



The Longest Girls Basketball Season EVER, in the History of the School

By Mark Bucklew, Coach

The Northgate Varsity Girls basketball team did something never done before in the History of the school. They played to the quarterfinals of the Northern California State Basketball Championships. This team made the Elite Eight in California Division II (divisions are based on school size). Northgate, led by senior Courtney Hamilton, used their five guard attack into the playoffs and had an outstanding season with a 27-5 record. They won the Sonoma tournament with Courtney as MVP, the Walnut Creek Classic with Courtney as MVP, and placed in the West Coast Jamboree with Courtney all Tournament, during their preseason games. The team went on to be 12-0 and the Champions of the DVAL league. During the league season they blew away Fairfield at the Campolindo Shootout as Jr guard Kayla Galanter hit 11 3's and scored 39 points in the game.

At the end of the season, Courtney Hamilton was named All League MVP and Kayla Galanter, Tess Soper, and Greer Kleber were on the First Team All League team. Emily Jing was placed on the Second Team.

Getting a great seed due to the win over Miramonte and a close game with Dougherty Valley, they played Winsor in the first North Coast Section. After winning, they beat Dublin and went to the NCS Finals against Carondelet. The team finished second and qualified to play in the Nor Cal Tournament.

The first game was with Pleasant Valley of Chico and then they went on to beat Vallejo at Vallejo. This was the furthest a team had gone in the Nor Cal tournament. They lost to Archbishop Mitty of San Jose who then played Carondelet for the Nor Cal Championship.

It was a great season and next year brings 9 of the 11 girls back for

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Want to Write Something?



The Woodlands newsletter provides a community service by keeping neighborhood residents informed about issues and events of interest. We encourage Woodlands residents to submit articles for the newsletter and we regularly receive articles that are published in the newsletter.

If you would like to contribute an article, please contact us and we will be happy to work with you to help get it edited and published. Our publication guidelines are relatively simple – topics should be of interest to Woodlands residents, the newsletter can not be used as a forum to air issues between individuals, and articles may need to be edited to fit within available space (typical length is 200 words or less). To meet our publication schedule for a monthly newsletter, we have established a closing date of the 10th of each month. To the extent that space is available, articles received and ready for print by the 10th of the month will be published in the next version of the newsletter.

We appreciate your help in making the newsletter as informative, useful, and relevant to Woodlands residents. To submit an article, please write to woodlandsassn@yahoo.com.

Woodlands Board Elections are Coming

Last month we ran an article indicating the Woodlands Board elections are coming. This is just a reminder that the positions up for election are President and Secretary. All residents of the Woodlands over the age 18 are eligible for elected or appointed positions on the Woodlands Board. Interested candidates should prepare brief (up to 200 words) statements of interest to the Woodlands Board for consideration. Statements of interest for eligible candidates will be printed in the June 2010 newsletter. All submissions should be sent to the Woodlands Board at woodlandsassn@yahoo.com no later than May 4, 2010.

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Upcoming Board Meetings

Saturday, May 1st
 at 8:15 am
 and
 Saturday, June 5th
 at 8:15 am
 in Carl's Jr.
 Conference Room

Woodlands residents are encouraged to attend board meetings

Biography: Brian Rower, Webmaster



Brian grew up in the Woodlands area, attending Valle Verde starting in 1st grade, Foothill Middle School from '97-2000, and graduating from Northgate in 2004. At Northgate Brian was on the wrestling team, track and field team, (shot-put and discus), and played percussion in the band. Brian joined the Woodlands swim team at the age of 8 and swam for 10 years, all the way through 15-18's.

After high school, Brian attended Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, where he earned his Bachelor's degree in computer science with a minor in business administration. During his years at Cal Poly, Brian spent his spare time playing racquetball, intramural soccer, and intramural flag football. Brian was also involved in the national college student organization: "Lutheran Student Movement."

