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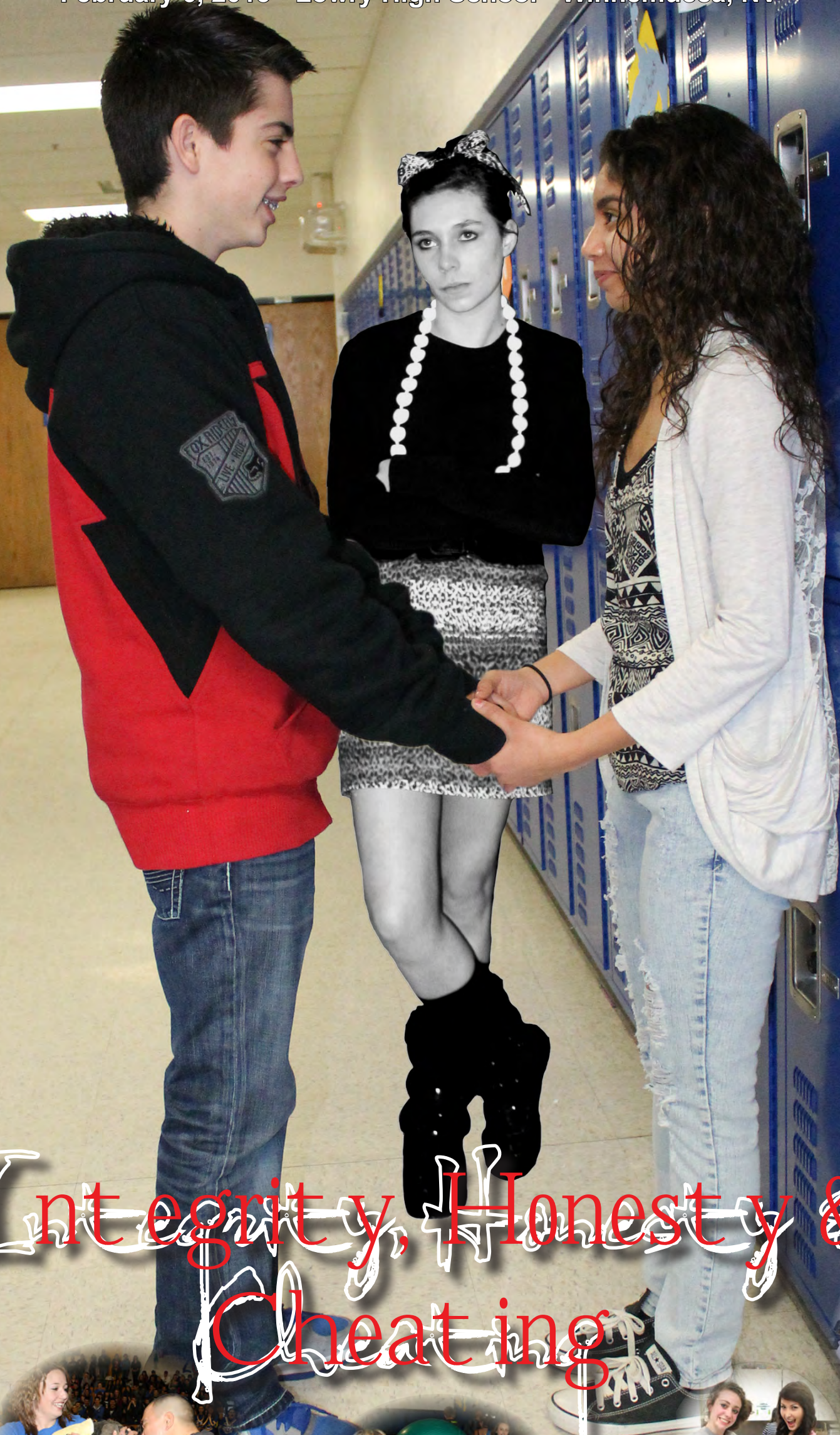
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Integrity, Honesty &
Cheating





Integrity, honesty, cheating: Is it in you?

By JUSTIN ALBRIGHT AND WESTON IRONS

Valentines Day is one of the most important times of the year for all of the relationships in the world. However, what is a relationship without honesty and integrity? One of the most important values in the world for anything is to have integrity, and to be honest.

Valentines Day isn't all about relationships. Yeah, you can go buy your loved one certain items, but in general it's about being kind, and just trying to be a better person. Integrity and honesty are two of the most important factors to be considered a good, solid person.

The definition of integrity is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles; moral uprightness.



Marc Esquivel./Courtesy • Winnada

"To me, integrity is having the courage and the drive to do what you want to do, working hard, and being a good honest person," said senior Marc Esquivel.

Even the people we look up to in life struggle with integrity and honesty. There are a ridiculous amount of professionals that lie, cheat, and just frankly mess up every single day.

Most of these instances are forgotten because of how forgiving America is, but for people like Lance Armstrong, how can you forgive him?

As we all know by now, Lance Armstrong recently admitted to using performance enhancing drugs after repeatedly denying it for the past 12 years. He came out and said that it was basically impossible to win the Tour de France without taking performance enhancing drugs, ruining the sport of cycling completely.

For all of you baseball diehards, you know exactly how performance enhancing drugs can destroy the integrity of the sport. Look at the Hall of Fame induction this year, do you notice how not one single person was inducted because every candidate had a past history of using steroids? For the first time since 1996, no members were inducted into the Professional Baseball of Fame. How about Alex Rodriguez? One of the most famous baseball players of all time, who's name is constantly being connected to steroids.

Like integrity, honesty is also very important. How can people be in a solid relationship if all they're going to do is lie to each other?

"Honesty is probably one of the most important things in a relationship. Technically it wouldn't be a relationship if it was based off of lies," said sophomore Tyler Benson.

When it comes to cheating on your loved one, honesty can possibly help the relationship last, so a person doesn't have to worry about cheating, or getting cheated on.

"If both people are honest, then it might help prevent cheating," said junior Amaya Davis.

Cheating is an infidelity that ruins about 50% of marriages, and in high school cheating happens left and right. Teenage boys and girls don't know what they want which leads to multiple cases of cheating. If couples were to be more honest with one-another then the pain of cheating might be rapidly decreased.

Honesty is also important in school work. How many of you have taken credit for work that isn't yours? All of us have cheated in some sort of way, or have even glanced over at another persons work.

"I don't believe in ratting out people, but I guess it is dishonest to not tell on someone who is cheating," said Esquivel.

Even outside of school and relationships, honesty is important to becoming a young adult.

"Lying is probably one of the worst things you can do in my eyes, because there isn't a reason to not tell the truth. Telling the truth may get you in trouble sometimes, but it will make you a better person," said Esquivel.

I know we have all seen others commit the crime of cheating, and I know probable 98% of us have never told the teacher, we just decided to let it slide because nobody wants to be known as a "snitch".

When I see someone else cheating, it honestly doesn't impact me, because that is their decision," said Esquivel.

Bernie Madoff, A former stock business man, stockbroker, investment advisor, and financier lied and cheated millions of people out of their money in what is known as one of the biggest financial frauds

"Honesty is probably one of the most important things in a relationship."
~Tyler Benson



Amaya Davis./Courtesy • Winnada

in U.S. history. Madoff had to forfeit \$17.179 billion. How can the United States of America, the greatest country of all time, ever forgive someone who cheated so many people?

Especially in the sports world, honesty is something

that we fans always look forward to. However, these professional athletes are some of the biggest liars in the world. As already stated, Lance Armstrong might go in history as the biggest liar in the sporting world history. Ray Lewis, Alex Rodriguez, Roger Clemens, and Mark McGwire have had their whole careers surrounded by controversy. In a sports commercial about sportsmanship, a basketball player makes his team lose the game by telling the referee that he knocked the ball out of bounds instead of the opposing player.

In all honesty, nobody in their right mind would make their team lose the championship game just to be truthful; although it is a nice thought.

It's funny how so many of these professional athletes make their career based off of lies, and cheating. Baseball is America's favorite past time activity, but if you were to look at the majority of the top stars in sports, are now linked to using GHG and other performance enhancing drugs.

Yet, in a matter of a few years, everybody forgets that some of these athletes lie and cheat. Everyone seems to have forgotten about the infidelity that Kobe Bryant committed years ago, and people also don't remember about how Ray Lewis was implicated in the murder of two people.

As a society, how forgiving can people be? There are people that commit lies and cheat all the time, but unless they're a celebrity, people usually just forget about it in a couple years. People can forgive athletes for their lies, but why can't we forgive just regular citizens for lying, or even cheating?

When it all comes down to it, everyone lies and cheats on something. There's no sugar coating it, everyone in this world lies and cheats, but the important thing is how well people can come back and make up for their lie, or righting their wrong. That's the true measure of a person, how they're able to come back from adversity.



Tyler Benson./Courtesy • Winnada



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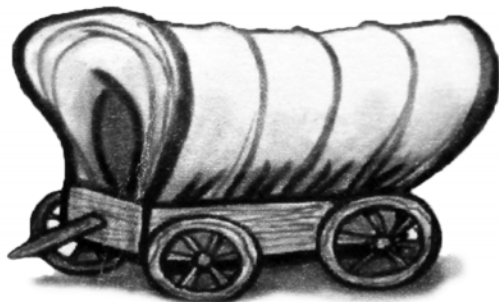
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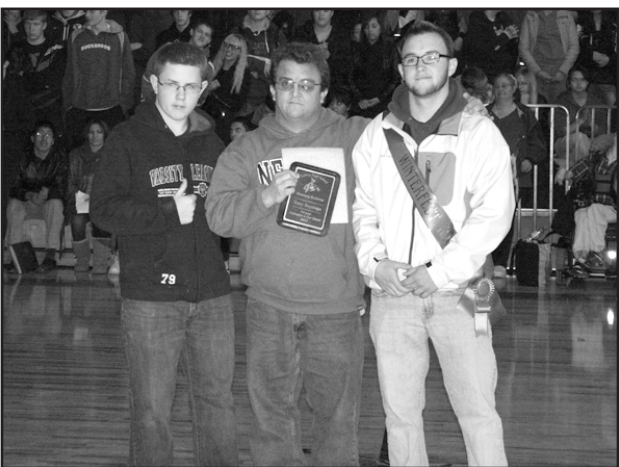
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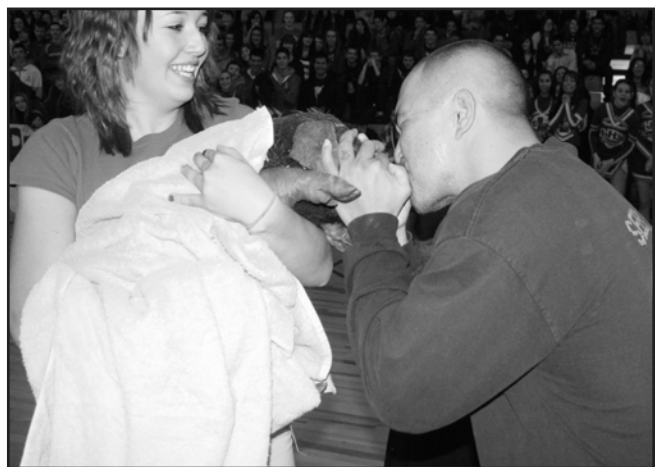
By MARCOS DURAN-SALCEDO



Honorary Buckaroo Tony Erquiaga stands with nephews Clay (left) and Cole (right)./Mikey Donovan • The Brand



Chloe Yates and Savannah Montero pose in thier cave-man attire./Jolyn Garcia • The Brand



Mr. Cabatbat kisses the pig at Friday's assembly./Ron Espinola • The Brand

Winterfest kicked off with a great pep assembly. The basketball teams were introduced, and Winterfest King and Queen nominees had a competition, in which Denise Ruiz and Jesse Studebaker came out as victors, and the assembly ended with the continued chant “GO LOWRY, BEAT ELKO!!!”



