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Homecoming continues return to normalcy

By Haly Ward

Wooster's Homecoming celebration made a triumphant return of September 24 after being cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The overall theme was "Around The World."

Homecoming week kicked off with spirit week with each day designated with a potential dress up theme to show school pride. Monday: Mardi Gras Colors (purple, white, yellow, or green); Tuesday: Pajamas Day; Wednesday: Bling Out (wearing all white or glitter); Thursday: Royal Day, and Friday: Red/Black Out.

Sophomores Natalia Mendoza and Justin Lopez Navarro said even though spirit week was fun, they wish the themes had been more creative and easier to do.

Many other events during the week included street painting with a taco truck serving great food, a churro truck at the tennis match versus North Valleys and the Homecoming movie night on the soccer field playing "The Sandlot."

On Friday, the Homecoming football game and the volleyball was held against Sparks High School. The volleyball team won its match 3-0, but the football team lost 19-6.



Homecoming queen Natalia Chacon and king Kayden Quartz celebrate their selection during halftime of the Homecoming game.

During halftime of the football game, Natalia Chacon was crowned Homecoming queen with Kayden Quartz crowned Homecoming king.

Senior candidates included Julie Lawrence and Christien Smith, Arely Salazar and Andrew King, Loden Van Duyn and Miguel Dela Rosa and Erica Long and Cayden Niedzielski.

On Saturday, "Let's take a trip

to Madi Gras," was the theme for the Homecoming dance.

Many people from all grade levels attended, many having said the dance was fun and enjoyable as it was held outdoors in the Rally Court.

"That was the best dance I've ever had," said senior Hailey Kozicz.

Many seniors said for their last Homecoming dance in high school, this one was by



far memorable. The Wooster leadership team decorated the Rally Court and provided a DeeJay for the event.

The overall week was full of fun and activities and gave students a feeling that things were finally getting back to normal at school.

See more Homecoming photos on page 6.

Robb loses battle with cancer



By Gary Baer

Long-time Washoe County School District educator, administrator and business entrepreneur Serena Robb

lost her battle

with cancer on October 7, 2021. She was 79.

Robb's career in the WCSD spanned 40 years as a speech pathologist, school counselor, assistant principal and the principal of Wooster High School.

She was the first female athletic director in the school district and opened Damonte Ranch High School in 2003.

"Those who knew Mrs. Robb knew her deep love and passion for our district. She believed in the promise of education and the great responsibility we hold to our students. Hence the 40-plus years. She gladly would have done 40 more," said a WCSD communications release.

In addition to her education career, Robb was a success in the retail world operating Shoe, a business that focused on foot ware in Reno.

After her "retirement" she continued to counsel students applying for admission into undergraduate and masters programs, internships and applying for scholarships.

Robb was the driving force who brought the International Baccalaureate program in 1997 to Wooster and continued to direct its growth while the principal at Wooster.

Two of her grandchildren, Rose and Isbella Aucoin currently attend Wooster in the IB program and her grandson, Jack Aucoin, graduated from the IB program in 2021.

A celebration of her life was held on October 17 in the Damonte Ranch High School Theater.

The Serena Slepian Robb Scholarship Fund has been established to assist students with their continuing education.

Ten-digit dialing now required to connect calls

By Bill Amhearst

Effective October 24, if people want to reach and touch someone via their smart phone, they will have to let their fingers do a little more walking or at least punch more numbers.

The Federal Communications Commission's 10-digit dialing protocol now requires users to use the number "1" plus their area code along with the seven-digit number to complete the local call - even when calling within the same area code.

The new dialing protocol will not change or effect a person's individual telephone number.

The change was brought about because there are more phones in America than there are people with each phone requiring it own

number. As more area codes began to run out of seven-digit numbers to assign the 10-digit dial protocol was implemented to allow calls to connect.

What this means for Northern Nevada and the 775 area code is that customers must dial "1" plus the 775 area code and the seven digit phone number to complete the call.

For telephone customers who have auto dial or speed dial on their smart phones, the contact number must be updated with the "1" plus the area code added to the seven-digit number in order for the call to go through. If not, an "out of service" message response will be heard when the old number is dialed.

The reason for the change

centers around the new, nationwide three-digit number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. This new three-digit number, 988, will eliminate the need to remember a long, seven-digit number when calling for help. It is similar to the "911" for emergencies or "311" for local government services.

