

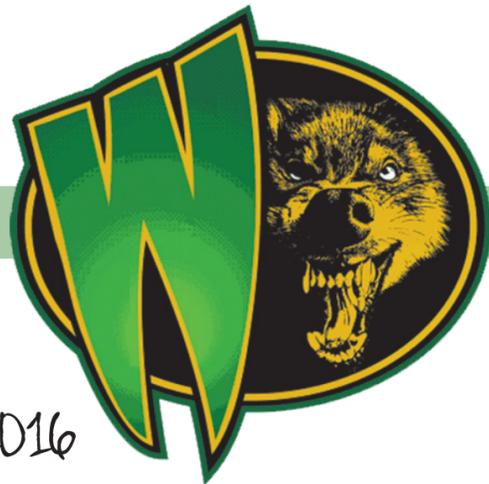
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# WOLVERINE

Thursday, October 13, 2016



At top, from left: senior King and queen nominees Chanel Alexander, Takota Paulson and Vanessa Camp. At right from top: Junior prince and princess Alex Romero and Leti Mendoza. Sophomore prince and princess Arnie Partridge and Asia Grant. Freshman prince and princess Drake Wisdom and Jessica Buzzard. Below, from left: More senior King and queen nominees including Adrian Brito, Tatyana Guevara and Julian Mendoza.



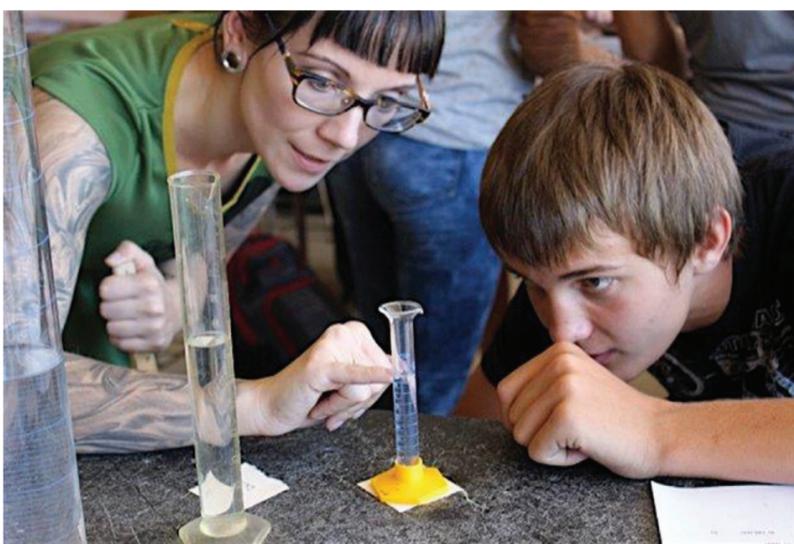
## HOMECOMING WEEK AT WILLITS HIGH SCHOOL

By Haley Frahm and Carolyn Bakewell

It's everyone's favorite time of the year ... Homecoming! People all over the Willits High School campus have been planning for weeks, waiting in anticipation for the fun festivities, liveliness and school spirit that presents itself at this amazing time of the year.

The Homecoming theme of 2016 is "Postcard Destinations." Festivities include float building, nominating and voting for the prestigious court, and spirit rallies to pump us up. Our fierce JV and varsity Wolverine football players will come up against the Cloverdale Eagles on Friday night at 5:30 and 7:30 pm. Come support the Wolverines and show your spirit! The grand finale is the Homecoming Dance Party on Saturday night at WHS from 9 pm to midnight.

The WHS Mistletoe Yearbook Staff of 2016-17 is very pleased and excited to be working with Willits Weekly to bring back our school publication, "The Willits Wolverine"!



## CHEMISTRY AT WILLITS HIGH SCHOOL

By Amanda L. Samana, Willits High School, Chemistry and Physics

Chemistry at Willis High School is a college preparatory course saturated with challenging academic science concepts, hands-on lab activities, and meaningful real-world applications. Emphasis is placed on atomic structure, physical state of matter, the five types of chemical reactions, as well as the chemistry involved in ocean acidification, acid rain and coral reef bleaching.

