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Delta brings back COVID restrictions

By Bill Amhearst

The thought of normalcy by the majority students and teachers returning to the physical classroom in more than 18 months was dealt a serious setback by the upswing of the COVID-19 Delta variant.

Also impacting the start of the 2020-21 school year was the increasing COVID-19 cases reported in school-age children nationwide and the redusal of adults to receive the vaccination.

Pharmaceutical companies Pfizer and Moderna are currently working on a vaccine for children under the age of 12 years, but have yet to develop a viable formal the will meet with government guidelines and approval.

The Center for Disease Control and COVID-19 experts are now calling for vaccinated adults who have received the two-shot vaccination to receive a booster shot eight months after receiving the initial vaccination.

The Washoe County School District has reported COVID-19 breakouts in 16 of its school sites since the opening of school on August 9. Infected students were excluded from class along with students who may contracted the disease through contact.



Seniors from the Class of 2022 took part in the Senior Sunrise celebration on August 13. It was the first time in more than 18 months that seniors were able to get together for a on-campus function.

The WCSD is following Gov. Steve Sisolak mandate of wearing masks inside buildings at all times, but has removed the social

School was cancelled on August 23 and 24 due to poor air quality as the AQI hit 380.

distancing requirement imposed last school year.

With the imposition of the new guideline due to the Delta variant, all athletes, regardless of

vaccination status, will be tested in order to participate in athletic contests. There is no foreseeable change in the restrictions or testing in the coming months.

Complicating health conditions is the smoke from California fires which has been plaguing the Truckee Meadows for more than a month.

As of this writing, the Dixie Fire is 38 percent contained and has burned 724,110 acres and destroyed 1,203 structures. The outbreak of the Caldor Fire in nearby Eldorado County, Calif. on August 14 and exploded to

104,309 acres, destroyed 475 structures and is only five percent contained. Both fires have contributed to the poor air quality in the Truckee Meadows.

The WCSD issued a two-hour delayed start for school on August 17 due to smoke conditions and poor air quality when the AQI Index hit 328.

Due to the poor air quality, sports teams that usually practice outside are restricted to reduced-time indoor practices in the gyms with scrimmages and games cancelled.

School district will prosecute TikTok vandals

By Ed Murrow

The latest TikTok challenge of stealing or destroying school/teacher property has administrators enforcing strict penalties for student offenders.

The challenge of "Devious Licks" is the latest rage for students to either steal items of the school or from teachers or vandalize school property and record the act and then post the video to the social media site.

On September 17, Wooster principal Leah Keuscher sent an e-mail message to all Wooster parents informing them of the latest TikTok challenge and its damaging impact on the school.

"Over the last several days, a handful of students at Wooster have participated in a nationwide social media trend of damaging and/or stealing school property,

then posting pictures of the stolen property on social media sites.

"Our own students have stolen bathroom soap dispensers, toilet paper dispensers, toilet paper, teacher supplies to include staplers, tape, and remote controls to our technology, teacher's personal items off their desks and student lap tops."

In addition to the theft and damage, school staff has spent additional time dealing with the problem.

"As a result of this behavior, school staff has had to take time away from working with students in order to partner with school police on these investigations, and we need your help," Keuscher said in her e-mail.

Keuscher said that school officials have identified a few of the students involved and those students will face the consequences

of their acts.

This is not a localized problem with schools nationwide reporting similar incidents involving vandalism of schools and stolen school property.

Washoe County School District superintendent Kristen McNeill said the school district will prosecute students and depending on the amount of damage, the offending student could be charged with a felony.

"It is a disturbing trend and we are taking this exceptionally seriously," McNeill said. "Unfortunately, a handful of students have participated in the challenge."

In addition to incidents at Wooster, Damonte Ranch High School and DePauli Middle School have reported incidents. A total of four WCSD schools have reported incidents at their schools.

Wooster, Corbett locked down

By Mark Pailey

On August 25, Wooster and Corbett Elementary School were placed on a code yellow lock down as a result of local law enforcement's attempt to serve an arrest warrant in the neighborhood.

The lock down which lasted almost two hours kept students sheltered in place in their seminar class while teachers continued with instruction.

"Our students were amazing," said Wooster principal Leah Keuscher. "They understood the concept of a code yellow and worked patiently with their seminar teachers to ensure safety. Our Colts are community-minded."

Under a code yellow lock down, all classroom doors and windows are required to be locked and students are not allowed to leave the classroom until the lock down is lifted.

Sparks police said an arrest warrant was issued for a suspect on Auburn Way in Reno for not complying with the law. When authorities confronted the suspect, he exhibited a ballistic vest and was armed with a rifle.

A police spokesperson said due to the nature of the arrest, the bomb squad was called out to search the home for the possibility of explosive devices. None were found.

Authorities said there were no injuries as a result of the incident.

The suspect was arrested and booked into the Washoe County jail on multiple charges including failure to register as a sex offender as required by law and an ex-felon in possession of a firearm.

This incident is just the latest complication students and staff faced at the start of the school year including re-imposed COVID restrictions, testing for athletes, student exclusions due to COVID positive tests and school cancellations due to poor air quality caused by the Dixie and Caldor fires burning in California.