Cheerleaders show their new stunts to Lowry./Marcos Duran-Salcedo • The Brand

The person chosen this year exemplifies what it means to be a true leader in the community and has given his time endlessly to Lowry High School. This individual graduated in 1993 from Lowry High School and served as the Lettermen's Club president, Winnada year book sports editor, varsity football and basketball manager and a four-year letterman for the golf team. This individual is the only person to have received 5 Varsity letters in one sport at Lowry High, and in total, he received 13 varsity letters. Please join me in congratulating our Honorary Buckaroo, Mr. Tony Erquiaga.

Tony has spent his entire professional career with Winnemucca Publishing/ “Humboldt Sun”, where he has been employed for 18 years and has been the sports writer since 2003. His job requires him to cover all the Buckaroo sports teams, from freshmen football to varsity swimming. Queen Candidate Raven Hunter Black. Raven is involved in Lettermen's Club, Leadership and track. She is currently the Senior Class Vice President and works at the Mar-

tin Hotel.Raven's future plans are to follow in her mom's footsteps and pursue a career in cosmetology.

King Candidate Cole Michael Erquiaga. Cole is involved in Lowry golf and has been a part of two state championship teams. plans The other candidates included Denise Ruiz and Jesse Studebaker, and Tyler Brumm and Ashley Principe.



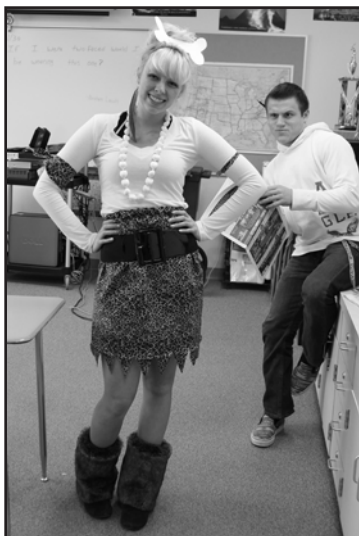
Freshman class cheering at pep assembly./ Marcos Duran- Salcedo • The Brand



Mr. Lowry Wyatt Lester and runner up Alec Mayo enjoy their victory./ Courtesy • Winnada



Raven Black and Chelsea Baker show off their future selves./Taylor LaTray • The Brand



Allsion Barron rocking the cave-man look./ Taylor LaTray • The Brand



Winterfest Queen and King Raven Black and Cole Erquiaga./ Jolyn Garcia • The Brand



Wrestlers performing with the cheerleadeers./ Marcos Duran-Salcedo • The Brand

In The News



Detective Barbara Mattson of the Connecticut State Police Department displays a Bushmaster semi-automatic weapon during a hearing at the Legislative Office building in Hartford, Connecticut. (Cloe Poisson/Hartford Courant/MCT)



The family of Hadiya Pendleton weep as Chicago Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy speaks. Hadiya Pendleton, who last week performed at President Barack Obama's inaugural festivities, was murdered in Chicago. (Terrence Antonio James/Chicago Tribune/MCT)



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Mrs. Peters' Life Skills class staying busy

By KATIE HILLYER

This year at Lowry, the students in Mrs. Peters' Comprehensive Life Skills classroom have been very busy being involved in many activities, both fun and educational. One of these activities is in its third year now and helps to keep our school campus clean. Every Wednesday morning you can see us out pushing carts loaded with the blue recycle bins from classrooms and offices. We collect the bins, load them into a school district car and take the recyclable materials to the dump. Later that day or the next we return the bins to their assigned classrooms. We work very hard to keep Lowry beautiful.

One way we combine fun and education is our weekly community outings. In Math class we have learned about money and how to use it. We have put that skill to use when doing shopping for our class. We learn cooking skills in our class so we go shopping for groceries. We wash and dry our own P.E. uniforms as well as items for the Lowry P.E. and sports department so we

have to go buy laundry soap. We also occasionally go out to eat at different restaurants and fast food places. Each one of us orders and pays for our own meals. We also assist the Junior class by keeping the snack vending machine stocked full of good eats.

Also as part of our community outings we take tours of different local businesses to learn how they operate and if it is a job we would be interested in after we graduate. So far this year we have gone to the Humboldt Sun and learned how they print our local newspaper, to the Winnemucca Police Department to learn about their operations, and met with Judge Montero to learn about our judicial system.

Many of our students are involved in various clubs, organizations and jobs at Lowry; Juan and Andrew help Gerardo maintain the halls in the main

building. Angel works in the kitchen and so do I. I also work in the LHS Library and participate in Art Club. Mark is involved in Leadership and has attended conferences. Some of you

have probably had to side step him speeding through the halls in his motorized chair on occasion. Watch out! Johanna is a member of Stagecraft and in March will be presenting at the Nevada Disabilities Conference. Aaron

is taking Sewing II and has a blast creating aprons and animals. Eric has created beautiful pieces in welding. Michael loves being here at school with his friends. Francisco is learning lots in Ag Science and will take those skills to become a rancher. Edgar has the knack for filling the vending machine and being chivalrous toward the ladies by opening doors.

Most of Mrs. Peters' students

participate in Special Olympics under Coach Molina in such events like Track and Bowling. We participate under the team name 'Buckaroos' to show our Lowry Spirit! We have all won many medals including several golds. Juan and Andrew are also members of Lowry's track team.

We also love attending all of Lowry's dances and events like Homecoming and Winterfest. We are always excited to show off our dance moves and hang out with friends. Watching football was a blast; we just love cheering for Lowry Bucks! This year we will anticipate to sing 'Who Let the Dogs Out?' for Karaoke night. We worked really hard on creating props, learning dance moves, and perfecting our voices.

We also want to recognize our TA's who help us through the day. Thanks Nathan, Marcus, Olivia, Trey, Dominique, Karina, Ryley, Jessica, Stephanie, and Caitlyn.

It's a great year here at Lowry; help us keep that spirit alive. Go Bucks!



Katie Hillyer and best friend Johanna Mahoon at a basketball game. /Jolyn Garcia • The Brand



February is African American History Month

By OMAR GUERRERO

Black History Month is to honor the African Americans who stood up for their equal rights to have the opportunity to do anything the white Americans did. We honor the first people to take that step in paving the way for other African Americans to follow.

Black History Month is so important that African Americans never forget the



Rosa Parks./Courtesy • Bureau of Public Affairs

struggles African American citizens went through to live the life they deserved, but weren't granted. Instead they were shunned, beaten, killed, and viewed as outsiders because of the color of their skin. They were thought of as less than the whites and were treated like it.

As times have changed, African Americans are now more proud to be the way they



Jorge Bernal./Courtesy • Winnada

are. February is very important and we should never forget about the past.

In 1926 Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History were the first with this idea to have a month to recognize African-Americans and grew larger in popularity ever since. They said it should be called "Negro history Week" and now it's understandably named "Black History Month" or "African American Month."

"He was a man who stood up for Civil Rights. He risked his life and lead a revolution to a better future. He deservedly has his own holiday and will forever be remembered as a man who died for what he believed in," Jorge Bernal said.

Martin Luther King Jr. wasn't the only one who took a stand for what was right, Rosa Parks also took a risk when she decided she wanted to sit at the



Martin Luther King, Jr. at a press conference. / Courtesy • World Telegram & Sun photo by Walter Albertin.

front of the bus on December 1, 1955, after working a long shift. Her arrest sparked a boycott of people who stood behind her when she was taken to prison. Parks was a woman who stood up for herself and had no fear in doing so. Narinder Mall said, "Martin Luther King Jr. Day is very important to show how much America has changed and progressed over the years."

African Americans dominate in the sports world when back in the day had no shot of getting the opportunity to show what they can do.

Sports were a major break through in getting past segregation. In 1947 Jackie Robinson made his debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers. This was a very controversial move by the team but general manager Branch Rickey, didn't care what the color of his skin was.

Many African American athletes were soon to follow and have been there ever since in basketball, football, soccer and all other sports.



Narinder Mall./Courtesy • Winnada



Big prizes and fun to be had at Bingo Night

By MICKEY DONOVAN

Lowry High School hosted a school Bingo night for all students. It was a way for students to have a fun time and win amazing prizes. Thanks to special donations from The Martin, Papa Murphy's, and Spare Time Bowling.

Almost 50 people attended the

bingo night. Many prizes were given out such as gift certificates to Papa Murphy's, Lowry lanyards, Lowry license plates, a premium prom package, and great-smelling soap. The greatest controversy of the night was that a freshman, Maddie Mayo, won the Prom package which

included, free tickets to prom, a 25 dollar gift certificate to The Martin, and a corsage. Many people, upperclassmen, were frustrated by this because Maddie won the Prom tickets because Prom for juniors and seniors.

Another prize was a severe weather kit. It consists of all the necessities needed to survive in a severe storm. "It had a legit shovel," said Narinder Mall.

The final round of the



Troy Hardy and Maddie Mitchell. / Courtesy • Winnada

night was Blackout. The champion of blackout won a 200 dollar Visa gift card. Everybody was extremely excited to win this. After a long and intense battle, Khyra Cooley ended up winning the gift card.

Overall it was a fun night for all that attended.



Students enjoy their time at Bingo night. / Courtesy • Winnada

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Maybe it's time to control the guns

By JOLYN GARCIA

The second amendment states that the people of the United States shall have the right to bear arms, and that this right shall not be infringed. In the hundreds of years after the second amendment was ratified there have been many horrific incidents that involved the use of guns. Many of the incidents that have gained the most publicity are school shootings. These events have caused a large portion of U.S. citizens to demand stricter gun control laws. The most recent attempt at controlling the growing gun problem in the U.S. is limiting the number of bullets a clip can hold. By limiting this, citizens hope that the number of deaths caused by shootings will decrease. But some argue that this may be considered a violation of the Constitution.

