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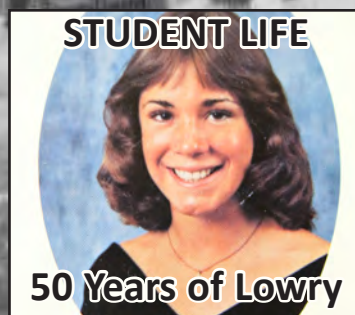
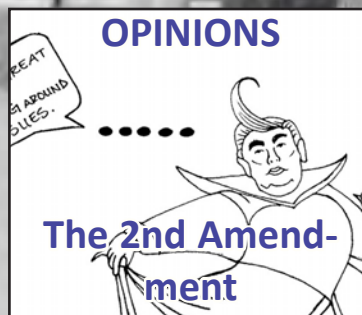
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Lowry turns 50

Albert M. Lowry High School

opened its doors for its first graduating class in 1968. This first ever class only consisted of about 50 students. Throughout the last five decades, thousands of students have graduated, the campus has expanded immensely and the students have been exposed to many more opportunities than before.

Mr. Ray Parks has been the principal at Lowry for five years, and has been in this school district for 26 years. He has been around long enough to know how things used to be and how they are now.

"The biggest advancements are definitely the opportunities for kids now as far as dual credits, AP, Great Basin, work-study programs and scholarship opportunities. I think with the growth of the community, we've kept up with opportunities for our students while they're in school and when they graduate. The opportunities for kids have grown immensely. 50 years ago, there wasn't really much mining here, it was almost all agriculture. This whole school, 50 years ago was built for 400 kids maximum. Now we're at a thousand kids. We've added six buildings and we're up to fifty-some teachers when they had a dozen or so, then," said Parks.

The First Graduating Class: '68

In 1968, there were a lot of new beginnings that ranged from new music to new food. There were also, some unfortunate events.

The Beatles came out with their "White Album". Martin Luther King Junior was assassinated on April 4, as well as Robert F. Kennedy on June 5. A gallon of gasoline cost only 34 cents and a brand new car was \$2,822. The first Big Macs were being sold for 49 cents. The population of the Earth was 3.5 billion.

Since only 68 students graduated the year Lowry was established, you could imagine the campus was fairly small.

"There was probably a total of 400 kids," said Sandy Hopfer, a graduate of 1968. "When I went to high school, Lowry used to be so far out of town. It was just surrounded by sagebrush. You kind of had to wonder, 'what were they thinking?'"

Sandy Hopfer is now retired, but she was a secretary at Sonoma Heights Elementary and also worked for Le French Twiste on downtown Bridge street for a period of time.

Mike Wolicki was also a graduate of 1968 and is retired. He's the grandpa of junior, Mikayla Wolicki. Mike loves hunting, and back in the day he worked on the railroad.

Even 50 years ago, Lowry had dances and a variety of sports, but according to Mike Wolicki, not as much school spirit.



Mike Wolicki/Courtesy • Winnada

"You know, there was a lot of school spirit, but not as much as there is now. We never painted ourselves blue and gold or anything like that," said Mike.

Hopfer was involved in the downtown drives and chic clothing of '68.

"When we were in school, we weren't allowed to wear pants. All girls had to wear



Sandy Hopfer./Courtesy • Winnada

dress. Now I think that you're able to wear anything you want in a reasonable state, that's not too exposing," said Hopfer. "All of the kids hung out together, and we would drag main street. We would go from the Frontier Motel and turn around, and where the Subway is used to be a place called the Krazy Kone, and we would turn around there. Every night, and on the weekends especially, there would be a lot of traffic on Winnemucca Boulevard because that's what kids would do for fun."

There are also a greater variety of courses available for students than there was in 1968.

"You probably have more things to learn now. We had Biology back then, but we didn't have Physics. We had Algebra and Geometry, but we didn't have Calculus. Now you're offered the chance to do a lot of your first-year college credits," said Hopfer. "You have the community college, Great Basin, right across the street. We didn't have that. When you were a senior in high school then, you had just enough credits to finish your senior year. Students now can almost be a sophomore when they get to university."

Hopfer, like many students today, had a plan for college and things didn't exactly go as planned.

"I was going to go to college and become an elementary school teacher. My first year of College at UNR I had to have an appendectomy, so I couldn't go and finish my first semester. Then I went to beauty school and became a beautician. Then I became a school secretary," said Hopfer.

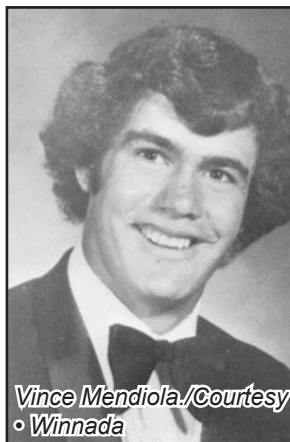
70'S: AGE OF THE HIPPIES

In 1973, a gallon of gasoline cost 40 cents. A dozen medium eggs cost 25 cents. The World Trade Center in New York became the tallest building in the world. In 1978, a pound of bacon was \$1.20. Ashton Kutcher was born February 7. Garfield made its first debut, and the world population was about 4.4 billion.

Jim Billingsley is the owner of Jim Dandy Productions in Winnemucca and also teaches Northern Nevada Outdoors for a class period at Lowry.

A common theme in Lowry's history is the improvement and expansion of the school. Jim Billingsley (1973), confirmed that.

"For years and years even when I came back and started teaching, the population of the high school was about 400 kids. That's about a hundred kids a class. It's at least double that now, and because of that you have more buildings, more classrooms and there are a lot better facilities and of course, the technology has changed immensely," said



Vince Mendiola/Courtesy • Winnada

Billingsley.

Billingsley also mentioned that there were fewer activities for women.

"There were very few women sports back in 1973. There was no girls basketball it was just kind of club stuff. Now baseball and football have summer programs and there was no swim team back then," said Billingsley.

Vince Mendiola (, graduate of 1974, still lives in Winnemucca. He is an assistant basketball coach for the girls varsity team at Lowry.

Mendiola tells us that the clothing style was similar to today's clothing, but not quite.

"The clothing was much like it is today. There were groups that wore baggy clothing, some wore tight jeans that would be decorated by pulling out the dark threads so the white threads showed up, and of course the western wear. We had a lot of ranch kids. The girls still had to wear dresses and we had a much stricter dress code."

80'S: THE DISCO ERA

In 1985, a US postage stamp cost 22 cents and Michael Jordan was named NBA's rookie of the year. In 1988, a gallon of gas was 91 cents; the average price of a new car was \$10,400; and laser eye surgery had just been developed. George H. W. Bush was elected president, and the world population was about 5.1 billion.

Tammy Gabica graduated in 1987, and is the mother of sophomore, Andrew Gabica. Gabica owns the Serenity Spa on Winnemucca Boulevard, and her husband Frank, owns Tallman Lumber.

The 80's was definitely all it has seemed to be, according to Gabica.

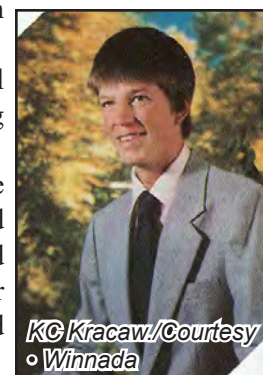
"There was lots of blue eyeshadow, big hair, and acid washed jeans for guys and girls. Girls also liked to wear halter tops to school," said Gabica.

Gabica also stated that her favorite thing at Lowry was getting an hour and a half for lunch and that she and the members of the 1987 class are still very close in contact.

Mrs. Alexis Maga-Mattson graduated in 1988. She is the mother of senior, Lorenzo Mattson and freshman Kole Mattson. Before becoming a teacher here, she worked at her parents' company, Maga Trucking. She has always planned on being a teacher, but she did get an accounting degree. Mattson also received the senior superlative of 'loudest', along with KC Kracaw.

Mattson enjoyed playing sports as much as she liked messing with her classmates.

"I loved playing basketball and volleyball. Or stuff-



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Study: students' laziness due to teacher apathy

Recently, many teachers at Lowry have noticed the decrease of students' effort in class. Many of them have been diagnosed with senioritis, but it's not just the seniors that have been infected.

Several juniors as well as a few sophomores have been diagnosed with this extremely contagious disease. Dr. Lauron Haasenhout from Las Vegas has recently visited Lowry and has conducted several experiments around the school as well as admitting students to his portable hospital.

After endless hours of scientific

research, Dr. Haasenhout has come to the conclusion that it is not the students infecting each other, but the teachers lack of effort in the classrooms.

"If the teachers at Lowry High School were to put more effort into teaching, typically, the students would pursue their school-work more adequately. In that



Students working hard in Accounting./Samm Sharp • The Brand

situation, the virus would not have spread so quickly or perhaps not at all," said. Haasenhout.

He found several forms of the virus on specimens of binders, notebooks, pencils, backpacks and even in the schools water fountains. The worst form of senioritis was

found on the Precalculus textbooks and the Consumer Finance workbooks.

According to the doctor, "All of the textbooks, worksheets, and binders must be burned. The virus has taken over the majority of the junior and senior class; at this point we have no other options." Doctor Haasenhout also suggests students to bring a water bottle from home, since all of the water carries the disease.

Haasenhout also mentioned that once he wipes out the disease, if teachers and students still do not give enough effort there will be another outbreak, even worse than this one.



Kobe coming out of retirement to join Dodgers

Following Jordan and his dream of the big leagues, Kobe Bryant is coming out of retirement. That's right, to become a player for the LA Dodgers. Kobe is "not just doing this to strive past Jordan," Kobe told reporters.

