

The voice of the Honkers

At the time of the interview, Mr. Garner was not available. Mr. Perez spotted for himself while announcing the game and Mr. Yoder worked the clock and assisted Mr. Perez in spotting. The team worked well as they entertained the viewing fans.

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The team of three consisting of spotter, Mr. Cliff Perez; clock, Mr. Jim Yoder; and the voice behind the mike, Mr. Randy Garner sit high above the fans in the Larry Davis Press Box telling the Honker football story in a language all of their own. Their jobs are to run the clock, spot and relay players name and jersey number as well as the umpire penalty calls to Garner sitting behind the Honker mi-

crophone.

Perez has been spotting 12 years for Garner and working with Yoder for the last six years. Perez and Yoder stated they both enjoy working in the booth with each other and wanted to be a part of the Honker tradition by giving a small part of themselves to WHS sports community.

Garner the senior to the three has been announcing for the Honker fans for 11 years taking over from Mel Carmon who performed the announc-

ing position before retiring from the microphone.

With the calm voice Garner exhibits, Perez states that there are times when Garner can get tongue-tied and then the fun begins. Yoder assists Perez in the spotting and occasionally differs to what player made the tackle or assist. With light hearted assistance, Perez and Yoder laughs at each other often times confusing Garner at the mike. There are times when there are "microphone bleeding"

which brings a loud screeching sound that penetrate the ears.

Perez and Yoder reported that they both played high school football while Garner did not giving them the added advantage to recognize offensive plays, referees calls and the yardage penalty that goes with each call.

Both Perez and Yoder enjoy the friendship that they have with each other and look forward to the new season starting so the three can work together. It is a time

that the three come together to share family stories, and call the game plays and simply enjoy each other.

Yet there are times when even the best spotters, clock runners and announcers can make errors. Perez stated that the most common error that a spotter can have is to decipher what the referees are signaling.

"I tell Randy [Garner] what the refs are calling, and sometimes I tell him the wrong signal, and he announces it before I

correct myself. Then he has to announce the correct signal while I am laughing at him because it is he that repeats what I tell him. We have a great time with each other." Perez said.

To Mr. Yoder, running the clock and being a fan is one of the most difficult parts of his job. As the third quarter came close to an end, a time out was called in which the clock kept running.

"Knowing the ref-

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Student Highlight: Brandon Balderston

Delainy Ward
Staff Reporter

The Honker Staff selected Brandon Balderston as Junior Academic Student of the Month for being one of the top grade point average in his class. Balderston is receiving a 4.0 in his studies for this years classes and has been receiving a 4.0 since seventh grade.

He attributes his dad for his success in his grades. As an important person in his life, his dad attended college out of self-determination and without any support from others. After eight years of medical studies, Balderston's father became a doctor, and Balderston wants to live up to that legacy.

Balderston also credits his success to being able to prioritize his responsibilities. Planning ahead is the key and setting goals to guide him in the future.

"You have to think long-term into the future when you decide how to spend your time," Balderston said.

After graduating from WHS, he plans to attend University of California, Davis to pursue in pre-med studies that will later lead to Dental School.

As a junior, his favorite course is band because he feels he learns something everyday and also provides him with lots of fun. Balderston stated that Mrs. Pasterino is an inspiration to him with brilliant insights to music.

Balderston said, "Over the past few years, she [Mrs. Pasterino] has helped me become a musician, and has helped me understand music that developed my talents."

His favorite teacher is Mr. DiGrande. Mr. DiGrande is always there for me when I have problems understanding something. This teacher cares about his students and



it shows through his teaching.

Balderston has been involved in clubs and served as an officer in both band and choir. He is also in ASB this year, serving as the Junior Class President. Several awards he has received are 4.0 Honor Roll, Rotary Student of the Month, and for Musical Achievement.

"When I'm successful it's because I am working hard. Hard work and focus can earn anyone at least as much success as I've had so far."