I believe that if you own a gun and are able to put bullets into that weapon, that your civil right

to bear arms has not been violated. Guns are still within your possession. Many people who are using clips in their rifles are shooting at non-moving targets. I doubt that your target will sprout legs and leave in the time it takes you to reload your clip.

Others may argue that having a gun in the home makes one feel secure and will indeed make your home safer. If there is a burglar in your home you could reach for that handgun hidden next to your bed before going to confront him. But what if the thief had already discovered where you keep your guns and uses it against you? The tables have turned. According to MotherJones.com, owning a gun has been linked to higher risks of homicide, suicide, and accidental death by gun.

I am not against people in the United States owning guns, but I am for having more regulation on



gun ownership. Some may view owning over five firearms as excessive; the zombie apocalypse is not a threat anymore and never was. But the threat of more gun related accidents could be hiding in a bed-side drawer, above the fireplace, or in a gun safe.



Lowry's been lacking

By CARLY BELL

My pet peeves at Lowry High School are the lack of honesty, bullying, and favoritism. I chose these three words to describe this school because I think so little of some the people who attend Lowry.

I chose the word honesty because I have had two iPods stolen from me in my high school career thus far. One was during track practice. It was at the base of my bag, so someone literally had to look through it. The second time was, when I forgot to lock the passenger door of my truck, my iPod was under my books. So let me ask you this, where did you hear that it was okay to take others stuff? You don't know how much work it took to obtain that object. I just don't understand why a person needs to take others property. It's not yours, you have no idea how much it means to them, and I'm not only talking about my iPod. I'm sure many other students have also had objects stolen from them at Lowry. A phone, money, iPod, stereo, etc. I just want to put a stop to all these wrongs that are going on here. Lowry isn't a bad place, and we aren't all bad people, we just have people that make bad decisions.

Bullying is a huge issue at Lowry. Yeah we brought in Rachel's Challenge. But how long did that "change"

last? A month? A week? A day? 30 minutes? Rachel's Challenge only a changed a select few people.

Lowry, has a problem with "cliques" as well. We have the jocks, smokers, the partiers, the butches, the preps, the cowboys, weirdo's, the people who only are with there girlfriend/ boyfriend who devote their lives to them so they have no other friends, and, last but not least, the everyone else group. Cliques seem to be a problem because each group feels targeted by another and so on and so forth.

Lowry High sports. That's all I need to say. Coaches say they select their team by talent and their playing ability. But when you look at who makes some of the lineups, you then realize that some of the students' last names are what gets them everything in their lives. And by names I mean their family is kind of a big deal in this town so if they didn't make the team something's going to happen. Your parents' history and friendship with a coach should not determine whether or not you make a sport over another student. Did you know that a coach can choose a team on purely if they like the person or not? Well, they can, and Lowry needs to better look into this favoritism going on, and do something about it.



Are women better parents than men?

By TAYLOR LATRAY

Typically both parents want to view themselves as the 'better' parent. Each child/parent mixture is a completely different case and it's hard to determine which parent is better, and universally, which gender is typically the better parent. It is believed in most relationships that men are just as good as women in the area of educating and taking care of children. I believe in most cases, not all, a woman is a better parent due to the natural instinct of motherhood and their familiarization with caring for children.

"Women are better parents. Women are more compassionate and understanding while a father is more protective. It is important that a child does have both parents, especially good ones," said Mr. Andrew Meyer.

It's just in a women's nature to know how to nurture and take care of a child, especially since before the active care begins they are carrying the baby around for nine months, creating a bond that no man can experience. Women are gentler and more tolerable than men and that can benefit their parenting greatly. A man may love a child just as much as a woman but they can never experience the link between a mother and their child.

"Personally I believe both parents are equal. Parenting is a 50-50 responsibility. Nurturing wise mothers are more

important and play a large role, however it's a whole family commitment to raise a child," said Mrs. Courtney Rorex.

According to the 1992 March Current Population Survey in the United States, conducted by the US Census Bureau, 86% of custodial parents are mothers. Further, many of the non-custodial fathers who have agreed to pay child support, either voluntarily or via court order, default on their commitment or become "deadbeat dads."

Men of course play a huge role in their child's life and all children deserve both of their parents to care for them. In some cases, the dad is the main parent and also the better parent. But in general there is no other love like a mothers love.

"Women are the better parents. Women have to be stern, but also be Disneyland. They understand the emotions of their kids better and are able to give successful advice with their maternal instinct," said Mrs. Michelle Eldodt.

A mother is not only a better parent as a human but also for animals. It is believed that the maternal instinct is hard wired to the brain and this is the reason for the feminine gender to typically be a better parent than a man. You are not a father just because you produced a child, you're only a father if you're present in your child's life helping to raise him/her.



Groundhog Day and time lapses

By RYLEE MATHIS

According to German tradition, if the sun comes out of Candlemas, the precursor to Groundhog Day, the hedgehog or badger will see its shadow and we will have six more weeks of winter. I don't know about you, but I'm not sure how the Germans persuaded us to let a woodchuck decide how the weather would be for the next month and a half after the 2nd of February.

If you've ever seen the movie "Groundhog Day" starring Bill Murray you'd know that the movie really doesn't have a lot to do with this holiday. You'd also have a strange suspicion that they used the same fake groundhog from "Caddy Shack."

In the movie, Murray's character Phil is a weatherman forced to report the events of Groundhog

Day in the town where it originated in Pennsylvania for the umpteenth time in his career. After the report he tries to go home but a blizzard keeps him in town over night. The next day he wakes up to see that it's February 2 again and the day is going exactly the same as it did before. After a while, Phil starts to take advantage of being stuck on repeat. He tricks people and plays maniacal games until he gets tired of it and tries to end it all. Through numerous attempts of suicide and killing the groundhog he still wakes up every morning to the time loop.

Finally, Rita, Phil's co-worker suggests he try to do some good with what's going on. Phil takes her advice and gets to know the townspeople and Rita better. With his knowledge of how the day

will go he also saves lives and helps many people. He gives a magnificent report on Groundhog Day, seduces Rita and the loop is broken.

All I can say is that I wouldn't have reacted to this like Phil did. I would've gone insane. Also, if the situation was fit to my life, I wouldn't know what I'd have to do to break the spell or whatever. I'm kind of slow sometimes when it comes to most things and since real life isn't a movie I don't think the way out would be to fall in love, so it would be a while before I figured it out.

Fun questions for the day: How would you react if your life was stuck on repeat? What do you think you'd have to accomplish to get out of the time loop and better yourself?



Don't kick out illegal immigrants

By MARCOS DURAN- SALCEDO

Many people say that we should deport illegal Latino immigrants, but in my opinion, they should stay. Immigrants are the soul of America. The colonists were immigrants themselves. The majority of the country are immigrants or descendants of immigrants. Many ask, “Why did they come here?” For a better life, or the “American Dream” if you will.

The majority of immigrants (70 percent to be exact), like me and my family, are legal, but there is still the 30 percent who are illegal. Both came in here for a better life and a job. Legals find what they are looking for, illegals, not as often.

Most of illegal immigrants also do our “undesirable” jobs, like gardening care, farming, working overtime where they can. A rich man once said, “Immigrants should go back to where they came from,” as illegal immigrants were cleaning his house and pruning his trees.

Many people say that many illegal immigrants take jobs from hardworking American citizens, but “hardworking” Americans don’t want to mow lawns or take care of a house. That’s probably why we see illegal immigrants doing those things, even though many are

| 2008 Foreign born population | | |
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| | Millions | Percent |
| Total foreign born | 39.9 | 100% |
| Legal Immigrants | 28.0 | 70% |
| Naturalized Citizens | 14.2 | 36% |
| Legal permanent resident aliens | 12.3 | 31% |
| Legal temporary migrants | 1.4 | 4% |
| Illegal immigrants | 11.9 | 30% |
| Source: Pew Hispanic Center | | |

deported each year.

A big amount of families are torn apart by deportation. Sometimes, the parents are illegal, but their children are legal, since they were born here. Heartbroken children stay while the people that brought them into this world go back to the country they so desperately wanted to leave. Since the Arizona anti-immigration law, 40,000 more people were sent back.

People who want illegal immigrants to go, like Governor Jan Brewer, say that they are lazy and that they came here “because they didn’t have anything better to do.” They judge an entire race based on what few immigrants are like.

On January 29, President Obama presented a well-received immigration reform plan at Del Sol, a majority latino high school in Las Vegas. “Now’s the time to move on immigration” said Obama. Illegal immigrants would have to pass a background check, pay a fine and back taxes, learn English and wait until every person who applied for permanent status through legally channels has had their application processed. If his immigration reform is passed, then the U.S. would have a stronger working force.

Most came here for a better life. Who are we citizens to deny them the life they worked so much for?



Do's and Don'ts: Valentine's Day

By WYATT LESTER

Do try to actually find a valentine.

• Don’t be single, unless you’re ready to mingle, or you could eat a Pringle.

• Do try to impress your Valentine with lots of positive attention and kindness.

• Don’t pull a John Hinckley, Jr. and try to impress your valentine.

• Do give chocolate to your valentine.

• Don’t give them chocolate if they are deathly allergic.

• Don’t give them generic gifts; be different and awesome for once in your life.

• Do take them on a date to a fancy restaurant. A super fancy pantsy restaurant.

• Don’t take them to McDonalds, that’s not romantic...unless you’re a McDou-ble connoisseur then that’s cool.

• Do give them a bouquet of flowers or some kind of smelly pretty thing that women like.

• Don’t try to serenade them with a song unless you are a talented musician.

• Don’t ask Jessie Shirrick to be your valentine. Just don’t.

• Do ask Justin Albright because he is single and ready to mingle.

• Do enjoy the pointless holiday.

• Don’t have heartbreak over the whole day.

• Do try to ask a celebrity to be your valentine. That’d be cool.

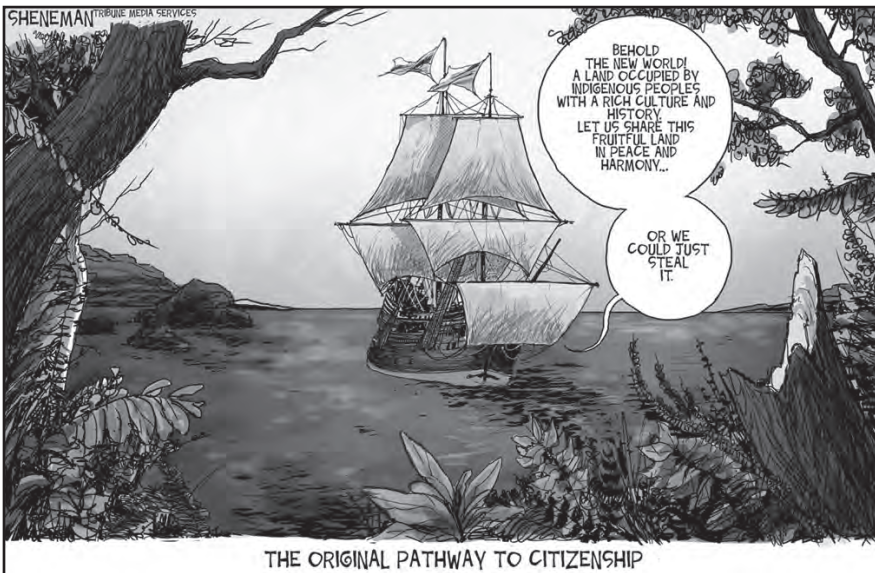
• Don’t ask Paris Hilton. That’s a road you don’t want to go down.

