

Thayer Central Community Schools

Yearbook Theme Development

2025-2026

Theme: “In The Cards”

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Yearbook Theme Opening– “In the Cards”

This year’s theme, “In the Cards,” reflects the idea that every moment of the school year holds possibility. At Thayer Central, nothing just happens — every achievement, every challenge, and every memory becomes part of the hand we are dealt. From the first day of fall practices to the final spring performances, the year unfolds one card at a time.

The phrase “In the Cards” symbolizes chance, choice, and opportunity. Each season brings a new suit — fall athletics and activities set the tone, winter competitions build intensity, and spring accomplishments finish strong. Just like in a deck of cards, every individual plays a role. Students, athletes, performers, and organizations each contribute something unique, proving that success isn’t built by one card alone, but by the full deck.

Thayer Central shows off not only its seasonal traditions, but also its accomplishments — conference titles, state qualifications, academic honors, fine arts recognitions, and everyday victories that often go unnoticed. Some moments act as unexpected wild cards; others become face cards — bold, standout achievements that define the year.

Ultimately, “In the Cards” captures how our school community comes together to play the hand we are given and make it unforgettable. The 2025-2026 school year proves that success, growth, and pride are always in the cards for Thayer Central.



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We didn't just play the hand we were dealt - we made it our own. At Thayer Central, 2025-2026, was a year of choices, chances, and changes. Every moment was a card played in the game of becoming who we are. This yearbook is our deck, our story, our future...all in the cards.

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*The Cards Are Dealt.
The Story Is Ours.*





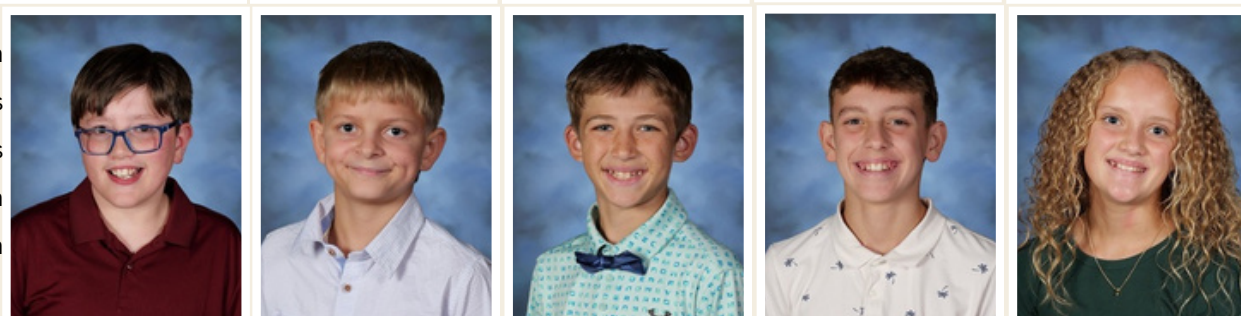
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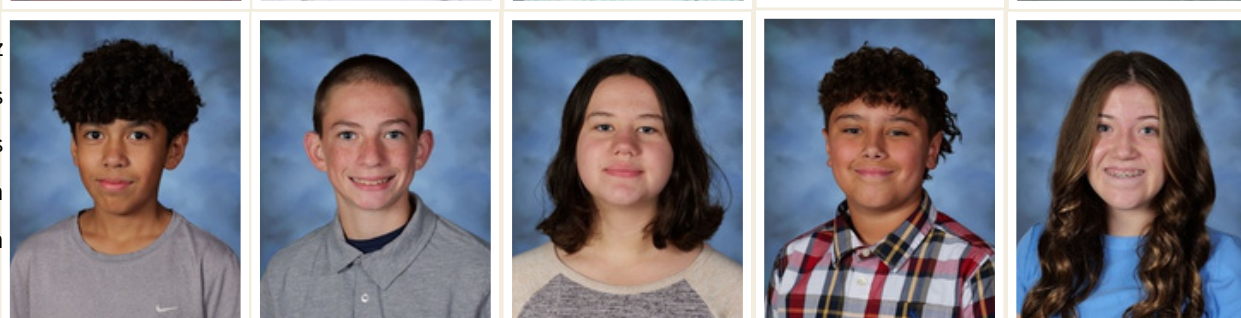
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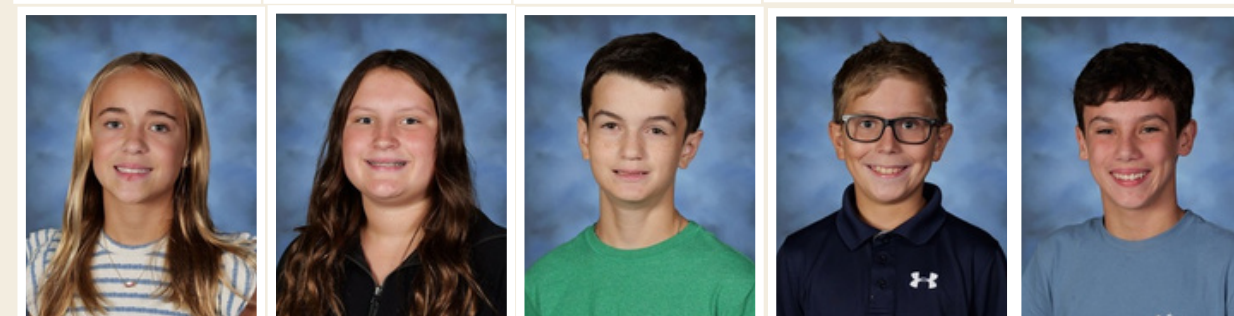
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Kirbie Stephens
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Jax Theis
Brody Thomas



