Bianca Guevara, and on May 2, I put on a very inspirational senior project on mental health awareness. I opened with an assembly presentation for the WHS faculty and students and shared my own experience with mental health

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and why it is important to make it a priority. I invited keynote speakers, Donna Moschetti and Pokie Dunlap, to share their experiences. After the assembly at lunch, I set up a table with Donna and Pokie, and gave information on Mental Health and what resources are open to the students and faculty. We also gave away green necklaces for everyone to show their awareness.

MEOWSEVELT

By Zachariah Dellett

Hi, my name is Zachariah Dellett, and for my senior project I created three propaganda posters that represent three historical people: Vladimir Lenin, Theodore Roosevelt and Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The one representing Vladimir Lenin is named "Vladimeow Lenin." It is based off of a real propaganda poster for Lenin. But instead of saying, "Lenin Lived, Lenin is alive, Lenin will live," like the original, it says, "Lenin Cat, Lenin Cats, Lenin is the Future."

The one representing Theodore Roosevelt (TR) is titled "Teddy Meowsevelt" (TM). On his shoulder there is a teddy bear because teddy bears were named after TR. TR was the leader of a volunteer cavalry unit in the Spanish-American War and a member of the Bull-Moose Party which the horse, bull and moose buttons on TM's coat represent.

The earth represents the Panama Canal which TR played a huge part in creating. The mountain and lake are supposed to be Mount Olympus National Park, which TR created. The stick and small voice bubble were his diplomatic policy of "speak softly and carry a big stick." He was shot during one of his speeches and the bullet hole in his chest shows that.

The one representing Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) is titled "Kitlen D. Meowsevelt" (KDM). The dead cat and ghost on the left is the Great Depression, and the two cats on the right are Adolf Hitler and Kiteki Tojo and it is symbolic of FDR defeating the Great Depression and now coming for the Axis powers of WWII. The wheelchair is because FDR had polio.



Above: Bianca Guevara organized a mental health awareness seminar for her senior project. Here she is with her keynote speakers and other students: Lucy Kyrne, Jocelyn Beebe, Pokie Dunlap, Iliana Mora, Bianca Guevara, Donna Moschetti and Jessenia.

Below: Zachariah Dellett created a series of cat-themed propaganda posters that represent historical people for his senior project. From left: "Vladimeow Lenin," "Teddy Meowsevelt" and "Kitlen D. Meowsevelt."



At right: Members of the new drama club, Alyssa Fraser, Jada Smith, Mr. Coelho, Alex Meza, Cecilia Cramer and McKenna McNelly take the stage.



LIGHTS! DRAMA! ACTION!

By Jada Smith

Starting back in fall, English teacher Mr. Coelho decided to get the drama department up and running again. The small club has seen various people come and go over the months, ending the year off with president and stage manager Cecilia Cramer, vice president and actor McKenna McNelly, secretary and actor Alyssa Fraser, treasurer and actor Jada Smith, and actors Alex Maxwell, Mikayla Bush, Mia Jimenez and Amara Potter. The team has high hopes for more people to stick around next year to join the fun.

After some meetings, auditions and rehearsals, the crew decided to give it a go in fall of 2018 with the same play they've been working on for months, "Almost, Maine." It's a Twilight Zone-type production set in the mythical town of "Almost" that follows numerous characters as they (sometimes literally) fall in and out of love with each other. The dry puns, wordplay, and general humor make this play quite a watch.

If anyone is interested in joining the team next fall, we will certainly welcome you with open arms. If you have a voice loud enough to reach the back of the auditorium and the willingness to show up for rehearsals, they'll take you in. And if acting isn't quite your thing, they still have a place for you. The club still needs people to direct lights and sound, so if that seems interesting at all, please let them know. To top it all off, anybody who helps put on the play will receive high school credit for performing arts! So really, if any of this sounds at least a little interesting, check the club out next year, you might actually enjoy yourself.

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TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Ms. Carolyn Bakewell is a brilliant teacher who presents "A Hot Winter's Night" and "Art Under 20" and "The Wolverine" every year! She genuinely loves and cares for her students as she instructs them in the fine points and the big concepts of the visual arts. Carolyn is Teacher of the Year in 2017 through 2018, and why not for every year? Carolyn puts WHS at the apex of her life and our entire community is the benefactor. Let's honor this divine darling for 365 days and nights!

— Kathleen Kirkpatrick, Chair of the WHS visual and performing arts emerita



Ms. Carolyn Bakewell is Teacher of the Year.



The prom royalty at the dance: Alisabeth Wilcox, Oren Silverstein, Queen Morgan Riley, King Ryan LaCount, Naomi Strickland and Cady Pederson.