• Do find a singles convention with the little name tags and awkward conversations.

• Don’t go to Wal-Mart because that’s weird.

• Do send me chocolate and Sweet tarts.

• Don’t send licorice. That stuff sucks.



Why are athletes held to higher standards?

By JOSH SHAVER

It isn’t fair that a kid who isn’t on a team can go out to a party and no one will think anything of it, but as soon as an athlete goes to a party everyone makes a big deal of it and they get in trouble. I think everyone should be held to the same standard.

I know that playing sports and all is a privilege but athletes need time to be kids also and enjoy their high school life with their friends.

In a small community everyone knows everyone it feels like. A lot of people go to sporting events and watch the school athletes play. Athletes try to set examples for other little kids that have a future in playing sports.

“Since athletics are extracurricular and a privilege then they should be held to a higher standard because you agree to it and understand it as a part of participation.

In addition, you represent your school and community

when you put that uniform on,” said coach Ron Espinola.

I believe the reason athletes are held to higher standards is because everyone is watching what we do and how we conduct ourselves.

After interviewing a number of athletes I think everyone agreed with that we represent not only ourselves and our family but our school when we put the jersey on. It’s a privilege to be able to play sports and do what we do. Everyone who plays sports signs the NIAA contract and they should follow it.

There are so many different examples of this. Ray Lewis, 13 years ago, was charged with murder but now people praise the man. A really good example right now would be Lance Armstrong. He was hands down the best bicyclist when we was racing and won seven Tour De Frances in a row. Now the truth finally

came out that the whole time he was cheating by using performance enhancing drugs and blood doping before every race. If he wasn’t such a superstar not everyone would care as much and he would be let off.

Kobe Bryant a few years ago allegedly raped a 19 year-old girl and just because he’s such a superstar he got away with it. He paid his way out of it.

It’s not right that the wealthy and the rich and famous can pay their ways out of things. I’ve heard of many times when people that have a lot of money just paid their way out of trouble.

This can go both ways as you may see. Athletes are always being looked at to set examples. If you want to go have fun and you’re an athlete just make sure you do it in a smart way and not get in trouble so people can talk about you.

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KEEPING IT CLEAN

By JUSTIN ALBRIGHT

As all of us know by now, we recently had a new basketball floor installed and, as an athlete, I personally love this court because we were in desperate need. However, in order to keep this court nice and clean and make sure that it lasts, we need to make sure that a couple things happen.

To keep this court clean, there can't be street shoes allowed, which many other schools in Northern Nevada are doing. Street shoes cause the court to get very dirty and slowly wear it down. It should be a requirement for PE kids to wear specific shoes for class just to keep this court clean. If you were to go and look at the court, you can easily identify numerous scratches, scuff marks, and a ridiculous amount of dirt all from the filthiness of street shoes.

I understand that the Old Gym is used for many activities such as band concerts, assemblies, and choir performances, but I just think that this gym should be used for basketball only. If we can't make this a "basketball only" gym, then we can at least make the people who are going to be walking on the floor take off their street shoes and walk in socks.

Also, there shouldn't be any of those magic shows allowed on this court, mainly because all of the heavy equipment that these shows place on the floor causes a ridiculous amount of dead spots. The Events Center is a perfect spot for all of these magician shows and there's more room available in the Events Center than in the old gym.

Our new court is incredible, and with how expensive it is I just think that we should make certain rules for our court just so we can make it last.



VARSITY GIRLS WRAP UP WINTERFEST WITH WIN OVER BATTLE MOUNTAIN

By JOLYN GARCIA

Last Friday the Varsity girls basketball team faced off against Battle Mountain for the final game of Winterfest week. After losing to Elko earlier that week, the Lady Bucks wanted to redeem themselves on their home court.

"We were ready to win after a tough loss in Elko," said Alyssa Dendary.

After a difficult first half, the girls were confident that they would beat the Lady Longhorns.

"It's always difficult when our shots aren't dropping, but we played good defense which made up for it and I would give a lot of credit to our post for keeping Battle Mountain's score low. They seem to rely on lay-ups and we kept them out of the paint," stated Dendary, "Over-

all I think we played decent and we came out strong in the second half."

Senior Chandra Waner was unable to play in Friday's game but will be returning for their next games.

"The girls worked hard and played with their hearts all through the game," said Waner.

The Varsity girls have three more games before they head to Elko to play Elko in their first playoff game. The girls gained their spot in the playoffs by defeating league opponents, Sparks and Dayton, early in the season. The Varsity girls played Spring Creek on Tuesday and will face off against Ely and West Wendover this Friday and Saturday, both of which will be home games.



Top Left: Payton Navaran grabs a rebound. Top Right: Alyssa Dendary shoots over the outstretched Longhorn. Left: Carli Evatz drives past a Longhorn defender./ Jolyn Garcia • The Brand



Freshman girls continue dominance

By OMAR GUERRERO

Freshman girls took their season road trip to Elko, Lowry's big time rival. The Lady Bucks won their last game against them and knew this game was going to be another hard fought battle.

The Bucks and Elko were going head to head the whole game and nobody really got the jump on the other until the final quarter where the Bucks barely held out the Indians in the final seconds.

They beat the Indians a finger biting game 41-40.

Ana Gonzalez said, "All the girls played really hard this game and didn't quit until the final buzzer rang. I'm so proud of how our team competed and showed the Indians how we run things."

The rivalry continues and the Lowry girls leave the Indians with a bitter taste in their mouths after winning the last two games.

The season may have had it's high and low points, but the team has grown together to be like a family. These girls gave their all in every game, every time they stepped onto the court.

"Although this season is almost over, I've had a great time playing with all these great people and I'm glad to have every single person on my team. We may have not won every game but we gave it our all every time we set foot on the court. We worked really well together

as a team and hope to continue playing that way for the remainder of the season."

Mendoza said, "This season has been awesome. We hope to finish the season strong together."

Their season may be coming to an end but they still have one game on Tuesday against Spring Creek.



Coach Sagers addresses his team in practice./ Jolyn Garcia • The Brand

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Athlete of the Issue: Michael Billingsley

By JUSTIN ALBRIGHT & WESTON IRONS

When he's on the wrestling mat, or on the gridiron, Michael Billingsley is one of the fiercest competitors you'll ever meet. However, when he's away from all the pressures of the sporting world, Michael is a nice and respectable young man.

"Playing sports have made me work harder at everything I do in life, and like in sports striving to do my best in everything," said Billingsley.

Ever since a young boy, Michael has loved playing sports, with his favorites being wrestling and football, as he excels in both. While he has successes on the Gridiron, wrestling is by far his favorite.

"I love the competitiveness

of wrestling, and how it's just you against someone else with no team," said Billingsley.

While being one of the many senior leaders on the wrestling team this year, Michael has also been apart of and won three straight wrestling state championships.

"The most challenging thing about wrestling is staying motivated because practice

can get tough, so just having a positive attitude is hard because of the running, cutting weight, and all that," said Billingsley.

Michael has had the fortunes of having a very successful high school career, but there are just certain moments that stick out.

"My most memorable and biggest accomplishment since wrestling here at Lowry, was winning state in Las Vegas along with my brother Beau and cousin Jace," said Billingsley.

Ever since Michael was a little kid, wrestling and football have been his true passion, and you can tell

by how big of a competitor he is. Both sports require an intense amount of preparation, both

"Playing sports have made me work harder at everything I do in life, and like in sports striving to do my best in everything," ~Michael Billingsley

mentally and physically, wrestling more so than football, because in wrestling it's just you against your opponent, there aren't any teammates to fall back on for help.

"I like playing with a team like in football and being by myself like in wrestling. I love to wrestle because you get both the team and the individual aspect of it."

Being one of the best wrestlers on a very deep Lowry team, Michael is gaining a lot of attention from numerous Division 1 colleges. With all of the attention, Michael plans on going to the Air Force Academy and wrestling for their team.



Varsity Bucks finish season at home this week

By OMAR GUERRERO

This past Tuesday the varsity boys traveled to Elko for their final meeting of the season. As we all know Elko's our heated rival and they got the best of us the last matchup. To beat them on their home floor wouldn't be an easy task for any team.

The Indians didn't waste anytime in scoring the first basket, but Lowry wasn't faced staying with them ending the first quarter down by two. The Bucks would be down 10 going into the half, 25-15. The Bucks would come out the third quarter focused and only allowed six points and cut the lead to 31-25 Elko.

Lowry wasn't going to go away but they would have to claw their way back up. At the end it just wasn't enough. With the final score being 48-41 with Elko coming out on top.

Senior Jesse Studebaker thought the team played inconsistently.

"We played very well at some points in the game and also poor at times, but we kept the game close enough to be in it. We weren't

able to get the win but sometimes it doesn't always go your way," said Studebaker.

The Bucks next game was against the Battle Mountain Longhorns at home. Lowry had no problems at all beating them at all.

"Our team was really calm throughout the entire game. We just went out there with a goal and had fun accomplishing it. Overall, we shared the ball very well and played good," said Studebaker.

As this season comes to a close and the playoffs come around the Bucks look to bring back another state championship.

Point guard Calvin Connors has high hopes for the remainder of the season.

"This season has been a blast, playing with a group of guys that I've played ball with my whole life has been amazing. We look forward to finish strong by going to Las Vegas and hopefully bringing home a state championship," said Connors.

Their current record is at 16-5. The Bucks next games will be against Spring Creek away, and White Pine and West Wendover at home.



Top: Tanner Lecumbery lays the ball in. Top right: Josh Watterson shoots a three. Right: Chris Dendary scores against three Battle Mountain defenders./ Jolyn Garcia • The Brand



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Athlete of the Issue: Carli Evatz

By BRODY GROUCHER

Carli Evatz has been chosen as Athlete of the Issue for her outstanding leadership and commitment to be the best she can be and make her teammates better around her.

So far the varsity basketball team has not had the best season, but they have steadily improved and are making next year's hopes look bright.

Evatz has a lot of respect from her teammates as well as her coach and peers.

"Carli is the team captain and she is as good of leader as I have ever coached, to coach a player with Carli's character is every sports coach dream," said Coach Smith.

Often the girls have faltered because of the inability to make shots in the heated moments of games.

"I think our team strongest point is our drive to never give up no matter how much we are down and our ability to play great defense," said Evatz. "As a team I think our weakest point is not being able to finish around the basket and make our shots."