The laboratory portion of the class provides a tangible experience that, hopefully, makes the abstract chemical concepts more concrete for students. The math and laboratory skills learned in chemistry prepare students for physics, the subsequent science course offered at Willits High School. Both chemistry and physics are strongly recommended for those students who plan to attend college and pursue a degree in science or any of the medical fields.

Above, left: Ms. Samana and Matt Colvig conduct an experiment. Above, right: Sandra Angulo, Taylor Watts, Celeste Wolfe, Savannah Hofmaister, and Veronica Vannorsdel in the lab. At right: Niek Hebel pours liquids together. At right, below: Gisele Nieto mixes up an experiment during a dilution lab.





From left: Miranda Wilson: "Maybe the dress code should be suspended for spirit days?" Stephanie Webj wonders if "holey" jeans violate the new dress code? Casey Collicott on her bra strap: "Sometimes it sneaks out!"

## NEW DRESS CODE AT WHS

By Carolyn Bakewell

Students are up in arms about the new and improved dress code at Willits High School. They're wanting to know: "Why all of a sudden are they trying to impose something new on us?"

### WILLITS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT DRESS CODE

Good grooming is a matter of personal pride in appearance. One's manner of dress influences the learning environment. The world of work requires a standard of dress.

Schools require a standard as well. Any fashion (dress, grooming, accessory or hairstyle) that disrupts the educational process or presents a safety risk will not be permitted. Unacceptable attire includes:

1. Footwear is required at all times.
2. Tops are to meet the top of pants in both front and back with no midriff or back being exposed. Halter, tube, see-through and string tops are not permitted. Underwear should not be visible, including bra straps. Shoulder straps must be a minimum of 1" student fingers wide. Cut out sides or slits of tee shirts/tanks are not permitted.
3. Although shorts and skirts are allowed, they must be arms length.
4. Sunglasses are not to be worn in the classroom unless prescribed by a physician.
5. Clothing with obscene or suggestive slogans and designs and/or questionable language is not acceptable.
6. Blankets are not worn during the school day unless authorized by school personnel.
7. No clothing or jewelry, which symbolizes sex, drug, alcohol, tobacco, gang, racism, or satanic cult material is allowed.
8. Clothing with tears or holes above the fingertip length is not allowed.
9. Chains, not viewed as jewelry, will not be worn.
10. No pants are to be worn below the normal waistline. Underwear must not be visible.
11. Inappropriate tattoos must be covered by clothing.
12. Other dress related decisions are at the discretion of the principal. Students who fail to comply with dress code regulations will be asked to change into appropriate attire before being allowed to continue attending classes. Students who miss class as a result of inappropriate attire will be considered unexcused. Consequences:  
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2nd Offense Call/email home - correct attire - parent meeting - Log Entry in AERIES  
3rd Offense Call/email home - correct attire - parent meeting - 1 Hour Detention - Log Entry in AERIES  
4th Offense Call/email home - correct attire - parent meeting - Suspension - Log Entry in AERIES  
Students who are representing Willits High School at an official function or public event may be required to follow specific dress requirements. Usually, this applies to athletic teams, cheerleaders, bands and other such groups.  
\* Updated September 2016.

a good one." Another wrote: "I think the dress code is completely appropriate in my opinion. Girls should have more R-E-S-P-E-C-T for themselves. Keep your stuff covered, it's not hard."



Above: FFA officers, from left: Secretary: D.J. Buzzard, Vice President: James Brom, President: Caitlyn Forrester, Sentinel: Bailey Furgeson, Reporter: Keegan Reed, and Treasurer: Devin Heiken.

## FFA NEWS

By Kelley Case Brackett and Caitlyn Forrester

Hello, we are the officers of the Willits FFA Chapter. Last August during the Redwood Empire Fair, Willits had a great outcome. We had many 1st and 2nd place winners in market swine, and we came away with two Supreme Grand Champions, one market beef and one market goat. We also had one Reserved FFA Champion in market sheep, and two Round Robin winners, one in large animals and one in small animals.

