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Fall Play Review

Wooster Players, Grimm Bros.: a very funny act

By Haley Ward

The Wooster Players presentation of the "Brother Grimm Spectaculathon," on Nov. 4-7, directed by Kimberly Golish Gibbons, was a welcomed step to the school returning to a somewhat normal feel.

Never have I ever laughed so hard during that night. I saw the play on opening night. I was very much looking forward to seeing the play because I had researched the plot beforehand and it had a very interesting dynamic to it.

I was also very excited to see a lot of my friends get the chance to perform since COVID hit last year. I knew that this play would revolve around the Grimm Fairy Tales and making them into more of a comedic standpoint.

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Kailani Alarcon as the Enchantress, Carlee Campbell as Repunzel, MJ Boga as the Devil and Xander Hildebran as Rumpelstiltskin, l to r, put a very funny spin on the Grimm Brother's fairy tales.

Timmons learns the 'hard way'

By Bill Amhearst

For 2017 Wooster graduate Ian Timmons, his post secondary education matured him and taught his the value of academics.

Timmons, a four-time Nevada state wrestling champion and IB graduate is now a senior at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD, and will graduate in May with a Bachelor's Degree in Science. A long journey from his days at Wooster.



Timmons

"I didn't take high school seriously and I had to learn the 'hard way' about studying and academics," Timmons said.

His path to Annapolis started at the Naval Academy Preparatory school in New Port, Rhode Island.

"It was a mix of military indoctrination and foundation classes to make sure students were ready for Annapolis, he said. "I was recruited to wrestle, but I knew I wanted to be at a military academy which was more competitive and offered a better career opportunity."

Timmons did wrestle, but a knee operation changed his path. "I could have kept wrestling, but I wanted to do things after graduation."

His time at the Naval Academy has changed his life.

"It's not like any other college. It's very regimented and it helped me to manage myself better. The structure helped me mature a bit and learn a lot about life. It was an opportunity to be and act like adult. I learned the value of studying and academics in general," he said.

Timmons is back in Reno as part of the Operation Information Program where cadets return to their home towns to tell students about See Timmons, page 2

Graduation rate shows slight falloff for 2021

By Ed Murrow

Wooster's graduation numbers dropped for the Class of 2021 with both district and school officials blaming the drop on the impact of the COVID-19.

Wooster dropped from a graduation rate of 84.4 percent in 2020 to 82.7 percent in 2021.

While the drop was moderate, school administrators felt very good about the overall numbers.

"I'm very happy that our grad rate still held up," said Wooster principal Leah Keuscher. "We dropped a percentage point, but for how many students and families that were impacted by this pandemic, it's heartening to see that we still were able to get 83 percent of our cohort to earn a diploma.

"I'm also happy to see that we were above the state graduation average. We continue to have our work cut out for us, but we have a staff and student body that are hardworking and resilient," Keuscher said.

The 2020 figure may not be an accurate reflection of the actual achievements of the Class of 2020 as the pandemic basically wiped out the last quarter of the 2020

school year and teacher were more lenient regarding grades and passing students to the chaos of shuttering school campuses.

The 2021 school year was once again impacted by the pandemic with most Washoe County School District schools limited to a hybrid learning environment combining

Wooster Grad rate 2021: 82.7%
WCSD Grad rate 2021: 82.5%

a limited on-campus presence and distance learning.

WCSD Superintendent Kristen McNeill said the district is still battling the effects of the pandemic.

"We continue to grapple with the impact of COVID, and I am proud of the extraordinary efforts of our staff and families who have worked so hard during this historic period of challenge."

Not all WCSD high schools graduation rates dropped last year and some maintained an above 90 percent rate. Academy of Arts, Careers and Technology

had a 100 percent rate; Truckee Meadows High School, 100 percent; North Star On-line School, 96 percent; Galena, 92 percent; Incline, 94 percent; McQueen, 91 percent and Reno High School 91 percent.

A total of 4,062 WCSD students graduated in 2021. The district's overall graduation rate was 82.5 percent which was a drop from 85 percent achieved in 2020. In comparison, the Clark County School District graduated 21,000 students in 2021.

However, graduation rates can be deceiving from school to school. Schools with a small population of seniors can show a high percentage graduation rate due to class numbers being very small.

This can also be seen in smaller school districts throughout the state with only four counties achieving 90 percent or higher in their graduation rates: Esmeralda, Storey, Lincoln, Humboldt and Pershing counties.

The 18-month impact of the pandemic on school districts through the country, including Washoe, has district officials, school administrators and teachers strugg-

ling for way to reconnect with students and their families.

"We continue to persevere as we move forward together, providing additional staff members to connect with our students in a variety of disciplines including counselors, tutors, teachers, intersession classes, attendance officers, summer school classes, graduation advocates and more," McNeill said.

"We are dedicated to helping our students recover emotionally and academically from this global pandemic and I am confident with our Response to Recovery Strategic Plans as our guide, we will have our students meet their academic and social potential."

