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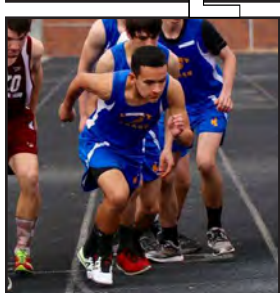


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FBLA competes at state, West becomes state officer

The FBLA stands for "Future Business Leaders of America" and is an organization for students ranging from middle school through high school age where they can prepare their real world business skills to enter the workforce.

Lowry's chapter consists of five people: Josie Warn, Tailor West, Julianne Montero, Kelsey Dalley and Savannah Dalley.

Josie Warn, a sophomore, will be attending the state competition and explained what it will all include.

"The events center around individual skills. So like, I am doing an event that's based on my ability to create an effective presentation. Each event

ranges from creating a video or programming an app to giving a speech. Workshops are hour long talks given by presenters on a specific topic, like networking or how to be effective in a job interview. The workshops are attended in between events," said Warn.

Mrs. Lisa Scott is the leader in this program and was proud of a student of hers that decided to take a big step.

"Tailor is running for the position of Vice President of Public Relations. She will be the first state officer that Lowry High School has ever had," said Scott.

Tailor West, a junior, is excited and nervous to be running

for such a big position.

"I am the Vice President of our chapter, and currently running for Vice President of public relations for the state. Going to state conferences and seeing the former state officers have such an influence on members throughout the state was what pushed me to do it. Having Leadership positions has always been something I loved. Having Mrs. Scott encourage me and push me to always do whatever I aspire really made me commit to running for state office," said West.

On the first day of State, along with her competitive events, Tailor will have to take

a test and get interviewed.

"Throughout the conference, after my test and interview, I'll have a campaign booth set up, and following the closing session when I get installed as an officer (hopefully) I'll have a meeting as to what the next step is as an officer," said West.

West and Warn won the Eric Hackman Scholarship. West, Dalley and Warn placed 2nd in the Battle of the Chapters. Warn also placed 1st in Computer Applications and Word Processing, and 6th in Financial Math. West was 7th in Business Communications while Dalley won 5th in Spreadsheet Applications and 10th in Word Processing.



Josie Warn shoes off her awards./
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Tailor West./Courtesy • Lisa Scott



State FBLA competitors with their awards./Courtesy • Lisa Scott



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2017 Prom to go back in time with 50S-60S theme

Spring usually means warm weather, chirping birds, and baseball but for upperclassmen it also means prom.

Prom is on May 6 and will be held at the Winnemucca Convention Center. This year the junior class has chosen a 50's and 60's theme to take a walk back in time.

Tickets will be on sale now until May 5 in Mrs. Mattson's room at lunch. Students must have the brochure signed before purchasing tickets. Tickets are \$65 for a couple and \$50 for a single.

Decoration and setting up will take place everyday after school the week leading up to Prom and can be used as community service hours. All participation is welcome.

"We need all the help we can get. I'm really excited to get the convention center set up and ready.

If we can get people there and working it should be done fairly quickly. I am confident in the junior class and think decorating will go smoothly" said junior class president Sylvie Prokasky.

This year the junior class has book DJ Jessie for the evening's music. Drinks and snacks will be available at the venue, but it is recommended to have had dinner before the event starts.

This year's Prom court includes Baylie Roark, Alyssa Campbell, Kelsey Dalley, Nate Chapman, Roberto Rodriguez, and Salvador Perez. The junior class royalty includes Bailey Sapien, Hailey Hinkle, Sylvie Prokasky, Dylan Kalkoske, Ryan Johnson, and Enrique Fregoso.

The upperclassmen have an exciting night to look forward to.

"I am very excited to see what the junior class

is putting together. Overall it should be an exciting and fun night," added Prokasky.



Sierra Thiede, Payton Naveran, Nate Chapman, Juliana Velasco, and Darion Iturriaga from last year's prom./ Courtesy • Facebook



Leadership goes to Vegas for NASC conference

The upcoming and former Leadership class, recently went to Las Vegas for a state conference with other Leadership classes from around Nevada.

Hannah Havens, a future Junior class vice president, shared what the conference was all about.

"The main focus of the conference

were the ways that we could improve our leadership class and more importantly the whole school. There were workshops designed to teach leadership students important skills in team building, communication, ideas for rallies and games for class points, and there was even a workshop that showed what we could do to make our advisor's lives easier. Then, we had JC groups which had us play games to show us how important communication is and how to become more comfortable in talking to people we've never met before," said Havens.

Havens included that the conference was an eye-opening experience.

"I learned mainly

skills to help get closer to the leadership class, like the team building exercises taught me that it's not an all-for-one deal with leadership. We are a team and we need each other to make the school great. Another thing, were the speakers who motivated me to become a better person and talk to people I wouldn't normally talk to, to hopefully create a feeling of inclusion among the student body. I shouldn't judge someone because of things that may happen of which I am not aware of," said Havens.

Madison Riley, a future Conference Co-chair, liked the way the conference concluded.



Lowry students in their JC group./ Aimee Brandon • The Brand



Lowry leadership jumps for joy at the conference./ Aimee Brandon • The Brand

"I loved how it ended, it really gave the leadership attendees an opportunity to change our school and student involvement. I learned plenty about integrating staff and teachers into more activities and better ways to raise money for the school and families in the community, it really gave us a taste of what leadership really is," said Riley.

NEWS QUIZ

By DYLAN KALKOSKE



1

Last week a march was held in Washington DC in support of this.

- A. Peace
- B. Civil Rights
- C. Science
- D. Immigration



2

This Prime Minister recently announced a surprise election.

- A. Marine Le Pen
- B. Theresa May
- C. Angela Merkel
- D. Dilma Rousseff



3

Dr. David Dao was forcibly removed from which airline?

- A. United Airlines
- B. American Airlines
- C. Southwest Air
- D. Delta Airlines



4

He was fired from Fox News as the result of sexual harassment allegations

- A. Sean Hannity
- B. Tucker Carlson
- C. Chris Wallace
- D. Bill O'Reilly



Lowry Preschool continues in Rorex's final year

This year Lil' Bucks preschool invited twelve lucky preschoolers to participate in a program completely run by Early Childhood Education students. The class is taught by Mrs. Courtney Rorex.

Early Childhood Education teaches students, of all grade levels, skills to better themselves to be able earn a two year certificate of completion to handle children.

"The high school students range from 9-12th. graders, at three different experience levels; I, II, &

III. The high school students begin preparing in November with first aid and c.p.r. training, earning their two year certification on completion," said Rorex.

Rorex teaches the students about the early years of children with the many characteristics and steps needed to raise them. The students choose themes that they find suitable to teach the children.

"Next, we start learning about 3-5 year old milestones, behaviors and learning styles. Students determine what themes we will teach and create lesson plans for," said Rorex.

Students are divided equally amongst each other in groups to tackle the themes created by the students. These must include different behavior types for the children.

