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THE CLASS OF 2014



WHERE THEY'RE GOING



Melissa Jimenez..... Attend GBC in the fall to get my assistant nurse certification. Once I am done here, I will go to Elko to get my associates in Nursing.

Coal Thomas Johnson..... Further my education at UNR, I want to study business.

Jedediah Johnson..... Attend UNR and figure out what I want with life.

Tytin Lee Johnson..... Attend UNR Business Administration with an emphasis in coaching. Hope to fully complete my athletic career to the collegiate level.

Joshua David Jones..... Become a welder either through the army or college.

Drake Travis Travanaugh..... Going either to the Air Force for four years and study criminal justice or go to college for a criminal justice degree and then become a police officer.

Kelsey Elizabeth Killpack... GBC- I'm going into the criminal justice field to be a paralegal lawyer.

Christopher Kitras..... Software/Hardware Engineer

Jacob Laurance Klassen..... Move to Las Vegas or Reno and get the Associates of

Seniors Plan for the Future

Performer of
the year



THE YEAR IN SPORTS



The class of 2014 leaves its mark on Lowry

By JUSTIN ALBRIGHT

As the 2013-2014 school year comes to a close, the day seniors have been looking forward to since the beginning of kindergarten is finally approaching. Graduation; the day where all of us take a giant leap into adulthood, and where our life-long friends slowly start to move away and make new friends. Finally, we'll no longer have to sit there and watch our friends walk across the stage. It's our turn.

The busiest year of our high school lives is coming to a close, we can finally be relieved and stress free for a couple months. We still have our real lives to worry about, but for now we don't have any more college applications to worry about,



The senior class shows their spirit at a assembly./ Justin Albright • The Brand

no more scholarship applications, no more graduation announcements to send out, and most importantly; no more having to worry about worthless homework that we will never use in any real life scenario. Most importantly, we can all take a well deserved break from Shakespeare until we go off to college.

As big of a relief as that might be, we still have college and the real world to worry about. No more living with your parents, time to go out and make a name for yourself in the real world.

This year has held countless, unforgettable memories that we will cherish for the rest of our lives. From the senior sunrise at the beginning of



Seniors from the basketball team./ Ron Espinola • The Brand



The senior class He-Man Volleyball team./ Aimee Brandon • The Brand

the year to the senior sunset, and now to walking across the stage receiving the well deserved credit for all of our hard work that we have put in over the past four years.

We all owe a ton of credit to our class advisors: Christy Bell and Marcel Johnson, and our class officers: President Maeve Donovan, Vice President Allison Barron, and Secretary Carly Bell for the countless hours they put in this year to help our class out. From being at school at 7:15 in the morning every day to run senior store, to decorating our section of the gym and the senior class hallway. Without these five individuals, our senior class would not have had



Senior class president Maeve Donovan (L) and Taylor Schwartz (R) receive their awards as the top two seniors./Ron Espinola • The Brand

all the success we have had this year.

"My favorite part about being class president is that I got to run an active discussion with my class and it gets me really involved in a lot of things I wouldn't show up for otherwise," said Donovan.

Our senior class is one of the most decorated classes that Lowry has ever seen. From helping turn the football program into a powerhouse again, countless academic and state championships, to three straight class of the year awards (should have been four), our class has only added to the illustrious history of Lowry high school.

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Scholar\$hip Night

By KAREN ESPARZA

On May 14 many soon-to-be graduates and their families gathered at the Winnemucca Convention Center for the annual Scholarship Night. Several scholarships from non-profit organizations, memorial foundations, mining foundations, and other community members were awarded to some deserving seniors. All these scholarships will be a great help as seniors head to universities across the nation.

A partial list follows. The entire list will be available online.

- Aguilar Carlos
- Southwest Oregon
- Logan Hunewill
- Albright Justin
- University of Reno Pack Pride

- W.W. Harmon Memorial Aitken Jacob
- Winnemucca Rural Fire Department Armstrong Cherice
- Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 744 Baker Harley
- Newmont Copper Level Barta Christopher
- California Polytechnic State University
- Florida Tech
- St. Pats-
- Knights of Columbus Barron Allison
- University of Nevada Pack Pride
- LHS National Torch Chapter Honor Society

- Bell Carly
- Patrick Ferrero Memorial
- FFA Alumni
- Paradise Valley Community Center
- Paradise Valley Fire Department
- LHS Drama Berentsen, Kirk
- Montana State University Academic
- LHS Senior Store Bernard Charlotte
- Margaret H. Peraldo Memorial
- LHS National Torch Chapter Honor Society
- Humboldt County Education Association
- Bhakta, Suhani
- Texas A&M University
- University of Nevada Scholar Scholarship -
- University of Dallas
- University of Houston
- Bleck Richard
- GI BILL
- Brennan Meghan
- Humboldt County Cattlewoman's Association
- FFA Alumni
- Bressem Ashley

- Winnemucca Junior High School
- Cody Louk Wrestling/ The Humboldt Foundation
- Eastern Nevada Wrestling Association
- Winnemucca Basque Club -
- Rotary Club
- Bryan Dustin
- Utah Valley University
- HGH Staff
- Buckmaster Kerry
- Whitworth Class of 1973
- Burns Samantha N.
- Newmont Copper Level
- Carl Tyler
- GBC Barrick
- Castellanos Ivan
- Rocky Mountain College Merit
- Castaneda Gabriela
- Paradise Valley Community Center
- Paradise Valley Fire Fighters
- Castaneda Sergio
- George and Emma Dalton -
- Charismatic Group Prayer St.Pauls
- Criswell Joseba
- Steve Adams Golf
- Winnemucca Volunteer Fire Department
- LHS National Torch Chapter Honor Society
- Rotary Club
- Winnemucca Men's Golf Scholar-



Ashley Bressemer received several scholarships./ Courtesy • Winnada



Suhani Bhakta./ Courtesy • Winnada

- GBC Barrick
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- 2014 Cody Louk
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LOWRY SAYS GOODBYE AND HELLO TO STAFF

BY BRODY GOUCHER

The school year of 2014 is coming to an end and many of our staff members are retiring or leaving Lowry.

Staff members that are retiring are Mr. Thomas Watson, Mrs. Debbie Watts, and Mr. Larry Storm,



Tim Connors./Ron Espinola • The Brand

teachers that are leaving are Mr. Clay Sagers and Mrs. Julia Simmons.

Incoming teachers are Mr. Ray Parks as the new principal, and Mr. Tim Connors as vice principal.

