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## THE TRUTH: What it is and is not

this article isn't accurate. Nobody can really know what the truth is or is not unless it can be proven. The truth, whatever it may be, cannot be simplified. If it were to be simplified, it would then be inaccurate because it does not contain all of its points that make the statement true. This can all be very confusing because, as mentioned, the truth can't be made easier than it is. Of course, there are certain twist society creates in order to make something "look" or "sound" truthful. Everybody has a different idea of what the truth is. You can believe one thing and claim it's the truth, but someone else can believe something completely different. So, how do we know what's



*Former President Bill Clinton./Courtesy • Bob McNeely, The White House*

true and what's not?

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

We as a society use social media as a way to present ourselves; so somehow our mindset constructed the idea of social media. Because you can put anything out there, whether it be the truth or a lie, your profiles are the quickest way for people to judge you. Think about it; when a

friend speaks of someone you don't know, what's your first instinct? Do you pick up your phone and search for an account?

In Claussen's point of view, receiving positive feedback has become an addictive part of social media.

"By getting your friends to slide up on your Snapchat stories and comment nice things on your Instagram pictures, it's not only validated mentally unhealthy behavior that we allow but also alters their perception of us as well, making it an endless and repeating cycle of craving validation from yourself and our peers," said Claussen.

If you have a smartphone, have you ever taken a moment to compare a digital picture of someone to their face in real life? You can't help but notice in the picture that maybe their skin is clearer, their face looks rounder, or their forehead isn't really that big. Today's cameras are way too smart, in the simplest of terms. They automatically fix our flaws, which makes every picture we take a false image of ourselves. With editing apps such as VSCO and Facetune, you can change the shape of your nose, the tone of your skin, the highlights of your hair; even your eye color.

The camera's on all of our smartphones are incredibly altered with more than just filters and enhancements. There are now certain algorithms

that are engrained to Apple cameras; more so on the latest models. The iPhone camera lens now is not the same as the one from an iPhone 6. An iPhone X camera, for example, knows too much. It takes all of the information from multiple image memory into one picture, along with all of the networks trained to understand the situations they're being pointed at.

Not everyone feels the need to present themselves with a bronze skin tone and a slim nose. Not everyone gives in to what society has deemed "attractive". Their truth has nothing to do with the truth that has been affecting the majority of the population. While nothing is wrong with changing your facial features for the world to see, it is simply just not the truth. That is a truth that can be proved inaccurate.

Senior Kimmy Claussen thinks that the societal norms of beauty have been established within our-

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*Kimberly Claussen./Courtesy • Winnada*

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selves and have managed to take over the way we view one another.

"The effect that social media has on people is disgusting and alarming," said Claussen. "We are addicted to scrolling through Instagram or Twitter and we see these beautiful, tan women or handsome, fit men and we think that in order to be accepted or validated by our peers, or even just by yourself, that we have to look like them."

If you're to scroll through your social media feed on any platform, you probably won't see one single female-selfie with a bare face. There are few exceptions, but women are trapped in the mindset that they need to be fake to be beautiful. If they aren't already there, they are led to believe that. Lip fillers, fake eyelashes, breast implants, 80 layers of foundation; the list of what society has branded as "beautiful" goes on. This is not just the "truth" for women; men deal with self-criticism due to societal norms as well.

Junior Eddie Leon can attest to how men have superficial standards as well.

"A lot of the time, people have to show themselves off as something they're not just to get more followers or fame. I think that's one thing people want; the attention. They become a lie to themselves," said Leon.

### POLITICIANS

According to Mr. Rob Silva it is not uncommon for politicians to be accused of bending the truth to achieve their political goals.

"I think, from an outsider's perspective, what politicians are trying to do is to appease as many

people as they can and still get something done," said Silva "Politicians have an idea of what they want to accomplish and how to get as many people to support them as they can. They might tell one group of people one thing and they might adjust what they say to another group of people so they don't offend anybody."

Politicians have likely always bent the truth to benefit themselves. People will say that a little lie didn't hurt anybody but when it comes to how our government will run, most people would like to know the full truth. That being said, how do we 100 percent know that what we're being told is a complete truth? Lie detector tests cannot be trusted as they have been ruled unreliable to use in a court of law, so why should it be taken seriously anywhere else?

This misconception of the truth also has to do with the public not wanting to hear it. According to PsychologyToday.com, "People don't want to hear the truth ... It is decidedly better for politicians to tell people what makes them feel comfortable."

There was an instance when Rudy Giuliani stated that "Truth isn't truth." He was probably addressing the fact that Trump's counselor presented the public with what she called "half-truths". (psychologytoday.com) There are so many instances where a person manipulates the truth they researched in a way that they can support whatever claim they may have.

Of course, lying and bending the truth is no the sole domain of the right. Liberals are not above cherry-picking facts or spinning.

When former President Bill Clinton testified before a grand jury investigating him, he questioned what the word is means.

According to the testimony he said, "It depends upon what the meaning of the word 'is' is. If the—if he—if 'is' means is and never has been, that is not—that is one thing. If it means there is none, that was a completely true statement".

However, he famously also said, "...did not have sexual relations with that woman...". And depending on your definition of 'sexual relations', maybe he was telling the truth.

### AI and CGI

With social media taking off in every direction, AI, CGI and concepts like deepfake, it's never been harder to decipher what the truth really is.

Using Artificial Intelligence, deepfakes are created by using exist-

ing images and videos onto source images are videos. The scary part? You can't tell the difference between, let us say, a deepfake clip of President Obama and a real one. You can check out Jordan Peele's PSA as President Obama on YouTube.

Voice duplication technology is also available to pretty much anyone. The Rudy Giuliani speaking at an Natural Voices software is not yet perfected and is also held

at thousands of dollars to purchase. Potential buyer James Fruchterman, chief executive of Benetech, stated that "just like you can't trust a photograph anymore; you won't be able to trust a voice either."

### PHILOSOPHICAL SIDE

Truth has been analyzed by the most famous philosophers: Plato, Aristotle, Socrates and Thales of Miletus. They dissected the ways of the mind and what they saw throughout their daily lives.

Thales stated, "The most difficult thing in life is to know yourself". This can be tied to the core of the reason for writing this article. What does it take to find that truth and what that truth is? Lying about anything comes easily when it means protecting others and possibly oneself.

According to Adaya Goldblatt, lying to oneself is common in student life.

"We constantly tell ourselves, 'I'll start that sometime' and that 'sometime' keeps getting pushed out further and further. It's very hard to say that we're actually telling the truth about ourselves because we keep telling ourselves that we'll do something, we'll finish something, but we never do," said Goldblatt. "[When people get caught] they know they're going to get in trouble so they try to lie their way out of it. They know that if they admit to that, they will get a zero but if they lie about it, they're still going to get a zero. It's a lose-lose situation."

Sophomore Mackenzie Fears knows that one does keep the truth from others to salvage their feelings, although it's not the right thing to do.

"I don't think people should lie because it is better to know the truth rather than find it out later. I'm sure people do it often; I have done it to some of my best friends. I've regretted it because they have figured out the truth," said Fears.



Rudy Giuliani speaking at an immigration policy speech. / Courtesy • Gage Skidmore.

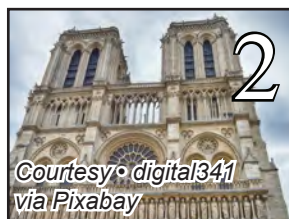
## News Quiz



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Who is the highest paid NFL athlete?

- A) Russell Wilson
- B) Dak Prescott
- C) Matt Ryan
- D) Antonio Brown



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2) What famous cathedral burned down?

- A) Notre Dame
- B) Santa Maria
- C) St. Patrick
- D) St. Paul



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3) Who won the 2019 masters golf tournament?

- A) Brooks Koepka
- B) Xander Schauffele
- C) Tiger Woods
- D) Dustin Johnson



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4) How many pages is Attorney General Barr's redacted Mueller report?

- A) 297
- B) 120
- C) 40
- D) 400

### ANSWERS

1) A 2) A 3) B 4) D







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# Evan Jeppsen: the boy who doesn't know how to swim

When kids get into swim they normally have even the basic concept of how to move their arms and legs in order to stay afloat. Evan Jeppsen, a senior on the swim team does not. The only way he stays afloat is with the help of his lucky floaties.

"I don't know how to swim. So when I put them on I just instantly can swim. I tried swimming once without them and it took them 10 minutes to fish me out of the deep end," said Jeppsen.

Everyone has been incredible in the way they have supported and everyone has fallen in love with the boy who can't swim. At practice, while others struggle to stay afloat, Jeppsen comes in at ease. People have even called Jeppsen 'Winnemucca's own dolphin tale'.

Head coach Shelby Ruff is happy with Evan

and how far he's come. "We have to get special permission from NIAA for Evan to be able to wear his floaties but he has put in a lot of hard work and the opposing teams have been really great," said Ruff.

However, Jeppsen does face some difficulties.

"Lately we've been focusing on some of the finer points of technique and conditioning when we use kickboards the floaties are no big deal but having to work on flip turns and starts and finishes, it's underwater and that can be really hard with that extra buoyancy added," said Ruff.

Evan has been working twice as hard as a normal swimmer. He is doing well and the school and community will continue to cheer him on. Evan might even eventually learn to swim without the use of his floaties.