FOOTLOOSE AND FANCY-FREE

By Daisy Barrett

The Footloose Prom was presented by the Junior Class of 2019. With creative vision, our class officers transformed the community center and decorated it with rustic beauty. Morgan Riley and Ryan LaCount were nominated Prom Queen and King. Naomi Strickland and Cady Pedersen were first runner-ups and Elisabeth Wilcox and Oren Silverstein were second runner-ups.

This year, to mix it up a little, Lilah Garman and Jasmine Mendoza had the court do a dance-off instead of a court slow dance. The rest of the night, couples came together, danced, and enjoyed each other's company.

Junior Aldo Perez stated, "This was my first prom. I went with my best friend, Aroceli, and I had a great time." Senior Annaa Hammack claimed, "My favorite part about prom was the chocolate fountain." The night was filled with laughter, dancing and memories.

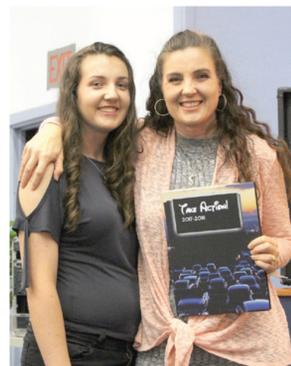
WHS TENNIS TEAM PLACES THIRD IN LEAGUE

by Daisy Barrett

This year the WHS tennis team fought hard through hail, wind and rain to place third in the league. Tim Conrad coached 19 new players with help by Dave Smith — and a Wolverine family was created.

Third singles player, Karen Hernandez stated, "I was nervous for this season because we only had three returning players, and the players returning never played singles, only doubles."

Fifteen out of 19 WHS tennis players got higher than a 3.5 GPA, one of the highest records in the league. Our tennis all-leagues were Daisy Barrett (first team), Angel Jacinto (honorable mention), and Karen Hernandez (honorable mention). Next year, the tennis team is preparing to take first in the league and show off some WHS pride.



Mistletoe Editor Daisy Barrett helps the seniors honor her mom, Mrs. Jennifer Barrett.

SENIORS "TAKE ACTION" AND HONOR MRS. BARRETT

By Daisy Barrett

Each year Willits High School has the privilege of dedicating our Mistletoe Yearbook to a special teacher. The teacher is chosen by the senior class and represents Willits High School in a way that exemplifies what it means to be an educator, a mentor, and a role model. This year this honor goes to Mrs. Barrett.

I have personally seen my mom support her students outside of school, whether it be at a sporting event or taking time out of her day to help students emotionally or academically. When asked to describe this teacher, her students used words like "energetic," "funny," "cheerful," "reliable," and "dedicated." Others say she simply has the ability to put a smile on your face. Over the past 12 years, this educator has encouraged many to pursue careers in the medical field, and the fruits of her labor can be seen in the hospitals, clinics and doctor's offices throughout the county. And this year she will see 10 or more of her AVID students continue their education and pursue their dreams. Congratulations Mrs. Jennifer Barrett! Thank you for all you do for us. We love and appreciate you!



WHS students attend the Academic Decathlon. Back row: Brieanne Evans, Alisabeth Wilcox, Ian Watson, Naomi Strickland, Savanna Hofmaister, Ariel Reyes and Mychaela Nowlin. Front row: Isabelle Grieve, Elizabeth Henning, Micah Stamps, Mary Colvig and Nick Hebel.

ACA DECA KICKS IT UP A NOTCH

By Mychaela Nowlin

Academic Decathlon is never, ever just a one-time experience in my eyes. The class was brought back to WHS only last year and that was a bit of a rough road. This year our returning members took it upon themselves to help improve the way the class was held and taught.

This year, instead of tackling the guides in a PowerPoint presentation, we broke them down by section and annotated and studied them in small groups in the class. On this matter, sophomore Micah Stamps said, "It was a long process but worth it to learn the material."

As we wrote our speeches and practiced our impromptu speeches and interviews, our captain helped a bunch in critiquing us and giving us helpful hints in making sure they were up-to-date with the standards of Academic Decathlon.

This year we sent our whole team to state and moved up two places from last year. Our team spent hours and even days preparing for the competition. It was a wonderful experience and helped us learn to find out what we need to do, as well as what we need to improve upon in the years to come.

A special shout-out goes to Savanna Hofmaister, who got the highest score out of anyone on the Willits team at state. She scored 6,718 points and was the best in the speech competition. Out of 69 teams, our girl ranked 13th. Way to go Savanna!

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The Latino Club attends the Latino Retreat at Mendocino College: Julissa Perez, Adriana Rodriguez, Aleen Hernandez, Areceli Arellano, Karen Hernandez, Giovanni Alvarez, Melody Leon, Karina Brito, Melissa Loya, Perla Heredia and Fernanda Barboza.