"Each group contains a level II and two level I students to collaborate on the theme lesson and activities they will plan

for the preschoolers. The level III students may end up teaching as well, depending on how many students are in the class. The lesson must include: cognitive, physical and social/emotional learning," said Rorex.

Kimmy Claussen, a sophomore, shared what she thought about the whole experience with the preschoolers. "I think it's a positive experience for both us and the kids. They're super fun and it's been nice having them around. I've learned that kids aren't as scary as I thought they would be. I came into this super scared but then I realized that it was a lot easier than I thought it would be. While there are some challenges, I think everyone in the Early Childhood classes are doing a great job with the kids," said Claussen.

This class will help to hone the students' skills to help raise and teach children important lessons for them to adapt in life.



Alyssa Dowell and a preschooler working on a craft./
Courtesy • Courtney Rorex



Lucelli Juarez and Sylvie Prokasky work with one of the preschoolers./Courtesy • Courtney Rorex



Preschoolers enjoying one of the many activities./Courtesy • Courtney Rorex



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Class on social media to be required for graduation

Nevada's governor, Brian Sandoval as of the 2017-2018 school year, is requiring all schools in the state to teach students about the use of social media.

As the class will relate to social media use, junior Taylor Aitken thinks the class will make him better at finding memes.

"There's no better way for education rather than looking at dank memes on my social media feed," said Aitken.

The class will be instructed by Mrs. Corrine James and will entail more than memes.

Lessons will have rules for students to text to each other responses given by the teacher. The students will learn to accurately text the other partaking in the lesson to generate an effective and simple response.

Social media apps will be used in class such as Twitter, Facebook, Insta-

gram, Snapchat and Myspace. Topics will include "Taking a selfie the right way", "How to slide into your crush's dms" and "What to post when you're bored".

Ryan Johnson another student thinks that the class will be exciting and help students out with social media.

"The class sounds pretty fun and this would really help to get those kids who don't know anything about a phone to actually know what they're doing for once," said Johnson.

The class will be a semester-long and cover the proper use of social media and how to take responsibility to

utilize it correctly in our day and age. Students will complete assignments that will ask them multiple choice questions and personal responses to given questions asking whether to use for example an 'emoji' or a simple 'two-three' word response for a text from your peers.

These responses will consist of sayings such as "Are you home yet?" or "Want to hang out today?".

The grammar aspect of the class according to Mrs. James

will help correct student's to not use acronyms and grammar as a whole. "It would help to lower the improper use of grammar and abolish the use of acronyms in texting," said James.

James also told of the new software

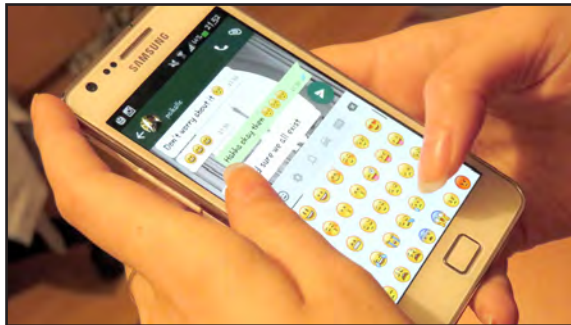
and apps that will be installed in the portables where the classes will be taught. This will improve the student's proficiency in the class.

"The students will have grammar based systems imported into their phones and will critique improper grammar if necessary on the devices," said James.

With the millennial generation growing up to utilize social media James thinks that the students need to improve their grammar and overall use of texting.

"The millennial generation is a generation that lacks basic etiquette in proper grammar and when it comes to texting this must be corrected for the students at Lowry," said James.

Governor Sandoval hopes that this class will lower the improper use of texting and correct the millennial generation's use of social media as a whole.



Texting in our day and age./ Courtesy • Helar Lukats



Vegas gets the NFL while Reno adds NHL team

Reno Nevada has signed a deal with the NHL to debut an expansion team in the 2018-19 season.

Proposals for the expansion team happened last year in February when Mayor of Reno Hillary Schieve talked to NHL commissioner Gary Bettman. Schieve believes bringing a team to the biggest little city in the world will cause a big economic boom.

It will take an estimated two years to build the new stadium and bring in around 10,000 new jobs in the process. The stadium will also cost an estimated 1.2 billion dollars to build, the design was created by famous architect I. M. Pei. The stadium reflects a luxurious futuristic design and when finished will be the most advanced stadium in not only the NHL but the entire world.

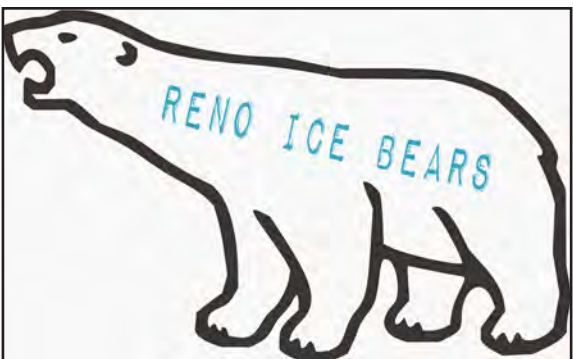
When deciding the mascot for the new

team, Hillary Schieve is giving the public several options and asking them to vote on their favorite. Inside sources say the choices include: The Reno Bigfoots, the Reno Hunters, the Reno Polar Bears, and the Reno Freezers. Voting on mascots will most likely occur sometime next year.

Some public concerns have already arisen about where the players for this team will be coming from and how good they can be as expansions teams have been known to struggle against any competition their first couple of years. The players for this expansion team will come from all across the league. The head coach is already believed to be Claude Julien who was fired from the Boston Bruins in the 2016-17 season. Also the team will receive three first round draft picks in the 2018 NHL draft as well as two in the second round and three in the third.

Other players that already have a possibility of being recruited include, Sidney Crosby, Tyler Seguin, Alex Ovechkin, and Tim Tebow who has now given up on baseball and attended a NHL training camp this past winter. Each of these players contracts will be up that year.

Although an NHL team is still a couple of years in the making it is something that will be very exciting to look forward to for the people of Reno and the state of Nevada.



The new logo for Reno's NHL team./Courtesy



Team Manager, Barton, suits up and saves game

The varsity baseball team ran into chaos during the South Tahoe series and had to put senior manager, Chance Barton, on the mound. This is the first year where the NIAA has put into effect a 110 pitch count that renews every four days.

Head coach, Ron Espinola, looked at Barton and knew he was the only hope left for the Bucks on this particular day.

"We have two injured pitchers right now. Jake Barnes is out with a knee injury and Jayson Smith pulled himself in the second inning of the Dayton series with shoulder issues. Our other pitchers met their pitch count earlier in the week in the make-up games against Dayton," said Espinola.

Many folks in the crowd were astonished to see 5'5" Barton step on the mound early in the 3rd inning, but were impressed with

his performance.

"At first, I was pretty timid and confused on what to actually do. But eventually it started coming more naturally. I think I proved myself," said Barton.

Barton struck out 12 of the 19 batters he faced. And only allowed three Vikings to reach base in four innings of work. The Bucks went on to beat the Vikings in the final game 4-3.