Evan Jeppsen posing with his lucky floaties. Araceli Galarza • The Brand



# Txendoa Cabatbat becomes Lowry's official mascot

Starting this fall during football season, Txendoa Cabatbat will be Lowry's new mascot. Txendoa has been around Lowry for a long time. Cabatbat has been by his mom and dad's sides as they coached.

Mrs. Chelsea Cabatbat is so proud of her son stepping up. Cabatbat will be in the stands cheering on her son and her husband, coach Taua Cabatbat.

"It will be a great experience to sit in the stands and cheer for my son and loving husband," said Mrs. Cabatbat.

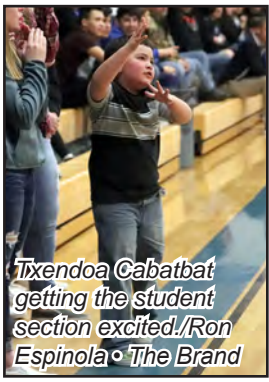
This season, Txendoa will get fitted for his very own mascot outfit. He will have the cheer coach teach him how to get the crowd pumped up.

"I will have Txendoa do some moves and I will make sure they aren't too girly," said coach Amber Lee.

The high school students are excited to see their new mascot.

"I think Txendoa will do great because he isn't shy but he is super young but he should get the hang of it," said Hunter Smith.

"I think he might have some trouble because he is really young and he doesn't know some things and he might get embarrassed quickly," said Mark Hansen.



Txendoa Cabatbat getting the student section excited. Ron Espinola • The Brand

Txendoa is looking forward to being the mascot for Lowry.

"I am super excited to be the mascot I get to be alongside my dad and cheering on the team," said Txendoa Cabatbat.

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## SkillsUSA students dominate podium at state competition

Over Spring Break, CTE students competed in SkillsUSA in Reno.

Many of the team members took

home medals in various fields. Those who received gold medals qualified for National competition in Louisville, Ky.

The Welding Fabrication team (Jimmy Rackley, Heath Hall and Julian Esquivel) earned gold. In Welding Sculpture, Dillon Patterson also received gold, Martin Bid-aurreta silver, Trace DeForest bronze, and Jr. Cassinos came in 5th. Mitchell Kienholz took

silver in Technical Drafting and Eduardo Aguilar gold in Electrical Construction Wiring. In Carpentry, Luis Duarte earned gold, Raymond Orzech, silver, Andrew Gabrica, bronze and Charles Villa 4th. In Welding Individual, Kaiden Esquivel placed 5th and Stuart Milton 7th.

SkillsUSA poses many benefits to students.

"SkillsUSA is a large group organization that holds competitions and minor forms of training to people doing work in business," said Mitchell Kienholz. "Anything from working with computers to advertising to construction. My favorite thing about SkillsUSA is getting out and about, having new experiences, learning new things along the way. Once I am out and about look-

ing for a job, SkillsUSA is great for resume work. In National level competitions, winning at that might just get you a job instantly."

The team competed against a large group of people, working hard to do the best they can.

"For the competition I was in, I think I saw around 30-40 other people," said Kienholz. "I've pretty much spent, up to now, three years figuring out the program and figuring out the ins and outs of CADD."



/Courtesy • Andrew Meyer



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## Sports Medicine students travel to Southern California

From March 30 to April 4, seven Sports Medicine students had the opportunity to visit USC and UCLA.

"While they were there, they were able to talk to the athletic trainers at both universities and get a better look and idea of what it looks like working at the collegiate level," said Sports Medicine instructor, Mr. Tyrell Lucas.

Lucas explains the purpose of the class.

"It teaches students preventative health care for athletes," said Lucas. "Taping, bracing when injuries occur and how to properly handle that. There are a variety of different careers within the sports medicine world like doctors and different healthcare professionals."

The trip to California provided the students with

valuable insight into the possible career option.

"I took sports-med because I was interested in Athletic training and jobs in that field," said Sydney Connors. "I wanted to get a better perspective of what the job entails."

Students like Connors were able to experience the world of Sports Medicine in a way that no other opportunity could provide them.

"My favorite part about the trip was all the opportunities we got like going to a show and being hands-on at USC," said Connors. "During the trip, one benefit I gained was the difference between the performing arts side of sports medicine and the collegiate side."



Members of Sports Medicine on their trip./Courtesy • Sydney Connors

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## THE PROBLEM WITH OUR PROBLEMS

The human soul can be a flawed and cruel entity. As teenagers, we don't fully comprehend the true power behind what we do. It is astounding how little we really understand about the vile things we do and say. One particularly nauseating offense is the prejudice we uphold.

Prejudice can mean a great many things encompassing any kind of preconceived opinion. Racism is a type of prejudice, as well as sexism, ageism, and classism; all of which bring some sort of disgust to most of our minds. As teenagers, prejudice means much more than that. Maybe we don't discriminate based on race or sex, but that doesn't mean we're guiltless. We hold prejudices based on the things we've seen people do, wear or say. We tease people for

their hair, their bodies, their faces, their intelligence. We even develop such dispositions based on things we've heard about people, true or not. None of this phases us, but is it really any better than something more "serious," like racism?

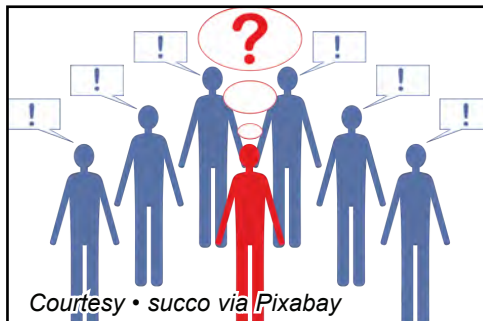
In a room full of people, one girl stands out. Maybe she doesn't dress the same as everyone else. All it takes is one person to make verbal note of her attire. Maybe she says it to one person, and maybe that one person repeats it to another. Eventually, the whole room is in on the joke. By popular mentality, this girl is the epitome of uncool, so why would anyone bother talking

to her? Anyone who did would only be labeled by association. This girl could be the nicest person any of the people in that room would ever meet, but they'll never know it.

We can't assume to be treated with more respect than we are willing to give. People will not love you for treating them like dirt. Most will probably detest you. Counterintuitive, is it not? Say you're in a situation where a teacher is unwilling to work with you. Maybe they're new and don't know what to do themselves. The second you get frustrated and vent to your peers, you haven't just prejudiced yourself, but

everyone you talked to. Now none of the students are willing to work with the teacher, so why would the teacher want to work with you? Nobody can get anywhere then. All prejudices do is dig deeper holes than the ones we started with.

It doesn't matter who the subject of our affliction is; a peer, a sibling, a person of alternate race or religion, the lunch lady or a teacher, the ends could never justify the means. Every single person is just that: a person. Every human on the earth is human, just as you are, and just as I am. There is only one race, one class, one look, one style, and one ideology: humanity. Just as minorities and women deserve equality, every person around us deserves the respect due to all living things, regardless of social implications.



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## GENDER DISCRIMINATION IN OUR SOCIETY

As a society, we have come a long way from the basic gender stereotyping; where women stay at home and men work. However, gender stereotyping is still around today the only difference is its more low key and subtle than it was years ago.

We haven't got away from this problem completely, especially in schools. Boys and girls may be sitting in the same classroom, reading the same textbooks; but regardless, the education boys and girls receive is different. Many studies show that when girls enter school at first,

they are on equal levels as boys or further advanced, as far as intelligence goes. However, when they graduate, girls seem to fall behind. While more females graduate, the level of their education usually has suffered.

We have steered away from the most obvious forms of gender discrimination. However, as a girl, nothing is safe or sacred anymore. While we are no longer looked at as housewives, it's still expected that we want to have kids. What about the girls who don't?

Another hard-to-handle topic is sexual harassment. This is where the ugly-

est in people come out. It is bad enough that something this horrible occurs, but it is a hundred times worse when you say something horrible to the victim; such as, "maybe you shouldn't be wearing something so proactive." Victim blaming is a very real thing that shouldn't be allowed. What are we teaching our young boys and girls if we can't teach them respect? Women shouldn't have to worry about provoking someone's abuse.

Gender discrimination is a nasty little thing that affects everyone. Girls love a sensitive man, but complaints from men are still just whining. In the eyes of soci-

ety, men are supposed to be tough. God forbid crying. In this age, men shouldn't show any emotion because that makes them weak, but we are all human. We all experience human emotion, so why is it so bad for boys to show it?

Sadly, gender discrimination is something that will always prevail; regardless of how well we think we are doing as a society. The only way that this can change is if we change our way of thinking, look deep inside and rid ourselves of the negative, biased influence. We can no longer be restrained by the claws society has buried so deep within our skin.



Did the President obstruct justice? Yes. Was it worse than Watergate? Yes. This break in was by a hostile foreign adversary. This president welcomed their help. This president lied about it and sided with that power over his own agencies. Don't believe it? Read the report.

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## THE REAL COMPARISON BETWEEN ATHLETICS AND MUSIC

The “band geek” has been a stereotype since the beginning of time. When people tell me “Oh, you’re in band”, it’s never really said as a good thing. In no way could anyone compare it to the way people say “Oh, you play football.” Generally, that is seen as fairly impressive, and a popular pastime. While I agree that they aren’t the same thing, I also think that people don’t really know what band is. Nobody can understand what it is that we do unless they have done it themselves.

