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School Board election could mean district changes

By Bill Amhearst

The upcoming Washoe County School District School Board election could result in major policy issues such as social justice, the sexual education curriculum and social and emotional learning currently used in schools.

The district B, C and F seats are being contested in the general election on Nov. 8. Incumbents Joe Rodriguez, District C, Ellen Minetto, District B, and John Mayberry, District F at large, are vying to retain their board positions and are running on platforms of improving staff recruitment and retention, increasing academic performance and getting students ready for college or careers after high school.

All positions on the board are designated as non-partisan, but this does not indicate the political ideology or leaning of the candidates.

Graeme Ried is running against Mayberry for the District F at large seat. Reid feels that the district failed in dealing with core education issues during the pandemic and hybrid education over the past years.

"The kids, they need to learn to write, to read, to count, to do some basic math, a little bit of science, and something fun, some physical activity," Reid said.

Reid said he's running to stop the "politicization" of public education, and keep left-leaning political ideologies from encroaching into Washoe County School District's curriculum.

Melanie Sutton is challenging Rodriguez for the District C seat. She is also campaigning on returning



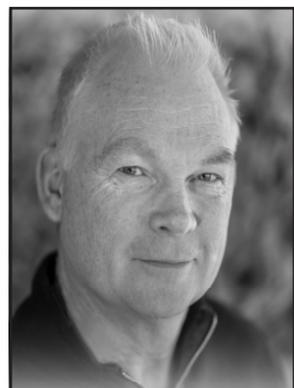
Rodriguez



Minetto



Mayberry



Reid



Westlake



Sutton

to basis curriculum principles.

"I stand for an education where our kids are taught reading, math, history, government, the Constitution and how to balance a checkbook," she said. "Leave beliefs and critical race theory out of our schools."

The controversy of teaching critical race theory and other controversial education issues such a race, gender and alternative history have turned local school board elections into a political football.

John Mayberry said the attacks against the district's curriculum are a distraction from what he thinks students really need: academic and mental health

support to help them recover from the past two years under the COVID-19 pandemic.

Two of the district's curriculum proposals have created controversy.

This summer, a district committee gave an initial approval to phrases identifying the sexuality of boys and girls as part of as part of the Sexuality Health And Responsibility Education program for fourth and fifth-graders. The phrases have not been approved by the school board, but that didn't stop parents opposition, claiming the phrases were inappropriate and vulgar for the age group.

Rodriguez said there's nothing pornographic about

the curriculum. "I don't see anything that is sexually stimulating, which I believe is one of the big factors of pornographic material," he said. "It's very educational, and it's very age appropriate."

Other controversial issues in the campaign include adding social justice lessons to the school curriculum along with the social/emotional learning which is already in place in the district's curriculum.

Minetto said social and emotional learning, teaches kids empathy, fairness, and kindness which are

essential skills kids need to get them to a point where they can learn.

Brooke Westlake does not see the value of the program.

"I think it takes away from what they really need to be learning so that they can be successful," she said. "I'm not saying that we've got to ban all of it. I just think I would like to see how much is in there and how it's affecting time for other studies."

The three incumbents have been endorsed by the Washoe Education Association.

Reporter Rocio Hernandez of the Nevada Independent contributed to this story.

(Photos provided by trustee candidates)

Dealing with tardy students

By Keith Marie Tamyo

Student tardies are a difficult problem for both teacher and administrators.

Tardies can be broadly defined as missing time over the course of the school day.

Assistant principal Trina Olsen said students seem to be disengaged from school and show signs of dullness in their actions.

She also said students appear exhausted and half asleep, complaining about how early school begins.

Students arrive to school late all hours of the day.

For many students being tardy has turned into habit where the student does not care about their education.

The school's administration has been working on a plan to address the tardy situation.

Olsen said teachers will be surveyed about their opinions on student tardies and how they feel about the problem and how to deal with it.

The next step is to form a "tardy committee" to determine how to effectively solve the tardy problem.

Another problem related to tardies is "on campus off class."

Student who are marked OCO are on the school campus, but are not in their designated class.

There will be a series of consequences for tardy students.

"Tardy students will be required to attend a Wednesday class after school to make up their tardies," Olsen said.

For those students who do not attend the Wednesday class, they will be assigned to Saturday school where students will work on cleaning the campus.

"If students fail to attend Saturday school, they will be given one detention period the next day they are in class," Olsen said.

If a student does not follow these steps, the individual could be subject to suspension, however all possible interventions will take place first.

School bus service returns to normal schedules

By Christine Reid

Many students rely heavily on the bus to get to school and back.

But this past year, we have seen a national increase in bus driver shortages preventing many students from making it to school on time especially those with no other form of transportation.

However, according to a Washoe County School District e-mail sent on Oct. 7, students

might finally see an end to all the delays and shortages.