In early September we had a wonderful time at the Boonville Fair. We earned a 1st place Novice Showmanship for goats, a large animal Round Robin, and a Supreme Grand Champion breeding doe.

This year we are planning many fundraisers, starting off at the Harvest Moon Hometown Celebration, where we will have a

booth which will include a petting zoo, pumpkin decorations, face painting and much more.

Our next big activity will be a Cow Plop Bingo game at our Homecoming on Oct. 14th at Willits High School, and we will have a 50/50 raffle that same evening.

Other October fundraisers include a delicious tri-tip lunch for businesses on October 19th. For \$10 you'll receive a tasty tri-tip sandwich, a bag of chips, a cookie and a beverage. Orders need to be placed by Friday, Oct. 14th.

Last but not least, we are selling Winter Sees Candy from Oct. 19th until Nov. 28th. If anyone would like to order lunch or purchase candy, please contact us at kelleycase@willitsunified.com or call 459-7700 x 1539.



Above: Some of the California girls who attended Girls State this summer in Los Angeles. Camryn is in the front row, far right.

## GIRLS STATE 2016: A GREAT SUMMER MEMORY

By Camryn Christensen, ASB President

This summer I did so much and created the best memories! One of the best was my experience at Girls State as a delegate from Willits. I was able to spend a week in Los Angeles at the Claremont McKenna campus along with 530 other girls from all throughout California. During the week we got to create a mock government and state; it was so fun, and I made the best of friends. If I could do it all over again, I would.

Girls State is a camp run through the American Legion, which gives girls

opportunities to experience how local and state government is run. It allows for us to have hands-on experience with legislation, city planning, campaigning, and the process of running for office.

The entire camp was filled with very intelligent young women, women who are interested in making our world a better place, whether it be through government, expressing equality, environmental issues or anything of that sort. Girls State made me realize that there are so many young women out there who are interested in improving the opportunities for our world and for young women.

## WILLITS VOLLEYBALL DOMINATES THE COURT!

By Daisy Barrett

September 20, 2016 was the day the Willits varsity volleyball team broke the streak. After four years of losing, our girls rose to the occasion and gave it their all to take home the victory. Not only did the varsity win, but the junior varsity girls also rocked the court. "Winning my first league game was the most magical experience," said Camryn Christensen. "I have never felt so happy and so proud of my team, hearing the crowd roar, and everyone's spirit towards the win. As a captain, I couldn't have been more proud of my team."

### STATISTICS

**Daisy Barrett:** 10 serves, 1 ace, 4 kills, 21 assists, 2 digs  
**Angel Del Santos:** 6 serves, 5 kills, 2 blocks, 15 digs  
**Camryn Christensen:** 13 serves, 2 aces, 6 kills, 2 assists, 9 digs  
**Isabel Gutierrez:** 3 serves and 1 dig  
**Eden Hinker Tye:** 10 serves, 2 aces, 13 kills, 19 digs  
**Jamie Johnstone:** 10 serves, 2 aces, 1 kill, 2 assists, 11 digs  
**Leslie Campuzano:** 7 serves 1 ace, 3 kills, 2 digs  
**Yuseli Campuzano:** 5 serves, 2 digs  
**Caitlyn Forrester:** 1 assist, 1 dig  
**Julia Johnstone:** 7 serves, 2 kills, 8 digs

The weekend before the incredible win against Middletown, the girls had a team bonding at Coach Jill Walton's house. They played grass volleyball, went swimming, played games of ping pong, and did other bonding activities. "My favorite part of the night was walking with my team up to the Walton Rock. We laughed and created memories that will last forever, and I'm thankful I got to share that experience with them," said Mikayla Blake. The team bonding evening helped to create a partnership that enabled the girls to play together as one instead of as individuals.

At right: WHS volleyball players at the Walton Rock during a team bonding event at Coach Jill Walton's place. Clockwise from back row: Eden Hinker Tye, Sequoya Swearingin, Sierra Cortis, Daisy Barrett, Brittany Patel, Angel de Los Santos, Camryn Christensen, Naomi Strickland, Yuseli Campuzano, Sara Strickland, Savannah Hofmaister, Mikayla Blake, Emerald Waters, Karen Hernandez, Leslie Campuzano, Julia Johnstone, Jamie Johnstone, Isabel Gutierrez, and Lynzie Sundvold.