According to the FCC, "to help facilitate the creation of '988,' area codes that use '988' as a local exchange, or the first three digits of a seven-digit phone number, will need to use 10-digit dialing."

There currently 82 area codes in 35 states and one U.S. territory that currently use "988" as their local exchange and allow seven-digit dialing. With the easy access to the "988" number for

the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, those area codes must transition to the new, 10-digit numbers for both long distance and local calls.

The transition for business that use a PBX or VoIP phone system, those systems should be upgraded or reprogrammed To the new 10-digit dialing system.

For consumers who wish to file a complaint about the change, they can reach the FCC online at <https://consumercomplaints.fcc.gov>; by telephone at 1-888-225-5322 or by mail:

Federal Communications Commission
Consumer and Government Affairs Bureau
Consumer Inquiries and Complaints
Division
45 L Street NE
Washington, DC 20554

Misuse, pranks, vandalism close bathrooms at lunch

By Makayla Ondelacy

Wooster's bathrooms in A, B, C and IA halls are being locked during lunch time due to incidents of misuse, pranks and vandalism.

As of now, the only bathrooms opened during lunch are in the gym foyer, theater foyer and the library.

This year we will have all building bathrooms locked except the ones around the Rally Court area, said assistant principal Susan Schraeder.

"This is because there is a lot of inappropriate things happening inside the bathrooms including them being damaged, students smoking, or other incident that required investigation," she said.

"At one point they didn't have soap dispensers or toilet paper dispensers," Schraeder added. "Hopefully, we can get more dispensers installed and not disappear. We tried it once and they disappeared again," she said.

Schraeder said the problems are being caused by the same number of students who are trying to impress their peers.

"It's still amazing to me," Schraeder said, "and its not the adults



A sign of the times...a closed bathroom in C Hall at lunch.

who are paying the price, right; it's your bathrooms, guys."

Time is a big factor in replacing the items that are damaged or stolen and cleaning up the vandalism.

"It costs money to replace things and it takes additional time for our custodians to clean it all up," Schraeder said.

Another contributing factor is there are not bathroom monitors available to watch the bathrooms.

Blood drive makes successful return

By Bill Amhearst

After a more than 18-month absence, the Wooster blood drive made a successful return to campus with both students and staff donating the life-saving commodity.

More than 48 units were donated during the On-day event on October 14.

"I want to thank all of those who participated," said student leadership adviser Sylvia Averill. "While that doesn't seem like a lot, it can fo on to save the lives of 144 people. At a time when we seem to get more bad news about the world around us than good news, this is definitely good news."



Seniors Daniel Navarro Camacho and Celeste Garcia Pere were two of many students who donated blood.

Leadership is planning an additional blood drive during the spring semester.

Education trends

Oregon rejects proficient students

By Ed Murrow

In an effort to improve graduation rates, the Oregon House Education Committee removed the graduation requirement for students to demonstrate proficiency in math reading and writing.

Students in the classes of 2022, 2023 and 2024 no longer have to show proficiency in essential learning skills in order to graduate. Oregon Senate Bill 744 orders a revision of state graduation requirements as well as suspends proficiency testing for three years.

The new legislation is the latest in a nationwide attempt by states and school district to revise grading and graduation requirements in order to demonstrate improved graduation rates.

The move spawned a rash of criticism on a national and international basis including comments such as "Dumbing Oregon Down" and conservatives calling the bill "a misguided attempt to support underserved students while lowering expectation for them."

Reports of Oregon's 2017 standardized testing scores show that less than 50 percent of students who took the tests passed the math

portion with the reading test passing rate of only 53 percent.

The Essential Skills program was adopted by the state in 2008 with the intended focus to make education more relevant and real-world applicable.

However according to State Sen. Michael Dembrow D-Portland, the program didn't meet its intent.

Instead of students demonstrating what was learned through work samples, most school districts relied on standardized tests to indicate students proficiency.

The debate over testing to assess student proficiency as part of graduation requirements is always accompanied by controversial arguments as to its effectiveness.

Many local Oregon school district superintendents and principals are of the opinion that graduation requirements rarely keep students from graduating.

The Oregon Department of Education said in a statement that requirements are not the "sole reason" students don't graduate.

As of this writing, there has been no explanation offered by anyone in the Oregon education community for the change in the essential skills requirement policy.

Students did have the option of choosing to take the proficiency examinations or providing work samples to demonstrate proficiency.

Oregon Department of Education statistic for the 2019 school year show student essential skills of 88 percent in reading, 77 percent in writing and 73 percent in mathematics were met by students through standardizing testing.