Mr. Parks plans to change some of Lowry's policies to better fit his image of the

school, the future principle announced he "plans on rewarding students who are doing well academically and put a strict handle on those who aren't."

Mr. Parks would also like to change the leadership of the school around saying he wants "Lowry to be more student lead" and that "Students need to be more of a voice in the school" Parks believes that one of Lowry's issues is that "freshmen are not prepared for what's going on at Lowry and aren't made aware of the requirements to graduate."



Larry Storm./Courtesy Winnada

Mr. Sagers is one of the many staff members leaving the school because he wants to "move closer to family." Sagers will be moving to Hansen, Idaho which is close to Twin Falls.

Sagers said "I enjoyed my time at Lowry and I will really miss coaching baseball", Sagers also said that his favorite thing about Lowry was the students and that he "will miss his ESL students most of all", and that "they are really hard workers." It is clear that Mr. Sagers enjoyed his time at Lowry and also left the school better than he found it.



Clay Sagers./Courtesy Winnada



VALDEZ AND GILBOY NAMED INSPIRATIONAL STUDENTS

BY JESSIE SCHIRRICK

Two inspiring young girls were formally recognized at Lowry's Academic Assembly. Their stories about their experiences will serve as motivation for the students and staff for years to come.

Perla Valdez was chosen by counselor Mrs. Ludlow. Valdez had a bit of a rocky start. She didn't care for her grades much and wouldn't bother showing up to school that often either. Valdez even had a bit of a violent streak. As a result, she spent a fair amount of time in the office with vice principal Doc Welter.

Valdez began to make positive changes during her sophomore year after she took her proficiency tests, and passed all of them and with very good scores. Valdez began to appreciate school and started taking steps to improve her grades.

Valdez is graduating a year early with the class of 2014. She has

excelled in many honors courses and she will also be receiving a diploma for foreign language. After graduation, Valdez plans on enrolling in college.

Bridgette Gilboy was chosen by Mrs. Godinez. Bridgette had a very hard family life growing up, as she was left to take care of her younger siblings while travelling between several different homes until she was finally adopted by a loving family after years of neglect.

Gilboy was able to develop into a smart girl once she found her roots in a stable home. She became an active member of FFA, Band, Dance Team, and Teen Court.

Gilboy will be graduating with an honors diploma. Gilboy plans to pursue a career in law because it was the actions of lawyers and judges that helped her and her siblings find a nurturing, supportive family. Gilboy will study criminology and psychology at UNLV in the Fall of 2014.



Bridgette Gilboy (R)/Ron Espinola • The Brand



Perla Valdez (R)/Ron Espinola • The Brand



Art and CTE hold Showcase

BY ALYSSA CAMPBELL

This year art students got to show off their amazing talent at the annual CTE art showcase.

"Every year has been better and better and I'm glad the weather has cooperated this year," said Mrs. Courtney Rorex.

It has been agreed among the teachers that all of the students this year have worked really hard and the Showcase turned out very well.

"I think Mr. [Andrew] Anderson, Mrs. Rorex and I all are very proud of our students and my students have rocked it out this year. It was nice to see all the improvements in the artwork throughout the year," said Julia Topholm.

Overall the turnout of

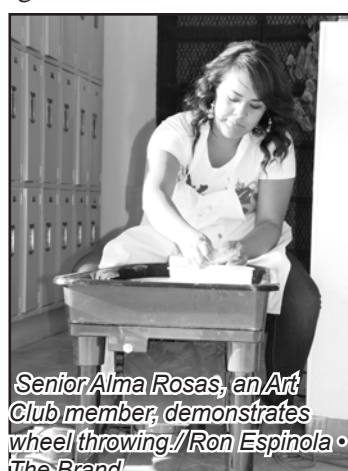
the Showcase was extremely exceptional this year.

"This year's showcase has been overall awesome and this has definitely been the best sidewalk chalk that I have ever seen," said Mr. Anderson

"I am extremely happy with the way this has all turned out," added Mr. Anderson,

"the students have done absolutely amazing and I'm excited that they have a chance to show off all the work that they have done because this is what it is all about."

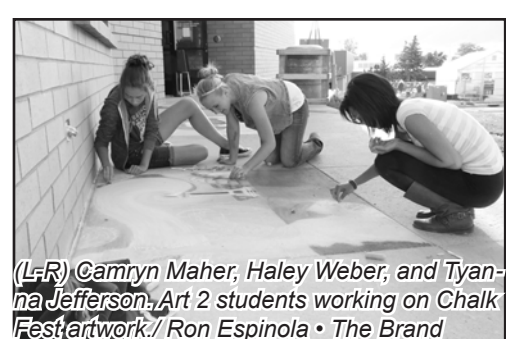
This year's Art Showcase had turned out very well and it was obvious that all the students had worked very hard in the art, sewing, and shop classes this year.



Senior Alma Rosas, an Art Club member, demonstrates wheel throwing./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Work from the welding classes./Ron Espinola • The Brand



(L-R) Camryn Maher, Haley Weber, and Tyanina Jefferson, Art 2 students working on Chalk Fest artwork./Ron Espinola • The Brand

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Budget cuts force cancellation of graduation party

By MAYTE CASTELLANOS

The day seniors graduate is the day when freedom becomes real and along with this freedom comes reality. As a first dose of reality, due to the other senior expenses being so large, the graduation party has been canceled. It is already too late to raise the nessecary funds to hold the party.

So make those graduation dinners longer because the graduation party is nonexistent.

“I was really looking forward to the graduation party it is sad news to me that it has to be canceled,” said Jed Johnson.

When the rumor leaked weeks ago of the shortage of funds, many of the teachers were the first to hear of it.

“I felt terrible for all the seniors. The budget is just too small right now there is no possible way they could

have fit a grad party,” said the Senior advisors.

Due to this shocking news, some seniors are moving their private graduation parties up to Thursday. Many will be held before the graduation ceremony but there are some who will be holding their parties after they receive their diplomas. Some seniors are okay with having their own parties go through the night, but others are furious.

“Are you kidding me, no graduation party? All four years of hard work and this is how we get repaid,” commented Tytin Johnson.

To many the grad party was the

highlight of graduation day, besides graduating of course. The grad party was possibly the last time the Class of 2014 would be together with most of their classmates. While many are upset over this disastrous news, it had to be done.

Although some were furious over this news, a few seniors took the cancellation pretty well, “I’m just really happy that I’m graduating that’s all that

really matters to me,” said senior Ivan Castellanos.