LATINO RETREAT 2018 A DAY TO REMEMBER

By Belen Mendoza

The Latino Retreat is an annual festivity which takes place at Mendocino College. The retreat allows Latinos across Mendocino County to learn more about their educational opportunities and different ways they can thrive, as well as learn more about their culture. This year, the Latino Club at WHS had the opportunity to attend the 30th annual Latino Retreat.

Every year, a motivational guest speaker gives a presentation and the students have a chance to speak to him or her afterward. This year, the speaker was Samuel Blanco III, director of the Upward Bound Program at UC Davis. Samuel Blanco discussed his struggle as a Latino low-income student in high school, as well as his ability to overcome those obstacles and attend UC Davis.

The purpose of the Latino Retreat is to advocate cultural awareness and introduce students to the many educational resources in both high school and college. Students attend educational and cultural workshops after the presentation. The two workshops WHS students attended were to prepare for job interviews and college applications.

The retreat brings together directors who are part of different educational organizations such as Academic Talent Search, Upward Bound, CAMP, Mini-Corps, MESA and FYI, to name a few. They provide students with an opportunity to ask any questions regarding concerns about college applications, or ways they can succeed academically during high school.

Overall, the Latino Retreat enables students to continue to stay motivated despite any doubts they may have regarding entering college or succeeding during high school. Despite all of the discussion of our education, academic success, and college, the Latino Retreat also provides the students with further insight into their culture.

The retreat incorporated Latin culture throughout the activities. For example, they served authentic food and performed traditional dances.

We hope even more students attend next year!



THE WHS SWIM TEAM MAKES A SPLASH



By Teo Labus

Despite some tough competition, the Wolverine Swimmers held their own this season. The team welcomed newcomers and everyone was happily surprised to get as far as they did. Through all the bad weather – hail, cold rain, and below-freezing temperatures – they pulled through and finished the season strong.

In the first few weeks of practice, most kids were already finding their preferences in the water. They were learning what strokes they felt they were best at and by the end of the year, the team was ready to put their practice to the test at finals. Coaches Mattie Owen and Izzy Hageman used their expertise to help the team, and with some league meets under their belt, the swimmers were finally ready to compete.

At the North Coast Championships in St. Helena, everyone put up great times, with most of the team making it into all of their events for finals. Girls who placed in finals included Sarah Strickland and Savanna Hofmaister in the 200 freestyle; Rachel



LATINO RETREAT FEEDBACK & QUOTES:

Adriana Rodriguez, grade 9

"The Latino Retreat was really inspirational and I had a lot of fun. We danced, ate, and I listened to some really inspirational people. I can't wait until next time."

Patricia Carrillo, grade 10

"This is my second year attending and it's always a great time. The speaker's presentation was very moving and I gained a lot of important information about college."

Leticia Sanchez, grade 10

"I was really inspired by the speaker. We got to meet a lot of new people, and I hope to attend again next year."

Perla Heredia, grade 10

"It was really fun. I learned about traditional dances as well as information about college."



Jada Smith, Daisy Barrett, Alyssa Frazer, Joseelyn Beebe and Teo Labus attend the HSU journalism conference.

HSU INVITES WHS WOLVERINE TO JOURNALISM CONFERENCE

By Teo Labus

On National Journalism Day, Humboldt State University held its first-ever journalism conference for the North Coast Regional high school journalism teams. Deidre Pike, chair of the journalism department at HSU, invited Willits High School's team to attend. The conference held various workshops that included interview skills, news for your ears, multimedia writing, photography, video and more.

The day started with the wonderful speech, "Why High School News Media Matters," by Maxie Alvaraz, former editor of the Arcada Pepperbox. She explained that, "Journalism is a social movement, and as journalists we have the choice in what we choose to do with our power."

Daisy Barrett, Joseelyn Beebe, Alyssa Frazer, Teo Labus, Jada Smith and Ms. Bakewell attended. The team had a great day and learned a lot. To get the most out of the experience, the group split up and attended different workshops, and then reported back to each other about the things they learned.

At the end of the day, HSU gave out the first-ever Jackie Awards. It seemed as if the Willits Wolverine had a different style compared to its opponents. The colorful pages popped out and the articles seemed to be more about the school than politics. The Willits Wolverine won Best Club Coverage, Best Illustration, and Best Resurrected Newspaper. The journalism team also got a special award for Most Outstanding 2017 Yearbook for last year's Mistletoe.

The team came out more knowledgeable of journalism and the many different aspects of it. They explored some new and different ideas for next year's "Wolverine" newspapers to come.

