

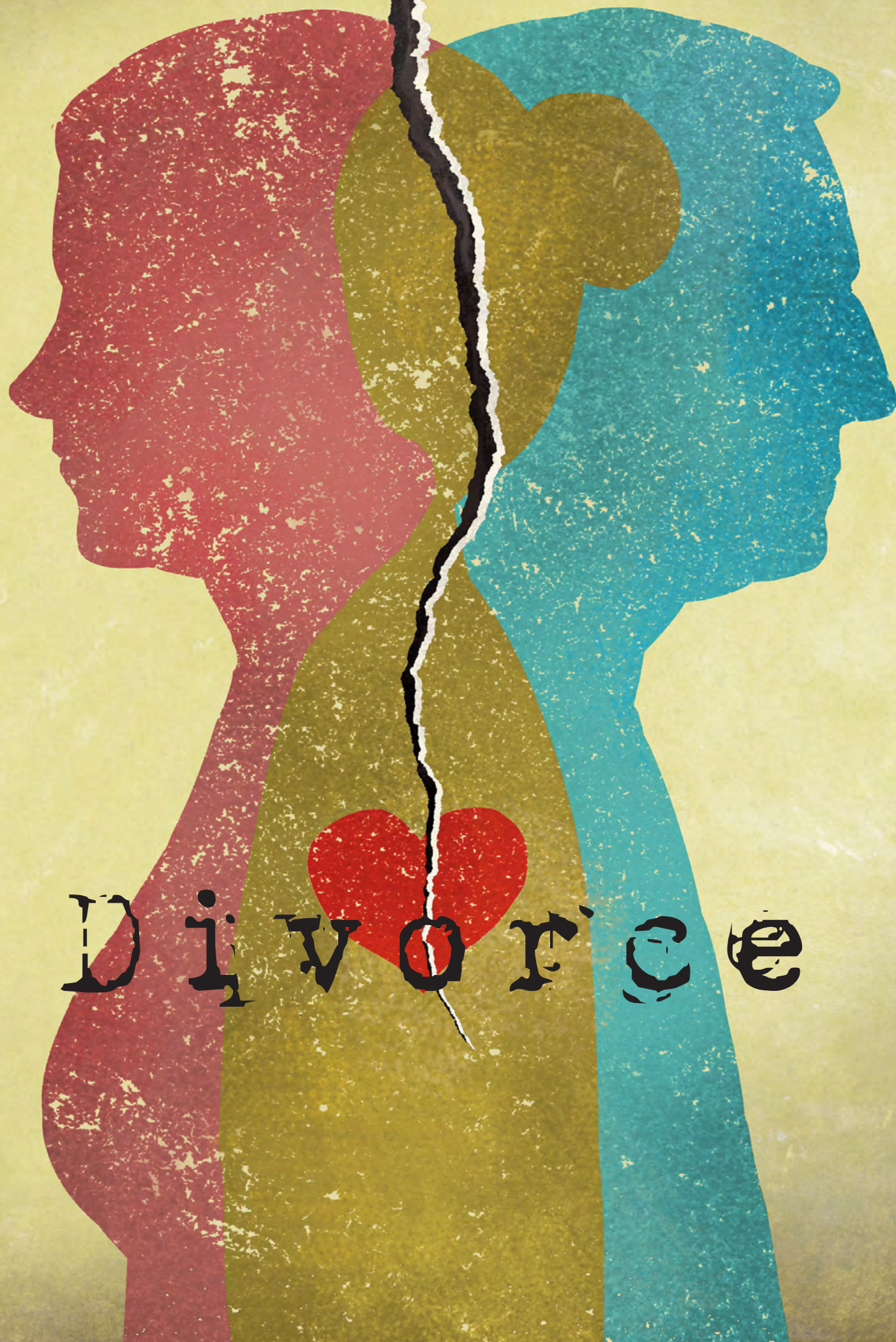
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Until ~~death~~^{divorce} do us part

By KAITY SAMPLE AND AIMEE BRANDON

To this generation divorce is a tragic, yet normal, occurrence. So when did it become “a thing?” Back in the 1500’s King Henry VIII of England had different means of divorcing a woman; some he had beheaded and some of the marriages he had annulled (declared invalid) and then later had his ex-wife executed. At that time divorce was obviously not “a thing.” Most sources attribute the 1960’s and 1970’s to the decades of divorce because that is when most countries started to accept divorce.

Nevada has the highest divorce rate in the United States, and Massachusetts has the lowest rate. Everyone has heard the statistic that 50% of all marriages end in divorce. This may not be accurate, but the rate is nevertheless high and divorce impacts many in the United States. Nearly 10% of the United States population is divorced.

Statistically there is some good news; the divorce rate is going down (See chart on page 18). However, this is likely because the marriage rate is also falling.

As divorce is a significant issue in the US, society should consider the most common reasons for divorce, the effects of divorce on children, and the effect on the spouses.

Now that those facts are out of the way, why do people say “till death do you part” then get divorced, before death has a chance to part them? The book, “Should I keep Trying to Work it Out” may produce some insight to how the forces work against marriages. It says the most common factors to divorce are, “marrying at a very early age, less education and income, living together before marriage, a premarital pregnancy, no religious affiliation, coming from a divorced family, and feelings of insecurity.”

When people are asked why they divorce the most common reasons are “lack of commitment, too much arguing, infidelity, marrying too young, unrealistic expectations, lack of equality in the relationship, lack of preparation for marriage, and abuse.” These are all strong points that could validate divorce, but take a moment to consider a little more concrete reasons such as domestic violence, infidelity or cheating, and addictions to alcohol, drugs or pornography all of which could possibly be results of one another. People have a right to their opinion about what excuses or validates a particular divorce and who it affects.

Not all people who divorce have children but 50 percent of American children will witness the divorce of

their parents before they are 18, and almost half of those kids will witness their parents divorce yet, another time. These children are impacted just as much or possibly more by divorce than the parents, and that is always sitting on their shoulders.

“Seeing people with their biological parents still with each other, I never really knew what that was like,” said a female junior whose parents divorced when she was young.

Children who come from divorced families are more likely to partake in drug use, alcohol use and are more sexually active than those families that are still intact. Divorce is also linked to a lower level of performance in academics. According to ABC News in a study of 3,500 children, those whose parents divorced had lower math scores and had poorer interpersonal skills than those whose parents stayed married. Divorce also has a long term impact on children and can also affect their own marriages when they’re older. Almost 35 percent of children who face divorce during their early years will experience their own divorce.

Many children with divorced parents experience anxiety, anger, shock, and disbelief. Following divorce, teenagers are more likely to need psychological help, than those with married parents. Some people are eventually able to come to terms with and get used to their parents divorce like student Dusty Robinson but not everyone can.

“I got used to my parents being separated. I wouldn’t know what to do if they were together still,” said Dusty Robertson.

Divorce affects all children, no matter what their age is. It affects everyone in many different ways, but being a teenager and growing up with divorced parents impacts them more than younger children whose parents are going through a divorce. Toddlers and middle school kids most likely do not have the mental understanding of how divorce affects their parents and themselves, but as they get older, it affects them more and divorce becomes harder to handle.

Going through a divorce is hard enough. Having to deal with your parents no longer talking, families being torn apart, moving from house to house every other weekend or only seeing one parent on a monthly basis and feeling like parents are competing is rough on kids.

“Switching back from house to house is difficult because it is almost like a different atmosphere between both houses. Sometimes it feels like a competition,” said a 15-year-old Lowry student.

Younger children have a hard time going through divorce too, but growing up constantly being around both of your parents and then having to get used to change is a difficult process.

A case of the parents not being divorced may show what so many children with divorced parents are lacking. Student Veronica Jones’ family is very intact, she has an older brother Marquess and her parents, Chuck and Marilyn, who went to high school together at Lowry and are now married. Veronica sees the daily influence of her parents still being married in her life and even the influence of her grandparents still being married.

“My parents never divorced and I think that was a good influence on me never wanting to get divorced. The fact that my parents are still together and know each other so well allows



Veronica Jones./ Courtesy • Winnada

us really to be a family,” said Veronica.

Looking back to her childhood she sees her relationship with her parents as a couple as a strength in her life.

“Being able to talk to both of my parents about things really helped me and I always really liked holidays and being able to be together as a family,” said Veronica.

Take a moment to think about your family holidays, do you have mom, dad, grandma, and grandpa in the living room on Christmas Eve? Or may you be missing a couple people due to divorce? While divorce may be a negative thing for most people, it does have some positive effects. For example, after being divorced many people eventually remarry and while this second marriage has a greater chance of ending in divorce than the first, it could have good results. Through a second marriage children have a chance to have another adult figure in their life, although whether

SEE DIVORCE PAGE 18



Keys to a successful marriage

By JESSIE SCHIRRICK

Three couples who have been married for varying lengths of time were asked how they have maintained their marriages.

Kelly Jensen, a wife of three years, does not sugar coat the struggles of an eternal partnership.

“Being a wife is the hardest thing I’ve ever done and every day I have to try in order to make it work. If I didn’t marry my best friend there is no way I could make it. Everyone thinks you are just ‘married’ and it’s not any different than being in a committed dating relationship but it’s completely different,” said Kelly Jensen.

She did offer some sound advice.

“The only way to make it work is to always try, the moment it becomes just another title is the moment it will start to fail,” said Kelly Jensen.

Kelly Jensen’s husband, Channing Jensen, agreed wholeheartedly that marriage requires a lot of effort and proceeded to share his opinion about the marriage mentality of up-and-coming marriage aspirants.

“It’s a tough venture that requires a lot of maintenance. Kelly and I are always working to strengthen our bond. I find it odd that the new generation is in such a hurry to get married because it’s not all sunshine and rainbows; it’s a lot of hard work and compromise,” said Channing Jensen.

The Hanninens, a married couple of 12 years, claim to owe much of their marital success to sharing the same opinions and working as a single unit.

“We have a good relationship because we have the same views on life and raising children,” said Trent Hanninen.

His wife, Adrienne Hanninen, followed up with, “We are devoted to each other and our family. We stay honest with each other and make our relationship a priority. We conquer life as a team and keep God at the center of our marriage.”

Maria Mendoza, a wife of 21 years, had quite a bit to say about the matter.

“There have been a lot of tears, love, regrets, happiness, doubts, insecurities, and joy. Anyone who tells you they don’t fight in their marriage is not being truthful. When a married couple quits fighting, one of the two people have quit caring and that is why they no longer fight,” said Mendoza.

Mendoza did reveal the methods of a lasting marriage used by her and her husband.

“Marriage requires that you put someone else’s needs before your own, hoping that the other person will do the same. The couple must make a bond that cannot be broken or interrupted by family, friends, or opinions of others. A marriage cannot succeed if trust or communication is lacking,” said Mendoza.

Mendoza concluded on a very positive note, “I love to call marriage a never-ending roller coaster ride; There will always be highs, lows and smooth rides in between, but in the end it will always be worth the ride.”



LOWRY HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES WINTERFEST WEEK

By JESSIE SCHIRRICK

Lowry kicked off Winterfest week with an exciting assembly on Monday. The assembly featured the announcement of the Winterfest royalty candidates, a performance by the cheerleaders, and Frank Bidart received the title of Honorary Buckaroo. Meg Montero also produced a short film to acquaint all Lowry students and staff with The Hunger Games franchise and out-



The Winterfest dance./ Dani Ricker • The Brand

line the week's agenda. The video included an enthralling battle scene with a lot of violence and carnage.

Throughout the week students were challenged to find as many Mockingjay pins as possible throughout the school and on Monday, Leadership hosted a lunch-time activity. The students played Trivia and answered five different



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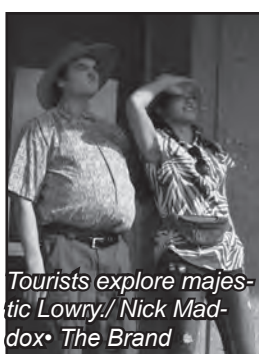


Date Auction escorts looking mighty fine./ Dani Ricker • The Brand

questions about the Hunger Games series. Freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors competed with each other. In order to win, the competitors had to answer the most questions correctly. The sophomores were victorious.