This cancellation will be remembered by many for years because it is the first time in Lowry history that the Drug Free Graduation Party had to be cancelled. Although the school sponsored graduation party is cancelled, the ceremony will continue to be held at the Winnemucca Events Center on Thursday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m.



Summer break to be shortened

By MELANIE RYNEARSON

This year, the school board has decided to shorten summer vacation. So, instead of our regular 3 month break, where we come back in August, we will be coming back on July 5.

“Students will benefit from this because they will retain more of what they learned,” said vice principal Doc Welter.

There are numerous reasons for this shortened summer, but one of the main reasons is going to school in the summer time will cut down on the trouble that students can get into.



Vice principal Doc Welter./Courtesy • Winnada

“We talked about just eliminating summer break completely, but we all agreed that the students and teachers need a little bit of a break from each other and having to wake up early,” said Welter.

Since we will be going to school in the hotter months of the summer the school has invested in a new air conditioning unit so we won’t get overheated. The school board has been talking about cutting summer short for a long time but they just now achieved everyone’s approval on the matter.

“I don’t think this is a very good idea at all. We need to be able to unwind for more than one month,” said sophomore Cheyanna Furnare.

Students and parents are outraged at the change in summer, but that won’t affect the school board’s ruling.



Big Brother Installs New Fence

By JESSIE SCHIRRICK

The April issue of “The Brand” featured an article outlining the school board’s plan to install the school’s new entrance. Since then, based on some new safety regulations, the plan has been changed to ensure the utmost security for the students and staff.

Students and staff will park in their designated lots, but a new 10-foot tall cinder block fence will be erected around the perimeter of the school. There will be a gate which will be heavily guarded and all who enter must present sufficient identification. After they have been permitted access through the gate, they will be taken through a series of metal detector screenings, residue tests,



The proposed school entrance./ Courtesy • Wikimedia Commons

pat downs, and bag checks. If security feels that someone should undergo fur“ We must ensure the utmost safety for our students, even if that means stripping them of any and all privacy they are entitled too as American citizens,” said an administrator.

In addition, locker doors will be replaced with mesh screens and all backpacks must be transparent plastic, cutting out random locker searches altogether.

The district will also be installing a state of the art electronic security system. Each classroom will be equipped with a camera and an identification scanner at the door.

Remember: War is Peace, Freedom is Slavery, and Ignorance is Strength.



Kitras accepted to Ivy League schools

By TANNER AMES

The school year is nearing an end and many of Lowry’s students have already turned in their paperwork and have been accepted to their future colleges. However, one specific student, senior Christopher Kitras, has been accepted to all eight Ivy League schools.

The mother of Chris, Doreen Kitras, said that she was very proud of her son.

“When I saw the letters in the mail, I was frightened to see the result. I didn’t want these big schools to make my son feel down on himself; but when I saw he was accepted, I cried tears of happiness. I just wish he wasn’t leaving so soon so I could be with him longer.”

However, there is a twist in this amazing story. Chris wasn’t planning on going to college.

“My mom made me apply to just about every college I could. All through my school life, I was so restricted on what I could and couldn’t do. My mom is a little too controlling over my life. After I get out of high school, I want to travel the world, experience new things, and get away from my mom. Someday, I’ll get a good job, and have a family. So I don’t want to go to college, at least not until I can experience life and make up my

own mind,” Chris said.

With perfect attendance throughout his educational career, and a perfect 4.0 GPA, it was no surprise that Chris was accepted. However, were all of these accomplishments a result of being controlled?

Chris said, “When I was younger, I felt as though if I did well in school, I would be well liked. Although it was true, I could never go hang out with my friends unless it was scheduled a month in advanced, and I could only schedule if my grades were checked by my mom and if my grades stayed well.” At this point, the young Kitras’ in the house thought about sneaking out, however, he said, “There were cameras put into our house so that my mom could see if we were sneaking out, my little brother Robert got around that, he’s a computer wiz, and he figured a way out, but not me. I found it difficult that my brother could go hang out with his friends, while I was stuck at home. I’ve had a good life, but not an interesting one.”



Chris Kitras./Courtesy • Winnada

Chris’ younger brother said, “I have never really liked being at home. Everything is restricted there, and I don’t get to watch or do the things that all of my friends do. I didn’t know what “Adventure Time” or anything like that was for the longest time, so I hacked my mom’s computer, and I started going to hang out with my friends while she was gone. It seems to be an effective method. Just call me a little Ferris Bueller.”

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Marking your body with something permanent can make or break you. I'm not one to say what you do to your body, but one bad choice and you could forever regret it.

Tattoos are a controversial topic. Many people will judge those who have them, but ultimately, tattoos can be beautiful and share a story. Let's be honest tattoos are pretty rad. Sleeves are a great example; they put together pieces of life and who you truly are in one big masterpiece. Vibrant colors can really make a tattoo pop. A basic black and white tattoo can just as magnificent as well. Although getting an infinity sign or the typical "mom" in a heart tattoo seems tempting, don't, be unique. Tattoos are really just a personal preference that you have to decide if you really want it or not. No shame in getting something to remind you of what life is really about. Plus, most of that "tatted" population is actually some of the nicest people you will ever meet. Most everyone with a tattoo knows how to have a good time.

Even the teachers at Lowry have some pretty cool ink. Take Mr. Cabatbat for example, his quarter sleeve tattoo is awesome and can relate him back to his roots of home.



By KAITY
SAMPLE

Mr. Cabatbat's ink is just one prime example of beautiful, body artwork. Just a word of advice, never, ever, in a million years get a cartoon character or something hideous like that just because it's "cute". It ruins the true beauty of tattoos.

Often when tattoos are brought up, people think of piercings. Piercings are big in the tattoo subject because they fall into the same category. Some piercings are cool on girls. But no offense to the guys, don't get pierced. Some guys can pull off an earring but for the most part, but keep it old fashioned and simple. Same goes for girls though. If Lowry does get the metal detectors next year, nobody wants to stand in line while you take off all your metal. A few piercings in the ear and maybe the belly button are pretty common, but don't make a scene.

Tattoos and piercings are big decisions in life so be smart, and don't ruin the body you have because you only get one.

That's so College

College is something to look forward to as soon as an individual gets irritated with their parents or becomes overwhelmingly independent. It's a chance to live and learn; to make your own decisions and to fully develop into the person you will be. Although, you will also constantly be reminded of the importance of taking college seriously, after all, your future depends on it.