With the challenges produced by the COVID-19 pandemic for Oregon schools and most schools nationwide, the Oregon Department of Education suspended the essential skills requirements for the Classes of 2020 and 2021 which may have lead to dropping the requirements for the following three years.

With all the controversy created by the suspension of essential skills requirement for graduation, not much has really changed for Oregon's high school students.

They still must pass all their classes and earn 24 credits. There will be state summative assessments at the end of each semester.

They simply no longer have to demonstrate essential skills in core areas or produce a portfolio of work samples.

Interact Club's sock drive helps needy

By Mark Pailey

After an 18 month hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Interact Club has returned to an active status on campus and helping the community.

The club recently organized a sock drive to help people in need.

"Collectively, Wooster High School donated 61 pairs of socks and I am grateful for everyone who donated," said senior Emily Jones.

Jones said the drive was designed to make students aware of the club and its community involvement.

"Most Interact Club members



Jones

have graduated, so we wanted to start the year with a sock drive to raise awareness that this club is truly about 'service above self'," Jones said.

"The homeless population has been hit especially hard by the pandemic, and The Reno Initiative for shelter and Equality desperately needs socks," she said.

The club will continue doing

community service activities each month at lunch.

"In December, for example, we will be writing Christmas cards and giving bags of cookies to senior citizens," Jones said. "With more members, we can provide further assistance to organization and people in or community."

Jones said the club does not require a large time commitment from its members.

"Since minimal outside of school hours are needed to participate, Interact Club is a great way to earn community service hours and have fun."

Board considers bell schedule changes

From staff reports

The Washoe County School District Board of Trustees decided on a preliminary basis to move forward with bell schedule changes for the 2022-23 school year.

The Trustees selected Option A from the options presented to stakeholders. Option A was also selected by the majority of the 18,000 survey participants.

Option A could mean elementary schools would beginning class at 9:30 or 10 a.m., middle schools at

8:30 a.m. and high schools at 8 a.m.

According to district officials, "a comprehensive communications plan will being in the Spring semester to ensure all community stakeholders including staff, students, families and business are aware of the possible change."

The Board also directed Superintendent Kristin McNeil and her staff to bring back additional information on how possible schedule changes would affect

school programming, athletics and activities. This information will be discussed at the November 23 school board meeting.

Other considerations that could impact the Board's decision include transportation issues and the cost associated with the schedule adjustments, including the possibilities of hiring more bus drivers.

Also of concern is the various start time of some high schools which are not currently uniform due curriculum structure.



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Colts contribute to Italian Festival

By Isis Garcia Cruz

The Italian festival is the celebration of Italian heritage and is sponsored by the Eldorado Casino Resort, Wooster's Partner in Education.

It is always held on the weekend prior to Columbus Day, this year taking place on October 9 and 10. It ran on Saturday from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., and on Sunday from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Cadets from Wooster's JROTC program and Spanish Club worked the event together, with JROTC having 52 people and Spanish club having 15 people working over the two day period.

The jobs consisted of assisting the Eldorado in serving food, wearing mascot costumes, filling helium balloons for kids and manning the kid play zone.

Sophomore Omar Vasquez Bustos said, "It was entertaining and crazy."



Wooster Spanish Club members Tamyra Corpuz, Nayeli Flores, Bailey Long and Celeste Garcia Perez worked the Italian Festival on October 9 and 10.

"I enjoyed it but it was kind of stressful," said junior Anielyn Toledo-Unciano.

The two clubs earned over \$800 together working the two-day event.

New grading policy creates many questions

By Maria Alvaro

This year Wooster's grading policy has changed.

Last year, leadership team invited those to the conversation. Dr. Reeves, an educational consultant, who works creative leadership solutions.

The new system replaces percentages and letter grades with an eight-point grading scale based on student skills improvement.

Brought into present, the alternative to grading scale piloted in summer school at Wooster.

Wooster adapted Middle Years Program rubric grading to complement the diploma program six or seven years ago. Finally, the new grading policy started this year outside of MYP classes.

However this is not a new

content. Elementary schools have used this grading model before. By using the IB rubric 1-8. There are four rubrics in each subject area and teachers take grades from those categories to convert them from "A" to "F".

This was skill-wise an average decision to make, but it is helpful based on skills. Students can see where they are progressing with their academic skills.

"It's more fair both to teachers and students so they are, clear about the expectations and how to get there," said English department chair Robert Munson.