I play the flute, piccolo, guitar, bass guitar, piano, ukulele, and am planning to learn the trombone next. When I pick up an instrument, I never really think about the things that I do. It’s like when basketball players dribble the ball in for a layup; they just do it. It is what defines us, both as athletes and musicians.

Music is about a thousand times more complex than any sport. I play soccer, and can’t fathom comparing the two at all. Music is more than just nailing certain skills, intercepting passes, making the tackle, or learning plays. It is easy to compare reading music to reading a foreign language, but that really doesn’t do it justice.

You have to have the right pitch, concise timing, proper volume, and you still have to sound good when you’ve never seen or heard what you’re doing before. You have to follow the speed of the director, play in time and in tune with fifty to sixty other people. You actually have to have the capability to make the music mean something, while simultaneously doing everything else correctly.

For someone who doesn’t know much about music, it is difficult to understand how challenging it can be to succeed at a single one of those things; let alone all of them. Reading music may as well be rocket science. All you get is a series of dots on six horizontal lines to know what you are doing.

The duration of the dots (notes), or pitch associated with the lines aren’t set in stone either. There are even times where you don’t play, and you have to be able to keep track of rests just the same. Things like accents or stresses on notes are expressed with seemingly random sym-

bols that can destroy a piece if done incorrectly. Almost none of the terminology is in English, and you still have to sound good. Missing just one of these components is like having everyone on a football team running the correct play, except for the wide receiver; it may just be that one person, but you’re still not going to score.

The hardest thing for non-musicians to comprehend is that you can’t just pick up an instrument and play it. If I were to hand random people my flute, most wouldn’t even be able to get a sound out of it. You also have to have the right fingerings, which aren’t as simple as “first key, second key, third key” etc.

Band is not the same thing as football. It’s not the same as basketball, and it’s definitely not baseball. Being a “Band Geek,” doesn’t make somebody any less of a person than an athlete. In fact, participating in something of such a high caliber is actually more impressive than just simply being in sports, but that’s not how it is.



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## VIDEO GAMING AS A HIGH SCHOOL SPORT

There is a new high school sport eight schools have a varsity level for. Competitive video game playing is the newest form of athletics. The idea of video games being a sport is crazy because a few years ago video games were just for fun and no one took them competitively.

To this day, many people get paid to play games and if someone’s good at it, why shouldn’t they? The amount of people that play video games today is

a huge number. Many people have made it their life to play games and they get paid for it. Kids could take their passion for video games and pursue a career.

Today’s generation is moving in a different direction than older generations did. The lifestyles of kids today and kids 30 years ago are not similar at all. 30 years ago, kids went outside to play. Nowadays, kids play on their smartphones and tablets. Today’s society is going in the direction of technology and it never had so many older generations see it as a

issue.

Professional gamers stream on many platforms such as Youtube and Twitch. Teenagers can start in high school if they are interested in and like video games and pursue their dreams of playing professionally. If you can make money while doing what you love, then why not go for it?

High schools should be encouraged to follow and start a competitive video game sport. It’s a great idea and many kids would be interested. A variety of kids love playing games. Video games are becoming apart of everybody’s daily lives.



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## THE MORAL CORRECTNESS OF PROTECTING BORDERS

In our country, there has been an endless debate about the entry legality of all classes of people. In specificity, the southern border. Although a wall would not solve all problems, it would definitely help maximize patrol of hundreds of miles for anyone or anything to make its way into the United States; excluding the natural barriers.

In case the “discriminatory card” is played, when I say “anyone”, I am not referring to the fact that some are Latinos/Hispanics. I myself am one. My point is, is it really all that bad for our President to want to secure his country and the people in it? I don’t think it is.

Tim Ballard, the CEO of the anti-trafficking Operation Underground Railroad, can attest to the many years of being involved with the everlasting issue of the 70 percent wall-less border that makes sex trafficking easy.

“After two years of grooming her for commercial sex, she was taken by her captors across the southern

border at a location where no wall existed.’ Liliana stated, ‘Had there been a wall for me,’ she declared, ‘my captors would have been forced to take me to a port of entry. A U.S. officer might have seen my distress. I might have yelled out to them. I am currently working with Homeland Security agents on my case. I love them. I think they would have rescued me at the port of entry.’” (deseretnews.com)

It is no surprise that the traffickers entered the US at an open land entry. Why would they risk getting caught at a place with heavy surveillance when they can just as easily cross the border where there is simply a “vehicle barrier” or nothing at all? Aside from the horrible trafficking, what about all of the people in the Central American countries caravan that demand asylum and assistance from the United States? For those who do not know, there is a process in receiving asylum at the border. It’s called “applying”. It is not a right to hand out asylum to whoever shows up and demands it. It takes

about six months to several years, and patience is key. While the Democrats believe that all people deserve a chance, a house, food, and money, what they do not say is that the rest of the American taxpayers will suffer and pay for that. They accuse Donald Trump of not wanting to “embrace” the incoming immigrants. (democrats.org) That is difficult when the incoming caravan is foolishly throwing rocks at border patrol agents, demanding entry. (politifact.com)

Those people coming in illegally will need health-care, housing, and education. Who will pay for that? The rest of the taxpayers that might not even get those benefits. Those taxpayers include the woman struggling to pay rent because she is an elementary school teacher in Oklahoma who may not even receive benefits. (usa-today.com)

The diversity in this country is what makes it the Land of the Free, but a diligent and legal process to be a part of it is obligatory.





# Track exceeds expectations throughout season

Even after losing several seniors from the year before, this year’s track team has still managed to come up with new PR’s and multiple top finishes.

Coach Grant Beatty has been very optimistic and proud of this team with the 25 to 30 athletes expected to go to Regionals in Fallon.

“We have 65 kids in the program. Around the same, we had last year, maybe a few less. We lost a lot of seniors

from last year’s State Championship team,” said Beatty. “They have improved each week. We got a lot of PR’s in all of the events each weekend. That shows us that the kids are improving and getting better, regardless of their finish.”

Coach Beatty is proud of the athletes that have exceeded their own expectations.

“Some highlights were Jasper Glasgow consistently being one of the top throwers in the North. Both the

boys and girls 4x800 relay teams have been successful and are competing for top spots, Will Kracaw and Becca Kuskie finishing up their outstanding careers here, working hard and setting a great example each day, as well as, multiple top 3 finishes throughout the season for each athlete,” said Beatty. “Rachel Garrison and Heather Hall being the top two

throwers in the Northern 3A throughout the year. Jace Mentaberry making a strong push to go to state in 300 Hurdles. Mo Peterson, Scottie Smith, and Kevin Warren excelling in jumps. And Colby Terry and Lalo Aguilar competing with each other for the top pole vault spots in the Northern 3A.”

Makayla Leveille, junior,



/Courtesy • Annie Drake

is not a runner on the track team but is practicing to stay in shape for Cross Country. She is aware of the improvement of all of the track members.

“Their times are dropping and they’re all working super hard to be the best they can be, and they all have a definitely made noticeable improvements since the beginning of the year,” said Leveille.

Beatty is optimistic in his future goals that his athletes will meet towards the end of this season.

“Looking forward to getting some good times against some of the best competition we will face so far this season. The weather looks to be nice so we expect to do well,” said Beatty.



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## ACTIVITES CALENDAR from nnvd1a.org

Activity	Date	Time	Opponent	Location
Swimming: Varsity	04-26-19	1:00 PM	Away vs. Churchill	Carson Aquatic Center
Baseball: Varsity	04-26-19	2:00 PM	Elko	Lowry
Softball: Varsity	04-26-19	2:00 PM	Elko	Lowry
Baseball: JV	04-26-19	4:00 PM	Elko	Lowry
Softball: JV	04-26-19	4:00 PM	Elko	Lowry
Track: Varsity	04-27-19	9:00 AM	Away vs. Douglas	Douglas HS
Baseball: Varsity	04-27-19	10:00 AM	Elko	Lowry
Softball: JV	04-27-19	10:00 AM	Elko	Lowry
Softball: Varsity	04-27-19	12:00 PM	Elko	Lowry
Baseball: JV	04-27-19	2:00 PM	Elko	Lowry
Golf: Boys Varsity	05-01-19	TBD	Away vs. 3A	Genoa Ranch Golf Course
Golf: Boys Varsity	05-02-19	11:00 AM	Away vs. 3A	Edgewood Golf Course
Swimming: Varsity	05-03-19	12:30 PM	Away vs. Sparks	Northwest Pool
Baseball: Varsity	05-03-19	2:00 PM	Away vs. Truckee	Truckee HS
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## Varsity baseball looks to return to playoffs

The varsity boys start off the season pretty rough only winning one game out of the series against South Tahoe.

Lowry swept Sparks this weekend. The first game they won 1-0, the second game they won 14-0. The bucks started the game off good they were hitting great and fielded really good.

"We hit really good and we played like we knew we could. Everyone gave great effort and we pulled off the win,"

said Michael Yarnell.

The Bucks started to pull themselves together and swept the series against Fernley.

"We am started off rough the first game, but we pulled it together and won the doubleheaders on Saturday," said senior Ridge Ricketts.

Lowry has been playing really well towards the end of their season.

The Bucks record is 9-10 and they still have more games to come. They have been really playing this season

well.