The level of independence in teens is higher than ever. They will have to learn to maintain a life of balance because being able to balance fun and academics will be crucial in college. You will be faced with numerous opportunities to go out and have fun at parties and your parents will no longer be there to monitor your decisions. Those decisions will largely impact your future and the ability to make the correct decisions will be key. In college an individual reaches the ultimate test of their ability to multi-task, procrastinate, and keep their priorities straight. There are no more obligations to clean your room, to be home at a certain time, or to be kind to certain individuals. You are able to choose your friends, and you have a large variety to choose from. With so many decisions, and overwhelming freedom to make these decisions, it is time to learn how to act like an adult and to develop self-discipline. With that being said, if you play your cards right in college, it will be the best time of your life.

You have to embrace all that the college life has to offer and learn to interact with the best of them. It's up to you whether or not you will have a front row seat to the best show of your life.



By TAYLOR
LATRAY

tending college gatherings. Those decisions and the ability to make the correct decisions will be key. In college an individual reaches the ultimate test of their ability to multi-task, procrastinate, and keep their priorities straight. There are no more obligations to clean your room, to be home at a certain time, or to be kind to certain individuals. You are able to choose your friends, and you have a large variety to choose from. With so many decisions, and overwhelming freedom to make these decisions, it is time to learn how to act like an adult and to develop self-discipline. With that being said, if you play your cards right in college, it will be the best time of your life.

Do's and Don'ts

FRESHMAN

Do celebrate the fact that you're almost not a freshman.

Don't try to get senior friends. They will leave, and you will have no friends.

SOPHOMORES

Do something worth your time. Don't just ease through high school.

Don't drive like an idiot. Seriously. Stop.

JUNIORS

Do apply for scholarships now. You won't regret it.

Don't be afraid to step up to the plate. Soon, the school is yours.

SENIORS

Do go HAM in college.

Don't let the man get you down.

Do let anyone and everyone know that they're still in high school and you're a free bird.

Don't think it's over though; we're only eighteen years old.

Do celebrate like a wild animal.

Don't turn down for anything!

Do something crazy at graduation, like a back flip. Parents love back flips.

Don't actually get hurt though. That's easily the most embarrassing thing ever.

Do go out and meet new people this summer.

Don't forget where you come from.

Do try something new, because who knows, squid could be good...

Don't let anyone tell you no.

Do tell everyone else no though, because you're the BOSS.

Don't forget about Lowry on your way to your dreams.

Do your best at everything. Who knows? Everyone starts somewhere. We can all be great.



By TANNER
LECUMBERRY

Career based classes

Students should begin considering their future careers when registering for high school classes.

For certain jobs you may not need a background in calculus or even geometry or knowledge of advanced sciences. The classes you take in high school and how many classes you take each year should be based on your career choice.

There are trade schools, vocational schools, and career schools that all provide an education based on a career path. At this point, in public schools, there isn't a whole lot of focus on careers in high school, the focus on a career comes in college, if not until year four of college. High schools should make more of a focus on the career students are seeking to go into.

High schools should give two specific options, to prepare for work directly after high school or to prepare for college. Not everyone wants to go to college and there are many fields of work you can go into without a college diploma. Despite this, college often seems

like the only option when there are an infinite number of options if you use your brain in high school. Students should consider their options prior to freshman year, possibly even before eighth grade because that is when there becomes a divide between advanced classes and average classes.

It is true that in Reno and Las Vegas there are tech schools that would give an education based on a specific career, but few students have the opportunity to attend those schools. In addition, a family in Winnemucca most likely isn't going to move so one of their kids can get ahead in their career. At Lowry



By AIMEE
BRANDON

there are options of welding classes, students can, through those classes, gain a lot of experience, but that is one field. Students deserve more options and to not have to waste their lives on classes they will not use in the career they wish to pursue.

High schools should talk to students more about how the high school will affect their future and help them make a plan of what classes they can take to fulfill their goals.

Reminiscing about preschool days

Remember back when our grades were stickers and we only had coloring pages for homework? Those were the days of simplicity and nobody was ever stressed over the big project due next week, because no big projects existed. Do you ever wish you could just go back to those days and be a little kid again?

Being a kid was so much simpler and a lot more fun. Being a teenager is very stressful. Keeping track of seven classes assigned in each is difficult; not to mention trying to balance extra-curricular activities on top of everything else, pretty stressful right? Wouldn't it be cool to go back to the days when the only things we had to carry in our bags was a folder, some crayons, and our daily snack instead of ten pound books and binders?

A nap every day; those were the days. Having naptime could actually greatly benefit us, we would wake up refreshed and ready to learn and we wouldn't be so crabby.

When we were young, everyone was friends with each other and there was no drama. Now everyone has their own little group and if someone from another group looks at you the wrong way, it's like World War III is about to commence.

Being a kid was so much more care free than being a teenager.



By MELANIE
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Anyway you want it, that's the way you need it

When it comes to personalities, well, there isn't much to talk about. We are all completely different in what we think and do, and that's just great. Express yourself.

There are plenty of different ways to express ourselves, one of the biggest being art. Some say that they don't have any talents, but that is untrue. We can all doodle in our binders, no matter if it looks the way we wanted or not. There are so many forms of creativeness in art, it's not even funny. There is painting, drawing, designing, and even origami. Music is another, we all love to listen to upbeat tunes, and some even take it to the next step and play the music, or even create their own.

Are you a football player? Maybe a golfer? Swim-

mer? There are plenty of sports; so many that it would be kind of hard not to find one that we enjoy. There's a sport for just about any type of person, even if it is something like cheerleading, or marching to the beat in a marching band (both are definitely a sport).

Television are something else are always quoting or "Supernatural".

a little overdone, things anyways. favorites when it entertainments, so it should be great to exploit what we know and love about them.



By **TANNER AMES**

shows and games that we have. People lines from "Frozen" Truthfully, it can be but we love these We all have our comes to these en-tertaining what we

I obsess over Nintendo, and just about any good video game. While others are Whovians ("Doctor Who" fans), and others love the "Hunger Games" series; it's just who we are. Whether it's the newbie on the football team, your new "Magic" deck, or the actions of our American government, we all have something that is just the best to us, something that we can obsess over and something that can signify that we aren't robots. We can be who we are, and there will always be someone with the same interests as us.