Nationwide, schools are issuing suspensions, leveling criminal charges against students, suing for restitution charges, closing rest rooms and eliminating bathroom breaks.

Officials from TikTok have condemned the student actions and have said the videos will be taken down. However, tens of thousands of videos can still be found under adaptations of the original hashtag.

In many instances, there were more than 239,000 initial views of videos and days later as more videos were posted the amount of views exploded to 7.2 million views.

However, that does not negate the damages as a result of the challenge posted on its social media site.

The cost to school to repair the vandalism is staggering, one school official said.

Bus strike impacts Wooster students

By Sydney Massey

The 10-day RTC bus driver strike forced many Wooster students to find alternative transportation options to get to and from school.

The union reached an agreement with Keolis transit over a health care dispute ending the near two week strike which began on August 3, when more than 200 drivers walked out on the job and picketed the local stations.

The strike impacted students as many rely on the bus to get to school and the strike carried over into the first week of school.

Students such as myself and Chris Leberski had to find rides from family, family who have jobs and had good reason to have their children riding the bus in the first place.

The three mile rule made transportation especially hard. Students who live more than three miles away from school are not eligible for school bus transportation forcing students to rely on the city bus.

While the strike admittedly made life difficult the bus drivers had fair reason to strike as they



Missing in action: RTC buses were missing in action for 10-days witch caused many Wooster students to scramble for transportation.

were close to having their health care taken away.

“This was a major disruption of service significantly impacting transit customers as well as the many several transit employees that were out of work for the past ten days,” said RTC chairman Neoma Jardon.

There were missed meetings and days of negotiations. Keolis eventually released a statement on August 12 saying that negotiations were going to continue

and the union agreed to continue work during this time.

“Keolis will work with our drivers dispatchers and mechanics to resume normal operations,” says Phil Phumphrey, Keolis general manager.

“The well being of our employees and the delivery of safe and reliable transit service for our passengers will continue to be our top priority at Keolis.”

“I’m glad they have their health care, but it made life difficult,” said Leberski.

No more lunch carts

By Acelyn Black

The lunch carts are gone.

This year, there is a cafeteria staff shortage so the lunch carts are no longer an option.

However, students can still purchase the treats that would originally be on the snack cart in the cafeteria lunch line.

Due to the staff shortage there is only one lunch this year.

“Last year was a bit overwhelming with having three different lunches,” said cafeteria manager Karen Silverhart.

This year is only one lunch because the staff shortage and the lunch workers schedules.

“There are just not enough people to prepare and work, so we just decided to have only one lunch this year,” Silverhart said. “Next year if there is enough workers, the snack carts will come back.”

If any students are interested in working in the cafeteria or helping out with lunch, talk to Karen Silverhart in the cafeteria.

For schools and students

Smoke related problems

By Emma Kennedy

Due to the insane amount of smoke residents of the Truckee Meadows have faced in the past few weeks, school has had a strange start.

Smoke from the wildfires in California have put a strain on many peoples routines and school activities.

Many sports practices have been canceled or have been run in the school’s gyms.

“Practicing in the gym with

all the other teams has been extremely difficult, especially because soccer is an outside sport,” said junior Kanela Futura.

The smoke has also had a affect on students’ health. Many students have said that the air quality has made them extremely tired.

Some have even said it’s made their allergies worse, and their chests hurt as well. So far all we can do now is stay inside a much as possible and hope for fired to be extinguished and clear skies soon.

Breaking News

Drivers strike again

From staff reports

For the second time in as many months, RTC bus drivers went on strike on September 27 leaving many Wooster students scrambling to find transportation to and from school.

The drivers, members of Teamsters Local 533, claimed bus service contractor Keolis has not lived up to its part in negotiation meetings to reach a tentative agreement on health care issues. The union claims that Keolis has been “stonewalling” the process and it will take “three to four years to achieve a contract.”

A representative for Keolis, Mike Ake said the company was “totally caught off guard” and was “disappointed the union went on strike.”

The strike will leave RTC FlexRIDE available only in the contingency zones and limit transportation only for essential trips such as medical and job-related trips.

During this time rides on operating routes will be free.

New staff opens school

Editor’s note: This is an ongoing series of article that will introduce new staff members at Wooster

By Veronica Whitt

With the return to physical school, there are quite a few new teachers and staff members at Wooster.

William Herrron was a substitute teacher before deciding he wanted to work at Wooster full time.

I really enjoy working with students and sharing my passion for science and math, Herrron said. “There are so many



Herrron

interesting careers where these fields can take you.”

Paige Rath in Wooster’s new social worker.



Rath

“I feel very welcome by the staff,” she said. “Being in the main office. I have gotten to know many staff members

personally and hope to get to know more as the school year goes on.

“I am meeting more students every day and continue to introduce myself around campus.” Rath said.

Athletic protocols cause controversy, confusion

By Haley Ward

COVID-19 versus sports, Who will win?

Many Wooster sports have been affected by COVID-19 in the past few months having come back to school. Many sports such as football, volleyball, tennis, golf and soccer have been experiencing positive COVID cases and cancelled games.