Above: Varsity volleyball players, from right to left: Daisy Barrett, Leslie Campuzano, Caitlyn Forrester, Camryn Christensen, Jamie Johnstone, Isabel Gutierrez, and Julia Johnstone.



## "AMERICAN HORROR STORY MEETS LIGHTS OUT"

By Viviana Cardona

This year the Willits High School Peer Counselors are presenting their 2nd annual Haunted House on their very own TERRORTory in the main hall.

"American Horror Story meets Lights Out" Haunted House, on Oct. 29th from 7 to 11 pm, featuring inspiring details from both movies to create a haunting, take your breath away, walk-through.

This year's Haunted House will be better, longer and bigger than ever. Once you enter, there will be no escape. Prepare yourself to meet clowns, mummies, creepy crawlies, and a big black hole lit only by strobe lights. Only lasting one night: We hope to see you ... IF YOU DARE!

## JR. BOOSTERS' HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Come one, come all to the first annual Jr. Boosters' Holiday Bazaar happening in the Wolverine Cafe on Dec. 3rd, from 10 am to 2 pm. You'll find sweet presents and stocking stuffers for your loved ones, and little ones can even make something special at our children's craft table. Are you interested in having a booth of your own at the Holiday Bazaar? If so, we would be delighted to have you come join us. We are looking for creative community members who want to sell their arts & crafts, candy or baked



goods. The table fee is a mere \$20, and any profit you make above that all goes to you. There is plenty of space left. For more information and to book a spot call Christy Wisdom @ 459-7700 x 1554 or Jennifer Barrett @ 707-540-4208



## GARDEN PARTY RAISES \$36,700 FOR WILLITS SCHOOLS

Willits Rotary Club and Willits Educational Foundation volunteers raised \$36,700 at this year's Garden Party fundraiser on August 27. The big "check" was presented to WEF at the September 29 Rotary Club luncheon meeting. From left: Willits Unified School District Superintendent Mark Westerburg, Rotary Club members John Cross, Denise Rose and Randi Covin, party hostess and gardener Kathy Shuster, and WEF's Kathleen Lewis. Funds are divided among each school in the district - according to enrollment numbers - for art, music and library programs. Willits High School will receive \$9,744.

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# HOMECOMING WEEK

OCTOBER 10 THRU 15 AT WILLITS HIGH SCHOOL



## SHOWING WHS SPIRIT

The Leadership Class dressed up for Hawaii Day by wearing orange for Monday, above, and students in the quad dressed up for Miami Day by wearing blue on Tuesday, below, during Homecoming week.

Above: Front row: Morgan Riley, Camryn Christensen, Julia Johnstone, Alexia Duran, Vanessa Camp, Jaime Johnstone, Caitlyn Forrester, d'Artagnan Meek, Adrian Brito, and Alexis Reyes. Second Row: Mr. Chavez, Tatyana Guevara, Bailey Ferguson, Isabella Lopez, Nicole KarKar, Izak Walker, James Brown, Lilah Garman, Mitchell Hollingsworth. Back row: Daisy Barrett, Ian Watson, Isabel Gutierrez, Neyema Sizemore, Lillian Turner, Ariel Reyes, Britney Patel, Devin Heiken, DJ Buzzard, Tyler Vesey holding Duke, and Colten Horger.

### FRESHMEN MONDAY:

Hawaii Day - orange

### SOPHOMORES

TUESDAY:

Miami Day - blue

### JUNIORS WEDNESDAY:

Bay Area Sports - white

### SENIORS THURSDAY:

Rio Feathers and Beads - pink

FRIDAY:

Green and Gold



At right: Jaden Doak making her tutu. At far right: Nathan Kim, spirit extraordinaire!