"I don't know how I missed his talent. You haven't seen the last of Barton yet. He will definitely make another appearance at the Regional tournament," added Espinola.



Chance Barton gets a sign from the catcher/ Kaity Sample • The Brand



YOUTUBE IS THE NEW TELEVISION

Slowly the website Youtube is taking over the internet and television.

Youtube is slowly taking over the entertainment game. Youtube reaches more 18-49 year olds than any US cable network.

A study showed that 67% of millennials said digital delivers content they can relate to vs. 41% for TV, and 66% said they turn to digital content to relax vs. 47% for TV.

Youtube is a bunch of channels which people operate themselves and

create content. The content can be seen by anyone. Some of these Youtubers have over millions of subscribers, which are just followers, which they entertain every day. Youtube has become so big that Youtubers now have a full time career. Some of the top Youtubers are making millions of dollars a year because of the amount of views they receive and all the ads they stream with their videos.

But the great thing about Youtube is that you can watch any video at anytime and you can watch whatever you want and you are never restricted

to watch what is only on at the time like with TV. You can also watch anything on youtube from vlogs, music, gaming videos, how to videos, movies, and also some TV shows. So why would you even want to stick with TV when you have so many more options on Youtube.

Personally I have completely switched over to Youtube and have ditched all television in my life. You can watch whatever

you want and it just seems more real than a staged TV show to me and that's what I like. And if you haven't watched anything on Youtube or gave it a chance you should and make the switch because it is free and just better in every way.



WHY RACE SHOULDN'T BE THE ISSUE IT HAS BECOME

My whole life, I've noticed so much controversy with people judging others based on their race or ethnicity. I've never understood why race could be discussed with so much detail and perception. Why should the color of someone's skin determine anything for that person? Why should that matter?

Race is a touchy subject these days, as it has been for a long time. However, I don't understand why it has to be. People are being treated differently because of how they speak, because they're from somewhere that's not the United States, or simply because they are not the same color as everyone else. Those details, to me, shouldn't matter. What should matter is how much they have been through, how much they have suffered, or how much they

have learned. Many people who aren't of the Caucasian race, are very intelligent, but don't get a chance to show it because of their appearance. For example, people who are from third-world countries, who come to the U.S., may try to get a job, but there will be business-people who will not want some-thing because of "distraction".

Another issue I don't comprehend is the fact that we tend to have stereotypes for a certain race. Sure, people from that particular race can be known for something. However, that does not mean that every single person of that race is the same way. Many

people tend to use that stereotype and apply it to whichever person of that race that they encounter. If someone should be judged, whether it be in a good or bad way, it shouldn't be based off of your opinion. It should be based off of facts. No one is the same. Not mentally, nor physically. Even people of the Caucasian race shouldn't be given tags and nicknames.

On the flip side, we are all human and we all have feelings. Despite our different cultures and beliefs, we all have family that we love; passions and goals we continue to find a way to pursue. We should spend less time pointing out our differences, and start focusing on what makes us alike; what we can do to stop with the actions triggered by anger.

IS THE SCHOOL SYSTEM BROKEN?

Issues with the school system in the United States have been arising for years. The US has fallen behind the rest of the world in just about every subject. According to the website Ranking American the United States ranks 14th overall in education, 24th in literacy, 18th in reading, 35th in math, 5th in teacher salaries, 29th in science, and 8th in research. Comparing how the education system works in the US to the rest of the world makes it easy to understand why we are falling behind the rest of the world.

After eighth grade in countries like Italy, Germany, and Sweden students are given the choice of which high

school they would like to attend that will prepare them most for what they want to pursue in life. In Italy students have a choice between attending a school of science, school of english and literature, school of math and engineering, and schools of culture and art. Unlike the US who requires students to attend a high school where the majority of all things learned will not be taken with them into the real world because they are required to study almost every subject whether they are planning to use it in the real world or not. The option of choosing a high school that

best fits each student gives them a huge jump start when they begin college because each student has much more knowledge of what they are studying as it has been all they learned in high school.

In Sweden, school only lasts half the day, students go home at lunch and don't have to come back and get this, they are ranked number two in the world in education.

What they are doing is working and what we are doing in the US is not and we continue to fall more and more behind the rest of the world yet little is being done to change the system. I

think your going to have to add some to this because you present a lot of questions but no answers. They way school is run seems to change every 5-7 years, right now the Common Core state standards which is basically a set of guidelines used to tell teachers what students must learn in each class. So yes, the school system is changing here every so often but these changes aren't drastic and really it seems not enough is being done to catch us up with the rest of the world. This does not mean our education system is bad, but if you're looking to get a top of the notch education you may want to consider moving to Sweden, Italy, or Japan.



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HIGH SCHOOL IS A BREEDING POOL FOR ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION

Anxiety and depression go hand-in-hand. I think every high school student has experienced anxiety at some level or another at some point in high school. As far as the depression side, in a study done in 2015 by the National Institute of Mental Health 12.5 percent of teenager (ages 12 to 17) had depression as some point during those ages. That is three million in the U.S.



alone. Very few of those teens recognize their depression and get help and many of those teens continued to suffer from depression even out of their teen years.

High school is jam packed with causes of depression and anxiety: the workload of school work, bullying, negative body image, low self-esteem, family problems, boyfriend/girlfriend problems, and negative social situa-

tions. For some, the academic stresses become too much and if they do not get a handle on it schools becomes a major source of anxiety. In that situation teens often simply shut down and give up. Bullying is a major issue in schools. It occurs on so many different levels, some so small it is hard for others to see. Some so subtle others might think it's simply an innocent joke.

The negative body image and low self-esteem are often connected. High school is often seen as the time you figure out who you are and become comfortable with that. But so often in today's society who you are is not seen as good enough, or pretty enough, or skinny enough, or too skinny, or you're not smart enough. Society gives teenag-

ers so many ridiculous reasons to not feel comfortable as themselves.

Family problems can be a tough one. They vary from financial situations to separated or divorced parents, and at this age those are all things that you understand and they definitely affect you more. Boyfriend/ girlfriend troubles has an infinite number of categories, whether you're in a relationship or you are not. And that kind of goes along with the negative social situations. Finding friends and keep-



ing friendships can be difficult in high school. Social situations might be one of the hardest parts of high school for some people and bad experiences can lead to some social anxiety.

Those are just a few of the most general examples of where depression and anxiety can come from in high school students. One of the most important things to remember if you're one of those students is to get the help you need for it. In high school you are surrounded by people who will and can help you. Once you're out that is not typically the case anymore besides friends and family.

So be aware and most importantly, be kind Lowry.

IS PROGRESSIVE TAXATION MORE JUSTIFIABLE THAN PROPORTIONAL TAX?

Anything that relates to people's finances is a controversial topic; and how a government taxes its citizens is especially so. There are pros and cons relating to the two types of taxation, proportional taxation and progressive taxation. Proportional taxation is easily more justifiable and there are many good reasons as to why it's better than a progressive tax. The United States is a good example to use in this argument as this topic is debated by the sharpest minds and the common American citizen as this takes part in everyone's lives. The question that remains is which taxation is better for everybody?