The e-mail reads as follows: "Beginning next Monday, October 10, the rotating temporary suspensions of bus services will be lifted, and the Washoe County School District will restore daily bus service to all schools."

After reading this e-mail, there were students and parents still left with many questions such

as, "Why were there many bus shortages in the first place? and "How exactly are students sure that this isn't a problem that will come up again?"

As someone who relies solely on public transportation, I empathized with students who have no other way of making it to school and back.

Scott Lee, director of transportation for WCSD, had answers.

"There were many factors that contributed to our bus driver shortage. Historically, we have almost always had some level of driver shortage with the exception of the last recession when unemployment was high," Lee said.

"This made things difficult because staff had to act as substitutes, but we could still function and provide full transportation service."

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Wooster scholarship applications due Nov. 18

By Emma Kennedy

For all the seniors at Wooster, the fall season means it's time to start applying to colleges. Applying for colleges also means time to apply for scholarships to get as much financial help as possible.

The Wooster scholarship application is offered to Wooster seniors and is open until Nov. 18.

This application is used to award many different scholarships available through the school, the Wooster Foundation and private donors.

Most scholarships are constantly opening and closing due to each scholarship "being for different interests," Career Center

facilitator Kimberly Grange said.

Many seniors are wondering what scholarships to apply for. Wooster's website is a source that lists many available scholarships

"There are lots of different scholarships available, most are national, meaning high dollar amounts, but a lot of competition from around the country," Grange said.

"All of the scholarships have different deadlines and requirements. Some scholarships are only for tall people or people who use their left hands," she said.

"Last year seniors at Wooster were awarded more than \$2 million in scholarships."

Peralta hosts talk radio

By Cameron Nardone

Listeners can tune into 97.7 FM, KWNK, every other Sunday as Wooster English teacher Griffin Peralta tells the world hidden meaning about everyday life.

While repairing books at the university, Peralta, also known as MC Peralta to the people of KWNK, took this chance to be a small time poet.

His show is one of many hosted by KNWK, with everyday people sharing their interests to the world.

KWNK was started in 2017 by the Federal Communications Commission granting a low-frequency radio license to the Reno Bike Club in collaboration with the University of Nevada, Reno's online radio and the Wolf Pack Radio.

The group also partners with Holland Project to bring an "university-style., college-style radio outlet"



Peralta

that serves the varying interests of the community on a non-profit basis.

There is no commercial advertising on the station.

Twice every year the station hosts an event to take in applications to be a creator of your own radio show.

Being a low powered non profit organization, The Reno Bike Club Radio doesn't just keep everything to on-air broadcasts, they host open mic events at Shim's Surplus Supplies, sometimes shows are even presented on stage by the downtown river.

A free performance is worth a thousand words over the air and MC Peralta truly is a Receiver of Memory sharing his role.

Bus service

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Bus driver shortages have been a national problem as of late. Primarily due to low employment and uncompetitive wages.

"Typically the shortages we had previously were in the range of 10-20 vacancies out of about 305 positions," Lee said.

Lee said at the peak of the shortage, the school district was about 95 drivers short of 303.

"This is why we had to change service models several times and eventually suspend some service," he said.

How did the school district solve the problem?

"The issue of the shortage was

addressed by extensive recruiting from our human resources department in addition to a significant wage increase that was primarily fueled through the elimination of 43 vacant bus driver positions," Lee said.

"While we are still currently short on bus drivers, at least for now, we won't have to worry about students being unable to make it to school."

The school district is still has 20 vacancies that need to be filled.

"We are optimistic that applications will continue to come in and we may be able to be fully staffed again by winter break," Lee said.

Disc Golf Club wins \$5,000

By Darcy Lo

Wooster's Disc Golf Club won \$5,000 in Dolan Class Project competition that ran from Oct. 3 through Oct. 17.

The submission involved a one to two minute video explaining how funds would be used to improve the classroom, school, or student learning experience.

"We got involved through a recommendation from one of the

local disc golf shops who recommended we apply," said Wooster math teacher and club adviser Derek Vaughan.

After the submission of the video, the community was able to vote for the class that was most deserving of the money.

During this time Disc Golf Club members were seen around the school asking Wooster students and staff to vote for the

club to be in the top 15 classrooms to win \$5,000.

The results were revealed on Oct. 19 and the Disc Golf Club came in 12th place in the competition.

"The club plans to use the money to buy nine-disc golf baskets with wheels to roll around campus and get more students involved with the club and sport," Vaughan said.

Cadets return to Veteran's Day parade

By Isis Garcia Cruz

After a year's absence, cadets from the Wooster Colts JROTC Battalion will march in the annual Veteran's Day parade held in downtown Reno on Nov. 11.

"After years of parade cancellations due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Wooster JROTC

Colt Battalion will be proudly marching in this year's Veteran's Day parade," said Colts Army Instructor Col. Ken Stynen.