Specific numbers for Wooster for the 2021 graduating class were as follows:

- Full cohort: 487 students
- Verified Transfer Out: 76
- Final Adjusted Cohort: 411
- Graduated w/honors: 115
- Graduated Advanced: 50
- Graduated Standard: 175
- Adjusted Diploma: 4
- Credit Deficient: 8
- Dropout: 5
- Vanished: 54

District continues to face bus driver shortages

By Emma Kennedy

The Washoe County School District continues to face a major problem when it comes to bus drivers.

The district is dealing with a critical bus driver shortage. Many previous drivers who now work in district offices have taken on the task of driving bus routes.

Victoria Campbell, the school district's public information officer, summarized the problem including student arrival times at home.

"Due to double bus runs, some of our buses run later in the afternoon. We have been very careful to communicate with families whenever students might be brought home later than normal or arrive to school later," Campbell said.

The shortage has had a definite

impact on the entire district.

"We have started doing 'double bus runs.'" she said.

Bus drivers make two trips between the school and the student's homes.

"Due to this, staff members at the school have to wait with the students and supervise them (until the bus returns to take them home,") Campbell said.

"Many transportation employees who now work in the offices doing a variety of different jobs have taken a break from their original work too help drive the students."

Does the school district have a plan working to alleviate the shortage?

"The WSCD transportation department works hard to recruit new people. They are publicizing the need for new workers any way they can," Campbell said.

Cadets muster up for canned food drive

By Isis Garcia Cruz

The Wooster Colt battalion has kicked off its annual canned food drive. The drive was severely reduced last year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Every year the district JROTC programs collect non-perishable food through the whole month of November for the Food Bank of Northern Nevada.

The collections are given to the Reno Elks Club who then distributes it to the food bank. Money is also accepted with the money being donated this year to Corbett Elementary School.

The current economic situation in the country makes the food drive more critical this year.

"I can only assume that the rise in inflation has caused

food prices to go up just like everything else and there are probably families struggling to make ends meet," said Wooster senior Army instructor Col. Kenneth Stylen.

Last school year the food drive still went on, but with collections being much lower due to the hybrid schedules. Even with these restrictions, \$500 in donations were still collected, which is half off what is usually made in other years.

Anyone can donate money or food, as long as they are given to a JROTC student to turn it in on their behalf. All of the Washoe County School District JROTC high school programs participate in the food collection.

Timmons

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the opportunities of attending the Naval Academy. He also gets the opportunity of spending Thanksgiving with his family.

Despite his high school outlook, Timmons recommends the IB program to any students who may be considering it.

"I would definitely recommend it if you take it seriously and are motivated to succeed. It can do a great deal for you in preparing for your future."

After graduating in May, Timmons will be a commissioned

infantry officer in the Marine Corps and after addition training from the Corps he hopes to be in charge of a platoon.

"It's a five year commitment and I'm not sure of my future direction after that. I hope to go back to school and get a Masters Degree," he said.

Quite an accomplishment for a high school kid who didn't take it seriously.

"Any service academy is a great opportunity for students who are thinking of applying. There are a great many opportunities that students can take advantage of especially at the Naval Academy."

Engineering punkin' chunkin'

By Ed Murrow

Four teams from Dustin Coli's science and Energy Technologies classes spent Nov. 6 launching pumpkins into space.

More than 28 Wooster students worked on the catapult-like machines that were entered into the Washoe County School District Punkin' Chunkin' STEM showcase held on the Andelin Family Farm in Spanish Springs.

"The students had about a month to research, design and build their machines," Coli said. "The purpose of the event is to present students with an engineering design challenge and have a friendly competition among schools."

There were more than 20 teams who participated in the showcase and it is a chance to showcase all of the amazing STEM education that is happening across the district, Coli said.

"Our students worked extremely hard and competed well." Coli said. "I really enjoy this project because it teaches the engineering design process, how to use hand and power tools, as well as working together as a team."

The program allows students to improve on previous designs.

New bookkeeper joins school staff

By Makayla Ondelacy

Wooster has a new bookkeeper this year, Scarlett Garzon, who student and staff can find in the front office.

Garzon came to Wooster to make a change from being in banking for five years to work on her career path.

"Before Wooster, I worked in banking for five years. I worked with consumer and business accounts," she said.

Garzon also did things like open



Energy tech students Fernanda Ramos-Rodriguez, Andrew Nunez Maldonado, Julio Rodriguez-Gutierrez, Andrew Martinez Gil, Skylar Jack-Richardson, Travis Barrera, Marcelino De Leon, Nayeli Noguera and Ayden Simpson were part of Wooster's teams that participated in the Punkin' Chunkin' STEM Showcase.

"This is one of my student's favorite projects. I do the project with my level 2 and level 3 students. Therefore, they can come back the next year to improve on their previous designs."