Tuesday's lunchtime activity included another round of Trivia. The sophomores and the seniors tied for first place; with the freshman and the juniors taking last place.

On Tuesday night of Winterfest, Leadership hosted an atypical basketball game in which the varsity dance team faced off against the varsity cheerleading squad. The cheerleaders won owing much of their success to former Winnemucca Junior High basketball star, Jayci Hill. Marissa Mendoza and Makayla Lopez racked up some points as well. Although the dance team lost, they hustled hard. Megan Villarreal was their most valuable player, and with the help of Bryan Ramos they gave the cheerleaders a run for their money. At half-time the varsity girls basketball team performed as the cheerleaders and impressed the crowd with some death-defying thigh stands. Although, the game had some tough calls by the refs,



Tourists explore majestic Lowry./ Nick Maddox • The Brand

the crowd was nothing but pleased with the outcome.

On Wednesday eligible young men and women were auctioned off at Date Night, sponsored by The National Honor Society. The auditorium was filled to capacity with excitement as students battled back and forth in bidding wars. All proceeds will benefit a charity that has yet to be chosen. Shout out to Blake Hillyer for donating a hundred big ones. Maddie Mayo, you're one lucky girl. Also, Amanda Brandon who also threw down big bucks for one Mr. Chanse McAllister. After the auction students participated in some cosmic bowling down at Spare Time.

On Thursday, Key Club hosted a Paint the Teacher event in the cafeteria. Kids came and hurled paint at teachers from Lowry and other schools. The students found this to be very therapeutic

and as far as connecting this to the Winterfest theme of "The Hunger Games", this event could be tied to the eccentric practices of The Capital.

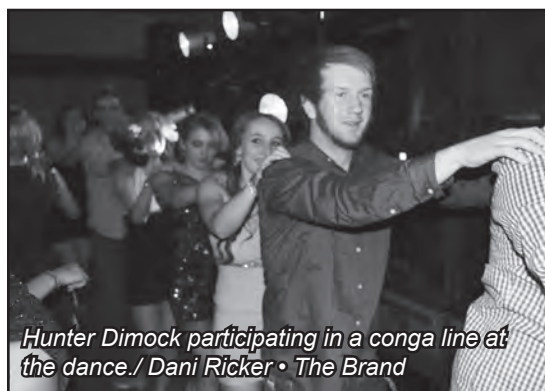
The Thursday lunch time activity was once again a battle of brains in Hunger Games trivia. The freshman had Alex Contreras to support them, and the seniors had



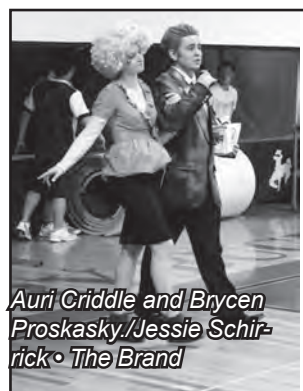
Winterfest Queen Jordyn Ward and King Jacob Welty./ Aimee Brandon • The Brand



The varsity girls basketball team performing a routine at the game on Tuesday./ Kaitly Sample • The Brand



Hunter Dimock participating in a conga line at the dance./ Dani Ricker • The Brand



Auri Griddle and Brycen Proskasky./ Jessie Schirrick • The Brand



Special Olympics track season begins in spring

By KATIE SAMPLE

The Special Olympics track season starts in April. Mrs. Shelley Wells has been involved in the program for seven years as an assistant coach. She and the athletes she coaches work hard for three long months.

"We practice twice a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays

The best part of coaching is watching the competitiveness of athletes, but also the great sportsmanship that goes on," said Wells.

This season will be a little different as the program will be seeing some new members.

"In the past we have had athletes from 1st to 12th grade, this year we will be having adult athletes joining us from Humboldt Human Development Services," said Wells.

Athletes over the age of eight and who participate in the regional competition will be going to the state competition in Reno, which will be held June 5-6 at University of Nevada, Reno. There are some very successful athletes in this program.

"The medals are my favorite part of track. I have a lot and hang them on my bedroom wall," said participant Sam Newman.



The Special Olympics team./ Courtesy • Pam Barber

Track is a big commitment but the athletes seem to enjoy every second of it.

"Running and competing against other teams is my favorite," said participant Eric Barber.

Of course it's not all work and

no play. Wells' favorite part of spring track is being outside after a long, cold winter, enjoying the warm sun and fresh air. Wells

also enjoys seeing friendships being made.

"It is really heartwarming to see all the kindness that the athletes show towards each other," said Wells.

I like to do track in the spring because it is very fun. We do running, walking, jumping, and throwing. We practice at the Lowry High School track. Sometimes if the weather is bad we practice inside, even though we would rather not.

"I would rather run outside for track," said Jo Maloon.

Practice dates are Tuesday and Thursdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m. beginning April 7.

The Northern Nevada Track and Field Regional Competition is May 16 and the Summer Games will be held June 5-6, 2015.



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Teichert comes out of the Prius

By BRODY GOUCHER

The day has finally come that everyone at Lowry has been expecting for many years, through all the speculation, social media drama, and bullying, Jed Teichert is finally coming out of the Prius.

“Through my entire life I have always felt pressured to not reveal who I truly am, but the fact is I’ve been lying to myself, to my family, and to my friends about the fact that I drive a Prius. I am proud to be a Prius owner,” revealed Teichert.

Teichert is a stand up “guy” (we think), Teichert could face public

humiliation, resentment, and he will have to deal with it for the rest of his life. Teichert can’t change the way he was made, and he was made to drive a Prius.

“We fully support Jed in his decision to come out, we’ve suspected for many years that Jed would come out and we just want him to make the transition from constantly having to hide the fact that he is a Prius owner to proudly driving downtown with the windows down, stereos loudly playing “Shake it Off” by Taylor Swift, and loudly proclaiming that he loves his Prius and doesn’t care

who knows about it,” said Teichert’s family.

Teichert is the first wave of many people who will be coming out of the Prius, this is the 21st century folks and many people need to wake up and realize that we need to encourage Prius owners to be proud and not to be scared of people who will drive huge gas-hogging diesel trucks while others are steadfast in their beliefs that Prius Owners need to be hunted down and done away with.



Jed Teichert gets out of his Prius./Brody Goucher • The Brand

As Teichert would say, “shake it off”, and “haters gonna hate,” and be proud to drive a Prius.



Local wife isn’t horribly disappointed with husband on Valentine’s Day

By JESSIE SCHIRRICK

In a story that is taking the community by storm, local husband, Greg Scott, actually met all of his wife’s, Lisa Scott’s, expectations on Valentine’s Day, leaving her with nothing to gripe about.

“I don’t know what it was, but this year felt very special. He did such a good job preparing our date that



Lisa Scott./ Courtesy •Winnada

we missed out on our annual fight in the car on the way home,” said Lisa Scott.

Of course this occurrence gained widespread attention because male spouses have been trying for years to celebrate a Valentine’s Day with their female counterparts during which they didn’t engage in arguing that ultimately led to an even bigger maelstrom of arguments over other shortcomings in the marriage that the couple had chosen to ignore until then.

“I guess I’ll just have to save my list of improvements to be made for our anniversary later

this year, unless maybe our anniversary goes as well as Valentine’s Day did,” said Lisa Scott.

Greg Scott was unable to say what he did differently this year to appease his wife.

“Honestly, this year wasn’t very different than previous years, so I’m not sure,” said Greg Scott.

Lisa Scott, however, was able to reveal the secret to a more successful Valentine’s Day, and maybe even a more successful marriage.

“I think it had less to do with what he actually did and more to do with the fact that I finally lowered my standards,” said Lisa Scott.



Lowry sponsors March Madness bracket

By DANI RICKER

As you all well know, March Madness is just around the corner.

Many programs and organizations sponsor bracket challenges every year, looking for that perfect bracket.

This year Lowry High is sponsoring it’s own bracket challenge, Take the Buck®.

“We thought this would be a fun thing to do for the kids. Frankly, the chances of someone filling out a bracket 100% correctly are so low, I’m not too worried about

rewarding the money,” said vice principal Tim Connors.

The prize for that perfect bracket is \$15,000, which will be generously donated by the Century Club.

The Century Club has agreed to give out a consolation prize of \$5,000 to the teacher or student who’s bracket is closest to perfect.

Official bracket sheets will be available the first of March and need to be turned in no later than March 16 completely filled out, in the main office.

“I’m excited to participate. My bracket came really close last year, so I have my fingers crossed I’ll do even better this year,” said Jackson Brown. “Even if I don’t fill out the bracket 100%, it would still be cool to get the \$5,000.”



The bracket will be available in the Main Office./Courtesy • LHS



Silva to pursue tennis career

By AIMEE BRANDON

Since she could walk Lowry student, Olivia Silva, has been attending sports camps and participating in any and all athletics available. Both of Silva’s parents had very successful college sports careers and wish for the same for their daughter. Her father played basketball for CSI and her mom cheered for the team. All through the summers of her youth and elementary and middle school Silva has participated in anything and everything sports related. Going into high school Silva, with the help of her parents, narrowed her focus down to 3 sports: volleyball, hockey, and tennis. More recently, as she goes into her junior year of high school, she has decided to focus on tennis. She is on a traveling tennis team in Reno. Every Friday night she will travel to Reno and stay with family there. Practice starts at 6am Saturday morning and continues to 3pm that afternoon with a few hour breaks throughout the day. Then all day Sunday she competes in matches against people from the Northern Nevada area.

Silva has recently realized that her parents have spent a very large sum of money on her sports.

“My parents have put thousands of dollars

into my tennis career. I don’t really like tennis at all, I’d rather spend all that money on something more important like clothes, or college. But I love my parents, so I’m doing it,” said Silva.

Silva may not love the sport now but looking back at how she got started with tennis she sees it was once the love of her life.

“I got started with tennis when I was very young. My aunt and uncle would take me over to the tennis court by the hospital on Sundays and let me watch and even play a little. As I got older they saw I had a real natural ability,” said Silva.

Silva’s parents have high hopes as they anticipate her on national television someday.

“We are very optimistic about Silva’s tennis future. We have put so much into it, our biggest hope is that she can get a college scholarship and maybe even move onto tournaments with the WTA (Women’s Tennis Association) and who knows maybe even the Olympics,” said Silva’s father.

Silva is quite doubtful about her tennis career because she thinks it won’t be respected in Winnemucca, but just you wait until she brings home the gold for team USA.



Silva at volleyball practice./Aimee Brandon •The Brand



Replacing Proficiency Tests

BY AIMEE BRANDON

Class of 2017 and beyond, congratulations, you no longer have to take the High School Proficiency Examinations (HSPE). Well congrats may not be in order because those students have to take End of Course Exams (EOC).

The Nevada State Department of Education recently released the new graduation requirements.

Students will take four End of Course Examinations which replace the HSPE.

As these examinations are being piloted; 9th and 10th graders have to take

the tests but are not required to pass. The class of 2019 will have to pass the EOC's to graduate.

In summary: seniors must have 22.5 credits and pass all HSPE subjects; juniors must have 22.5 credits, pass all HSPE subjects, and take the ACT; freshman and sophomores must have 22.5 credits, take four EOC exams and take the ACT. The classes of 2019 and beyond must have 22.5 credits, pass four EOC exams and take the ACT.

For more information got to Lowry's web site and click on Graduation Requirements.



Academic Challenge stands in second

BY NAKIYA FLORES

Lowry's Academic Team keeps aiming for success. Throughout the season they have defeated Battle Mountain, West Wendover, and West Wendover JV.

The Academic Team competes against other schools; the team will be asked certain questions like trivia. During competition there is a team of six on both sides. They usually answer questions about geography, math, culture, english, etc. Whoever answers the most questions correctly wins.

"We are standing second with Spring Creek, the team practices on Monday nights to succeed," said Lisa Scott.

Scott would like to have younger students to create a bigger team and thinks its a great way to get students involved in being on a Lowry team. Lowry has done really well throughout the season. They have only lost against Spring Creek and White Pine.