"The parade is a mandatory event for all JROTC cadets on a non-school day," Stynen said.

The Veteran's Day parade is an event where JROTC Battalion

across Nevada march in unison to show pride and thanks to the U.S. veterans who have served this country.

The parade begins at 11:11 a.m. and the route is on Virginia Street from the Pioneer Center to Fourth Street.

Districts reducing school week

By Yasmin Hernandez Diaz

With teacher shortages on the rise and schools being more underfunded than ever, certain school districts, such as the ones in rural Nevada, have decided to shorten the school week to four days.

The move away from the traditional five day a week is designed to save school district money.

Wooster English teacher and Washoe Education Association member said there are more issues than money.

"Bussing in rural communities is also an issue as well as teacher

and substitute teacher shortages," he said.

School districts are using the shortened school weeks as a way to save money without compromising student's education. The reduced week is balanced out by extending the length of the four school days, maintaining the state-mandated seat times.

There are positives to the reduced school week.

"Studies have shown student do better on a four-day week with test scores going up and absences going down as well as athletes

are able to compete without missing school," Munson said.

Based on these positive factors would a similar schedule benefit Wooster and could it happen?

It could happen, but the change would have to be made at the district level and not something an individual school could institute on its own.

In addition a variety of traditional practices would require change including teacher's schedules, bus schedules, daily class schedules and the scheduling of athletic events.

Wooster Players present

'Everybody' Nov. 2 in Hart Theater

By Mark Pailey

The Wooster Players present the fall production of "Everybody" in the Hart Theater Nov. 2 -6.

"This is guaranteed to be a different show every performance as the roles are chosen every evening via lottery," said theater

teacher and director Kimberly Gibbons. "That means five of our actors have memorized almost the entire show. We will comp you after the first one if you'd like to come back."

The play is a modern riff on the fifteenth-century morality play "Everyman" and follows Everybody as they journey through life's greatest mystery – the meaning of life.

Gibbons said the plot follows God's displeasure with man's moral blindness and summons Death to call Everybody to account for how they have lived their lives.

Audiences should be aware the production contain adult themes and language and is not appropriate for children.

Tickets are available at www.woosterplayers.org.



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Are movie theaters becoming extinct?

By Darcy Lo

With the rise of new streaming platforms combined with the 2-year global pandemic, movie theaters have seen a rapid decline in their customers when they reopened their doors to the public in 2021.

“Since business is so slow, they couldn’t keep the place open for more than three hours,” said an employee at the Riverside Theater.

Streaming services have been around for years, but due to the pandemic, people have turned to a more convenient way of watching movies.

Unlike movie theaters streaming platforms allow their customers to stay in the comfort of their own homes rather than making a trip to a theater where the seats are limited, and the snacks are overpriced.

Additionally, streaming

platforms cost anywhere from \$4.99 to \$15.49, and compared to a \$13.69 ticket for one movie. Lower prices are the reason people feel streaming services are worth their price.

Movies are even becoming less dependent on theatrical releases and going straight to digital platforms as the audience is far larger.

This especially has taken a hit to Cineworld the world’s second greatest cinema operator who filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in September of this year.

Streaming services are rapidly becoming the primary source of film entertainment through their convenient way of watching.

For consumers, however, the experience of going to a movie is becoming less and less special.

Myths and Monsters: the alternative English class

By Cameron Nardone

After about a year of battling curriculum administration, English teacher Griffin Peralta introduced a new class to Wooster, Myths and Monsters.

Peralta found inspiration for the class 2006 when he was taking classes at Damonte Ranch High School taught by a former Wooster teacher Debbie Hellen.

The class he enjoys sharing with students, is unlike any other class students have the option to take.

Throughout all his years of reading myths and teaching them, Dracula always sparked a massive interest in Peralta’s world.

He came across his first copy of Dracula when he was working as a book repairman at university. He still has that same Dracula book he repaired years ago.

Besides myths, his favorite monsters are elemental-based monsters which have the power to have full control over the

world that surrounds humans.

“It is never something you can pass up on,” he said.

Managing this class on top of everything put into hard-working teachers plates has never really been an issue for him.

“Through past jobs that have been high stress high pay, working with teenagers is more of a vacation at times,” Peralta said.

Breaking down ancient Greek gods and myths to what they really stand for is only a small part of what this class has to offer.

From reading books chosen and sorted by level, to making a physical representation of any monster or myth students want is what happens four times a year.

The Myths and Monsters class really is in good hands as Peralta carries on Debbie Hellen’s legacy.

The class fulfills an English requirement for graduation.

“Never forget the myths that hold this world together,” Peralta said.

Have scooter, can travel

By Kianna Magno

Rental scooters can be seen almost all over Reno. Many students can be seen using these rental scooters as transportation to get to school.