"I have always had a dream of being a professional baseball player. I played in High School and really wanted to pursue it when I had the chance but the NBA offered more money," said Kobe.

Dave Roberts, manager of the Dodgers, saw Kobe during spring ball and saw that this old timer had raw talent and was very athletic.

"Despite Kobe being 39 years old he is showing some real talent. He is playing hard and giving it everything. He is one of the most athletic players I have noticed this year," said Roberts



Kobe Bryant dribbles against players from the Dominican Republic./ Courtesy • U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Daniel Hughes

Kobe has impressed many players out on the field with his agility and ability to come up with ball no matter what direction its hit at him.

"He has quick reflexes and reacts very quickly to the ball," said Smith, The teams assistant manager.

Being one of the best center fielders at spring training, pitchers have even caught on to Kobe. Clayton Kershaw is very happy to have a reliable outfielder out there so that he doesn't have to worry if he hangs a curve or throws a meaty change-up right down the pipe. He has an outfielder with range and speed to cover much of the field.

"Somehow, Kobe always comes down with the ball. No matter how difficult the ball is to catch, he does everything in his power to get the ball in his mitt," said Joe Mandie.

With all the work he has been putting in, many coaches have their eyes on him. He is a top prospect in the league and has many offers going anywhere from the San Francisco Giants to the Boston Red Sox. Even the New York Yankees have their eye on him. The one that stood out to him was the Dodgers' offer of \$5.7 million. With Puig, the current all-star outfielder for the LA Dodgers, is making just 5.5 and the closest offer to this was the San Francisco Giants at 3.2 million.



Trump befriends the rocket man

Kim Jong-un has been caught in the news a lot over the years. Known by all as the dictator of North Korea, the country hidden from the world. He has been known for the cruelties he has forced upon his citizens. When someone thinks about North Korea some ideas that pop into their head are probably labor camps, starvation, and nukes. But this may all be changing according to a breaking news story from CNN, it appears Kim Jong-un has had a change of heart.

On Monday, March 2 President Trump sent out a very interesting tweet leaving many followers to believe he had been hacked.

"Leader of North Korea Kim Jong-un has sent several emails to me apologizing about his recent actions over my term as President. He now wants the United States help in rebuilding his country to catch them up with the rest of the world," Trump tweeted.

Although many news sources believed this to be another way North Korea was trying to gain publicity, CNN reported that earlier this morning the countries borders were opened to the public and citizens are now having passports made so that they can travel elsewhere.

Although it is unknown if Kim Jong-un's nukes are still being tested nothing has been reported or heard of for quite some time as their last major test was in September of 2017. This test was so big it actually caused aftershocks and moved the earth's crust. The United States government has been led to believe that North Korea's



Kim Jong-un and Trump. courtesy/ FolsomNatural. via flickr

Nuclear program has been shut down, at least temporarily.

Although there have been no reports on what the United States next actions will be there are rumors that American and South Korean troops based in South Korea are planning a trip to the country to bring food to citizens living in the region around Pyongyang and possibly meet with the leader.

Former NBA power forward Dennis Rodman who played alongside Michael Jordan has been friends with Kim Jong-un since 2013 and has made several visits to the country. Kim Jong-un is a big basketball fan and a fan of Rodman himself.

Rodman also tweeted earlier today giving himself some credit for the leaders change of heart.

"What did I tell you guys? Y'all did not believe me but now look. My friend has come around," tweeted Rodman.

Although more details are not clear on the issue, we can only hope that this is all really happening and that things will continue to get better in the country and in turn will make the world a better place as well.





Humboldt County's 45th Annual art show

The 45th annual art show from Humboldt county began March 1, where students from pre-k through 12th



Ms. Topholm's art students assisting with set up./Samm Sharp • The Brand

grade can showcase their artistic abilities. The artwork doesn't just come from Winnemucca though, rural students from Denio and McDermitt also enter into the show.

Ms. Julia Topholm's advanced art students entered the 2017-2018 Scholastic Art Competition earlier this year, and the pieces will also be on display at the museum.

"We will highlight some of their (students) works that receive third, second, and first places," said Topholm.

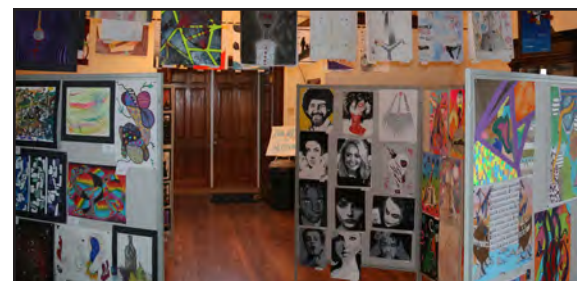
Topholm is also "looking forward to a good turn out on Thursday March 1 for the opening," and that's exactly what she got.

Quite a few dozen people showed up for opening night.

Advanced Art student Destiny DeLaMora said she was looking forward to this year's art show.

"I'm very excited. I love seeing all the amazing art," said DeLaMora. "I think I have two or three pieces entered in the show but I'll mostly be looking at everyone else's art, especially my brother because he's an amazing artist."

The art show is at the Humboldt County Museum, where there are different sections for each school. Lowry artwork will be displayed inside the church in front of the museum. The art show is open to the public until March 29. The next art show will be exclusively the work of Lowry students later in the school year.



Lowry's art display in the church./Samm Sharp • The Brand



Cut out portraits from the Art II students./Samm Sharp • The Brand



Lowry's Academic Challenge team looks to win it all

Few know what the Academic Challenge team is or who the team consists of, but every Tuesday after school you will find the brains of Lowry practicing in Mr. Espinola's room.

Their advisor is computer teacher Mrs. Scott, she gets them ready for

their tournaments and takes them to compete at other schools.

"We had the finals for our region last night and we beat all the other teams so now we go to Lovelock in two weeks and compete against the other region for the championship. We will play Truckee and Dayton down there," said Scott.

The students are challenged with answering some very difficult questions regarding a number of different topics, and students that do the best in practice are taken to tournaments to compete against other schools in Northern Nevada.

Senior team captain Cody Hawkins has been a huge part of the team's success this year and excels in just about every topic.

"I'm pretty strong all around but if I had to pick an area it would probably be history," said Hawkins.

Currently Lowry sits in first in the standings heading into the championship.

"I believe we are in first. We've only lost one game so far this year," said Hawkins.

Hawkins has seen his team develop a lot more confidence throughout the season.

"Everybody has become more relaxed and comfortable answering questions at competitions. At the start of the year we sometimes seemed scared to buzz in but we're a lot better about that now," said Hawkins.

The Championship will take place on March 8 at Pershing County High School.



The team practices answering questions./Ron Espinola • The Brand

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WOULD GUN LAWS CHANGE ANYTHING IN THE US?

Last week in Parkland Florida, a former student at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School walked into the freshman building and used smoke grenades to start the fire alarm and lure kids out of class. He then proceeded to fire shots at students fleeing in the hallway. A total of 17 students and staff were murdered and a number more were injured in this horrific event.

This was the 18th school shooting this year in the United States. Why are school shootings a thing in the United States, but nowhere else in the world?

Many argue that this is because just about every other first world country has strict gun laws. Take Australia for example, in 1996 there was a mass shooting that became known as the Port Arthur Massacre. Weeks after the massacre the country passed strict gun laws making it extremely hard to purchase

a firearm. Since then Australia has not experienced a single fatal mass shooting, a shooting in which five or more people are killed, according to usatoday.com. According to motherjones.com, since 1982 there have been a total of 72 mass shootings in the United States. This is significantly higher than any other country in the world.

In order to receive a gun in another country a person usually must go through several different steps including strict background checks, safety training, and have a good reason for wanting to purchase the gun. Even having the reason of wanting a gun for self protection is not liable in some countries.

This is the first school shooting where students are taking a stand. Not only in Florida, but nationwide high school students have staged walk outs to protest in favor of gun laws. Some of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas students have become public figures on social media and have been seen in the news giving

speeches about gun laws. They have called out supporters of the NRA and already a number of large businesses have cut ties with them. These young people are making a mark and they will be able to vote soon.

The problem is that the U.S. is not like any other country, the right to bear arms has been a big part of this country since not too long after the country was founded. Even if the United States attempted to make stricter gun laws it would have to be passed in every state which could be nearly impossible especially because states already have different gun laws,; some stricter than others. And even if it did happen it would most likely take many years to take full effect. Although this idea is far from reality if it has the chance to make things better, to meaning children can go to school and feel safe, shouldn't it at least be considered as a possible solution?

Shootings have become the norm in America and it is sick. Nothing has changed, and it continues to get worse because barely anything is being done and it will continue to happen until changes are made. I am not saying gun control is the solution to stopping this altogether, but it could definitely help.



I will be strongly pushing Comprehensive Background Checks with an emphasis on Mental Health. Raise age to 21 and end sale of Bump Stocks! Congress is in a mood to finally do something on this issue - I hope!

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OPEN YOUR EYES: NET NEUTRALITY

On December 14, 2017, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) made history and voted 3-2 to repeal net neutrality.

Well funny thing is, the FCC was established in 1934, and it's one goal is to ensure that all consumers have reasonable access to how we get our communications (like TV, phone calls, and now the internet), according to metro.co.

For those of you who don't already know, net neutrality is basically our right to free reign on the internet. Big corporations potentially charge us for services and even block certain apps. The internet will be divided into two sections, fast and slow. They could even redirect users from one website to another. We could be charged more for the same phone plans, and no one's happy about it.

