

# HEART OF GOLD



**3 SQUEAKY CLEAN.** Wiping down a window with a paper towel, Kelli Matias (9) washes one of the windows outside of The Sideboard Cafe. Matias was in Mr. Egger's (F) advisory. Egger's advisory walked downtown washing business' windows.



**2 TEAMWORK.** Walking throughout the ditches along West Wood River Road, Rachel Cooper (11) hands Dakota Bradigan (11) a piece of a trash that was found. Cooper and Bradigan were in Mrs. Reheide's (F) advisory.



**4 PRECISION.** Pulling the round of tape with her right hand and smoothing it with the other, Jessica Cooper (9) puts tape along the wall to outline exactly where her and her advisory should put the paint.



**1 GREEN THUMB.** With the helping hand of his advisory and a few of the National Guard members, Ryan Wojtasiewicz (12) pulls weeds and dead plants from the landscape that is located in front of the Fine Hall.



**5 WORKING TOGETHER.** While out by the track, Trey Zessin (9) and Robert Garcia (9) shovel out the extra concrete that was left in the grass around the sand pit. Zessin and Garcia were in Mrs. Bouchier's (F) advisory.

For the past seven years, Community Service Day has been an annual school event that gives students and faculty a chance to give back to their local community in a number of different ways. Unlike past years though, the National Guard and the Marines ventured out to give a helping hand towards the groups that were working out around town. Each Advisory and Prime Time had a different task assigned to them to complete during the first half of the day. Mrs. Loudon's (F) advisory enhanced the landscaping and overall curb appeal of three different houses in town. They also went to the Community Garden and laid down mulch to create a makeshift walkway. "I enjoyed planting plants for the community because it makes our town look good," said Mariana Rodriguez (11). Mrs. Rohrich's (F) advisory walked along West Wood River Road and picked up the trash that was laying in the ditches. "While we were picking up trash, this nice man that works in town stopped and thanked us for what we were doing for the community and he gave us all Gatorades," said Ello Luehr (11). Mr. Egger's (F) advisory went to the Good Samaritan for the first half of the day to wash windows, rake leaves, and do anything else that was asked of them. After that, the group walked to the businesses located downtown and washed their windows also. "When we were at the nursing home, an old lady came up to me while I was raking leaves (she had forgotten my name by the end of the day) but I'll never forget the smile on her face when she had seen what I had done for her. Stuff like that is what makes Community Service Day worth it," said Patrick Schofield (9). Mr. Fehring's (F) Advisory stayed at the school and helped the janitors with all kinds of school projects. "We replaced the mulch in front of the theater, and we filled holes in the practice field with rat poison. During that, the National Guard came and talked to us for a little bit and they asked us what our plans were for after high school. They also challenged Kyle [Engel (11)] to a race. "I really enjoyed giving back to my community in this way instead of picking up trash on the highway because I'm giving back to my school personally," said Sam Thienel (11). Once each group finished their work, everyone came back to the high school. Hamburgers and hot dogs were offered as lunch to the students, courtesy of the Booster Club. For the second half of the day, a variety of breakout sessions were held throughout the school. The National Guard was outside along with an ambulance and fire truck. Inside the school there was archery, pet therapy, and self-defense classes among several other presentations. The high school and middle school each had a general session with guest speaker Demaine Adams about putting your heart over the current hype. "I thought he was very motivated to get students into their heart and stay out of the new trends of drugs and alcohol. You don't need to act cool to be cool," said Ryan Wojtasiewicz (12).



**2 GO FOR A RIDE.** Laughing out loud, Miaa Miller (9) grips the steering wheel while going for a quick trip around the school in one of the bikes that the National Guard provided for the students to try out.



**3 NOCK, AIM, FIRE.** Holding the bow up to her face, Allie Phibbslee (11) points her index finger at the target and pulls her other hand up to her cheek. Mr. Sheeks (F) was in charge of the archery breakout session.