Progressive taxation or a (flat tax) is a tax in which the same rate is applied to everyone regardless of the income amount they earn, this being prevalent for both the rich and the poor. A progressive tax gives a fair taxation rate as this allows taxpayers to earn more and not have to pay more if their income is higher. Critics argue

against a flat tax as it lowers the tax the wealthy have to pay this crippling the revenue the government earns by a huge amount. The poor get a break depending on the amount along with the middle-class. The best conditions for having a progressive tax is based on the rate. If the rate is 10% and someone who earns \$1,000 would have to pay \$100 leaving them with barely enough to provide for themselves or their families. It all depends on the rate and that in itself can be a problem.



The other type of taxation is a proportional taxation which is a tax imposed so that the tax rate is fixed, with no change as the taxable base amount will occasionally increase or decrease the amount of the tax is in proportion to the amount subject to taxation; hence the name 'proportional tax'. This means that both the wealthy and the poor pay a rate based on their income. Basically the rich would pay more

than someone in the middle-class and a taxpayer in the middle-class would pay more than the lower class. The biggest example of proportional taxation in society today is sales tax. While sales tax may differ from state to state every shopper pays the same sales tax. In Nevada the sales tax is around 7% every buyer who purchased a \$700 TV would pay \$49 in sales tax. No matter the income of the person buying the item.

The reasons why a progressive tax has its positives is that it levels the playing field to not discriminate against the lower class or the higher class. Some argue that taxing hard-working people who earn more is unfair. Others believe that taxing the wealthy is fair as they have the money to spend and can easily afford to pay their taxes more than poorer people.

A proportional tax also has arguments for and against. Yes, this does seem unfair that the rich pay the same

as the poor, but it levels the playing field to improve our economy. People shouldn't be penalized for working hard and making a good living. Having just the 'rich' pay for taxes takes away their hard-earned money.

Would you rather pay more for working harder, or pay the same as everyone else regardless of how hard they work? Morally for society today it's better to have everyone pay the same tax because everyone regardless of their class could be working just as much to make a living. For example, someone working two minimum wage jobs just to get by may be working 60 hours a week. While some working at an investment bank might be working 40 hours but making a higher income than the person with a minimum wage job. Keeping a balanced mindset would help people and our government make better choices and overall stay on a path of economic growth to a greater level that people could achieve if everyone worked together.

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Track continues to improve and set new personal records

Lowry track headed to Carson High school April 22 to compete against some of the best athletes in Northern Nevada.

Many athletes at this meet got new personal records and one athlete broke the school record.

Some of these athletes were Audrey Snow who ran a 13.52 second 100 meters, Zachary White who high jumped 5 feet and 8 inches, Will Kracaw who ran 1600 meters with a time of 4:52.91, Hailey Hinkle

with two new personal records and Bryan Terry who got a personal record in shotput with a throw of 50 feet and 7 inches and he also broke the school record in Discus with a throw of 166 feet and 2 inches.

Hinkle got two new personal records in two of her events this weekend. She participated in high jump and the 300 meter hurdles. She cleared 5 feet and 2 inches for high jump and ran her 300 meter hurdles in 47.06 seconds and took 2nd in both of these events.

Hinkle is also very proud of the whole team and the improvement she has seen this season. Also the coaches are working just as hard as the athletes and sees how much potential the team has for state.

"Our team is doing amazing this year. Every single person has improved so much and our coaches are working just as hard to help us get to where we need to be. We have so much potential to be top 4 at state and athletes placing in many of their events as well," said Hinkle.

Coach Grant Beatty was proud of the team but knows the athletes need to work harder at practice for regionals and state.

"To get ready for regionals and state the team needs to work on a couple small things like cleaning up relays and handoffs and moving some people around to maximize the talent for the relays and get some people to work a little harder in practice and get them to push themselves and keep improving," said Beatty.

Track will have their home track meet April 29.



A lowry vaulter tries to clear the bar!
Dylan Kalkoske • The Brand



JV Baseball swept by Churchill County, sweeps Wells

The JV baseball team traveled to Churchill County to face the Greenwave where they were swept 10-0 in both games.

However, the Bucks turned their fortunes around this week with a doubleheader seep of Wells 15-5 and 14-9.

In the first game against Churchill, Lowry had a total of seven hits. Michael Yarnell, Tyler Neu, and Klay Garner each had multiple hits.

In the second game, Dominick Kelley and Yarnell each had two hits a piece. Yarnell also had 3 quality at bats. The Buckaroos came up with five total hits in the

second game.

Sophomore infielder Kyle Sappington knows that there are some things to work on before they take on their next opponents.

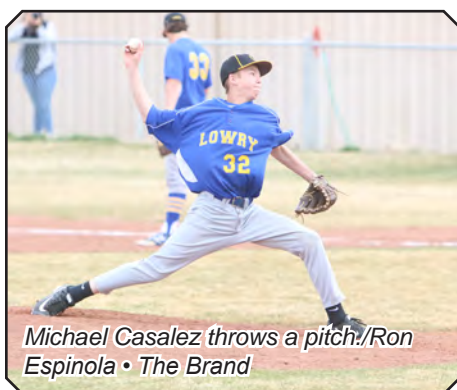
"Fallon was really clean and had no errors. We had five in the first game. We just need to clean up some things. We also weren't seeing the ball that well. We can fix those things in practice and apply them to the Truckee games and hopefully pick up two wins," said Sappington.

The Bucks are now

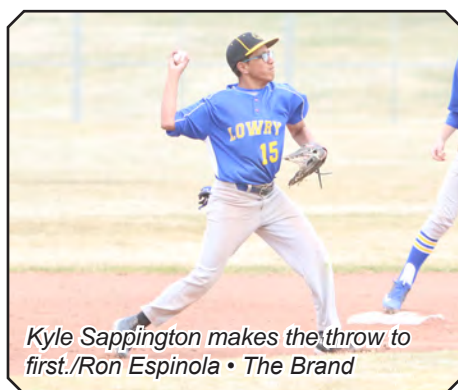
11-9 overall.

"So far the season has been decent. We are 6-6 in league. Every team has their ups and downs, but I like to believe that when we are down we pick ourselves up pretty quickly. We still have a couple series left in the season and hopefully we can finish strong," added Sappington.

The Buckaroos host the Truckee Wolverines today.



Michael Casalez throws a pitch./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Kyle Sappington makes the throw to first./Ron Espinola • The Brand

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AOL: TIANA HERRERA

Have you ever walked around Lowry seeing double? There are quite a few identical twins at Lowry and one of them is Tiana Herrera. You might also know Herrera from one of her many roles at Lowry: Student Body Treasurer, Winnada co-editor, athlete, and high achieving student. In addition to all that she also participates in National Honor Society and Future Business Leaders of America. Although she excels in all those things, it is her performance in sports that makes her the Athlete of the Issue.