"We have been winning games we need to," said head coach Andy Harmon. "We have been playing 100% all year and have had a few rough innings but we try to push through them."

Lowry is trying to get into playoffs this year.

"This season we plan on winning as many games as we can and try to get into the playoffs this year," said senior Kyle Sappington.

Centerfielder and pitcher Brendan Domire's last season has gone well.

"I think our season is going pretty well at the moment. We are winning games that we need to win,"



Anthony Hemp makes a sliding catch on a foul ball./Ron Espinola • The Brand

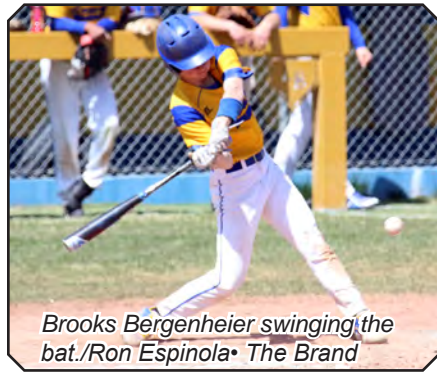
said senior Brenden Domire. "We have had a few rough games but we're still on course to make something special happen with the group of guys we have."

Senior Jake Marriott has some goals for the season.

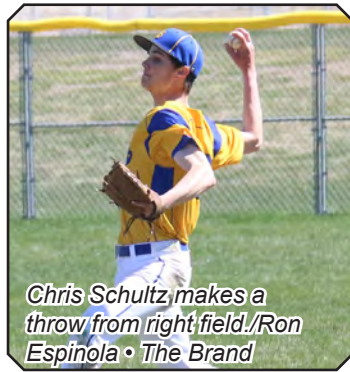
"The team is competing well right now and fighting for a spot in the playoffs," said Marriott. "Our goal is to extend our season, and that goal is well within reach."

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The Bucks next game is April 26 and 27 at Lowry when they host Elko.



Brooks Bergenheier swinging the bat./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Chris Schultz makes a throw from right field./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Josh Leveille makes a pitch against Fallon./Ron Espinola • The Brand



## JV softball hopes to finish season strong

The JV girls started their season off with a tournament in Yerington. At the tournament, they played a total of four games and went 3-1. The only game they lost was to Battle Mountain's varsity team.

"The girls are definitely getting better every day. We try to work on fundamentals and we have some girls on the team that lack the experience others might have, but they are more than willing to do whatever it takes to improve

their skill set," said coach Sean Cooney. "One of the main goals at the JV level is to get the athlete ready to compete at the varsity level, which has been our main focus all year. With the girls work ethic they bring to the field every day, I have no doubt the majority of the girls will be on varsity in the next year or two."

Game after game the girls come back stronger whether they win or lose.

"Our record as of right now is 11-5. All of our losses have been close games.

The number of errors we have been

making lately has been declining every game. I would like to see that trend continue, and finish the season out strong," said Cooney.

The team is preparing

for upcoming games by working as a whole. Sophomore Erica Chapman has been working hard at practice and is looking forward to upcoming games.

"At practice, we are preparing for upcoming games by doing routine plays and making them sharper. As a team, we do a lot of bonding at overnights to make us more united and succeed together," said Chapman. "I wish to finish the season out closer to my teammates and seeing how much we all improved. We've gotten a lot better as a team since the beginning of the season and I'm excited to see how we do against some of the upcoming teams."

Freshman Ava Zebroski believes communication goes a long way in sports.

"We've been touching upon mainly the little things to just improve our team as a whole. It really has made a huge difference in our games. This year we've definitely learned so many new things, both the coaches have helped me learn



Ava Zebroski up to bat./Mackie Grady • The Brand

how to use being left-handed as a whole other extra skill set," said Zebroski. "We especially need to work on being vocal with one another on just about everything that goes on which can be crucial and can make or break a game as well. Most importantly, we want to play our absolute hardest and of course, have fun with it all the way to the very end."

Delanie Thompson stated the team is preparing for the rest of their games by perfecting their techniques.

"At practice, we do both fielding and batting drills every day along with some drills for running. We have been talking a lot during both practice and games about plays and encouragement and I feel that it helps us to succeed," said Thompson.



Kadence Cooney pitches during game against Fallon./Mackie Grady • The Brand



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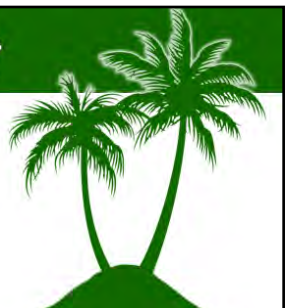


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## ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE: HAILEY FERNANDEZ

Although an injury has kept her from competing in track her senior season, Athlete of the Issue Hailey Fernandez has competed in numerous sports and is a two-time state champion.

Out of all of the sports, soccer is the one sport Fernandez couldn't live without.

"I just played it for so long and I always have enjoyed it," said Fernandez. "It's something I can do all of the time and don't have to worry about it. You can do it by yourself, you can do it with a team. You can always practice something. As long as you have a ball there is something to do."

Fernandez got involved in soccer because her parents wanted her to be around kids her age.

"My parents signed me up for it to get me involved with other people because I was pretty shy. I didn't like to talk to anyone," said Fernandez. "So I was around other people my own age doing something. It's helped me make friendships with even people from other schools."

Fernandez favorite memory was winning state track back to back two years in a row.

"We won it two years in a row the 4x400 relay; we won it back-to-back," said Fernandez. "The first year it was Shelby Garrison, Kennedy Jeppsen, Hailey Hinkle, and I and the second year it was Shelby Garrison, Hailey Hinkle, Adia Bengochea and I. And then last year, after winning the 4x4, we actually won the team state championship. There were nine girls and we won the whole thing."



This year, Fernandez decided not to do track but misses the bond with her teammates.

"These last couple years the track team has really gotten a lot closer and we support each other a lot more," said Fernandez. "So I miss having that bond with other people."

Fernandez is happy to have her brother at the school with her so they can experience high school together.

"We've definitely gotten a lot closer because we experience the same things now," said Fernandez. "We're in the same school, so we go to the same events and we go to homecoming together and Winterfest, and we can do the dress up days together, so that's been fun."

Fernandez is grateful she has her family's support with her decisions.

"They've always encouraged me to step out of my comfort zone and try something new and push myself and encourage me to pursue things I would not have normally done without them," said Fernandez.

She has big plans for after high school.

"I am going to UNR and plan on doing something with speech pathology or education, I haven't decided yet," said Fernandez. "I have done a lot of volunteer work at the elementary school, Sonoma, so after this year I decided that was something I wanted to do; to continue working with young kids especially."

Fernandez's mom, Sarah helped her make her decision in what she wanted to study.

"When I decided I wanted to go into education, she thought I wouldn't find it as fulfilling, so she told me

about Speech Pathology and I did a little bit of research on it and looked at the classes," said Fernandez. "It seems really interesting because it has a lot to do with how your brain works. It's interesting how our brain works and how that can influence how we talk and the way we think."

Sports have helped Fernandez a lot with the way she views herself and other things.

"It's helped me a lot with, not having confidence in myself, but reminding myself that you don't have to be the lead scorer to still have made an impact in that game," said Fernandez. "You might not score but your pass helped someone else score and you win the game. And just teaching me that you don't have to be the biggest person to have made any contribution to whatever you're doing. In school or in life if you're doing a project for work your little input will make a big difference in the overall product. I think that's the biggest thing that sports taught me is that all the little things will add up and pay off in the end."

Leaving your hometown is always hard, and Fernandez will miss Winnemucca and the people.

"I will definitely be sad," said Fernandez. "I like Winnemucca; I'm fine here. I have my friends and my people. I'm fine staying here, but you've gotta go out and do new things. [In Winnemucca,] You can always find support wherever you go. Every business here will support you in what you're trying to do. I'll miss that the most, just having so many people that you can count on."

Fernandez will also miss Mrs. Doyle's Anatomy class.

"I loved Anatomy, that was one of my favorite classes and I just understand that stuff a little better," said Fernandez. "I loved going to that class. There wasn't a day I didn't want to go."



## ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE:

## RIDGE RICKETTS

Since Ridge Ricketts was a little kid he has loved the outdoors, whether it is playing sports or looking at wildlife. His father, Todd Ricketts, showed him the outdoors, because of this he has always looked up to his father.

"My dad, he has always supported me and if I needed equipment he would always buy it for me," said Ricketts. "One time he bought me a batting cage and if I wanted to hit, he would drop what he was doing to go help me."

**"I would like to be a wildlife biologist because I want to wake up and love what I do."**  
~Ridge Ricketts

He has always had a passion for baseball but hunting is a big part of his family. All of the Ricketts boys were raised as hunters.

"My dad's a big outdoorsman, and when we're little he would take us on his hunts," said Ricketts. "I've played baseball ever since tee-ball and have

been hunting as long as I can remember."

"My brother Canyon, is a big outdoorsman as well," said Ricketts.