Coli said the project is collaborative project through the help of many Wooster teachers.

"I wanted to give special shout outs to Mr. Hanson and Mr. Mac

Sellers for allowing us to borrow weights for our machines. Also to Mr. Bo Sellers for helping with various metalworking needs and the seminar teachers who were kind enough to allow students to make last-minute adjustments to their machines during class time." Coli said due to some "interesting" weather conditions, the awards ceremony was postponed.



Garzon

graduated from Truckee Meadows Community College and is currently working on getting her bachelors degree in business management

new accounts, account maintenance, send wire transfers and took deposits and counted values.

Garzon

from the University of Nevada, Reno.

Her career goals are to learn as much as she can in bookkeeping and grow within the district once she graduates.

Garzon does not have any plans on leaving any time soon. She feels like she has continuity at Wooster and loves being apart of the school family.

"Since I started here, everyone has been kind, welcoming and helpful."

Exiting sub causes class collapse

By Emma Kennedy

Earlier this year a long-term sub for science was scheduled to leave Wooster by November 12. His absence caused a domino affect with Wooster students.

Wooster's administrative and counseling staff came together to create a plan to deal with the change. Staff decided it would be better to collapse the classes all together, instead of causing the students stress by having a new sub everyday.

Due to the sub leaving, 183 kids' schedules were changed. Some students just switched to a different teacher during that period, while some switched

classes entirely.

Another effect of the class being collapsed was class sizes were increased. Due to not every student attending class everyday, the increase in sizes were not an

extremely big problem.

Job applications have been open on the Job Employment Board for the teaching position since over summer. There have been no applications at all.



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New wrestling room opens in IA hall

By Nathali Villanueva

Wooster's old band room in IA hall is now the wrestling room. The move was just another change brought about by the pandemic. "The idea was getting the wrestling (room) out of the cafeteria when COVID's finally over and we don't have to wear masks and social distancing," Wooster football coach Bo Sellers said. "Mrs. Keuscher wanted a bigger cafeteria because so many kids eat in there all the time. I was like, why don't you move the wrestling room in the band room, and she liked the idea."

The room will allow more flexibility and space for wrestlers as Wooster begins to rebuild its program. In addition it will be used for youth wrestling as part of the South Reno Wrestling program. The process of transforming the band room into the wrestling room took time, about three



The new wrestling room in IA hall not only provides a better environment for wrestlers but can also be used as a multipurpose room.

months to complete.

The transition was completed with the help of Joe and Linda Sellers as they donated money to help buy some of the resources needed for the room.

With the new wrestling room area, Sellers said it's going to be very useful. It's not only going to

be used for wrestling, it's going to be used as a multipurpose room.

Wooster's cheerleaders practiced routines there because of the floor mats. Outside sports can use the area for workouts during inclement weather and P.E. classes will use the area if it gets too cold outside.

Grimm

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I was at the edge of my seat the whole time. I absolutely was obsessed with all the characters involved. My favorite character was MJ Boga's portrayal of one of the Narrators. He was really into his character and really went all out when describing the stories.

He was incredibly funny and I also loved when he played the Devil. His stance portraying the Devil was incredibly fitting and funny at the same time. His voice change was very accurate. Some other characters that I loved were Cinderella being played by Kainah Fernandez and Little Red Riding Cap played by Gwendolyn Rivers. Both of their characters were extremely alike while extremely opposite at the same time.

Cinderella was portrayed to be sort of childish, throwing tantrums and being selfish. She had a lot of screaming and outburst with all of them were performed excellently. With Little Red Riding Cap was very innocent and sweet but the minute she was in the woods faced against the wolf we saw a whole different side of her and it definitely was very surprising. I didn't see it coming and her being from the "hood" was very fun to watch and the bleeping over all of her cuss words made it even funnier.

I really enjoyed the theme. It was well played out and understandable. The dialogue



Tyler Bevill as the Frog Prince tries to get a little kiss from princess Gwendolyn Rivera.



Kailani Alarcon as Narrator 1, left, tells the story of how Little Red Riding Cap, Gwendolyn Rivera, took care of the Wolf, Xander Hildebran, gangster style.

within the play was very understandable among the characters and everyone's vocals were loud and frequent. The audience was able to hear, even those in the back.

The production was very nice but at the same time very simple. There wasn't much when it came to props or building, they all worked well including

Rapunzel's tower, the candy house and the boat.

The costumes were very simple and effective.

Overall play was very believable, but also realistic at the same time and it kept the audience's interest the entire time. What made the play very interesting and attention grabbing was how funny and comedic it was. There were

Hoofprints survey

Students spending more time in the work force

By Alycia Buchanan de Rodriguez

Fifty-four point five percent of the working population in the United States is teenagers between the ages of 16 to 19 who are also enrolled in school. Wooster seniors fit directly into that percentage.