"The team has done well and has



(L-R) Courtney Boucher, Ian Maher and Emma Kracaw work on a math question during a recent competition./ Tiana Herrera • Winnada

been fun to work with," said Scott.

The team always tries their best and works hard, and their chemistry is on point. The Academic team struggles to succeed every time they compete. The team will be attending Regionals in Spring Creek and the top two teams will be going to State in Winnemucca.

"We are expecting to be able to make it to state and we will see where we go from there, if we go to State," said Hayden Jeppsen.

Regionals is February 24 at Spring Creek and State is March 3 at Lowry.

Staff members of the month announced

BY STAFF

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BY AIMEE BRANDON

So I would like to hope I live in a world where the reader of this realizes the point of the title “The Brandon”. If you don’t, stop me in the hall and ask so I can refer you to a comforting quote, “if you’re not struggling, you’re not learning,” I think Mr. Mayo said that. I think that will be the caption to my next instagram selfie.

Speaking of social media, the other day my friend hardcore subtweeted someone and I asked who it was about, she said “Tbh it was about...”, my thought at the moment was, are you not normally honest? Sometimes I get confused when people write tbh and think it says tbh. Tbh freshman are more annoying than my toddler brother and he’s super annoying.

As I write this story, laying on my couch, he’s pulling papers of the shelf and scattering them all over the floor. I’ll clean it up later, gee I hope my parents don’t read this. Maybe then they’ll stop making me babysit. I’m probably just jealous of my toddler brother because he gets more baes than me, girls are all over him and his adorable cuteness. I’ve had baes before, but as I tell my friends, they’re my bae but I’m not their bae.

I say friends, but do I have friends? I like to think I do. What defines friendship? If they play against you on Trivia Crack? I’m playing that on the side as I write. I just spinned the sports category and it told me “Oops! It’s your worst category.” Thanks Trivia Crack,

thank you bunches for that boost of self esteem! You know what really boosts my self esteem in the morning? Walking into the school and hearing a guy say “ew” as he checks me out. I guess you could say I’ve subtweeted a couple people in this story, and I have, but its ok because you know who you are.



Speaking Ignorantly

BY DANI RICKER

How many times have you been walking down the hallway and overheard a conversation in which the people talking have no idea what they’re saying?

It could be something as simple as a sport, or something as complicated as politics.

Nothing bothers me more than high schoolers walking around talking about politics, as if they actually understand any part of it.

“Obama sucks so much.” Uh, can you give me a legitimate reason as to why you think he sucks? I mean, if you can actually tell me something then we’re good, but if you say something as general as “Obamacare” then we have a problem. Can you actually tell me what Obamacare is, or why it sucks?

Sports commentators are a perfect example of this. They’re paid to have an opinion. They basically just say anything whether it has a factual basis or

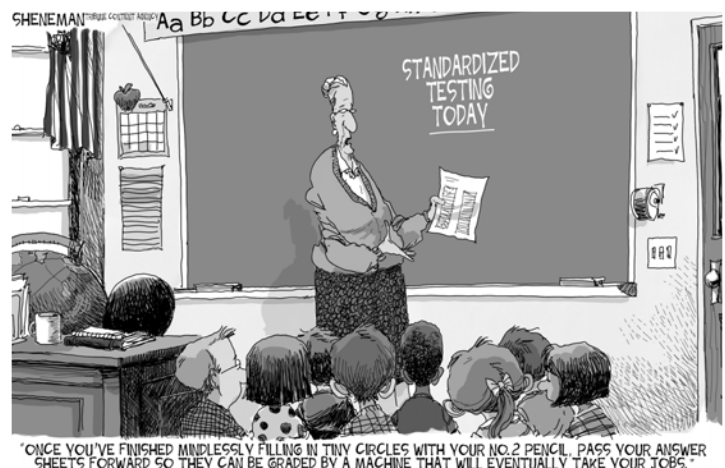
not. They could be making stuff up and no one would know because “they’re getting paid to do that job, they obviously know what they’re talking about.”

Bloggers. Those people that show up on your screen when you google a question. Just because its on the internet does not make it true. Never listen to Wikipedia. Because Lowry doesn’t cite wikipedia.

One last thing that drives me nuts

is when kids try to justify something they say because they’re parents said it. Believe it or not ladies and gents, your parents don’t know everything. Don’t get me wrong, we learn a lot from our parents, but don’t forget that you’re allowed to have your own opinion. It’s okay to disagree with mommy and daddy.

So long story short, think before you speak. And don’t talk about things you don’t you don’t know about.



Valentine's Spending

BY MACLYN CRNKOVICH

Most people think of Valentine’s Day as a time to buy chocolate and flowers for the girl they like. These gifts are often seen as tokens of love and affection, but why do people have to splurge money to show their love when most likely the relationship won’t last anyway?

The average American spends \$133.91 on Valentine’s Day according to the National Retail Federation. This includes cards, gifts, candy, and dinner. In high school, this amount of money shouldn’t be spent on your significant other. It’s a waste of money, and when the couple breaks up, the gifts will not be of sentimental value anymore and will never be used again.

In a study done by two University of Georgia professors in 2008 entitled “A Holiday Loved and Loathed: A Consumer Perspective of Valentine’s Day,” Angeline Close and Greg Zinkhan argue that

materialism of this holiday has gone too far. Even the advertisements around the holiday make you feel like your relationship will perish if you don’t run out and buy your girlfriend a diamond ring.

Surprisingly enough, Valentine’s Day wasn’t started with giving young girls chocolate and gifts. The holiday was called Lupercalia, where Romans celebrated on February 15 to ensure protection from wolves. During this time, young men whipped people with strips of animal hide, and women usually took the blows in hopes to make them fertile according to articles.dailypress.com. A few centuries later, the holiday was celebrated in honoring a priest named Valentine who secretly performed marriages on soldiers after the King of Rome had banned it.

Recently, Valentine’s Day has absolutely no relation to any of those events whatsoever. It has been commercialized into a holiday that is over-the-

top and is centered around chocolates, jewelry, and flowers.

“Honestly, I feel like Valentine’s Day is an excuse for girls to get free stuff. If you want to do something nice, go for it, but girls just always expect stuff on Valentine’s Day now, and get mad when you don’t get them anything,” said student Stetson Roark.

Valentine’s Day is one random day in the year that society decides to shower their loved ones with affection and love, but has no meaning to any particular couple. It’s not like an anniversary or a birthday. It’s just a holiday that the world celebrates for no rhyme or reason. Why can’t everyone always love and show their loved ones attention on any other day of the year?

Jessie Schirrick contributed to this story.



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Being famous for being famous

By KAITY SAMPLE

Our generation popularizes people for ridiculous reasons. We recognize people who are famous for being famous, they aren't anything special and have not done anything to help our society. Alex from Target. Rings a bell doesn't it? You've probably seen this kid's face all over Twitter doing his minimum wage job, all because some girl thought he was a "perfect 10". Let's be real, Alex is honestly a six or maybe

a seven if you've actually seen the kid from the front.

Most people of my generation don't know who Malala Yousafzai is. She is a young girl who was shot for her beliefs on gender equality in education. Many teens haven't heard of the Sacramento Valley baseball team that lifted a four door sedan off of a girl to save her life, but they've heard of Lil Terio. Everyone knows who Kimmy K is, but not many have heard of Ryan Jones the Virginia

medical student who saved someone's life during a routine procedure.

Our generation doesn't know a lot of everyday heroes, but instead fantasizes over Alex from Target and Chloe on Vine. We need to stop obsessing over people who don't matter. Our priorities need to change. Eventually we will be electing the politicians who run our country; and maybe running it ourselves. If we maintain the status quo, the United States is doomed and all faith in humanity is lost.



Are you struggling with Instagram etiquette?

By NICHOLAS MADDOX

Instagram is an amazing social network consisting of people posting their daily lives and showing off how "fleck" their eyebrows are. However, Instagram can be a very annoying app.

To start it off, Throwback Thursday. Everybody loves a throw back thursday but not a Throwback Monday, Throwback Tuesday, Throwback Wednesday. We get it you've changed since you were 5-years-old. Also, a Throwback Thursday is when you post an old photo of you and a current one. So, a Throwback Thursday doesn't mean you post a selfie of you from a week ago and a current one now.

Also, while we are on the topic of selfies; do not post more than two selfies in a row. It is annoying and we don't need to see you that much.

If you are also going to post a photo on Instagram don't put a million hashtags along with it. It shows that you are thirsty for likes and it is

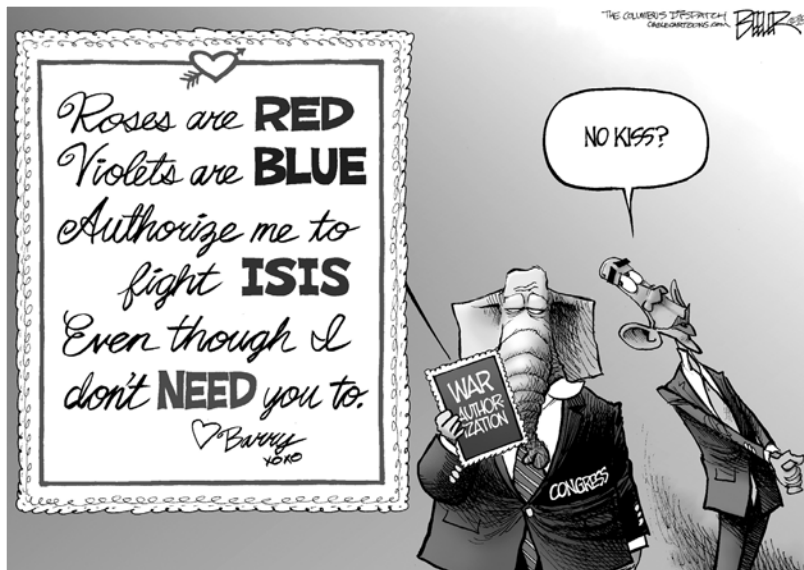
just sad. #knockitoff

The Flipagrams need to end. I cannot go through one holiday, season, or year without someone posting a collage of photos of how much fun you had with your friends. Do you want to know who cares about how much fun you had? You.

We also need to get rid of shoutouts all together. Odds are you will never be Instagram famous and you should get over it. So, stop asking, stop doing them, it needs to end.

On an-

other note, don't get me started with muscle pictures. If you have a good body, go ahead and post one but don't go overboard with it. So, if you post a picture of your cat or something don't be doing it with your shirt off. Because odds are all your followers will end up being a bunch of thirsty 13-year-olds.



The road less traveled isn't for everyone

By JESSIE SCHIRRICK

Approximately 200 students will graduate from Lowry High School this year. How many graduates will enroll at Great Basin Community College(GBC)? How many of the people that fall into this category will be ridiculed for their decision?

It is so common that seniors in high school feel pressured to do something different from the norm like moving far away or attending an out-of-state college. While trying new things is definitely beneficial, it tends to be ridiculously expensive. Out-of-state tuition is usually almost twice as much as in-state-tuition, which can mean colossal student loan debt for those who choose this

option, and out-of-state schools offer about the same education as in-state schools, of course I am omitting private colleges in this statement.

It is unfair that people are made to feel ashamed for staying in Winnemucca after they graduate, not necessarily by adults, but by their peers. Yes I am aware that teenagers are notorious for having extremely stupid and illogical opinions and if I were to try and write articles about all of them I'd be here for thousands of years, but this one is especially unfair and needs to be rectified immediately.

The reasons that people choose to stay in Winnemucca are almost always valid. Reasons like money

and the fact that they grew up in a tiny town and the idea of moving to a much larger city can be very intimidating. Winnemucca natives grow up in an isolated environment, where the biggest city is two hours away and then if they don't instantly feel ready to leave right after graduation they are written off as nobodies with zero potential.

Contrary to popular belief it is possible to lead a successful and satisfying life in Winnemucca. There are several different careers that are very relevant in this community- mining, business ownership, medicine, government work, agriculture, tourism, to name a few. Winnemucca, though very small, is a land of opportunity.



Do's and Don'ts

By JESSIE SCHIRRICK

Don't buy your significant other something that is a complete waste of money, like an oversized teddy bear.