Each sport is required to do a weekly rapid COVID testing for all players in a contact sport. If a player does not test they are not allowed to play in games.

The JV football team has about 38 players, varsity has 30 players, and there are 11 coaches total. Head football coach Bo Sellers has confirmed that COVID has drastically made playing football a lot harder, many scheduled games are unsure of being played and many games have been cancelled.

“We have had about half of our team be excluded because they were either in contact with it or were positive for COVID-19,” Sellers said.

All players who get a confirmed

COVID-19 test must quarantine for 14 days at home.

“I might not like the mask, but I do what’s right and follow the rules. I see both sides to wearing a mask and not wearing a mask,” Sellers said. “I’m neutral. At the end of the day I just want to keep my boys safe and continue playing some good football.”

“It’s definitely hard having to play football with COVID around,” said senior Christien Smith. “It sucks because they are cancelling our games and it’s annoying having to wear a mask, but at the end of the day I’m not afraid of getting COVID because if they go down, we all go down.”

The boys tennis coach, Morgan Bishop, said tennis wasn’t affected by COVID very much considering he only needs nine players in order to play a match.

“I would say, I don’t have a problem wearing a mask—a small sacrifice to give to get back to normal, Bishop said. “I think we’re all obligated to follow Center for Disease Control

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Assembly renews student spirit

By Nathali Villanueva

On August 13, the first assembly in 18 months took place at Wooster and student enthusiasm was back.

The only difference was it was split into two different assemblies, one for freshmen and sophomore and one for junior and seniors.

Starting off the assembly, Laurentiu Norocel played the Star Spangled Banner on his violin.

The student body president, Celeste Garcia Perez, and vice president, Victoria Gomez, introduced themselves to the students.

Wooster principal, Leah Keuscher then welcomed and talked to the students. The cheerleaders then performed.

After the performance, the students got to play games against the other class, which is always thrilling. The classes then got to compete to see who could make the most noise. And last but not least, everyone did the Wooster fight song.

But besides everyone having fun and enjoying the assembly, credit must be given to the leadership students and their adviser, Sylvia Averill for setting this all up.

Leadership students were critical to the assembly's success. "Everything went smoothly.

There was nothing really bad that happened," said junior and leadership student Joseph Barajas.

"Only worries, you know, seniors bringing poppers and stuff like that. Even though they brought them. That was the only



The seniors were rocking the house at the Welcome Back Assembly.



Class competition in the tug-o-war was one of the assembly games.

worry everybody had."

Fellow leadership student Leslie Sanchez agreed.

"No [everything went well] because we had our classes like the juniors, seniors and the freshmen and sophomore split up," Sanchez said. "We go with our classes and then help each other set up. And if we finish early, we go help the other classes."

Averill said there were no difficulties with the assembly.

"Not necessarily because what we were mostly focusing on, we know everybody had to wear their mask, right," Averill said.

"That's mandate. You gotta wear your mask. But when it comes to the activities and stuff like that, basically the only thing we really wanted to do was just give the students something to kinda watch and cheer for because that's what we've done in the past," Averill said.

Off-campus lunch is back

By Emma Kennedy

For juniors and seniors who are on track to graduate, they get the privilege of an off-campus lunch, 35-minutes to get a quick break from school and do something fun like get lunch with friends, or go home if the student lives close enough.

This is a drastic change from last year when hybrid students were not allowed off campus and were assigned to one of three lunch periods.

Although when thinking about off-campus lunch, there are a considerable amount of factors that can make off campus a challenge for students and teachers.

Hoofprints interviewed students to get their opinion on lunch.

"Even with a car, does it take a considerable amount of time to get to and from your desired location?"

Many responded with a simple "yes." Others went into detail saying Reno's traffic doesn't help.

"Are you able to enjoy lunch with the limited amount of time?"

A popular answer was no. No for two reasons. The first being that they are either late to class, or have to rush to class.

"Does your ID getting checked take a considerable amount of time?"

Finally the most common answer was, the situation varies. It depends on how many people are leaving at the same time and if there is consistency in the checking process.

Wooster players to stage a 'Grimm' play

By Isis Garcia Cruz

The Wooster players are proud to present the "Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon" that will take place in the Hart Theater at Wooster on Thursday, November 4 through 6 at 7p.m. with a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

The ticket prices are \$8 for students and \$10 for adults.

The show is about the Brothers Grimm and several of their stories and fairy tales combined into one play. The stories will have modern twist to them and will have some audiences

participation. The play involves some humor and it explains the arc of how all of the characters form the stories are connected.

"There aren't really any challenges that the crew are facing, although the masks are kind of putting up a challenge," theater teacher Kimberly Gibbons said.

After 18 months of not being able to preform, Gibbons said that it's amazing and also scary to be in person again.

"Having the students back is great, but it's also scary because

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Senior Sunrise returns for Class of 2022

By Alycia Buchanan de Rodriguez

On Friday August 13, for the first time in 18 months, the Wooster high school senior class had its senior sunrise at 5:30 on the football field.

This year Wooster decided to bring some of the Hot August Nights flare that Reno and sparks are know for by having their own parade of senior cars.