The new grading system has sparked a great deal of debate and has generated many questions and concerns from teachers, students and parents alike.

October celebrates school lunch program

By Emma Kennedy

October 11 through 15 was National School Lunch Week. This year's theme was Wild About School Lunch.

National School Lunch Week was created by President John F. Kennedy in 1962. He created this to promote the importance of a healthy school lunch in chil-

dren's lives and the impact it can have not only on the outside of the classroom, but on the inside as well.

Wooster's lunch staff is very positive about their role in the school. "It feels good to highlight what we are doing for the kids."

Although the whole purpose of
See Lunch, page 6

Wooster's horticulture class

Capitalizing on scarecrows profits

By Makayla Ondelacy

The horticulture and landscape class ran a craft fund-raiser with scarecrows and carved pumpkins.

The Washoe County School District Careers and Technical Education department is looking at moving CTE classes toward "simulated work classes." They want the classes to be in essence to become business/companies based, said Joe Mac Sellers who runs the class.

"The students come up with products and services and market it off to the community to complete a business, in which they will either receive or lose money," he said.

"So I am in the process of developing a business for my horticulture and landscaping classes so I thought we could learn about pumpkins and scarecrows from an academic standpoint and then have some fun crafting Jack-o'-lanterns and scarecrows," Sellers said.

The class has received some donations from the teaching staff supporting and the fund-raiser.



The scarecrow and pumpkin carving expertise of Joe Mac Sellers' horticulture and landscaping class. (Photo courtesy Joe Mac Sellers)

"I could always use more, but because I am looking at doing this every year, any extras I get will be stored away for next year," Sellers said.

Since the project started, students have made six scarecrows and most students have carved a pumpkin.

"The scarecrows were a constant challenge as you would expect because we have never

crafted one before," Sellers said. "We would try one way, make adjustments and keep working at it until we had something that we would call a scarecrow."

They are trying to run a business company out of the classroom with Sellers is being the "CEO." He said he has many more ideas he wants to do in the near future.

The Apple Test certifies biliteracy

By Nathali Villanueva

On October 13, students who are biliterate had the chance to take the Apple Test.

"The Apple Test is a test that assesses a student's language skills, and it's not just their ability to speak, but also the ability to read and write in the language. And that's considered biliterate," Spanish teacher, Jandyra Pond, said.

"We offer this test so that students can get a Seal of Biliteracy on their diploma and then they also get a medal that shows to future employers and colleges that they're biliterate in another

language," she said.

"Our most popular test is the Spanish test because a lot of our students know Spanish and they also take it here at Wooster. But we also have it in many other languages. There's French, Chinese, there's even a couple students who took it in Tagalog this year."

Pond said the test is available for many languages including German, Portuguese, and there's even Swahili.

Juniors and seniors are mainly recommended to take the Apple test because they must be at an

advanced level in the language to pass the test.

If students do take this test and pass, students will be offered to have the Seal of Biliteracy placed on their transcript and the medal or have the test cover a language credit that the student may be missing.

The next Apple test will be in February, the same date as the ACT test.

If students are juniors and are taking the ACT test, then students would be able to take the Apple test during their senior year.

Spanish Club: fun and service

By Isis Garcia

Spanish Club is a club that allows students to help the community and represent their culture with fun events. Activities in Spanish club consists of decorating the school, fund-raising by participating in events, and creating a bonding environment for students.

There are currently 35 members in Spanish consisting of two presidents, two vice presidents, a treasurer, a secretary, and three teacher advisors who include Mrs. Hernandez, Mrs. Arrowood and Mr. Real. Club members participated

in the Italian Festival along with JROTC by volunteering at the carnival, pasta, and lemonade stands, along with some members dressing up as characters and passing balloons out to the attending families.

This helped raise money for the school. Some of the events they have organized and participated in include Trunk or Treat which took place on October 27. Members handed out candy to neighborhood children in the safe environment of the Wooster parking lot.

They will also be volunteering at the Day of the Dead festival,

along with some possible fun events such as Holiday Lane coming up and many other activities for the holidays.

Spanish Club meets every Wednesday during lunch in IA1, so to join just show up on a Wednesday during lunch and talk to one of the advisors and be prepared to have a lot of fun.

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At the Flicks

By Sydney Massey

“A Boy Named Christmas” is scheduled for a November 2021 release, but the exact date is yet to be determined.