Within a month of the vote, a wave of lawsuits were filed to fight the repeal, some of said lawsuits even stating that the repeal of net neutrality broke

federal law. "Internet is a utility - just like water and electricity... and every consumer has a right to access online content without interference or manipulation by their internet service provider," said Mr. Schneiderman via NY Times.

The Governor of Montana, Steve Bullock, has declared through an executive order that any internet service provider with a state government contract with Montana "cannot block or charge more for faster delivery of websites... to any customer in the state," (NY Times). Bullock is sticking to his word, saying that "if you want to do business with Montana, there are standards on net neutrality you will have to follow." Hopefully, more states will get the memo and establish their own laws and regulations against the repeal.

Now, there have been some misconceptions about net neutrality, such as service providers blocking users from websites. Providers didn't charge for service before Obama laid down the internet regulations in

2015, and they still won't after the repeal. Some providers such as AT&T and Comcast "have promised they won't block or throttle sites, or create fast lanes for certain content." (New York Times)

To be successful in today's society, access to the internet is almost mandatory. Whether you use the internet for news, sports, entertainment, or for gaming, this repeal will affect you.



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Mexico's Reality

Let me start by sharing facts about Mexico. Beyond the stereotypical images of sombreros, tacos and tequila lies a culture that can be explored for years. This is a country with 3,000 years of history. With more than 120 million inhabitants, this country is the tenth largest in the world based on population. It exports more manufactured goods than all those of Latin America, combined. So why this is such a bad many unfortunate course, Mexico as it should be of lawful order.



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However, that's not to say there's danger on every corner. Just like anywhere else in the world, you need to be aware of your surroundings and use common sense. There are actually a lot of opportunities available in this country.

Post-secondary education, for example, is much more affordable in this country. In the second largest city in Mexico, which is Guadalajara, there are 12 universities available with most of them requiring very low tuition payments. The University of Guadalajara calculated the average amount of spending in hosting, food, and local transport for an exchange student, and was \$500 USD per month. Exchange students can also benefit from the partner institution by not paying tuition fees at the University of Guadalajara. As for the cost of degrees, a Bachelor's and a Master's is \$1,000 USD each, per year, which applies

to foreigners and citizens. This is what some students may pay to rent an apartment in the United States.

According to the World Economic Forum's 2015 "Human Capital Report", "progress in educating highly skilled talent now puts Mexico 8th in the world with 113,944 graduates each year. The push for students to pursue STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) degrees is working." This was three years ago, and the numbers of educated people are growing rapidly.

For example, the requirements needed to acquire medical degrees in Guadalajara's medical school is parallel to those in the United States. "Its medical curriculum looks virtually identical to those offered by American medical schools, including a complete menu of basic science courses such as anatomy, biochemistry, neuroscience, genetics, and pharmacology as well as standard clinical rotations in surgery, medicine, and pediatrics." (nytimes.com)

On another note, the healthcare here is universal and very accessible. Seguro Popular (Popular Health Insurance) provides unemployed and poor Mexicans with access to preventative healthcare services such as diabetes screening and vaccinations, as well as treatment for chronic and severe illnesses. There is also a mix of public health insurance programs, employer-

provided health insurance, and private out-of-pocket care.

Also, who wouldn't like the tropical weather in the south and very warm weather in the north, that Mexico offers? The climate is consistent and pleasant all over the country.

The style of the housing can be uber modern, traditional and everything in between. There are plenty of theaters, enormous malls, street-filling markets and there is a fulfilling livelihood available.

The lack of understanding of this country's culture is causing people to oversee the value of it. Mexico is more than what we know; all it takes it a little bit less ignorance.



TEENS DO BETTER WHEN SCHOOL STARTS LATER

School needs to start later because teens lack sleep which is not healthy. It is recommended to get 8.5 to 9.5 hours of sleep each night, according to American Academy of Sleep Medicine. On average, students get fewer than seven, which is already below the recommended time, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Most schools start school as early as 7:30 a.m., which causes students to show up sleep deprived and show lack of focus in their first classes. Physically and mentally, this is a problem. Students have to be alert for six hours at school, and not getting a good amount of sleep can really affect how they perform.



Sleep deprivation in students has been linked to lower GPAs because sleep affects concentration, memory and the ability to learn. A good night's sleep helps to restore energy throughout the school day. A new study done by lead study author, Pamela McKeever, proved that schools that have started later, show improvements on how students perform. Students are more alert and aren't half asleep during class.

Lowry currently starts school at 7:55 a.m. each day except for Thursdays. Every

Thursday school starts an hour later, 8:55 a.m. I personally always feel way more energized and don't find myself feeling drowsy or falling asleep in class on Thursdays. One hour can make a huge difference and other students agree.

Some may say the reason kids don't get enough sleep is that we stay up late on our phones. Teens typically stay up late on weekends which affects sleeping patterns during the week. Many teens suffer from sleeping disorders which aren't always linked to a phone. We have school all day, then some may have sports or jobs. We need to eat dinner and spend time with family, and of course get some relaxation. So, sometimes homework from school is put off until late at night.

Lowry should really delay the start time by at least one hour. It would make a huge difference and most students would really appreciate it. Sleep is incredibly important and has a huge effect on how students do in school. Students need at least 8 hours of sleep and early school times are preventing this. If schools really want us to succeed, they should start by caring about our mental health first.

ANIMAL CRUELTY NEEDS TO COME TO A STOP

There are many people in this world who own or has owned a pet. For most people, they look at their pet as part of the family or their best friend. On the other hand, there are some people who adopt a pet and treat it very poorly. There should be justice for the poor pets for beating them and leaving them. One should be put in jail for doing this to pets.

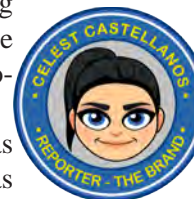
Most people buy pets as gifts for the holidays or as a nice gesture to someone. Most of the time, that pet will get taken to the pound because of it being too much to take care of. The person can also get very irritated with the pet and begin to abuse it and treat the animal poorly. A good way to prevent this situation is to not buy someone a pet.

Although there might be some people who buy a pet and can no longer afford to buy it the things it needs to live. That can be understandable, However, do not just

leave your dog out on the streets or abandon it in a random place. Take it to a friend, or someone you might know would want a pet, do not give up on them.

All pets have emotions and feelings just like humans. They can feel depressed and stressed for being beat. There should be discipline for getting rid of something that loves you and relies on you; especially when treating a pet poorly. Do not sign up for some-

thing if you cannot take care of it. Most studies have shown that in a year about 7.6 million pets are abandoned and are thrown out. Statistics show that many people do not even notice that they are abusing their dogs and doing it out of anger and other problems. Although most people think that it is not that big of a deal to adopt a dog and then give it away, it is. Treat every living thing with the same respect as a human, animal cruelty should be stopped.





Lowry band takes on honor band

On February 6 and 7, several members of the Lowry band -including myself- had the opportunity to participate in the 2018 Northeastern Nevada Honor Band, in Elko.

Honor Band is basically an assembly of musicians from high schools all over Northeastern Nevada. Along with the students from Lowry, were students from Spring Creek High School, White Pine High School, Battle Mountain High School, Wells High School, Eureka High School and Elko High School, among others.

In order to participate, we all had to audition, which also determined chair

placement. From Lowry, Christian Olson was first chair trombone and Kyron Williams was first chair baritone saxophone. The alto saxophones were Stacy Horton (first chair), and Lorsix Silva (fourth chair). Rylee Clement was second chair, bass clarinet. From the clarinet section, was Dacotah Lewis (sixth chair), Shelby Rhodes (twelfth chair), Tessafaye Sadler (fifteenth chair), and Meghan Lane (sixteenth chair). Marissa Watling was the oboe. The Flutes were me (fourth chair), Natalie Peterson (eighth chair), and Ashley Salgado (thirteenth chair).

Every year, a different guest conductor works with the ensemble. This year's conductor was Dr. Reed Chamberlin;

Director of Bands and the Nevada Wind Ensemble at UNR. He taught us about phrasing, dynamics, and what he calls "the five levels of listening", where you must conceptualize the sound you want to make, listen to yourself, listen to the people on both sides of you, listen to your section leader, and listen to the whole band, adjusting your own sound to match.

Honor Band was an amazing experience that I am lucky to have been a part of. As a freshman, it was very informal, and really opened my eyes in the way of music, and what I can do with it. I hope to be given the chance to participate in honor band again in the future.



The combined Honor Band warming up before the performance./ Courtesy • Blaine Olson



Lowry Band students posing for a picture after the performance./ Courtesy • Blaine Olson

Do's OR DON'TS: SPRING BREAK



Don't go on some super cool vacation without me. Seriously.

Do bring me back a souvenir, but it better cost more than a buck (Tara).

Don't post your vacation pictures all over social media while you're gone. I mean, unless you want your house to get robbed. You do you.

Do stay out of the water at the beach. Sharks man, sharks.

Don't complain that we never hung out over break if you never asked me.

Do pull April Fools pranks.

Don't pull them on me. Everyone else, yes. Not me.

Seriously Tara, bring me back a souvenir.

Don't try to start a spring break fashion trend. Socks don't belong on your face, Jimmy.

Do believe that Jimmy is a real person.

Shh. It's almost Spring Break. Don't question my logic.

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Whatever happened to: Family dinner

Whatever happened to an actual family dinner? It seems like now and days, most families don't sit together and spend quality time while enjoying a meal. Just 40 percent of American families eat meals together according to a recent study done by ConAgra Foods. Most kids just eat on their own time or in their



Lesley Martinez./Julianna Gonzalez •The Brand

rooms while some parents may just not cook at all. I'm not saying every family is like this, but most are.