At left: The swimmers gather for a team photo. Back row: Mattie Owen, Leslie Campuzano, Nathan Sauers, Matt Colvig, Lucas Branscomb, Jairo Carillo, Callie Brom, Taylor Watts, Nick Hebel, and Melody Leon. Middle: Zanna Haendle, Claire Case-Brackett, Naomi Strickland, Taylor Pardue, Savanna Hofmaister, Michaela Nolin, Teophil Labus, and Izzy Hageman. Bottom: Sara Strickland, Rachel Hageman, Emma Crowe, Jaden Doak and Rhyann Whaley.

Hageman, Taylor Watts and Emma Crowe in the 200-yard IM, Taylor Watts and Rachel Hageman for the 100-yard butterfly; Melody Leon and Savanna Hofmaister in the 100-yard backstroke; Zanna Haendle and Jaden Doak in the 100-yard breaststroke; and finally, Sara and Naomi Strickland for the 500 freestyle.

The boys performed equally well with the following swimmers making finals: Jairo "Hydro" Carillo in the 200-yard freestyle; Teophil Labus in the 200-yard IM; Matthew Colvig, Lucas Branscomb and Jairo Carillo in the 50-yard freestyle; Matthew Colvig in the 100-yard freestyle; Lucas Branscomb in the 100-yard backstroke; and finally, Teophil Labus and Nathan Sauers in the 100-yard breaststroke. The boys relay team of Jairo, Lucas, Teophil and Matt scored second and third in their events.

Our high school swim team never seemed to fail. Along with courage and sportsmanship, as well as everyone cheering for each other, the swimmers exceeded their expectations, and that really made a difference for every single one of the Wolverines, new or old. The team is extremely excited for what it might accomplish next year.



The golf team hangs out at the Brooktrails Golf Course: Scott Herman, Micah Stamps, Layton Hoagland, David Mann, Taylor Campbell, Nathan Maples and Jeff Yokum.

HOLE IN ONE

By Taylor Campbell

This year, the golf team experienced the good and the bad. Although the team only had five players, they took second in league, with Nathan Maples becoming the most valuable player of the season. During their matches they played through hail, rain and wind and endured it all. Coaches Scott Herman and Jim Yokum have helped the players become better golfers.



Above, from left: Alton Cooke takes a knee next to his American flag table he crafted out of wood. Nicholas Karkar stands next to his handmade table. Robert Hayes displays his handmade clock. Bailey McAlister stands next to his clock he made in wood shop. Alex Cesena poses with his ping pong paddles he made in wood shop. At left: William Seifert shows off his handcrafted miniature grandfather clock.

ADDICTED TO SAWDUST!

"This year I began a love affair with wood. I had no idea what I could produce with power tools. In my CTE woodworking class, I've learned how to make works of art out of wood. The feeling of accomplishment when I complete a project is out of this world! I like learning from my mistakes and still produce a fabulous work of art. I am Nicholas Karkar and I am addicted to sawdust."

– Nicholas Karkar

ping pong here at school. I've challenged Mr. Bowles to a match... look out!"

– Alex Cesena

"I've enjoyed my visit with wood shop this time because I like some of the things I created. This was also the first time I learned how to use a table saw, which is less intimidating in practice."

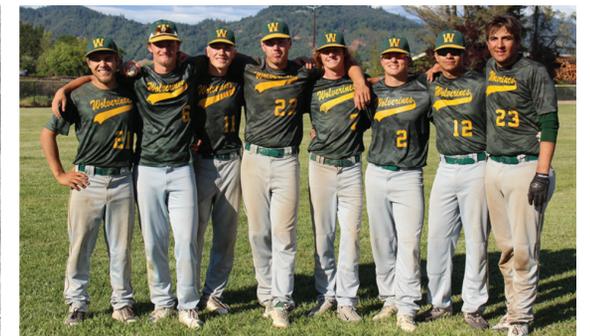
– Robert Hayes

"I like the freedom of wood shop because I can create anything as long as it's made out of wood. Currently, I'm working on a clock. It's like a miniature grandfather clock and my plan is to gift it to Ms. Brown because she's a time fanatic who encourages us to maximize our human capital."

– William Seifert

"I love wood shop because I get to make such cool things. And after each project, I get to step back and be proud of what I made... Sawdust runs through my veins."

– Bailey McAlister



The baseball boys take the field: Josh Betts, Ben Branscomb, Colton Doak, Ryan LaCount, Bailey Schmid, Triston Martin, Steven Duran and Cody Pederson.

GOING, GOING, GONE ... FINAL WORDS FROM THE SENIORS

"Baseball is, and always will be, the greatest game in the world."

– Ben Branscomb

"Don't move an inch, I shrunk the kids!"

– Colton Doak

"My last year of baseball was my best year. I got to play with my buddies that I've been playing with since T-ball."

"It was the best team! I have a lot of fun memories. We are not only teammates... we are family. I love them to death. Looking forward to meeting back up when we're 40 for a game of slow-pitch softball."