A boy named Nickolas, nicknamed Christmas as he was born on Christmas day, has only received one present in his life but he is happy with it because he got it from his parents.

One day his father goes missing and he must go to the north pole to save him.

Opening on November 3 is “The harder they Fall.”

When outlaw Nat Love (Johnathan Majors) discovers that his enemy Rufus Buck (Idris Elba) is being released from prison he rounds up the gang to seek revenge.

November 5 is a huge day for theaters as many new movies hit the screen.

“Eternals” premieres on November 5. The eternals began millions of years ago when cosmic beings known as celestials genetically experimented on humans creating the super powered and near immortal beings and a new more monstrous off shoot known as Deviants.

The two races move behind the scenes throughout human history while engaging in cosmic power plays.

“The Electrical Life of Louis Wain” opens November 5.

Louis Wain was many things during his incredible life: Artist, inventor, entrepreneur, trying his best to care for his five sisters and mother. Two events changed his life forever: meeting the love of his life and adopting a stray kitten named Peter, his inspiration for his paintings of cats that made him famous.

“Ida Red” also opens on November 5 and follows the story of Traitor crime boss Ida (Red Walker (Oscar winner Melissa Leo) who turns to her son Wyatt (Josh Hartnett), to pull off one last heist to get out of prison.

But with the FBI closing in, Wyatt must choose between family and freedom.

“A Cop Movie” adds to November 5’s opening day.

An experiment in documentary and narrative storytelling sheds a light on one of Mexico and the worlds most controversial institutions, the police force and the causes of the impunity crisis plaguing the justice system.

“Clifford, The Big Red Dog,” is scheduled for a November release.

Question of the Month

Complied by Sydney Massey

How is school adapting to COVID restrictions?

Staff:

“I think we are doing good. The restrictions really are just continuing to wear masks. Because our classes are really sitting in are close proximities, we have to do exclusion when cases come up with kids, but I’m really happy that kids and adults are wearing masks.”



– Leah Keuscher



“I feel they adapted fairly quickly, as well as possible. There was a lot of issues with how it worked out, but under the circumstances I think they adapted as well as they could.”

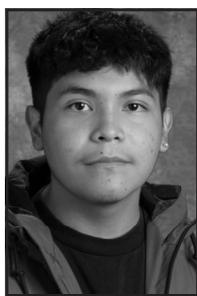
– Ian Callahan

Seniors:

“They are pretty OK with it. We get COVID testing and the majority of the people have their mask up.”



– Tamayra Corpuz



“It’s good, there aren’t as many as when we first started. There were a lot of people impacted and now there aren’t that many people getting sick.”

– Jeramiah Dressler

Juniors:

“To me it doesn’t feel like COVID is a thing at school. We all sit next to each other again, everyone is allowed in the bathroom again, we all have the same lunch again. To me it feels normal again; its just the mask.”



– Selena Fernandez Huerta



“It’s pretty good. At first it was pretty tough with the mask, but after a while you just get used to it.”

– Alejandro Flores Ocegueda

Sophomores:

It’s pretty good so far. Just sometimes a little cramped.”

– Jasmine Rivera Ortiz



“I think they are doing the best they can, but I think they can do better in some aspects.”

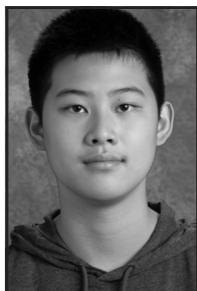
– Brandon Rodriguez Reynoso

Freshmen:

“They are making kids wear mask and everything trying their best to make school safe. Some kids aren’t doing as well with the mask, but that’s about it.”



– Khloe Glover



“I’m not sure to be honest. I heard this rule that if you have COVID, you can still come to school as long as you wear your mask correctly.”

– Andy Jia

When middle schooler Emily Elizabeth (Darby Camp) meets a magical animal rescuer (John Cleese) who gifts her a little red puppy, she never anticipated waking up to a giant 10 foot hound in her small New York apartment.

“Ghostbusters: Afterlife” is the latest installment in the Ghostbusters franchise.

A single mom with two kids arrive in a small town, they begin to discover their connection to the original Ghostbusters and the secret legacy their grandfather left behind.

Grab your wallet because admission and popcorn is not cheap and have a fun movie experience in November in theaters At the Flicks.