“My dad's been the driving force behind my sports career.”
~Tiana Herrera

Herrera plays basketball in the winter and softball in the spring. Her final basketball season ended recently. The team went all the way to the State Championship but the girls fell just short of the State title, losing to the Greenwave. Her contributions to the Lowry basketball program were significant all four years. She started off her freshman year on JV

and continued on JV her sophomore year. She spent her junior and senior years on varsity. Over her four years she grew as a player and she grew closer to her coaches and teammates.

“My basketball experience at Lowry has been great I think that it changed me as a person, I've learned a lot from my coaches and my teammates as well. I got to play with my best friends, so that was like one of the best experiences of my high school career,” said Herrera.

Now that basketball is over she has started her final year of Lowry softball.

The team is off to a good start. They are currently 15-3 in league play and 17-6 overall.

“I love softball, it's so much fun. I love basketball and softball too, but the softball atmosphere is so much different and it's been great, I've had some really great coaches and I got to play with some of my best friends too so that's been good,” said Herrera.

During her years at Lowry Herrera suffered multiple injuries that temporarily took her off the court or field.

Her most significant injury was a stress fracture which put her in a boot. Despite those setbacks, Herrera came right back stronger than ever every time.

“I think that especially sophomore year when I broke my leg it was a learning experience. It was hard not being able to be on the court, but I learned that there's a lot more to sports than just playing. There's the attitude that goes a long way too,” said Herrera.

Sports have been a part of Herrera's life for a long time. Her father introduced her and her sister originally.

“My dad introduced me and my sister to basketball at a really young age. I remember he used to take us outside and he'd have us practice dribbling with

our left hand because he said we had to get it down. And so my dad's been the driving force behind my sports career,” said Herrera.

Outside of sports one of the most significant things about Herrera is her Basque heritage. She has been basque dancing for longer than she has been playing sports.

“I've been basque dancing since I was two, so it's safe to say that it's played a big part of making me who I am today. It's something that connects me to my heritage and it's fun to see my family bond over it. Basque dancing has always been a bright spot for me and there are a few things that I love more,” said Herrera.

Another important thing about Herrera is her twin sister, Amaya.

“Shout out to Amaya because she's been there with me my whole life,” said Herrera.

Lowry baseball: shoulda, woulda, coulda

The final game of Lowry's three game series against Churchill County was the best and worst game of the weekend for the Bucks.

For senior Michael Rangel the games were indicative of the season thus far.

“They're the story of our season, they were games we could've had, should've had, but we always seem to find ways to impede our success as a team,” said Rangel.

Lowry fell 12-1 in the series opener on Friday despite the effort of sophomore Jake Marriott on the mound.

“This was Jake's first start of the year and he threw well. He gave us a chance to win, unfortunately we didn't support him well,” said coach Ron Espinola.

The game was closer than the score indicates as Lowry was only down 6-1 in the 6th inning.

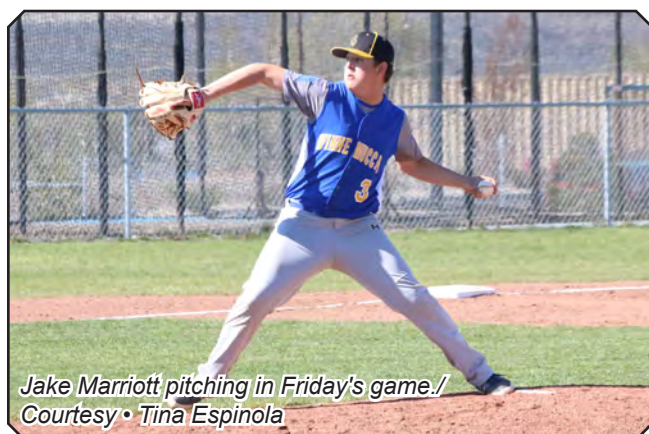
The final game of the weekend showed the best and worst of the Bucks. Behind the efforts of starter Anthony Good the Bucks took an 8-6 lead

in the 4th inning.

However, the team struggled to keep the Greenwave from responding as the visitors were able to tie the game in the top of the 6th.

With Tazmin Milton in relief, Lowry scored two runs in the bottom of the 6th when Jayson Smith reached on an error and then scored on a single from Milton. Nico Espinola accounted for the 10th run when he scored on a passed ball after moving from first to third on a wild pitch.

However, five defensive miscues in the top of the 7th plated three runs for the Greenwave and Lowry left the bases load in the bottom half of the inning as their comeback attempt fizzled out.



Jake Marriott pitching in Friday's game./ Courtesy • Tina Espinola



Riley Sakurada throws to Tazmin Milton./Courtesy • Tina Espinola



Darrin Nelson dives back to first base./Courtesy • Tina Espinola

Softball comes from behind to knock off Fallon

JV Softball headed to Fallon April 22 to face the Greenwave in a two game series.

In the first game of the series the ladies came up short with Fallon outscoring them 4-7. However the next game was another story as the ladies stepped up and played a tough game changing the tides and coming out on top 15-11. Lowry took all their mistakes from the first game and immediately corrected them and that's what lead to their win.

JV player Sierra Maestrejuan saw throughout the first game the team had their ups and downs but the whole team worked hard for the win in the end and is overall very proud of the team.

“As a team we definitely had many ups and downs but in the end we worked so hard for the win in the second game. I was

very proud of all of us in the games,” said Maestrejuan.

Maestrejuan also mentioned the team has plenty of room to improve but in the game they took their mistakes and learned from them right away.

“We have a lot of room for improvement in batting and fielding but in the games we took our mistakes and learned from them right away,” said Maestrejuan.

The Lady bucks play next at home against Truckee April 28



Sierra Maestrejuan pitches./Dylan Kalkoske TheBrand



Varsity softball takes first losses of league play against Fallon

The Varsity Softball team has been racking up an impressive season. Unfortunately the girls took their first losses of league play April 21-22 against the Churchill County Greenwave. Their record is now 15-3 in league play and 17-6 overall.

The series kicked off Friday. Both teams scored two runs in the second inning and Madison McClellan hit a homerun. The next three innings both

teams struggled to score until Fallon scored one run in the 6th and one run in the 7th to win the first game 4-2.

The second game of the series was a close one as well. The Bucks were up 4-1 after the 4th inning but the Greenwave scored three in the 5th and ended up winning the game 7-5.

The last game resulted in yet again another close game. The Bucks were determined to win. They scored two or more runs in 4 of the 7 innings played and both Sydney Connors and Bailey Sapien had home runs. The girls fought hard but they came up short losing the last game 16-11.

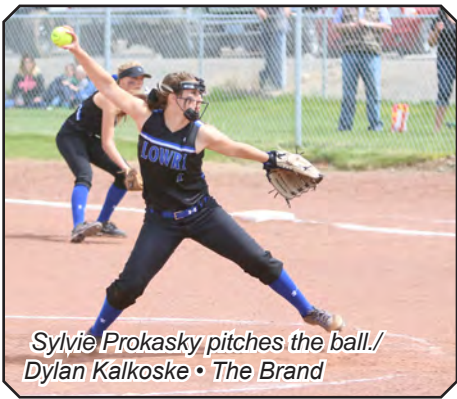
Junior outfielder Alyssa Kuskie was happy with her team's performance in the series.