The senior took their class picture during sunrise and sang the fight song.

The turnout for senior sunrise was estimated to be 45 percent of the seniors class.

The COVID pandemic ruined most of the events from last year, so there were many questions about this year's events as well as the mask mandate.

Sylvia Averill who is the leadership adviser and one of the social studies teachers responded

to questions regarding school activities in relation to the COVID pandemic and smoke issues.

"As far as I am aware, there was no discussion of canceling the event. However, I was not one of the main organizers so those types of discussions were not handled by myself," Averill said.

"Many events happened this year at sunrise such as the car shows everyone was really happy with the idea of being able to show off there rides."

What was the reasoning behind putting the car show in and will be something that continues through the years?

"Over the past year, we have all lost a great deal of what we call 'normalcy.'" Averill said. "Part of that feeling of normal in the Reno/Sparks area is classic car appreciation events. Hot August Nights was canceled last year, as were many other activities

that we are used to participating in here in the Truckee Meadows. I think the need of our young people to show their community and the world that we cannot be broken by this event has led to a lot of thinking outside the box when it comes to the activities that we choose to take on this year."

The car show was a way for the seniors to not only show that they still have the spirit that is inherent in this generation, but also to show their fellow students something that they are proud of, Averill said.

A lot of effort goes into a vehicle, and that effort should not only be appreciated, but also shared with those who love and enjoy these beautiful machine, Averill added.

"In my personal opinion, I believe that it should. As I said before, a lot of blood, sweat and tears goes into a vehicle." Averill said. "For many, it is a point of pride and they enjoy showing

others what they have accomplished with something that many people see as a mundane necessity.

"As a car lover myself, I would love to be able to continue to give our students the ability to show their fellow seniors something that they are proud of, as long as it remains a

respectful event," she said.

Averill said the seniors were happy to have the event return.

"Given the turn out, and the spirit that I witnessed at Senior Sunrise, I would say that the seniors that attended enjoyed the event a great deal." Averill said. "There was a lot of effort on the part of those who organized



Celebrating Senior Sunrise: Back row (l to r): Samantha Hunter, Celeste Garcia Perez, Alondra Cardenas Reynaga, Maria Leon Cabrera, Madeline Hunden, Viridiana Carmona Palomino. Front row (l to r): Victoria Gomez and Erica Long.

it, and I think that the seniors appreciated that and came out to have fun with a tradition that I'm sure many of them thought may not happen this year."

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At the Flicks

By Zayden Tittesor

As production companies gear up from pandemic shutdowns, there are a large number of films hitting the big screen in October. Premiering on October 1 is "The Addams Family 2." The spooky family is back in the new animated comedy sequel as they encounter all kinds of unsuspecting characters. The movie is rated G.

"The Many Saints of Newark" is a gangster saga where mob families battle for the crime-infested city. The film is a prequel to the long-running "Soprano" series and features a teenage Tony Soprano. Rated R.

Opening October is "Venom: Let There Be Carnage," a sequel to the 2018 film, Venom. This time Eddie Brock, and the alien symbiote, must face a new enemy, Carnage, the alter ego of serial killer Cletus Kasady. Stars Tom Hardy, Andy Serkis, Woody Harrelson and Naomie Harris. Rated PG-13.

Just in time for Halloween is "Halloween Kills" opening on October 15. It is the sequel to the Halloween's remake from 2018 and is the next installment of the Halloween franchise.

Myers returns from ashes to take revenge on an injured Laurie Strode as she gathers a mob to stop Micheal once and for all. Stars Nick Castle, Jason Blum and Jamie Lee Curtis. Rated R. "There's Someone Inside Your House" opens October 6.

High school senior and the rest of her schools graduating class are being targeted by a masked killer who wants to expose their secrets. Rated PG-13.

"No Time to Die" is the latest "Bond" film and opens on October 8. In "No Time to Die," Bond has left active service and is enjoying a tranquil life. His peace is short lived when his friend from the CIA turns up asking for help, to rescue kidnapped scientist. Rated PG-13.

"The Last Duel" premieres on October 15. When Jean de Carrouges, a Norman knight, returns from combat in Scotland to find his wife, Marguerite, brutally assaulted, he accuses Jacques LeGris, his friend of the crime. The knight takes his cause before the teenage King Charles VI.

Stars Matt Damon, Adam Driver and Jodi Comer. Rated R. "Lamb" opens on October 8. A childless couple in rural Iceland

Question of the Month

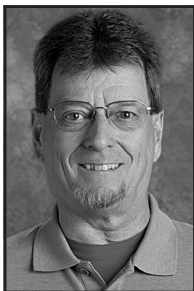
By Makayla Ondelacy

Are you glad to be physically back to school? Why or why not?

Staff:

"I am glad to be back to school physically because I am happy to see my students in person again. There were many students I never got a chance to meet face-to-face last year which was very difficult."

– Melanie Whitfield



"Distance education is the educational equivalent of a train wreck. If we never had distance learning again it would be too soon."

– Raymond Swigart

Seniors:

"Yes, because it was like a daily routine and you get so used to being here everyday, also online was hard and no one really helped you."