There are so many different ways to express ourselves, whether it's fashion or cars, technology. or the great outdoors. It's what makes us happy; it's what makes us who we are. That's just what we should do, be happy, because that's the way that we really need to be.

Pressures to get involved in high school

Every counselor or staff member at the high school encourages students to join clubs, participate in sports, be involved in the community and get good grades. All while telling you to make the most out of your high school experience. However, it's nearly impossible to do everything that is expected out of you.

The high school puts all of these expectations on students which ultimately makes them feel overwhelmed. Students' grades can even start to suffer once you add all of the countless hours of clubs, sports, and community hours which leave little time for students to be able to get their homework done. Not to mention, all these activities make it nearly impossible to be able to hang out with any of your friends. Part of the high school experience is making friends and enjoying the time in school while you still have it. However, there is no possible way to do all of these things while meeting all of these expectations.

Lowry needs to find a way to encourage students to become involved, but also help them define their limits when it comes to participating in all of these activities. If the school had a way to help kids become organized in their activities, they would see a huge

improvement in the number of people that join clubs at our school. The more help the school made available for their organization, the less stress the students would have since less pressure would be placed on students. However, the high school is not the only one to blame in this situation, students need to know that they have the ability themselves to say no.

There are also not even that many clubs at this school that most students are interested in. The school needs to put more of the students' input into what clubs they choose to be available. If students want to be involved in clubs at the school, they should have the opportunity to join the clubs that they would be interested in. Athletes and honors students should not be the only people that have the chance to become an active member of our school.

If we had more choices, there would be more of a variety of students who take part in the activities. However, some students will probably never be a part of our school no matter what clubs or activities are available to them.

You can't put all these expectations on students without giving them more options for clubs and without having the help students need to become organized.



By **ALYSSA CAMPBELL**

How to come out on top

Although success is handed to some individuals, it does not necessarily mean they are the most successful. Even individuals born into a wealthy and successful environment could lose to another individual who works harder. You can, and will achieve some success with the appropriate determination and the ability to "out-work" your competitors.

Actor Will Smith has been extremely successful merely by hard-work and he gives plenty advice to those individuals looking to achieve the same sort of success.

"I will not be out-worked, period. You might have more talent than me, you might be smarter than me, you might be sexier than me, you might be all of those things you got it on me in nine categories. But if we get on the treadmill together, there's two things: You're getting off first, or I'm going to die," said Will Smith in an interview with Tavis Smiley on his "Tavis Talks" public radio show.

Individuals willing to go the extra mile will be

recognized. Smith states that he'd rather have someone working for him that does a horrible job but gives 110% than an individual giving 60%. You can be born into a successful or rich family, but that does not mean you will die successful and rich. Incompetence and laziness can lead to the loss of both success and money.

lead to ultimate already possesses seeking individuals traits along with a no motivation to lead to their ultimate.

"You're not me. It's such a concept. The majority of people who aren't getting the places they want or aren't achieving the things that they want in this business is strictly based on hustle. It's strictly based on being out-worked; it's strictly based on missing crucial opportunities. I say all the



By **TAYLOR LATRAY**

These traits often failure when one success, attention which portray these lack of respect and further excel can mate downfall.

going to out-work simple, basic concept. The majority of people who aren't getting the places they want or aren't achieving the things that they want in this business is strictly based on hustle. It's strictly based on being out-worked; it's strictly based on missing crucial opportunities. I say all the

Should traditional universities be replaced by online learning?

With online courses, unlike the actual tests and lectures that you would find in a traditional university, there is no way to ensure the person is not cheating on the other side of the computer screen. There is no way to ensure that there is complete academic honesty when a student turns in an essay online. They could have paid a friend to write it for them or it could craftily plagiarized. But even if they are the same people, there is no way to prevent cheating during the tests and examinations given online, as people can just have cheat sheets in front of them and have no supervisors to stop them.

Even so, it is highly unlikely to believe that people can easily find another person to complete the degree for them, no matter how dedicated their friend is. Payment is always one way to dedicate people to the cause though. And even if that friend or relative is a professional in the field, it does not mean that they could successfully pass the degree as universities update their examinations and degree materials yearly.

In terms of

having essays and papers written by another person, this problem is no different from the traditional universities, as they cannot easily verify that the person themselves wrote those either.

The main point is that online learning fosters an environment that opens the possibility for cheating. What most people don't realize is that online learning also requires a lot of dedication as there is no set class time and all work must be done from a computer and all work must be turned in by a set due date.

People with the dedication and perseverance required to complete an online degree are generally honest hardworking people that are simply looking to expand their education and that is what these online universities are banking on.

The crucial point about university degrees is that they ensure that the person is the professional. With online courses, that is not possible, which undermines the whole idea of a university degree.



By **DAIN MAHER**



time if you stay ready, you ain't gotta get ready," continued Smith in his interview.

When you are determined you achieve your goals, you must work hard which betters yourself, and your abilities. Always improving helps to be one step ahead of your competitor. Individuals like Steve Jobs were not handed success at all, in fact, Jobs dropped out of college after six months and with determination and hard work he created Apple Corporation. Steve Jobs isn't the only person who started from nothing and built themselves up to reach ultimate success, other individuals such as Oprah Winfrey, Henry Ford and Mark Zuckerberg also used motivation to pursue their goals. If you wish to leave a legacy similar to that of these notable individuals you have to begin working hard immediately.



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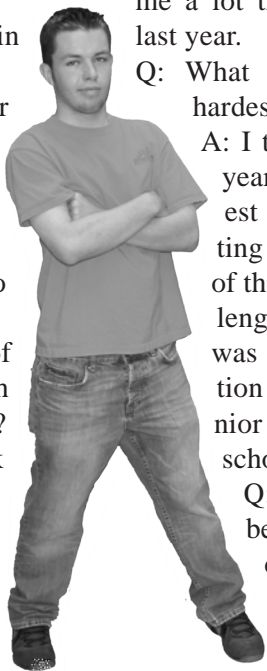


SENIOR BUCKAROO ROUND UP

By BRODY GOUCHER

Nate Hales

Q: What is your full name?
A: Nathan Chester Hales.
Q: When and where were you born?
A: Burly, Idaho in 1996.
Q: What are your plans after graduation?
A: To go on my mission and then eventually go to Utah State.
Q: What is one of your favorite high school memories?
A: Moving back to Winnemucca from Vegas because of all the people here.
Q: What will you miss most about Lowry?
A: I will really miss the sports teams; I'm going to miss going to the basketball and the football games.
Q: Who was your favorite teacher throughout high school and why?
A: Mrs. James, because she was fun, and helped me a lot throughout this last year.
Q: What year was the hardest?
A: I think freshmen year was the hardest because getting into the swing of thing was a challenge and there was a big transition between junior high and high school.
Q: What would be your dream college?
A: BYU, because it is the dream college for most Mormons.
Q: Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
A: I see myself owning a business, doing something just to get by in life.