Family dinner gives members a chance to reconnect with each other after a long day. It may be the only time of day where everyone gets

together.

Today, kids have after school jobs or even practice for sports. Parents may work very late and not have time to cook meals. So this usually leads to eating frozen meals and eating at different times than other family members.

Family meals are important because sitting down for a nightly meal is great for the brain, the body and spirit. Researchers reported that children who regularly eat family dinners consume more fruits, vegetables, and vitamins along with fewer fried foods and soda.

Student Lesley Martinez actually eats a family dinner every day.

"We have dinner together every day. We wait for my dad to come home from work, then we all sit together and eat," said Martinez.

Other researchers found an association between family dinner frequency and how teens perform in



A family sits down for dinner./Courtesy • National Institutes of Health

school. Students who ate family meals five to seven times per week, were twice as likely to get A's than students who ate fewer than two meals per week.

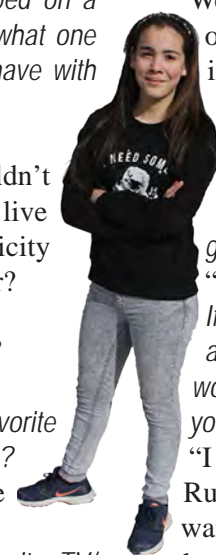
There was also a study in New Zealand that showed a relationship between family dinners and good behavior in teens. It lowers the chance of high-risk teenage behaviors like smoking, drinking, marijuana use, violence, school problems, and eating disorders.



Buckaroo Round Up

Veronica Romero

Fidget Spinners: Yes or no?
"No, because they're just really annoying."
Football or Fútbol?
"Fútbol."
If you were trapped on a deserted island, what one item would you have with you?
"A book."
What wouldn't you be able to live without, electricity or running water?
"Water."
Books or Movies?
"Books."
What is your favorite movie/book genre?
"Action. I like Star Wars."
Who is your favorite TV/book character?
"Peter Griffin from 'Family Guy'.
What is your favorite class?
"My favorite class is Veterinary Science."
Do you think Pluto should be considered a planet?



"It doesn't really matter, but I don't think it should. It doesn't have an atmosphere."
Do you think aliens exist?
"I do think aliens exist. We can't just be the only living things in the galaxy; there's got to be something else."
Do you think ghosts are real?
"No."
If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?
"I would go to Russia. I've always wanted to see it, check out red square, and live there."
Do you prefer morning, afternoon, or night?
"Night."
What is your favorite food?
"My favorite food is Tacos. I like them with a lot of salsa on them."

Triniti Gordon

Fidget Spinners: Yes or no?
"No. Everybody just ends up playing with them, not using them for their actual purpose."
Football or Fútbol?
"Football, because it spreads team spirit."
If you were trapped on a deserted island, what one item would you have with you?
"Does food count? I'd take a bed because I'm not going to sleep somewhere I won't be comfortable."
What wouldn't you be able to live without, electricity or running water?
"Running water. I don't care about electricity, but I have to shower."
Books or Movies?
"Books."
What is your favorite movie/book genre?
"My favorite book genre is teen fiction. Usually



the fantasy and fairy tale stuff."
Who is your favorite TV/book character?
"My favorite book character would have to be Lila from Reign of the Shadows."
What is the most random thing you've ever said or done?
"Stop'. I just randomly say 'stop' all of the time."
What is your favorite class?
"Either Physics, Geometry, or Computer Lit. Mainly because I have the most fun in all three."
Do you think Pluto should be considered a planet?
"Yes, everyone counts."
Do you think aliens exist?
"I'm not sure, maybe. There's been a lot of creepy stuff that's happened that leads me to believe that they exist. At the same time no, because we'd be dead."

Natalie Peterson

Fidget Spinners: Yes or no?
"No, because they aren't used for their purpose."
Football or Fútbol?
"Football."
If you were trapped on a deserted island, what one item would you have with you?
"A really good friend."
What wouldn't you be able to live without, electricity or running water?
"Running water."
Books or Movies?
"It depends on the book or movie."
What is your favorite movie/book genre?
"Mystery."
Who is your favorite TV/book character?
"My favorite TV character is Thor."
What is the most random thing you've ever said or done?
"Isn't silly putty just great?"



What is your favorite class?
"My favorite class is probably band. It's like a big family."
Do you think Pluto should be considered a planet?
"All shorties matter, so Pluto should too."
Do you think aliens exist?
"Nah, aliens don't exist."
Do you think ghosts are real?
"Ghosts are only as real as you think they are."
If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?
"If I could go anywhere in the world, I would go to the underground forest, which is a cave in Vietnam. It's beautiful and isolated."
Do you prefer morning, afternoon, or night?
"Night."

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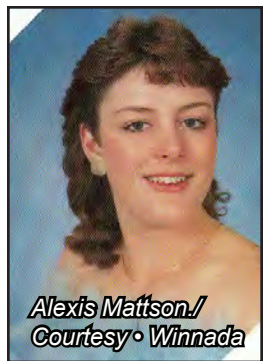
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ing Dustin Christean in a duffel bag during practice,” said Mattson.

Mattson also mentioned that Lowry did not have a volleyball team in the 80’s,

and the cool place to hang out was an ice cream place called Krazy Kone, the same place Sandy Hopfer mentioned from 1968.

KC Kracaw also graduated in 1988. He used to work at his dad’s farm and is currently a science teacher at the Winnemucca Jr. High. Kracaw enjoys collecting exotic animals such as chameleons, hedgehogs, sugar gliders, an African Grey Parrot, cockatiels, parakeets, Indian Ringneck Parrots, and koi.

THE 90’S: GRUNGE

In 1994, Bill Clinton was president. A gallon of gasoline cost \$1.16. Ty launched the first ‘Beanie Babies’. Kurt Cobain died on April 5, and OJ Simpson fled police in his white Ford Bronco on June 17. The world population was about 5.6 billion.

Kelly and Sabrina Novi are both graduates of the class of 1993. They both went to UNR, and Sabrina had an engineering degree in mind. Kelly is now the principal of the Winnemucca Junior High, and Sabrina is a teacher there.



Tammy Gabica/Courtesy • Winnada

Even back then, many students at Lowry swore they would never return to Winnemucca, and that was exactly the case for the

Novis.

“We left with no intention of coming back to Winnemucca, but then there was the job market, quality of life and family, so we came back,” said Sabrina.

Another innovation that Lowry acquired were the parking lots, which are now much different according to Sabrina.

“The parking now is different. As seniors, we got to park where the solar panels are and we got to paint our parking spots. We’d go up there to paint them before school started, and decorate them however we wanted to. Great Basin wasn’t there, so people didn’t park across the street. They would park down near the football field,” said Sabrina.

When it comes to things to do, getting involved at Lowry isn’t as hard as it seems.

“I think Lowry was, and continues to

be, a school that provides a lot of opportunities for kids; if they’re willing to take advantage of them. With choir, band and all the clubs, there’s no shortage of things to get involved with,” said Sabrina.

Jennifer Ragsdale graduated in 1996 and is the mother of senior Gaven Ross. For a while, she worked for the Lovelock hospital as a Certified Nurse’s Assistant. Jennifer currently works at The Martin hotel as a waitress and has lived in Winnemucca for most of her life.

The 90’s were the beginning of the grunge era, and Ragsdale said she was part of the movement.

“I remember grunge was a big thing when I started high school. A lot of kids wore flannels and band t-shirts. Some girls wore babydoll dresses with stockings, and letterman’s jacket and acid washed 501 jeans were very popular,” said Ragsdale. “Bodysuits and short shorts. Birkenstocks too. It seems like some of those fashion trends have made their way back.”

Cruising the Boulevard is what many generations of high schoolers did for fun, but sometimes skipping school was even better.

“We used to cruise the strip for fun. We would start at Dave’s Dugout and end up at McDonald’s where everyone would just talk and hang out,” said Ragsdale. “We also used to skip school after lunch and sunbathe down by the Humboldt River. It was a lot easier to skip class back then.”

Mrs. Rebecca Hill was also a graduate of 1996, who graduated and went off to college, only to come back and teach at her alma mater. She was Mr. Aberasturi’s teachers assistant and went to school with Ms. Cassandra Jenkins, Ms. Laura Mercado, and Mr. Luca Bernardi, who’re all teachers here.

Hill stated that even in the span of 20 years, technology has changed plenty.

“When I was in school, only the teachers had the old Mac computers and there was no cell phones. Kids actually talked to each other,” said Hill.



Benny Martinez./Courtesy • Winnada

THE 00’S: A NEW MILLENIUM

In 2001, a dozen eggs were 90 cents; a gallon of gas a \$1.46. A terrorist attack brought down the Twin Towers in New York on September 11. “Shrek” was released on April 22. In 2007, a gallon of gasoline was \$3.38. Apple announced

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the very first iPhone in January. In April, a Virginia Tech student went on a rampage, leaving over 30 people dead. In 2008, Barack Obama was the first African-American elected president.

Benny Martinez graduated in 2002. He moved to Winnemucca with his parents when he was three-years-old and has been part of the community ever since. He works at CarWil and has coached many Little League baseball teams over the years. Martinez is also the varsity baseball assistant coach.

Martinez stated that the dances were one of his best experiences, and he was very involved in sports during his time in high school.

“Ever since freshman year, I played football, basketball, and baseball. Everyone hung out after practice, and at the school dances,” said Martinez.

Mr. Austin Mayo graduated in 2007, and since then has worked at Reliable, Khoury’s, and graduated from UNR with an Accounting degree.

Mayo stated that his favorite thing in high school was getting involved, which can lead to lots of good memories.