There is one big role model Carli tries to live up to and that is someone very close to her.

"My biggest role in life and sports is my dad because in high school he played sports and always gave 110 percent and I want to live up to those expectations," said Evatz.

Carli is not entirely sure about which college she wants to attend but she is sure about what she wants to accomplish in life.

"I don't plan on going to college for basketball but to be a vet and in 10 years

that is what I see myself doing," said Evatz.

In addition to basketball Evatz also plays softball and succeeds in that almost as much as in basketball, but she says that basketball is still her favorite sport.

Evatz has had two coaches that have taught her everything she knows about basketball.

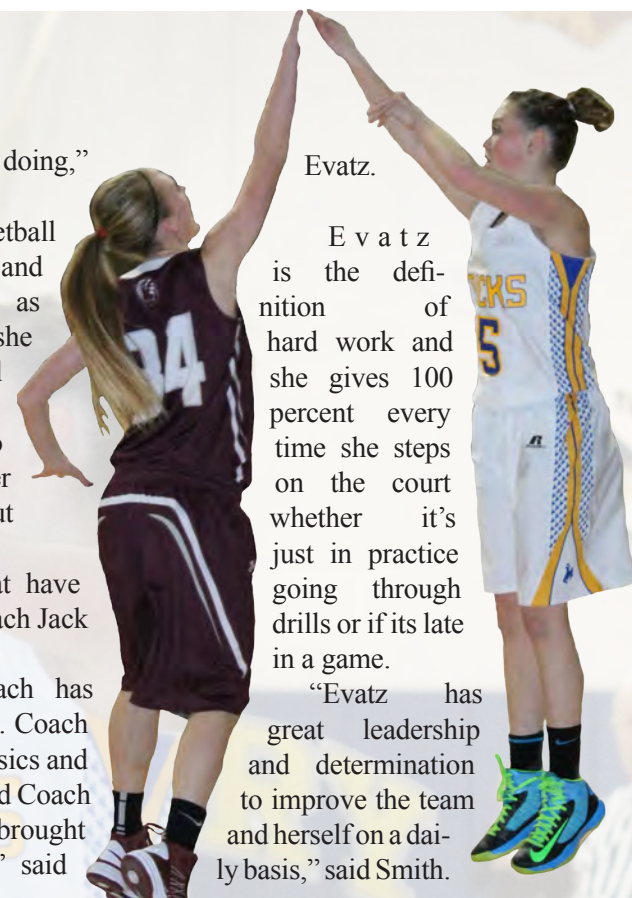
"The two coaches that have taught me the most are Coach Jack Smith and Coach

Chelsea Mendiola, each has added aspects to my game. Coach Mendiola taught me the basics and got me ready for Varsity and Coach Smith nurtured that and brought me to where I am now," said

Evatz.

Evatz is the definition of hard work and she gives 100 percent every time she steps on the court whether it's just in practice going through drills or if it's late in a game.

"Evatz has great leadership and determination to improve the team and herself on a daily basis," said Smith.




Wrestling wins zone at home; heads to state with rare opportunity

By MICKEY DONOVAN

As Lowry wrestling seeks its fifth straight state championship, the team is doing everything it can to accomplish that.

Lowry qualified for state on Friday. The wrestlers kept rolling as they won first place in the zone qualifiers. Almost all of the wrestlers advanced to state.

"We did very well. We all did our own job. Winning matches and doing our job helped us to win zone. I think we just have to keep doing what we have been doing this whole year. Have a sharp week of practice and stay focused," said Donovan Brumm.

Brumm went 3-1 in the tournament, pinning two out of the three people he beat. Brumm has a guaranteed spot in the state championship tournament.

Seventeen out of eighteen Buckaroo wrestlers qualified for state.

Which is excellent," said Nate Nelson "We need to prepare ourselves for state. The only way to do this is to keep up the hard work at practice every day and always keep our eyes on the prize," Nelson added.

Nelson went 4-2 in the 132 pound division. Nelson also wrestled his brother, Aaron Nelson, in the tournament, losing to him 9-0.

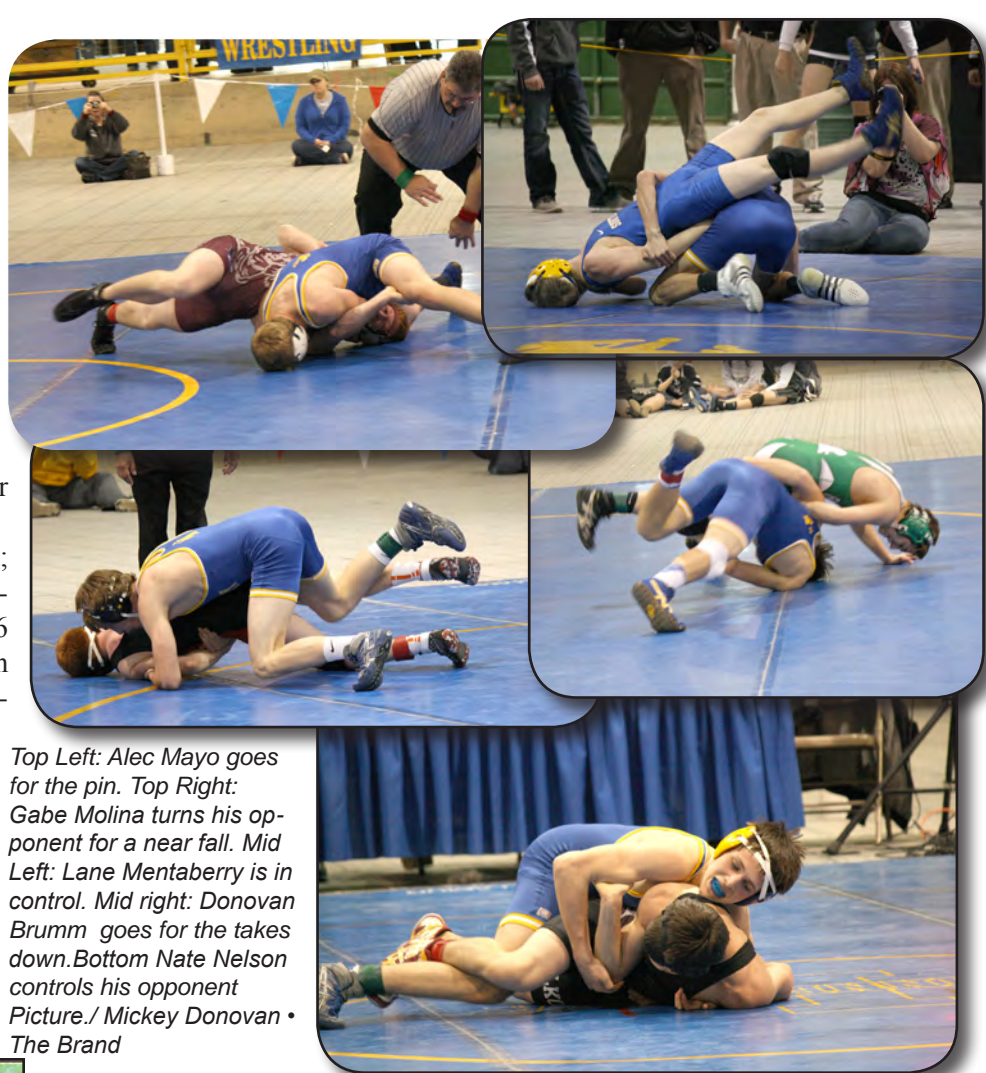
"It was the last thing I wanted to do," said Nate Nelson.

Zone was held in Winnemucca. Eight different schools attended the tournament and over 65 individual wrestlers competed.

Every school came to compete but, not as much as Lowry did. Looking for their fifth straight state championship, nothing will stand in their way.

Individual: 106 Kevin Blanco 2nd; 106 Trase Bell 5th; 113 Daniel Pollock 1st; 120 Eric Brooks 2nd; 126 Gabe Molina 3rd; 132 Aaron Nelson 2nd; 132 Nate Nelson 4th; 145 Brandon Okuma 1st; 152 Kirk Berensten 2nd; 160 Beau Billingsley 1st; 160 Donovan Brumm 3rd; 170 Micheal Billingsley 1st; 170 Alec Mayo 4th; 182 Jed Johnson 4th; 195 House Johnson 2nd; 220 Cody Andersen 1st; 285 Luis Cardenas 1st

Team: Lowry 294.5, Spring Creek 205, Fallon 195



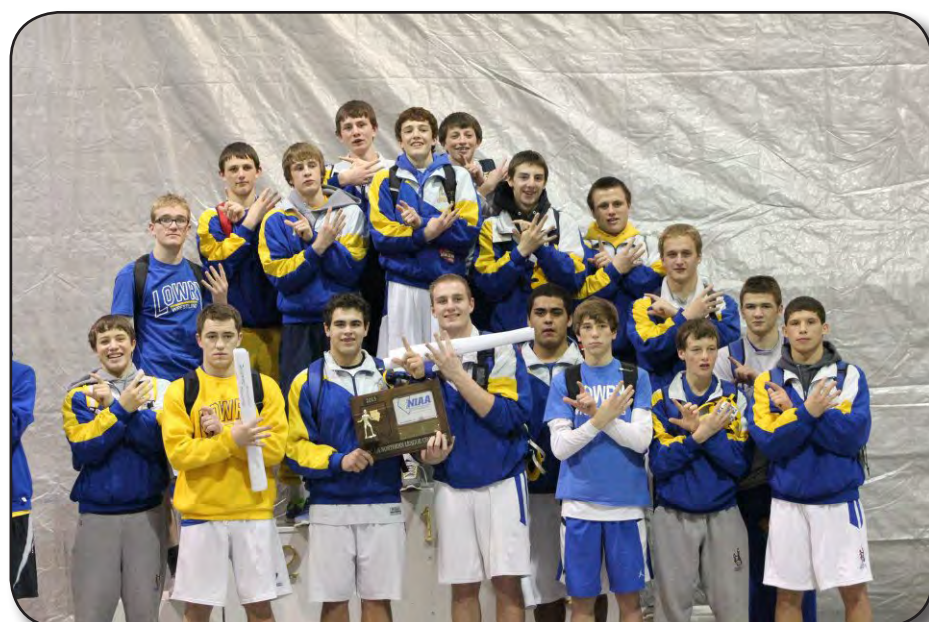
Top Left: Alec Mayo goes for the pin. Top Right: Gabe Molina turns his opponent for a near fall. Mid Left: Lane Mentaberry is in control. Mid right: Donovan Brumm goes for the takes down. Bottom Nate Nelson controls his opponent
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The 5-Time zone champions./Courtesy • Tim Grady

JV girls look to finish season strong

By BRODY GOUCHER

With only one game left after a great season the Varsity girls look to finish the season strong with a win over Battle Mountain after beating spring creek and West Wendover.