Hoofprints sent out surveys to all the senior English and government classes to see if they had a job, why they had a job and how many hours do they work a week. The survey also asked how much work effected their school life. Out of the 84 responses we got back 37 of those students are either working to help their families or pay bills.

Thirty-seven of the 84 responses are working because they like the independence that working gives them, but also they like that they are able to buy and pay for their own things.

Nine other respondents said they

are working to save up money for their college tuition and for other plans they have along the way. Six others students said they are doing it pay for gas, insurance and to pay for the car repairs.

Most students reported they are working between five to 60 hour every two weeks. Most of the students who are working the more hours said they are having a hard time focusing on school and are struggling doing school work.

Students who work fewer hours are not having such a hard time balancing school and homework.

According to U.S. Department of Labor statistics, "Students who worked less than 20 hours per week had an average GPA of 3.13, while non-working students had an average GPA of 3.04. The research shows that students who worked over 20 hours a week had much lower grade point averages — 2.95 on average."



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constant jokes being thrown out and funny dances.

The play was also interactive and had the audience be a part of the play, saying certain things or holding things, or even just insulting us jokingly.

All of the characters were amazing. They interacted well and were well choreographed. A smashing effort by all the

cast and well managed by stage manager Avery Kittrell, lighted by Camilla Campos Rivas and sound by Lester Torres.

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At the Flicks

By Makayla Ondelacy

Movies that will be released this December will include: "Silent Night" which will be released on December 2. This movie features Annabelle Wallis, Keira Knightley, Matthew Goode, Lily-Rose Melody Depp, Lucy Punch and Kirby Howell-Baptiste.

A family invites their friends to a Christmas dinner at their idyllic home in the countryside. It feels like good times, but behind all their laughter, something is not right. The outside is facing impending doom and there are no amount of gifts or anything that can make mankind's imminent destruction go away.

"Encounter" features Riz Ahmed, Janina Gavankar, Octavia Spencer and Rory Cochrane and opens on December 3.

A Marine who goes on a mission to save his two sons from a mysterious threat. The journey takes an increasingly dangerous direction and the sons will need to leave their childhoods behind.

"A Journal For Jordan" premieres on December 10 and features Michael B. Jordan, Tamara Tunie, Robert Wisdom and Susan Pourfar.

A man killed in action in Baghdad, authors a journal for his son to tell him how to live a decent life despite growing up without a father.

"Don't Look Up" also opens on December 10, and stars Leonardo DiCaprio, Jennifer Lawrence, Timothee Chalamet, Jonah Hill, Cate Blanchett and Gina Gershon.

Two low-leveled astronomers discover a meteor that will strike Earth in six months and go on a media tour to try to warn the world, but find an unreceptive and unbelieving populace.

"Lucille Ball" is released on December 10. It stars Nicole and Javier Bardem and covers Lucille Ball's 20 year marriage to her co-star Desi Arnaz.

The latest Spider man film, "Spider-Man: No Way Home" opens on December 15. It stars Angourie Rice, Tom Holland, Zendaya Coleman, Marisa Tomei, J.K. Simmons and Benedict Cumberbatch.

The movie is apart of the Spider-Man: Homecoming series.

"The Tender Bar" will be released on December 17 and stars Ben Affleck, Christopher Lloyd, Lily Rabe and Tye Sheridan.

A fatherless boy growing up where the bartenders are the most colorful assortment of quirky father figures.

Question of the Month

Compiled by Haley Ward

What does Thanksgiving mean to you?

Staff:

"Holidays are when you spend time with the ones you love and show appreciation for what you have. Because we should be grateful for all we have because many don't have our privileges like we do in America."



– Ray Swigart



"Spending time with family and eating plenty of good food too."

–Jorge Hidalgo

Seniors:

"Thanksgiving to me means spending time with my family and taking a minute to stop and smell the roses so to speak."



– Avery Kittrell



"Thanksgiving means an excuse to get together for some dinner just to find out why the family doesn't eat dinner together any ways." – Bryant Barrera Carmona

Juniors:

"Thanksgiving means family and amazing food."

– Elizabeth Erin Morris



"Thanksgiving to me is the time of the year where you gather around people who are trying to show they care about the amount of effort you give every day."

– Jordan Stephenson

Sophomores:

"Thanksgiving doesn't really mean that much to me. Never really celebrated it."

– William Daneri



"Thanksgiving to me means food. That's my favorite thing."

– Johnathan Lee

Freshmen:

"To me Thanksgiving is a day when I get a chance to appreciate and be thankful for all the relationships I have built in my life. It is also a chance to reflect on how good I have it. My parents work a lot, but we always spend Thanksgiving together so it's a chance to enjoy time with my family." – Nichole Lin



"To me, Thanksgiving means to always recall family, friends, etc. and let them know how grateful you are to have them." – Lily Sanchez

The boy's mother struggles to provide for him with opportunities denied to her and to leave the home of her outrageous support-

ive father.

December is a great month for movies, so see you At the Flicks.