Above: Willits High School football players. Back row, from left: Cody Pedersen, Ben Branscomb, Justin Hawkins, Nick Harrington, Matt Colvig, Jose Vasquez, Mitchell Hollingsworth, Lukas Montez, Coach Ken Pedersen, Elijah DeCent, Jose Carillo, Othello Jackson, and Marcus Burke. Front row, from left: Justin Verdot, Colten Doak, Triston Martin, Colten Horger, and Tyler Vesey.

## HOMECOMING GAME PREDICTIONS FROM THE FOOTBALL TEAM

"We've got spirit, we're going to go out there and fight, play hard and hopefully get that dub [win]!" - Justin Hawkins

"Wolverines are going to come out on top with a win. Everyone's so pumped up from our last win that we're going to carry the momentum on!" - Tyler Vesey

"I know it's going to rain, but we're going to win by 100 points because we've been training hard and I know we can do it!" - Triston Martin

"I'm going to put everything I've got into this game, and whatever happens is going to happen but most likely we're gonna win!" - Colten Horger

"We're gonna win 'cause we gained momentum from last week's game against St. Vincent, and also playing in front of our home crowd always gives us extra motivation!" - Cody Pederson

"I think we're going to win!" - Austin Andrade

"I feel like we're gonna play even better than we did last weekend, because it's Homecoming, and we feel less intimidated after our win against St. Vincent. All I know is before we were a little scared, and now we're

confident that we can beat Cloverdale!" - Jacob Schubert

"34 to 10 last weekend against St. Vincent. I'm pretty pumped up that it's our Homecoming, and I know we're going to win" - Feather Vansickle

"My prediction for the homecoming game is we're going to kick some you know what! And we've been practicing hard for it too!" - Aaron Colvig

"I think it's going to be a tough game. We're pretty evenly matched, it's going to be raining, the field will be slick and muddy, but I think that we can pull it off for a victory!" - Justin Verdot

"I believe JV will come out victorious. Varsity will have a tougher time because Cloverdale is looking like a strong team. Rain will be a factor, but it shouldn't affect our playing style too much!" - Jacob Arms

"Personally, I believe we're gonna go out there, play a hard game, keep our heads up, do our best, and pull off a win!" - Elijah DeCent

"We're going to win by at least 20!" - Mitchell Hollingsworth

### CALENDAR

10/14: Duct Tape a special teacher or administrator to the wall at lunch on Friday. \$1.00 for strip

10/14 to 11/13: Sophomore Class Popcorn Fundraiser: Flavors include: Kettle Corn, Nutty Caramel, Cheddarific, White Cheddar, Chicago Chic, Brown Sugar Caramel, Cheese-Caramel, Better Salt 'n Pepper, Cookie and Dream, Fruit Rainbow, Spicy Cheese, Milk Chocolate Drizzle, and White Chocolate Peanut Butter. For more information contact Daisy Barrett or Isabella Lopez at (707)459-7700 ext 1539

10/22: Freshman Halloween Bake Sale at J.D. Redhouse 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

10/22: Senior Movie Night at 6:00 p.m. Pitch Perfect & Toy Story at the Willits High School Auditorium. One movie \$4 entry, \$1 popcorn/drinks, Both movies \$6.50

10/29: Color Run 10:00 am at the WHS Football Field

10/29: Alumni Volleyball Game 10:00 am

10/29: Haunted House 7:30 pm in WHS Main Hall

11/10: Booster's Meeting 6:00 pm at WHS Wolverine Cafe

11/21 to 11/25: Thanksgiving Holiday

12/3: Holiday Bazaar. 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at Wolverine Cafe

12/8: A Hot Winter's Night 6:00 to 8:30 pm in Alex Garcia Auditorium.

12/8: Leadership Soup Supper 5:00 to 6:00 pm at Wolverine Cafe



## POPPING THE QUESTION, HOMECOMING STYLE!

By Carolyn Bakewell

The students worked really hard to come up with some artistic and creative ways to invite their special someone to the dance. The excitement in the air at the art studio was contagious!