What are the Rental scooters? Bird, the brand for these scooters, is an all-electric, carbon-free alternative to cars. Just another way of transportation.

How do the scooters work?

These scooters can be rented with the app called, “Bird.” This app helps rent and find scooters all on an individual’s smartphone.

How much do the scooters cost to rent and how fast does they go on average?

About a 30-minute ride on the scooter is about \$5. The scooter’s maximum speed is around 18 mph.

New teachers join Wooster staff

Editor’s note: This is the first in a series of articles introducing the new teachers and staff at Wooster.

By Emma Kennedy

Over the summer, Wooster gained a variety of new teachers for quite a few different subjects.

Gaining a new teacher is always interesting, not only for the teachers, but for students who get to learn about them as well.

One of the new teachers is science teacher Aurora Pinkey-Drobnis. She has been teaching

for two years and earned her teaching degree from the University of Montana in Missoula.

Before becoming a teacher she worked in environmental conservation.

Pinkey-Drobnis grew up in Providence, Rhode Island, and came to Wooster because she



Pinkey-Drobnis

wanted to try out teaching high school and Wooster is the closest to where she lives.

“I love the diversity of the students and staff and how welcoming everyone is,” she said when asked about what she likes about Wooster.

Pinkey-Drobnis is not married and doesn’t have any children. She has two dogs named Maggie and Luci.

She enjoys skiing and mountain biking as well as crafting and going on long hikes with her dogs.

Seminar serves many purposes

By Zayden Tittensor

Many of students ask themselves why does Wooster have a seminar class in its daily schedule?

Wooster lead counselor Erin Danielsen said there are many different functions that take place in a seminar class.

“There are many different reasons for it especially for each year,” she said. “For example, freshman have

seminar as part of the MYP Program, sophomore have it to work on their personal project.

“Juniors have it to prepare or introduce the to the ACT exams and seniors use it mostly for a study hall,” Danielsen who has been a counselor at Wooster since 2008.

Over the years, the seminar classes have evolved.

“Seminar has been many thing over the years,” Danielsen said. “It was first a study hall or even a free period in some cases.”

Then later on it was turned into an elective class and even a short of catch up class to provide an opportunity for struggling students to catch up on their class work or credits.

Homecoming has limited success

By Yasmin Hernandez Diaz

Homecoming is a reoccurring event for both newly arrived freshmen and last year’s seniors, but with COVID-19 at its peak during 2020 and 2021, students haven’t had a true Homecoming.

This year looked to finally change that and bring back Homecoming to its fullest.

That isn’t to say it came back perfectly, but it’s certainly better than students had in the past.

Homecoming faced a lot of time issues suffering from the lack of student and class officers and the fact that it was on a Friday both added to the issues.

Sylvia Averill the leadership advisor said planning did not go smoothly and a lot of things had to be sacrificed or slipped through the cracks.

There was also no street painting this year and dress up days had moderate student participation.

The way the king and queen candidates were previously introduced and announced was



Homecoming Queen Kylee Vega and King Ivan Strunk.

they driven in cars. That didn’t happened this year.

“We had to prioritize other things and it slipped through the cracks,” Averill said.

Despite this, Averill counts this

year’s Homecoming as a success especially compared to last year and the restriction because of COVID-19.

Lastly, there was unexpected band performance at the dance. It was surprising to see live band, she said. It was recommended by leadership as they knew of a band that could play and she hopes this can be a reoccurring feature at least for Homecoming.

Students also had a lot to say when it came to Homecoming.

Senior Matthew Boga said this when asked whether he preferred this year’s Homecoming to the last. “I liked it better freshmen year, because it was inside, however this last one and the junior year one weren’t bad, just a bit cold.”

“The band was but they played for a long time,” said senior Veronica Whitt.

While students had their criticisms, they enjoyed the dance and are happy to have it back.

Senior king was Ivan Strunk and queen was Kylee Vega.

FASFA Night helps students with finances

By Isis Garcia Cruz

Free Application for Federal Student Aid Night was held Oct. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. in A Building with representatives from University of Nevada, Reno and Truckee Meadows Community College attending to help with questions.

FASFA Night was an event where

students and their parents can get help with filling out the FASFA form, since some of the questions can be tricky. The form is filled out online and participants are either at a desktop or laptop.

The FASFA is free money from the federal government in order to help with education.

The money can go towards college, university, trade schools, beauty school and any other school that is accredited and receives financial aid.

The money does not need to be paid back and loans can be offered, but do not need to be accepted.

At the Flicks

By Makayla Ondelacy

Let's start off with the upcoming movies for November. The first big film that is coming out is "Falling for Christmas" on Nov. 10. It stars Lindsay Lohan and Chord Overstreet.

A newly engaged hotel heiress finds herself in care of a handsome, lodge owner and his daughter after getting total amnesia in a skiing accident.