“My best experience was just participating in everything. I was in Leadership, I was in Drama, I played three sports. Being involved; you don’t get that opportunity once you’re out of high school. So those are the kind of times I look back on and say ‘it was nice to have that,’” said Mayo.

Some of the fashion sense in the thousands was very questionable. Mayo said he was part of the more reasonable side of the fashion trends; the casual t-shirt and jeans.

“In my day, people were really into Abercrombie & Fitch and Hollister. So, there were a lot of polos, nice jeans. I guess you could call it ‘the frat boy’ look,” said Mayo.

Mayo is now a math teacher at Lowry.
THE 10’S TO NOW

In 2010, the price of a postage stamp was 44 cents, and a gallon of gasoline was \$2.73. Apple released the first iPads, and the world population was about 6.9 billion. In 2013, the cost of a movie ticket was about \$10.25, and gasoline went back up to \$3.80 a gallon. Drake dropped his “Nothing Was the Same” album in September.

Jayna Hill, a graduate of 2010, is the daughter of English teacher, Mrs. Rene Hill. Jayna attended Great Basin College as well as UNR. She moved to Las Vegas

but ended up moving back. Hill now teaches at Encore Dance Academy and even substitute teaches.

Jayna Hill said that she and her class were extremely busy during high school. Hill was a member of FFA, varsity cheer, journalism, Teen Court, and Letterman’s club.

“I don’t know if we [the class] had any downtime really. We were always doing some kind of school activity or I had dance classes. And I had no social life... just kidding,” said Hill.

Hill also stated that all of her favorite teachers still work at Lowry.

“My favorite teachers were Mr. Espinola, Mrs. Dawson...sometimes. Mr. Corak and Mrs. Doyle,” said Hill.

Chaslynn McAllister graduated in 2015. She was a member of band as well as varsity cheer and is currently pursuing a Bachelor’s degree in Social Science with an emphasis in Psychology. McAllister is also working toward a substitute teaching license.

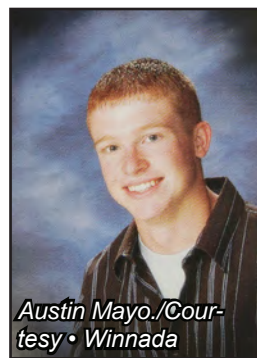
“I went to school at the College of Southern Idaho to begin my studies of chiropractics; halfway through my first year, I changed my mind and switched my major to psychology in May, 2017 and am currently studying to receive my Bachelors in Social Science at Great Basin. The education and career plan is to receive my Masters in Counseling and possibly start my own private practice in Winnemucca,” said McAllister.

It is now 2018. The world population is 7.6 billion. The Apple iPhone X was recently released. Donald Trump is president. The federal government was shut down for three days. On February 14, three teachers and fourteen students lost their lives at the Douglas Stoneman High School in Parkland, Florida. The winter Olympics were held in Pyeongchang, South Korea; where the US emerged with 23 medals total. Women, immigrants, and the LGBT community are still fighting for rights. We’ve come a tremendously long way in 50 years, but we all still have much to learn.

The Brand staff contributed to this article by interviewing a past graduates from every decade up to the latest graduating class.



Jayna Hill./Courtesy • Winnada



Austin Mayo./Courtesy • Winnada



Chaslynn McAllister./Courtesy • Winnada





'Sleeping Beauty' awakens March 12

What are you doing March 12, 13, 14, 15 at 7 p.m., because "Sleeping Beauty" will be the play of the year?

This timeless tale is about to go live through Lowry's Drama and Stagecraft classes. The stars for the play are Mardie Johnson as Sleeping Beauty, Maddie Riley as Maleficent, Brayden Jensen and Seth Hornbarger as Prince Charming and Ali Wirthlin is the stage manager.

The students are excited to perform for the kids and see the joy on their faces.

"I'm just looking forward to being able to put on a fairytale for the kids and put smiles on everyone's faces,"

said Johnson.

Riley lets the students know that that it's going to be the biggest play of the year.

"It's gonna be the biggest and best play we've done so far. So bring yo kids, bring yo wife, bring everyone," said Riley.

Stagecraft has worked hard on the production.

"I can tell you that costumes play a big part. That's our main attraction point," said Wirthlin. Based on this information the play will have amazing costumes that may possibly add to the entertainment factor.

Jensen hints that it will be a little different than the regular fairytale.

"It's our take on a classic fairytale,"

said Jensen

What does this mean? Will it be more modern, or completely different who knows, but it will be interesting to find out, so come out and watch drama perform "Sleeping Beauty".

Riley talks about how they love the support from the community and how much she loves to see the kids.

"Drama and stagecraft really enjoy support from our community, and it gives them a chance to see what we've

been working on, it's a great event to take your family to too, very interactive with the kids," said Riley.

This will be an exciting event that everyone should see, doors open at 6:30 p.m.



Mark?, Mark Henderson, Ryan Johnson, Mardie Johnson/Melanie Magana for The Brand



Members of Stagecraft work on the set in February/Taz Milton for The Brand



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Lowry Voices: What are your plans for spring break?



"I plan on hanging out with my family."

Destiny Delamora, Junior

"Probably just hangout with my family and friends."

Skylee Dewitte, Junior

"I am just going to hangout with my family."

Annabelle Grasmick, Junior

"I am going to just hangout with my friends but at the end of break I am going to Idaho."

Leandre Gardner, Junior

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Performer of the Issue: Maddie Riley

This performer is someone who is praised by the school for her amazing choreography and her great drama performances. Maddie Riley was chosen by Mrs. Corinne James because Maddie is dedicated and always ready to work. Maddie has been participating in drama for three years.

Riley began performing in Drama her sophomore year of high school. Riley is an outgoing person and needed something to keep her excited.

"I am a really outgoing person and this was one way for me to express that and make my high school years enjoyable," Riley said.

While in drama Riley's favorite performances have been "Grease" and "Sleeping Beauty".

"This drama family would not be whole with her," James stated. "Riley is always ready to do her best."

According to James, Riley has improved her acting skills significantly since the start of the year.

Riley is loved by her friends and family and Riley has several interests in her life such as Leonardo DiCaprio as her favorite actor, and her mom is her role model because "she made me the person I am today and she's my right hand."

Riley stated if she could switch lives with anyone,

it would be Cabatbat.

"I would switch lives with Cabatbat because he makes games," said Riley.

Riley may be a talented actress, but that's not all she does, she told us of her involvement in Leadership, advanced placement classes, and is has dance about 15 hours a week. Riley has proven she is talented and dedicated to her work.



Maddie Riley./Courtesy • Winnada



What to Watch: 'Black Mirror'

Netflix's original series "Black Mirror" is one brilliant show. It's very different from other shows Netflix has to offer so that's what makes it unique. Each episode of "Black Mirror" is completely different, with new characters and a new story. The main point of it is it gives you an idea about what technology can do to society and it makes you think about the future.

There are four seasons and the newest season came out recently. There are four to six episodes per season and each episode is an hour long. You honestly can watch the show in any order because like I said before, each episode has nothing to do with the previous one.

While watching this show, it is very important to be paying attention the

whole time and not be texting or doing any other activity. Three really good episodes are The Entire History of You, season 1, Be Right Back, season 2, and Nosedive, season 3.

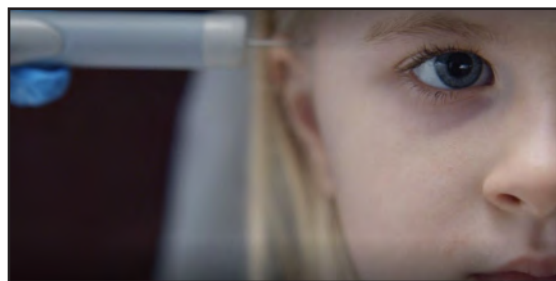
The Entire History of You shows how technology impacts our lives and the self destructive power it can hold.

Be Right Back makes you think how far one could go with technology to make unnatural events happen.

Nosedive is relevant to high schoolers because it ties in with how social media defines you. In this episode everything has to do with a rating. You have to have a certain score to do things or to be accepted in society.

Almost every episode of Black Mirror leaves you feeling a bit open minded but confused at the same time. It's pretty interesting to see what our future can be turned into and how technology can take over our lives.

I am glad a show like Black Mirror exists. Most shows these days tie in with the same storyline which could get boring. It's refreshing to watch something new.



A screengrab from "Black Mirror"./Courtesy • netflix.com



Peyton

Have you seen any kids slip on ice yet? That's one of my favorite things about winter even though that's mean. But these kids do it to themselves. They run, they walk right over ice even on hills, and so they kind of have a death wish. Sadly I'm not on campus that much anymore, so I am not blessed with that opportunity a whole lot.

Ale

I actually haven't seen that yet because there hasn't been much ice or snow. It doesn't feel like winter. :(

Peyton

Seriously though. Winter, wherever you are I kinda miss you but I kinda don't. I went golfing yesterday and I didn't even need a sweatshirt. So do you think global warming is real? I think it might be and it's kind of scary.

Ale

It is scary. But it might just be because of the fires in California, the heat and smoke in the atmosphere. That and La Niña, which carries the cold currents; we need some of that. I don't know if global warming is real though.



Ale & Peyton

It might be, because the world will always be changing; it's alive. I also think that the world's society is careless.

Peyton

Yeah all of those are probably factors. I am pretty sure we get La Niña next year but I'm not sure and I don't really feel like looking it up. Apparently we are supposed to get a lot of snow in February. I wanted snow but I wanted it in December not February so that sucks if that's true.