Hallways to Horizons. From early morning locker stops to focused classroom moments and conversations between friends, these are the everyday scenes that shape our junior high school story.



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This year, the Thayer Central 7th graders proved they could handle anything that came their way. The transition from elementary to middle school can be a tough hand to play, but this group adjusted fast and learned the new routines like pros.

They're a fierce bunch—competitive, confident, and always ready to take on a challenge—but they still know how to have fun. Whether they were working through tough assignments or laughing their way through the day, they always found a way to play their cards right.

No matter what hand they're dealt next year, this class is ready to shuffle up, work hard, and keep the good times rolling.

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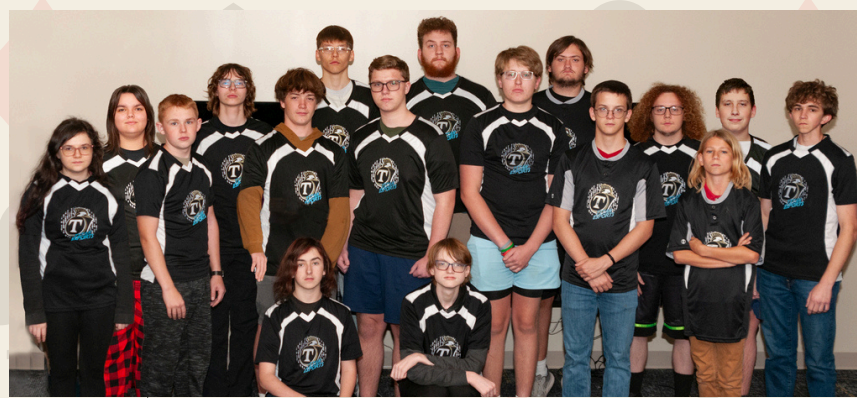


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"It's not just a game — it's teamwork, strategy, and learning how to stay calm under pressure."
-Chase Baines, Senior



Holding the Winning Hand

**Precision
Play
Power**



Thayer Central's Esports strategizes to win!

This year, the high school esports team truly played their cards right. Countless hours of practice and preparation strengthened both individual skills and team chemistry, helping the group grow and improve throughout the season. Their dedication paid off with a trip to state, where they competed at a high level and represented the school with pride. It was a successful season that proved success was definitely in the cards.



