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State of Education Address

Enfield lays out plans for district improvements

By Esdras Mora

On Feb. 2, Washoe County School District Superintendent Dr. Susan Enfield's state of education address stressed a three-prong initiative to re-focus the district on education and curriculum, wielding trust and creating a healthy organization for staff.

The address took place at Marce Herz Middle School.

At the start of Enfield's time as superintendent, she and the board of trustees published an entry plan. In the last seven months phase one and two of the entry plan have been completed, Enfield said.

Phase one was "Listening, learning and building relationships." Enfield has been a prominent figure in the community, meeting with staff, teachers, students and families.

Phase two consisted of gathering/analyzing information and collaborating with staff.

Enfield said from Dec. 2022 to June 2023, phase three will be in affect which will report results and launch a strategic plan.

During the address, Enfield covered the previous two phases and then discussed the current condition of WCSD and her plan for the following six months of reform and legislation changes.

To meet these priorities, Enfield said she has introduced multiple resources, programs and activities. To aid staff and their work environment and capabilities which focuses on priority three,



she has introduced the "Duck System" which teachers vote and cast submissions for other teachers they believe have excelled in any certain aspect as a teacher and to their school.

If a teacher is chosen for a ducky award they are personally granted a duck pin by Enfield. This was done at the address for a teacher at Marce Herz Middle School. This type of system allows for teachers to grow and excel and create a more interwoven community amongst the teachers and staff for focusing and voting for fellow colleagues in the district, Enfield said.

Additionally, Enfield has introduced a system called "Teacher Enhancements Days." It allows for students to stay home and teachers are given interactive activities with other staff members, to again bring the community together and give teachers a relaxing fun environment to bond with peers.

Enfield said her next goal is to increase graduation rates. The

WCSD has been steadily increasing in graduation rates since 2010.

In 2019, the district hit an 86 percent graduation rate, the highest in the last 13 years.

However in 2021, the rate dipped to 82 percent during the phase of hybrid learning due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, since Enfield took over the rate has risen up to 84 percent and her goal is to continue to increase those numbers, she said.

One way she said to improve graduation rates is the emphasized push to expand Career and Technical Education courses and curriculum and adding more funds to these classes and schools with CTE opportunities such as metal working, landscaping, auto-tech, culinary arts and a new addition is robotics courses.

The district will also collaborate with local businesses and companies to acquire more internships for students interested in these fields.

This will push students to con-

tinue to stay in high school and maintain a graduating academic pathway to obtain CTE privileges and opportunities, Enfield said.

Wooster is a prime example with four CTE course available on campus. With more to come, according to Enfield.

There have been severe challenges that have been in the district for many years and residents of Washoe County are still suffering from them, Enfield said.

The first challenge addressed was the staff shortage. According to the districts analytics, enrollment came in shorter than projected and at the current rate there is a continuing decline in teachers and staff enrollment. The reasons, Enfield claimed, for the staff shortage are revenue and funding.

Enfield said the solutions in motion are a hyper staff recruitment committee to increase staff enrollment, meetings, and interviews for more individuals.

Additionally, as of July 1 any staff enrolled in the Washoe County School District will receive health benefits on day one of being employed.

Thirdly, the teacher one year contracts will be eliminated. This reduces stress and instability for an individual who desires to be a teacher.

According to teachers surveyed in the district, the one year contract caused fear for the next year, because it was uncertain if that teacher would have a job the

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Fights disrupt school atmosphere

By Keith Marie Tamayo

Wooster dean of students Jandrya Pond said the fights on the Wooster campus are decreasing since the beginning of the second semester.

The most common reasons for girls fighting is comments made through social media.

"They're mean to each other and they challenge each other on social media and then it comes on to the campus," Pond said.

The boys fights are more by group and they have an issue with one group and it ends up coming on campus, Pond said.

Fights happen off campus too, but the school's administration doesn't hear about those..

"Fights happen three times in a week and then we won't get anything in a couple of weeks," said Wooster assistant principal Susan Schraeder. "It comes in a little batches."

Pond said Wooster principal Leah Keuscher meets with every single young lady and their family to talk about their kids behavior in school.

The conversations hopefully will deter fights in the future.

Schraeder said getting students involved in school can help.

"We should encourage other students to join any sports or clubs," Schraeder said. "In that case they're able to show other their talents and interact with other people nicely and politely."

Meeting with studnets' families really does help to decrease and stop the fight in school, Schraeder said.

"Violence and fights have increased on every Washoe County School District campus since the COVID-19 pandemic," said Schraeder.

There's two things that happen when a student get into a fight. First, is they are suspended if it's a mutual fight. There could be

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'Positive tickets' improving students' behavior

By Makayla Ondelacy

At the end of last semester, the Multi-tiered Systems of Support Behavior Committee wanted to start something for the students that promotes and supports positive behavior.

They came up with a "positive ticket" program where teachers reward a students for positive behavior.

The teachers hand these tickets out to students. They are for "Promoting positive behaviors such as being on time, helping others, keeping our school

clean, participating in class," said Wooster Dean of Students Jandrya Pond.

"We have had positive feedback from teachers and students," she said.

The three tickets can be exchanged for a candy bar or a bag of chips and then these tickets are entered into a raffle that will be drawn on the last Friday of every month.