"Our defense was solid, we had minor errors and we played the ball well," said Kuskie. "We made contact with the ball offensively, we just need to find more gaps and be more confident at our at bats."

Kuskie also mentioned that her coaches left the team with some good words of encouragement after the series.

"They said that they believe in us and that we need to believe in ourselves. We are already locked into the playoffs and now we just need to keep working to get to where we want to end up which is state," said Kuskie

Varsity softball will continue their season in Truckee on Friday, April 28.



Sylvie Prokasky pitches the ball./ Dylan Kalkoske • The Brand



Madi McClellan makes contact with a pitch./ Dylan Kalkoske • The Brand



Sydney Connors makes a catch at shortstop in front of Tiana Herrera./ Dylan Kalkoske • The Brand



Varsity golf continues the grind

The varsity boys golf team is looking to secure their spot in the state tournament that will be held at the Spring Creek Golf Course. The Buckaroos are currently sitting in third place in League play. This past week the boys played in two tournaments placing second in Elko and third in Spring Creek. Junior Peyton Capellen knows the team needs to be more consistent to keep up.

"The team needs to work on keeping our scores

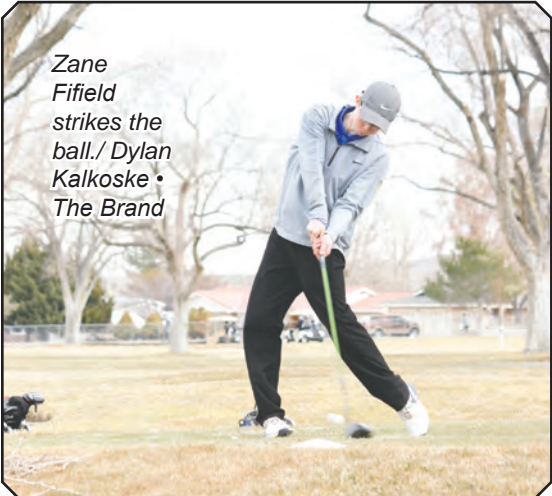
consistent. Some days we will have guys who will shoot in the mid 80's and other days they will shoot in the mid 90's, including myself. We need to be consistently in the 80's to be competitive," said Capellen.

The Bucks also need to continue working on their short game.

"Our short game can always use improvement.

That is just the game of golf. If we can take some strokes off from 150 yards out, it will help our overall scores," added Capellen.

The boys golf team will play the Lake Tahoe Golf Course on May 3 and then play the Edgewood Golf Course the following day in Truckee. Tee times have not been decided.



Zane Fifield strikes the ball./ Dylan Kalkoske • The Brand



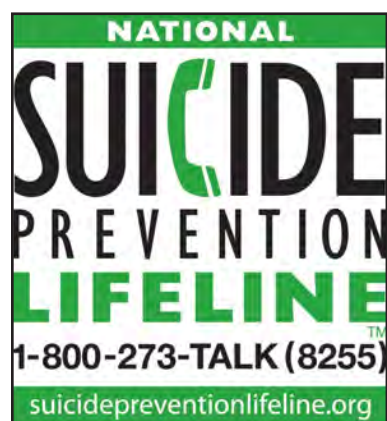
Peyton Capellen pitches to the green./ Dylan Kalkoske • The Brand

| THIS WEEK'S SPORTS SCHEDULE | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|------------|----------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Activity | Day | Date | Time | Versus | Location |
| Baseball: JV | Fri | 04/28/2017 | 1:00 pm | Truckee | Lowry HS |
| Baseball: Varsity | Fri | 04/28/2017 | 1:00 pm | Truckee | Truckee HS |
| Softball: JV | Fri | 04/28/2017 | 1:00 pm | Truckee | Lowry HS |
| Softball: Varsity | Fri | 04/28/2017 | 1:00 pm | Truckee | Truckee HS |
| Softball: Varsity | Fri | 04/28/2017 | 3:00 pm | Truckee | Truckee HS |
| Baseball: Varsity | Sat | 04/29/2017 | 10:00 am | Truckee | Truckee HS |
| Softball: Varsity | Sat | 04/29/2017 | 10:00 am | Truckee | Truckee HS |
| Softball: Varsity | Sat | 04/29/2017 | 11:00 am | Truckee | Truckee HS |
| Swimming: Varsity | Sat | 04/29/2017 | 12:00 pm | TBD | Northwest Pool |
| Track: Varsity | Sat | 04/29/2017 | 9:00 am | TBA | Lowry HS |
| Track: JV | Tue | 05/02/2017 | TBD | Spanish Springs | Spanish Springs HS |
| Golf: Boys Varsity | Wed | 05/03/2017 | TBD | 3A | Lake Tahoe Golf Course |
| Golf: Boys Varsity | Thu | 05/04/2017 | TBD | 3A | Edgewood Golf Course |
| Baseball: JV | Fri | 05/05/2017 | 2:00 pm | Fernley | Fernley HS |
| Baseball: Varsity | Fri | 05/05/2017 | 2:00 pm | Fernley | Lowry HS |
| Softball: JV | Fri | 05/05/2017 | 2:00 pm | Fernley | Fernley HS |
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| Swimming: Varsity | Sat | 05/06/2017 | 9:00 am | Douglas | Douglas County Pool |



'13 Reasons Why' is the best new show on Netflix

You may have seen this show blow up on social media and in conversations at school after March 31. That's because everyone who's conscious of what's being updated on Netflix, was awaiting the show even before



the first episode dropped. Trailers on YouTube and Pandora may have sparked your interest in the show. Or maybe you haven't even heard of it at all. One thing is certain no matter what your age, it's a definite must-

watch.

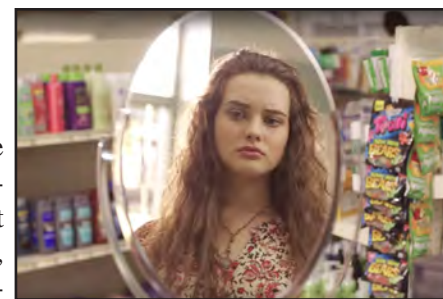
"Thirteen Reasons Why" is a TV show based off of a novel by Jay Asher about a young woman who moves to a new school and basically struggles to settle in.

The story begins with the narrator Clay Jensen, a normal teenage guy who comes home from school and finds a box with his name on it. He was confused to find out that the only things the box contained were tapes and a map. The tapes had numbers on them and when he started the first one, he was stunned to hear the voice of his friend, Hannah Baker, who had committed suicide two weeks earlier.

These seven tapes are supposedly the thirteen reasons why Hannah committed suicide and each one starts with a new reason. The reasons are actually the people who ruined her life. The story is

essentially the life of a teenage girl that gets labeled, taken advantage of, gets lied to, falls in love, and consequently gets hurt by the people who she actually had the heart to trust. 13 Reasons depicts what teenagers do to others and what they go through; making it that much more relatable.