Rene Torres went all out and enlisted the jazz musicians to play "Careless Whisper" by Wham and he had a dozen red roses and a beautiful invitation to help win over Maria. She said "Yes!"

counter-clockwise from top: Martin Alejandro-Bravo is asked by Cheyenne Decker & Nalleli Ramirez. Aaron Colvig holds a soccer themed proposal. Haley Frahm & Alexis Martinez. Rene & Maria. Connor Wyatt & Lynzie Sunvold-Gray.



## WHS HOME GAMES

### GIRLS SOCCER

Thursday, October 13 at 4 pm against Middletown  
Thursday, October 20 at 4 pm against Cloverdale  
Tuesday, October 25 at 5:30 pm against Fort Bragg

### BOYS SOCCER:

Thursday, October 13 at 5:30 pm against Middletown  
Thursday, October 20 at 5:30 pm against Cloverdale  
Tuesday, October 25 at 4 pm against Fort Bragg

### CROSS COUNTRY:

Wednesday, November 2 at 3:30 pm against Kelseyville, St. Helena and Cloverdale

### FOOTBALL:

Homecoming! Friday, October 14 against Cloverdale, JV at 5:30 pm and Varsity at 7:30 pm.  
Friday, October 28 against Kelseyville, JV at 5:30 pm and Varsity at 7:30 pm  
Friday, November 4 against Middletown, JV at 5:30 pm and Varsity at 7:30 pm

### VOLLEYBALL:

Tuesday, October 18 against Clearlake, JV at 5 pm and Varsity at 6 pm  
Thursday, October 27 against Lower Lake, JV at 5 pm and Varsity at 6 pm

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## "POSTCARD" HC FLOAT BUILDING

By Carolyn Bakewell

Spirited WHS students gather together after school to visualize and build their class floats. They only have one short week to do all the work and must have good communication skills and a ton of teamwork to complete the daunting task at hand. They can only work on the floats between 3 to 7 pm Monday through Thursday. On Friday afternoon, students can add finishing touches but at 4:30 their time runs out.

Five faculty judges converge with their clipboards and pencils to see if the students have met all the requirements: a football helmet, four Wolverine paw prints, WHS motto "Today Determines Tomorrow," a real or painted football, and the class name or graduation year.

Judges also look for artistic talent, creativity, skill, how well the float represents the theme, and the building structure itself. It is a pretty fierce competition between the classes, and we shall see who comes out on top in the end. Everyone will be able to see the floats at the Homecoming game on Friday, October 14.



At top, left: Freshman Tyler Bailey paints a tiki image on the Hawaii float. At top, right: Trinity Watts, Carissa Cornwall, Parker Watts, Taylor Campbell, Isabella Lopez & Taylor Watts enjoy a dinner break with a pepperoni pizza gift from Old Mission Pizza! Thank you Old Mission - we loved it! At left: Taylor Campbell, Isabella Lopez, Carissa Cornwall & Taylor Watts work on the sophomore Miami float.



Above: Max Pinelli paints Christ the Redeemer for the Senior float Rio. Below: Left to right: Morgan Riley, Mr. Riley, Haley Frahm, Alexis Reyes, Grace Horger & Bryon Bolton work together to get their San Francisco Bay float onto the trailer and in place. At bottom, left: Junior sketch of the San Francisco Bay float. At bottom, right: Lillian Turner and Ariel Reyes work on the Freshman Hawaii float.



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# MEMORIES OF A WILLITS WOLVERINE REPORTER

Zack Cinek, WHS Class of 2004

It was in one of those double-wide trailer classrooms with no windows and a sagging floor that some of the last issues of the Willits Wolverine were produced by students at Willits High School. Thankfully, that classroom is long gone and there is a revival of the Wolverine under way. Bringing back the Wolverine should make Willits residents feel good, and I think it complements other efforts in the community like rebuilding the Willits "W" and picking up garbage from illegal dumping.

From inside the old portable classroom, the newspaper overseen by Pete Loeser ran similar to a real-world newspaper: deadlines, selling ads, editing copy, photography, reporting and distribution. Art Eck, a veteran of World War II who died in 2013, came by when the Wolverine was in session one day to talk with a reporter about how students who gathered on the steps of the Veterans Building were spitting their chewing gum on the steps of the building.