"Students can win \$20 gift cards to various places such as Starbucks and Game Stop," Pond said.

Although the immediate feed-

back about the program is positive, the long-term impact on the school can't be determined yet.

"Since we started just a couple of months ago, we don't have enough data yet to show that this is changing the school yet," Pond said.

The tardies from this school are not the reason the "positive tickets" were instituted.

"This 'positive ticket' system was not created to help with tardies," Pond said. "We have an MTSS attendance committee which has been working on

different systems to help with students tardies."

This has been a very positive program for the school itself as it has help change the behavior of the students.

"We feel like it is positive. Students are often asking staff when they can exchange their tickets for snacks," Pond said.

At the end of each Thursday or Friday, students can turn in their tickets to staff for a snack of their choice.

The program will continue for the remainder of the school year.

Helpful graduation facts

By Yasmin Hernandez Diaz

For seniors, graduation is the thing they most have been looking forward to. Their four years of constant hard work has all lead to this moment.

That why its important to be prepared for everything graduation brings.

Graduation will take place June 16 with a time not yet confirmed.

The caps and gowns are one of the most important parts of graduation and that's why its important to know what students can and can't do.

Caps and gowns are ordered through the Jostens website where students can order a package of cap, gown, and tassel for about \$51.

Students will required to enter their school name and other required fields. order.

Caps are not allowed to be decorated with the exception to Native Americans who are

allowed a feather on their caps. Gown's have more freedom with cords, stoles and pins allowed.

Family is also an important part of graduation with a ticket limit of 10 per family. The only way to get more tickets is to communicate with other students and families.

Travel should also be arranged and prepared accordingly and as parking will be limited families should prepare for that.

Families and students also need travel separately as students need to arrive early before the actual ceremony designated time to get checked in and approved for their outfits.

Finally, students can audition for speaking roles at graduation.

"Starting April students can begin to try out and submit essays to participate and give speeches and be a memorable part of graduation," Wooster assistant principal Susan Schraeder said.

Senior trip to Six Flags scheduled for June 2

By Carolina Heurta

Wooster high school is celebrating senior class of 2023 by taking them on a trip to Six Flags in Vallejo, CA, on Friday June 2.

Wooster Clinical Aide Patricia Day is in charge of this trip.

"We came up with this trip because we want high school students to remember high school and think of all those good moments, and we think a trip with their friends is exactly that," Day said.

On the day of the trip, students will check-in starting at 2:00 p.m. at school. Then they will enjoy a late lunch and begin boarding at 3:00 p.m.

"Students will arrive around 8:30 p.m. to Vallejo and Six Flags will open the park at 9:00 p.m.," Day said.

Students will get to enjoy the theme park rides, and several attractions such as live music, midnight dinner and more,

graduates will also be receiving a sweatshirt and a shirt when arriving there.

"The shirt will have the Wooster logo on it, and it will be a way to identify our students and they won't get lost," Day said.

Wooster is not the only school doing this students from Sparks High are going as well.

The cost for this event is \$285 and tickets must be purchase in advance of the event.

Space is limited for students but they can hold a spot by paying a \$40 deposit.

Students don't have to pay all the money at once. They can make payments of \$35 every month.

"Students usually do payments of \$40 or more every month," Day said. "That way they can finish paying earlier".

Students must finish their payments by May or two weeks before the event.

ISS being evaluated

By Yasmin Hernandez Diaz

In-School Suspension is a recently introduced method by the school's administration pressure students to get to class on time.

But with the program being so new, it is too early to determine if it works or not.

Wooster dean Jandyra Pond is in charge of ISS and spoke with Hoofprints to let students and

staff know about how everything has been and what she expects to come from the program.

Pond said she has noticed less tardies and out of class on campus in response to ISS as students don't want to go to ISS.

While the pros of the program are students being in a class and being able to finish work, the cons are many of the students are tardy and

Wilmet to counsel freshman class

By Carolina Huerta

Wooster welcomes a new freshman counselor Alissa Wilmet.

"I grew up in Pennsylvania and got my undergraduate in special education from Kutztown University," Wilmet said. "I taught for 13 years in New Mexico before relocating to Reno to work at a charter school and get my master's degree in school counselling, so this is a natural thing for me."

Wilmet said she loves her new job and couldn't be any happier.

"I'm really happy to be part of these young students and knowing that this is a new beginning for them," she said. "It makes me happy to know that I can help



Wilmet

them grow to be better persons." Wilmet also talked about bringing the GSA club back to Wooster. "One of my passions is providing a safe place for students to feel valued and accepted and I tend to gravitate towards those who may not always feel that way," she said. "To that end I have learned there used to be an active GSA Club and I would like to bring my passion and that

club back into Wooster."

With many counseling options available to her, why did she choose Wooster?

"I've known Mrs. Danielsen for a very long time now and when she offered me the opportunity to come here I couldn't be any happier," Wilmet said.

"I'm so glad I now to be a part of this school, and I'm so glad to be a Colt."

She said the school has made a good impression on her.

"I love it. Everyone has been so nice and everyone has made me feel welcome, and I'm looking forward to more days like this," she said.

Student MYP projects set record high

By Isis Garcia Cruz

The Middle Years Program project is a requirement for all Wooster sophomores.