Do go to dinner at a fancy restaurant.

Don't take your girlfriend on a first date to McDonald's.

Do take her to the view.

Do not attack her with your tongue. Love is respect.

Do try hard for the rest of the school year.

Don't brag about all of your letters from private colleges, you aren't special, everybody gets them.

Do go to Raley's and buy some kale because that stuff is trending right now.

Do read nonfiction books once in awhile, they are very informative.

Don't wear short shorts until the weather is at least in the 70s.

Do attend all Lowry sporting events, theater productions, art shows, band concerts, spirit week events, etc.

Don't apologize for being you and liking what you like.

Do apologize for offending people with dead baby jokes, they are an acquired taste.

Do step out of your comfort zone.

Not to mention that the degrees required to do these jobs are more affordable and no less valuable when received at GBC than a university.

Further, just because someone stays here after high school doesn't mean that they will be here forever. Maybe after they have saved up some money or perhaps when they are more sure of what they want to do with their lives they will be ready to leave the nest.

Moral of the story: do not base your decisions on what people think. Trust your instincts, and do what feels right at the time, a rewarding life will most likely fall into place.



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ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE: MEG MONTERO

By Dani Ricker

You may have seen Meg Montero walking around the halls decked out in numerous shades of purple, or maybe in her Lowry gear. She is know as one of the most spirited seniors, easily recognizable by her loud, contagious laugh.

Montero is a three-sport athlete who participates in volleyball, basketball, and track.

She has played all three sports since seventh grade.

“I moved to Winnemucca in seventh grade and my dad suggested I try out for the basketball team. That’s when it all started,” said Montero.

Throughout her athletic career Montero has been on varsity basketball for three years, varsity track all four years, and varsity volleyball two years. She has one basketball state cham-

pionship under her belt, and has competed in track state twice.

“Basketball is my favorite, just because of all the people I get to play with and the awesome coaching staff that I get to learn from. It’s just a fun atmosphere to be in,” said Montero.

Along with being a three-sport athlete, Montero also participates in Lowry leadership, National Honor Society, Letterman’s Club, and student body office.

Montero was the president of her freshman class, but later moved up to become President of the Student Body. She is also the secretary of Lowry’s chapter of The National Honor Society.

“School consumes my life,” commented Montero. “I don’t really have time for a whole lot of outside activities

that aren’t part of school.”

When she was younger Montero participated in junior rodeo.

“I started riding when I was three, then joined junior rodeo. I don’t have enough time to participate now, but if I could I would love to be part of rodeo again,” said Montero.

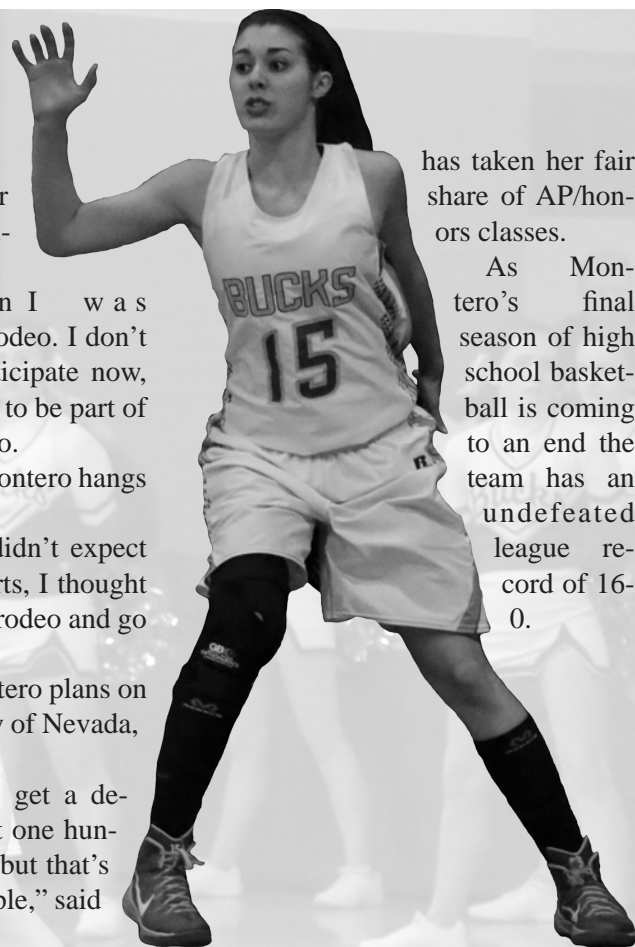
When not in school, Montero hangs out at her family’s ranch.

“When I was little I didn’t expect to be this involved in sports, I thought I would just keep up with rodeo and go on to be a rancher.”

After high school Montero plans on attending either University of Nevada, Reno or Boise State.

“I think I’m going to get a degree in education. I’m not one hundred percent positive yet, but that’s what I’ve been telling people,” said Montero.

Montero is a 4.0 student who



has taken her fair share of AP/honors classes.

As Montero’s final season of high school basketball is coming to an end the team has an undefeated league record of 16-0.



ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE: THOMAS SCHWARTZ

By Brody Goucher

Thomas Schwartz is a starting guard for the varsity basketball team, a running back for the varsity football team, and he is a 4.0 student.

Thomas has been playing basketball, football, and baseball since he was young and says that his family is what inspired him to play high school sports.

“A lot of people inspired me to play sports, basically my whole family from my aunts to my uncles and cousins who have played sports at Lowry,” said Schwartz

Schwartz is a senior this year and it is his last year playing high school sports, he says the one thing he will miss the most is his friends and the crowds.

“The thing I will probably miss

the most is getting to play with all my friends and guys that I have been playing everything from basketball, to football, and baseball for my entire life. I will also miss playing in front of the great crowds that we get at Lowry,” revealed Schwartz.

Thomas has had a great season this year for basketball and he said he loves playing as a senior and finally getting his chance to start and play with his fellow seniors. While Thomas said that he really looked up to last years seniors, he was excited to be able to compete this year with his close friends.

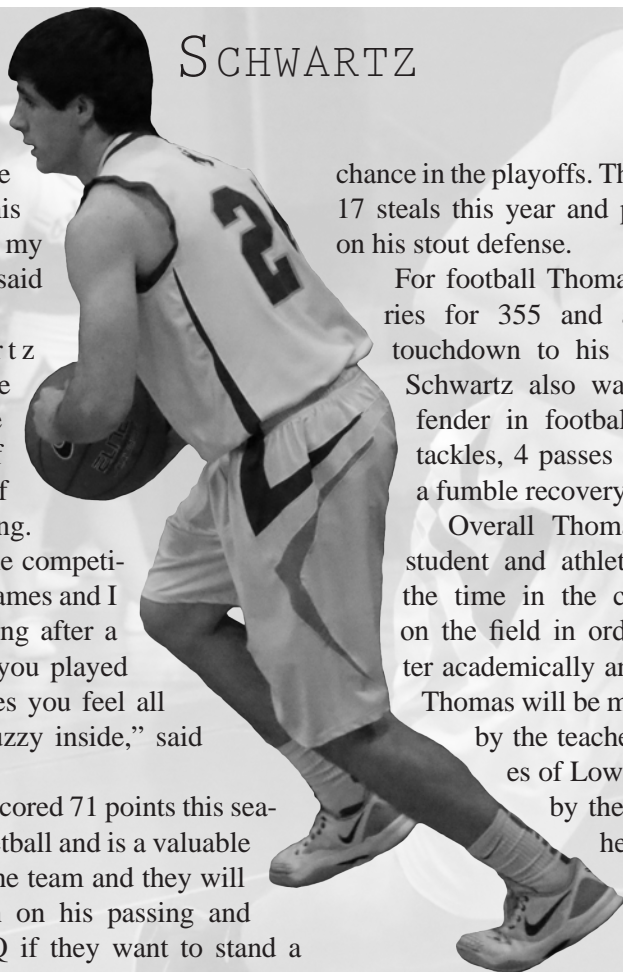
“I would have to say that this season was the best season of basketball I’ve ever played, last year was a lot of

fun with the seniors but this year was my favorite,” said Schwartz.

Schwartz loves the competitive aspects of games and of course winning.

“I love the competitiveness of games and I like the feeling after a game when you played well, it makes you feel all warm and fuzzy inside,” said Schwartz.

Thomas scored 71 points this season for basketball and is a valuable member of the team and they will need to lean on his passing and basketball IQ if they want to stand a



chance in the playoffs. Thomas also has 17 steals this year and prides himself on his stout defense.

For football Thomas had 45 carries for 355 and also added a touchdown to his season totals. Schwartz also was a stout defender in football, he had 58 tackles, 4 passes defended, and a fumble recovery.

Overall Thomas is a great student and athlete, he puts in the time in the classroom and on the field in order to get better academically and athletically.

Thomas will be missed not only by the teachers and coaches of Lowry but also the students who he has impacted at his time here.



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Freshmen finish season strong with 13-8 record

By Brody Goucher

The freshmen boys got off to a rocky start this season but ended up finishing the season strong because of good coaching and great execution of offenses and defenses by the

players. The team improved a lot from their 8th grade season and that showed up in the win column.

"It was a great season and we definitely improved a lot. With the help of our coaches, we went from a team that won just two games last year to having a 13 and 8 record this season," said Braden Jensen.

The team struggled throughout the season to score and at times get rebounds, in several games they were just outworked and were never given a

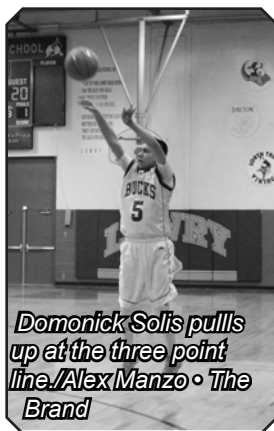
chance.

"Our biggest weakness was our inability to work as a team, instead of supporting someone when they missed a layup or had a bad turnover our team, would just get really frustrated with that person. Towards the end of the season though, there was some improvements in this area and it showed on the court," explained Jensen.

While the Freshmen Boys did have some minor weaknesses they were very good at getting out on fast breaks and were for the most part always competitive.



Dylan Kalkoske dribbles down court/Weston Irons • The Brand



Domonick Solis pulls up at the three point line/Alex Manzo • The Brand



Ren Mattson goes up for a layup/Weston Irons • The Brand

While the season had its ups and downs overall it was a successful year for the freshmen boys who fought until the end in every game. There is still plenty to be excited about and next year on JV the freshmen are shaping up to be a formidable opponent.



JV Girls Basketball finishes season undefeated, 25-0

By James Dunyon

Throughout this basketball season, the JV girls didn't seem to struggle at all through training hard and great coaching. The lady bucks won every single league game this season. They also won every non-league

game by defeating Division 1 schools and became the first girls Lowry basketball team to win the State Farm Classic against North Valleys in the championship. Not once did the team not believe in themselves and each other.

"We played really well, we worked hard as a team and we never doubted ourselves once," said Alyssa Kuskie.

It was hard for this team to find competition this season beating almost every team by at least 20. All these games show that the JV girls are



Brooklyn Waller dribbles past a defender/Weston Irons • The Brand

a force to be reckoned with and should not be taken lightly. Many of these girls including their head coach, Amy Jenkins, haven't lost a league game since freshman year, and currently have 44 consecutive wins.

This past weekend the girls defeated Spring Creek, blowing them out of their own gym with a blowout game. Also their last game of the season, they beat Elko with a closer game by nine which really crushed Elko's spirit at home but brought their spirits up with an undefeated season.

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ished strong and hope to have another good season next year with some practice and get better over the off season. This summer many players will return to the gym repeatedly to only get better, and will participate in camps, only hoping to improve the impressive girls basketball program.



Baby Ky looks to pass the ball/Photographer • The Brand



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Wrestling has historic season

BY WESTON IRONS

Wrestling is one of the most prized possessions of Lowry. If there is anything to count on, you can always count on Lowry wrestling being dominant and being a contender is any kind of competition. Lowry wrestling is among the top wrestling programs, not just in the state



Blake Hillyer takes down an opponent./Weston Irons • The Brand

but the nation.