December Calendar

Compiled by Haley Ward

- 1 Wrestling practice, 2:30 - 5 p.m.
Girls basketball practice, 3 - 4 p.m., gym
South Reno Wrestling Club, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- 2 Senior Portrait Makeups
Boys Basketball Tournament 2:30-9:30 p.m. in Large Gym
Wrestling practice, 2:30 - 5 p.m.
Girls basketball practice, 3 - 4 p.m., gym
Baseball pre season, 3:30 - 5 p.m.
- 3 Senior Portrait Makeups
Korean Language Club meeting at lunch
Boys Basketball Tournament 2:30-9:30 p.m. in Large Gym
Girls basketball practice, 3 - 4 p.m., gym
Wrestling practice, 2:30 - 5 p.m.
- 4 Rifle Match; M-Hall
Boys Basketball Tournament 2:30-9:30 p.m. in Large Gym
JV Wrestling tournament, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Spanish Club meeting at lunch
Girls Basketball Crossover games, JV 10 a.m.; frosh 11:30 a.m.; varsity 1 p.m. @ Churchill High
Boys Basketball Crossover games, frosh 10 a.m.; JV 11:30 a.m.; varsity 2:30 p.m.
- 6 Korean Language Club meeting at lunch
Programming Club meeting at lunch
Girls basketball practice, 3 - 4 p.m., gym
Night of Comedy & Drama rehearsal, 3- 6 p.m.
Baseball pre season, 3:30 - 5 p.m.
South Reno Wrestling Club, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- 7 Upward Bound Math and Science Program Advising
Spanish Club meeting, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Girls basketball practice, 3 - 4 p.m., gym
Night of Comedy & Drama rehearsal, 3 - 6 p.m.
- 8 Booster Meeting, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Night of Comedy & Drama Production, Hart Theater 7 - 9 p.m.
South Reno Wrestling Club, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball Crossover games, JV 3 p.m.; frosh 4:30 p.m.; varsity 6 p.m. @ Wooster vs. Dayton
Boys Basketball Crossover games, frosh 3 p.m.; JV 4:30 p.m.; varsity 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Girls basketball practice, 3 - 4 p.m., gym
Spanish Club meeting
Baseball pre season, 3:30 - 5 p.m.
South Reno Wrestling Club, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- 10 Korean Language Club meeting at lunch
Senior Quote deadline
Girls basketball practice, 3 - 4 p.m., gym
Speech and Debate Tournament, 3 - 10 p.m.
Wrestling Invitational, 3 - 10 p.m.
Spanish Club meeting
- 11 JV Wrestling tournament, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Speech and Debate Tournament, 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Girls Basketball Crossover games, JV 10 a.m.; frosh 11:30 a.m.; varsity 1 p.m. @ Wooster vs. Fernley
Boys Basketball Crossover games, frosh 10 a.m.; JV 11:30 a.m.; varsity 2:30 p.m. @ Wooster vs. Fernley
- 13 Korean Language Club meeting at lunch
Programming Club meeting at lunch
Girls basketball practice, 3 - 4 p.m., gym
Baseball pre season, 3:30 - 5 p.m.
South Reno Wrestling Club, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- 14 **SEMESTER FINALS**
Girls basketball practice, 3 - 4 p.m., gym
Baseball pre season, 3:30 - 5 p.m.
South Reno Wrestling Club, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- 15 **SEMESTER FINALS**
Girls basketball practice, 3 - 4 p.m., gym
South Reno Wrestling Club, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- 16 **SEMESTER FINALS**
Girls basketball practice, 3 - 4 p.m., gym
South Reno Wrestling Club, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
End of Grading Period for first semester
Baseball pre season, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

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Soccer Girls wrap up exceptional season

By Mark Pailey

What almost turned into a Cinderella ending in Winnemucca for the girls varsity soccer team ended in the last 10 seconds of a double-overtime loss to the Truckee Wolverines.

The Colts traveled to the 3A regionals in Winnemucca in their quest for a berth in the state championship. Wooster came in as the No. 3 seed from the west and faced Elko in the first round.

“At the beginning of the year, we predicted we would battle for second or third place and we ended up in third,” said head coach Rene Flores. “We were one win away from winning league which I believe exceeded our expectations.”

The Colts beat No.2 east ranked Elko 4-1 and went on to play Truckee in the next round. Wooster lost to the Wolverines in double overtime.