Students have to decide on a topic of interest to them and they will test Approaches to Learning skills and they will reflect on their learning experience.

It consist of planing, applying skills, and reflecting phases.

The sophomores this year are doing a great job compared to

other years. The year of the pandemic put a halt on projects along with other things.

MYP Coordinator Zeynep Evenson said changes in the program have helped student efforts.

"The project formula has been simplified by IB due to hardships throughout the pandemic years, this makes it easier for kids to participate," Evenson said.

"The kids are more interested in this year because last year they

have seen the exhibit as freshman and they are eager to earn off campus passes in April."

Last school year, about 100 projects were completed after returning from the pandemic, but this year the amount of projects is roughly around 180.

The projects were due February 17 and the showcase will take place on April 11. Students will display their projects in the large gym with the event lasting all day.

Paiute language and culture classes offered next year at Wooster

By Kianna Magno

Next school year, a new language class will be offered to Wooster High School students. This will be a Native American language class which will be focusing on the Paiute tribe.

The Paiute tribe were skilled and widely respected for the arrowheads and spearheads and traded this with their surrounding tribes. They were also skilled basket weavers.

Assistant Principal, Erika Sanchez, said this class will be offered and is optional.

"We already have 17 interesting new candidates who want to take this class next year," Sanchez said.

The class is a two-leveled course.

"We will be offering levels one and two. There will also be two teachers. Each teacher will be teaching each class. One being a

cultural class, the other being a language class," Sanchez said.

"This course is being taught next year because the Washoe County School District is currently offering it at two other schools, Reed and Spanish Springs," Sanchez said.

This language class is now being offered to Wooster students next school year as part of its global language program.

District cuts open teaching positions

By Darcy Lo

The Washoe County School District cut 20 teacher positions in order to make up for the 8.4-million-dollar budget and the drop in enrolling students this year.

The district receives \$7,318 in funding from the state per student which makes up the majority of the budget meaning

the decline of 1,145 enrolling students from the previous year is millions less for the district.

Enrollment is expected to drop continuously in the upcoming five years due to the increase of charter schools and changing demographics including a declining birth rate.

The district, however, is planning on making a strong push at

the 2023 legislative for additional money and an increase in the per pupil of 15 percent.

There are also discussions of increased funding for teachers, with a starting salary for a teacher in the district being \$40,000.

There also many proposed education bills that will be considered in the 2023 legislative session.

absent a lot, so its very difficult to find them to bring them to class.

"We have to be very diligent about pulling the list for ISS every day," she said. "It's a very difficult process to be on track

and constantly make phone calls and other things."

ISS still a work in progress and with it still changing and improving Pond emphasized the importance of being at school

and in class.

"Students, please attend your classes on time and display positive behavior on campus. You all deserve a successful education experience, she said."

Spanish Club roses bring love to school

By Dania Mayorquin

February also known as the month of love, gets everyone excited for Valentines Day and that means roses, chocolates, teddy bears and anything heart shaped.

Wooster's Spanish Club got into the spirit by hosting their annual "Rose Sale," an event that has been said to have been apart of the club for at least 10 years.

It was a great opportunity for students and staff to buy a rose for \$3 for a special someone or their best friends. It allows people to demonstrate their appreciation for one another.

The customers point of view of this event is to simply buy a ticket from a Spanish Club member, or club advisers Marco Real Zepeda or Carmen Hernandez Chanvez.

But its a whole different story from the club's side. The easiest

part of this event for the members is the delivery, the relief of everyone getting their roses.

The most difficult part of this event would have to be the morning of the delivery.

"Organizing everything," said Real Zepeda. "The preparation, it requires a lot of work and people to put everything together."

The club estimated 270 roses were purchased and delivered for the event.

"It was a successful event due to all the help from mainly the club members, administration and teachers who were generous in letting us do this event - letting us deliver roses," Real Zepeda said.

"It was exciting to see kids walking around the school with their rose and seeing their reactions to receiving them."

Biliteracy test changing

By Belleteny Manzo

In order to receive the seal of biliteracy for the past few years students were required to take the Apple Test.

However, the Washoe County School District has recently made the decision to change to a different company.

Now in order to receive the seal of biliteracy students have to take the Avant Test.

To see what languages the test is offered in, student can check the website avantassessment.com or with IBDP Coordinator Jennifer Lienau, who is in charge of the testing.

The Apple Test is now only for those who have taken it before and are looking for a retake or those who need credit recovery.

Lienau said 22 students have tested 20 passed the exam.

Twenty-on tested in Spanish and

one in Chinese.

This test has four sections to it: reading writing, listening and speaking. All tests are unique.

Each question is determined by the one that was previously answer and timing on the test also determines how much students know.

The grading scale is from 0-9, nine being perfect. If a student scores five or more, then they qualify for the seal.

In order to earn the seal, not only do students have to pass the test, but they also have to have seven semesters of English and an average of a "C" in that class.

There is a benefit to receiving the biliteracy seal.

"It's a way of telling an employer, 'I can speak, read, write and understand both English and Spanish and I'm special,'" Lienau said.

Parking passes missing

By Darcy Lo

Up until recent years, Wooster parking passes were a requirement to park on campus. Passes cost \$5 per student.