Lowry fell just short of the seventh state championship title but that does not overshadow what they have accomplished this year. The wrestlers broke a record that they have been working to surpass since 2009. In the year 1979, Yerington set the record with 107 straight dual wins. After this season, that record stood no longer. With 108 straight dual wins, the record was now theirs.

Unfortunately, the season ended in a disappointing fashion as Pahrump Valley came from behind during the second day of the state tournament to win with a grand total of 124 points, it

was just not the Buckaroos' day.

Despite the second place finish, senior Anthony Hummel remains optimistic and confident in the wrestling's programs coming years.

"We put in a lot of hard work this year and were able to do some great things like beating the dual record. It was a heartbreaking ending to the season with the loss of the consecutive state title run. I think as a team its going to make us better in the long run and hopefully they come back and start it again," said Hummel.

Beau Billingsley joined his brother and cousin by winning four consecutive individual state championships. Senior Gabe Molina got his first individual state championship. Kevin Blanco placed second at 132 pounds. Luis Cardenas and Shaun Mentaberry both had third place finishes. Freshman Nathen Blanco and Trase Bell finished in fourth place.

Beau Billinsley was proud to be a part of such an exceptional wrestling program.

"This season was incredibly special to me and all of my teammates, especially the seniors. It was truly an honor to be a part of the prestigious program at Lowry. We came out of the season with a state record for most consecutive dual wins which is something to

be really proud of. In the end we got second as a team and its not what we wanted but it is nothing to hang your head on. I was able to get my fourth straight title and that was something I've wanted for a long time so that was really special," concluded Billingsley.

Luis Cardenas has a similar opinion on the year

"It was a great season and we did a lot of good things. The worked hard and the coaches taught us a lot and pushed us. State wasn't our best, but we battled hard the entire time. At the end of the day, I'm happy with the team and wouldn't want it any other way," finished Cardenas.

The wrestlers hope to pick off where they left off next season and add on to the legacy that is Lowry wrestling.

Team Scores

Pahrump Valley 124

Lowry 110

Virgin Valley 94.5

Spring Creek 91

Churchill County 60

Clark 54

Faith Lutheran 47.5

Elko 47

Spring Valley 39

Boulder City 38

Results for wrestlers reaching at



Luis Cardenas takes down his opponent./Weston Irons • The Brand

least 4th place.

113 pounds-Third Place
Jacob Baird VVL fall Nathen Blanco LOW 0:59

120 pounds-Third Place
Gino Gusman PMP fall Trase Bell LOW 1:55

126 pounds-Championship
Anthony Chavez SPC decision Kevin Blanco LOW 5-0

132 pounds-Championship
Gabe Molina LOW decision Alex Richardson WES 7-5

145 pounds-SemiFinal
Sam Brophy PMP decision Nate Nelson LOW 15-10

160 pounds-Third Place
Shaun Mentaberry LOW fall Jacob Pengally ELK 5:18

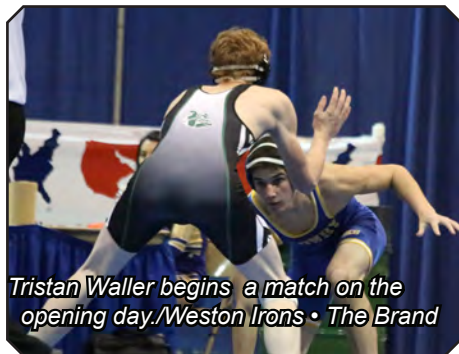
182 pounds-Championship
Beau Billingsley LOW major decision Jonathan Corrow PMP 12-3

195 pounds-SemiFinal
Abraham Preciado PMP decision Anthony Hummel LOW 6-4 OT

285 pounds-Third Place
Luis Cardenas LOW decision Jesus Olivas DSL 5-4



Nathen Blanco turns a Faith Lutheran opponent over./Weston Irons • The Brand



Tristan Waller begins a match on the opening day./Weston Irons • The Brand



Buckaroo wrestlers Blake Duncan and Gade Billingsley wrestle in the consolation round./Weston Irons • The Brand



Bryan Day controls an opponent./Weston Irons • The Brand



Girls complete perfect league season; look to repeat in playoffs

BY KAITY SAMPLE

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Alyssa Dendary knocks down a jump shot./Aimee Brandon • The Brand



Kylee McClellan does a jump shot./Aimee Brandon • The Brand



Jasmine Marchand shoots over a Fallon defender./Aimee Brandon • The Brand



Chelsea Herrera takes a shot./Aimee Brandon • The Brand



Boys Varsity basketball headed for zone

By WESTON IRONS

Lowry defeated Spring Creek 59-47 on Friday to secure themselves a second seed in the league and then lost against league rivals, Elko, 58-37 in their final game of the regular season. Despite the loss, the Bucks, are looking good going into ZONE and are hoping to make another return trip to the state tournament.

In the first game of the weekend, the Bucks were determined to avenge an earlier buzzer beater loss to the Spring Creek Spartans. The Spartans kept the game close for the first three quarters, but could not contain the Bucks in the fourth as the Bucks out-scored the Spartans 22-11 to put the game out of reach. Winning this game ensured that the Buckaroos would once again play the Spartans in the Zone tournament.

The Bucks came the next day ready to play and one-up their rivals. The Bucks would not get the first seed in the tournament by defeating the In-

dians but the satisfaction of winning against your rival is better than anything else. Unfortunately, the Bucks fell short, losing 58-37. Lowry put up a much better performance than when they played against the Indians earlier this season. They have come a long way and it definitely shows.

Junior center Nathan Lutzow believes the team has progressed well and will perform well in the remainder of the season. Lutzow is currently the top scorer for the Bucks.

“We have come a long way. We have practiced hard and have always had our goals in mind. Right now, that goal is to beat Spring Creek in Fallon,” said Lutzow.

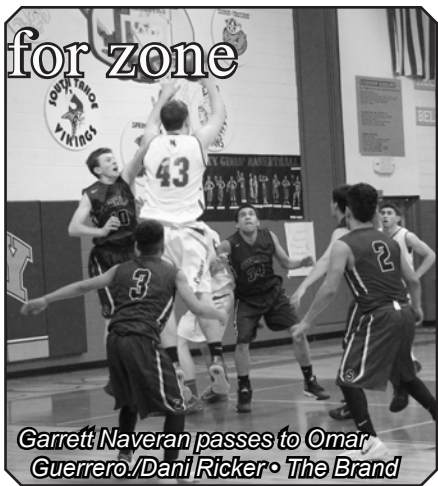
Senior point guard Sterling Dennis is very confident in the team’s ability and believes they have a great chance at the state title.

“I am very proud of our team, we have become closer and have learned how to play with each other. We are all brothers and I am happy to call them my teammates. This week we need to be focused and ready to play against Spring Creek. I know we can beat Spring Creek because I know we play much better as a team than they do,” said Dennis.

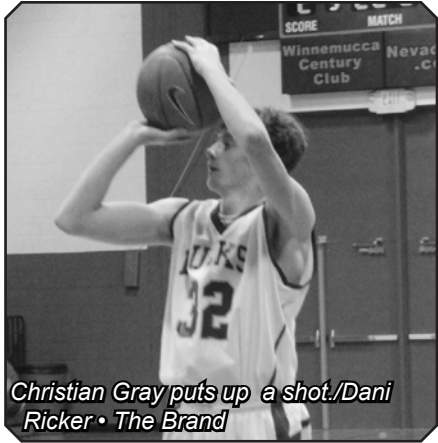
The season continues Friday in Fallon as the Bucks take on Spring Creek in what Dennis believes is the most important game of the season.



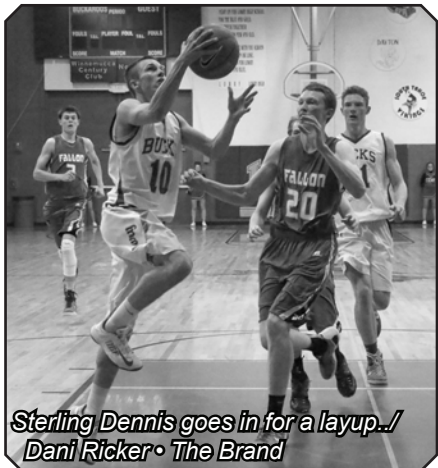
Nathan Lutzow scores for Lowry./Dani Ricker • The Brand



Garrett Naveran passes to Omar Guerrero./Dani Ricker • The Brand



Christian Gray puts up a shot./Dani Ricker • The Brand



Sterling Dennis goes in for a layup./Dani Ricker • The Brand



On Deck

By WESTON IRONS

Flopping. Arguably one of the most irritating aspects to any sport whether it be basketball, football, and one of the sports where it is most seen, soccer. Flopping is an act where one player deliberately fakes an injury, or exaggerates some kind of contact in order to get a call in favor of their respective team, it could almost be considered cheating. Unfortunately, this action is becoming more and more common as now millions of dollars depend upon each game, as well as jobs being on the line, whether that be as a coach or as a player. Leagues and referees are not doing enough to solve this, here is what needs to be done.

The NBA has the right idea on putting an end to this growing problem of flopping. For a player’s first offense they will be fined \$5000, second \$10,000, and so forth. This amount could potentially reach \$30,000, the maximum amount, after this is reached the player in question could even receive a suspension. The amount of the fines seems like they should just put an end to the problem altogether, at least to the average person, but to a professional basketball who earns millions of dollars a year, this hardly puts a dent in their bank accounts. There is too much buildup to the suspension punishment, so that is very unlikely of occurring. The problem boils down to referees’ and the league being too lenient. If they really wanted to solve the problem they would intensify the consequences for flopping. In game consequences such as a technical against the team who flopped or even as far as an ejection, would end the problem real quick.

Soccer is where the problem is most persistent. It’s tough to watch a game nowadays without a couple players diving here and there. The punishments issued by FIFA are a little bit different than the NBA. Soccer players can receive fines just like basketball players but the fine is minimal and it is a lot rarer for a soccer player to receive a fine for diving. Instead, soccer referees are instructed to give yellow cards if a player commits “simulation” (the name for the foul). Two yellow cards in a single game result in a red card, which means the player is ejected as well as suspended for the next game. A buildup of yellow cards will also yield a suspension. Seems like it would solve the problem, right? It doesn’t. Again the problem is the referees being too lenient on these calls and not making these calls often enough. If they could solve the diving problem, soccer would not get as much animosity as it does.

It would be nice to go back to days where games were not decided because of player diving the penalty box or faking a hit to the face. Now, it is up to officiating and the leagues to see these problems come to an end.



Pick ‘em

By WESTON IRONS AND BRODY GOUCHER

Game 1: San Antonio Spurs @ LA Clippers 2/19/15

Brody: If there’s one thing that I know it’s that the Spurs don’t lose against good teams, but unfortunately the Clippers are going to be too much for the Spurs here. Chris Paul has easily been one of the best point guards again this year and Blake Griffin has developed into a two way player, he can hit a 15-footer and post-up about anyone in the NBA. The Clippers should be able to run the floor and get transition buckets all while tiring out the old man (Tim Duncan.)

Weston: I’m going to stick with the most dominant franchise in the past 15 years and go with the Spurs to get the win. Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobili, and Tony Parker have been the model big three in the NBA and of course having the best coach in NBA history (Gregg Popovich) doesn’t hurt either. I think the Spurs will be able to erase Blake Griffin, and force the Clippers to go with a 3-point barrage that will ultimately end in a blowout.

Game 2: Barcelona @ Man City 2/24/15

Brody: I’m picking Barcelona for obvious reasons. They have arguably the best player in the world, Lionel Messi. Messi can score almost at will, and against a struggling Manchester City defense, he should have a field day. Messi combined with the firepower of Neymar is almost an impossible duo to stop. Both have been in incredible form lately, and neither one has seen a shortage of goals lately. Barcelona will defeat City in the opening round of the knockout stages, and advance far in the UEFA Champions Cup.

Weston: I’m taking a chance and picking Manchester City for this one.