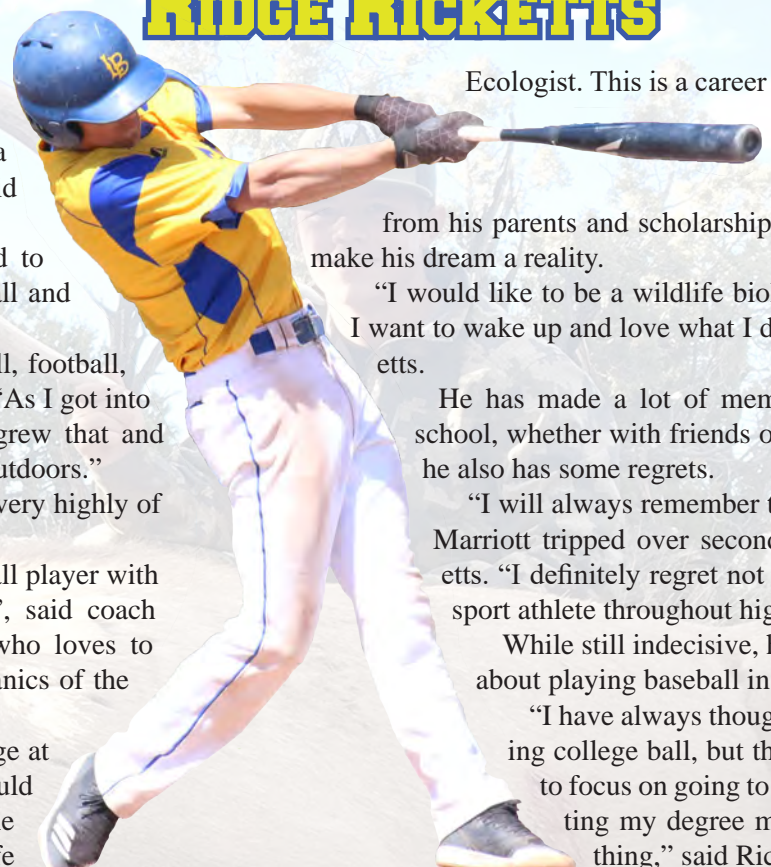
While growing up, he had to make a tough decision: football and wrestling, or hunting.

"I grew up playing baseball, football, and wrestling," said Ricketts. "As I got into high school, I kinda just outgrew that and wanted to focus more on the outdoors."

Ridge's last coaches think very highly of him.

"Ridge is a hardworking ball player with a lot of baseball knowledge", said coach Harmon. "He is a cage rat who loves to hit and understands the mechanics of the swing."

He plans on going to college at the University of Reno. He would like to pursue his passion for the outdoors and become a Wildlife



Ecologist. This is a career he has had his eyes on for a while now.

With help from his parents and scholarships, he hopes to make his dream a reality.

"I would like to be a wildlife biologist because I want to wake up and love what I do," said Ricketts.

He has made a lot of memories in high school, whether with friends or coaches, but he also has some regrets.

"I will always remember the time Jacob Marriott tripped over second," said Ricketts. "I definitely regret not being a three-sport athlete throughout high school."

While still indecisive, he has thought about playing baseball in college.

"I have always thought about playing college ball, but then I just want to focus on going to UNR and getting my degree more than anything," said Ricketts.





Tristan Miller working hard /Courtesy• Tim Grady



Charles Gonin breast stroking /Courtesy• Tim Grady



Hunter Lewis comes up for air while trying to win /Courtesy• Tim Grady



Mackie Grady prepares to dive /Courtesy• Tim Grady



## Diving into swim season

The swimming season is almost to an end, as are many of the spring sports. However, the season is still not over, and the team has been working hard and putting in the work in order to make it to regionals. After that, some individuals hope to make it to state this year, which will be held in Carson City.

Coach Ruff is really proud of her

team and how hard they've been working. She has some high hopes for her swim team.

"The team is doing really well, I'm hoping we finish the season off strong, and one if not two of the men's relays to make it to state and probably two or three individuals."

Hunter Lewis, a junior on the swim team, shared how he's been doing this season and how he's preparing his

mind and body for his last couple of meets and regionals.

"I'd say is performing pretty well this season, I am improving almost every meet with faster times, I prepare for the meets by practicing almost every day, eating healthy, and staying active and fit, I'm preparing for regionals about the same way I would for a normal meet, I might train a little harder but not too much so I don't have too

much stress on my mind," said Lewis

This past weekend the team headed to Minden to compete against Sage Ridge and North Valleys. Everyone qualified in more events for regionals and or improved their times. Adaya Goldblatt took first in the 200 free, Tara Higley taking third, and Mackie Grady first in the 500. Both relay teams improved their times and all the boys qualified in more events.



## JV baseball preparing for their future

The boys JV baseball team has had a rough season. The Bucks are 3-7 overall, and 3-6 for the league.

They started off their season very strong, with a win against Spring Creek, 10-8. They also picked up another easy win against Spring Creek, 8-1. Later in the season, they had a very close game against North Valleys, 7-6.

On Wednesday, April 17, the Bucks faced off against Spring Creek at home

for a doubleheader. Lowry lost both games but used the losses as a way to see what they needed to improve on.

"We used these games as a way to determine what needs work, and we saw that our errors are killing us," said Sean Herrera.

Although still important, the main goal for JV is to prepare the kids for the higher level of play.

"Our goal this season was to prepare these kids for the higher level,

varsity, and I believe that we have accomplished that," said coach Clay Sagers.

"One thing I have accomplished this season was gaining a lot of experience, and I'll take that with me for the rest of my high school career," said Sean Herrera.

Freshman, Zach Fernandez believes that the team can do well, if they fix the errors that are being made.

"We started off our season real

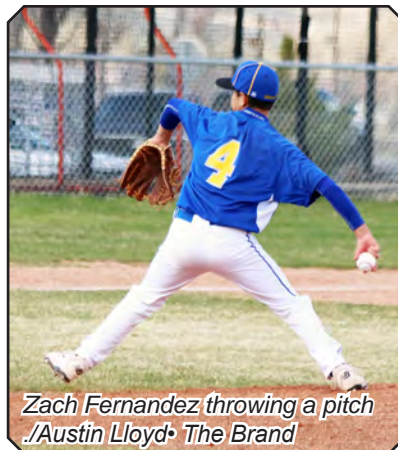
strong, but we are in a bit of a slump right now." I think if we improve our fielding we'll be okay," said Fernandez. "Our errors are what hurt us but if we could clean those up I think we could be a very strong team."

Drew enjoyed the wins against Spring Creek the most so far this season.

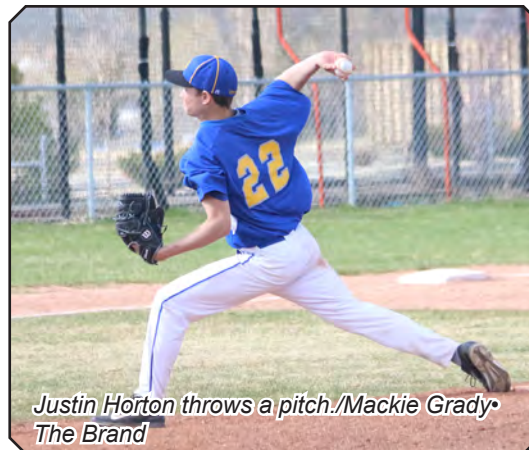
"My favorite memory was our overnight trip in Elko, we swept Spring Creek," said Drew Harmon.



Drew Harmon beats the throw to first base./ Austin Lloyd • The Brand



Zach Fernandez throwing a pitch /Austin Lloyd • The Brand



Justin Horton throws a pitch./Mackie Grady • The Brand



Sean Herrera watches a pitch while coach Brent Reimersma flexes in the abckground./Austin Lloyd • The Brand



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## Boys swinging to second place

The Golf season is coming to an end soon and the boys are hoping to finish in the top spot. However, the season is still not over there is a lot of time and

opportunities to improve on.

Last week at Spring Creek the Bucks (343) finished 2nd behind Truckee (337). Dillon Patterson finished in 3rd place, three strokes behind the leader.

Coach Andrew Meyer thinks the boys are doing pretty good this season and can be top dogs in the league.

"The season is going pretty good, the team can improve on putting it

all together having everyone come together at the same time for a good round," said Meyer. "Our goal is to finish second in the league and crush South Tahoe's dreams."

Junior Max Mavity thinks the season is good while at one of the top spots in the league.

"The season is going good we are sitting in second place overall in our league," said Mavity. "I think we all think that we can improve our averages on the year and continue to play better golf every tournament. We are most likely headed to state to end the year and we are going to go out and compete the best we can and see what happens."



Dillon Patterson puts the ball in./Mackie Grady • The Brand



Caden Rorex sets up to hit the ball./Mackie Grady • The Brand



Kobe Stoker and coach Andrew Meyer share a moment together./Mackie Grady • The Brand



## Lady Bucks enjoying another successful season

This season the Lady Bucks have been playing really well. They are 13-11 overall and 10-3 in league. They have found their rhythm and have been sticking to it.

The girls started the season off with a sweep against Spring Creek. They have been working hard all season.

Lowry beat Sparks this weekend twice.

"We have been giving 100% in everything we do and we try to improve in the things we aren't comfortable with," said junior Sierra Maestrejuan.

They have been putting in work to make it to play-offs and hopefully get to state.

"Getting to state has always been a goal for me in every sport I play and I want to do it with a great team like we have this year," said senior Sydney Connors.

Seniors have been playing well and have had a great year.