Eck's account that I wrote up about what was happening to the steps of the Vets building is the kind of story that I think any reporter should cover. And I also remember interviewing and writing a story about the travels of my Spanish language teacher John Haschak. I can say that the way I conducted that assignment, arranging for an interview, securing a photograph and producing the written copy was not that much different than working for a real newspaper.

The graphic design program was cut during my time at Willits High School, and I reported on that to the best of my skills at the time. I arranged to interview former principal Gordon Oslund and another individual. I cannot remember who, about the loss of a class popular among students. Occasionally instructor Loeser caught a cold or needed to be gone, for some reason it seemed that Mr. K was almost always the substitute teacher called on to fill in at the Wolverine.

Mr. K, known only as Mr. K to students, writes a local newspaper column and is a "retired educator and bonsai expert living in Laytonville," as reads the signature line of his columns. Mr. K told me something one day about some of the US states that sticks in my mind to this day, but I cannot remember it all. I do remember vividly that California is a state of confusion and Texas is a state of mind.

Selling advertisements to help cover printing costs was an adventure every time. Ad sales meant beating the streets and going door to door in downtown Willits and dodging speeding big rigs in the crosswalk from the clock repairman's shop to the lawyers and realtors across the street.

Somewhere in a box I have clippings and complete Wolverine issues. I never anticipated that something I wrote for the Wolverine could survive 12 years only to appear on Facebook. But in an unlikely plot twist, Willits Weekly's Maureen Moore dropped me a line recently that a cell phone picture of a column long forgotten to me had made it onto someone's Facebook page.



A "Fancy Shawl Dance."



A "Jingle Dance."

## DANCING FOR A CHANGE IN OUR COMMUNITY

By Tatyana Guevara

Over the 2016 summer, I attended powwows at UC Davis, Stanford, Sacramento, Oroville, and local Big Times. I've been dancing for six years and love it completely, I feel free and content when dancing. Many dance to dance, but I dance for a change in our community, the health of my family and friends, and for friendship. I'm passionate about life being a gift and wish others

knew how to treat each other so people wouldn't feel down, depressed or suicidal. I am five lines of Native American due to the death march also known as the "Blood Run." I am Wilaki, Namlaki, Wintun, Pomo, and Cahto. I know three different dance styles which are: Northern Pomo Feather Dancing, Women's Fancy Shawl, and Women's Jingle. I love to jingle dance the most, especially when it is a crowd hop special.



At left: AVID students, top row, from left: Mikayla Blake, Savannah Southwick, and Keegan Reed. Bottom row, from left: Yuseli Campuzano and Bianca Guevara.

### SOME OTHER THOUGHTS ON AVID...

**Savannah Southwick:** "I think AVID's great, and Ms. Samana's really nice and a good teacher. She cares about us and guides us to be successful."

**Taylor Quilven:** "Ms. Samana teaches pretty well and helps me understand things."

**Keegan Reed:** "AVID has helped me with organization, TRFs (tutorial request forms), homework, and test review, and the best part about AVID is we get special privileges like first choices for classes, trips and, at the end of each month, Mr. Likker brings us donuts!"

**Jace Atalg:** "I think AVID is a really good program that will help prepare me for college. It's taught me to organize, study, and interact with those around me. I'm also more aware that this is happening now."

**Yuseli Campuzano:** "I love Mrs. Barrett because she really cares about me in and out of school. AVID is my favorite class."

## STUDENTS SHINE THROUGH AVID: "ADVANCED VIA INDIVIDUAL DETERMINATION"

By Mikayla Blake

AVID is an advanced class which prepares us for college education and more. It is my third year being in AVID, and honestly I don't think I would be able to get through high school without it. In AVID we call ourselves a family and, when you are in the dark and don't know what to do, you can always count on your AVID family to be there for you. Each year, the AVID class goes on two field trips to visit college campuses. In my opinion, it is one of the best experiences I have ever had. Last year we traveled to UC Berkeley and Mills Col-lege in the Bay Area. This year we are planning to visit Stanford University and San Francisco State University. I think the field trips give us a different perspective on life and new ways of thinking about our future.