Despite their recent embarrassment in the FA Cup, I think they are able to come together to beat the Spanish powerhouse and avenge a loss from Barcelona in last year’s knockout stage. Joe Hart has been playing phenomenally and will do well to deny the combined efforts of Messi and Neymar. Manchester City



Lionel Messi battles for the ball with the Daley Blind in the World Cup semifinals./Wang Lili • Xinhua/Zuma Press

will mostly rely on Sergio Auguero to get them goals and send them into the Round of 8.

Game 3: Los Angeles Kings @ San Jose Sharks 2/21/15

Brody: You know the Kings are always good for a surprise win. The Kings coming off of last year’s Stanley Cup win have not been having the season they have wanted, but have shown they can be contenders and can win when they need to. Well, Los Angeles definitely needs to win against the Sharks, being that the Sharks are a few games ahead of them. The Kings have several players who can score so the offensive won’t be a problem. Now they must hold off against the relentless San Jose attack.

Weston: The Sharks are going to make easy prey of the Kings. Joe Pavelski is leading the way for the Sharks with 28 goals and is followed by Logan Couture who has 19 goals. The Sharks are currently 3 places ahead of the Kings in 15th place. The Sharks have not been too hot lately but they we be able to use this easy win to get themselves back on track.

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JV Boys ready for next step

BY KAITY SAMPLE

This past weekend the JV boys finished off a great season with two losses. On Friday, the boys played against the refs rather than Spring Creek and lost by 8 in a final of 49-37. On Saturday against rival, the Elko Indians, they couldn't quite keep it together on the floor, and lost by 18. Before going into the last two games, the Bucks had only one loss to Fallon. "We had a great season, but it wasn't the ending to the season we were looking for. I was hoping to come home



Brady Lange setting up a play./Dani Ricker • The Brand

with two more wins under our belt, but things happened and the boys weren't playing their best." said coach Grant Beatty.

In league, the team went 13-3. The Bucks averaged 43.8 points per game and made a total of 920 points this season, with leading scorer, Junior, Brody Goucher (199) followed by Sophomores Jed Teichert (148) and Brady Lange (147). Over the course of the season the boys continued to show teamwork and consistency of hard work, playing their hardest until the final buzzer of every game.

"I learned a lot of new things this season. We lost to Fallon at the first matchup, and we prepared for the next time we saw them and got the win," said team captain Dominic Diaz.

Many things were learned along the way.

"I learned that with hard work and determination good things will happen. I plan on working on fundamentals and

going to some camps to continue to get better," said sophomore forward Jacob Hernandez.

Beatty and the boys are already looking forward to next year, and are planning on working on skills and fundamentals over the summer to continue the successful basketball program Lowry has.

"These boys have a lot of talent, I'm excited to see the things they accomplish in the future. They all work hard, and with hard work great things will come their way," said Beatty.



Christian Riddle powers by a defender./Dani Ricker • The Brand



Brody Goucher drives to the basket./Dani Ricker • The Brand



Darrin Nelson looks for a pass./Dani Ricker • The Brand



Freshman girls basketball end season with a bang

BY ALEX MANZO

The Freshman girls ended their season on a good note with a win against The Spring Creek Spartans (54-14) and are rival The Elko Indians (62-35).

"I am more than happy with the way the season went, we had amazing



Sam Diaz calls out a play./Courtesy • Winnada

coaches, an amazing team we all pushed each other to do so much better we all improved individually, I improved so much this year I learned a lot of new things and putting everything out on the court I was very confident and as well as a team we improved. I felt like I was playing with my best friends on the court," said Hailey Hinkle.

The team only lost one game out of 21, which was against The Fallon Greenwave. They redeemed themselves against them in a home game, with a score of 39-32.

"I would say our best game was our home game against Fallon. We all worked really well and talked to each other and ran our plays beautifully. Also redeeming ourselves from the previous loss to them," said Alily Kliever.



Bailey Sapien looks to make a pass./Courtesy • Winnada

The Lady Bucks ended the season with a 20-1 league record. Some of these freshman will be moving up next year and strengthening the Lowry girls basketball program.

The head coach is Morgan Thacker, the assistant coaches are McKenzie Swecker and Lindsey Anguiano,



Alily Kliever goes up for a layup./Courtesy • Winnada

the players are: Taylor West, Bailey Sapien, Kristen Barnes, Emily Cook, Alexis Hansen, Kepa Bengochea, Samantha Diaz, Alily Kliever, Shelby Garrison, Hailey Hinkle, and Trena Millikan.

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Cinderella finds her glass slipper March 9

By ALEX MANZO

Lowry Drama and Stagecraft will be performing “Cinderella’s Glass Slipper” as their annual children’s play next month. The play follows much of the classic storyline that many fans know and love; it will even include singing, dancing, and special effects.

The casting is as follows: Erick Zamora as Attila, Kyle Tarr as Brun-



Jorge Bernal practices his lines for Cinderella./Kyle Schultz • The Brand

hilda, Mickey Donovan as Cleopatra, Jessie Schirrick as the Evil Stepmother, Clay Erquiaga as the Mouse, Chelsea Baker & Camryn Maher as Cinderella, Katie Tyree as the Fairy Godmother’s Apprentice, Shaelyn Forney as Mistress Haughty, Hunter Dimock & Steven Cholico as Majordomo, Brycen Prokasky as Prince Charming, Lizzie Sims & Hannah Hillyer as the Fairy Godmother, Liam Gallups as Pumpkinhead, Devan Latray as Lady Vine, Jorge Bernal as the Captain, Ian Maher as the Lieutenant, and Aimee Brandon as the Queen.

Chelsea Baker is very enthusiastic about the upcoming production and as nothing but good things to say about her fellow actors, “I am so honored to be able to play the part of Cinderella. I’ve always wanted to get a lead role and I get to play my favorite princess too. It’s going to be so much fun per-



Dimock and Cholico mess around during drama./Kyle Schultz • The Brand

forming this for the little kids, it’s so cool to watch their fairytale dream. We have glass slippers and everything and Brycen is so much fun to work with as the prince and also creative around the set.”

“Cinderella’s Glass Slipper” will be performed every night March 9-12.

Jessie Schirrick contributed to this story.



Jessie’s Journal

By JESSIE SCHIRRICK

How much hash would a hashtag tag if a hashtag could hashtag?

Pigeons are like the homeless people of the bird world. Speaking of which, I like how homelessness has become so common in our society that instead of trying to deal with the problem anymore we just set them aside and label them “homeless people”. Coming soon: “sick people”.

When someone is often seen alone, people assume that the person is some kind of pariah or social outcast; that they lack social skills. As a result, it is a natural inclination to pity this person while it may never occur to us that they choose not to have friends. Perhaps they feel as if nobody is worth their time.

Parenting seems like a very unfulfilling practice. Children just use up all of their parent’s energy and money and time and then leave them a husk of their former selves. Parents literally dedicate their entire lives to their children and then once their children are grown up there is nothing left for them to do but grow old. Speaking of depressing facts of life, I’ve actually prepared a list of songs that I would like to be played at my funeral. The tracks include some Pink Floyd and Def Leppard. Some may see this disheartening, I just like to be prepared, and I don’t trust my family members to choose the songs because my music taste is ever-evolving.

Isn’t the fact that our usual snowy winter has been replaced with sunny days with some occasional rainfall evidence of global warming? Are we all just choosing to ignore that it has snowed only once this entire winter? I’m good at ignoring my responsibilities; this right up my alley.

ing to Wii U sometime this year. It will release in April in Japan, but a U.S. release has not yet been decided. This is a spiritual sequel to the game that released on the Wii in 2013 with new characters and story and spectacular visuals. If you liked “Xenoblade Chronicles”, a 3DS port is coming this April but is only compatible on New 3DS.

That’s about as much as I can say for now. It isn’t much, but I will get more out to you guys soon. Until then, this is your local Gamernut signing out. Arigato and Sayonara.



Gamernut: Upcoming games 2015

By LIAM GALLUPS

Greetings, salutations, and hey-o to every loyal gamer in the land (or sea, sky, or the cloud). Your local gamernut is back with another announcement concerning all things gaming and... that’s pretty much it. May I be the next to say “Welcome” to another new year? Nintendo released another Direct conference on the January 15, so I decided to look at some of the things announced and maybe some things they may have forgotten. Let’s jam, shall we?

First, I must regretfully say this... Nintendo announced no new titles in the main Super Mario franchise this year. Now that’s not to say the plumber brothers won’t see a little love this year either. Take “Mario Maker” for instance. The release date is still unclear, only that it will release this year on Wii U. Those of you who wanted to make their own playable Mario levels will get their chance when this game releases. I can imagine this game having a spectacular community. Hopes are high for this game.

“Mario Party 10” will release on March 20 for Wii U. This iteration of the popular party game features the power for a player five to play as none other than BOWSER. In the Nintendo Direct, it was announced that certain Amiibo will work on the game in a

unique mode. For the uninitiated, Amiibo are little figurines Nintendo is releasing nowadays that work in a similar way to Skylanders.

The Japanese “Puzzle and Dragons” series of tile matching monster battling mobile action is coming to Nintendo 3DS. Two games, “Puzzle and Dragons Z” and “Puzzle and Dragons: Super Mario Bros. Edition” will be released in a two game bundle in May this year. If you like both tile matcher puzzles like “Candy Crush” and/or monster collector RPGs like “Pokemon”, then this is the game for you. Speaking of Pokemon, a freemium game “Pokemon Shuffle” is coming to the N3DS eShop for download this month. This game has the gameplay elements of Pokemon and Puzzle and Dragons, and the freemium gimmicks of Candy Crush. It should be a fun experience nonetheless.

Speaking of Nintendo 3DS... how about New 3DS XL? (As opposed to “New Coke”, anyone remember THAT mistake?) This version of the handheld features enhanced processing capabilities, face tracking 3D, a second thumbstick, more shoulder buttons, and a better battery. It has been available since the January 15, and should be a fairly good system.

You ever hear of happy coincidences? “Legend of Zelda: Majora’s Mask 3D” launched the same day as New 3DS along with a special bundle that has the system and the game already in it. This game is a remake of one of the creepiest and most groundbreaking games in the series as a whole, and the late N64’s lineup. You will enjoy this entry if you



The new Nintendo 3DS XL./Courtesy • nintendo.com

are a big Zelda fan.

Speaking of Zelda, “Hyrule Warriors” is getting some Majora themed DLC (downloadable content). It adds two new playable characters, Young Link and Tingle (just be glad Tingle is on your side in this game), new costumes and masks, and a new adventure map. It’s available now so download it. You will not be disappointed.

Another DLC announcement, this time for “Mario Kart 8”. In May, you can download three new characters to race as. These are Dry Bones, the Villager, and Isabelle from “Animal Crossing”. Nintendo seems to be pumping out as much as they can into this game, so it’s worth checking out.

“Xenoblade Chronicles X” is com-



A screenshot of “Mario Party 10”./Courtesy • e3.nintendo.com

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Performer of the Issue: Lizzie Sims

By AIMEE BRANDON

You may have noticed her in the back of the auditorium during plays working the lights or have seen her artwork. The Performer of the Issue is Lowry's hidden gem, Lizzie Sims. Sims is a senior who has taken art classes since her freshman year. She has also been involved in Stagecrafts and Drama since her junior year.

Sims has taken multiple art classes and is taking advanced art this year.

"My favorite part of art is that the possibilities are endless and limitless," said Sims.

She is participating in Drama this year and occasionally comes in to Stagecraft during her off periods to help out. In the first play of the school year, "Macbeth", she rocked the lights from the witches scenes, to the murder scenes, to the fight scenes. In the production of "Saturday Night Live" she appeared with various acting parts and in Lowry's first play of 2015, "Cinderella", she will be appearing as the Fairy God Mother.

"My favorite part of drama is the beautiful people and the magical memories," said Sims.

Drama director and

English teacher, Corrine James is full of praise for Sims and the magic she can make with a little glue and glitter.

"Lizzie can multitask, she is beautiful, and she is creative," said James.

Sims also participates in Art Club and Future Business Leaders of America. This is her fourth year of FBLA, last year she attended the national competition in Tennessee and she will be attending FBLA state in April. Sims is also a 4.0 student.