Ale

You're so lazy, Peyton. But I know! I was really hoping we would have a white Christmas but I guess it just wasn't cold enough. If we get snow in February, it'll be fine, I mean, a little more is better than none but I wish the temperature drop would've happened sooner rather than later.

Peyton

I'm not lazy but I don't really have any reasons to backup that statement. Maybe I am kinda lazy; I don't know leave me alone. Did you have a good Winterfest? I didn't really care about the activities during the week but the dance was litty. Just wish we had a better DJ, I could have gone up there and plugged in my phone and we would have had much better songs to dance to.

Ale

So yesterday, we got some snow and the air is freezing now. This should've happened two months ago.

Peyton

Yeah I am not happy, it's wayyy too late for this. It looks like we are going to have a cold spring:(

Ale

Hopefully it stops snowing before Spring Break and the temperatures will get higher. I'd rather have rainy days with a high of 54 degrees, than a bitter cold snow day in the middle of March.

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Spring sports prepare for season...indoors

TRACK

Track season is starting off once again after a good performance at last year's state tournament. The team is looking to



Whitney Willey practicing shot put./Ron Espinola • The Brand

make another big run this season for the state tournament and has several athletes returning from last year's tournament to pave the way.

Head coach Grant Beatty has high hopes for his team this season.

"I think the season will be fun. We lost some great senior athletes last year but we should have a competitive group of athletes that are coachable and will keep improving throughout the season," said Beatty.

There are several athletes in general that Beatty has high expectations for this season.

"Specifically we are expecting big things from Hailey Hinkle, who will hurdle, run, and jump, the Garrison girls: Rachel in the discus and shot put and Shelby in the jumps and running events, sprinter Erick Lopez in the 100, 200 and he'll be running the 400 this year as well," said Beatty. "Distance runners Becca Kuskie and Will Kracaw look to carry over from strong cross country seasons. We expect more athletes to emerge as the season progresses but we feel this is a solid group that can score some points for us."

Senior Erick Lopez was one of the top runners in the 100 meters last year and he has been training to have a successful season.

"I started working out from January until we began our preseason a week ago. I have also just been mentally preparing for track and not stressing over it," said Lopez.

Erick already has his goals set out for the season.



L-R Colton DeLaMora and Jeremiah Good./Ron Espinola • The Brand

son.

"I want to win state and break the school record for the 100 and 200-meter sprints," said Lopez.

Returning senior and 2017 4x400 meter state champion Shelby Garrison is looking for a repeat.

"I plan on competing in the 4x400 relay, high jump and maybe open 400 and 200. My goal for this season is to get a faster time for my 400 and win state for the 4x400 relay for a second year," said Garrison.



L-R Heather Hall, Rachel Garrison, Carly Heck./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Jacob Frazier (Left)/Ron Espinola • The Brand

SWIMMING

Last year's swim team was very strong and although losing some seniors the swim team is still looking to do big things this year.

Head coach Shelby Ruff believes this year's team will have more state qualifiers than the previous year.

"I think there will have more regional, and hopefully, state qualifiers this year. Many of the athletes have been training in the off-season and are looking strong at open swim," said Ruff. "We have also been building a more well-rounded team the last few seasons so you should start to see our team record improve as we continue to fill in holes in certain events."

Ruff expects several of her athletes to have a very big season.

"Nathan Perkinson tied the school record in the 100 breaststroke last year and I think he'll definitely get his name on the board this year. We also tried people in some new events at the end of last season that turned out to be a great fit for them individually, so I'm excited to see them develop," said Ruff. "Look



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for Tristan Miller and Tara Higley in the 500 Free, Ale Ibarra in the 200 Free, and Hunter Lewis and Nathan Perkinson in the 200 Individual Medley."

VARSITY BASE-

BALL

After a couple slow years, the varsity baseball team is looking to turn things around with a young and talented squad.

New head coach Andy Harmon thinks this refreshed team will make for a successful season and put Lowry back on top.

"This year's varsity team will be a mix of experienced upperclassmen and talented young players. We have six returning players and eleven new varsity players. We have a strong core of returners with Jacob Marriott, Lorenzo Mattson, and Tazmin Milton leading the way on the mound. Tazmin, Jacob, Riley Sakurada, Brendan Domire, and Ridge Ricketts are all returning varsity players that should also provide good offensive production for the team this year," said Harmon. "We have a very talented group of sophomores led by Joshua Leveille and Michael Yarnell, coming up from last year's junior varsity team that should mix well with the returning players. While the younger players are lacking in experience, they are a talented group and with the strong leadership from the returning players will help our team be successful this season. We have our sights



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Chris Schultz slides into third baseman Matt Garrison./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Shortstop Ridge Ricketts makes a throw to first./Ron Espinola • The Brand



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Frosh boys close out dominant season

The freshman boys started their season well. Their first two wins came from defeating Reno High and Carson High, two teams that are both in the 4A.



Alex Ruiz passes around a defender/Lisa Scott • Winnada

After defeating the two teams playing at a higher level, they had a feeling this was going to be a season for them in league play. Jacob Evans, of the boys, was extremely pleased with how their season went.

“We beat two 4A schools in Carson and Reno High. We went undefeated including a thriller in our last game against Elko,” said Evans. “We were down going into the fourth quarter when my point guard, JJ Backus, took over the game. He scored double digits in the fourth and lead us to a win. He was an amazing player and leader this year and he has an extremely bright future for his basketball career.”

Aside from that, there were many players that stood out on the freshman team.

“Alex Ruiz also had an amazing season. He showed poise and great shooting this year. Alberto Medina was my most improved player and he is going to be special for this program. Anthony Hemp is the best defensive player I’ve ever seen at the freshman level,” said Evans. “Daniel Fernandez was a very consistent player for us. Anthony al-

ways stepped up when we needed him to. He was very clutch.”

An undefeated season is definitely a special one and Coach Evans could not be prouder of his team.

“This team came together and we became a family. I couldn’t be any prouder of a team,” Evans said.

Starting point guard J.J. Backus made a big impact on his team this season.

“It was a super season and I really enjoyed it. Our team really came together and played hard throughout the season,” said Backus.



Alex Ruiz goes up for a layup/Lisa Scott • Winnada



Freshman Lady Bucks complete season undefeated

These ladies had a great season as they finished undefeated. Their last game was February 10, against Elko, and they came out with a win; 46-30.

Lauren Fentress knew that her team has improved throughout the season and that they deserved to win.

“The season has been really good, we have won all of our games and continued to get better as a team and individual players. We’re really hard-working, and we know how to win games. We have to play smart and we want it more than the other team,” said Fentress.

Shantel Bernal shared how she thought the team managed to keep their head in the game.

“We kept our emotions together

even when we felt nervous and thought that we were going to lose. My favorite part is probably when we played Spring Creek the first time. It was intense and our team’s shooting skills were very good,” said Bernal.

Lesley Martinez thought the team chemistry made a big difference in the season outcome.

“I think the way we played was really affected by how we got along as a team. Our communication was something strong that made us understand each other on and off the court. We had some pretty good connections on the court; we understood what our teammates could each do and we used that to our advantage,” said Martinez.

Coach Larry Renteria was more than proud of the girls’ performance through-

out the season.

“Once tryouts for the season were complete, I could tell that we had some work to do, but had a very good base. The season started out a little rough, as always, but the girls were able to get in a few good practices to get ready for our first games,” said Renteria. “Once we got started, they put in the time and effort to make the most of the season. Given that we worked hard, tried to improve with each day and week, I would say that we had a very successful season. Fortunately, for us, we won several games and did not lose this year. Congratulations to the girls are well deserved.”

He also mentioned that the compatibility on the team was exceptional.

“The girls worked hard on and off the court; they supported each other. On

the court, during practice, the players communicated, challenged each other, and worked together. During games, the players communicated and supported each other through the good and challenging times,” said Renteria. “In the classroom, all the girls worked to make sure they were able to contribute to the team by meeting or exceeding grade requirements. Practice started each day with a reflection of school and what each player learned. When we had small instances, we were able to face the issue head-on and resolve it to best support the team and the individuals involved promoting a positive experience for everyone.”

Renteria had high hopes for the girls and is striving in becoming a better coach himself.

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ACTIVITY		DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Golf: Boys Varsity	Wed	03/07/2018	TBD	Elko	Ruby View Golf Course
Baseball: Varsity	Thu	03/08/2018	TBD	Reno	Reno High School
Softball: Varsity	Thu	03/08/2018	TBD	Elk Grove	Elk Grove High School
Baseball: JV	Fri	03/09/2018	TBD	Yerington	Yerington High School
Baseball: Varsity	Fri	03/09/2018	TBD	Reno	Reno High School
Softball: JV	Fri	03/09/2018	TBD	Yerington	Yerington High School
Softball: Varsity	Fri	03/09/2018	TBD	Elk Grove	Elk Grove High School
Baseball: JV	Sat	03/10/2018	TBD	Yerington	Yerington High School
Baseball: Varsity	Sat	03/10/2018	TBD	Reno	Reno High School
Softball: JV	Sat	03/10/2018	TBD	Yerington	Yerington High School
Softball: Varsity	Sat	03/10/2018	TBD	Elk Grove	Elk Grove High School
Swimming: Varsity	Sat	03/10/2018	2:30pm	TBA	Northwest Pool
Track: Varsity	Sat	03/10/2018	TBD	Sparks	Sparks High School
Track: Varsity	Sat	03/10/2018	TBD	Churchill County	Churchill County High School





AOI Boys: Domonick Solis

Domonick Solis has been breaking ankles and taking names on the basketball court for the past four years at Lowry. He has put countless hours into the game he loves and it shows very clearly on the court.