The girls last game against Elko was close, they lost by just four points by giving it up in the fourth quarter. The score was 32-28 as the girls struggled to close it out. They also beat West Wendover in a blowout.



Sierra Thiede shoots a free throw./ Josh Shaver • The Brand

"I think with a little more practice and by not getting lazy in the fourth quarter we could have beat them [Elko]," said Jillian Albright

The girls have had a very successful season so far and have been great both on offense knocking down their shots and finishing around the rim as well as on defense contesting shots and causing turnovers.

"Our defense is great and we play well as a team," said coach Chelsea Mendiola.

The girls have many strengths that seem to always give them a slight edge going into a game, being able to make shots is nice, but also doing all the little things right is what wins games.

"When our coach tells us something, or teaches us something new, we always find a way to put it in the game. We listen and play together as a team very well, and I think that's what has helped us a lot this season," said Maddie Mayo

The girls do not have any glaring weaknesses, the only thing is the occasional mistake or lapse in focus.

"Honestly, I can't think of any weaknesses Chelsea Herrera attempts to get past a Longhorn defender./ Josh Shaver • The Brand



Chelsea Herrera attempts to get past a Longhorn defender./ Josh Shaver • The Brand

Everybody on our team makes mistakes, but we always keep our heads up and work harder to make up for it," said Mayo

The girl's last game is against West Wendover and they are looking to just stay with the plays that have been working and not try to do anything new.

"We're most likely going to just stick with things. All of our plays and offenses are working out for us and we're starting to perfect everything. We are definitely working hard on finishing the season with wins," said Mayo

Overall the season has been a huge success and every player on the team has worked hard to make it great. Many of the girls will be ready to move up to varsity next year and carry on the momentum.



Jasmine Anicker shoots a layup./ Josh Shaver • The Brand

JV Boys knock off Elko and Battle Mt.; improve to 19-2

By Josh Shaver

The JV boys basketball team has had a very successful season so far. They only have two losses came to Galena and Douglas, both are Division 1 schools.

The team took on rival Elko on Tuesday last week and came out with a win.

"We played good. It was a tough game but we came up with a win. It always



Dawson Cassinelli shoots a shot in the lane./ Brody Goucher • The Brand



Christian Grey attempts to knock down a three-pointer./ Brody Goucher • The Brand

feels good to beat Elko," said Sterling Dennis.

The team was back in action Friday when they played Battle Mountain and won. That win improved their record to 19-2 on the season and 10-0 in league play.

"We have had a very successful season this year. The two losses were close games but since then we have been on a roll," said Christian Gray.

The Bucks already have the league championship locked up. This team won the league as freshmen as well.

"It's really nice to be able to play for Lowry. The tradition here is amazing and we always have amazing teams. It's really nice to be able to be league champions again. I



Jacob Von Aspern attempts a layup./ Brody Goucher • The Brand



Omar Guerrero shoots the ball over a Longhorn./ Brody Goucher • The Brand

like saying that we went undefeated in league and had a really good season over all," said Christian Gray.

The Bucks are back in action Tuesday when they go to Spring Creek hoping to continue their dominance this season. In the first match up the Buckaroos beat the Spartans.

Freshman boys face Spring Creek to stay perfect in league

By CARLY BELL

Lowry is 14-0 in the league. The team also has worked hard throughout the season and will continue to work hard. They want to finish the season off with a win against West Wendover one 8th.

"We are having a dandy season, we have a good team this year and we are finishing off the season strong," said Christian Riddle

Lowry's record is 21-1. The Bucks play on Tuesday against Spring Creek. They play at Lowry so come watch the

boys dominate.

"We have played great as a team this season. We had great coaches and athletes. Our season ended with a record of 21-1 with a loss to Reed High School in the championship game at the 4A tournament but learned from our mistakes and became a better team," said Dominic Diaz.

Brody Goucher is looking forward to the rematch with Spring Creek.

"My favorite game of the season was the second game against Spring Creek

because we go up early in the first quarter and everyone was able to play, and score points. Spring Creek came out lazy and

unprepared in the first quarter and they tried to come back but it was too late for them," said Goucher.



Dominic Diaz passes the ball./ Josh Shaver • The Brand



Brody Goucher puts up a shot./ Josh Shaver • The Brand

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Random Facts

By CARLY BELL

Do you ever think to yourself, “Man I wish I knew as much pointless stuff as Carly Bell?” Well now you can ladies and gentlemen.

“Cats sleep 16 to 18 hours per day.” I can understand why a cat would do this. If I could skip school everyday, and replace it with sleep, I would be one happy camper. Also reading this fact makes me extremely jealous of a cat. I get mad at my cats often, and now I know it’s okay to get angry because they never do anything all day.

“The most money ever paid for a cow in an auction was \$1.3 million.”

That cow must have been a Herford.... That’s all I have to say about that.

“The numbers ‘172’ can be found on the back of the U.S. \$5 dollar bill in the bushes at the base of the Lincoln Memorial.” I think that’s pretty nifty. In fact let me just pull out my money and look.

“The plastic things on the end of shoelaces are called aglets.” That’s pretty cool I guess. I mean if a robber was about to shoot you and he asked you that question, and you answered it right, your life would be spared.

“The Baby Ruthcandy bar was actually named after Grover Cleve-

land’s baby daughter, Ruth.” I bet you didn’t know that!

-Men can read smaller print than women; women can hear better

Nutmeg is extremely poisonous if injected intravenously.

In every episode of Seinfeld there is a Superman somewhere.

It’s impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.

Snails can sleep for 3 years without eating.

A giraffe’s tongue is blue.

-The fingerprints of Koala Bears are virtually indistinguishable from those of humans, so much so that they could be confused at a crime scene.



‘THE WALKING DEAD’ PREMIERES FEB 10

By TAYLOR LATRAY

The “Walking Dead”, an American drama series that began late October 2010 quickly became a large hit on AMC. In only its third season the rating of the series continue to grow as more and more people tune in each week. This season the show decided to try something new and have a mid-season finale. From which they would continue the season on Sunday February 10, this weekend.

The “Walking Dead” is about a group of strangers who join together and become family, fighting each day at a time for their lives. The group must not only battle ‘Walkers’ or zombies, but also other humans and emotions. Recently the creator of the show, Glen Mazzara, announced that he will no longer be producing the show and someone else will continue.

“My time as showrunner on ‘The Walking Dead’ has been an amazing experience, but after I finish Season 3, it’s time to move on,” Mazzara said in a statement to Huffington Post. “I have told the stories I wanted to tell and connected with our fans on a level that I

never imagined. It doesn’t get much better than that. Thank you to everyone who has been a part of this journey.”

“Walking Dead” is beyond intriguing due to the flare of adventure it possesses. It gives viewers the enticing feeling of being in a real apocalypse, and well, people love apocalypses.

The dead rising to feed on the living in an apocalyptic epidemic is surreal and that provides a successful outcome for the series. With multiple events occurring after an already large epidemic, the characters struggle through the separation of their families, the loss of their newly found friends, and as of recently they encountered a safe haven run by a deceitful ‘mayor’ in which one of their people will be killed. The territory is not very welcoming, and contains many secrets and lies. The season ended with jaw-dropping drama foreshadowing a battle between the few humans left, possibly ruining the only safe haven



Daryl Dixon (Norman Reedus) and Merle Dixon (Michael Rooker) in Episode 9. • Courtesy • amctv.com

they have ever come across. It is no longer a quest to recreate a new community and kill the walkers, but now a competition between different groups of survivors for supplies and life.

Many think that without Mazzara, the showrunner, the series will begin to go downhill and it will never be the same. However, only time can tell the future for the AMC series, as of now the Walking Dead remains a popular show.

Whether it will plummet to failure or continue to be a loved series in America can only be determined in time.



Movie Review: ‘The Hobbit’

By MARCOS SALCEDO-DURAN

The first of three prequels to the successful “The Lord of the Rings” trilogy came out on December 14.

In the movie, Bilbo Baggins (Martin Freeman), a hobbit, is signed up for an adventure by the famous wizard, Gandalf the Gray (Ian McKellen). The “adventure” consists of helping a company of dwarves, led by dwarf Prince Thoren Oakenshield (Richard Armitage) to reclaim their home, which has become the lair of the dragon, Smaug.

The company consists of dwarves Balin, Dwalin, Fili, Kili, Dori, Nori, Ori, Óin, Glóin, Bifur, Bomfur and Bombur (Graham McTavish, Ken Stott, Dean O’Gorman, Aidan Turner, Mark Hadlow, Jed Brophy,

Adam Brown, John Callen, Peter Hambleton, William Kircher, James Nesbitt, and Stephen Hunter respectively.). Some cameos from the Lord of the Rings include Gollum (Andy Serkis), the demented small creature obsessed with the ring, Saruman (Christopher Lee), the chief of the confederation of wizards, Galadriel (Cate Blanchett), the mistress of the elves, and Frodo Baggins (Elijah Wood), the protagonist of the Lord of the Rings

With a successful opening weekend, this new trilogy is sure to delight fans for years to come.



(L-r) Cate Blanchett as Galadriel and Ian McKellen as Gandalf./ Courtesy • facebook.com/TheHobbitMovie



Gollum, performed by Andy Serkis./Courtesy • facebook.com/TheHobbitMovie

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6. “Pitch Perfect”
7. “Taken 2”
8. “The Man with the Iron Fists”
9. “Ted” (Unrated)
10. “Looper”



One of the seven psychos (Colin Farrell)./ Courtesy • sevenpsychopaths.com

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Old School

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Marcos and ryan pick the Oscar winners

By Marcos Duran-Salcedo

Well, its that Oscar time of the year again, and with that, also comes Oscar Predictions. Along with me, freshman film expert Ryan Magoon also tossed in his opinions. Best Picture:

Nominees- Amour, Argo, Beasts of the Southern Wild, Django Unchained, Les Miserables, Life of Pi, Lincoln, Silver Linings Playbook, and Zero Dark Thirty.

My Pick- Les Miserables. It has a timeless message, and has a perfect setting for it: France after the French Revolution. The music is great, and its plot is excellent.

Ryan's Pick- Argo. It has a great cast, along with great filming.

Best Actor in a Leading Role:

Nominees- Bradley Cooper (Silver Linings Playbook), Daniel Day-Lewis (Lincoln), Hugh Jackman (Les Miserables), Joaquin Phoenix (The Master), and Denzel Washington (Flight).

My Pick- Hugh Jackman. He is the best Jean Valjean I have ever seen, and his work in Les Miserables

is excellent.

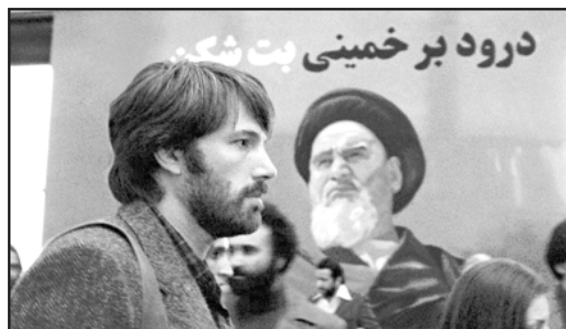
Ryan's Pick- Denzel Washington. His good work combined with the good placement make him my pick.

