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2009-2010 Healthy Kids Survey released to schools

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Every year students statewide are asked to take a voluntary survey concerning health and safety created by the California Healthy Kids Survey, also known as CHKS. WHS has participated in this survey in previous years, most recently in the 2009-2010 school year. Last year's results were printed in a packet and sent back to the school. The CHKS results packet's contents presented the number of students who participate in the usage of alcohol and other drugs. The packet also included percentages of students' opinions of how safe they felt at their school and how the faculty contributed to that feeling of security.

Grades 7, 9, and 11 took the Healthy Kids survey in the 2009-2010 school year. Out of the seventh grade class, 74 students took the survey. These 74 students, represented 57% of their total class; the ninth grade, had 88 students surveyed representing 66 percent of their class; and in the eleventh grade had 64 students representing 57 percent of their class.

These students answered various questions concerning life-long and short-term usage of alcohol and drugs

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Round Table Sponsors 2010 Fall WHS Blood Drive Fall Blood Drive provides 53 pints to local BloodSource

Sponsored by Round Table Pizza the fall 2010, WHS Blood Drive listed 61 students yet netted 53 pints of blood from WHS students and Willows community members.



Teresa Biggs, The Honker, 2010
Karina Farris smiling as she awaits for the BloodSource nurse to place a bandage wrap around her arm after donating a pint of her blood on Oct. 28.

Ryan Lewis
Staff Reporter

The fall blood drive hosted by WHS Blood committee for Chico based Blood Source took place in the WHS gymnasium Oct. 28, 2010.

For two weeks in Oct., members of the blood drive committee took sign ups for blood donations from juniors, seniors, and staff members.

After signing up offering to be a donor, donors received a chap stick and a sucker.

Mr. Bryant, advisor to the blood drive committee, along with returning senior Viviana Rodriguez; juniors, Brittany Defaria, and Bryce Jones; teamed with new committee members sophomores, Rocio Cano and Michaela Biggs; and junior, Adrian Mercado organized the school wide

event.

To prepare donors before this event, committee members passed out drinks with an appointment card attached showing the time for the donor to appear for their blood donation appointment.

The morning of Oct. 28, blood drive committee members hosted a continental breakfast in classroom 604 for those donating blood.

To become a blood donor, the donor must meet Blood Source requirements. The donor must be at least the age of 16, have a minimum weight of 110 pounds, and be in a healthy state. All high school donors 16 years of age or older must have a parent signature. The donor must be HIV/AIDS free and not have any tattoos or piercing within the last year.

The procedure is performed by BloodSource phlebotomist. The donor begins the process by filling out a medical history form about themselves. Then, the donor has their blood pressure and iron levels taken. When

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Blood Drive

WHS newspaper affected by corporate competition

Wal Mart sells WHS look-a-like spirit clothing and other miscellaneous items, affecting profits the newspaper class needs to publish the newspaper



Jolene Pozzi, The Honker

Managing Editor, Mickey Biggs holds up a Goose Island t-shirt and is wearing the matching sweatshirt that is sold to raise money for the cost of printing the school's newspaper

The Honker Editors

This last summer Wal-Mart began selling high school spirit clothing that have directly affected the newspaper profits by 50 percent forcing the WHS newspaper students to search for other alternatives in raising funds to pay for the printing costs of the school's newspaper.

Students and community members alike believe that Wal-Mart is selling the school's spirit clothing in an

effort to support the high school clubs or the newspaper club.

This is far from the truth reported newspaper advisor, Mrs. Ansel during a class discussion.

"The Wal-Mart clothing items do not have the correct colors for our school. The deep purple and Vegas gold that are in the Goose Island t-shirts are our true school colors. Also, buyers of Wal-Mart sweatshirts may get more quantity [items] for a lower price, but their shirts do not have the same quality

as the newspaper's t-shirts and sweatshirts," Biggs said.

The small school's club has been bitten by corporate America. For the last six years, the Honker newspaper staff has been selling spirit clothing at football and basketball games, close campus activities as well as through the school's office as a constant fundraising event raising funds to pay for printing and other associated costs in running a school newspaper.

The class/club also receives a mini-grant from the Boosters that is used against the printing costs.

"This course is operated and supported by the class students through purchasing and selling spirit clothing, mainly sweatshirts and t-shirts," said advisor Mrs. Ansel. "We also receive a much appreciated donation from the Booster club."

The club cannot compete with Wal-Mart as they are selling their sweatshirts the same price the club purchases them from their local vendor.

When it was first noticed by the high school advisor, she went in and asked the stores floor supervisor if they knew that they were in direct competition with the school's newspaper club and if they would stop selling this particular clothes line.

She was told to contact the corporate offices that they make the decisions on what to order and sell. As of yet they

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WHS Spirit Clothes

Teen Driving and Car Control Clinic

Jolene Pozzi
Staff Reporter

ThunderHill Park has partnered with National Auto Sports Association, NASA, hosting a teen driving and control clinic teaching driving and car control to teen and adults on Friday Nov. 26 beginning with registration at 7 a.m. A mandatory driver and vehicle inspection begins at 8 a.m. The entry fee for this training is \$99 with space being limited. The cost covers admittance and vehicle inspection.

This clinic is to teach teens and adult drivers the basics and some advanced driving and car control techniques. Participant requirements are a vehicle in good condition, a learners permit or drivers license, closed toed shoes, and a willingness to have a fun day while learning how to save lives and become a better driver.

The CHP will be doing lectures and demonstrations on turning, braking, parallel parking, driving in reverse, merging into traffic and even defensive driving techniques. This curriculum has been designed to expose new and experienced drivers to different driving conditions. The drivers will experience what it would feel like when their car begins to slide and how to keep it under control; when two wheels go off the pavement and how to safely get it back on to the road; panic braking, and a lot more.

"It teaches people how to react for an emergency in a controlled environment," Public Information Officer, PIO, Rodney Pozzi said.

6 Students Break into Herkmer Post

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Staff Reporter

Six students took Honker Spirit souvenirs from the Herkimer Post building, which sits inside the chain fence of the football field, on Oct. 19.

The lock to the Herkimer Outpost was previously broken before the theft occurred and was in processes of being replaced when the six entered into the building taking beaded necklaces, megaphones, and foam hands.

Two sophomore physical education students reported PE classmates inside the building taking the fundraising items. Once the theft was discovered, it was immediately reported to Mr. Perry and discipline procedures were taken against the six students. Some of the items were recovered through Mr. Perry's quick actions, but it is unknown what items remain missing.

Sophomores Delainy Ward and Chanchal Wadwha co-

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Honker Post Break-in