The second film that is coming out is "The Friendship Game" on Nov. 11, starring Peyton List, Brendan Meyer and Kelcey Mawema.

The plot to this film is a group of teens in a small town come across a strange object that test their loyalties to each other with increasingly destructive consequences the deeper into the game they go.

The third big film that is also being released on Nov. 11 is "Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (2022)." This movie was filmed after the star of the first film, Chadwick Boseman's, passing.

It stars Michael B. Jordan, Letitia Wright, Lupita Nyong'o, Tenoch Huerta and Danai Gurira.

Fighting to protect their nation from intervening world powers in wake of King T'Challa's death and embracing their next chapter, the heros must band together and forge a new path for the kingdom of Wakanda.

The forth movie that is coming out is "The Fabelmans" on Nov. 23. It stars Gabriel LeBella, Michelle Williams and Paul Dano.

A young man's discovery of a shattering family secret and the power of movies to help us see the truth about each other and ourselves "Bones and All" also premieres on Nov. 23. and stars Taylor Russell and Timothee Chalamet.

A first love story; a liberating road odyssey of two young people coming into their own, searching for identity and chasing beauty in a perilous world that cannot abide who they are.

Also opening on Nov. 23 is "Devotion." It follows the true story of U.S. Navy fighter pilots Jesse Brown and Tom Hudner. The movie stars Glen Powell, Jonathan Majors, Joe Jonas, Rachel Smith, Thad Luckinbill, Christina Jackson, Serinda Swan and JD Dillard. It is rated PG-13.

In theaters on Nov. 24 is "Fantasy Football." The film follows a 15-year-old girl who discovers she can control her professional football player dad's prowess on

Question of the Month

By Makayla Ondelacy

If you were able to add an elective you can have at Wooster, what would it be?

Staff:

"A shop class. I think those are awesome."

– Mary Brooke



"Computer Aided Design Software, 2D/3D design. I've been trying to get it as an elective here at

Wooster." – William Herron

Seniors:

"I'd chose architecture."

– Raveena Cheema



"I would do marketing foundations."

– Adama Junior Coulibaly

Juniors:

"I would add a course on animal care."

– Malia Scott Leyva



"First Aid."

– Raphael Ocava

Sophomores:

"Criminal Justice is something I'm interested in."

– Yasmin Bautista Orozco



"Mechanics."

– Daniel Marquez

Freshmen:

"Film production is what I'd put in there."

– Ashley Ruiz-Arrivillaga



"I'm interested in food and fitness."

– Angello Moseley

the field through her video game. It stars Oman Hadwick, Kelly Rowland, Marsai Martin, LeBron James, Hannah Taylor, Tyla Harris, Isac Ivan and ABigail Killmeier. The film is not yet rated. These movies can be found

on the big screen and some are being shown simultaneously on certain streaming services.

Grab your favorite popcorn and refreshments and have a great time in November, *At the Flicks*.

November Calendar

Compiled by Staff Reports

- 1 Sugar Skull Grams delivery, 9:30-10:15 a.m.
Switch Club Meeting, lunch, A19
After School Tutoring, 2:30-4:30, Career Center
Girls basketball, 6-7:30 p.m., large gym
- 2 Sugar Skull Grams delivery, 9:30-10:15 a.m.
Fall Production of "Everybody", 7-9 p.m., Hart Theater
- 3 Picture re-Takes 8- 12:30 p.m., Cafeteria
Switch Club Meeting, lunch, A19
After School Tutoring, 2:30-4:30, Career Center
Girls basketball, 6-7:30 p.m., large gym
Fall Production of "Everybody", 7-9 p.m., Hart Theater
- 4 Switch Club Meeting, lunch, A19
After School Tutoring, 2:30-4:30, Career Center
Korean Language and Culture Club Meeting, lunch, C13
Fall Production of "Everybody", 7-9 p.m., Hart Theater
- 5 Saturday School, 8 a.m.- Noon, College and Career Center
Fall Production of "Everybody", 7-9 p.m., Hart Theater
- 6 Fall Production of "Everybody", 2-4 p.m., Hart Theater
- 7 Switch Club Meeting, lunch, A19
After School Tutoring, 2:30-4:30, Career Center
Korean Language and Culture Club Meeting, lunch, C13
- 8 **National Election Day - No School**
- 9 Winter Coaches Meeting, 5:30-7:30 p.m., College and Career Center
- 10 Wooster Blood Drive, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Gym Foyer
Switch Club Meeting, lunch, A19
After School Tutoring, 2:30-4:30, Career Center
Korean Language and Culture Club Meeting, lunch, C13
- 11 **Veteran's Day -No School**
Night of All Nations, 6- 9 p.m., University of Nevada, Reno; Student Union
- 14 Town Hall, 10-10:40 a.m., Large Gym
Korean Language and Culture Club Meeting, lunch, C13
Switch Club Meeting, lunch, A19
After School Tutoring, 2:30-4:30, Career Center
- 15 Town Hall, 10-10:40 a.m., Large Gym
Wooster Boosters Meeting, 5-6 p.m., College and Career Center
Switch Club Meeting, lunch, A19
After School Tutoring, 2:30-4:30, Career Center
- 17 Town Hall, 10-10:40 a.m., Large Gym
Switch Club Meeting, lunch, A19
After School Tutoring, 2:30-4:30, Career Center
English Class for Families, 6-7 p.m., College and Career Center
Winter Sports Parent Meeting, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Large Gym
- 18 Town Hall, 10-10:40 a.m., Large Gym
Korean Language and Culture Club Meeting, lunch, C13
Switch Club Meeting, lunch, A19
After School Tutoring, 2:30-4:30, Career Center
Speech and Debate Tournament, 3 - 10 p.m., Spring Creek High School
- 19 Saturday School, 8 a.m.- Noon, College and Career Center
Speech and Debate Tournament, 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Spring Creek High School
- 21 Korean Language and Culture Club Meeting, lunch, C13
Switch Club Meeting, lunch, A19
After School Tutoring, 2:30-4:30, Career Center
- 22 ASVAB Exam, 8- 11 a.m., Small Gym
Switch Club Meeting, lunch, A19
After School Tutoring, 2:30-4:30, Career Center
- 23 **Thanksgiving Break- No School**
- 24 **Thanksgiving Break- No School**
- 25 **Thanksgiving Break- No School**
- 28 Korean Language and Culture Club Meeting, lunch, C13
Switch Club Meeting, lunch, A19
After School Tutoring, 2:30-4:30, Career Center
- 29 Switch Club Meeting, lunch, A19
After School Tutoring, 2:30-4:30, Career Center