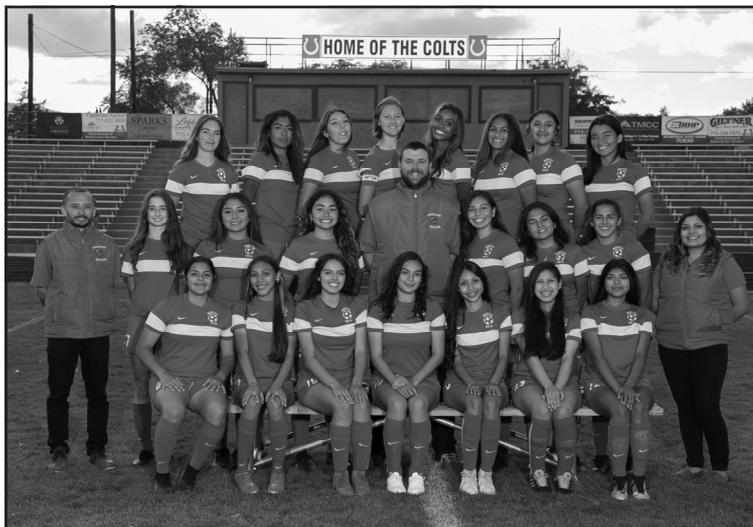
“Even though we lost, I still consider our team to be one of the top four teams in the state this year,” Flores said. “South Tahoe lost in the state championship while never beating us this season. “(There were) lots of positives to take away from the regional tournament. Now we have an idea of what it takes to win those tough games in the playoffs when everything is on the line.”

Wooster finished the season with a 12-3-2 mark and a record of 7-2-1 in league play.

Flores said there were a lot of highlights to this season.

“We demonstrated we can dominate possession in games as well as understand to play when the opposing team dominated possession,” he said. “Our team found a way to win using different players each game. We also learned to play different formations which made us really hard to break and unpredictable.”

Besides taking the four-time state defending champions to double overtime, Flores said the



Back row (l to r): Sydney Davidson, Angie Vanegas Gonzales, Soraya Dominguez, Kaitlyn Satterfield, Taelor Stutzman, Khole Glover, Sulema Rangel-Reyes, Kanela Furuta. Middle row (l to r): Coach Rene Flores, Amabel Lewis, Belinda Rico Vazquez, Viridiana Carmona Palomino, coach Derek Vaughan, Nadia Montejano, Lady Velasquez Duron, Isabella Caviglia, coach Marquez. Front row (l to r): Nadia Garcia, Isella Luna Yera, Monserrath Ramirez Ramirez, Natalie Tobar, Jamie Ceja Rivera, Isabella Moran, Michelle Lopez Perez.

team enjoyed its winning streak.

“I think the girls really enjoyed the streak we went on before losing our first game,” he said. “It really helped drive our training sessions which is where you really win the games.”

The stay in Winnemucca was also a positive of the Colts.

“Since we were able to stay in Winnemucca, I thought it was awesome,” Flores said. “The team got a chance to continue to bond and build that desire to make it back to regionals next year.”

In addition to the smoke and COVID-19 obstacles the team faced at the beginning of the season, game preparation was also a challenge.

“The biggest challenge was preparing my players for big moments in big games,” Flores said. “It was challenging training for this when only half the games were competitive. It was difficult for my players to compete at a high level consistently.”

Flores said the season was definitely a team effort.

“So many different players contributed, but here are our seniors

– Kaitlyn Satterfield, Belinda Rico, Lady Velasquez, Angie Vanegas, Erika Bucio, Viridiana Carmona and Taelor Stutzman.

“The seniors had a brilliant supporting cast that included Kanela Furuta, Isella Luna, Monserrath Ramirez, Amabel Lewis and Nadia Montejano. Honestly, I want to include every player as nearly all 24 players scored a goal this season. Incredible.”

Getting deep into regionals produced a hunger for the team next season.

“Our team will be hungry and determined to make it back to regionals and fight for a spot at state,” Flores said. “My players have some work to do in the off season to come prepared for the journey and hopefully we get talented freshmen to join the supporting cast.”

A key to this is fielding a junior varsity team.

“We are hoping next year we can make that happen,” Flores said. “We haven’t fielded a JV team in two seasons, but I know we are capable of it.”

Cross country team makes regionals

By Bill Amhearst

They may be small in numbers, but the Colts cross country team was gritty, so gritty in fact that the team qualified for regionals.

The unique situation for 3A cross country is there are no sanctioned league meets. It’s all based on invitationals.

The season started off strong for the Colts with senior Avery Redmon medaling in 10th place

at the Fernley Roadhill Invitational meet.

“After that, it was a little rocky with us missing a **See Cross Country, page 6**

Back row (l to r): Avery Redmon, Akira Starr, Eric Perez Quintero, Rafael Liquidano Cortes. Front row (l to r): Justice Brewster, Javien Horn, Callie Cronick, Brandon Rodriguez Reynoso.