After graduating from Cal Poly in June of 2009, Brian moved back to the Woodlands to take a job at LeapFrog Enterprises in Emeryville. Brian currently works as a Software Test Engineer for LeapFrog where he programs and executes tests for the LeapFrog gaming devices (i.e. "Leapster"). This past winter Brian volunteered as an assistant coach for the Berkeley High School wrestling team, helping the team take 10 wrestlers to NCS this year.

Brian joined the Woodlands Association team in October of 2009 and has spent most of his time with The Association re-organizing the website and making it easier to update and maintain. Brian welcomes feedback and suggestions, and requests that you send all comments to: brower@woodlandsassn.org

This Year at Bayberry Pond

By Lesley Hunt, Bayberry Project Leader

Once again the frogs and toads have produced lots of tadpoles in the pond, and this year we have more underwater grass and rushes to provide cover and help them survive. We extended the row of willows down to the dam and planted a cottonwood in that corner. Ranger Art Janke found the perfect dead tree for a turtle log and installed it in the pond last fall. We're hoping to have western pond turtles but we haven't seen any yet.

Other wildlife is arriving, though. A pair of mallard ducks found plenty of food one morning this winter. They still didn't set up housekeeping, but conditions had obviously improved for them. Maybe next year. Another morning a great egret visited. A great horned owl spent an hour on one of the raptor poles at Thanksgiving. And we have seen three species of non-poisonous snakes.

Last winter's plantings had a better survival rate than we expected. We had to weed the grass again this winter and we are still battling mustard and thistles, but the grass is thriving and the various trees and shrubs have all grown. This winter we planted a new area of grass adjacent to last year's, started a chaparral area next to that, and put a lot of shrubs on the back of the dam to create a second chaparral area. We also created a grove of trees below the enclosure. Some of the flower seeds we planted on the dam last year did well, other species did not. Our effort to plant different flowers from seeds this winter was not successful. Overall, though, we are satisfied with our progress.

We hope you are enjoying the pond and the wildlife when you walk in the Open Space.



Ranger Art Janke installed a turtle log in the pond

Safety Tips for Children

By Danielle Kenney

On February 25, 2010 the life of my former co-worker was changed forever. His 17 year daughter went for a run in a local park, as she had done many times before, only to face a fate that no person, no child should ever have to face. His daughter is Chelsea King,. Thankfully, an arrest of a previously convicted sex offender has been made in the case.

This is a sad reminder that we must educate our kids and always be vigilant. Some things we should teach our children include:

- Always tell your parents where you are going, who you are with and provide a contact number
- Never answer the door if alone.
- Do not invite anyone in the house without the permission of a parent or babysitter.
- **NEVER** get into anyone's car without permission.
- Don't go to restrooms in out-of-the-way places without a trusted adult.
- Don't take short cuts. Always use well-traveled streets.
- Never go to playgrounds or movies **alone**. Always bring a friend.
- Do not take candy or other gifts from strangers without asking a parent first.
- Never hitch-hike.
- Stay away from isolated areas or abandoned buildings.
- If you see someone unusual hanging around a schoolyard or a park, tell your parents.

Through this tragedy I hope that as a community we can come together to educate and to hopefully prevent another family from what the King Family has had to endure. Please visit www.meganslaw.ca.gov and www.chelseaslight.org. Educate yourself, educate your children.

Please Pause For PAWS! Your Help is Needed...