Passes were used to keep track of vehicles on campus to ensure students who were driving to school had a license and an authorized vehicle. The extra money that came from the passes went into Wooster's scholarship funds and athletic funds.

However, in recent years, passes have not been used or issued

to students. This is ultimately due to the lack if resources to support the passes.

With a limited staff and different priorities this year have eliminated the passes.

"COVID-19 made our resources

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Swope holds grand re-opening

By Emma Kennedy

On Jan. 30 staff and students at Swope Middle School celebrated the reopening of the school.

The remodel took three years to plan and build. After the remodel the school had changed for the better, providing more space not only for academics, but sports and student life as well.

"Students notice more space in the hallways of the new building and competing in their new gym," said Swope principal Mike Nakashima.

The first phase of remodeling the school included building a new gym, removal of abatement in the old building and construction of the sprinkler system to bring it up to code.

The second phase focused on removal of carpet in the hallways, demolition of the old gym, demolition and remodel of the band/orchestra room, demolition of the kitchen, and old library for remodel.



The newly renovated Swope Middle School held its grand re-opening on Jan. 30 after 14 months of work.

The third and final phase of the remodel focused on building a new two-story classroom building, demolition of two classrooms to expand office area, demolition of the old office area to expand the cafeteria, additional electrical, surveillance, and outdoor space.

The three-year project cost \$52 million and included highlights

of 13 new classrooms, new tech in the classrooms, additional parking, pollinator garden, and much, much more.

"They [the students] absolutely enjoy the open hub spaces and our library has seen as many books checked out in one semester as it did all of last year," Nakashima said.

Mucklow and Pringles: an explosive combination in chemistry class

By Destanee Butler

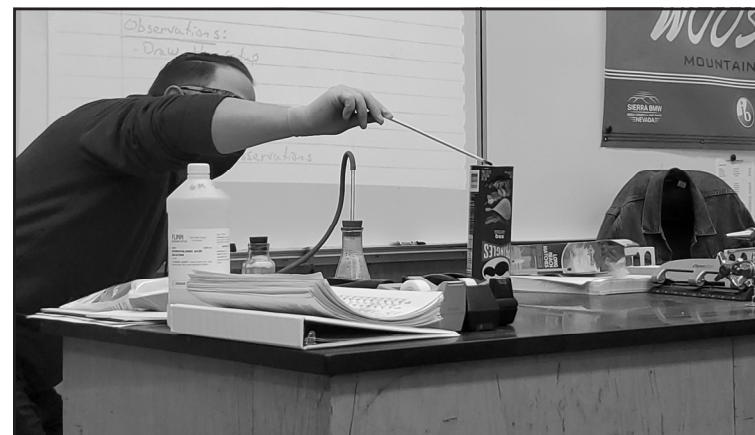
Wooster chemistry teacher Dylan Mucklow loves to blow up Pringles cans as a practical demonstration for his chemistry students.

The demonstration consisted of blowing a Pringles can up into the air using a chemical reaction.

A combination of hydrochloric acid and zinc was Mucklow's recipe for an explosive demonstration. The chemicals don't need to be under any special condition for the uplifting event, they just have to produce enough hydrogen in the can to elevate it.

The explosion is a result of the hydrogen being flammable.

Mucklow has been doing the experiment for four to five years in all his classes and usually generates a loud bang in B Hall.



Science teacher Dylan Mucklow lights off the Pringles can in his chemistry class. (File photo courtesy Pegasus)

"The demonstration didn't work as planned," Mucklow said. "There is supposed to be a delay and a whistle noise before the can explodes," he said. "This

year it was able to launch off, but didn't have the delay or whistle."

Mucklow said this is the favorite experiment for his class.

Fights

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criminal charges.

Individuals can press charges which can result in a criminal charges or school police can actually press charges based on what happens in the fight.

"Any student taking pictures or videos and posting or sharing them is illegal," Schraeder said. "It can also result in a criminal charge."

Administrators and other office staff try to collect phones during the fight, but sometimes its not an option and they try to inves-

tigate it to make sure it won't be posted on social media or be send to other people.

If a school police officer or administrator watches fight happen,

they can press charges against the students involved.

Students initial detention will be three days and then in can go up from there.



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At the Flicks

By Dania Mayorquin

March is going to be an exciting month for new movie releases. The month starts off with the release of "Creed III," a PG-13 film and stars Michael B. Jordan and Jonathan Majors. It opens on March 3.

This movie emphasizes Adonis Creed's success and domination of the boxing world until Damien, a childhood friend and boxing prodigy, is released from prison and he's eager to prove that he's still just as good.

"Adonis must put his future on the line to battle Damian – someone who has nothing to lose."

Also opening on March 3 is "Transfusion." An ex-special forces operative, Sam Worthington, must infiltrate the criminal underground one final mission to protect his son. The film is rated "R".

"Knock at the Cabin," is rated R. A film of mystery, while a family decides to go on vacation to a cabin in the woods and they don't suspect anything to go wrong.

Suddenly, four armed strangers abduct them and take them in hostage. They demand the family make a tough decision in order to prevent an apocalypse.

With no way of contacting the outside world, the morals of each family member is put to the test. "Future TX" features two teen who get their first smart phones and receive a call at the same time from a mystery caller.