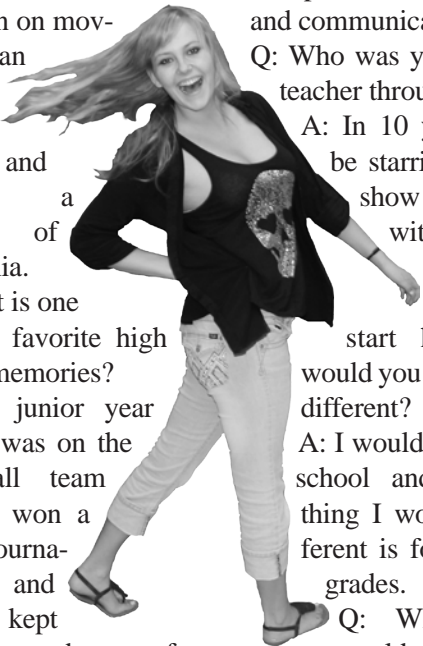
Tanner Shearer

Q: What are your plans after graduation?
A: I'm planning on going to rodeo with my dad for the next year for team roping.
Q: What is one of your favorite high school memories?
A: My favorite high school memory would have to be roping kids in the gymnasium and at the football games.
Q: Do you plan on ever going to college?
A: Ill probably go to Prescott, Arizona after I'm done with the rodeo, it's a community college that I can do online.
Q: What year was the hardest?
A: Probably junior year, it was the most fun and school was a not as hard.
Q: What would be your dream college?
A: I would definitely choose Harvard because that's where all the cool people go.
Q: Where do you want to retire eventually?
A: I want to retire at 65 in Lander, Wyoming where I grew up, it would be a great place to retire and it's where most of my family lives.



Carly Bell

Q: What is your full name?
A: Carly Leann Bell.
Q: When and where were you born?
A: Reno, Nevada in 1996.
Q: What are your plans after graduation?
A: I plan on moving to San Luis Obispo and become a resident of California.
Q: What is one of your favorite high school memories?
A: My junior year when I was on the volleyball team and we won a big tournament and then kept shouting daw after we won.
Q: What will you miss most about Lowry?
A: My friends, and the sense of community that Lowry has within this town.
Q: Do you plan on ever going to college?
A: I plan on going to Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo and study in theatre and communications.
Q: Who was your favorite teacher throughout high school?
A: In 10 years I will be starring in a TV show that deals with comedy.
Q: If you could restart high school, would you do anything different?
A: I would restart high school and the only thing I would do different is focus on my grades.
Q: What advice would you give to incoming seniors?
A: Apply for scholarships and send them out yourself, and also to stick to your morals.



A LOOK BACK: SENIOR MEMORIES

By KAITY SAMPLE

There are 1,461 days in four years. Many things will come and go but your high school memories are there forever. Here are some of the most memorable moments of this years graduating class.
"My favorite memory would have to be all the late nights that came unplanned, but became unforgettable."
-Charlotte Bernard.
"Watching people slip on



Charlotte Bernard./Courtesy • Winnada

the hill by the science building when it snows," Erik Francis.
"My favorite memory would be lying in the middle of the hallway right after school got out and two teachers joined me. We could not stop laughing."
-Carly Bell
"Friday Nights."
-Robert Stepper
"The overnights with my teammates."
-Jaecee Munger
"All of the FFA trips, Livestock judging camps,



Jaecee Munger./Courtesy • Winnada

and the Neveda Outdoor School Magazines."
-Cristal Venzor
"Spending time with Makayla."
-Matt Ourada
"My favorite memory is teen court. I love getting into arguments with the opposing council."
-Bridgette Gilboy
"Hanging out with the guys, football season, and of course being DJ OSO."
-Ivan Castellanos
"My sopho-



Cristal Venzor./Courtesy • Winnada

more year when the varsity softball team went to state was my favorite memory. So many great people and so many fun times that I will never forget."
-Ere Higbee
High school can be the best four years of your life filled with everlasting memories and moments of laughter shared with life long friends. Make high school enjoyable, you only get one shot at it. Good luck to all the graduating seniors.



Ivan Castellanos./Courtesy • Winnada

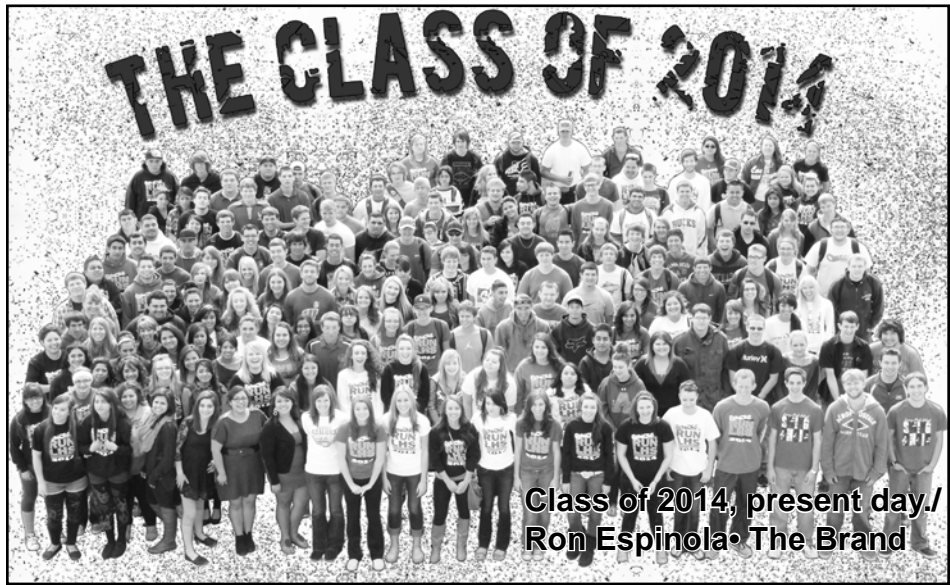


Seniors, Then and Now

By ALYSSA CAMPBELL



Class of 2014 as freshmen./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Class of 2014, present day./Ron Espinola • The Brand



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Class of 2014 - Plans for your future...