By John Gardella

I am a volunteer for PAWS (Performing Animal Welfare Society) which is an animal sanctuary for abandoned, abused or retired performing animals and victims of the exotic animal trade. PAWS funding is mainly from private donations. The animals need lots of fresh fruits and vegetables. Nob Hill has been supplying me with a lot of free food for the animals for several years and is very much appreciated by PAWS. If you have any non-spoiled fruit and vegetables, the animals would very much appreciate them. Lemons are not needed. If you have any excess fruit please drop it at 3415 Peachwillow Lane or I can pick it up from your home. My phone: 930-9487. Check out PAWS at www.pawweb.org

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the 2010-2011 Season. **Congratulations to the Northgate Girls High School Basketball Team...**

2009-2010 Champions: Greer Kleber, Rachael Sussman, Tess Soper, Kayla Galanter, Emily Jing, Courtney Hamilton, Stephanie Fiel, Carissa Benaderet, Meghan Blough, Daylene Bunch, and Jaimie Hearn. Coaches: Mark Bucklew, Eric Bucklew, Raul Reyes and Kirk Shelby.



School News

Foothill News

Source: Foothill e-Gazette 3/31/10

KEEP MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS!

Help keep music in our schools and you could win one of three fabulous all-expense Disney vacations packages! All Foothill music students are taking orders for drawing chances to win a 7-night Disney Alaskan Pacific sail (\$9,000 > value), a 5-night Orlando, Florida Disney trip (\$6,000) or a 4-night Disneyland Resort package (\$3,500).

Donations of \$10 gets one chance to win; a \$20 donation gets three chances to win. Winners need not be present at the May 15 drawing. Proceeds go toward bringing back elementary music, which will maintain middle school music. See any music student. Or, contact music teacher Mr. Wetterholm (Wetterholmk@mdusd.k12.ca.us) or Music Foundation contact Karen Jenkins (Kejenk@yahoo.com) or www.mdmusicfoundation.org.

SUMMER THEATRE CAMP

Students entering grades 6 - 12

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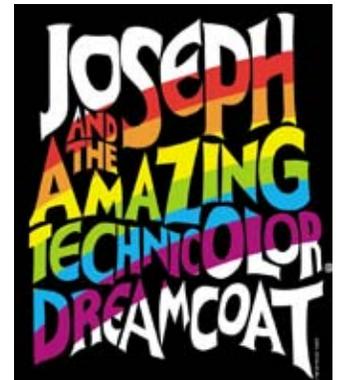
Where: Week 1 & 3 - St. Matthew Church, 399 Wiget Lane

Week 2 - Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, Lacassie Ave.

Week 3 - Del Valle Theatre, 1963 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek

Tech week and performances at Del Valle Theatre!

We are very excited to be casting *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* with non-gender specific roles. We have seen several versions of this show done this way and it works well. This means girls can be "brothers", "Ishmaelites", "Pharaoh", etc. and boys can be any part including the Narrator! Please email summercamp@ccchristiantheatre.org to ask for registration info. Cost - \$650 for the 4 weeks includes one week of working in an actual theater and 3 performances!



WCSC SOCCER AND NORTHGATE BRONCOS FOOTBALL NEWS



WCSC Fall 2010 House Registration is now Open!

Walnut Creek Soccer Club is moving to a 100% online registration model. This should simplify registration, team formation and reporting for parents, coaches and coordinators. Registration can be paid online by credit card (Master Card/Visa/Discover) or e-check!

Age groups for Boys and Girls: U6 U7 U8 U9 U10 U11 U12 U14 U16 U19

Fee: \$125 per player. Go online at www.wcsc.org and register today!

Bronco Football Camp at Northgate High School

July 12th thru 14th, 9 to 11am

If your child will be entering the 3rd-8th grades, they can learn the fundamentals and techniques needed to improve as an athlete while learning the game of football in a fun environment. All campers will be instructed by the Broncos coaching staff, 2010 football seniors, former Broncos players and special guest, former Kansas City Chief's running back Christian Okoye. For an application, contact Justin Lowell at lowellj@mdusd.edu.



Northgate Volleyball Camps at Northgate High School

for incoming 4th - 12th grade Girls/Boys

All camps designed and run by Jim Changaris, current Varsity Boys and Girls Volleyball Coach at Northgate Two week camps (by grade level) -- Cost - \$120 per two week session.