A Full House of Performers Stacked with Talent



The One Act team presented a powerful performance of *Mill Girls*, effectively portraying the struggles and friendships of young women working in textile mills. The simple sets and period costumes authentically reflected the time, allowing the story and performances to take center stage. Through their dedication and teamwork, the cast and crew delivered a production that earned strong results across multiple competitions and showcased the depth of talent within the program.



Members of the One Act performed their play *Mill Girls*, showcasing great performances throughout the season.

STRONGER WITH *Every Mile*

Titans Never
Fold When the
Miles Get Tough

This season, the Titans Cross Country team showed that success doesn't come from luck, it comes from hard work. Every early morning run, every tough workout, and every race pushed us to our limits. Even when the weather was brutal or the course seemed endless, we kept going.

We knew that if we wanted to win, we had to earn it. No one was handing us anything, we had to play the hand we were dealt and make it count. From personal bests to team medals, every mile proved that determination and dedication were truly in the cards for this group. Whether it was cheering each other on at the finish line or laughing during long bus rides, this season was more than just about running; it was about commitment, and dedication.



Joah, eyeing the finish line.



Ethan striding out during the race.

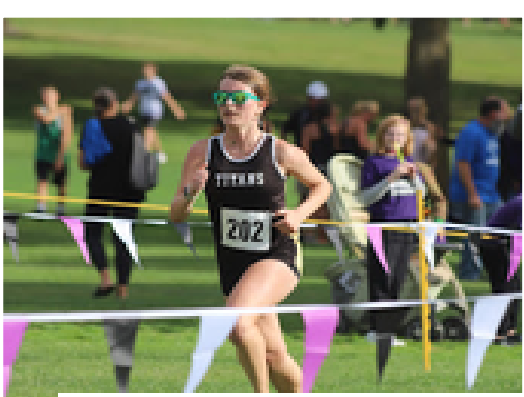


*"Every mile
mattered because
of who we ran
it with."*

-Joah Anderson



Titans coming
together before
starting the race.



Tori finishing the
race strong.



Below: Titan Team
showing off their
hard work.

***"My favorite tradition is decorating
signs for cancer awareness."***

- Peyton Miller

***"My favorite cross country
tradition is going to pre-meet
spaghetti dinners."***

- Isabella Escritt





The Titans celebrate after a big play, bringing energy and momentum to the Titans' side of the court.

Wyatt Winans and Murphy Sudbeck scoring for the Titans.



Playing tight defense, Laken Wiedel, intimidates his opponent

Peyton Hubl looking for an open pass.



Gathered during a timeout, the Titans prepare for the next play.



Taking It All to the Hoop

The Thayer Central Boys Basketball team fought hard all season long. While the record may not have been exactly what they hoped for, one thing was never in question — their effort. Every game brought energy, intensity, and plenty of hustle. Whether diving for loose balls, battling in the paint, or pushing the pace down the court, the Titans never backed down.

Win or lose, they showed up ready to compete and support one another. Their commitment to the program, their teammates, and Titan pride never wavered. Most importantly, they proved that heart, teamwork, and a little bit of grit can make any season one to remember.