Domonick started balling a lot younger than most.

"My parents got me into basketball and I started playing around the time I was five," said Solis.

Although basketball has always been Domonick's favorite he also played other sports.

"Other sports I have

played growing up are football and baseball," said Solis.

Domonick's family has been a big part of his athletic career since day one.

"My family has impacted my athletic career by always pushing me to do better, encouraging me, and telling me my rights and wrongs," said Solis.

Both past high school coaches and Domonick's father Fermin Solis have made big impacts on his basketball game.

"Coaches that have made a big influence on me are my Dad, Mr. Mayo, and Mr. Beatty. These coaches have impacted me because they have pushed me in practice to become better both on and off the court," said Solis.

Junior varsity coach Grant Beatty who is also a

history teacher at Lowry claimed that Domonick is one of the best kids he has ever coached.

"I've had the pleasure of coaching Domonick throughout his high school career and he is a kid who truly loves the game of basketball. He loves everything that comes with it: the practices, the off season camps, the conditioning, the pick up games with friends, and all the highs and lows the game brings," said Beatty.

Beatty has enjoyed coaching Domonick because he is so teachable and a leader on the court.

"Dom is one of the most coachable kids I've ever had, if you ask him to do something, he will try his best to do it exactly how you asked. As a point guard,

he is like a coach on the floor with his high basketball IQ and ability to get his team set up in an offense or in the correct defensive set," said Beatty.

Beatty's best memory while coaching Domonick was the time he brought his team back from a huge deficit to win the game his JV year.

"One of my fondest memories of Dom was being down by 25 plus points vs South Tahoe and Dom brought us back to get a win by taking it one play at a time, being aggressive on offense and defense, and staying positive with his teammates," said Beatty. "It was a huge comeback and after the game you couldn't tell if we won or lost because Dom

always stayed at one level: calm and collected. I love coaching Dom, he's a great kid and I have no doubt that basketball will be a major influence in his life, he would make a great coach someday. I look forward to see all he accomplishes in life."

Playing in front of all the fans and fellow students is what Domonick will miss the most about Lowry.

"I will miss playing in a packed gym on Friday nights at home in front of everyone," said Solis.

Domonick's basketball career will not be ending at Lowry. He plans to play at the next level in the fall of 2018.

"I plan on playing in college at Grand Canyon University next year," said Solis.

Domonick's biggest role model is not an NBA star but his parents.

"My role models are my parents. My parents have showed me how to work hard and continue to grow as a person and they have always been there for me," said Solis.

Although there are many good memories Domonick has made with his basketball team at Lowry, his favorite memory dates back to sophomore year.

"My favorite basketball memory at Lowry was coming back from 20 points on our Winterfest game against South Tahoe my JV year," said Solis.

Although Domonick's high school career is coming to an end, his basketball story is long from over and it looks like he has a bright future in the sport.



ON DECK: NIAA'S PLAN FOR 5A DISMISSED

The NIAA has proposed a 5A league and wanted to implement the plan by the start of the 2018-19 school year. It would have given give the smaller cities and towns a chance in the state championships. Most schools in Vegas outnumber many of the other schools and makes it unfair to all the smaller schools in Nevada.

The plan got shot down quickly when they voted on the proposed plan on January 18, 2018. So smaller schools will still play huge powerhouse schools from the south. Smaller schools just don't have the player turn out to play against powerhouse schools such as Bishop Gorman. If you believe everyone should have a chance make the playoffs and play against teams

the same size and skill, then you didn't get what you want.

Many schools agree with the 5A league because it is not fair that schools with 600 students play schools with 2000 students.

If the N I A A were to make a 5A division, kids in smaller schools would have the confidence and a real chance to win a state school title for their Most schools just can't compete with Bishop Gorman or Faith Lutheran; not because they don't have the skill, they just don't have enough confidence or player turnout.

Some teams that moved down to 3A




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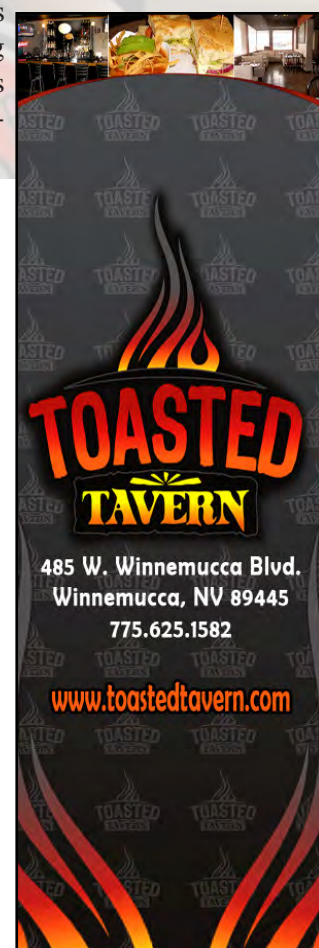


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AOI: Hailey Hinkle

Being a student-athlete comes with a lot of difficulties such as making time to do homework, getting enough sleep and possibly having to give up free time. However, there are those who can balance all of these responsibilities and more. This issue's athlete is Hailey Hinkle.

Hinkle has been playing sports since the age of nine.

"I have played soccer, basketball, track and softball. Track is my favorite because running has always been my passion," said Hinkle.

There is usually something or someone that inspires a young athlete to do their best, and gives them the extra motivation they didn't know they needed. Hinkle recalls what it was that made her stick with track.

"When I was in third grade, my mom had breast cancer and she was getting chemotherapy. So, she couldn't make it to my race and I told myself I was

going to win. I ended up getting first and I remember how happy my mom was when I told her. Track makes me mentally stronger," said Hinkle.

Hinkle's mom has definitely been her motivation since day one.

"She is my number one fan. She always tells me to be confident on the track and in everything I do," said Hinkle.

Starting sports at a young age has made Hinkle's life more complete.

"I truly think being in sports keeps you on the right course involving grades and school work. Sports as a whole has made me a better well-disciplined person and I better understand the value of hard work," said Hinkle.

Hinkle's track coach, Grant Beatty, has acknowledged her as a dedicated and determined athlete.

"Hailey is an athlete who has tremendous potential, but also works very hard. She is one of the leaders of our track team and some of the other athletes look up to and want to emulate.

Her best attributes are her positive outlook- she always has a smile on her face- and how coachable she is. She is an athlete that you only have to show her once how to do something and she picks it up right away," said Beatty.

Coach Beatty knows that Hinkle will pursue and achieve her goals because of her commitment.

"The biggest thing I've seen her improve upon is her work ethic and commitment to the track team. She has worked hard all off-season, usually on her own, running and training to prepare for the upcoming season. She would like to run in college and she is doing everything she can to achieve that goal and the Lowry coaching staff believes she is well on her way," said Beatty.

Hinkle is expected to exceed in her best events during this upcoming track season.

"We expect big things from her in the 400m, the 300 Hurdles, the High Jump and the girls 4x400 relay. She has a great opportunity to score a lot of points for the track team this upcoming season. [She is] a great athlete and great person," said Beatty.



Varsity boys wrap up season with hard work.

The varsity boys season was full of effort, hard work and dedication. The Buckaroos finished 10-15 and 6-10 in league.

The season started off with a loss



Kyle Sappington and Dorsey Naveran going down court./ Peyton Capellen • The Brand

against Reno High. The boys took the game as a scrimmage and wanted to practice their plays as well as working as a team. The score of the game was 63-44. Throughout the game there was many mistakes that took place, as well as miscommunication that was going to be worked on.

Head coach Chad Peters was impressed with the character of his team.

"I think we had a very hard working team. They all understood what it meant to be a good teammate. I was very proud of all the young men on our team and how they handled the adversities of the season," said Peters.

The Buckaroos worked head each game but junior Brendan Domire was

hoping for a different outcome this season,

"I think the season could have gone a lot better, we had many tough games that didn't go our way at all," said Domire.

The result has not reduced the returners excitement for next season.

"I will miss playing with the seniors next year but I think we will still have a good team and can possibly make it to state," said Domire.


Senior Ren Mattson has been playing basketball most of his life and will miss playing with his friends and he is sad to see his last basketball season come to a end.

"Altogether, I think the season went



Dorsey Naveran puts up a shot./ Peyton Capellen • The Brand

well, not as well as we wanted, but much better than last year. I enjoyed all the memories my teammates and I had made throughout the season and I will never forget my four basketball seasons at Lowry," said Mattson.




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Wrestling returns to championship form

This was a great year for the wrestling team and when it came to state all the hard work and dedication showed. Every drop of sweat and every matt burn paid off for nine Lowry wrestlers.

Matthew Souza placed 2nd at 126, Cade Bell 4th at 132, Bryan Day 2nd at 138, Zack Peters 3rd at 138, Andres Gonzalez 4th at 145, Quint Bell 2nd at 152, Cade Billingsley 4th at 170, Anthony Peterson was 4th place at 182, and Joe Peterson 4th at 195. As a team the Bucks placed 4th with 96.5 points.

It takes a special kind of athlete to commit to wrestle. Zack Peters did so his freshman year at the urging of his dad.

"Because when you win it's a

good feeling. It's just you; it's nobody else," said Peters.

Joe Peterson also had thought the team as a whole killed it at state. They all worked hard and gave it their all at state.

"All in all I feel like we did great. Not just as individuals but as a team," said Peterson.

The entire season the team continued to grow and learn. According to coach Brant Corak the wrestlers gained a lot of confidence throughout the season. It wasn't easy and many had to step up their game and take up weight classes that were vacant when they lost 10 wrestlers in the middle of the season.