Sims has extraordinary plans for her future. While attending a play at the Reno Little Theatre she felt inspired. She was talking with a woman about the production and discovered that the women was actually the



Sims practices her lines./ Aimee Brandon •The Brand



Sims works on props for the upcoming play "Cinderella"./ Aimee Brandon •The Brand

director. The director gave her a tour of theatre and the light panels. Ideas of attending college and working at a theatre filled Sims' mind.

"I'm going to take my art and everything into the theatre and business degree I will be pursuing," said Sims.

#ThatAwkwardMoment

By Kaity Sample

It's usually pretty awkward when you're in line at the grocery store and your teacher is buying the weekend essentials. Better safe than sorry though. Awkward when someone waves at me but really they're waving at the person behind me. That awkward moment when bae shows up to your game, you're trying to show off, and you airball. That awkward moment when you've seen someone's explicit photography and you have a class with them and now you can't look at them the same. That awkward moment when it's snowing out and you slip on the hill going to the

art building. That awkward moment when you take a picture of your super hot crush and the flash goes off. That awkward moment when you are awkward and try to hold a conversation with Alyssa Dendary. Two awkward don't make for a smooth conversation. That awkward moment when the freshman drama is the most popular topic at Lowry. That awkward moment when you think about all the awkward encounters you've had in the past. That awkward moment when you're walking in the hall and swing your arm into someone's crotch. That awkward moment when you insult someone and realize their mom is sitting behind you. Life is filled with so many awkward moments, but hey, that's OK.

Picture of the Issue

By The Brand Staff



This issue's featured picture was chosen on the basis of school spirit. Colin Doyle posted this picture on his Instagram during the Winterfest game. Kudos to whoever took the time to construct that cardboard news desk.

What's on your playlist?

By James Dunyon

1. "Disturbed", by Rise
2. "Never too Late", by 3 Days of Grace
3. "Uptown Funk", by Mark Ronson (feat. Bruno Mars)
4. "Sky Full of Stars", by Coldplay
5. "22", by Taylor Swift
6. "Classic", by MKTO
7. "Remember the Name", by Fort Minor
8. "Rap God", by Eminem
9. "Monster", by Skillet
10. "Dumb", by Nirvana



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AND THE OSCAR GOES TO ...

BY MARCOS DURAN

Many spectacular and fantastic movies grace the world every year, and to reward the best movies of the year, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences holds the Annual Academy Awards, more commonly known as the Oscars. This year, our very own film connoisseurs Mr. Setzer and Mr. Beck have agreed to predict which films will take home the Oscar on February 22 at 4:00 p.m. on ABC.

Best Picture:

Nominees- “American Sniper”, “Birdman”, “Boyhood”, “The Grand Budapest Hotel”, “The Imitation Game”, “Selma”, “The Theory of Everything”, and “Whiplash”.

Setzer: I’m going to have to go with Boyhood. The size and the scope of what this film achieved is surely going to be rewarded.

Beck: I’m giving it to American Sniper because of its historical importance, although Selma and



“Birdman” is nominated for Best Picture in the 87th Academy Awards. Michael Keaton as Riggan in “Birdman.”/ Atsushi Nishijima • TNS

The Imitation Game might have a chance.

Best Actor in a Leading Role:

Nominees- Steve Carell (“Foxcatcher”), Bradley Cooper (“American Sniper”), Benedict Cumberbatch (“The Imitation Game”), Michael Keaton (“Birdman”), and Eddie Redmayne (“The Theory of Everything”).

Setzer: Michael Keaton. This is one of those “career rebirth” jobs. Everyone is raving about it so my pick goes to him.

Beck: Michael Keaton. It was a very unique role for a very unique movie, and he pulled it off.

Best Actress in a Leading Role:

Nominees- Marion Cotillard (“Two Days One Night”), Felicity Jones (“The Theory of Everything”), Julianne Moore (“Still Alice”), Rosamund Pike (“Gone Girl”), and Reese Witherspoon (“Wild”).

Setzer: This one goes to Julianne Moore. Everything she’s done culminates with this. she did great



Mr. Ron Beck and Mr Jeff Setzer./Courtesy • Winnada

work.

Beck: I’m going with Reese Witherspoon. Her role in Wild was well done and she will be rewarded for it.

Best Actor in a Supporting Role:

Nominees- Robert Duvall (“The Judge”), Ethan Hawke (“Boyhood”), Edward Norton (“Birdman”), Mark Ruffalo (“Foxcatcher”), and J.K. Simmons (“Whiplash”).

Setzer: J.K. Simmons will take it. Everyone who’s seen Whiplash says that he is terrifyingly good, and I agree with them.

Beck: Definitely Mark Ruffalo. His performance was spot on and very well done.

Best Actress in a Supporting Role:

Nominees- Patricia Arquette (“Boyhood”), Laura Dern (“Wild”), Emma Stone (“Birdman”), Keira Knightley (“The Imitation Game”), and Meryl Streep (“Into the Woods”).

Setzer: Definitely Patricia Arquette. She was amazing and her character was very relatable and real.

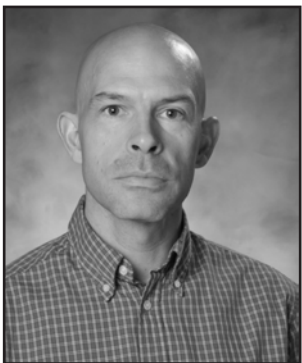
Beck: Laura Dern, because she delivered an excellent and powerful performance.

Best Directing:

Nominees- Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu (“Birdman”), Richard Linklater (“Boyhood”), Bennett Miller (“Foxcatcher”), Wes Anderson (“The Grand Budapest Hotel”), and Morten Tyldum (“The Imitation Game”).

Setzer: Richard Linklater’s ambitious project was very well directed. I think he will win.

Beck: Richard Linklater. He decided to go with a very unique project and he pulled it off.



Best Writing - Adapted Screenplay:

Nominees- Graham Moore (“The Imitation Game”), Damien Chazelle (“Whiplash”), Anthony McCarten (“The Theory of Everything”), Jason Hall (“American Sniper”), and Paul Thomas Anderson (“Inherent Vice”).

Setzer: Paul Anderson. I can see him winning for the great work he has done.

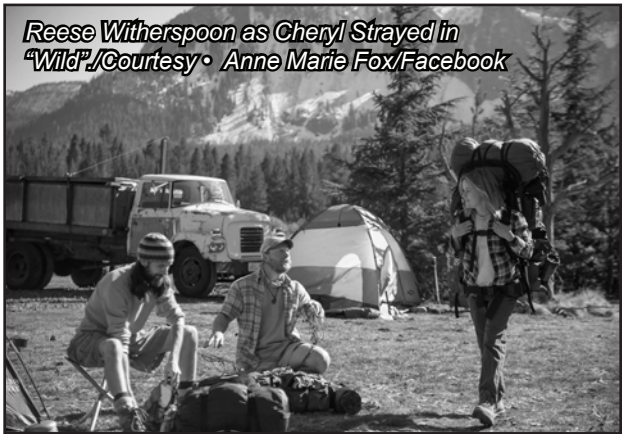
Beck: Graham Moore’s adaptation of The Imitation Game will earn him an Oscar.

Best Writing - Original Screenplay:

Nominees- Richard Linklater (“Boyhood”), Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu (“Birdman”), Wes Anderson (“The Grand Budapest Hotel”), Dan Gilroy (“Nightcrawler”), and E. Max Frye & Dan Foxcatcher (“Foxcatcher”).

Setzer: The writers of Foxcatcher managed to write an excellent script, so they are my choice.

Beck: Wes Anderson’s script had lots of clever



Reese Witherspoon as Cheryl Strayed in “Wild”./Courtesy • Anne Marie Fox/Facebook

and witty dialogue, and he will win for it.

Best Animated Feature Film:

Nominees- “Big Hero 6”, “How to Train Your Dragon 2”, “The Boxtrolls”, “The Tale of the Princess Kaguya”, and “Song of the Sea”.

Setzer: The Academy will nod towards the Boxtrolls for doing something different with animation.

Beck: Big Hero 6, but The LEGO Movie was robbed of an Oscar here by not being nominated.



“American Sniper” is up for Best Picture in the 87th Academy Awards. Kyle Gallner, left, as Goat-Winston and Bradley Cooper as Chris Kyle in the drama “American Sniper.”/ Photo courtesy Warner Bros. Pictures • TNS

Who knows you the best with Amaya Herrera

BY NICHOLAS MADDOX

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Twin (Tianna)
What is Amaya’s favorite food? Pizza or Chinese food

What is Amaya’s favorite color?
Orange

What is Amaya’s favorite hobby? Sports or reading

What is Amaya’s most afraid of? Spiders

What is Amaya’s birthday? February 25

What is Amaya’s eye color?
Brown



Friend (Alanna)
What is Amaya’s favorite food? Chocolate chip pancakes

What is Amaya’s favorite color?
Blue

What is Amaya’s favorite hobby? Softball

What is Amaya’s most afraid of? Spiders

What is Amaya’s birthday? February 25

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Divorce from Page 2

they accept that adult as a parent is another story. It can also be a factor in what kind of relationship mother or father and their child have. Many teenagers have a hard time accepting a new parent and may even resent their mother or father for remar-rying, but some, like Low-ry student Leticia Gomez, are able to accept them.



Leticia Gomez./ Courtesy • Winnada

“My relationship with my mom is good she’s like my best friend. My stepdad and I have a great relationship, he’s always been there for our family,” said Leticia Gomez. An anonymous Lowry student shares her experience with steppar-ents and the changing of parent relationships. Her parents have been divorced since she was a toddler, she lives with her mom, her father lives in another state, and both her parents are remarried.

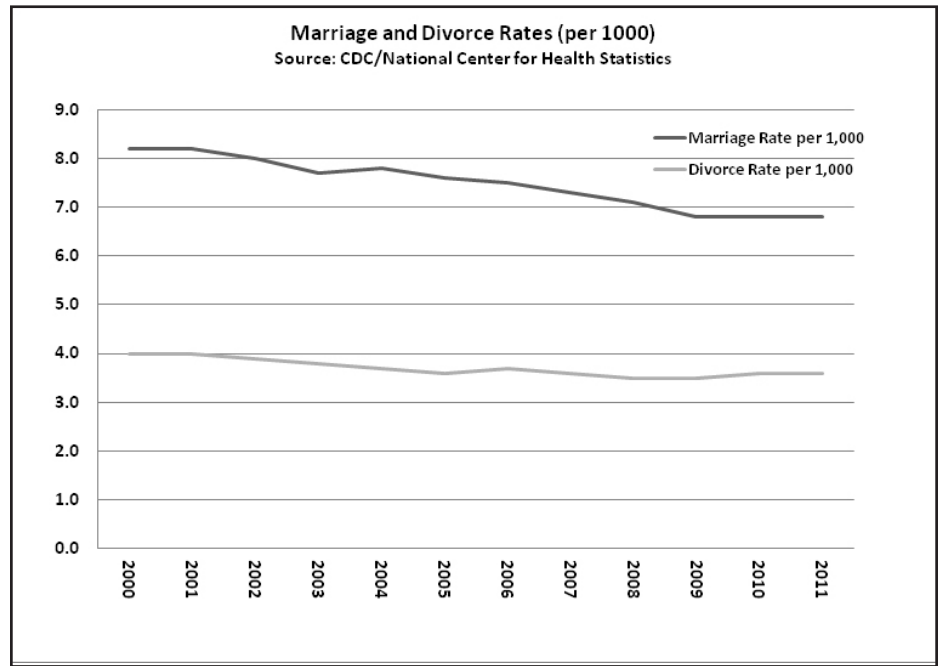
“When my mom got remarried our relationship definitely changed, I become more of her confidant. I originally had a hard time accepting my step dad, I wouldn’t call him my

step dad, but instead call him ‘my mom’s husband’, but now we have a great relation-ship and he helps me a lot with school and life. I only see my dad a few times a year, but he is still important in my life and my relation-ship with my stepmom is really positive,” said a Lowry student.