Colts' season ends in Elko

By Dylan Riggan

The Wooster Colts football team's quest for a league title ended in a first-round playoff loss to the Elko Indians, 36-0, on Oct. 28.

Wooster finished the season with a 5-5 overall record and a 3-2 record and a third place finish in the Northern Nevada 3A west division.

The Colts stayed with the Indian's powerful offense throughout the first half, but failed to convert numerous trips inside the red zone.

The Colts fate was sealed when the team's leading rusher, Ivan Strunk, suffered a game-ending shoulder injury in the second quarter.

"The playoffs are a completely different atmosphere," said

varsity head coach Bo Sellers. "Teams tend to play better knowing that one loss could end the whole season."

The Colts had a positive season, making it to the playoffs for the first time in the 3A. Their last appearance in the 4A playoffs was a loss to Spanish Springs in 2019.

"The team's biggest strengths this season is our players have started to understand the little things off the field," Sellers said. "And, some of the younger players have stepped up and learned it's a team game."

The Colts will lose 11 seniors to graduation, but will return a large number of junior starters.

The Colts junior varsity team finished with a strong 7-2 mark.

Colt netters ousted in first round of playoffs

By Esdras Mora

The boys tennis 2022 season came to a close with the team entering the first round of the playoffs with five of their best players.

Playing singles, were Justin Wang, Matt O'Brien and Anish Bayya. The doubles team was Shane Torvinen and Adama Coulibaly. The tournament was held at Plumas Tennis Center in West Reno.

The Colts were led by first-year coach Jarret Wright who took over the team after long-time coach, Morgan Bishop, left Wooster last school year.

"He is a more technical coach," said senior Justin Wang on coach Wright's tennis practices.

Bayya went up against a North Valleys opponent in the first match. Bayya put up a tough match but fell to 0-2 sets ending

his match.

Wang faced Lunes from Hug High School. He competed throughout the match, however Wang's season ended in this match with Lunes taking both sets for Hug.

"It's kind of sad that high school tennis is over," said Wang on his last tennis season at Wooster.

The doubles match with Shane Torvinen and Adama Coulibaly playing as a duo ended in similar fashion. The first set score was 0-6 a loss and the second 1-6 also a loss.

No Colt players were able to advance past the first round of the 2022 play-offs.

In recognition of the boys tennis team's hard work and regular season victories, a tennis dinner banquet will be hosted by coach Wright.

Kirgin shines at regionals, state

By Carolina Huerta

Wooster senior Jillian Kirgin captured second place in the 3A girls regional tennis on Oct. 22. She then placed fourth at the state tournament on Oct. 29.

The Colts team captured second place at the regional tournament losing to Truckee in the championship match.

Sophomore Kate Magyar Bouska made it to the semi-final round in singles competition losing to the eventual regional champion Aenessa Ryski from Hug.

The Colts sent three doubles to the regional tournament. Seniors Izzy Aucoin and Cas-



Senior Jillian Kirgin

Volleyball vying for playoff berth

By Destanee Butler

The Colts varsity volleyball team is waiting to see if it will make the 3A regional playoff which start next week.