– Steven Duran

"I was definitely the best player on the team and I can't wait to take my talents to the next level at Stanford University!"

– Bailey Schmid

"If you're not having fun, you're not winning."

– Joshua Betts

"I can't wait to play baseball in college!"

– Ryan LaCount

"Baseball this year was better than I could've ever imagined. I love my boys."

– Cody Pederson



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"It's American and I made it for my family! I'm proud of my table with the stars and stripes because it took me a long time to make it and it turned out better than I expected. I've been in wood shop for two years now and I've moved up to advanced fine woodworking. I'm planning on taking wood shop all four years because I'm hooked on sawdust."

– Alton Cooke

"I like creating new projects with wood. My favorite project so far is my ping pong paddles. I'm a ping pong enthusiast and came up with the idea because we're playing



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Sabrina Garcia



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Bianca Guevara



Amaia Hammack



Adrian Haro-Sierra



Robert Hayes



Randolph Hayes III



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Grace Horger



Nicole Karkar



Ryan LaCount



Austin Leek



Eduardo Leon



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Naomi Strickland



Sara Strickland



Leticia Tomas Mendoza



Cheyanne Turner



Justin Verdot



Stephanie Webb



Alisabeth Wilcox



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Graduates
not pictured:

Willits High School:
Ramsey Alvarez, Justin Amador, Charles Cole, Sarah Compa, Angelina De Los Santos, Dakotah Flaska, Angelica Gandarilla Torres, Martin Henebury, Cassidy Lawlor, and Alejandra Ramos Munoz.

Sanhedrin High School:
James Aikin, Jose Archundia, Nathen Ayers, Emily Bartow, Shamiana Crossman, Amanda Figg-Hoblyn, Ashley Huffman, Michael Morgan, Kaylee Novo, Jorge Perez, Isaiah Silva-Fonnest, Hailey Walker and Keola Wilson

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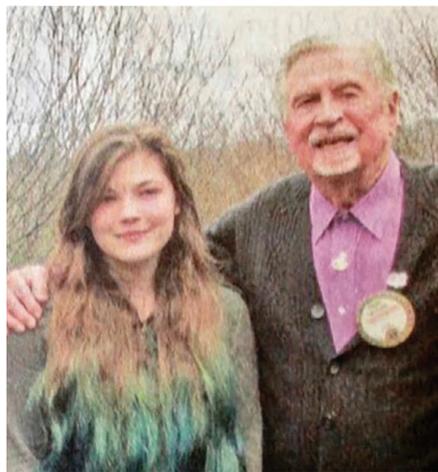
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MORE SENIOR PROJECTS

HELPING SENIORS

By Isabelle Grieve

My name is Isabelle Grieve and for my senior project I made soup and a dessert for the elderly and delivered it to them and listened to their stories. This project was a great success and went as planned. When you do your senior project, make sure to put time and effort into it and something good will come of it. Thank you!



Far left: Isabelle Grieve made food for the elderly and listened to their stories for her senior project. At left: Katelyn Abernathy held a fundraising event to raise money for the Humane Society for her senior project. A fancy pooch. Below: Oren Silverstein created these purple and green shoes with the help of his mother for his senior project.

PAWS FOR EFFECT!

By Katelyn Abernathy

I've always loved animals. And because I love them so much, I wanted to make a difference in some of their lives. For my senior project, I decided to hold an event just for dogs. My event was called Paws For Effect and consisted of raffles, games for children, food, pet and owner contests, vendors, cartoon drawings of pets and more!

The money made from the raffle tickets and the BBQ went to the Humane Society. I didn't make as much as I was hoping for, but I raised \$350 for the Humane Society. I also had leftover collars and leashes as well as homemade dog treats, made by me! I donated them all to the Humane Society. I'm really glad I chose this to do for my senior project, I had so much fun!



UGLY SHOES

By Oren Silverstein

For my senior project, I decided to make a really ugly pair of shoes. I originally wanted them to be pink and green, but wasted too much time ordering supplies, so they're purple and green. I was lucky enough to have my experienced shoemaker mother as my mentor. I used leather cutting scissors to cut the leather and sewed the pieces together on an industrial sewing machine. We had pre-made soles which needed to be sanded down to the correct size and then we used nails to hold the sole in. Next, I added the heel, which I sanded down to fit and then added protection to the bottom of the shoe. The final touch was buffing the shoe and they look nice.

TRACK AND FIELD

By Alyssa Fraser and Jada Smith

Starting back in late winter-early spring, the track and field team has been practicing hard, rain

or shine. Spending time in the weight room on rainy afternoons and working outside under the sun has really paid off because in the end, 13 dedicated team members qualified for the championships in St. Helena this season.