The caller says he is from the future and needs their help. The kids must decide if it's a prank call or a hoax and what the truth really is. This film has not yet been rated.

For fans waiting for another superhero movie, "Shazam! Fury of the Gods" opens March 17.

This is a sequel to the first "Shazam" movie and features an all-star cast.

"John Wick: Chapter 4," is a R-rated film starting Keanu Reeves. It hits the big screen on March 24. It takes the audience through an action filled, thrilling experience.

The famous hit man John Wick has an increasing price on his head, taking out the members of the High Table. He travels all round the world, such as New York, Paris, Japan, and even Berlin.

Continuing the Scream saga, "Scream VI," will be coming out on March 10.

Starring the famous Jenna Ortega, Hayden Panettiere, and many

Question of the Month

By Makayla Ondelacy

What are your thoughts on the Positive Tickets being handed out by teachers, administrators and staff?

Staff:

"I think it's creating positive and a good momentum. The kids are excited and they care about snacks, and I think it's working. I think it's working, but I don't have enough data to prove that it's working and what the data says about behavior and attendance."



– Jandrya Pond



"I like the system a lot, more for my underclassmen than upper-classmen. I'm really pleased that the school has given a way to just reward students for that. It was easy for me to add another positive reinforcement element and I hope students are really getting something for it. It feels fine to me."

– Griffin Peralta

Seniors:

"I think it's a good idea because it actually gets kids somewhat motivated to do class work and get their things done."



– Sarai Reyes Quezada

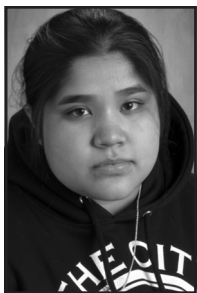


"Personally, I don't think the ticket system is a good idea. I rarely see students use the tickets at all, or either get tickets from the teachers, but I feel like if there was better rewards it might be a better incentive to get the tickets."

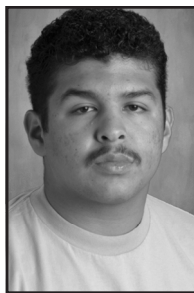
– Ivan Strunk

Juniors:

"The tickets aren't useful to me. My teachers don't really hand them out that much."



– Malia Scott-Leyva



"Good idea to try and get students to participate in class."

– Esteban Jacinto Penuelas

Sophomores:

"I believe that it is a good incentive and that it is making somewhat of an impact on students behavior but some teachers need to be more consistent in giving them out."



– Nadia Montejano



"It's useless and I don't care about it."

– Andy Jia

Freshmen:

"I think they don't do anything because no one gives out the positive tickets."



– Kamielle Magno



"I've only gotten one ticket so it's useless; no other teachers have given them out."

– Joseph Melendrez Segura

others, portrays the story of four survivors of the Ghostface murders.

Leaving behind all the trauma, they move to New York City in order to have a brand new start at life.

But little did they know that

was not going to last. They soon see themselves caught in a battle of survival with a new killer who's on a killing rampage.

Grab your money, some popcorn and some Milk Duds and have fun *At the Flicks* in March.