The Colts have an overall record of 5 -11 and are 5-5 in league competition, currently in third place in the 3A West.

"I think we will do good if we are in the playoffs. We beat ourselves up mentally more than lacking skills to win," said head

coach KaPreace Young.

Young said the season progressed well and each girl improved in their skills. That is helping the team out as a whole.

"I can see the confidence in the players performance improving," said Young. "The team is pushing themselves to pass better, spread out their sets, and be more strategic with their hits."

Young said the strengths of the team are they are very encourag-

ing of each other, provide support, and motivate each other to get out of their heads.

"The weaknesses are the players are harder on themselves and get in their own heads, and sometimes have a hard time pulling themselves out of a slump," she said.

The Colts 12 varsity players are hopefully waiting for confirmation of a playoff berth.

Girls soccer

Positive start effective for the Colts

By Dania Mayorquin

Wooster girls soccer team with a 9-8 overall record and 3-7 in league are currently in fourth place in the 3A West league and is ready to go to playoffs.

The Colts face the Hug Hawks on Nov. 3.

With the fall 2022 season, the players and coaches of the team were excited for what this season had in store for them.

"My goals for this year's season was to create chemistry within the team and improve our team in general, push each other to be on the best level they can be and our goal is to make it to regionals once more," said senior captain Monserrath Ramirez Ramirez.

The start-of-the-year tournament was helpful for the team's identity. "In the tournament, myself and a couple of other players didn't play the first day and it allowed us to see the new incoming freshman and in general incoming teammates," Ramirez Ramirez said.

"It was a good moment for us to see where our team was at. This tournament just allowed us to get a feel of how our team works together, to see where our strengths and weaknesses were," she said.



Senior captain Monserrath Ramirez Ramirez in action for the Colts.

Junior captain Issela Luna said her goals were similar to Ramirez Ramirez.

"My goal for this years season was to try and set a good example for the lower class and to try and lead them to victory.

"The tournament helped a lot to see the teams strengths and weaknesses because we all tried something new and saw the outcome of it. We saw where each player's strong position was."

Coaches Rene Flores and Derek Vaughan reflected on their goals for the team this season.

"My goals are to help our ladies grow as humans and as soccer players," Vaughan said.

"My goals for the season were:

- Be in the top 4 teams of goals conceded
- Make it to the playoffs for the second season in a row which has never been done in the past 30 years".

For the coaches, the tournament was a good indicator for how the season turned out.

"We were able to see that with our experienced players we had

raw talent, but we needed to improve our understanding of systems with our formation and defensive unit," Flores said.

"We were also able to see our newer plays and their individual abilities to form a plan for season play and training."

"The tournament helped us get some experience before our regular season began. Our strengths as a team are possession, strong defense from everyone, and a strong team bond. Some of our weaknesses are finishing and our depth," added coach Vaughan.

Soccer was the first choice for many of the team's players and coaches. "I choose soccer because it has always been my passion to play, so I choose it out of all the other sports this fall," Luna said.

"I was always told I was doing better in soccer, so I went that route and so far it has worked for me and overall I think its really therapeutic and it just helps me out with many emotions and mental states that I go through," Ramirez Ramirez said.

Coach Flores choose to coach soccer out of all the other fall sports because he has been playing soccer since he was a kid and still plays today.

"I really enjoy coaching girls soccer because we have players of all skill levels. We have very competitive players as well as new players to the game," Flores said.

"I choose to coach soccer because it is the best in the world and also, my bff forever is the head coach."

"Finally, I just want to shout out all the girls who are on the team. I love you all and am honored to be your coach."

The Colts beat the Sparks Railroaders 2-1 on a home game under the lights on Oct. 24 and lost 2-0 versus Truckee on the road on Oct. 27.

New work force program helps to eliminate students missing class

By Ariel Claus

The OCOC designation in Infinite Campus stands for on campus out of class.

This is when students come to school, but they do not actively go to class.

This could be students who skip class, ditch, or just mindlessly walk around campus during class time.

These students are now being assigned to a campus work force to make for missing class time.

This isn't being handed out like candy so don't worry.

There is a three-step warning system once administrators have

seen students OCOC one too many times.

The first warning is a call home. The second warning is a work force day and the third warning is in-school suspension.

The process of the actual work force itself is receiving a student's second warning and having to come in on either Wednesday after school or Sunday.

The tasks of the actual work force itself consists of scraping gum off of desks, pulling weeds, and picking up trash from around campus.

So, this as one can imagine isn't very pleasant.

The school's administration is hoping that this new form of discipline will get students back in class and ready to learn rather than pull weeds.

Susan Schraeder, Wooster's assistant principal said this new form of discipline is actually working for the most part.

She said most students stop after having to do work force once. But others do work force many times.

Administrators said this new work force is putting students back in class and preventing them from wandering around campus or ditching them.