Karlee Michelle Adams..... Work for a year and save up for schooling. I'm not sure where I'm moving but I plan to take a few classes at GBC first.

Carlos Aguilar..... Go play college soccer while taking a welding/mechanics course. Then hopefully move to a university to play soccer.

Martha Aguilar..... Get a job, raise money for college. Make my own own music career.

Jacob Robert Aitken..... Going to paramedic school and getting a degree in criminal law to become an agent for the DEA.

Justin Dylan Albright..... Attend UNR, study business, meet some pretty ladies and make a ridiculous amount of money.

Omar Alvarez..... Get a CNA license and go to work.

Trevor Dalton Ames..... Learn a skill that people will pay me money for doing.

Christian James Anderson.... Move to Homedale, go to tech school in Boise then move back to Nevada.

Cherice Rose Armstrong..... Attend GBC for 4 years for business management then maybe find a floral school for floral design.

Shanna Marie Armstrong..... Attend the grad party & enjoy my summer with pancakes and work before I leave for college to start my life in debt.

Matthew Attebury..... Be rich and famous.

Gabriela Evelyn Avila..... Move to Reno with my brother and try to figure out what I want to do with my life.

Harley David Baker..... Finish out the summer here and make some more money. Then attend college to become a clown.

Allison Faith Barron..... Attend UNR, major in Business Marketing and minor in Business Administration. =)

Christopher Paul Barta..... Attend Cal Poly for Aerospace Engineering and go to Georgia Tech or MIT to receive a PhD. I hope to be selected as an astronaut for NASA and be the first man on Mars.

Carly Lee Ann Bell..... Go to college in San Louis Obispo, study Theater Arts and get California residency. Later I will become an actress in films.

Kirk Anders Berentsen..... Drive home, make some pancakes and then shed a tear for the amount of debt I'll be in at college.

Charlotte Rose Bernard..... Finish my basics and then attend medical school and become a licensed nurse practitioner.

Sarah Luann Betteridge..... Get out of Winnemucca as fast as I can, go to college to get an interior design degree.

Shivam Ketan Bhakta..... Going to college.

Huhani Rohit Bhakta..... Attend Texas A&M in Corpus Christi, TX. Get a bachelor's degree in Biomedical Sciences.

Delane Black..... Going to school for business and get my degree.

Richard Glen Bleck..... Become an Aviation Structural Mechanic in the Navy.

Diana Jo Bond..... I will work for the summer and spring. After, I will attend college to become a social worker.

Cindy Vanessa Bravo..... Go to GBC for two years and then transfer to Unr to get a degree in Nursing. After that I would love to become a pediatrician.

Meghan Renee Brennan..... Attend Nursing School in Elko, then going to get my degree in Equine Dentistry.

Ashley Nicole Bressemer..... Attend GBC and become an Agricultural Education Instructor. Even if my plans change I will always follow my dreams.

Eric Thomas Brooks..... Go to college and make music.

Bradly Hayden Brown..... Keep on working!

Katlin Shelby Brown..... I just graduated from the ATS dental assisting course, so I plan on working at a dental office after graduation.

Luis Mitchel Brown..... Do online classes and then take over my dad's business when he retire. But not do college right away.

Lynsie Joy Brown..... Attend ASU in the fall to get a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education.

Dustin Jacob Bryan..... Study something at BYU.

Kerry Lee Buckmaster..... Attend Ventura College to play football and study business.

Samantha Nicole Burns..... Attend WSU for eight years to earn a degree in Vet. Medicine.

Tristan Lloyd Busker..... Attend the Naval Academy in Menneapolis, Maine. Obtain a masters in Nuclear Engineering and live long and prosper with my spouse.

Tyler Henry Carl..... Attend GBC.

Gabriela Castaneda..... Attend TMCC to get my associate degree in Culinary Arts.

Sergio Castaneda..... Attend UNR and obtain a degree in Mining Engineering. Then come back to work for a mine and give back to my community.

Vanessa Castaneda..... Move to Reno, complete the basics at TMCC then transfer to UNR and get a bachelors in Human Resources, focusing on youth services.

Ivan Jose Castellanos Jr..... Go play football at Rocky Mountain College.

Alexis Gene Coleman..... Going to College in Idaho. Hopefully major in Agribusiness or Veterinary Medicine.

Carlos Jose Collazo..... Go to community college in Reno to get my basics and Associates degree, then transfer to a university to get my bachelors in Nursing and a minor in Spanish.

Harlie Anne Coney..... Music Education Major at BSU.

Jarrin Winfield Conn..... Go to GBC and become an electrician.

Calvin William Connors..... Attend EOU to play football and get a degree in Education.

Khyra Michelle Cooley..... Traveling to Egypt to see family and learn more of the language



and culture.

Alyxia Christine Corley..... Move out of Winnemucca, go to a community college for a year, attend the Art Institute and become a game artist.

Jennifer Covarrubias..... Continue my study and attend a community school.

Patrick Joseba Criswell..... Go to Cal Poly and hopefully make some money.

Amaya Jean Davis..... Have a great summer with my friends, then go to UNR and study Civil Engineering.

Chance Gentry Davis..... I plan to go on my mission for two years then attend college.

Christian Dean Dawson..... Attending UNR to major in environmental science.

Courtney L. Decker..... Going to college to pursue my dream career as a dental hygienist.

Daisy Diaz..... Go to college, work and enjoy life.

Giovani Diaz..... Go to TMCC and get an associates in Culinary Arts.

Jasmine Diaz..... Attend UNR to become a Registered Nurse.

Maria Esther Diaz..... Cosmotology School in Idaho.

Maeve Margaret Donovan... I'll be attending the University of San Francisco in the fall and trying to survive by myself in a big city. Maybe I'll get a law degree, maybe I'll quit and travel the world.

Rebekah Jordan Dorris..... Attend UVU with a major in graphic design and a minor in Peace and Justice studies. Then change the world.

Alondra Iatzyri Duenas..... Go to GBC for two years to get my basics, go to a different college to finish my career to be a social worker.

Nathan Dean Eldodt..... Have a fun summer then attend ASU to study Finance and have fun in the sun.

Sarah Elizabeth Ennes..... Playing Alto Saxophone for the Siskiyou Saxophone Orchestra at SOU and majoring in music performance.

Karen Andrea Esparza..... I'm going to move to NYC and attend NYU. I plan to major in English & Literature and hope to work in the publishing field. And eventually move to London.