"As a senior, I'm going to miss every single memory that I have made during softball. The atmosphere itself is better than any sport out there," said senior Madi McClellan. "We all wish to win state. The next few games decide our seeding in regionals, so we have to go into them taking each game at a time. We're working really hard to beat Fallon and Elko."

The girls are currently third in league behind Fernley and Elko.

Their next game is against Elko on April 26 and 27 at Lowry.



Bailey Hayes takes practice swings./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Third baseman Madi McClellan gets ready./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Sierra Maestrejuan catching a pop fly./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Mackenzie Salas-Begay gets a hit against South Tahoe./Ron Espinola • The Brand

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## Best of Social Media

If you've heard of The Neighbourhood, you've probably heard of the lead singer Jesse Rutherford, but what about his girlfriend? Devon Carlson is not only a model, but the designer and co-founder of Wildflower Cases (not to mention her feed is very aesthetically pleasing).

@devonleecarlson

Certified Instagram artist Noor is a painter but her canvases are never the same size or shape. She often paints on glass, bodies, Vans, and even ukuleles. She also takes submissions, so if you have something you want painted, send it Noor's way.

@artsypeach

Fiphie is a 22-year-old artist/poet with a published poetry/art-journal book. I can promise you it's not what you're expecting.

@fireflyfiphie

Regardless of how skeptical you may be of NASA, you can't deny that the pictures produced are quite literally breathtaking. Their captions are pretty long, so just ignore those like everyone does to your posts; and dive into space binge.

@nasa

For those of you interested in anatomy and

science stuff, this account is actually an online store that creates jewelry to look like certain organs, bone structures, and chemical makeups. Even if you're not a fan of jewelry, this account is worth taking a glance at.

@sciencejewelry1824

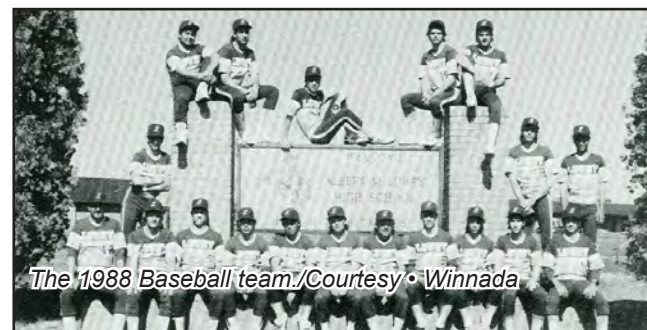


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## Lowry Then and Now: Baseball 1988



The 1988 Baseball team/Courtesy • Winnada



/Ron Espinola • The Brand

The focus of the Lowry baseball program hasn't changed from 1988. But the uniforms and field certainly have. They are still trying to win games and get to state.

"This season we are working on winning as much games as possible," said Harmon. "We try to have fun as much as we can but work hard doing it."

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# Humboldt County Art Show exhibits works of high school artists

Lowry High School’s art department and Art Club sponsored HCSD’s 46th annual Art Show; which took place from March 7-17 at the Humboldt Museum.

Advanced Art student Brooks Carroll believes art shows are fairly important to small town communities like Winnemucca.



Opening night of the art show./Courtesy • Julia Topholm

“No matter how small a town is, everyone should be able to stand out in their area of expertise,” said Carroll. “The art shows give the artists of Winnemucca that chance.”

Lowry’s Art Two, Advanced Art teacher and Art Club advisor Ms. Julia Topholm entered several student pieces this year and featured those who entered in the Scholastic Art Competition. She stated the pieces were hard to choose from this year; as many of the students are highly skilled through her eyes.

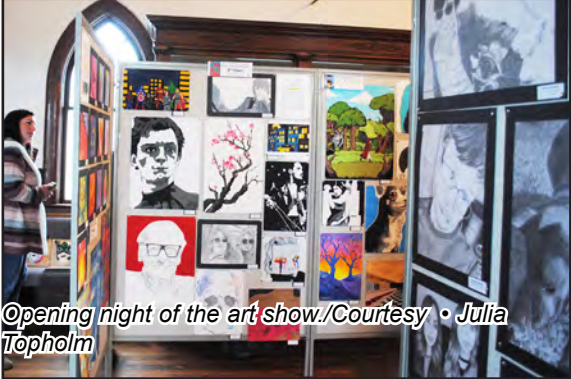
“The pieces that were chosen for the show truly exemplify the great talent here at Lowry,” said Topholm. “It was a year filled with a variety of new projects blended with some that have become a tradition. It was important to showcase the work of our advanced students who took on the challenge of entering pieces in the Scholastic Arts Competition, the skill-based work of the Art 1 and Basic Drawing classes to the expressive work of Art 2 and Sculpture students.”

Topholm also stated that the turnout of the opening night was fantastic. Almost 300 people came to visit. She also mentioned the spectator’s reactions were pleasant.

“The pieces sparked conversations, laughter, and ‘wow’ moments,” said Topholm. “One of the best reactions came from one of our elementary students that said, ‘whoa mom look at that, how’d they do that? It is awesome,’ as they were looking at the hand sculptures on display. Getting to explain the process to that young artist was truly highlight for me.”

Even as an art student, Carroll enjoyed viewing pieces from all different artistic levels.

“I love to see everyone’s different interpretations and capabilities of the projects,” said Carroll. “Especially when they (students) were all given one topic but they were able to branch out



Opening night of the art show./Courtesy • Julia Topholm

in so many creative ways to represent themselves as an artist and a person.”

Topholm feels that the community has always been supportive of the arts and is very thankful for it.

“We are lucky to have a community that supports the arts and the creative spirit of out Humboldt County students,” said Topholm.

Lowry’s exclusive Art and CTE show will be May 30 from 5-7 p.m. in the Art and CTE building where pieces from welding, electrical, CADD, art, and sculpture will be displayed.

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## Baumeister, Horton and Olson in All-State honors for choir

On April 6, music students Christian Olson and Stacey Horton attended NMEA All-State Convention at UNLV. Both were accepted into the All-State Choir, along with Frankie Baumeister.

"The auditions are difficult," said Olson. "They test every skill that a singer needs and it takes work to prepare for the audition."

Acceptance into any of the All-State groups is a huge honor.

"Especially coming from a small town, it's very hard to get into," said Horton. "A lot of Vegas people come in because they have a lot more experience."

The stiff competition and high expectations that come with being an All-State musician don't disappear after the audition process.

"When you first get there, you have this singing test where they pick excerpts of different songs

to see if you know them," said Horton. "If you don't know them, they'll call you back, and if you don't know your music by then, they'll cut you."

Being a part of an All-State group is a rewarding experience vastly different than the local honor groups.

"All-State choir is much more competitive, but the choir is much larger and well rounded than any other choir such as our own or an audition choir such as honor choir," said Olson. All-State gives you the chance to perform in an amazing and powerful group and helps you advance your own abilities as a musician."

Horton cited the passion and abil-

ity of the choir as a defining attribute of the convention.

"When we sang 'When We Came in the Sky'...It was a very passionate song and we got the entire audience to sing with us," said Horton.

In moments like this, Horton and Olson were able to recognize the true meaning behind what they do.

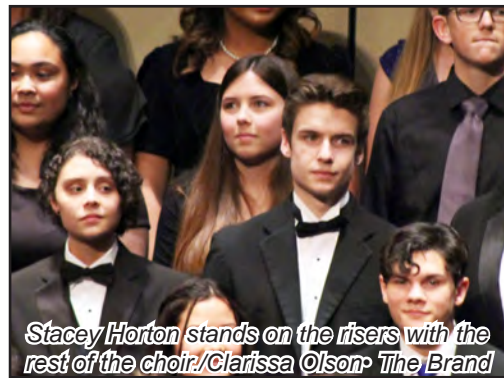
"The hours of rehearsal teach you a great deal, but it is the reaction you get from the audience the day of the performance that makes you remember all the hard work you put in," said Olson.



Horton and Olson pose in front of the UNLV campus./Clarissa Olson • The Brand



Christian Olson prepares to sing./Clarissa Olson • The Brand



Stacey Horton stands on the risers with the rest of the choir./Clarissa Olson • The Brand



## Do's and Don'ts

Do your work.  
Don't become lazy and skip do-

ing your work.

Do your best.

Don't stop trying.

Do turn in your homework

Don't forget to.

Do go to class.

Don't skip school.

Do enjoy school.

Don't dread going.

Do enjoy your only four years of high school.

Don't wish them away.

Do be nice to everyone.

Don't be mean to people.

Do help your friends.  
Don't just give them the answers.  
Do ask for help.

Don't be afraid to ask.

Do go to learn.

Don't just go because you have to.

Do fix your mistakes.

Don't just ignore them.

Do pay attention in class.

Don't doze off.

Do listen to your teachers.

Don't ignore them.

Do be serious.

Don't be a smart alec.

Do go above and beyond.

Don't be afraid to try hard.

Do participate in class meetings.

Don't be lame and not go.

Do join extracurricular activities.

Don't not join.

Do respect your peers and teachers.

Don't be mean.

