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expenses and for the Fall Sports Awards banquet; \$1,300 toward a field trip sending the government students to the state capitol and another \$1,300 to the softball program for a new pitching machine.

Thank you to the parents and students who helped make this fundraiser happen, because without this fundraiser some of our school programs would not have what have and do today" said Delainy Ward.

Thank You Notices Mailed
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materials to make these changes happen. Most recently at WHS was the Enos Foundation's generous support in giving the football stadium a new entrance and pavement in the walking area in front of the stands where people can now walk or use their motorized vehicles to transport them from one part of the stadium to the other; and underground watering, trees and a sitting bench at the track and practice field. The outside of the school has a brightly new painted Honker logo painted in the front and on the outside of the gymnasium walls. WHS has new greeting flags lining the entrance way to the visiting parking lot at the front of the school.

"If it was not for these people offering their time and materials, our high school would not be looking so good," said Jolene Pozzi.

The walls to the school's library received a much needed painting and thanks to a young group of people from Hamilton City who donated their time spent three days painting the library last September.

"They were a great group of people to work with and were funny and seemed to have a great time painting the walls," said Sherry Brott.

Even with the many thank you notes that went out, there will be clubs, organizations, businesses and individual people who have donated their time, money, or provided materials in making a difference to our three schools that will not receive a Thank You note in the mail. You are not forgotten, but very much appreciated. The Honker staff sends a Thank You to everyone for making our schools what it is today. Thank you!

Adopt -A-Family
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and donated many items to their respective children. Many students brought gifts for their chosen family members. As they were collected, the brightly wrapped presents were gathered and taken to Memorial Hall for the designated family to pickup.

The event will place on December 16, 2011. The organizers measures the hall floor squared squaring off to receive items for the family designated for that square. Many businesses, county offices, program groups, and school clubs have taken part in this program since its beginning.

The volunteers and supporting organizations and clubs will gather together to drop off gifts, food supplies, clothing and blankets that were brought in for the families

All of the adopted families were very grateful to their sponsors for their generosity. Many were surprised to the extent of the gifts and food they received.

Blood Drive nets 101 pledges from staff and students for annual event

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Round table Pizza once again sponsored the WHS 2011-2012 Blood Drive held on October, 20th in the school's gymnasium.

The sign-up rosters indicated that 101 students, staff, and community members signed up to donate blood. Due to either low iron levels or other complications only 61 pints of blood were collected.

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A couple weeks before the Blood Drive, the members of the blood drive committee took signups for the blood donations from the high school students, staff, and community members.

This year's Blood Drive committee consisted of the senior students, Adrian Mercado; Bryce Jones; Brittany DeFarria; juniors, Michaela Biggs; Rocio Cano; and sophomores, Kaylin Jones; Joline Pozzi.

For the donors to prepare for this



Sheyenne Schmidt and Lupe Medina prepare to donate precious blood during the 2011-2012 Annual Blood Drive

event, the blood drive committee members passed out drinks with an appointment card attached showing the time for the donor to appear for their appointment.

The morning of October 20th, committee members hosted a continental breakfast for those who returned their forms to donate blood.

To be a blood donor, the applicant must be at least 16 years of age, have a minimum weight of 110 pounds, and

be generally healthy. All high school donors must have a parent signature. The donor must be HIV/AIDs free and not have gotten a tattoo or piercing within the last year.

The procedure is performed by BloodSource trained phlebotomists who come from many surrounding areas. The donor begins the process by filling out a medical history form, and getting their blood pressure and iron levels taken. After a vein is found, the needle is inserted and one pint of blood is drawn. The speed of how the blood is taken depends on the donor's heart power and water intake. The donor then has their arm wrapped and is led to a refreshment table.

"I would like to personally thank the students and staff member for helping save lives. And everyone can be a hero!" said Mr. Bryant. Round Table Pizza has been a long time supporter to the WHS Blood Drive by giving everyone who donates a free personal pizza coupon and a blood drive t-shirt. Everybody should be a hero and donate blood. Yes, you do save lives!

Ryan Lewis
A&E Editor

Club News:

Friday Night Live Club

Makayla Chacon
Staff Reporter

Friday Night Live builds partnerships for positive and healthy youth development which engages youth as active leaders in their communities.

Friday Night Live is not just involved with WHS, they are also involved with Willows Intermediate School. Every Tuesday from 3:00pm to 4:30pm students from the Friday Night Live club commute to WIS to mentor their students. The high school students help the intermediate students with their homework and later play

fun, interactive games with them.

When Friday Night Live high school students are not busy helping the youth, they are working harder and harder at their goal of becoming more involved with the community. They held a road watch event on Oct. 10 before school started. Students wrote down how many people were eating, smoking, putting on makeup, talking on their cell phone, texting, etc, while driving. They are hoping that the road watch event will help them in the future with their distracted driving campaign.