These hard workers were Makayla Bush, Brieana Evans, Amarah Potter, Valeria Velasco, Giovanni Bertolino, Spencer Copperfield, Nathaniel Renick, Angel Sanchez, Patrick Turner, and Roman Knight. These qualifying students managed to get themselves out of bed one early Saturday morning to get to Willits High School at 6 am for a long bus ride to the championships. Makala, Roman and Amarah were able to advance to the next level in this tournament.

Out of the many events there are to choose from, at every meet it was clear that the 100-meter dash was one of the most popular. Runners could end up having a long wait just to run a 15-second race, due to how many people participated in this event.

FFA STATE CONFERENCE

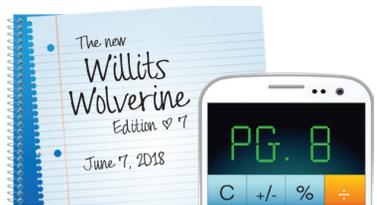
By Claire Case-Brackett

The WHS FFA took 20 students to the 90th California State Conference in Anaheim in late April. The four-day conference encouraged and inspired students to "activate" their leadership skills and love for agriculture. As many as 7,500 members attended the six sessions and workshops in which they were able to listen to keynote speakers, work with California FFA State and National Officers, and much more.

Each student was able to develop leadership skills individually and as a chapter. A career show and expo were put on which included many agricultural colleges across the country and brands such as Ariat and many more.

Until now, there was usually a concert held by a new country artist at State Conference, but this year on Tuesday evening, California FFA conquered California Adventure at Disneyland. The park was open to the public until 9 pm, after which they shut it down for FFA members and people who contributed to the convention only and stayed open until midnight.

This was the first time for State Conference to be in Anaheim after many years in Fresno. The FFA State Conference is not only about leadership and activating our passion in agriculture, it's also about the friendships and memories that we make.



The track and field team gathers for a team photo. Back row: Roman Knight, Nathaniel Renick, Bianca Guevera, Elizabeth Henning, Spencer Copperfield, Patrick Turner and Coach Horton. Front row: Jada Smith, Cecilia Cramer, Brieana Evans, Amarah Potter, Makayla Bush and Alyssa Fraser.

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The Wolverine girls softball team takes the field. From left: Danielle Campbell, Amayah Alexander, Briana Sanchez, Mandy Thurman, Janine Wright, Calen Cole, Eden Hinker Tye, Ceder Lomham, Haley Frahm, Hannah Corey, Zoe Schwoonmaker, Sequoya Swearingin and Kailani Nemborn.

DIAMOND DIVAS

By Haley Frahm

The 2018 softball team has become a family. The season started out as normal: practice, practice, practice. This year was special because the girls were especially dedicated to the sport and the long-term commitment of working out and being there for each other.

Every other day - through rain, sun and hail - the girls alternated workouts. They did the U.S. Marine Corps physical-fitness test, which included running with 45-pound backpacks on, lifting 40-pound ammo canisters, and completing a relay race. The girls often warmed up by running together to the memorial by the city library or the post office.

The girls pushed one another to

improve. Through all of the training, they found time to have some fun. For one practice, the girls went on a scavenger hunt through town and had to get specific things like a menu and pictures, and they even picked up trash along the way, beautifying the city. The team also took a trip to Sonoma State University to watch the college girls play. This helped the team learn and boosted their mindset.

The season finally came to an end and the team lost two important senior players - Haley Frahm and Danielle Campbell. Coaches Meranda Powers and Magnum Forkner shaped and prepared the seniors for more than just the game, but for life beyond high school. Even though softball has come to an end, the memories created will live on through all the girls.



The girls in the hip-hop college dance class show their moves: Bre Legere, Shyanne Hudgens, Emma Crowe, Amarah Potter, Asia Grant, Briscia Espinoza, Shandra Silva, Sarah Silva, Mrs. Tilton and Ledelia Bolton.

POP, LOCK AND DROP IT!

By Asia Grant and Amarah Potter

The hip-hop college dance class at WHS was fun and eventful. While we did learn how to dance, we also developed friendships and have become like a family over time. At first, we had to work past our fears and insecurities in order to get to a point where we could perform in front of each other. Some dance moves were quite embarrassing, but I knew that every girl was doing the same awkward and funny dance that I was doing, so it was okay. Over all, hip-hop class was amazing and I'll never forget it. I hope others will join in on our fun. Our teacher, Mrs. Tilton, is one of the best - she's inspiring and taught us sick dances. We had lots of fun and plenty of laughs.

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At left: Sophomore Trent Herrera races his BMX bike down the track.