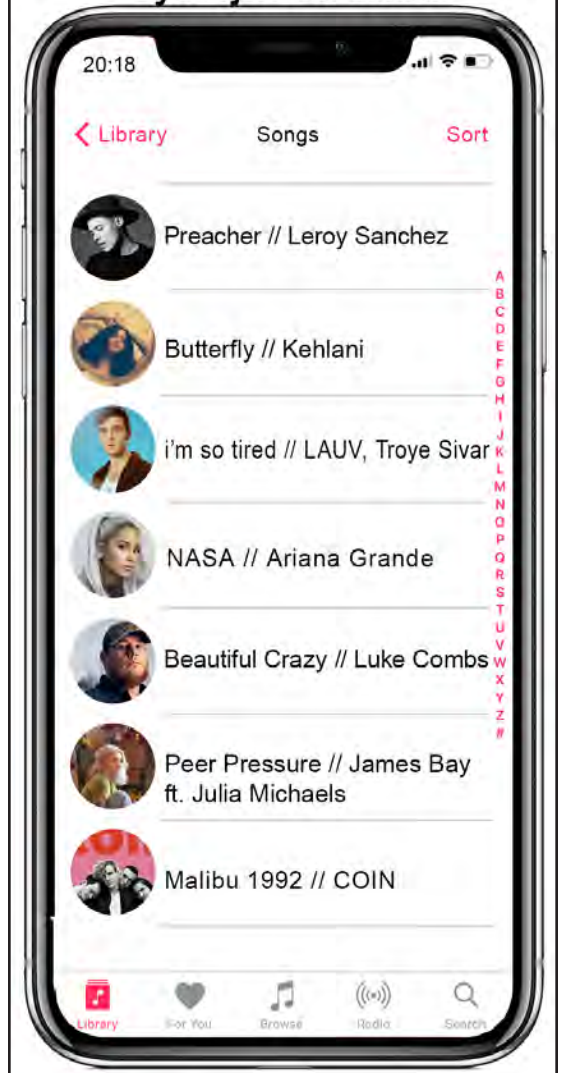
Do get good grades.

Don't flunk up.

Do respect school rules.

Don't ignore them.

## What's on your playlist? By Alejandra Ibarra



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## POI: Stacey Horton

Stacey Horton was chosen as the Performer of the Issue by band and choir director Mr. Sean Whelan.

Horton was one of two students in the school who auditioned into and made the North East Nevada Zone Honor Band, Honor Choir and the All-State Choir.

"Stacey is a great musician and leader in both the band and the choir where she leads by example and helps others when she sees them struggling," said Whelan.

Horton loved the idea of music and wanted to share her interests with others.

"I got into singing and playing the alto saxophone because I have always had a love for music, and I wanted to learn how to make music among a group of people with similar interests," said Horton. "That way I could play more powerful music pieces that would sound empty if I just performed them on my own."

Former band director Mr. Paul

Criddle helped Stacey with deciding to get into choir.

"No one specifically inspired me to join band, but I always thought the saxophone was a cool instrument that I wanted to learn how to play," said Horton. "However, I would say that Mr. Criddle heavily influenced me to push my limits in band, and the incredible energy he put into Swing Choir convinced me to join choir."

Horton has been involved in band for six years and hopefully in college as well.

"I have been involved with band since the 6th grade, and choir since my junior year of high school. I also plan to continue band in college if at all possible," said Horton.

After graduation, Horton hopes to pursue band at Portland State University.

"As for what I plan on doing after high school, I'm going to Portland State University to study Graphic Design and minor in Music, hopefully being able to continue playing my saxophone if everything goes well," said Horton.

Everyone has their strategies for upcoming events and Horton only practices when needed.

"At home, I'm going to be honest, I don't practice a whole lot on my choir and band stuff unless there is a big audition or performance coming up that I need to be on my A game for," said Horton.

Although Stacey thoroughly enjoys music, she also is interested in photography.

"Aside from music, I like photography and art even though I'm not in any specific class for it. I just have an interest in anything remotely artistic," said Horton.

Band and choir is not only a class, but it allows you to express yourself through various ways of music.

"Overall, I would just like to say that I encourage everyone to be involved with some sort of performing arts class. These classes allow you to express yourself and meet a lot of interesting people that you wouldn't have met otherwise," said Horton. "Additionally, it allows you to develop your



Stacey Horton and her instrument: Alto Saxophone/Mackie Grady • The Brand

skills by opening you up to other opportunities outside of the traditional school setting."

Stacey will be performing in the All-State Choir in Las Vegas in the first week of April.

"I have participated in Honor Band, Honor Choir, Small State Band, and actually next week I will be participating in All-State Choir in Las Vegas," said Horton.



an upset for the girls  
By Mackie Grady

This is now the 23rd season of the "Bachelor."



Colton Underwood in the season 23 Bachelor./Courtesy • ABC

ask for the parent's blessings. It all came down to two girls and the bachelor as Colton ended things with the two girls, Tayshia and Hannah, to win Cassie back over. This obviously shocked followers of the show and will go down in Bachelor history as nothing like this has happened before.

'On My Block' comes out with season 2  
By Mackie Grady and Araceli Galarza

'On My Block' season two came out March 29. It was picked up after the shooting leaving Olivia dead and

## What's Entertaining: 'Umbrella Academy' and 'The Bachelor'

The 'Bachelor' ends with

filled with lots of drama. In the beginning, there are 30 girls all fighting for love. Every week either one or two girls go home and obviously are devastated. In the final weeks, the bachelor will visit home towns and

Ruby upset. Season two brought viewers a lot of questions and left a lot of hard feelings. The show brings you to the other side of teenage drama and leaves you wanting more. The twists and turns of this show keep the viewer hooked, especially with all the cliffhangers the show leaves you with. Its and 11/10 show and a must watch.

The 'Umbrella Academy' comes to Netflix  
By Araceli Galarza

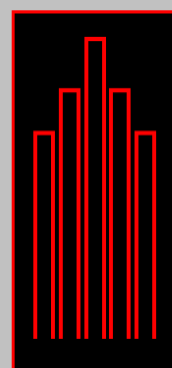
The umbrella academy was originally a comic series from Grey Horse that was recently turned into a show that's available to stream on Netflix. It's about a group of super kids (all adults now) who were adopted by a hated, rich, old man. There's is all sorts of crude humor, twists and turns and things that you really weren't expecting. The show will make you experience all sorts of emotions and, that's why it is so good. With this series, you never know what you'll get. In my opinion, it is a must watch and many people are waiting anxiously for season two.



The cast of the Umbrella Academy./ Courtesy • Netflix

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# FBLA members moving on to Nationals

During spring break, while many students were taking the time off to sleep in, hang out or catch up with family, the Future Business Leaders of America went to state in Vegas. The days were rough and many people were very tired, but the contestants stepped up and went the extra mile, which ended up paying off.

Many people have no clue where Lowry is, but the students proved themselves by placing in events and having some fun along the way.

“We all did extremely well,” said Adaya Goldblatt. “We made it on stage quite a bit and about four or five of us are going to nationals this year in San Antonio. We go to go hang out by the pool one day we got to go to an outlet mall and just bonded more as a team, it was very fun.”

FBLA provides a great opportunity for students looking to further their education.

“FBLA gives students the opportunity to use the skills they’ve learned in a business class, whether it be with myself or Espinola to compete. It’s a good opportunity to win scholarships and it looks great on resumes and college applications,” said adviser Mrs. Lisa Scott.

Goldblatt competed and placed in several events. “I competed in Job Interview, Electronic Career

Portfolio where they simulate an actual job interview where we would go in and talk to them as if we were in an actual interview,” said Goldblatt. “In Electronic Career Portfolio we created a PowerPoint, or something similar to it, and presented that to the judges about a certain career we would like to pursue in the future.

FBLA is a well-organized club that meets once a month and can help students succeed in the future.

“This year our president was Josie Warn. I was vice-president this year,” said Goldblatt. “I would definitely say it’s for everybody, even if you’re not going into a business-related field it’s still very important life skills that you will need in the future. For example, a job interview, everyone is going to have to do one eventually so it’s nice getting a practice run. To get into it, you talk to the advisor or talk to someone who is in it.”

In addition to the skills they attain, members can also receive scholarships for winning events at Nationals.

“The real world skills and the knowledge that there are other people like us that just want to be serious in our futures and not just float around and not do anything,” said Goldblatt. “We do have opportunities to get scholarships. It just depends on who you are and

what events you are doing. Different events are sponsored by different companies. The accounting events are sponsored by a pretty big firm, I want to say it’s KPMG. They’ll give out a \$1,000 scholarship for first place.”

The state results: Josie Warn placed 1st in Word Processing, 2nd in Business Communications, 2nd in Journalism and 2nd Graphic Design. Adaya Goldblatt took 3rd Computer Applications, 3rd in Word Processing, 5th in Electronic Career Portfolio and 7th in Job Interview. Jenny Sims come in 2nd in Intro to Business Communications and 10th in Intro to Business. Adia Bengochea received 5th in Intro to Public Speaking and 6th in Electronic Career Portfolio. Justin Horton was 5th in Intro to Business Presentations and 6th Intro to Business Procedures. Kaitlyn Hales placed 9th in Intro to Public Speaking and 10th in Intro Business Communications. Lauren Fentress took 4th in Electronic Career Portfolio, and Camille Roberts 5th in Publication Design.