All in all, If you're looking for a good mysterious, heart-wrenching new show to binge watch on Netflix, then this can be the one for you. Just give Hannah Baker a chance to explain her side of the story.



A screen grab from '13 Reasons Why'./ Courtesy • Netflix via Youtube



Seniors stand in the spotlight one last time in Senior Skits

As graduation gets closer the annual senior traditions occur such as Senior Sunset, Senior Breakfast, and Senior Skits! The Senior Skits will be on Lowry's stage for three



The drama seniors in their most recent play, "The Jungle Book"./ Courtesy • Corrine James

nights only, Monday, May 8 through Wednesday, May 10. All the proceeds of the performances go towards the drama and stagecraft scholarships. Senior Skits is a night of comedy, talent, and final goodbyes for the seniors leaving the spotlight.

"It's a great experience of laughter yet reality also as it comes down to our final time on stage," said senior Erick Zamora.

Every drama senior gets to put together their own skit. It can be any genre and have whoever from the drama class the senior wishes to be in it. For a few seniors this is their third time participating in senior skits, giving it even more sentiment.

"It's crazy how these three years have come down to one night, that it's our turn to leave the legacy," said Hannah Hillyer.

The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and student.

"If you're looking for a good laugh and great high school humor come check out the senior skits. Come support us on May 8, 9, and 10. It starts right at 7 pm, but seating starts at 6:30 so make sure to be here early," said Jacob Hernandez.

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Taylor Corak



- 1. Middle name? Jay
- 2. Years he has taught? 22 years
- 3. Favorite sports team? Oregon Ducks
- 4. Age? 47
- 5. Favorite topic in math? Pre Calc
- 6. Born in? Enterprise Oregon
- 7. Favorite food? Steak
- 8. Favorite hobby? Fishing
- 9. High School attended? Enterprise Outlaws
- 10. Role models? OJ in the past
- 11. What would he be if he wasn't a teacher? Engineer
- 12. Birthday? April 23

Mr. Brant Corak



- 1. Middle name? Jay
- 2. Years he has taught? 20 years
- 3. Favorite sports team? Oregon Ducks
- 4. Age? 44
- 5. Favorite topic in math? Factoring
- 6. Born in? La Grande, Oregon
- 7. Favorite food? Pizza
- 8. Favorite hobby? Fishing
- 9. High School attended? Some high school in Oregon, idk.
- 10. Role models? Marcus Marriota and Guns 'n Roses
- 11. What would he be if he wasn't a teacher? If he wasn't a teacher he would be a coach at the U of O.
- 12. Birthday? March 21

Brooklyn Waller



What Ever Happened to?

If you grew up in the 2000s you probably watched "Drake and Josh" and probably remember who Crazy Steve was. Or if you watched "iCarly" he played Spencer. Jerry Trainor is his real name and he was hilarious and did some crazy stuff on these shows but now it seems his time in the spotlight is over.

Jerry was a great actor and it was sad to hear he is no longer pursuing a career in acting. Not much is known about what he has been up to since the Nickelodeon shows but IMD reported that he was possibly an agent for Drake Bell for a few years who was the star of Drake and Josh that featured Trainor in several episodes. for some time after the show. He starred in a short lived show on Nickelodeon after iCarly called Wendell and Vinnie but the show was cancelled after less than a year and there was not much information to find about it. According to Wikipedia, Trainor is the quite the

gamer. It is his favorite hobby and he even played a commander for two seasons of a halo in-universe podcast.

The biggest shocker was to learn that Jerry has now completely turned away from acting to become a full time musician. In October of 2015 he started a band called Nice Enough People in which Trainor plays bass for the group. They have only released one song called "Hanover Hide-



Jerry Trainor./Courtesy Wikimidia

away" not too long ago and it is on iTunes.

So if anyone was wondering what Crazy Steve has been up to now you know. Sadly he will not be coming back to the spotlight anytime soon.

Dylan
Do you ever look back at your old self and realize how much you have changed and matured?

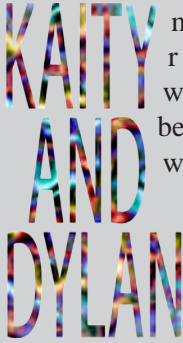
Kaity
All the time, especially with graduation right around the corner. I have been thinking about the past couple of years more than ever. It's crazy how much I have changed and how much I will continue to change. What about yourself?

Dylan
I am always looking at myself from two or three years ago just realizing how much I have changed and how much I have learned about myself and where I stand as well as following a path I want to pursue when two years ago I had no idea what I wanted to do. It's crazy!

Kaity
Do you have any regrets so far?

Dylan
I think my only regret would be that I wish I came into high school knowing what I wanted to do so that I could have started and learn more about what I want to do so I would be ahead when I got out of school. What about you?

Kaity



My biggest regret is taking my youth for granted. I tried to grow up too fast. What is your favorite thing about Winnemucca?

Dylan
I think my favorite thing about Winnemucca is that there is a little bit of everything here and you have plenty of opportunity to find your passion in this town. What about you?

Kaity
I agree with that, I also like that the community is so supportive of Lowry athletics and can come together in a crisis. I also like the fact that I can look up on a clear night and see the stars. Well Dylan, its been real and its been fun but it hasn't been real fun. Until next time.

What's on your playlist?
By Dylan Kalkoske

Downloaded Music Artists

- Slide // Calvin Harris
- Flex like Ouu // Lil Pump
- Need You // Travis Thompson
- She Bad // Young Futura
- Hasselhoff // Mike WiLL Made-It
- XO TOUR Liif3 // Lil Uzi Vert
- Woah // Croosh
- Happy Place // Sam Stan
- Portland // Drake

ANSWERS:

1-Jay; 2-21; 3-Ducks; 4-44; 5-Calculus; 6-La Grande; 7-Mom's Tacos; 8-Fishing 9- Enterprise, Oregon 10-College Football Scout



Artist of the Issue: Samantha Sharp

Samantha Sharp is a freshman at Lowry and has taken part in Swing Choir and is currently in Art I with Mrs. Cassandra Jenkins. Sharp is an intellectual student and shows a lot of promise in her artistic prowess in Art I.

Jenkins selected Sharp as she finds her to be an outstanding and all-around good student that takes part in extracurricular activities. Jenkins also enjoys having Sharp in her class as well.

"I would like to recognize Samantha Sharp as an outstanding Art I student. Not only is she a well rounded person who is involved in many other

extra-curricular activities, but she is an absolute pleasure to have in class," said Jenkins.

Art plays a large role in Sharp's life outside the drawing and painting side of it. She has been doing dance for years.

"Art is a way to express yourself. I do dance, it's like another form of art. In dance they talk a lot about making lines with your body so that connects dance to art," said Sharp.

Sharp comes in early every day to work on her assignments in Art I as she is hardworking and ambitious when it comes to the finished product that she completes. Sharp has shown improve-

ment in Jenkins's eyes for her artistic ability over the course of her first year in Art.