Student Highlight: Haylie Bettencourt

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Staff Reporter

The Honker Staff selected Haylie Bettencourt as Senior Academic Student of the Month for having one of the top grade point averages in her class. Bettencourt is currently receiving a 4.0 in her studies for his years classes and has been receiving a 4.0 all through school.

Bettencourt attributes her mom for her success in school. As an important person in her life, her mom as always encouraged her to do her best.

Bettencourt dedicates a lot of her time to her academics even though she is involved in other school related activities too.

"A skill I use for studying is I re-read the material until I memorize what I need to know and it usually always works," Bettencourt said.

After graduating from

WHS, she plans to attend University of California, Davis because the campus is beautiful, not far away from Willows, and it offers the major she's interested in pursuing.

As a senior in high school, Bettencourt's favorite subject is Anatomy which is taught by her favorite teacher at WHS, Mr. Perry. She has always been interested in science, especially life science, and Anatomy is fun!

"Mr. Perry is a great teacher, he teaches my favorite subject, and he makes learning fun," Bettencourt said.

Outside of WHS, Bettencourt's favorite teacher was her third grade teacher Mrs. Rodgers.

"She was always there for me, and she constantly encouraged me to do better," Bettencourt said.

Outside of academics, Bettencourt is involved in soccer, volleyball and mentoring for Friday



Night Live serving as the varsity soccer captain and the co-organizer for FNL. These have helped her to become more outgoing and patient in life. They have also taught her leadership skills and confidence that she hopes that can be useful in a career later on down the road.

Some awards Bettencourt has received are Academic Awards, American conference in soccer, MVP Defensive in soccer, Rotary Club Student of the Month and FNL Mentor of the Year.

"I always try my hardest, and do what I can for the team."

Artist of the Month: Lindsay Van Tol

Morgan La Sorella
Staff Reporter

As a Junior van Tol had no intentions on becoming a part of the art world or even have an interest in art. "I wasn't really involved in art until I was placed in Art 3 my junior year. Since then I have discovered a liking in many kinds of art." As a second year art student van Tol has learned about many different kinds of art and has developed a liking for impressionism. Impressionism is a type of painting that emphasizes the artist's overall perception of a particular scene, usually outdoors, using primary colors and short brush strokes

to represent the appearance of reflected light.

Claude Monet is one of the most famous impressionists and van Tol's favorite artist. When asked why Monet is her favorite painter van Tol stated, "He is an impressionist and works with water and lily textures." Van Tol's favorite painting that Monet has done is Water Lilies because the use of different color, brush textures, and water reflection.

Van Tol has done many different art projects in the two years she has been in art. The art project that is van Tol's favorite is a painting she did her junior year. The painting was a surrealism project of



an iceberg with an orange wedge on top of the iceberg. Most of van Tol's art projects are paintings. Van Tol would rather paint than draw because it allows her to express herself more than drawing does. "I enjoy art because it allows me to express myself and takes me away from the craziness of everything."

Athlete of the Month: Mikayla Boer

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Staff Reporter

Mikayla Boer was selected by the Honker Staff as tennis Athlete of the Month. Boer is known for her hard work and competitive attitude. Boer has played tennis for 3 years, all of which for WHS.

Boer said, "I am driven to succeed by my friends, family and coach!"

Tennis coach, Don Byrd, finds that Boer stands out by being



able to quickly adjust to any situation or style of play that she faces on court. Coach Byrd also finds Boer standing out through her sense of pride in the team and also self

encourages the team to compete always at the maximum level.

Mikayla wants to play tennis in college and wants to attend Modesto Junior College and then later transfer to UC Davis.

Mikayla's biggest inspiration in tennis is Mao Moua, Jade Leonardo, Kylie Gammon, Kenzee Gomes, Genna Camozzi, and Chelesea Browning.

"Go Lady Honkers at SVL Championships!" Boer Said