– Ruth Vaquera



"Yes, I'm glad. I'm glad because it's my senior year."

– Christien Smith

Juniors:

"Yes, because we are able to actually hang out and see our friends and learn in a better environment."

– Cheyanne Horton



"No because I didn't want to wake up earlier to get ready but yes at the same time to see some all my friends."

– Joseph Barajas

Sophomores:

"Yes, because I get the opportunity to learn."

– Chesney Sampson



"Yes, because I can see my friends."

– Edwin Guillen

Freshmen:

"Yes because it's easy and better to learn in person."

– Samatha Coulson



"Yes because it's fun to learn."

– Christopher Ballard

October Calendar

Compiled by Haley Ward

- 1 Hispanic Heritage Month
Football @ South Lake Tahoe: JV 4:45, varsity 7 p.m.
Volleyball @ Hug: JV 5. varsity 6 p.m.
- 4 Athletic Testing 8 - 11 a.m.
- 6 Boys Soccer vs. Hug, Varsity 3:30 p.m., JV 5 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Truckee, JV 5 p.m., varsity 6 p.m.
- 8 Football vs Truckee: JV 4:45, varsity 7 p.m.
- 11 Athletic Testing, 8 - 11 a.m.
- 12 Upward Bound Math & Science Program Advising
Open Gym Girls Basketball, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
Eighth Grade IB Info Night, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
- 13 PSAT Testing
Golf Girls Regionals 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Volleyball vs. North Valleys: JV 5 p.m., varsity 6 p.m.
Boys Soccer @ Reed, Varsity 3:30 p.m., JV 5 p.m.
Booster Meeting, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
IB 101 Night, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Leadership Blood Drive, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., gym foyer
Basketball Girls Open Gym, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- 15 Speech and Debate Tournament, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Football vs. North Valleys: JV 4:45, varsity 7 p.m.
Volleyball @ Sparks: JV 5 p.m., varsity 6 p.m.
- 16 Speech and Debate Tournament, 7:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Cross Country @ Forrest Hill, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Girls Soccer @ Sparks, 3:30 p.m.
Boys Soccer @ North Valleys, Varsity 12:30 p.m., JV 2:15 p.m.
- 18 Athletic Testing, 8 - 11 a.m.
- 19 Upward Bound Math and Science Program Advising
Basketball Girls Open Gym, 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- 20 Golf Girls State @ Las Vegas, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Boy Soccer vs. Carson, Varsity 3:30 p.m., JV 5 p.m.
Volleyball @ South Lake Tahoe: JV 5 p.m., varsity 6 p.m.
- 21 Girls Soccer @ South Lake Tahoe, 3:30 p.m.
Basketball Girls Open Gym, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- 22 Cross Country @ Sierra Lutheran, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Football vs. Hug, JV 4:45, varsity 7 p.m.
Volleyball vs. Hug: JV 5 p.m., varsity 6 p.m.
- 23 Boys soccer @ Damonte Ranch, Varsity 13:30 p.m., JV 2:15 p.m.
Girls Soccer vs. Hug, 3:30 p.m.
- 25 Athletic Testing, 8 - 11 a.m.
- 26 Upward Bound Math & Science Program Advising
Basketball Girls Open Gym, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- 27 Boys Soccer @ Spanish Springs. Varsity 3:30 p.m., JV 5 p.m.
- 28 Girls Soccer @ Truckee, 3:30 p.m.
Football Regionals, games, time TBA
Leadership Festival, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Basketball Girls Open Gym, 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- 29 Nevada Day, celebrated -No School
Cross Country Regionals @ Shadow Mountain, 9 a.m. 12 p.m.
Volleyball vs Truckee, JV 5 p.m., varsity 6 p.m.
- 30 Cross Country Regionals @ Shadow Mountain, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Boys soccer vs. Sparks, Varsity 12:30 p.m., JV 2:1

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make an alarming discovery one day in their sheep barn.

They will soon face the consequences of defying the will of nature. The film is not yet rated.

Finally, "Monster Family 2: Nobody is Perfect" has the Wishbone family transforming into a vampire, the Mummy, a werewolf and Frankenstein to save the Loch

Ness Monster, King Kong and the Yeti from a mysterious monster hunter. It's great entertainment for the entire family. Stars Nick Frost Emily Watson and Jason Isaacs. Rated PG.

There are many more movies on tap in October. Grab your popcorn and have a great experience At the Flicks.

1981 Team of the Decade

Wooster state football champions hold reunion

By Gary Baer

It was the dream team before there was a dream team.

It was the team that broke the south's hold on the large school-state football championship and ushered in a new era in Nevada high school football.

The 1981 Wooster High School football team won the Northern Nevada zone championship game, shutting out the Reno Huskies 21-0 and earning a berth in the state championship game in Las Vegas.

Not too many people gave the Colts a chance of beating a powerful Western Warriors team and the 26-year history of teams from the north losing to southern opponents.

Those betting against the Colts and head coach Joe Sellers lost more than their collective shirts that day after the Colts beat the Warriors 21-12 at the Sam Boyd Silver Bowl.