Construction Day explores skills

By Cameron Nardone

Construction Day took place on Oct. 14 and was a day to help Wooster and Washoe County School District students explore how many career paths there really are out there open for them.

"Why teach these kids skills without even showing them where those skills come into play," said Wooster metals teacher Bo Sellers. "Most people have valuable skills and don't know who would pay for it."

"All it takes is knowing what jobs and careers the world has to offer is all it takes to bettering ones near future," Sellers said.

The careers are not just limited to welding positions, but also those of construction,

plumbing, technical positions, even landscaping jobs.

Most students play a role in "9 to 5 type" jobs where they don't get the chance to use the skills they excel at.

The trip opened up a door full of careers that will pay well for their skills.

Many students learn life and job force skills from high school and



end up in long-term positions.

The day was designed to help students explore their options in the world.

Sellers took 53 students this trip to better their futures and finding careers offered such as building construction technologies, metal working jobs, and horticulture positions.

Farrow takes over social media tasks

By Kianna Magno

Wooster's new social media coordinator is athlete director Brian Farrow. He has served in the Washoe County School District for 28 years.

He replaces Morgan Bishop who left to teach at another school.

"I have taught technology classes previously and Mrs. Keuscher asked me to take over

the position," Farrow said.

Farrow explained he handles the athletic part of the Wooster website.

"I also handle Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Youtube. We have yet to post on Youtube though," he said.

Outside of Farrow's school life, he said he does a lot of outside activities. "Well I play sports. I primarily play golf. But at home I do a lot of

yard work and landscaping."

Farrow would also like to add that he wants students to follow up with the updates on all social media platforms.

"I would really like students to follow the social media platforms to keep up on updates. I would also like students to join sports too," he said.

Girls tennis

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great coach and if it wasn't for him, we would be where we are now," she said. "I'm really proud and happy for every girl that makes up part of this team. They have always tried their best and I know coach Morrison is really proud of how far we've come."

As a team, the Colts practice time management to fit both tennis and academics into their busy schedules.

Practice started at 4:30 this

season, so members of the team had a lot of time between school ending and practice to get their homework done.

One of the challenges for the team this season was the cancellation of practices and matches due to the smoke in the Truckee Meadows due to California fires.

"The girls did feel disappointed, but they still had indoor practices and practicing at home," Morrison said.

Morrison added that South Tahoe was the most challenging team for the Colts.

Team members said tennis is a

mental sport and it's very important to remain calm and content during a match to play their best.

The team bonded well throughout the season and didn't get upset over losses and celebrated victories with food after matches.

The Colts final match victory of the season was an 11-7 win over North Valleys. The Colts finished 7-2 in match play and finished ninth overall in the 3A North league standings.

The Colts team is mostly made up of seniors and one goal for next year is to get more underclassmen playing on the team.

Gamer's Corner

By Esdras Mora

God of War is a 17 year old franchise with seven games in the series thus far, with God of War Ragnarok being the eighth installment in the series. It releases on Nov. 9.

Ragnarok is a Sony exclusive, therefore it will only be available for the Play Station 4 and Play Station 5.

PC gamers will have access in the coming months after its release. However, it will not be available to download on Xbox Consoles and the Nintendo Switch.

Furthermore, depending if users will buy the PS4 copy or the PS5 copy, they will have different price tags.

For the PS4 it will be \$59.99 upon release, as for the PS5 copy it will be 10 dollars more at a price point of \$69.99 upon release.

Santa Monica studios the developers of the God of War series said, "No physical copy of the game will be available upon the release date."

This means no disc copy will come in the box. The only method of acquiring the game is digitally, directly through the Play Station store on all PS4 and PS5 consoles.

Buying the physical game case includes a download code inside, which will be available at any Game Stop, Walmart, Target and Best Buy stores.

The plot of God of War Ragn-

arok will continue the story Kratos a demigod and his son Atreus who are on a quest through the Nine Realms to prevent Ragnarok, a series of events in which any Norse gods are killed and the world is submerged into water, basically an apocalyptic event in Norse mythology.

This installment will be the last game revolving around Norse mythology. Previously, Kratos underwent his Greek Arc, facing gods and creatures from Greek mythology. The story writers for the series began to interlude both mythologies into the game as a whole story.

The mechanics will be similar to the 2018 installment, with semi free world roaming capabilities and dual character playability. Users will be able to play as Kratos and Atreus.

Furthermore, with upcoming holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas, the retail price specials are in full motion. With Black Friday coming soon, there is a chance a bundle for the game with a console and exclusive in-game cosmetics included, but a discount on the game alone is unlikely, due to its release date being just a few weeks before Black Friday and Christmas.

Regardless, God of War Ragnarok will be a readily available gift due to it being sold as a digital copy, therefore preventing any shortages or sold out signs.



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