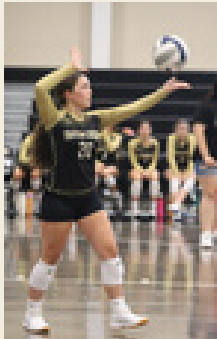
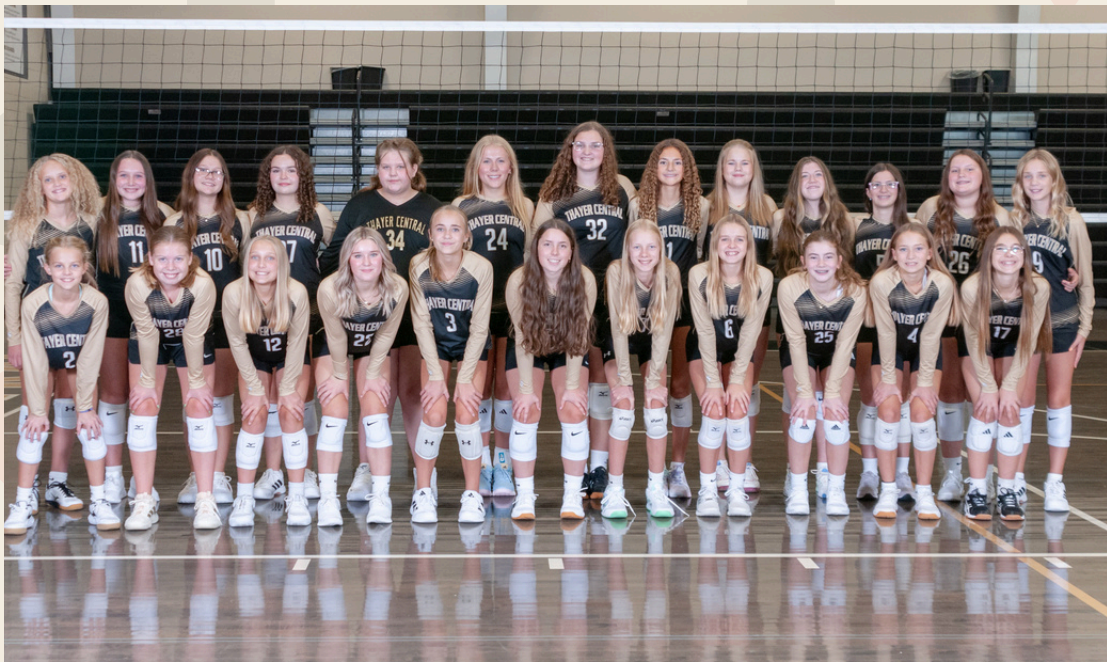
Brady Degenhardt going up to score.



Staying low and balanced, Blake Gunn squares up and locks in defensively.

Shuffling Up the Competition ♠️♥️♣️♦️

This year, our junior high athletes gave it their all across cross country, football, and volleyball! The cross country team showed serious dedication, pushing through tough practices and races to represent our school with pride. On the football field, the team battled hard every game, showing heart, hustle, and major improvement throughout the season. Volleyball brought the energy with strong serves, awesome teamwork, and some intense matches that kept everyone on the edge of their seats. Whether it was running, tackling, or spiking, our junior high teams made this season one to remember!



Cross Country

Back Row L-R Coach Biehl, Coach Keim, Evelyn Rinaker, Macie Natho, Paola Barcenas, Matti Chesley, Nevaeh Wiseman, Rylen Mitchell, Lilly Anderson, Coach Hubl, Coach Degenhardt
Front Row L-R Cooper Farnstrom, Rex VanSkiver, Elijah VanderSchaaf, Owen Hubl, Laik Heinrichs

Football

Back Row L-R Conner West, Jace Williams, Cooper Krupicka, Porter Logsdon, Brexton Carnes, Cameron Heitmann, Dylan Ivy, Karsten Kroll, Beckett Heitmann, Caleb Sheff, Kody Hinrichs, Levi Peithmann
Front Row L-R Dakota Phroper, Nicholas Habana, Brody Thomas, Jacob Day, Logan Easton, Easton Moore, Bentley Horton, Jacob Mostek

Volleyball

Back Row L-R Josie Heitmann, Grace Wit, Kodi Rogers, Raegan Else, JaeLynn Sommerville, Morgan Bolte, Addysen Cast, Harper Watson, Harlow Harms, Reagan Itzen, Presley Natho, Kirbie Stephens, Braylee Turan
Front Row L-R Lainney Moeller, Olivia Larson, Taryn Degenhardt, DashLee Blake, Paisley Sinn, Lakin Schardt, Elsa Brueggemann, Brynn Marsh, Michaela Vandervoort, Lillian Powers, Annabelle Conde

Every play, every point, every moment — Thayer Central Junior High talent on display throughout football, volleyball, and cross country.

