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Wrestling team held Annual Tri-Tip Dinner and sold Kleen Kanteens

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The WHS wrestling team began their season with two fund raising campaigns. The team sold preseason tickets to their Annual Drive Through Tri-Tip Dinner and Kleen Kanteens.

Both fundraisers campaigns kick-offed their 2011 – 2012 wrestling season beginning with the Doc Peterson Tournament, that was Saturday, Dec. 3.

The funds will be used to for wrestling equipment and gear and transportation costs.

The Tri-Tip Drive contained a healthy portion of barbecued Tri-Tip, salad, rice and roll for \$10 per plate and the dinners was delivered to the driver's window for fast and speedy service.

The wrestling team sold 27 ounce Kleen Kanteens containing the schools logo and school name for \$20.00. As of this printing they had several left. For information about the wrestling teams fundraising or scheduling events, contact Coach Steele or through the school's office at 530-934-6611.

Words for Hearts

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Words for Hearts, a group created by Katie Bergloff, Ophelia Cofer, and Michaela Biggs, presented the first annual Rumor Awareness Day at WHS, throughout the day on November 18, 2011. The aim for this day was to bring to the forefront of teen minds that starting, and spreading, rumors causes more pain and strife than they are worth.

Rumors are intertwined with the basic structure of any high school or small town. Someone hears part of a conversation and jumps to a conclusion, miscommunications, and misinterpretations all cause accidental rumors. Some people enjoy stirring the pot, so to speak, so they will weave a story to cause pain and strife for whomever lands in their sights. This is the motivation behind Words for Hearts.

Posters were placed around the campus with encouraging words for anyone who has had a rumor spread about them. A short story was also read over the intercom about a young person greatly affected by a rumor. The group's leaders also wore t-shirts expressing the group's mission. If you would like more information, or are inspired by this action, there is more information available at their page on Facebook.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Years

Herkimer's Hometown Christmas features wreaths, ornaments and garland

The WHS Booster's Club is hosting the "Herkimer's Hometown Christmas", on the WHS football field.

Kayleigh Foster
Staff Reporter

WHS Booster's started selling 250 Christmas trees of various kinds as well as wreaths, garland, coffee mugs, and Christmas Ornaments Nov. 25, on the schools football field as a fundraising event for their club, the senior class and the Agricultural Mechanics class.

This successful fundraiser brought people to the school reducing their inventory by 210 trees as of this writing. The types of Christmas trees sold were 4 Noble, Grand, and Douglas Fir. The trees were fresh cut, delivered to the football field from Oregon; and set up immediately for community sales. The prices of the trees ranged from \$20 to \$109.



Mrs. Ansel, The Honker 2011

High school students help the Boosters sell Christmas trees at the schools football field. Standing Teresa Biggs and Caitlyn Ehorn are holding a Christmas tree and kneeling is 11 year-old Tyler Biggs and 10 year-old JayCee Ward

Along with selling Agricultural Mechanics class by selling wreaths, helped the senior class and garland, coffee mugs, and

Christmas Ornaments. The senior class has raised approximately \$1,000 by selling their Christmas items. The Agriculture Mechanics class made stocking holders, and Christmas tree ornaments. These items sold out by the second week of sales. The Christmas tree sales started Nov. 25 and will continue until the remaining 40 trees are sold. This fundraiser has been used to donate money to many school programs. The intent of the Boosters Club is to promote student clubs, sports, after school activities and events by raising money in assisting these school activities to prosper.

The WHS Booster's Club has donated \$500 to the basketball team for travel

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Merry Christmas from the front office staff!



Jolene Pozzi, 2011 The Honker

Mrs. Amy Baker, Attendance Secretary; Mr. Jerry Smith, Principal; Patricia Farrell, student; Mrs. Shelley Taylor, Administrative Secretary, and Nicole Thayer wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you notices hit the mail

The Honker Staff

The Willows Unified School District mailed out Thank You notices to community members during the districts Appreciation Week, to thank them for their volunteerism in making improvements to our districts schools.