"She comes in every day and gets right to work. She is consistent and diligent in her work ethic. All of her work is done to the best of her ability and has shown much improvement throughout the year in her artistic ability," said Jenkins.

Despite this being her first year of art, Sharp has been doing it for years.

"I've been doing art ever since I could write pretty much. I was never in an art class until this year. My favorite kind of art is abstract. I like oil pastel chalk,"

s a i d Sharp.

Sharp is known as a respectable and kind person to all her classmates.

"Not only is she respectful to everyone she comes in contact with, she is just overall a nice person. I have enjoyed getting to know her this year," said Jenkins.

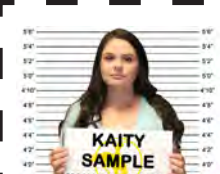


Samantha Sharp./Courtesy • Winnada



Do's and Don'ts: Education

- Do take your tests seriously; whatever kind they may be
- Don't slack off thinking you can get it done later; it may not always be the case
- Do take challenging classes; you might actually enjoy them
- Don't stress over the little things
- Do stress if you haven't done your essay and you remember the night before
- Don't save that essay for the night before
- Do take graduating with all of your credits seriously
- Don't think freshman year can be made up easily
- Do think about what you might do after high school, even if you're not sure
- Don't rely on other people when trying to get a good grade; it's your grade
- Do genuinely care about your future
- Don't shoot low if you have hundreds of possibilities
- Do strive for greatness, no matter how long it takes
- Don't give up on something because it went wrong the first time



Lowry Then and Now: 1990

- Top Left: Mande Kuskie throws a pitch in 1990.
- Bottom Left: Alyssa Kuskie throws a pitch during the 2016 season.
- Top Right: The first Lowry softball team on their bench.
- Bottom Right: The 2017 varsity Buckaroos getting a break.



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Round up

ERIN ACOSTA

Where would you go for a first date?

Maybe a movie theater.

What is your dream date?

Go somewhere in Mexico.

What is your favorite pass time activity?

I'm usually just on my phone screwing around basically.

Do you have a job?

No.

Are you a good texter and what makes a good texter?

Yeah. Someone who says more than just "okay". Someone who doesn't make it awkward.

How often are you available to hang out?

All the time pretty much.

Do you have any crazy EXs?

Thank god no I don't.

What are you looking for in a SO?

I guess someone who likes to have a lot of fun and is really chill and isn't dumb.

What would you say is your best quality?

I'm not too high maintenance.

What do you do to have fun?

I like to play video games sometimes or listen to music.

How do you impress your date's parents?

By being classy and having good language.

Do you believe in love at first sight?

In some cases I do. Only in the movies basically.

What's your go to pick up line?

DO you have a band-aide? Because I just scrapped my knee falling for you.

Dogs or cats?

Dogs because cats are just a pain.

TY HODGE

Where would you go for a first date?

Go fishing on a golf course.

What is your dream date?

Dairy queen and then fishing on a golf course.

What is your favorite pass time activity?

Enjoying myself studying for my future.

Do you have a job?

Yes, Big G Construction.

Are you a good texter and what makes a good texter?

Yes. I always keep the convo going.

How often are you available to hang out?

Everyday.

Do you have any crazy EXs?

Yes..

What are you looking for in a SO?

Smart, tall, makes lots of money, and short, short's okay too. And a good cook.

What would you say is your best quality?

My personality, I'm a good time.

What do you do to have fun?

I like a lot of things, like fishing on a golf course.

How do you impress your date's parents?

You make friends with them and be polite.

Do you believe in love at first sight?

No, because I like to get to know them.

What's your go to pick up line?

Do you know what my shirts make of? Boyfriend material.

Dogs or cats?

Dogs, a man's best friend.

JOSIAH CHAPMAN

Where would you go for a first date?

In and Out Burger. It's cheap and it gets to the point.

What is your dream date?

A day in San Francisco then going to a Giant's game and the Red Lobster.

What is your favorite pass time activity?

Playing sports.

Do you have a job?

No.

Are you a good texter and what makes a good texter?

Yeah. I reply between one and five minutes.

How often are you available to hang out?

Everyday after practice.

Do you have any crazy EXs?

None that I know of.

What are you looking for in a SO?

A good personality,

nice smile, and a good butt.

What would you say is your best quality?

My personality, I'm not a looker but I guess I'm funny.

What do you do to have fun?

Hangout with friends.

How do you impress your date's parents?

Roll up in a Cadi.

Do you believe in love at first sight?

No, I don't believe in love at first sight because you don't know anything about the person.

How can you love them if you don't know anything about them.

What's your go to pick up line?

Are you an alien? Because you're out of this world.

Dogs or cats?

Dogs, because they show their affection.

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Kyle Young headed to national competition this summer

The Skills USA students here at Lowry recently competed at state against the top students from other schools in Nevada to see who was the best at what they could do.

Six of the students placed bronze or higher at this competition but only one will be making his second appearance at Nationals this year.

Kyle Young, a senior at Lowry, has received gold two years in a row at State for welding.

Young competed last year at state and built a fire pit from blueprints and was given the opportunity to compete at nationals and placed 10th out of thirty eight.

"Last year I competed in Welding Fabrication with two others in the Nevada state competition. For our competition we were instructed to build a fire pit out of materials that we're provided along with a blueprint to construct the project. After the

results of our state competition we had the opportunity to compete in the national Skills USA event, in which we placed 10 out of 38 teams," said Young.

This year Young competed in welding which consisted of six categories at the state competition and has been given the opportunity to go to Nationals for the second year in a row.

"This year I competed in Welding which is an individual competition that had six categories in the state competition: a written test, an interview, a GMAW (Gas Metal Arc Welding) test, a SMAW (Shielded Metal Arc Welding) test, a OFC (Oxyfuel cutting) test, a GTAW (Gas Tungsten Arc Welding) test. I was awarded the first place, and will be attending this year's National Skills USA competition in Louisville Kentucky," said Young.

Instructor Andrew Meyer explains what Skills USA is and how it prepares these stu-

dents for the world of work.

"Skills USA is a combination of business, industry and education, combining to create competitions in the trade industry, which is carpentry, welding, automotive and anything career and technical education there is a competition for it at Skills. The whole purpose for Skills is preparing the students for the world of work. It is a huge opportunity for kids to test their skills and work with some of the industries best and better their skills," said Meyer.

Nationals will be held this summer in Louisville, Kentucky.



Kyle Young catching. In the background are the leaning rails he helped weld and install./Courtesy • Tina Espinola



Kyle Young (center) receiving his award at State./Courtesy • Kyle Young

Picture of the Issue



The Brand Staff has chosen Chanse McAllister's aesthetically pleasing pic of them at the Golden Gate Bridge./Courtesy • Chanse McAllister



Lowry Voices: What is your favorite Springtime activity and why?

"Reading outside in the nice weather."

Jesus Mojica



"Sidewalk art (chalk) because the bigger the canvas, the better."

Kyra Gal-lups



"Watching March Madness because I like basketball."

Jacob Snyder



"I like reading because I don't like to go outside."

Dakota Lewis



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