

1. ARMS RAISED IN VICTORY, COLIN FARQUHAR, 12, holds the milk jug after defeating Heritage 42-0.

Farquhar was encouraged by the packed stands. "I was excited, it was our opening night and we finally had a student section again. It felt great to win against our rival," Farquhar said. Photo by S. Pallman. **2. IN A VARSITY GAME AGAINST HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL, ABBIE VOYTKO, 12,** spikes the ball across the net. The competitive environment of volleyball was sometimes challenging to manage according to players. "What made it less difficult was the crowd, who made me want to work hard and show off my skills," Voytko said. Photo by J. Lucero.



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3. UNDER THE FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS, CHLOE FERGUSON, 11, dances for the Heritage football game halftime show. It was difficult for Ferguson to compete and be involved with school spirit last year. "This year we've been able to have a more normal season and dance at games in front of a full student section. Last year we had to compete virtually, so it was hard because we didn't get a full season," Ferguson said. Photo by K. Tucker.



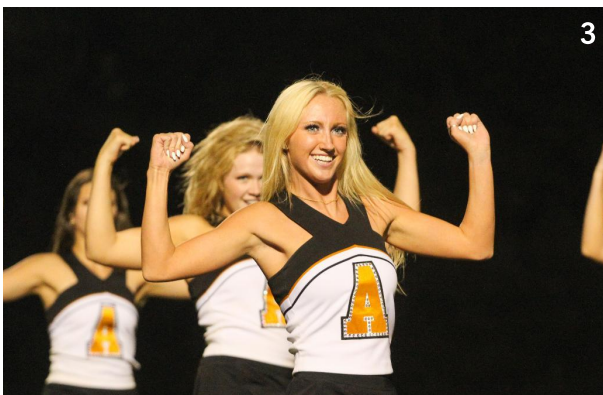
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4. RACING AGAINST HER DENVER EAST OPPONENT, ELLA NICHOLS, 12, fights for control of the ball. Nichols had an amazing experience over four years of playing field hockey, and hoped that others would be inspired to join as well. "Join even if you don't know how to play, it's easy to pick up and so fun. It's a really good program for developing your skills," Nichols said. Photo by K. Fritz.

5. ON THE FIRST MILE OF THE WARRIOR INVITATIONAL, REESE JURGONSKI, 11, begins to set his pace. The Warrior Invitational had been delayed due to rain but was rerouted to avoid puddles. "My favorite part of cross country is the people because everyone is nice. I run because I like it and it clears my head," Jurgonski said. Photo by A. Peterlin.



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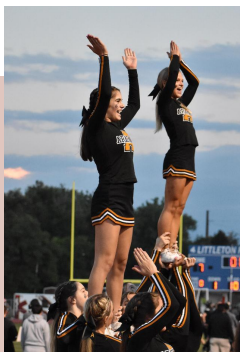
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FOOTBALL PLAYERS, CHEERLEADERS, AND MARCHING BAND UNITED TO WIN THE RIVALRY MILK JUG GAME AGAINST HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL



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[JACKSON ADAMS, 12]



"My favorite part about cheer is the community of athletes and the school. I'd describe cheer as valuable and fulfilling."

[KATHRYN "KATE" VOGEL, 11]



"The Heritage game was so fun. We played well, performed well, and everyone was having a good time."

[SOPHIA STRAND, 11]



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SEPTEMBER SPORTS START THEIR SEASON IN STRIDE, SUCCEEDING AGAINST THEIR OPPONENTS

by Breanna Bach, Kailey Fritz, Angel Hayden, Aida Haystead, Ella Keen, Jaelyn Lucero, Sophie Pallman, and Eva Uhrick

Despite coaching changes and recovery from Covid-19, varsity football achieved a shutout home opener of 42-0 against the rival Heritage Eagles. **COACH JOE NU'U**, a former defensive coach, stepped up to head coach after **COACH ROD SHERMAN** took another position in California. "Since coach Nu'u was with the team last year, it made for a very smooth transition. We haven't had to change our offense and defense that much, which makes it easier for us to just focus on the game," **NATHAN MARCILLA, 12**, said. From coaching styles to Covid-19 restrictions, change was a consistent theme for the season. **JACKSON ADAMS, 12**, reflected on how the change was often positive. "It's definitely been tough the last few years not having fans at games and having to generate our own energy. Having fans back gives us an enormous amount of energy. Celebrating with the crowd after the Heritage game is one of the best feelings there is," Adams said. Football took commitment and grit, which is what got **COLE HANSEN, 12**, the starting varsity quarterback, his role as team captain. "To be successful on the team you have to show up to everything from lifting before school in the spring, to the summer practices early in the morning. You have to be committed to be successful," Hansen said.

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6. DURING THE BOY'S SOCCER INVITATIONAL, WILLIAM "WILL" GRAUBERGER, 12, prepares to kick the ball. Grauberger formed strong friendships throughout his time in the soccer program. "My teammates and I have all built special relationships throughout my 4 years," Grauberger said. Photo by S. Pallman.



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