The three schools got behind the kindly thought of sending personal Thank You notices to the people in our community that made a difference to our schools. Teachers, staff members and administration filled



Photo provided by Sherry Brott

AmeriCorps Alumni, Rosa Esparza, Claudia Chvira, Gabe Loera, Lorenzo Contreras, Solena Lo, and Dancy Orozco shown painting the library

out thank you notices that included a personal note from the author to show their appreciation from the service they provided. "That was a great idea; the community has been behind us in supporting our

school, and it is only right that we do something to show our gratitude," said Mickey Biggs.

WHS has received many new upgrades from wall painting in the school's office and main hallway to the football stadium. Community members, clubs and organizations and especially the WHS Booster's have provided much of the labor and

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WHS ASB and FFA members participate in the Adopt a Family sponsoring a family in need.

WHS ASB and the FFA program are keeping busy wrapping presents for family's in the Adopt-a-Family Program that is scheduled for Dec. 12, 2011.

The 18th Annual Adopt-A-Family Program that is sponsored by the Glenn County Human Resource Agency is again holding their holiday community support program that directly benefits families identified with the most need.



Picture from The Honker 2010 Archives

All families must live in the Glenn County area. This benefit is scheduled to take place on Dec. 12 at the Memorial Park. Each year this program

has been met with great enthusiasm and has been very rewarding to all those involved. The Adopt-A-Family Program provides needy families with the resources needed to enjoy the holiday season by providing presents, gift cards and certificates from local grocery stores and merchants.

The WHS FFA and ASB sponsored a family this year

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Scholarships

For more information on up coming scholarships, contact the counseling office

The 2012 Profile in Courage Essay Contest is now available to 9th-12th grade students. Applicants must write an original, creative essay 1000 word or less demonstrating their understanding of political courage as described by John F. Kennedy in "Profiles in Courage." Awards range from \$500 to \$5000.

The Young Arts scholarship program is now available to high school seniors. Awards will be given in Theater, Voice, Photography, Dance, Music, and Writing. Complete an application online at www.youngarts.org

Colgate-Palmolive and the Hispanic scholarship to encourage young Hispanics in the U to "Make the U" (Haz La U) A total of 11 grants will be awarded. Grand prize \$15,000 and 10 \$2500. Students need to log on to www.colgate.com/hazlau for an application and more info. Deadline is Dec: 31.

The College of Idaho Heritage Scholarship awards those students who meet the highest academic standards with a full tuition scholarship to the College for the 2011-2012 academic year, You must plan on attending the College of Idaho.

The National Scholarship for seniors is now available. Awards will range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Please visit www.gwcf.org for application and more info. Deadline is January 2011.

The California Association of Collectors (SAC) is offering several scholarships to graduating seniors. Awards range from \$1500 to \$2500. Deadline is January 31st.

The Dell Scholars Program is now available. Unlike many other scholarships, the Dell Scholars Program recognizes academic potential and determination in students that have a definite need for financial assistance. This is for seniors only. Deadline is January 15th 2011. Apply online at www.dellscholars.org

The Ronald McDonald House Charities Programs are now available. These awards are for Hispanic Americans, African Americans, and Asian Pacific, and this year they are offering the RMHC scholars award to students that do not fall into one of the above categories. RMHC is proud to be able to help students who dream of college, but may not have the finances. More info is available in the counseling office. Visit www.rmhc.org for an application. Deadline is January 28th.

Americas Milk Processors and USA Today announce the 15th annual "Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year" (SAMMY) 2012 award program recognizing outstanding senior scholar athletes from high schools throughout the United States. Visit www.bodybymilk.com for complete rules, information, and an online application. Deadline is March 2011.

FFA Scholarships are now available. Scholarships are available to FFA members and non-members. There will be more than 1,000 scholarships awarded this year. Application online at www.ffa.org Deadline is February 2011.

The Italian Catholic Federation offers \$400 scholarships to baptized Roman Catholic graduating seniors of Italian descent. You must have at least a 3.2 GPA. Applications available in the counseling office or online at www.icf.org Deadline March 15th 2011