We also develop organizational and study skills and learn to use websites. We attend the college fair at Mendocino College, where we have the opportunity to contact college representatives and figure out where we might like to go and what things they have to offer us.

Since I have been in AVID, I've not only learned about the colleges and the possibilities my future holds, but also what it's like to have people to support you on the journey.

## TECHNOLOGY TAKES OVER: CHROMEBOOKS AT WILLITS HIGH

By Max Pinelli

This year, thanks to Superintendent Mark Westerburg, Willits High School students are being gifted with Google Chromebooks from Dell. To achieve this feat, Westerburg had to jump through some hoops. First of all, the district had to purchase the Chromebooks directly from the manufacturer. It cost around \$150,000, roughly \$250 for each computer.

Then, we had to upgrade our wireless server to account for all 800 of these devices, and at the same time install firewalls for virus protection and content filters. Students will be able to take their Chromebooks home to do their work, and eventually will have access to online books. It's an upgrade from lugging heavy backpacks filled with physical books around school and back and forth to and from their homes.

"We want all students to have equal access and opportunity to succeed," Mr. Westerburg said. "And instead of purchasing textbooks to accommodate every student, we can download books digitally for a fraction of the cost. If new information becomes available for any book, we can simply download the .pdf and have all the current information right there for us."

The big goal for the Chromebooks is to make sure that every student has access to all assignments and

opportunities. Additionally, this kind of technology is used in colleges and universities and will prepare our students for their next step in education. Students will receive their Chromebooks in some-time in October.

Each computer will have an identification number etched onto it and will be checked out to individual students. Each original owner of a brand-new Chromebook will be responsible to handle their device with care and will be expected to use them appropriately. The Chromebooks will also be protected in casings, to ensure security and safety.

Jackson Harris said: "I think that this is a great opportunity for the students to advance their learning capability." Oren Silverstein commented: "I don't know if I want to be responsible for school property." Jonny Lara piped in, "I think that they should be spending their money on more important things." What those things could be? "Sports stuff. Rebuild the school."

Mr. Westerburg has initiated his "Chromebook for Every Student" program before, in the New Buffalo school district in Michigan. He confirmed that it worked very well, and he is excited to bring Willits students into the 21st century. Overall, the WHS student body is very excited about Mr. Westerburg's agenda and are anxiously awaiting distribution day.



Above: From left: students Jaxon Apodaca, Sam Heller, Ben Branscomb and Emma Compa help unpack the new computers. Below, left: From left: Beau Roberts, Sam Heller and Emma Compa check out the boxes full of new Chromebooks. Below, right: The Google Chromebooks arrive at Willits High.



Above: Bleacher construction crew members, from rear to front: Mr. Putt, Bailey Schmid, Lukas Montez, Ryan LaCount, Roman Wiegand, Francisco Acevedo, Alexandro Calderon, and Reef Ballou.

## WHS BLEACHERS RISING CONSTRUCTION CLASS GETS TO WORK!

By Brandon Smith

Willits High School's bleachers are in the beginning stages of being replaced. Mr. Putt, our construction class teacher, and 80 of his students plan to work together to bring the old, worn-out, in-need-of-repair seats back to life. WUSD is paying for the wood and paint, which will be bought locally from Mendo Mill and The House Doctor.

The district is in store for an economic advantage because they won't have to pay for professional labor, and the students win as well because while they are learning, they are getting hands-on experience in planning, building and repairing bleachers.

Every step of the way is critical to the overall success of the project. Carpentry skills needed to do a big job like the bleachers include measuring, marking, cutting, nailing, learning about tools and techniques, and how to read plans. We're sure that Mr. Putt will share his knowledge, expertise and important building tips with the students.

Mr. Putt estimates the cost to be roughly \$9,000 for the whole job, including paint. One of the biggest plans is to enclose the back top of the seats so that things won't fall underneath the bleachers, and they will be painted green. How long it will take? That remains to be seen, but there's at least a mile's worth of work to be done. We wish you the best of luck, and we'll keep checking in.



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