BMX RIDER TRENT HERRERA

By Trent David Herrera

Hi, my name is Trent David Herrera and I am 16 years old. I'm a sophomore at Willits High School. I have been racing BMX bikes since I was 10 years old at the Rusty Bowl in Ukiah. Ever since started racing, I have traveled all over California and to other states, such as Oregon and Nevada. I love it!

There are races all over the world, but the one that I would love to go to is in Oklahoma. It's during Thanksgiving. It is the biggest race of the year and it's called the Grands. I'm on a race team called "Mendo Mulisha" which includes all ages. We have a lot of good people and riders on the team.

We have sponsors, but there is one that stands out, it's called Rift Tangent. The rep's name is TJ and he is from Sacramento. He helps with a lot of things. I have two race bikes and they are both custom made. I hand-picked all of the colors for my bikes and the parts, and TJ builds them for me. One of my bikes is named Erica America and the colors are red, white and blue. The cruiser is named Chromally. They are my life, my family.

I have a race pretty much every weekend and have practice three times a week. I am the fastest 16 year old in California. To become the fastest, I went around California and got points, then in state finals, I came in first. So, now I am the number one 16-year-old BMX rider in California! I also got second in Gold Cup, which is a race for all of the 48 states. If I go to the Grands and win, then I will be the fastest 17 year old in the World National Rider Race.

I would like to thank my parents for all of this. This couldn't have been done without the help and support they have given me!

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At left: Kindergartners feed little lamb, Oakly. Above: FFA members welcome the kids from Brookside Elementary School: Nathan Sowers, Sean Rodriguez, Alton Cooke, Tanysia Hudgens, Kyla Hendry, Mrs. Kelley Case-Brackett, Micah Warner and Lucas Branscomb. Below: Keegan Reed and Claire Case-Brackett show her horse, Evil, to the Kindergartners.



FFA'S ZOO CREW

By Claire Case-Brackett

On May 25, the kindergarten classes from Brookside Elementary School rode the bus over to the Willits High School farm for an educational experience petting zoo. There were seven stations that each of the classes visited, including horses, steers, chickens and rabbits, sheep, goats, dogs and pigs. The kids had a fun time learning about each of the animals and asking questions as they pet and fed them. The high school FFA students enjoyed sharing and teaching the younger, perhaps even future FFA students, about their animals.

ADVENTURE AWAITS YOU!

TRAVEL TO ITALY AND GREECE IN 2019

By Carolyn Bakewell

One of the most amazing and enlightening things to do is travel and experience history and culture firsthand. I have led educational tours many times, and I can honestly say, that it changes people's lives in a positive way and the memories created last a lifetime. The WHS visual arts department is planning a trip to Italy and Greece in June 2019. It's sure to be an unforgettable experience and if you have any interest in traveling at all, you can

come with us!

Our tour starts at the northern most part of the country. We'll fly into Milan, where we'll meet our 24 / 7 tour guide who is fluent in multiple languages and will guide us throughout Italy. We'll experience the culture and learn the history of the places we'll visit firsthand as we travel on our journey.

Our first stop is Venice, where we'll explore the city on foot and take a gondola ride up the Grand Canal and along beautiful, narrow waterways. Then we'll work our way down through the country, visiting the home of Romeo and Juliet in Verona, the Duomo, and Michelangelo's "David" in Florence.

Our next stop is Assisi, the home of St. Frances, where we'll see the oldest frescoes by Giotto. Rome will surely delight as we explore the Colosseum, the Forum, the Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Cathedral, Trevi Fountain and more!

Next stop is Pompeii and then off to Sorrento and Capri. Then we'll board an overnight ferry to Greece, where we'll visit Patras, Tolo and Athens. In Athens we'll climb up to the Acropolis, where we'll marvel at the architecture and artwork of an ancient civilization. You can see all the details of the trip at www.explorica.com/Bakewell-3806#.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at carolynbakewell@willitsunified.com or stop by the art studio at WHS. Financial aid is available as well as high school and college credits and there will be numerous fundraising opportunities.

The Colosseum in Rome, and many other spectacular sights, await students who wish to travel to Italy and Greece.



WHAT'S NEXT? SENIORS SHARE THEIR FUTURE PLANS



"I'm going to UC Merced to study chemical sciences with an emphasis in biochemistry. When I have a BS, I'll apply to medical school and become a radiologist."

— Stephanie Webb

"I'm going to Mendocino College and then to Humboldt State to study art history."

— Amaia Hammaek

"I'm going to the University of Nevada Reno to study political science in order to become the next President of the United States."

— Leslie Campuzano

"I will not be going to college or technical school after graduation. I plan on going into the construction industry."

— Bailey Schmid

"I'm going to Mendocino College to get my AA. I want to get a degree in business and also graduate from cosmetology college."

— Leti Mendoza

"I am going to get out of Willits and study criminal justice."