Best Actress in a Leading Role:

Nominees- Jessica Chastain (Zero Dark Thirty), Jennifer Lawrence (Silver Linings Playbook), Emmanuelle Riva (Amour), Quvenzhané Wallis (Beasts of the Southern Wild), and Naomi Watts (The Impossible)

My Pick- Jessica Chastain. Excellent, excellent work.

Ryan's Pick- Jessica Chastain. She did great work for such a little known actress.



Ben Affleck in "Argo"./ Courtesy • argothemovie.warnerbros.com

Best Actor in a Supporting Role

Nominees- Alan Arkin (Argo), Robert DeNiro (Silver Linings Playbook), Philip Seymour Hoffman (The Master), Tommy Lee Jones (Lincoln), and Christoph Waltz (Django Unchained).

My Pick- Tommy Lee Jones. He plays his role of a congressman excellently.

Ryan's Pick- Robert DeNiro. He's a classic actor for a new generation.

Best Actress in a Supporting Role

Nominees- Amy Adams (The Master), Sally Field (Lincoln), Anne Hathaway (Les Miserables), Helen Hunt (The Sessions), and Jacki Weaver (Silver Linings Playbook).

My Pick- Anne Hathaway. She plays the role of Fantine with emotion and expression.

Ryan's Pick- Anne Hathaway. She did amazing work.

Best Animated Film

Nominees- Brave, Fran-



A scene from "Life of Pi"./ Courtesy • flickr.com/photos/lifeofpimovie/

kenweenie, ParaNorman, The Pirates! Band of Misfits, and Wreck-It Ralph.

My Pick- Wreck-It Ralph. Best Pixar movie since Monsters Inc.

Ryan's Pick- Wreck-It Ralph. It's better than the other ones.

Best Original Song

Nominees- "Before My Time" (Chasing Ice), "Everybody Needs A Best Friend" (Ted), "Pi's Lullaby" (Life of Pi), "Skyfall" (Skyfall), and "Suddenly" (Les Miserables).

My Pick- Skyfall. Enough said.

Ryan's Pick- Skyfall. It has wonderful vocals that are fitting to film



Wyatt's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame: Foo Fighters

By Wyatt Lester

This issue's Hall of Fame pick is Foo Fighters, an American band from Seattle, Washington, that dates back to their debut in 1995. Lead by front man Dave Grohl on guitar and vocals, this band has held a large portion of credit in the shaping of today's rock and roll scene. Grohl had past experience having been the drummer for the famous grunge band, Nirvana.

The group has had success all around the world selling out tours across

America, Europe, South America, and Asia. Their popularity has spanned from the late 90s until this day releasing multiple studio albums each with their own jewels of songs. Grammy, VMA, and AMA awards are in excess in the bands trophy

room having dominated the top of the charts for so long and they are still rolling along putting out great music and phenomenal tours.

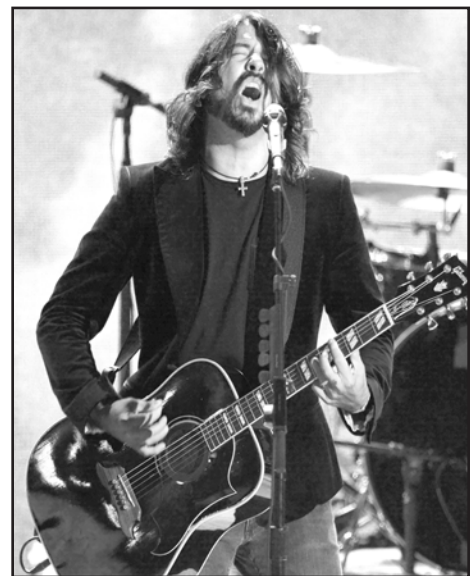
With a sound that carried over from Dave Grohl's Nirvana days, the band came together to create a post-grunge hard rock sound that fit in with the music of the time. It's a mix of Nirvana's heavy guitar loops and a similar sound to Sunny Day Real Estate. Their most popular tracks include "Everlong", "The Pretender", "Times like these", and "Learn to fly". Their mix of Chris Shiflett's intricate guitar skill and Pat Smear's heavily distorted power rhythm guitar keeps balance for the listener's ears. With Taylor Hawkins insane drumming and Nate Mendel's spot on bass playing the band is complete in all areas.

The group is solid all the way up to their front man Dave Grohl, the musical genius behind the band's success. This has only helped them with gathering such a large audience and keeping their tracks on the airwaves.

Recently they released their award winning seventh studio album, "Wasting Light" with songs on the album like "Rope", "Walk", and "Bridge Burning". It was a huge success and sold out shows all over the world.

The group has been involved in relief programs around the world including the 2011 Japanese tsunami relief, the Haitian relief festival, and cancer benefits around America. Their activism has kept them in other spotlights besides musical greatness and it goes to show that they use their

fame for the better.



The Foo Fighters front man Dave Grohl rocks the 2012 democratic convention in support of president Barrack Obama./ Courtesy • MCTcampus

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Jessie's Journal

By JESSIE SHIRRICK

This stuff is everything good and nothing bad.

You know who likes Abraham Lincoln? Jessie likes Abraham Lincoln.

My freakin' face ate everything.

It's a miracle that nobody besides me can hear the sounds in my mouth. I wish I could live in there, it's so warm and gummy.

I think I just hit puberty.

Cartoons make my heart happy. There's nothing I look forward too more than going home after a long day of saving lives and watching hours and hours of some animated entertainment.

I wish there was a dictionary for finding words that mean things, instead of the other way

around. Like you use it opposite-wise. Instead of looking up what words mean, you could look up words that mean things. And they could call it The Real Deal.

Do you ever feel violated for no reason at all?

I think my thoughts are slowing down.

Every book that's ever changed my life has been about Florida.

My absolute favorite finger is the one closest to my pinky on my left hand. It's the bee's knees.

I was never one to why I forget stuff. I just figured I was always thinking too fast that I couldn't keep up.

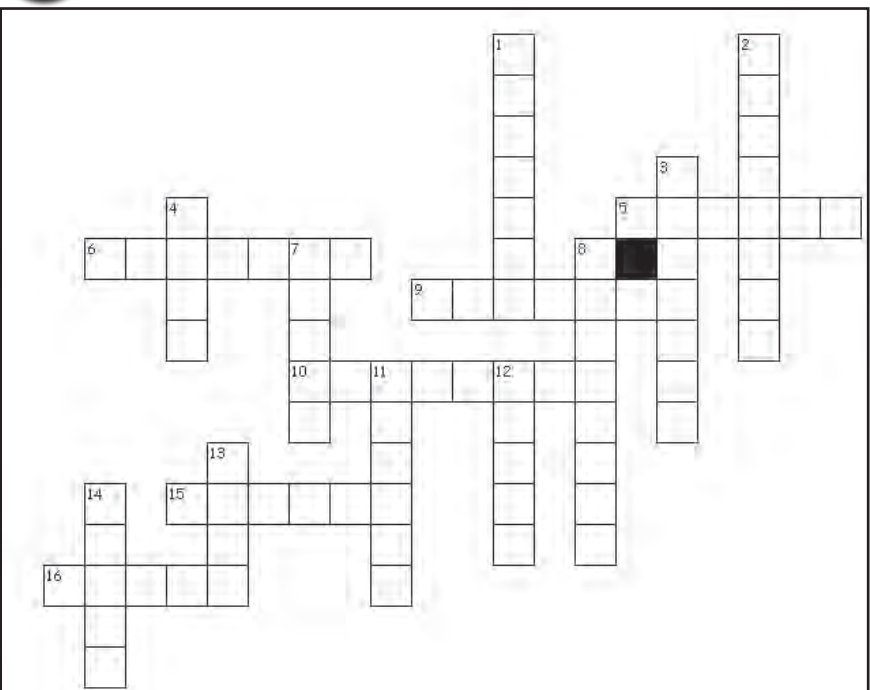
You put it in the oven. Then, you win.

Bunnies really are the cutest.



Lowry staff crossword

By BRODY GOUCHER



LAST NAMES ONLY

ACROSS

- 5. SERVED IN THE NAVY.
- 6. MOST MUSICAL TEACHER.
- 9. LOWRY'S NEWEST TEACHER.
- 10. HIS CARTOON IS IN "THE BRAND".
- 15. MANAGES THE BOWLING ALLEY.
- 16. BIGGEST DUCKS FAN.

DOWN

- 1. SHE'S RETIRING THIS YEAR.
- 2. LOUDEST TEACHER.
- 3. AN HONOR SOCIETY ADVISOR.
- 4. TEACHERS WITH THE SAME LAST NAME.
- 7. GOT TATTOOS? HE DOES.
- 8. YOU'LL DO PUSHUPS IF YOU'RE LATE.
- 11. ONLY FRENCH TEACHER.
- 12. WINNADA ADVISOR.
- 13. HE WON'T LET YOU YAWN IN CLASS.
- 14. = PAINT BALL + QUIZ BOWL.



Valentine's Day: It's only good for the Chocolate

By LETICIA GOMEZ

Is Valentine's Day necessary? Why do we need a special day to celebrate love for another? That's why we have anniversaries. Valentine's Day is just a special day to remind the lonely people that they will never find love; well the prob-

ability of finding love one day is slim. Not to sound too mean. I'm not necessarily against Valentine's Day but I kind of feel like it should be banned.

Why remind the people who are forever alone that they are still alone? Like some poor person has to be re-

minded every year, on this 'special' day, that they may never find love. At high school, young couples buy one another items as a way of expressing their love. It's like gloating about the fact that you have a lover. But suppose that this may be an everyday thing because the rules on PDA in high schools are NEVER obeyed. And I would consider the public display of affection another way of gloating. What about lonely high school teachers? These very lonely people have to be reminded every year on February 14 that they don't have someone to buy things for or love or kiss or embrace. Thus probably causing them to go into a deep state of depression but I must point out that there are medications for depression and I'm pretty sure they could go to counseling or something along those lines. The older teachers though at this point are a little late on finding love. But they have feelings too. Seeing these people sad because they have learned to face the reality of being alone for eternity makes my heart hurt, just a little bit though not too much. So I feel like the holiday should be banned.

The reason for having an anniver-

sary is to celebrate your love, your continuous love for somebody. You don't need two days every year or more. I mean some people out there feel that they need to celebrate an anniversary every week or every month or sometimes both! It's uncalled for in my opinion. It's absolutely absurd.

The holiday in my eyes is only good for receiving oodles and oodles of chocolate. That's the only good thing about Valentine's Day. I could be the only person who feels this way, but I really don't care much (not to sound negative). But I enjoy chocolate, A LOT of chocolate. It truly is an amazing thing.