Session 1 June 21st thru 24th, June 28th thru July 1st

Session 2 July 6th thru 9th, 12th thru 15th

Camps run in 1.5 hour blocks of time depending on grade between 10am and 3pm at Northgate High School. Make check payable to Northgate Girls Volleyball. Cost includes camp t-shirt. For more information, call Jim Changaris 925-933-0554 or email: coachchangaris@sbcglobal.net or Dave Weiland dweiland@astound.net.

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For registration and more info about BandWorks Summer Camp, please contact us today at ariel@bandworks.com or 510. THE BAND (843. 2263), or visit www.BandWorks.com.

DVC FOR KIDS!



DVC College for Kids program returns this summer with two sessions. Session 1 dates are June 15th thru July 1st and Session 2 is July 6th thru July 22nd.

Please see their website for details on registrations and classes offered: www.dvc.edu/business/parents/college4kids/index.htm or call Debbie Colarich at 685-1230 ext 2686.



Attention Woodlands Seniors:

The Cabana Club is looking for a volunteer to help gather historical information, pictures and memorabilia for a page on our new website, <http://www.woodlandscabanaclub.org/> Any interested party can contact Nancy Holian at WoodlandsCabanaClub@gmail.com or call 935-8398



WOODLANDS CRIME REPORT

*Thank you to Kathy Master
for compiling this report from the WCPD website*

The information in this Crime Report is taken from the Police Daily Bulletin as posted for public viewing on the Walnut Creek Police Department's website. The entire Walnut Creek police daily bulletin can be viewed at: www.walnut-creek.org/citygov/depts/police/bulletin.asp. Some issues of the Woodlands Newsletter may include only a portion of the monthly police activity in our neighborhood, as available print-space varies from issue to issue. The website is a useful resource for keeping apprised of the "full picture" of criminal activity in the Woodlands, in our adjacent neighborhoods and in the rest of the City.

10-5593 03/15/10 11:36:37 **Suspicious Circumstance** Bayberry Drive/Perada Drive. Several callers reporting subject sleeping in a tunnel on the trail. Dispo: Subject contacted and warned about sleeping on the trail. Ofc. Power

10-5596 03/15/10 12:04:21 **Credit Card Fraud** 3200 block Peachwillow Lane. Unknown subject used business' credit card fraudulently. Credit card charges made in Pleasant Hill, Concord, Isla Vista and Santa Barbara. Dispo: Outside agency assist. Ofc. Kan

10-5725 03/16/10 19:37:51 **Under the Influence** 2200 block Oak Grove Road. Traffic stop on license 6KSG498. Kathleen Dunphy, 27 y/o, arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance. Ofc. Donleavy

10-5815 03/18/10 07:54:50 **Attempted Automobile Burglary** 300 block Rock Oak road. Rear window of 1997 black Saab 900S smashed via rock. Checkbook box in the car. Occurred over night. Dispo: Report. Ofc. Kan

10-6054 03/20/10 23:42:58 **Suspicious Circumstance** 3700 block Citrus Avenue. RP states 6 suspicious juveniles wearing all black, walking around the neighborhood. Dispo: Area check with negative results. Ofc. Hibbs

10-6076 03/21/10 09:40:12 **Service to Citizen** 3400 block Peachwillow Lane. RP request phone call by officer for advice regarding dispute. Dispo: Advice given, no crime. Ofc. Estrada

10-6079 03/21/10 10:52:07 **Suspicious Circumstance** 3600 block Mahogany Court. Suspicious subjects loading things into a U-Haul, Arizona license AA39592. Truck left, last seen 30-45 minutes ago. Dispo: Contacted residents who advised everything fine, just moving some equipment. Ofc. Estrada

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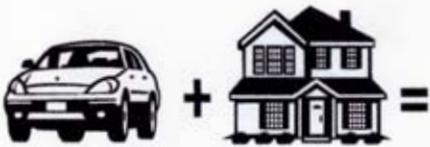
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