March Calendar

Compiled by Staff

- 1 WIDA Access Testing, Career Center, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Theater rehearsal, 2:45 - 8:45 p.m.
Swim, 6:45 - 8:45 p.m., UNR Pool
- 2 WIDA Access Testing, Career Center, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Switch Club meeting, lunch, A19
Rubik's Club meeting, lunch, B1
Table Top Role Playing Club meeting 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., C9
After School Tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
Theater rehearsal, 2:45 - 8:45 p.m.
Swim, 6:45 - 7:45 p.m., Northwest Pool
- 3 WIDA Access Testing, Career Center, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Programming Club, lunch, A12
Switch Club meeting, lunch, A19
Table Top Role Playing Club meeting 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., C9
After School Tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
Theater rehearsal, 2:45 - 8:45 p.m.
Swim, meet vs. Spanish Springs, 3 - 6 p.m., Alf Sorensen Pool
Varsity Baseball, Yerington Tournament, 3 - 6 p.m.
- 4 Varsity Baseball, Yerington Tournament, 3 - 6 p.m.
Military Ball, Reno Sparks Convention Center, 6 - 10 p.m.
- 5 Theater Rehearsal, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Hart Theater
- 6 Switch Club meeting, lunch, A19
After School Tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
Theater rehearsal, 2:45 - 8:45 p.m.
Swim, 6:45 - 8:45 p.m., UNR Pool
- 7 ACT Testing, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Large, small gym
After School Tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
Theater rehearsal, 2:45 - 8:45 p.m.
Varsity Baseball vs. Mammoth, 3 p.m.
- 8 Senior Panoramic picture, 10:45 a.m. - 12:20 p.m., football field
Theater rehearsal, 2:45 - 5:45 p.m., Hart Theater
Swim, 6:45 - 8:45 p.m., UNR Pool
- 9 Blood Drive, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m., Gym Foyer
Switch Club meeting, lunch, A19
Rubik's Club meeting, lunch, B1
Table Top Role Playing Club meeting 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., C9
After School Tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
Speech and Debate Tournament 3 - 10 p.m., Reno High School
Swim, 6:45 - 7:45 p.m., Northwest Pool
Wooster Players production of "Clue", 7 - 9 p.m. Hart Theater
- 10 Switch Club meeting, lunch, A19
Rubik's Club meeting, lunch, B1
Table Top Role Playing Club meeting 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., C9
After School Tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
Programming Club, lunch, A12
Speech and Debate Tournament 3 - 10 p.m., Reno High School
Varsity Baseball @ Lowry, 3 p.m.
Varsity Softball, @ Lowry, 3 p.m.
Wooster Players production of "Clue", 7 - 9 p.m. Hart Theater
- 11 Speech and Debate Tournament 8 a.m. - 10 p.m., Reno High School
Varsity Baseball @ Churchill, 11 a.m.
Varsity Softball, @ Lowry, 11 a.m.
- 12 Wooster Players production of "Clue", 2 - 4 p.m. Hart Theater
- 13 Boys Golf, Dayton Valley Golf Course, 12 - 4 p.m.
Swim, 6:45 - 8:45 p.m., UNR Pool
- 14 Boys Golf, Fernley Golf Club, 12 - 4 p.m.
Switch Club meeting, lunch, A19
After School Tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
Wooster Boosters meeting, 5 - 6 p.m., Career Center
- 15 Varsity Baseball vs. Susanville, 3 p.m.
Swim, 6:45 - 8:45 p.m., UNR Pool
- 16 Switch Club meeting, lunch, A19
Rubik's Club meeting, lunch, B1
Table Top Role Playing Club meeting 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., C9
After School Tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
Swim, 6:45 - 7:45 p.m., Northwest Pool
- 17 Programming Club, lunch, A12
Switch Club meeting, lunch, A19
Table Top Role Playing Club meeting 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., C9
After School Tutoring, 2:30 - 4 p.m., Career Center
Varsity Baseball @ Fernley, 3 p.m.
Varsity Softball, @ Fernley, 3 p.m.
- 18 Smitty Invitational Track Meet, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m., Wooster
Varsity Baseball @ Dayton, 11 a.m.
Varsity Softball, @ Dayton, 11 a.m.
Talent Show, 3 - 5 p.m., Large Gym
Swim Meet vs. Reno High. 3 - 6 p.m., Carson Valley Swim Center
- 20 Boys Golf, Sierra Sage Golf Course, 11 a.m.
- 21 Boys Golf, 1 p.m. TBA
- 24 Varsity Baseball vs. Spanish Springs, 3 p.m.
Varsity Softball, vs. Spanish Springs, 3 p.m.
- 25 Varsity Baseball vs. Elko, 11 a.m.
Varsity Softball, vs. Elko 11 a.m.
- 28 Varsity Baseball vs. Mineral County, 3 p.m.
- 31 Varsity Baseball vs. South Lake Tahoe, 3 p.m.
Varsity Softball, vs. South Lake Tahoe 3 p.m.

Athlete of the Month

Caviglia enjoys running the show on the court

By Keith Marie Tamayo

Isabella Caviglia has been selected as *Hoofprints* athlete of the month. She was nominated by girls head basketball coach Sheryl Hicks.

She is a senior and a three-year member of the Colts varsity basketball team and also played on the girls varsity soccer team.

"Bella is a talented and skilled athlete," said Hicks. "She is a leader, team captain and a team player who makes those around her better as a point guard should."

Caviglia lead the Colts scoring averaging just over 17 points per game. Hicks said she has scored in double figures in 11 of the Colts games. Her best games included 29 points against Damonte Ranch and 34 points against Hug.

"Basketball is just something that I have always done since I was a little," she said "and I enjoy playing it and everything that it comes with."

She said her one big strengths in playing basketball is dribbling. "Dribbling the ball and reading the court," and added "one of the hardest things is having to get around all the big and tall people."

Caviglia likes to play point guard (PG).

"PG is pretty cool because you run the game and the way you play effects a lot," she said.

Caviglia said to be a great basketball player, "just "being a team player is a big one but also making it fun and not always being serious."



Isabella Caviglia, playing point guard, runs the Colts' offense.

Hicks said Caviglia is always positive with her teammates as well as does her best to coach younger players on the team.

"She also leads the team in the most 'corniest' jokes told," Hicks said.

She manages her time in school, practice and games after she gets her schedule down, and it's just something that she's use to, she said.

Caviglia also said that their toughest opponent this season was Fernley.

The way she handles losing a big game is she just tries to see what they could've done better and prepare for the their next game.

"It feels pretty cool and just being able to experience [the game], it is cool," she said about being nominated as the athlete of the month.

Wrestling has banner year

By Emma Kennedy

This year has been one of the best for Wooster's wrestling team. This year five of Wooster's wrestlers represented the school at state tournament held in Winnemucca on Feb. 10-11.

Freshman Simaima Masi (165 lb. girl's division), sophomore Rogelio Anguiano Santiago (175 lb.), junior Cesar Benavides Monroy (190 lb.), and seniors Islieli Masi (285 lb.) and Luc Koch (150 lb.) all represented Wooster.

Koch placed second in state and Masi took 3rd and was the only Northern Nevada wrestler that placed at his weight class in the 3A.

The other three wrestlers came short of the podium. Wooster has not qualified as many

as five wrestlers in 10 years.