Aca Deca

Marlen Sandoval
Staff Reporter

The 2012 Aca Deca team has meet with their advisor, Mrs. Mahood, to select their focus categories for the February competition for this year's topic, The Age of the Imperialism: The Making of the European Global Order.

Currently, this year's ACA Deca team consists of seniors, Nicholas Wood and Garrett Close; Juniors, Damian Chanthapaseuth, Kimberly Mitts, Troy Havens, Cole Bruer, and Michaela Biggs.

The team studies mostly on their own and spends time reading the support materials provided to them from the Academic Decathlon committee. This year they are hoping to do better than last year and hope to take home a trophy.

For extra reading support students are studying the novel *The Heart of Darkness*. Mrs. Mahood expects to have strong competition with William Finch Charter School. Students in Aca Deca spend various hours studying for competition. The first scrimmage is going to be the first of December. The decathlon will be here at WHS this year on February 4, 2012.

Mrs. Mahood supports the students on the team by buying supplemental materials, teaching them to study to their strengths, teach the novel *The Heart of Darkness* and show them a movie if there is one, to hold meetings, and to organize transportation. Mrs. Mahood would also like to obtain and organize materials and would like to encourage students to join in Aca Deca.

Building new bonds along the way is a key of life." Damian Chanthapaseuth said. "I enjoy meeting new people, learning more and doing new things." said Michaela Biggs.

After every competition they earn medals and extra credit from participating in ACA Deca.

Interact

Makayla Chacon
Columnist

I am sure a lot of you are wondering, what INTERACT is. To answer your question, INTERACT is a community service club that is also apart of the Rotary Club. Ms. Moore is the INTERACT club's advisor and this year's president is Tara Pattison.

This year, INTERACT's agenda is going to be very busy! They plan to help out with the community more, rent Andy's for a movie night, go ice skating in Sac-

ramento, etc.

So far, the INTERACT club has attended a conference in Sacramento. In the near future they are planning to adopt a family during the Christmas season and attend a rotary BBQ.

Ms. Moore says, "People that are participating in this year's INTERACT club are in the high forties." If you would like be apart of this year's INTERACT club, all you have to do is come to the meetings, which are always announced in the bulletin.

CSF Dance



Mickey Biggs
Managing Editor

CSF, the California Scholarship Federation, hosted a 1920's themed event, held at the Monday Afternoon Club, to explain

the goals of the club to parents and students as well as introduce plans for future events and award students participating in the club.

CSF served appetizers and desserts popular in the "roaring twenties". Also showcased at the event was an east-coast swing demonstration by Brandon Balderston and his partner. The event lasted around two hours from beginning to end.

Willows FFA In
The Groove Again

Jolene Pozzi
FFA Reporter



FFA Meeting

The November 2, 2011 meeting of Willows FFA was called to order by Mackenzie Gomes at 7:05 p.m. in the WHS cafeteria.

J.B. Renfro, treasurer, gave his report, and Amanda Alves read last month's minutes. Ms. Sammons, the advisor, told everyone that there will be help needed at the Harvest Dinner, which is November 9, 2011. Gomes explained what the BIG, Best Informed Greenhand, was and that there are sign-ups for it as well as, livestock and Farm Records. The dates for BIG, Opening and closing, and Farm records is Nov. 17.

At October's meeting, Andrew Rodriguez motioned that our chapter should participate in Adopt-a-Family, and it was seconded by Brooke Lindell.

FFA Sign-ups

There are activities posted that require members to sign up in the Ag Department foyer. The sign ups consist of advanced and novice teams for the Opening and Closing ceremony, farm records, Creed competition, and MFE/ALA conference.

The Opening and Closing Ceremony is the process to start and close every meeting that is held. For the meeting to start, the officers have specific things to memorize and say at each meeting, the FFA members also take participation in opening the meeting as well. Members participate by saying the pledge, and the purpose.

Farm records are where students, which have been in FFA for more than one year, are given a piece or pieces of paper that contains information and the students have to put the information into the right spots in a record book.

The Creed is five paragraphs that freshmen have to memorize and say in front of three, sometimes more, judges.

The MFE/ALA conference for sophomore-seniors, is a conference that focuses on high levels of leadership, goals, personal success and career development.

Upcoming FFA Events

Feb. 28, 2012: NVS Section Leadership Contests- Orland at 8:30

Mar.2-3, 2012: UC Davis Field Day

Mar. 6-9, 2012: SLE Conference

Mar. 7, 2012: FFA Meeting 7 p.m.

Mar. 10, 2012: Chico State/ Butte College Field Day

Mar. 15, 2012: Superior Region Meeting

Mar. 15, 2012: State Degree Ceremony

Mar. 17, 2012: Merced Field day

Mar. 31, 2012: Modesto Field Day