Give Me the Breakdown

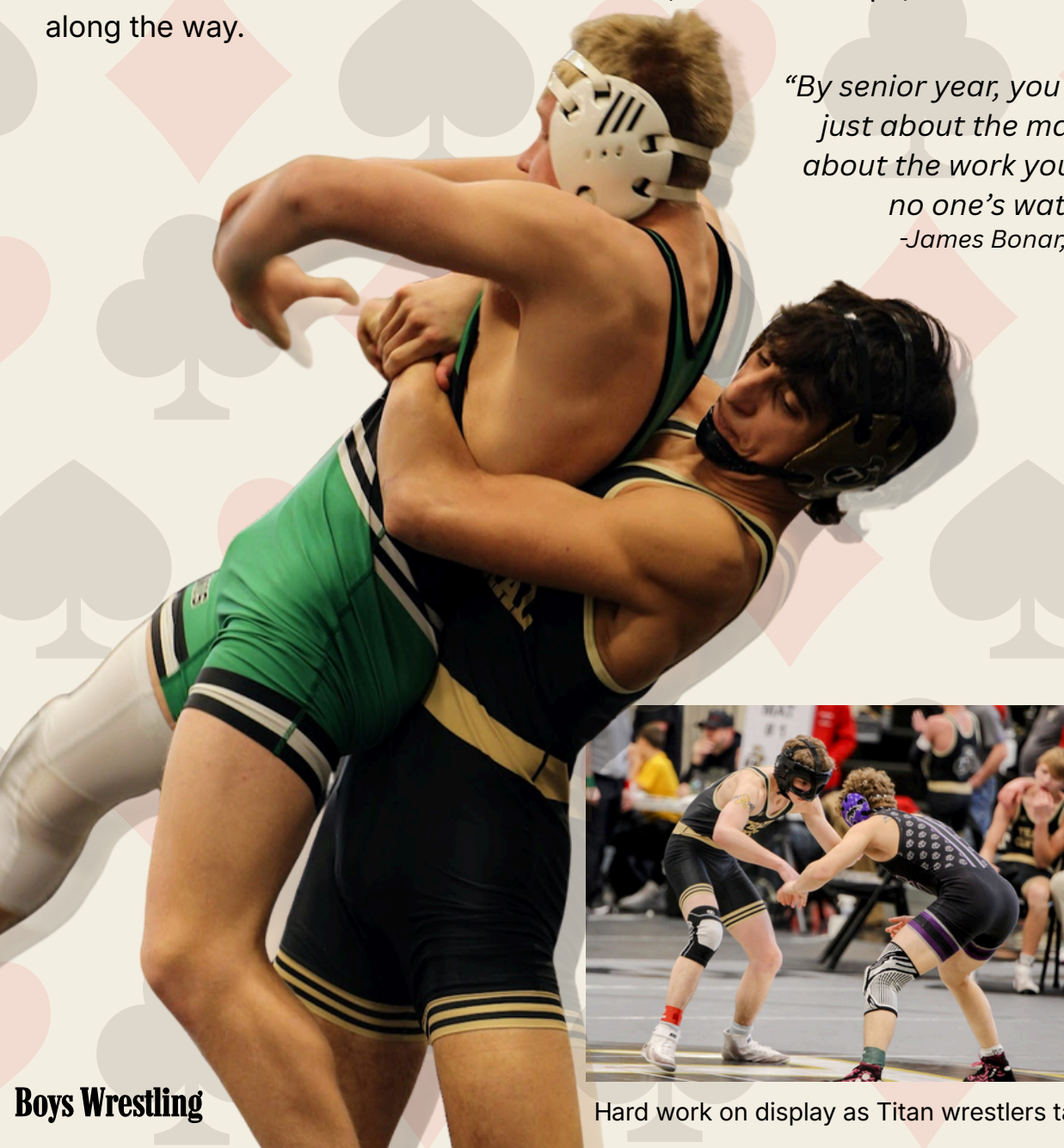
The Thayer Central boys wrestling team had a season full of hard work and determination. From long practices after school to tough matches on the mat, the Titans kept pushing themselves and each other to improve. One of the biggest highlights of the season was having six Titans qualify for state — an accomplishment that didn't happen by chance. It took the dedication of the entire team and the guidance of their coaches to help make that goal a reality.