Five wrestlers is a huge accomplishment for Wooster and shows that Wooster is becoming relevant in Northern Nevada said head coach Josh Newman.

"It is great to have our kids go out there and beat kids they're 'not supposed' to beat," Newman said.

This season Wooster had its first female state qualifier.

Five girls wrestled throughout the season and four will return next year.

Girls who wrestle at Vaughn Middle School will also make their debut at Wooster next year as well.

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Athletes of the Month

The fab four are right on target

By Dylan Riggan

January's the athletes of the month are Mia Bernal Gardea, Lisaanne Nowicki, Melanie Contreras Figueroa and Autumn Miller.

These four girls are first-year shooters on the Wooster rifle team and made it to the JV championship this year.

The JV championship took place on Jan. 20 and they placed second, missing first place by only seven points out of the possible 300.

"They are all first year shooters and have all improved their scores by approximately 25 percent," said rifle team coach Col. Kenneth Stylen. "These four shooters had a tremendous season. They worked very hard in their first year on the team." Despite it being their first season on the team, all four have scored over 250 points out of 300 during the season.

Varsity basketball

Boys miss playoff berth by one point

By Kianna Magno

The Colts boys varsity basketball finished the season with a 6-4 record good for a second-place tie place in the 3A Northern West division. The Colts had an overall mark of 9-14.

The disappointment for the Colts was narrowly missing the playoffs due to an antiquated point system.

"We finished the season off strong, winning three of our last four games by 20+ points," said coach Jose Parra. "Unfortunately, we missed the playoffs by one point. I thought we were peaking at the right time and if we had an opportunity to get into playoffs we had a chance to make a run."

"We finished tied for second in our league."

Members of the team were recognized for their outstanding play during the season.

"Jose Vazquez was voted 3A West League First Team, and all 3A North First Team. JC Marquicias was voted 3A West League First Team, and all 3A North

Rifle team successful

By Isis Garcia

The rifle team season went on from October through February and the season recently ended.

The season went well for all of
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Bernal Gardea



Nowicki



Miller



Contreras Figueroa

The experience they gained this year will help them in the future. "Assuming they continue to improve, they will be the team to beat in future years," Stylen said.

These four first-year shooters placed second overall at the JV championship and showed tremendous improvement throughout the whole season.

The girls were more than satisfied with their season.

"I joined the team because it's something I wanted to do last year but couldn't," said Melanie Contreras Figueroa. "It was fun going to our meets, qualifying for the championships, the road trips, and of course winning medals."

For Mia Bernal Gardea there were challenges throughout the season.

"Having to shoot in the standing position is the most challenging and stressful positions to shoot in," she said.

She is looking forward to next year.

"I had a lot of fun and learned a lot," she said.

second team. Angel Reyes and Chris Jules were voted 3A West Honorable Mention," Parra said.

The Colts JV and freshman teams also had a good year. "The freshmen and JV teams had excellent seasons," Parra said. "The freshmen only lost one game in the 3A West, as did the JV team. Both teams got so much

better as the season went on."

The Colts are looking to build on this year's success.

"We're looking forward to next season. We return eight of the 12 players from this year's varsity team, along with four starters," Parra said. "Also, our underclassmen are some of the best in the league, so I think we'll be OK."

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ACT challenges juniors on March 7

By Christine Reid

Juniors are starting March off strong with American College Testing test scheduled for March 7.

As student frantically study for the College Career Readiness Exam, the test is administered to juniors and any senior who missed the test their junior year. "It is a graduation requirement and while it was designed specifically for juniors, if for whatever reason a student couldn't make it, they will be able to catch up their senior year," said assistant principal Erika Sanchez.

ACT testing is paid for by the

State of Nevada, however the district places orders for the test based on each school's roster.

These orders also include a study booklet, but if for whatever reason a student loses it or just prefers a different study method, there are other resources online they can use including a practice ACT test on Edgeunity.

Unlike previous years, this year will have no one else on campus except for testing students, which means everyone except for juniors and testing seniors will have the day off.

Testing includes English, math,

reading, science and writing and is split into four parts. It's scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m. and end at 1:30 p.m., with snacks being provided.

Student must leave all electronic devices at home and only bring their school ID, a pencil and a calculator with them for the test.

"The most important part is for students to get a good nights rest, have a good nutritious breakfast, and leave all electronic devices at home," Sanchez said. "Smart watches, earbuds, etc. are not allowed in the testing room outside of bags."

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next year or if they would be let go after the contract expired.

Eliminating it allows for teaching careers to be more flexible, appealing and stable, bringing in more individuals to apply.

Lastly, a possible increase in the education budget via the new Nevada governor Joe Lombardo and legislature of Nevada is another key factor.

This new budget proposal will grant an annual one billion dollar increase for K-12 to its current 1.02 billion dollar budget. This will grant greater wages for teachers.

The second challenge Enfield addressed was school safety.

"This refers to active shooters or threats, gang violence and overall violence on schools in our district," she said.

To defend against these issues Dr. Enfield said the district is implementing various safety measures such as filling in police positions to maximum capacity and a rapid response emergency system.

This system grants teachers and staff to carry a button device that is pressed if they witness or potential violence emerging.

As soon as the button is pressed it sends a signal to the front office to insure an investigation of the event. If a greater threat emerges, the office will call police officers on and off campus to resolve the threat.