November Calendar

Complied by Haley Ward

Native American Heritage Month

- 1 Korean Language Club Meeting
Programming Club Meeting
Immunize Nevada 2-7pm In Large Gym
Boys Basketball Open Gym, 6:30 - 8 p.m.
- 2 Upward Bound Math & Science Program Advising
Area 1 Vertical Meeting
Boys Varsity Soccer Regionals
Girls Basketball Open Gym, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- 4 Boys & Girls Basketball Open Gym, 6 - 8 p.m.
Theatre Fall Performance of Grimm Brothers Production, 7 - 9 p.m.
- 5 Theatre Fall Performance of Grimm Brothers Production, 7 - 9 p.m.
- 6 Cross Countrymeet, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. @Shadow Mountain
Theatre Fall Performance of Grimm Brothers Production, 7 - 9 p.m.
- 7 Theatre Fall Performance of Grimm Brothers Production, 2 - 4 p.m.
- 8 Korean Language Club Meeting
Programming Club Meeting
Coaches Meeting
Boys Basketball Open Gym, 6 - 8 p.m.
- 9 Upward Bound Math & Science Program Advising
ASVAB Testing, 8 a.m. - Noon
Athletic Clearance, 2:30 - 4 p.m. in Athletic Office
- 10 Athletic Clearance, 2:30 - 4 p.m. in Athletic Office
Booster Meeting 5:30-6:30pm
- 11 Boys Basketball Open Gym, 6 - 8 p.m.
- 12 Korean Language Club Meeting
- 13 Boys Varsity Soccer State Championships
Start of Winter Sports/End of Fall Sports
- 15 Korean Language Club Meeting
Programming Club Meeting
- 16 Upward Bound Math & Science Program Advising
- 17 Parent Meeting Athletics 6 - 7 p.m. in Large Gym
Soccer Boys Meeting 6 - 8 p.m. in Cafeteria
- 18 IB Teacher Meeting
- 19 Korean Language Club Meeting
- 22 Korean Language Club Meeting
Programming Club Meeting
Immunize Nevada 2-7pm in Large Gym
- 23 Upward Bound Math & Science Program Advising
- 24-27 Thanksgiving break
- 29 Korean Language Club Meeting



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Tennis teams close out solid seasons

By **Alycia Buchanan de Rodriguez**

Wooster's boys and girls tennis teams had a rough start to the season with the smoke and COVID-19, but they finished the season out strong with the boys tennis team competing in the semi-finals for team regionals and the individual finals.

Senior Will Kneibler, the Colts No. 1 singles player, was seeded fifth and has a good chance of going to state. Senior Liam Durling who had been progressing all season also played well.

The doubles teams of Hunter Spencer and Quinton Rounds along with Matt O'Brien and Giovanni Crawford qualified to represent the Colts in regional competition.

This season was amazing, but last season was something else according to the boys coach Morgan Bishop.

"This season was a stable season in terms of finishing top three. Last season we were undefeated for the first time in Wooster's history so it was a better season over all," Bishop said. "Last season we didn't have state or regionals though due to COVID restrictions."

"The pandemic affected this season in many ways also as the boys team did end up losing a match due to the exclusion," Bishop said. "It was rough and the testing was inconvenient



Will Kneibler was seeded No.1 for the Colts.

especially being that our athletes loose a lot of seat time in class already because of matches...and testing added to that."

The girls tennis teams this year had some really hard times with the smoke and COVID and they had a few practices in the gym, but the season this year turned around. The Colts put together a solid season with them ranking third out of nine teams.

The girls teams went all the way to the team regionals quarterfinals where they played against North Valleys and defeated the Panthers by a score of 11 to 7. Unfortunately, they did end up losing to South Tahoe in the semifinals.

"The Colts No.1 singles player was junior captain Jill Kirgin often referred to as "Chainsaw



Jill Kirgin led the Colts girls tennis team.

Jill" for her amazing record of 23 wins and 1 loss," coach Mike Morrison said. "She has also earned the No. 1 in the individual championship tournament held October 22-23 in Truckee.

The Colts No.2 singles player is the hard-hitting freshman, Kate Bouska, who was seeded No. 7 in the championships."

"The top doubles team is juniors Co-captain Rose AuCoin and Izzy AuCoin, seeded No. 6 in the championship tournament," Morrison said.

The No. 2 doubles for the Colts this season was juniors Ezriel Buchanan and Sasha Owusu, seeded No.15.

"The Colts have 14 athletes on the team, all contributing to a very fun season," Morrison said.

Golfers send three to state tourney

By **Emma Kennedy**

The Wooster girls golf team qualified three of its four players for the state tournament in Las Vegas at the Primm Valley Golf Club on October 18-19.