That victory not only brought the Colts a long line of successful state championship appearances, but also paved the way for the success of other northern Nevada football programs.

On July 17, members of the 1981 championship team reunited to share memories of the game, catch up with each other over the past 40 years.

Twenty-nine members of the team joined head coach Joe Sellers for the reunion.

"These guys were the team that made a difference and turned everything around for the north," Sellers said. "They beat a very strong Western team and proved that a northern team could go down to Vegas and win.

"We had some real tough players who had speed," Sellers said. "They could run, block and tackle."

The Colts had 13 all-conference players on the team with 11 named to the all-state team. Sixteen members of the team went on to play college football. Dave Wyman went on to play in the NFL for nine seasons with the Seattle Seahawks and Denver Broncos.

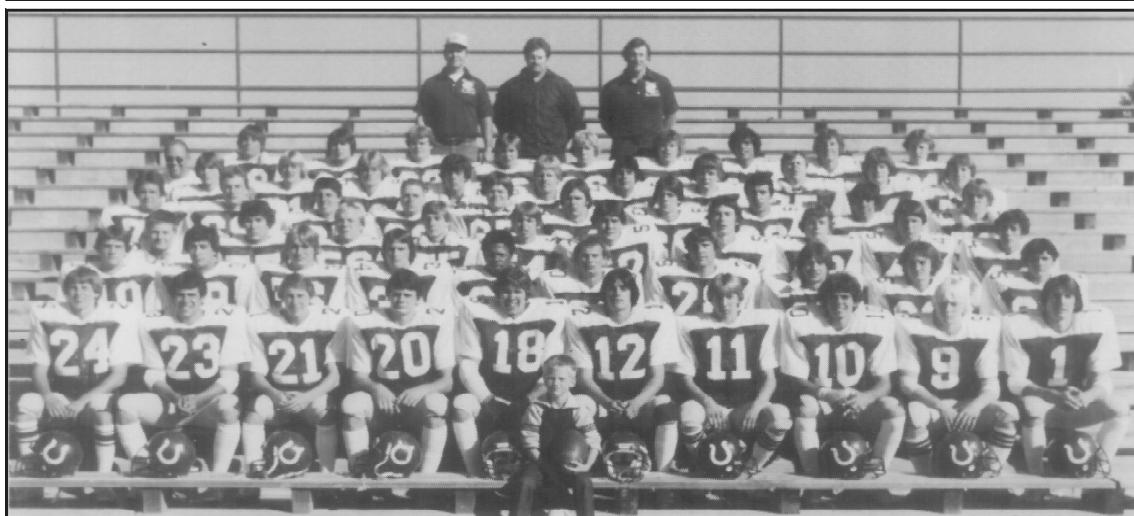
"I was thrilled that so many of the players were able to make the reunion," Sellers said. "Many are spread out all over the country and it was great that they took the time and the expense to get there.

"The team was a real tight bunch and that what's got them to where they are today," Sellers said. A lot of them hadn't seen each other in 40 years.

"It was huge that Dave (Wy-



Front row: Luke Sellers. Row 2 (l to r): Richard Furman, John Hamilton, Mel Watson, Willie Slezak, Quinn Pauly, Joe Mac Sellers, Brian Hill, Wendell Ware, Andy Tapia, Mike Rutherford. Back row (l to r): Dave Wyman, Scott Madison, Tom Nye, Dave Kretchman. Dr. James Greenwald, Mike Zandi, Brett Maybre, Kurt Hamilton, Lawrence Quadrio, Gary Baer, Mike Duran, Kevin Rutherford, Rodney Fields, Gene Graham, Phil Pepples, Gary Eddington, Joe Castro, Bruce McAlvain, Coach Marty Lavisor.



Row 1 (L-R): Luke Sellers (Ball Boy). Row 2: Scott Schoenfeld, Jon Sanchez, Mike Loranger, Fred Spencer, Scott Madison, Mark Bell, Chris Rhoades, Willie Slezak, Todd Cudek, Phil Pepple. Row 3: Bob Clements, Rich Garcia, Brian Tice, Brett Dales, Wendell Ware, Brian Hill, Dave Wyman, Chad Gisler, Mel Watson, Robert Fields. Row 4: David Kretchman, Quinn Pauly, Dan Morse, Greg Barrett, Matt Potts, Gene Graham, Rich Furman, Lonas Freeman, Lawrence Quadrio, Steve Holt. Row 5: Joe Castro, Tom Nye, Mark Girola, Skip Summerhill, Adam Auble, George McAluain, Phil Cox, Jack Duran, Robbie Rodrigues, John Hamilton. Row 6: Teke Kelly, Jeff Walsh, Kurt Hamilton, George Giraldez, Kevin Rutherford, Rob Fleming, Keith Brown, Bruce McAlvain, Chris Jensen, Greg Hopkins. Row 7: Guy McNelly, Walt Clausen, Andy Tapia, Mike Newton, Eric Bryn, Scott Brenner, Gary Eddington, Kent Rittschoff, Mike Rutherford, Dan Jones. Row 8: Coach Sellers, Coach Nye, Coach Stevens. NOT PICTURED: Kevin O'Daye, Brett Mabry.

man) was there and Bruce McAlvain and his crew did a great job of putting it together."