Adaya Goldblatt and Josie Warn with some of their awards./Courtesy• Lisa Scott



Lowry's FBLA state representatives./Courtesy• Lisa Scott

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**TÉA NOVI:**  
What is her coffee order? Peach Red Bull.  
What actor or actress is he/she obsessed with? George Clooney, Bradley Cooper, Ryan Reynolds, older guys.  
What is something that he or she does regularly? Complain.  
What is his/her least favorite movie? Any war movie.  
What color describes his/her personality? Blue. She cries a lot.  
What is his/her favorite flavor of slushy? All of them.



**ANJOLIE KARRER**  
What is his/her coffee order? Peach Bullseye.  
What actor or actress is he/she obsessed with? George Clooney or Bradley Cooper.  
What is something that he or she does regularly? Complain. She always thinks that people are the same person.  
What is his/her least favorite movie? War Movies.  
What color describes his/her personality? Red.  
What is her favorite flavor of slushy? Whatever is new.



Love thy Neighbor

Far too many times I've seen people discriminating others based on materialistic things: the color of their skin, the art inked onto their bodies, who they love, and who they identify as. From a non-religious standpoint, I may seem bias, but what other people do with their lives does not affect you (as a stranger) in any way, shape, or form.  
It is not okay to discriminate people based on your beliefs. Not everyone is religious, and that's okay because it's their lives; not yours. There's no reason to force your views onto another person or belittle them because they differ from you. If you don't understand something, that doesn't make it okay for you to put

somebody else down. Everyone deserves kindness and acceptance.  
Being religious doesn't automatically make you a good person; your actions are what indicates your decency as a human being. Adolf Hitler and Osama Bin Laden were both religious. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcom X were of their same religions. Need I say more?  
According to pewsocialtrends.org, the upcoming Gen Z (people born after 1996) is looking a lot similar to Millennials (people born from 1981-1995) from a political standpoint. Roughly six-in-ten people from said generations believe diversity is a good thing for our society; culturally and ethically. Gen X (people born from 1965 to 1980) agreed but about 10% less, Baby Boomers (born

from 1946-1964) agreed 15% less and the Silent Generation (born from 1928-1845) agreed almost 20% less than.  
I will say that as a whole, the teenage generation in our community is mostly supportive of each other in their contrasting ways of life. On the other hand, you have the older generations, who typically don't approve of their grandchildren being "greedy" or "selfish" by loving more than one gender. For further example, my great grandmother believes that people should still be sent to "straight therapy", if you will.  
I have the privilege of knowing a lovely, middle-aged woman who gives me fantastic insights of her views on life every time I go to get my hair dyed. She believes in God, an afterlife, and Heaven

and Hell; but above all, she believes in love. She tells me that love freed her from a dark place in her life. That everyone deserves love, and to find peace and happiness.  
The most recent time I visited her, she told me she was hoping to get "a rainbow flag" to put outside the front of her shop and write 'love welcome' on it. She posted on Facebook recently that "Love sees all as loveable; valuable; equal. Without borders. Without labels."  
I feel it is better to be kind to everyone around you because most people deserve it; rather than yell at two boys across the street that are holding hands. New Testament, 1 Peter, verse 4:8 states, "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."

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ANSWERS: What is your favorite coffee order? Any iced coffee or peach Red Bull. What actor or actress are you obsessed with? Bradley Cooper What is your least favorite movie? Any sad movie. What color describes your personality? Purple. What is your favorite slushy flavor? Any as long as they aren't mixed.





## Career profile: General Foreman

Chase Ruff is a General Foreman for Process Operations at the Phoenix Mine. A General Foreman is also known as a site supervisor. General Foreman averages \$30-40 an hour. A General Foreman makes an annual average of 89,000. Ruff's job entails managing the gold mill and ensuring that it is performing according to our targets.

Like most jobs, Ruff has numerous responsibilities to do ranging from maintaining the mill to working with his crew.

"An average day for me is looking at the previous day's performance of the

mill and working with my crews to find ways to improve that performance so we can either make more gold or lower our costs," said Ruff. "I also work a lot with our maintenance department to make sure they have what they need to maintain the equipment in our plant so that it stays running at top efficiency."

Becoming a General Foreman takes knowledge and time to learn the skills. Ruff earned a Bachelors of Science degree in Chemistry with a minor in Bioengineering at Colorado School of Mines.

"After I graduated worked at the Twin Creeks mine as a Project Engineer for five years, then transferred to the

Phoenix Mine and worked as a Metallurgical Engineer for two and a half years," said Ruff. "After that, I was offered the opportunity to supervise a crew and show that I could manage people. I worked as a supervisor for two years and then I was asked to be the General Foreman of the Gold mill, which I've been doing for about six months."

Ruff is very busy spending another two years in college for another degree.

"Also, while working at the mines I was able to earn my Masters Degree in Business Administration and Operations Management from Regis University," said Ruff.



Chase Ruff at work/Courtesy • Chase Ruff

Ruff has his ups and downs about his job.

"The thing I like most about my job is watching my team succeed and overcome problems they are faced with and improve something on the site. The thing that I like least about my job is waking up at 3 a.m. to go to work," said Ruff.



## Whatever Happened To: Soulja Boy

Whatever happened to the famous popstar DeAndre Cortez Way aka Soulja Boy or Young Draco? Soulja Boy was a famous pop star and was 17 years old when he became a major hit across the U.S.

He was born July 28, 1990, in Chicago, Illinois. At the age of 14, he moved in with his father, where his father provided him with a recording studio. In 2005, he began posting his music on the website SoundClick.

His hit song "Crank That" was released and a popular

television series, Entourage, used his song. Later that year, the song topped the US Billboard Top 100.

Later on in his career, he dropped his 'souljaboytellem.com' album which also blew up in the United States. This album peaked at the number four spot on both the Billboard 200 and Top R&B/Hip-Hop Albums charts.

Soulja Boy was a thriving popstar. He had his fair share of encounters with the police. DeAndre has been arrested four times, all of which only ended with jail time.

Soulja Boy had a lot of big hit songs like "Crank That" and "Kiss Me Thru the Phone".

After his release of "ISouljaBoyTellem," he started to become irrelevant. Within a few months, he fell off completely. People have tried to determine what caused him to become so irrelevant so fast, but no one has determined the answer. The new music he was making wasn't getting downloaded, and people weren't liking it.

Recently, Soulja Boy has tried to make a comeback by throwing shade at a very famous YouTuber: Jake Paul. The two argued back and forth via Twitter, but that was the end of it.



/Courtesy • SouljaBoy Instagram

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Frontier Community Coalition



## Picture of the issue

Senior Tanner Havens snapped this picture of the Christmas lights on his wall. Havens stated, "I'm not even artistic at all. I just get ideas and I'm like 'hey, this might be neat' but nine times out of ten it doesn't work. This was the one time."



Coney Island Lights/Courtesy • Tanner Havens





## Buckaroo Roundup: April Holidays

**Q :**  
As a kid, what was your favorite thing about Easter?

**Krystal Claudy:** Finding the eggs.

**Carlos Diaz:** The egg hunting.

**Riley Crain:** Opening Presents under the tree.

**Q:** How does your family celebrate Easter?

**K:** We boil eggs and then we eat eggs for the rest of our day because eggs are great.

**C:** We don't.

**R:** We dress up and we go house to house. Sometimes we say "Trick or Treat," but usually they give us candy.

**Q:** When you think about Easter, what is the first thing that comes to mind?

**K:** Eggs.

**C:** Bunnies.  
**R:** Yo soy peligro.

**Q:** What is your favorite Easter candy?

**K:** Chocolate eggs.

**C:** Cadbury eggs.

**R:** Baby Koala meat.

**Q:** Do you like April Fool's day?

**K:** I guess. I don't really have a use for it. I guess you could surprise your family, maybe?

**C:** Yes. This one time, my parents went out of town and my grandma came over. We had fun.

**R:** Yes, because it's the only

day I can get away with stuff.

**Q:** What is the best prank you've ever seen or pulled?

**K:** I don't think I've ever had, seen, or done one.

**C:** With my grandma...it was on the weekend-I set an alarm for five and a new alarm for every five minutes.

Eventually, I heard them go off and I heard her get tired of it. Eventually, she shut them all off and went into the bathroom. I had taped a cup of Legos to the doorknob so when she opened it, all of

the Legos fell on the floor. I put Saran Wrap on the toilet too.

**R:** Fake pregnancy test.

**Q:** What is your idea of the perfect April Fool's day prank?

**K:** Pranking them that you're pregnant. That'd be funny.

**C:** Something like what I did.

**R:** Just messing with people as much as possible.

**Q:** What should we do celebrate Earth Day?

**K:** Nobody celebrates Earth Day. It's just kind of there. You could paint lots of pictures of the Earth and put them around.

**C:** Stay off electricity all day. Like, go outside and do something.

**R:** Start a lot of fires. Everyone should take a day to go on a real long drive and burn a lot of plastic.

Carlos Diaz, Rylee Crain and Krystal Claudy/Clarissa Olson • The Brand



## Lowry Voices: What would you change about this world?



"I would change the fact that people are so close-minded. So that they could see other people's opinions and see how they feel."

Freshman, Charles Gonin



"A lot. The main one is stereotyping, typically against women, on the basis of gender and the way charges are handled."

Junior, Jordan Lords



"Probably war because it's destructive and there's really no need for it because we can all just be happy."

Sophomore, Emily Schoenecker



"It would be to stop people from using so much plastic because it just all ends up everywhere and harms the planet and so many animals."

Senior, Fatima Ochoa

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