Senior Madeline Hunden, junior Kayla Vass and sophomore Rya Montoya represented the Colts at the two-day event.

"All the girls did great at the state tournament," said coach Michael McKemy. "Wooster took three of the six individual qualifier spots.

Hunden broke 80 with a 79 on the final day of the state tournament.

"That was the third best score from any northern golfer that day," McKemy said.

Montoya took second place in the regional tournament and was the second lowest score from the north during state.

For the state tournament, Montoya's two-day score was 165 with Hunden shooting 170 and Vass 182.

The season was also good, McKemy said.



Pictured (l to r): Golf coach Michael McKemy, Madeline Hunden, Kayla Vass, Rya Montoya, Reese Viquez, Hidden Valley Golf Pro Fred Elliott.

"Rya Montoya won two of our tournaments as an individual."

This year is extremely different than last year, but in a good way. Last year, the golf team was six strokes away from beating Manogue, which would have been amazing as the Miners were undefeated.

The team almost did the same this year, but did not have large

enough numbers to qualify as a team. a full team.

This year, the girls went to state knowing that the Vegas teams were ranked higher, but they decided to play their best and have fun.

"I'm sad the season is ending, but it was a good ending and we get to do it all next season," Vass said.

Football teams pound Hug in season finale

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By **Jason Ridowski**

In what could be considered a lackluster season, the Colts varsity football team defeated the Hugh Hawks 50-14 on Joe Mac Sellers field.

The Colts scored early and often putting 28 points on the board in the first quarter.

The Colts were lead by senior Ladontrea Lendon's touchdown runs of 35 and 10 yards, an 56-yard run by senior Christien Smith and a 26-yard touchdown pass from Smith to senior Kayden Quartz. Sophomore Carlos converted on each PAT.

The Colts added a touchdown in the second quarter and two in the third quarter to round out the scoring. Hug scored on a six-yard pass in the second quarter and a one-yard plunge in the fourth quarter.

The Colts finished the season with a 3-5 mark with road victories against Dayton and South Lake Tahoe. Wooster's first two games against Reed and Carson High Schools were cancelled due to COVID restrictions.

Wooster lost its season opener on the road to Lowry and lost close games against Fernley and Sparks at home. The Colts also lost to North Valleys at home and Truckee on the road.

Head coach Bo Sellers said the Colts faced many challenges throughout the season.

"I think we met some expectations (for the season and did not meet others," he said. "Starting off another season with COVID-19 testing and protocols plus the smoke really was draining for all participants. Playing two football seasons in a six-month period was a grueling schedule for everyone involved."

The Colts started off the season slow, but Sellers saw improvement. "I think we fell a little short by not making the playoffs, but we were playing our best football to finish the season," he said. "For not having much of an off season, I think our entire football program made progress."

There were both positives and negatives for the Colts' season. "The positives were we played actual games last spring, so the kids were in tune with what we were doing offensively and defensively," Sellers said. "The negatives were the testing and exclusion protocols because we

had guys missing all the time, especially in key positions. Our practice numbers were low for several weeks so that made things difficult from a football logistics standpoint. But the kids rallied and played hard every game."

Sellers said the team best game was against South Tahoe.

"That was a key game for us and figuring out how to play together. We had guys missing and some of our younger players stepped up that night and learned what varsity football was all about."

The game against Sparks was the flip side of that coin.

"Our worst game was the Homecoming game because of all the distractions and we were not focused. We need that win to get into the playoffs," he said.

Sellers said the whole team matured throughout the season. "Our seniors took charge towards the end and we figured things out as a group."

The Colts will lose 18 seniors off this year's squad, but will return 18 players many of whom saw significant playing time for the Colts this season.

"I think we have a solid group of JV kids moving up and with a great off season and getting kids out for other sports, the future looks bright for Wooster football," Sellers said.

Wooster's junior varsity finished an outstanding season with a 5-3 mark and played well through out the campaign.

"They beat some good football teams from the 3A," he added.

The Colts qualified for the playoffs in 2019 in their last year in the now-defunct 4A league. The question is, what will it take for the team to return to the playoffs?

"Hard work in the weight room, classroom and participating in other sports. We want Wooster to be great at everything," Sellers said.