"The team gathered confidence as the year went on. We started the team with 30 wrestlers and ended with 20. Many wrestlers had to step up and fill

positions that were vacated," said Corak.

The coaches were very proud of the team and all the work they put in. They will always expect that the team will win state but they still enjoyed the season and it was not a disappointment, the team had a great year and did great at state for the circumstances they were left with.

"We were very proud of the way these individuals stepped up and claimed those positions as their own. Our expectation will always be to win the state title. We will never set our sights any lower than that. This doesn't mean our season was a disappointment, it just reflects the high standards that this program has.



The wrestling at state./Courtesy • Stacy Lewis Johnson via facebook

We won a few tournaments this year, including the Lovelock Invitational and the Vaquero Classic," said Corak. "We wrestled with an enormous amount of confidence in those tournaments. The state tournament went really well except for one bad round in the consolation finals. We lost some close matches in that round and unfortunately it cost us. We learned from those mistakes and as next season begins we will use that experience as a source of motivation."



JV Lady Bucks remain optimistic at end of season

This basketball season ended in the favor of the JV girls basketball team despite the few losses. On Saturday, February 10, the score was 48-33 Elko. Although they lost their last game, the team is hopeful for their next season.

Carly Capellen, a sophomore, mentioned that the team has come a long way.

"I honestly think we had a really great season. Yes, we had our ups and downs like most teams do but we definitely improved a lot from the beginning of our season," said Capellen.

Sophomore Bailey Raabe, admits there were things that should have done better.

"Some things the team could've done

better was to prepare ourselves more for when we played the harder teams. When it was game time against those teams we didn't know what to do or how to run certain plays," said Raabe.

Raabe commented that when the team lacked motivation they had a routine before each game.

"One thing that we did before a game was we listened to a song. We listened to 'The Champion' by Carrie Underwood. That song put us in good spirits and allows us to put our head in the game," said Raabe.

Coach Amy Jenkins explained how the outcome of the season was satisfactory.

"Overall it was a good season, we ended up 13-7. There was a huge amount of improvement made by all the

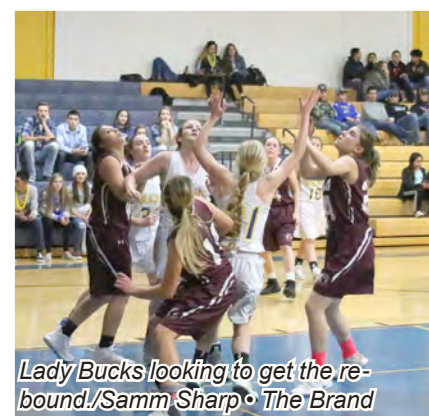
girls. From the beginning of the season until the end, it was day and night. They worked hard everyday to get better and I'm super proud of them," said Jenkins. "I think every one of the girls improved in something, whether it be defense, offense, shooting, etc. As a team they learned to work together and encourage each other. They worked hard, improved and became a great team at the end."

Improvement will definitely depend on the individual motivation of the girls, according to coach Jenkins.

"Something to improve on is just being more basketball smart. Having the girls watch basketball or shoot everyday will really help with that. You have to put the work in the off season to get better, I'm hoping they will," said Jenkins.



Bailee Brinkerhoff looks for team-mate./Peyton Capellen • The Brand



Lady Bucks looking to get the rebound./Samm Sharp • The Brand



JV boys basketball post outstanding season

The JV boys team lived up to their own high expectations by improving physically and mentally over the season. Not only were they focused on their game and improving, they had a lot of fun doing it too.



Derek Espinoza takes the ball down the court./Samm Sharp • The Brand

"We had high expectations for this group and they

definitely lived up to them. They are a talented team that worked really hard each day; a fun group to be around," said coach Grant Beatty.

Their defense improved the most this season. They started off playing zone defense and as the season went on they developed into a great man-to-man team. They could switch it up every now and again and that gave them the upper hand against many teams because they could switch the defense and make them change their game plan.

"I thought our defense really improved throughout the year. We started off as a zone team that pressed a lot but

by the end of the season we were playing good man-to-man defense and switching everything," said Josh Leveille.

In the first game of two against Elko the game was very close. The Bucks ended up winning by one but that was a real scare to the team and they focused on their game and decided to improve. Then when they went to the home of the Indians they flew past Elko beating them by 26.

They were great at handling the pressure. The team worked hard everyday and never lost their focus.

"The toughest team we faced was our rival Elko, the first game we played

them at home, we beat them by one and it came down to the very end. We played them again the last game of the season at Elko and we beat them by 26. They handled the pressure of playing in that atmosphere really well, I feel that shows how much the team improved throughout the year," said Beatty.



Preston Snow dribbles ball away from opponents./Peyton Capellen • The Brand



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set on earning a playoff spot this season and getting Lowry baseball back to the top of the Northern 3A."

VARSITY SOFTBALL

Last year the varsity softball team got knocked out in their third game of playoffs. This year with 8 returning athletes the girls are looking to take it a step further and get to the state tournament.



Destiny Starkey./Ron Espinola • The Brand

Head coach Tyrell Lucas is excited to have an experienced team and believes the returning players will play a big role in the teams success this season.

"We are looking at bringing 8 returners back at the Varsity level, we have a lot of leadership and experience with players that have been in our system and know how to win and what our expectations are," said Lucas. "As always, we expect to compete for the top spot in our league. We will work each day at improving our team chemistry and leveling up to be the best team we can be!"

Senior Kyllie Sappington is ready for the season and thinks the team will have a strong defensive side.

"I think our season should go pretty well, we only have to fill two spots in the infield so our defense should be really good this year. And, like every year,

our end goal is to make it to zone and then on to state," said Sappington.

BOYS GOLF

The golf team put on a strong performance last year placing third in league tournaments and then went on to place fourth at the state tournament in Spring Creek. Without losing any upperclassmen the team is looking to have an even better showing at the state tournament this year.



Zane Fifield at practice last year./Staff • The Brand

Coach Andrew Meyer is expecting a strong season from his team.

"I have high hopes that this season will bring another visit to the state tournament in Las Vegas. Our team is still young and has a lot of potential. A goal for this season would be to place in the top 3 in both the league and the state tournament," said Meyer.

Returning senior Zane Fifield has high hopes for this team.

"I think the golf season is going to be really good. The team is really young, with only a few seniors, and I expect us to have an amazing year," said Fifield.

Junior golfer Dillon Patterson believes this is the year Lowry will have its best shot at the state title.

"I believe this season, is the season that as a team

we will become stronger and have a run for the title. With 5% varsity players from last year returning, we can rely on all of our experience to help our new players progress to the competitive varsity level," said Patterson.

JV BASEBALL

The JV Baseball team has had some successful years recently. They look to keep that trend going this year and have some talented freshmen ready to compete.

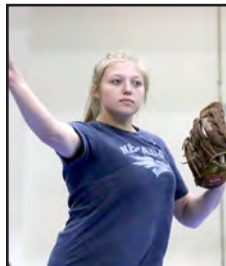
Head Coach Clay Sagers is ready for a successful season.

"I feel that we have a talented group of freshmen coming in along with some good sophomores that will help us to have a pretty good JV team. I expect them to be pretty successful because they will push each other to be better," said Sagers.

JV SOFTBALL

Coach of JV softball Shannon McClellan has a young group of girls that have a lot of potential.

"For tryouts, we had a lot of freshmen trying out, more than in a very long time, so I think that maybe getting a younger troop of girls could put us off to a really great start. We have girls that have been playing softball for their whole lives and we haven't really had something like that in a really long time," said McClellan.



/Ron Espinola • The Brand



Girls basketball ends season as runner-up to Green-wave

The Girls Varsity Basketball team concluded their season with a trip to the 2018 NIAA Girls Basketball Championship Tournament. On Friday, February 23, they beat Mojave 78-38. The next day, they lost to Churchill County 60-45.

"Saturday we came out and executed our game plan," said coach Chelsea Cabatbat. "Fallon is a great team. They play year-round. Our girls played with a lot of heart, and they did everything we asked. It just didn't come out our way."

The girls had been battling with Churchill all season. The team's first game against them ended with a 51-37 loss.

"We lost to Fallon by fourteen, but I thought we really came out and we played well," Cabatbat

said after the game. "We were only down six points by halftime to a really good team so I think if we can clean some things up that it will be a good game down the season... we're really just trying to fine tune our offense and make sure we're all clicking on the same page and working together."

Since then, they suffered losses of 65-39 and 66-40 against Churchill. By the time they got to the championship game, Cabatbat and the team had a plan.

"Our goal was to shut two of their better players down," said Cabatbat. "Kepa Bengochea did a really great job on the one who ended up being player of the year. She only came out with five points that game, which is huge. She was averaging twenty points a game. We also shut down their other girl."

Despite losing the championship game, the tournament proved to be one to remember.

"Friday night we broke some records," Cabatbat said. "We had the most three-pointers made by a team, and then Alyssa Kuskie had the most three-pointers made in a state game."

This year's team, although less experienced than teams in the past, turned out to be an exemplary combination to look up to in years to come.

"We had eight new girls on the team this year. I think we only had four returners," said Cabatbat. "They're good models. They set a good standard, that if you work hard, you can get wherever you want. we can just find a way to beat Fallon."

Cabatbat is looking forward to next season, after great success this year.

"Next year, we plan to continue our great defense, our great work ethic, playing together, playing for each other, and just having fun. We can just find a way to beat Fallon."



Alyssa Kuskie putting up one of her many three-pointers./ Peyton Capellen The Brand



Sydney Connors pivots for a pass around Fernley./Peyton Capellen • The Brand

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