— Marcus Burke

"I'm going Notre Dame University. I want to study in law and maybe play soccer."

— Christian Archundia

"I am planning on becoming a fish and game warden."

— Austin Leek

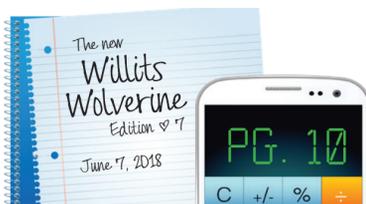
"I'm going to Sonoma State to get my BS in biology. Then I'll study pre-med in Texas."

— Haley Frahm

"I'm going to a barber school in Santa Rosa and then I'll open up my own business."

— Eddie Leon

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"I'll be attending Johnson and Wales University in Denver, Colorado to study criminal justice and political science."

— Alexis Reyes

"I'm going to attend Pacific University to obtain my MBA. Then, I am going to open up my own business."

— Mychaela Nowlin

"I am moving to the beautiful state of Hawaii in August and will be attending Hawaii Pacific University to study human biology."

— Nicole Karkar



"I'll be attending Mendocino College to study design. Then I will create my own clothing line."

— Yotzil Patino

"I plan to enroll in a medical assistant program. I will continue going to college to become a RNFA."

— Sabrina Garcia



"After high school, I'm moving to Chico to obtain my business degree."

— Taylor Polen

"I am going to travel the world and possibly work with animals or photography."

— Shayna Crandall



"I will become a dental hygienist."

— Essence Roque

"I am going to join the United States Marine Corps. I ship out for boot camp July 16. I will be traveling the world in the military, which excites me."

— Justin Verdot



"I plan to attend Mendocino College for two years. Then go to Sonoma State to study emergency medicine and health sciences."

— Katelyn Abernathy



"I'm going to Evergreen College in Washington to play soccer. I'll major in business and take child development classes, so I can own my own preschool."

— Grisele Nieto



Photos of students follow same order as quotes, starting from top down on left, then top down on right.



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OUR APPRECIATION

By Carolyn Bakewell

As the close of the 2017-18 school year is upon us, I would like to take this opportunity to send out a heartfelt THANK YOU to all the people who work together to make Willits High School a great place to be. This includes the administration, faculty, counselors, staff, food services, assistants, maintenance engineers, technology gurus, coaches and substitutes. We appreciate your dedication and commitment to our school community.



SENIOR DISNEYLAND TRIP

By Fatima Perez

Our senior trip to Disneyland/California Adventures was so much fun! I'm glad I got to spend this trip with all of my good friends and classmates. The bus rides were a struggle, but it was all worth it. I know that this was a trip I will always remember, and the rumors are true, this Disneyland is the happiest place on Earth!



Mrs. Barrett cheers on the first four-year AVID graduates: Bianca Guevara, Danielle Campbell, Shayna Crandall, Adrian Haro Sierra, Stephanie Webb, Mychaela Nowlin, Marcus Burke, Jailine Gonzalez, Mitchell Hollingsworth, Yuseli Campuzano, Leslie Campuzano and Sabrina Garcia.

GOODBYE AVID

By Daisy Barrett

This is the last year WHS is doing AVID, Advancement Via Individual Determination. Our first-generation college-bound seniors are going off to universities, state schools, and junior colleges to pursue their dreams.

Senior Stephanie Webb stated, "I am going to UC Merced and without AVID I would have no idea what to do. Mrs. Barrett helped me with my FAFSA, Cal Grant, scholarships, applications, and so much more."

Senior Bianca Guevara claimed, "Before AVID I was the quiet, shy, little freshman that had a panic attack before public speaking. Now, I am not afraid to speak in a crowd. My AVID family helped me through all my stressful times, and now I am happy to say that I am going to continue my education at Humboldt State."

After four years, our AVID seniors have performed and developed, and now let's acknowledge them for all their hard work.



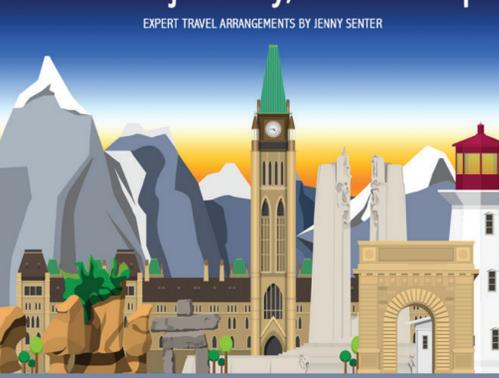
At right: Daisy Barrett, Christian Erickson and Tayja Summers proudly display their Certificates of Special Congressional Recognition from Congressman Jared Huffman for entering their artwork in the annual Congressional Art Competition. "We're going to win next year!"



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