Senior Yearbook Deadlines:

Baby Pictures: 11/19/21
Portrait Makeups: 12/2, 12/3/21
Senior Portraits: 12/3/21
Senior Quotes: 12/10/21
Senior Ad Deadline: 12/17/21
Yearbook Price Hike: 12/17/21
(\$85) Second Semester

New staff welcomed

Editor's note: This is the second installment introducing the new staff at Wooster.

By Veronica Whitt

This year Wooster has gained many more new teachers.

David Mills who is a new

history and psychology teacher has been teaching for 24 years. Mills grew up in the Reno area, but lived in Florida for 30 year and taught there.

This is his first year at Wooster.

He enjoys teaching.

"I like history and working with

teenagers,"

said Mills

as to why he became a teacher.

Mills said he feels very welcome at Wooster.

Ian Callahan,



Mills



Callahan

a government and Advanced Placement world history teacher has been teaching for four years. He became a teacher to "teach students to think for themselves." Callahan laughingly said he is "Instagram famous."

Callahan also said he feels very welcome at Wooster."

Finally Master Sergeant Michael Hale who has been a military science teacher for 10 years.

Master Sgt. Hale said he works with "between 80-100 students daily."

Hale said that teaching is always the same only your bosses and the students change.

Hale said the students do not participate or try to learn so it is very manageable.

Hale came to Wooster from Sparks High School and said he has experienced "some challenges" as part of his move.



Hale

Korean Club looking for new members

By Alycia Buchanan de Rodriguez

The Korean Club is the newest addition to the club culture at Wooster and is looking for new members to join up.

This club is way for student to learn more about Korea culture, language, writing, food. This club is a new way to introduce students to another culture that is different from our own. Korean club is led by the president senior Evita Kanaan and the co-president sophomore Sophia Corona.

This club is held in Ashley Gardner's room, C13, as she is the club's advisor. Korean club meets every Monday and Friday at lunch. Recently during there meetings they have been learning the Korean alphabet and some beginner words and phrases. Students have been asking about the culture and have also been trying to have some beginner

conversations with those students that are more advanced.

Gardner actually lived and worked in Korea for three years.

"I hope to cover cultural topics such as festivals, holidays, traditions, and food," she said.

"Many members are also interested in learning how to travel around comfortably and have small conversations in Korean. Some are also interested in learning how I went about moving and working there for three years."

Korean Club is having a hard time maintaining its club status because they have to have a certain amount of membership and if they don't, the club will be disbanded.

"As more and more meetings come, we have less and less people show up. I hope the club continues, but if we don't have enough members, the club will disband," Gardner said.

Lunch

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National School Lunch Week is to promote the importance of a healthy school lunch, Wooster's lunch staff stated that for them it was to show students food as readily available, and they

wanted to help students out.

The National School Lunch program serves nearly 30 million children everyday. Participating in National School Lunch Week helps spread the word and promotes NSLP so they can help even more school children of all ages.

Improvements, new equipment make metal shop more attractive to students

By Zayden Tittensor

This year looks bright for the metals shop with all the new equipment as well as new tech within the metals shop now.

The new equipment for metals are six Miller Multimati 255 welding processes all from the same machine. There are two new small engine lathes, two new horizontal and vertical band saws plus with numerous new hand tools and air tools.

Since the new equipment has been introduced, there has also has been new safety rules added.

"Each new piece of equipment comes with new safety training we do right in class," said metal shop teacher Bo Sellers.

For old equipment Sellers has kept, he has fixed some old machines and gotten rid of old welding equipment.

Last year, the shop floors were opened up as well as students helping to rebuild the old exhaust system.

"We spent countless hours helping in cleaning as well as installing new equipment for the last school year," Sellers said. The reason why the metal shop was able to get all this new equipment is funding from "Federal grant money called Perkins Grant," Sellers said.

The addition of new equipment and upgrades has inspired more students to sign up for metal classes.



Metal shop teacher Bo Sellers shows some of the new equipment added to his classroom. (Photos by Lonnie Harrison)



The additions include six Miller Multimati 255 welding stations.

"Yes, our metal shop numbers are up and continue to rise because of the remodeling of the shop and the new equipment."



Homecoming candidates (l to r): Natalia Chacon, Julie Lawrence, Erica Long, Arely Salazar, Andrew King, Kayden Quartz, Cayden Niedzielski, Christian Smith, Miguel Dela Rosa and Loden Van Duyn.

More Homecoming

Pajama dress up day was a hit with Wooster students. Showing off their jammies are (l to r): Isis Garcia Cruz, Haley Ward, Veronica Whitt and Sydney Massey.