The 1981 state game was first time the Colts played on an artificial turf field, so the players wore tennis shoes instead of the specialized turf shoes. Sellers has never lost on the turf at Sam Boyd Stadium with victories over Western, Chaparral, Valley, Clark, Green Valley and Cheyenne high schools.

1981 All Conference First Team	
Keith Brown	Tackle
Kevin Rutherford	Guard
Tom Nye	Guard
Bruce McAlvain	Tackle
Dave Wyman	LB/TE
Brian Hill	Running back
Greg McAlvain	Defensive end
Dan Morse	Defensive end
Mike Rutherford	D tackle
Lawrence Quadrio	Linebacker
Gene Graham	Linebacker
Scott Madison	Defensive back
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Lawrence Quadrio	Linebacker
Scott Madison	Defensive back
Bob Clements	Defensive back

Landt leads HPU golfers

From staff reports

Wooster Class of 2021 graduate Lily Landt finished fourth in the Hawaii Pacific University Sharks Shootout golf tournament held on September 12-13.

Landt was the top HPU golfer finishing with rounds of 76 and 78 for a two-day total of 10 over

par 154 on the Pearl Country Club course in Aiea, HI.

Landt is in her freshman year playing for the Sharks.



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)

Smoke impacts sports

By Syd Massey and Haley Ward

Sports are back for the 21-22 school year as well as the smoke from the California wildfires.

Due to poor air quality caused by the smoke, all the outside sports such as football, soccer, tennis, cross country and golf were forced to practice inside the gyms.

Air quality must be below a 125 AQI to allow outside practice.

Sports such volleyball are generally played inside have not been affected as much as other sports.

"We usually always practice inside the gym," said junior Haley Ward.

This doesn't mean there were no consequences due to the smoke.

"Our gym time has been very short due to other sports having to play inside the gym as well," Ward said.

Despite the challenges, the volleyball team had a volleyball tournament on August 20 and 21 and a home game on August 30.

All sports have to test for COVID and there is a new requirement for players who, even if vaccinated, have to test every Monday.

It is estimated sports testing could cost the school district more than \$6 million over the school year.

Testing is done by an outside vendor. The district estimates that 50 to 80 percent of student-athletes are not vaccinated.

"I definitely think it's a safety procedure that we need due to the excessive amount of players coming up positive for COVID," said head volleyball coach Katie Lawrence. "But it sucks they made a new requirement for players, even those that have been vaccinated, having to test every Monday."

As well as new testing requirements, there are also the safety procedures in the case of a positive test too make sure the team, as well as the rest of the student body are safe.

"Those vaccinated will not be excluded and those not vaccinated will be excluded from playing and forced to do a 14-day quarantine at home," Lawrence said.

Sports getting back to normal continues to be a challenge.

"We still have a long way to go. I feel like we are going to have to deal with this the whole season, but we look forward to being flexible," Lawrence said.

Spansail puts art talent on display

By **Alycia Buchanan de Rodriguez**

For the first time in five years, Wooster art teacher Reena Spansail had her first solo art show on August 17-31 at the Potentialist Workshop Gallery on second street.

The art show contained many of Spansail art pieces such as her outstanding interactive walking labyrinth.

“I decided to do the show after five years of not making art because I felt the work was important for people to see,” Spansail said. “The art ‘told me it wanted to be seen and I did as I was told. I was also encouraged to show this body of work by the members of the artist’s collective I’m a part of, my family, my creativity coach and my friends.” Her art show consisted of an opening reception and performance that was on August 20 that went from 6-8 p.m. and then a closing reception and performance that was on August 28 from 4-7 p.m.

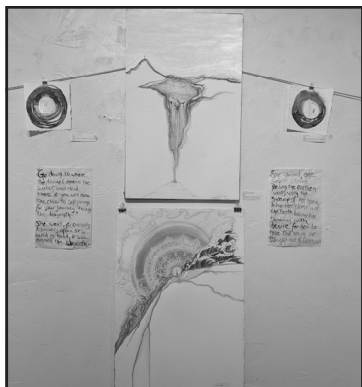
Over the past several years, Spansail has been working on the art at for the show.

Time of the show she was selling art pieces starting at \$11.

“I sold about two thirds of the show which is the most I’ve ever sold at one show,” she said. I sold works to locals, from around the country and also to Australia. I had a pre sale of my art show through Indigogo which I feel contributed to my overall commercial success.”

“I felt it was received well. I got lots of positive feedback from viewers. The interactive and metallic elements of the show were commented on the most; people seemed to enjoy interacting with the art,” Spansail said.

The central symbol of the show was the labyrinth which has long been used as a meditation tool and metaphor for the journal of



Various works on display at Reena Spansail’s art show. (Photos courtesy Reena Spansail)

life, Spansail said.

“I used watercolor paint and sumi ink (a Japanese calligraphy ink) as well as metallic ink on recycled wood and paper. There was also a large interactive labyrinth painted on recycled canvas in the center of the space, on the floor of the gallery, that people were encouraged to walk through and interact with, Spansail said.”