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- 17 Teacher work day
Senior Ads Yearbook Deadline
Girls basketball practice, 3 - 4 p.m., gym
Wrestling Invitational, 7 a.m - 5 p.m.
Girls Basketball Crossover games, JV 3 p.m.; frosh 4:30 p.m.; varsity 6 p.m. @ Spring Creek
Boys Basketball Crossover games, frosh 3 p.m.; JV 4:30 p.m.; varsity 7:30 p.m. @ Spring Creek
- 18 IB Graduation 11a.m. - 1 p.m. in Large Gym
December 18th-Januray 3rd: - Winter Break
Girls Basketball Crossover games, JV 10 a.m.; frosh 11:30 a.m.; varsity 1 p.m. @ Wooster vs. Fernley
Boys Basketball Crossover games, frosh 10 a.m.; JV 11:30 a.m.; varsity 2:30 p.m. @ Wooster vs. Fernley
- 20 Girls basketball practice, 3 - 4 p.m., gym
South Reno Wrestling Club, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- 21 Girls basketball practice, 3 - 4 p.m., gym
South Reno Wrestling Club, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Girls basketball practice, 3 - 4 p.m., gym
South Reno Wrestling Club, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- 23 Girls basketball practice, 3 - 4 p.m., gym
South Reno Wrestling Club, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Girls basketball practice, 3 - 4 p.m., gym
South Reno Wrestling Club, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- 28 Girls basketball practice, 3 - 4 p.m., gym
South Reno Wrestling Club, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- 29 Girls basketball practice, 3 - 4 p.m., gym
South Reno Wrestling Club, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- 30 Girls basketball practice, 3 - 4 p.m., gym
South Reno Wrestling Club, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- 31 Girls basketball practice, 3 - 4 p.m., gym

Boys soccer eliminated in regional tournament

By Bill Amhearst

The Wooster boys varsity soccer team was eliminated in the second round of the 5A regional tournament, losing to the Hug Hawks 1-0. It was the third meeting of the two teams during the season, each winning a game.

The Colts beat North Valleys in the first round of the playoffs 1-0.

Wooster finished the season with an overall record of 5-5-8 and a league record of 4-4-8.

“We had some struggles, but overall it was a good season,” said head coach Jorge Vieyra. “I feel that we could have done better.”

Wooster was balanced both home and away with a 2-2-4 record at home and a 3-3-4 record on the road. The Colts scored 21 goals and allowed 25 for the season.

The Colts earned two victories Spanish Springs and one each against Reed and Damonte Ranch.

Vieyra said the highlight of the season was qualifying for the regional tournament.

“The team had more desire to go further in regionals, Vieyra said. “We played smart and hard and keep the opponents in mind who we were playing.”

In addition to facing chal-

lenges from smoke early in the season and the COVID pandemic, Vieyra said one of the biggest challenges was trust.

He also said every player on the team contributed to the team’s success and inspired the play throughout the season.

The Colts will be losing nine seniors to graduation but look to fill the ranks from the junior varsity team which had a successful season.

“The JV had a good regular season. We have a good base of players coming up that will be just fine at the varsity level, Vieyra 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

What you need to know about FASFA

By Syd Massey

FASFA night on October 20, was a night to fill out the FASFA application for all high school seniors.

FASFA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

“Federal student aid is responsible for managing the student assistance programs authorized under Title IV of the higher education act of 1965. The program provides grant, work-study and school loan funds to students attending college or career school,” according to the FASFA website

“Federal student aid makes it possible for students from all walks of life to attend college without putting themselves in debt. The difference between student aid and student loans is student loans generally require that students pay interest while financial aid packages like scholarships and grants do not

typically do not need to be paid back,” according to Credit.com

Student aid versus financial aid: what to know.

“Student aid programs such as grants, work-study, loans and scholarships help make college or career school affordable,” according to studentaid.gov/types of financial aid.

“FASFA is super important for students,” said senior counselor Erin Danielsen. “It gives them three kinds of money: they could either get free money, called pell grants that they do not have to pay back if they qualify for FASFA.

“The second kind of money is student loans. Often times, college is way to expensive and student loans are going to be inevitable at least this way it is in an environment where the interest rate can’t go up too high.

“There are parent loans which

I don’t necessarily recommend. FASFA also allows for something called work study. Students who qualify for work study can work on the campus where they are attending and they can work at a program that pays back their tuition while they are working and getting money,” Danielsen said.

FASFA also helps people who qualify for the university financial aid. A lot of the times when students qualify for university financial aid, they use FASFA as a jumping off point.

“FASFA is first come first serve,” Danielsen said. It opens October 1 and students should put in the application as soon as they can. Waiting until May is often times too late. They they should be completing the application in October and November of their senior year,” she said.

Students battle raging gasoline prices

By Zayden Tittensor

Since the new President, Joe Biden, came into office he has made many new changes as well as new laws.

One of those changes was shutting down the Keystone Pipeline in January 2021 on his first day in office.

The result is consumers are now paying extremely high prices for gasoline and all petroleum products and the United States, which was an energy exporter and self-sufficient with energy, has once again become an energy importer.

It is also forcing students to pay more at the pump.

It has gotten so bad that the President has asked the United States and other countries to tap their energy reserves.

The keystone pipeline was a oil pipeline system that ran from Hardisty, Canada, to Port Arthur, United States. It was a pipeline that collected and transported Canadian crude oil from Canada to the United States.