It can be seen that children are dramatically influenced by their parent’s divorce, but the two people going through the divorce are also affected. There is financial, emo-tional, physical, social, and many other ways divorce affects the ex-spouses. Financially there is the cost of a lawyer and the possible split-ting of the bank account. For parents experiencing divorce there could possibly be child support or hav-ing to support a child on your own. Emotionally, divorce can tear people apart. This means children may have to choose between parents and they may see them less. The physical ef-fects are most likely moving away

from the house or even the town they once lived in during their marriage. The social effects can be friends choosing between a spouse, moving into a new financial class, moving away from the people you know, or becoming a much different person. The average age for divorce is 30 years old. Many people may think the easy solution for never getting di-vorced is never getting married; but 96 percent of Americans have been

married at least once by the age of 70 and while the 50 percent of marriages end in divorce that means there are those 50 percent that never end. Its a glass half empty or half full scenario. The effects of divorce have been listed but put a spin on it and consid-er the effects of not getting divorced. Those effects can be both positive and negative. Maclyn Crnkovich and Marissa Mendoza contributed to this story.



NEWS QUIZ

By WESTON IRONS



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Congress just approved a bill for this major oil project.

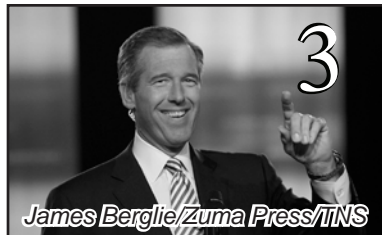
- A. Tar Sands
- B. South Shore
- C. Alaskan Gas Pipeline
- D. Keystone XL



2

Lowry wrestling has how many consecu-tive dual wins?

- A. 106
- B. 107
- C. 108
- D. 109



3

This news anchor is in trouble for stretch-ing the truth.

- A. Brian Williams
- B. Wolf Blitzer
- C. Katie Couric
- D. Anderson Cooper



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He anounced he would be retiring from “The Daily Show”.

- A. John Oliver
- B. John Stewart
- C. Stephen Cobert
- D. David Letterman

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CAREER PROFILE: TONY JIMENEZ OF FLEX FITNESS

By JAMES DUNYON

There is a new gym in town and it is crawling with athletes wanting to get in shape, the gym is Flex Fitness.

This new gym has been open for a mere seven months, since June 1 last year, and it already has 700 members. A good portion of those members are the students of Lowry High working out and getting in shape.

Tony Jimenez opened the gym with specific goals in mind.

“There was a need for a new gym, especially one for all those miners who work and come home late at night. That’s why I opened the gym, for people to come at night because they are busy during the day,” said Jimenez.

One of the most unique things about the gym is the membership and gym access. Flex Fitness members receive

a keychain card with a barcode which they use to scan to get into the gym after hours. There is an employee to assist with memberships and maintenance from 9

a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays and an employee is there from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekends. Month to month membership is \$49.99, a twelve month

membership is \$39.99, a six month membership is \$44.99, Lowry students pay \$29.99 a month, and a 10 workout punch card is \$49.99. The

gym is equipped with security cameras that can be accessed by the owners from anywhere to check on the gym.

These systems allow any member to



Tony Jimenez (L) with co-owner and wife Lyndsee Jimenez (R)./Courtesy • Tony Jimenez

come in and work out even when there are no employees there. With this new gym, he keeps equipment fresh. Jimenez switches out equipment when he notices that they aren’t being

used. This keeps the gym new and always brings back customers.

Some people avoid gyms because they are dirty, but that won’t be a

problem because this gym is cleaned at least twice a day, if not more.

Jimenez loves all his members and he tries to call all of them by their name,

“It makes people feel better, it can sometimes be an uplifter if someone has had a bad day. Saying the person’s name makes them feel important and I want to make all of them feel important,” said Jimenez.

Jimenez is always nice and helpful, and is always willing to help the gym members.

He even has the workout jams covered, the gym has a sound system that operates off of Pandora. The gym allows members to change the music themselves. These are just some of the great benefits of Flex Fitness,

“Come check it out and try it out, the members love it,” said Jimenez.



Heard in the Halls

By DANI RICKER

“All I know is that I do not know anything.” No one from Lowry said that, Socrates said that. But it describes about 90 percent of the Lowry population. So you know, welcome to Heard in the Halls.

“So I was like ‘long story short, you’re beautiful and I want your babies.’” Paa-leaseee. You’re in high school, you don’t want anyone’s babies.

I wish I could use emojis in these stories. Because you can’t say “paa-leaseee” without sticking a “talk to the hand” up.

“What I would do is, I would literally cover someone in papercuts, then literally put them in a bag of lemon juice, then when they got out, I would

put them in salt.”

Okay, one; I don’t know what sparked this topic, but stop. You’re scaring me. And two; your overuse of the word “literally” is very unnecessary.

“He can’t be a freshman! He’s too hot to be a freshman!”

Goodness, am I glad we don’t base grade levels off of hotness. I’d be stuck back in like fourth grade. All the kids my age would be like, “My school is filled with such beautiful people!” and I’d



be like, “Yeah? Well, I have recess and a juice box, so who’s the real winner here!?”

“He’s the love of my life. Like, I’m pretty sure we’re soulmates.”

Hey, story-time! Do you know where the term “soulmate” comes from? It comes from a theory which Plato created. He believed that humans were originally born with four arms, four feet, two heads, et cetera. However, they were only born with one soul. Then way back

when, people were stupid and did a lot of bad things and angered the Greek gods, who then cursed all of the human race, splitting them in half and forcing them to wander this earth in search of their other half.

The more you know.

So anyways, chances of you finding your “other half” your sophomore year of high school is unlikely and you need to stop.

“Oh my gosh, it’s only high school!”

Hey man, I see where you’re coming from, but at the same time, isn’t that the worst part? I mean, it’s *only* high school.

Just a random thought for you.

Peace out, Lowry.



Lowry code

By BRODY GOUCHER AND DANI RICKER

What’s up Lowry High? Dani and I are back and we have some urgent problems that need to be fixed ASAP. First on the agenda is teachers that need an attitude adjustment, there are several teachers that I won’t name (but everyone knows who they are) that students simply don’t get along with. Next up, what is the deal with people creating social media pages about Lowry, who cares that much about following a Lowry confession page that mainly just posts lies about people to get a favorite or a like.

Dani: Well, I only have three teachers this year and they’re pretty cool teachers. So I really have no complaints in the teacher department. Pros of being a senior I guess. Actually, I think I’ve only ever had problems with one teacher. I’ve always gotten along with the rest of them. I think Brody is the one that needs an attitude adjustment. C’mon dude. Pull your life together.

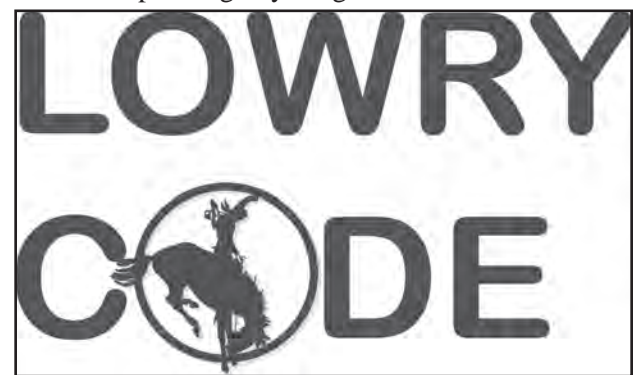
Brody: If you hate kids like the majority of the teachers in this building then I don’t understand why you would start teaching in the first place. I have been pretty lucky with my teachers but there are a few that have tried to make my life miserable

including one with a tough time growing hair on his head. Honestly if teachers would give off a positive attitude then it would make the learning atmosphere for everyone better. Many teachers give their lecture, write notes, and then return to their desk only to act like it’s the biggest chore ever to help you.

Dani: I stopped following Lowry accounts a long time ago. They tweet/post like two things then they disappear, and usually one of those two posts are about Maclyn and it’s not like it’s anything new. Maybe if they actually had something new or funny I’d care but they don’t so I don’t.

Brody: I’m tired of Yik Yak, and the Lowry confession pages as well, the only people that even post on them are individuals who feel the need to degrade and attack people because they aren’t satisfied with their own lives. Not to mention when someone Yik Yaks they remain anonymous and if you’re going to call some-

one out do it to their faces otherwise you’re really not accomplishing anything.



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Song Dedications

By STAFF

Then
From: Gabe Molina
To: Baylie Roark

Counting Stars
From: Jordyn Ward
To: Jacob Welty

Wasn't Me
From: Seth Duncan
To: Winnemucca FFA



Seth Duncan./
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Lipgloss
From: Hannah Hillyer
To: JV Girls Basketball Team

Blank Space
From: McKenna Jones
To: JV Girls Basketball Team



Kailynn Yetter./
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Why You
Gotta Be So Rude
From: Kailynn Yetter
To: Roland Clement

Swagger Jacker
From: Maclyn Crnkovich
To: Kylie Hilbish

No More Second Chances
From: Stetson Roark
To: Bryan Ramos

Fergalicious
From: Brooklyn Waller
To: Marissa Mendoza

Flawless

From: Irma Mendoza
To: Banesa Trigueros

In Your Arms
From: Maisie Paquette
To: Aubrey Johnson

Obsessed
From: Irma Mendoza
To: Alondra Ramos



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If I Tremble
From: Anna-leise Gabbica
To: Thomas Schwartz

Dip
From: Kyle Tarr
To: Jorge Bernal

Night Changes
From: Luis Pardini
To: Ashley Godinez

My Wish
From: Kylie Lewis
To: Kalie Morgan

Down On My Luck
From: Omar Guerrero
To: Jackey



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Do You Know?
From: Madison Mayo
To: Cheyenna Wolicki

Do You Want To Build A
Snowman?
From: Katie Hillyer
To: Johannah Mallon

You Are My Sunshine
From: Nakiya Flores
To: Mom

Cousins Forever
From: Travis Hardy
To: Cheyenna Wolicki

Love Me
From: Maddie Mayo
To: Elise Rose

Shotgun Rider
From: Amaya Herrera
To: Tiana Herrera

Ain't No Mountain High
From: Cecily Snow
To: Auri Criddle

I Love You Always Forever
From: Elise Rose
To: GW Coleman

Cherry Pie
From: Christian Riddle
To: Ashlee Barron

Riptide
From: Kaity Sample
To: Brooklyn Waller
Drop It Like Its Hot
From: Darion Iturriaga
To: Sierra Thiede

Baby Got Back
From: Darion Iturriaga
To: Payton Naveran

Hips Don't Lie
From: Darion Iturriaga
To: Juliana Velasco

Love Is An Open Door
From: Kenzie Johnson
To: Shawn Judy and



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Coraleigh Caviglia

#Long Live Steez
From: Jordan Diaz
To: Cesar Contreras



Hallie Cratzola./
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To: Nico Espinola

7 Things
From: Banana
To: Maddie

Trumpets
From: Jacob Von Aspern
To: Ignacio Medina

Baby Got Back
From: Payton Naveran
To: Darion Iturriaga

We Dem Boyz
From: Hunter Dimock
To: Andres Mendoza, Liam Sparks, and Brycen Prokasky

Purple Haze
From: Adriana Velazquez
To: Betsy Isario

Volto
From: Yesi
To: Banesa

She's A Lady
From: Dani Ricker
To: Lizzie Sims

The Sponge-bob Song
From: Baylie Roark
To: Hallie Caratzola

Africa
From: Darrin Nelson

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Lowry Voices: What tweet is currently at the top of your drafts?

By AIMEE BRANDON



"I don't give a darn I'm going to be a nun #relationship-probs."

Brooklyn Backus



"I never use hashtags on twitter because I'm a man, and I don't use hashtags."

David Anderson.



"Don't worry the lesson is easy," -Mr.Mayo."

Mackenzie Gorden

Lowry Then and Now

By DANI RICKER

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Lowry then takes you back to 1941, the year Frank Bidart graduated from Humboldt County High School where he was part of the student council and manager of the football team. Bidart was recognized as this year's Honorary Buckaroo during the Winterfest pep assembly February 18, 2015.



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