Another moment they won't forget was winning the district meet by just one point. That victory showed that every single match mattered and that it truly took the entire team to accomplish that goal. Throughout the season, the Titans battled through challenges, celebrated big wins, and never backed down. More than anything, this group showed what it means to represent Thayer Central with pride. It wasn't just about the matches — it was about the memories, the friendships, and the bond they built along the way.

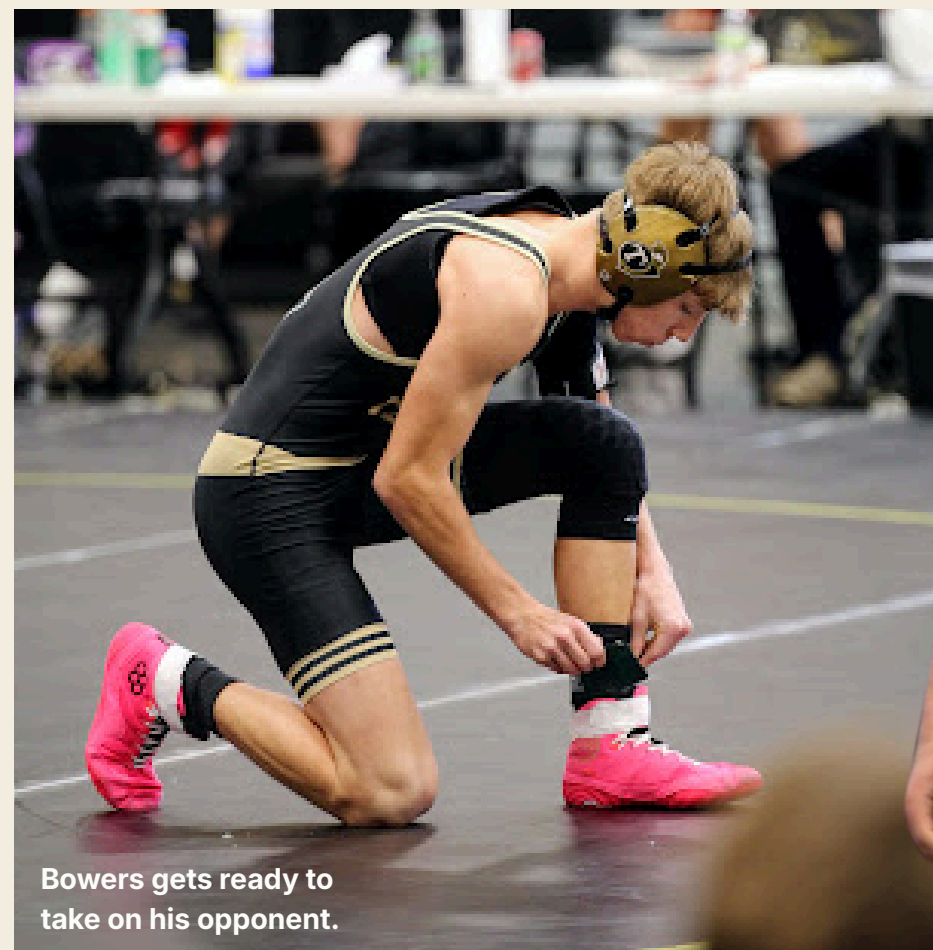
"By senior year, you realize it's not just about the matches — it's about the work you put in when no one's watching."
-James Bonar, Senior



Cole making a move to get the pin.



Hard work on display as Titan wrestlers take the mat at the home meet.



Bowers gets ready to take on his opponent.