Spansail has done four solo shows at various northern Nevada locations and she had been in many group shows in

western U.S. and Italy.

She also incorporated the aspects of the show into her classroom.

“I opened my art historical study for the year by teaching my students about the history of labyrinths as a pattern and we learned the step-by-step process of how to draw labyrinths which I learned as I prepared my show.”

For the future, Spansail hopes to produce another art show at the Holland Project or another community arts space next year. “Stay tuned,” she said.

Passing, tardy bells toll once more

By **Nathali Villanueva**

Recently the bells have been turned on again at Wooster. But why just now? where were the bells during the first month or so of school?

The decision to not activate the bell system at the start of school was based on previous school year’s daily operation.

“If you were here last year you know we obviously didn’t have bells because we were able to control smaller groups of kids

and we thought last year was really kind of cool, like wow kids were really getting to class, you know, things like that,” Wooster principal, Leah Keuscher said

“And so, we rolled into this year and met with all my department team, department leaders, sat down and talked about the bells and do we want to turn them back on. Or do we want to try the year without them to see if kids can get there without the bells,” Keuscher said.

The department leaders all agreed to not do the bells.

“We started moving in and watching students getting to class,” Keuscher said.

The results showed that students were not getting to class on time.

“My teachers were starting to say we should turn on the bell again, So we opted to do that,” Keuscher said.

With the reinstatement of the bells, Keuscher said that tardies will come back into play and

Girls soccer on a roll

By **Zayden Tittensor**

The start of the girls 2021-2022 soccer season started out with a lot of uncertainty for both varsity as well for the JV team.

However, the Colts are playing well in the Northern 3A league with a record of 5-0-1 with wins over Sparks, North Valleys, Spring Creek, Fernley and Dayton. The Colts played Lowry to a 4-4 tie.

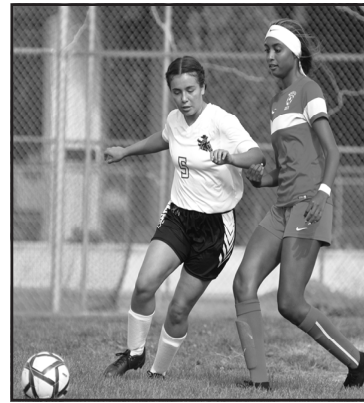
The year started off with smoke from California fires and Nevada fires, plus this is also the year the team is coming back from lock down, hybrid and distance learning last year.

This year’s varsity head coach is Rene Flores. He is assisted by Derek Vaughan.

Smoke and COVID are two of the primary challenges the Colts have faced so far this season in addition to the opposing teams.

“Testing for us is only on weeks where we can travel out of the county, which turns out to be only four times out of the 8 week season,” he said.”

“As for returning players we have seniors Angie Vanges, Belinda Rico, Erika Bucio, Isabella Caviglia, Kaitlyn Satterfield, Kanela Furuta, Lady Ve-



Senior Taelor Stutzman battling a Fernley opponent for the ball in Colts 8-1 victory over the Vaqueros.

lasquez, Monse Ramirez, Nadia Garcia, Taelor Stutzman, Natalie Tobar and Viridiana Carmona.

Flores continues to be optimistic about the season in spite of all the challenges.

“If we stay healthy, eligible and do all the things right, we could land in the second or third spot for playoffs,” he said. “We haven’t seen every team, but we should be competitive in the 3A for league.”

The Colts are not fielding a JV team this year due to the small amount of players trying out for the teams and the low number of players cleared to start the season.

Student I.D.’s now required for free lunch

From **staff reports**

Starting on October 18, students will now be required to present their I.D. codes to receive a free lunch.

Student can either scan their student I.D.’s or type in their I.D.

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the last time a play was near completion, the pandemic hit us and we weren’t able to come back on campus,” she said.

There are a total of 12 actors who will be performing and there are around 40-plus characters.

Most of these 12 actors are taking on multiple roles.

The cast includes: Kailani, Alarcon, Izzy Aucoin, Tyler Beville, MJ Boga, Cameryn Brothers, Lily Burkin, Carlee Campbell, Kai Fernandez, Jose Gonzalez, Xander Hilderbran, Isobel Lopez and Gwen Rivera.

that students who exhibit a large number of tardies will be assigned to Saturday school where they will help with the maintenance of the school grounds.

number to receive a free lunch. “Hopefully, this will help manage the crowds at lunch,” Wooster kitchen manager Karen Silverhardt said.

Silverhardt said that other schools in the district have implemented the I.D. codes. “It has helped slim down the lines and sorted out the students who tried to receive a second lunch,” she said.

For more information, contact Mrs. Silverhardt in the cafeteria.

Protocols

Continued from **Page 2** guidelines. If we continue to do that we will continue to get back to normal.”

Volleyball, girls golf, and soccer, have had a lot of games that have been unsafe due to COVID, and many say that they are expecting COVID and COVID precautions to continue the rest of the season, if not the year.

Many games have been delayed until other schools are tested. It’s a race against covid games being played, the question is who will win?