Lastly, a preventative measure of violent acts will be accomplished by increasing mental health support. The district will be partnering with health organizations to grant free access to therapy for students, teachers or families suffering from mental illness, burnout or thoughts of violence.

The last challenge addressed by Enfield was student achievement. Enfield said Washoe County is

known for low test scores on state assessments and rankings. Therefore, the board and superintendent Enfield will eliminate unnecessary state assessments.

For example, the Algebra 1 district final will be eliminated. This allows for students to feel less stressed throughout the year, therefore focusing more on the material at hand.

Secondly the implementation of the "wide growth measure." This is a system measuring any level of student improvement. Even if it's a 2 or 3 point increase from the start of the year, it shows growth. The goal is determining by improvement points instead of defining students by a test score.

Thirdly, the district is in the process of creating a 5-10 year facility modernization plan. This plan will need to pass a 60 percent majority school board vote.

However, if approved, Enfield said Vaughn Middle School will be the biggest priority. The modernization of school buildings will allow for more curriculums to have specific classrooms, smaller class sizes and overall more comfortability, she said.

Finally, Enfield called for a push for special education reform, developing a new curriculum with modern courses from other districts that have shown success ratings in special education students. This could include a dual enrollments with University of Nevada, Reno and their faculty to enhance this program.

To enhance the communities voice in educational matters, Enfield and the school district have partnered with an organization called Thought Exchange.



Washoe County Superintendent Dr. Susan Enfield speaking on the State of Education on Feb. 2.

insights from tens, hundreds, or thousands of people -without spending weeks or months of making sense of the data."

"Engage your organization or community to voice their thoughts and deliver challenges. Unify people and make better decisions, faster."

Enfiels said the school district will allow the community to use this outlet as a method to gain info on certain questions and opinions before proceeding with a decision.

This tool was used the first time during the address. Enfield encouraged parents to stay active on this new platform.

In addition to these programs, Enfield said the district will begin to create many new committees such as the "family action committee" and "special needs family advisory committee."

"This will allow parents to be more involved and have a voice in underrepresented sectors of the school district." Enfield said.

The state of education address was full of insightful and beneficial information for the upcoming direction of the WCSD.

Gamer's Corner

By Esdras Mora

A new addition to the Atelier series is coming out on March 24, 2023, titled Atelier Ryza 3: Alchemist of the End & the Secret Key.

It will release only on Nintendo switch, Play station 4/5. Developed by Gust studios the game will consist of an open world RBG with beautifully animated cut scenes, and immersive adventures.

It will be a dual battle system with turned based fights but also open battle fights, depending on the opponent that is being faced. The plot of the game consists of 11 characters living on an island, until other islands emerge from the waters, threatening their lives.

The game pushes Ryza and her friends to find a way to save the island and their homes. The game also includes the ability to cultivate and find resources to practice the ability of Alchemy, which can create substances to use in fights.

The Atelier series spans 26 years with the first game released in 1997, these games have gained and large and faithful following.

The series includes 24 games since it's released. With no sign of stopping the series will continue to grow and gain popularity. However Ryza 3 will contain the biggest map and open world landscape to date.

Winterfest is a bust

By Ariel Claus and Belle Manzo

Wooster's annual Winterfest celebration fell extremely short of previous year's celebrations with no assembly, no royal court candidates and the Winterfest dance being cancelled.

The only plus in this series of minuses was the participation of the student body in the scheduled dress up days.

The dance was canceled due to low ticket purchases. The dance was scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 18 in the large gym.

This year, only 36 tickets were purchased. The school's administration and leadership decided that it would be best to cancel this year's annual Winterfest dance due to this lack of ticket purchases and the upcoming President's Day three-day weekend.

Students who purchased tickets were given a refund.

Leadership adviser Sylvia Averill said she believes that the lack of ticket purchases are due to Winterfest being less important to students, unlike Prom and Homecoming.

She said there were some

struggles about this dance that did not just involve only the lack of tickets being purchased but also trying to set up the décor for the Disney theme.

Averill was not happy about the dance being cancelled.

"I'm upset because of how much effort leadership put into setting up this dance, but I'm also slightly relieved that it was cancelled," she said.

Averill said making goals for next year's Winterfest is difficult due to the constant negative feedback from the student body.

But this year has taught leadership and the school's administration what the student body doesn't want, she said.

"This better helps me decide what is best to do next year," Averill said. "Personally I believe that if the administration and leadership did not cancel Winterfest everything would've worked out. This is because I knew many people who were planning on buying tickets that day.

"But I still believe the cancellation of the dance was a logical thing to do," she said.

still leads to a citation.

"We plan on revisiting the idea of parking passes if students see a value in having them," Pond said.

Parking

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more scarce," said dean of students Jandyra Pond. "We had to be strategic about how we used them and realign our priorities.

"Our campus monitor is more focused on checking bathrooms and hallways for students who are wandering rather than checking cars on campus."

However, the lack of parking passes does not eliminate the consequences such as driving to campus without a license which

Rifle Team

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the shooters.

"The freshman teams did the best with COVID and everything they still showed a strong will to compete," said Sierra Casler.

We played against other schools, with the highlight of the season being the JV Team finishing second place in championships."