Crude oil is used to make gasoline and since it was transported from Canada, it was less expen-



sive to get oil – basically getting it locally instead of getting it from foreign countries such as are Russia, Mexico, Saudi Arabia and Columbia.

The U.S. now has to buy it and have it shipped from those foreign countries which costs more to obtain. Many of these countries the U.S. exported oil to under President Trump’s administration.

Of course the government is going to gradually raise the prices to the point we are now.

In November 2020, regular gas in some locals was as low as a \$1.50 per gallon.

Fast forward a year later in November 2021, gasoline is now up to \$4.59 in many locations.

The average gas tank for most cars holds to 15 to 16 gallons of gas. At the \$1.50 price it would cost consumers \$22.50 for a full tank. At \$4.59 a gallon, it would cost \$68.85 or 206 percent increase to fill that same tank.

With the major increase of gas as well with the cost of insurance owning a car now takes a huge amount of money to afford especially with student drivers.

Insurance for first-time drivers can be on average \$3,343, depending on driving factors which are typically higher as new drivers pay more than those who are older or experienced drivers.

This leaves most students to feel “tied up on money by their fuel and cars.” Students must have a good or decent paying job to be able to afford a car, its fuel and maintenance which eats up a high percentage of that paycheck.

rattle to getting us to bond on long bus rides to our meets.”

Starr said that each member of the team improved as the season went on.

Redmon and sophomore Callie Cronick both medaled at the Sierra Lutheran meet right before the regional meet.

“Everyone on the team competed at regionals as individuals

with Avery Redmon qualifying for the state meet.” Starr said. “She ended her season with a time of 23:03 finishing 21st at the state meet.”

Starr said despite all the complications with smoke, COVID-19 and fund raising the season turned out well.

“Overall, it was a great season that everyone on the team truly

New teacher work stations continue to arrive on campus

By Veronica Whitt

Since the COVID 19 pandemic, technology has been priority number one as more students and teachers rely on digital operations in the classroom.

The teacher work station project was started at the beginning of the 2021 school year.

“We stated this because our technology was so outdated that we couldn’t run programs needed for schooling,” said assistant principal Trina Olsen. “We reached out to the sophomore class officers for help in finding ways to get new work stations.”

Anish Bayya was the leader of the project and along with the help of Kelly Pop went before the school board and got a grant. “We got donations which ended up helping a lot,” Olsen said. “We built up a draft letter and proposed the idea to the school board.”

Olsen said teacher work stations have made all the difference in this school and the impacts have been entirely positive.

“When students take initiatives and set their minds to something, they can do anything they believe in,” Olsen said.

The focus was on upgrading teacher work stations.

“The computers are for our teachers, so that way they can provide a better learning experience for our Wooster students,” Bayya said.

He wanted to get involved so he could help the Wooster community. He and his team approached Olsen and she helped them work on

replacing all of the teacher stations.

“We first started out with a survey of what teachers needed. From this, we designed a plan of all the computers we needed and the price of them,” Bayya said. “We then wrote a grant which for \$15,000 and created another letter to fund raise from private businesses.”

There was aboard meeting that Bayya had to attend and speak in front of.

“The board meeting was really scary,” he said. “I quickly wrote a speech before the meeting and realized it just barely fit into the three minutes allowed. I ended up rushing the speech so fast that it was hard for the board to hear me, but our message still got through.”

Our class vice president, Ezriel Buchanan, was greatly involved He helped write the grant and called up numerous businesses including businesses like Tesla, Olivia and Chantel which was also a great help.

“We would all hop on a call and write out our grant and buissness letters. We also all met up one day and handed out letters for fund raising to local businesses.” Bayya said.

“Mrs. Pop was also a tremendous help, she went through our letters for businesses and grants and made some amazing suggestions and edits,” Bayya added.

The replacement of teacher work stations continues as the computers become available from vendors.

Cadets don’t march

By Isis Garcia

The Veterans Day Parade is a mandatory event for those in Wooster’s JROTC program, but this year Wooster didn’t attend.

The city of Reno first cancelled the parade months ago due to conditions related to the pandemic. Due to this Wooster

enjoyed. For me, as a senior, it was a great way to start off my senior year and an amazing last season (on the cross country team).”

The Colts will be losing seniors Redmon, Starr and Eric Perez Quintero to graduation in June.

If any student is interested in running cross country or distance for track, contact coach Anthony Davis at antrack@charter.net.

used the bus money that would be needed to transfer students to the parade location on other things.

After the city of Reno decided to reinstate the parade, it was too late for the entire district JROTC to attend due to no bus money being available.

Cross Country

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few meets due to weather and the lack of funding as we were not able to do our usual Rib Cook-off lemonade stand for health reasons,” said senior Akira Starr.

“Despite all that, we all had lots of fun with the team competing in our first-ever battle of the

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