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Buckaroo Round-Up: Couples

By JOLYN GARCIA

Dusty Hamilton & Nani Ramirez

When is your anniversary?
D: "The 21st, the day the world was supposed to end. Had I realized my mistake in my choosing of the day, I would have asked her out a day later just so everyone would have known the world wasn't going to end. Although it was not a mistake that I asked her out."
N: "April 21, 2012, weird how it fell into place!"
How did you meet?

D: "During French class my sophomore year, her freshman year. I sat in front of her and I started talking to her one day because I wanted to get to know her."

N: "We met in French class my freshman year. When the class was moved around, I ended up sitting right in front of him. Later that night he messaged me on Facebook!"

What was your first impression of one another?

D: "She was kind of dorky in a cute way and extremely nice."

N: "I thought he was an odd one, yet hilarious. Everything he said and did made me laugh!"

What was it that attracted you to one another?

D: "Probably her buffness, I mean I'm just a simple man who needs a woman that can bench press me, is that too much to ask? But honestly probably

her smile and she doesn't smell too bad either."

N: "The way Dusty always has something hilarious to say about EVERYTHING. His intelligence, I love it!"

Who is the boss in the relationship?

D: "She is no question..."

N: "It's a never-ending battle, but in the end it's me."

What do you like most about each other?

D: "She's always so cheery and positive, even when she's angry. She'll be like 'Oh I'm going to kill someone because they push or such in the hallway but she says it with a smile.'"

N: "I like the fact that he's orderly, kind, thoughtful, and is really smart. Just everything!"

Describe each other in one word.

D: "Forgiving."

N: "Paradisiacal."

Least favorite thing about each other?

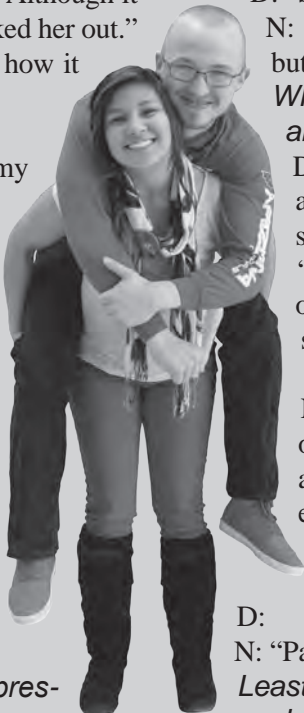
D: "She's as stubborn as a mule."

N: "I dislike his stubbornness, when he's doing something he won't let anything interfere. And if I can fix something, it's thoroughly questioned."

Song that reminds you of each other?

D: "'I'm Glad you Came' by The Wanted."

N: "'I'm Glad you Came' by The Wanted."



Chris Mendoza & McKenzie Maddox

When is your anniversary?
Chris: "I honestly have no idea. December something I think the 22nd, because it's got to be the 22nd."

McKenzie: "January 17, 2013."

How did you meet?

Chris: "I would have to say in school, because you meet a lot of new people here."

McKenzie: "Good 'ole elementary school."

What was your first impression of each other?

Chris: "I thought she was a pretty cool girl and she is cute."

McKenzie: "Super funny and cute."

What was it that attracted you to one another?

Chris: "Her sense of humor and the fact that she is fun to talk to."

McKenzie: "His personality and he isn't afraid to be himself. And of course his charming good looks."

Who is the boss in the relationship?

Chris: "I am. Because I have to

get permission from my parents first before I can do anything, so yeah."

McKenzie: "Hmmm..."

What do you like most about each other?

Chris: "The ease of being able to keep a conversation going no matter how random it gets."

McKenzie: "I like that he always is making me smile and laugh. He is also super sweet and caring. Never a dull moment."

Describe each other in one word.

Chris: "Outgoing."

McKenzie: "Amazing."

Least favorite thing about each other?

Chris: "She has more money than I do."

McKenzie: "His truck is always super cold."

Song that reminds you of each other?

Chris: "'South Side' by Lloyd."

McKenzie: "'Start of Something Good.'"



Ask Rylee

By Rylee Mathis

Christina P. asks, "Rylee, what should I do about a classmate I don't like?"

Well Christina, the best way to handle an annoying or rude classmate is to ignore them. If this doesn't work, just come up with witty comebacks to outsmart the person so they won't find you fun to tease.

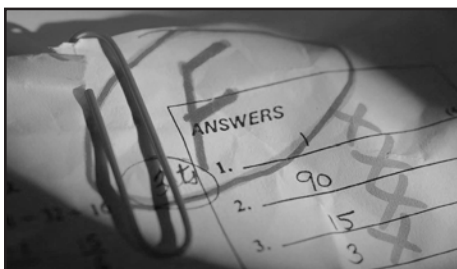
James A. asks, "Rylee, my girlfriend is cheating on me but I still want to be with her, what do I do?"

James, you should probably leave that home wrecker. She's not good enough for you and that's that.



Andrew B. asks, "Rylee, how do you deal with your parents when you fail a test?"

I just tell them that everyone else failed the test too. That usually works. But if they don't buy that, just tell them your teacher hates you. They'll under-



stand.

Ransom M. asks, "Rylee, how do I avoid being forever alone?"

Well Ransom, I've noticed lately that girls don't like the sweet talker who buys flowers and chocolates. They say they do, but they really don't. They like bad boys. Be a bad boy. Or look like one of the singers from One Direction. The ladies love them some One Direction boys.

Abby L. asks, "Rylee, what can I do to change my boring wardrobe?"

It's not that hard to find a new look. Simple accessories like earrings and bracelets can give you a new style. If you have the money, you can just buy new clothes. It's easy to find cheap, nice looking clothes in any style. Don't go all Gaga and wear lunch meat to school, but try something unexpected and different. Something people are going to notice, like bright colors and crazy hairdos.

Lowry Then and Now

By Jolyn Garcia



The Sage Theater (circa 1982) was Winnemucca's only movie theater located on Bridge Street. Temporarily closed due to a fire, when the Sage was permanently closed Park Cinemas was built./Courtesy • Winnada



Today Winnemucca's only movie theater is Park Cinemas, located on Winnemucca Boulevard. Park Cinemas is much larger than the previous theater and many of the workers are high school students./Wyatt Lester • The Brand

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LOWRY VOICES

BY JESSIE SCHIRRICK

Do you prefer to be single or taken on Valentine's Day?

"I think being in a relationship because I like to get presents."
~Abby Flores

"Single because I hate to spend a lot of money on a girl when the relationship probably won't last anyway."
~Steven Cholico

"In a relationship because my boyfriend's really awesome."
~Taylor Jimenez

"Single because I'm broke."
~Brandon Locke

Valentines Song Dedications

BY THE BRAND STAFF

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, the Brand staff collected song dedications from students to send to their loved ones.



Chris Mendoza./
Courtesy • Winnada

From Christopher Mendoza and Dusty Bryan, To Josh Shaver: "Love Sosa".

From Makayla Lopez, to Skylar Yost: "I Love You Like a Love Song".

From Darion Hurriaga, to Payton Naveran: "Live Like You Were Dying".

From Nani Ramirez, to Dusty Hamilton: "Never Stop Loving You".

From Michael Miller, to Devan LaTray: "Cookie Jar".

From Claudia Duarte, to Abby Whitaker: "Billy Jean".

From Dusty Hamilton, to Nani Ramirez: "Glad you Came".

From Miguel Zepeda, to Jolyn Garcia: "All the Small Things".

From Jolyn Garcia, to Miguel Zepeda: "Let Me Love You".

From Giovanni Madrid, to Sara Reeder: "Remember You".



Nani Ramirez./Cour-
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The good, the bad, the funny; Mr. Lowry

BY RYLEE MATHIS

On Thursday night during Winterfest week, 4 brave boys of Lowry and two silly girls participated in the Mr. Lowry competition. The contestants were asked to tell jokes or make the crowd laugh and then dance to various songs.

The boys showed off their ability to dance awkwardly to slow songs as well as really fast songs.

Wyatt Lester won and Alec Mayo was runner up. The other participants, Michael Drake, Kyle Kemp, and Taylor LaTray with Savannah Montero provided very enthusiastic and comedic performances, but everyone who attended can agree that it was Lester's exotic chair dance that won the crowd over.

"It's a nice accolade to put on my wall of medals. I'll consider doing Mr. Lowry again for the fans," said the conceited Wyatt Lester.

LaTray and Montero rapped Bust a Move by Young MC (kind of). They almost ripped their joined pair of pants falling over while they were trying to dance, but it was funny.



Taylor LaTray and Savannah Montero./
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From Tanner Lecumberry, to Erik Francis: "Candy Shop".

From Carissa Lininger, to Jacob VonAspern: "Demons".

From Rachel Sigurdson, to Ere Higbee: "Star Spangled Banner".

From Dusty Bryan, to Joseba Criswell: "Stubborn Love".

From Ashley Principe, to Eric Brooks: "Bay to L.A.".

From Ryan Magoon, to Kelsey Barnes: "Take My Breath Away".

From Devin Morris, to Haley Weber: "I Remember You".

From Ashlee Barron, to Christian Riddle: "Home".

From Tyler Benson, to Marissa Mendoza: "Total Eclipse of the Heart".

From Taylor LaTray, to Savannah Montero: "All Gold Everything".

From Bridget Cervantes, to Jennifer Garcia: "F.U.N.".

From Jasmyne Herrera, to Chris



Christian Riddle./
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Jesse Studebaker./
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Rachael Foster./
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Jasmyne Herrera./
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Eric Brooks./Cour-
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Miller: "Barefoot Blue Jean Night".

From Chaslynn McAllister, to Missy Brook: "I'll Be There".

From Rachael Foster, to Jessie Schirrick: "Strawberry Avalanche".

From Chloe Yates, to Hailey Hayes: "Isn't it Ironic".

From Taylor Jimenez, to Rachael Foster: "Introducing Me".

From Taylor Jimenez, to Jessie Schirrick: "Magic Dance".

From Kiana Flores, to Jesse Studebaker: "Just Another Picture to Burn".

From Carlos Gudino, to Carly Bell: "You Are So Beautiful".

From Fellow Senior, to Class of 2013: "Photograph".

From Alec Mayo, to Eric Brooks: "Say G and E".

From Rylee Mathis to Austin Ingle: "Forever and Always".

Lowry Look Alikes

By Jolyn Garcia



Dusty Hamilton./
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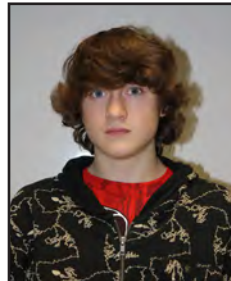
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Kyle Kemp performs./Courtesy • Winnada



The always fabulous Michael Drake showing his "fight" pose./Courtesy • Winnada



Winner Wyatt Lester chair dancing his way to the top./Courtesy • Winnada