Jasmin Esquibel..... Go to college to become an elementary teacher.

Sam Evans..... Move to Boise, Idaho in December and attend community college for basics and associates degree. Attend business school after.

Nathan Fitzpatrick..... Join the Navy but still keep in touch with the guys.

Karina Flores..... Study for a career in Human Services, volunteer internationally, work hard to change the lives of others and live happily!

Erik Michael Francis..... Move to California and pursue music while simultaneously surfing/living my life away.

Elijah Jonehaus Frei..... I am going to go to college in California to play football and get a degree in business.

Jessica Marie Frost..... Go sky diving and land on a boat then start college next semester.

Jolyn Garcia..... Become a Physical Therapist and enjoy this wonderful journey. :]

Bridgette Marie Gilboy..... Major in criminology, minor in psychology, attend UNLV law school to become a criminal prosecuting attorney.

Sierra Dawn Gleason..... Move to Oregon and go to school for cosmetology.

Ryan Michael Godinez..... Attend GBC and obtain my associates in Electrical Systems Technology.

Hayley Goldblatt..... I'm going to ENMU where I will be double majoring in biology and forensic sciences. After that I will hopefully be working as a researcher in a pharmaceutical company.

Diana Estefany Gomez..... Attend TMCC and study to become a Vet tech.

Vanessa Gomez..... Get wings and fly close to the sun, like Icarus.

Ashley Nicole Gonzalez..... To be happy!

Maria Gonzalez..... Work for the summer then start cosmetology school in the fall.

Stephanie Kay Goss..... Stay home for a year attend GBC during that time and when the year is up I will join the Air Force to continue college in Diagnostics Radiology.

Ethan Ryder Gray..... Moving to Hawaii and playing college golf for BYU-Hawaii, living the dream.

Dylan James Gregg..... Going to California to do seasonal work and then go to college for business and accounting.

Nathan Chester Hales..... Go on my LDS mission for two years and when I return home I plan on attending USU.

Troy Keeton Hardy..... Move to Reno attend TMCC for two years transfer to UNR then graduate with a Bachelor degree in Geology.

Monique Rochelle Harris..... Go to WNC for a two year nursing program then move to Seattle to attend Nursing school at UW.

Lindsay Gail Hatler..... Work over the summer and hopefully go to college.

Hannah Louise Haun..... Become a kindergarten teacher.

Kandyce Renette Hayden..... Go to college and finish ECE career and get a degree on ECE.

Hailey Erin Hayes..... Go to college and do things I enjoy.

Jasmyne Herrera..... Attend GBC for Associates degree in Applied Sciences then attend Unr for 6-8 more years to become an Equine Veterinarian.

Julian Gallarzo Herrera..... Stay in town for a year and work, save some money and go to college for a degree of Diesel Mechanics.

Ereanna Nicole Higbee..... Attend SWOCC and play softball for them.

Christian Michael Hotz..... Move to Elko and get my Associates in Diesel Mechanics and work out at the mines.

Jacob William Jakich..... Pursue my dreams as a welder, eventually get certified.

Jessica Marie Jensen..... Working on the ambulance this summer, leave for USU, study Biology then eventually Pre-Med.





Class of 2014 - Plans for your future...

Melissa Jimenez..... Attend GBC in the fall to get my assistant nurse certification. Once I am done here, I will go to Elko to get my associates in Nursing.

Coal Thomas Johnson..... Further my education at UNR, I want to study business.

Jedediah Johnson..... Attend UNR and figure out what I want with life.

Tytin Lee Johnson..... Get my degree in Business Management with an emphasis in accounting. Hopefully continue my athletic career to the collegiate level.

Joshua David Jones..... Become a welder either through the army or college.

Drake Travis Kavanaugh..... Going either to the Air Force for four years and study criminal justice or go to college, get my bachelors degree and then become a police officer.

Kelsey Elizabeth Killpack... GBC- I'm going into the criminal justice field to be a paralegal lawyer.

Christopher Kitras..... Software/Hardware Engineer

Jacob Laurance Klassen..... Move to Las Vegas or Reno and get the Associates of Science. Within two years I plan to get my paramedic certification.

Phimphisut Kringkarthok... I am going to enjoy my last summer with my friends and family. Then I will be going to the Air Force base in August.

Colton Michael Lacy..... Go to elko and become a mechanic for the mine then buy a ranch someday.

Shailey Kay Lara..... Attend Veterinary School at TMCC and also start part-time school for body piercing professionally.

Taylor Dawn LaTray..... Attend BSU, double majoring in Sports Medicine and Physical Therapy to become an athletic trainer.

Thomas Larabee..... Go to college and after that work at a tattoo shop.

Tanner Troy Lecumberry..... Attend CSU and seek a business degree with a minor in psychology.

Wyatt Michael Lester..... Go out in to the world and if I face any problems, I'll just keep swimming.

Carissa Pearl Lininger..... Move to Boise to go to school and become a dental hygienist.

Jack Randall Logan..... Attend Cuesta Community College and college rodeo.

Kelsey Ann Lombardi..... Go to GBC to get my associates degree in Radiology.

Alondra Rubi Lopez..... Get a job to help pay for my college then just start college in fall.

Jason Rodrigo Lopez..... Go to UTI and learn to custom paint and build low riders.

Jazmin Sarahi Lopez..... Go to beauty school and open a salon.

McKenzie Maddox..... Go to UNR then medical school and become a forensic pathologist.

Giovanni Madrid..... Attend GBC in Elko and obtain my Associates in the Science of Diesel Technology and become a Diesel Mechanic.

Andrew Steven Madrid..... Work at the movie theater.

Dain Robert Maher..... Attend BYU and Stanford and go into Aerospace engineering.

Anthony Charles Manzo..... Attend UTI in Sacramento, California.

Alec Justin Mayo..... Go to college and get my Brew Master's degree.

Christopher Mendoza..... Attend UNR and pursue a Bachelor's of Science in Biology.

George Mendoza..... Pursue a career in law enforcement.

Jose Alberto Mendoza..... Attend TMCC, get a few degrees and party like a ROCKSTAR!

Laura Irene Mendoza..... Stay here and get my basics at GBC and transfer to either Reno or Elko to study and become a Pediatrician or Pediatric nurse.

Nataly Mendoza..... Going to cosmetology school in Orem, Utah to obtain my cosmetology license.

Lane Austin Mentaberry..... Attend BSU and find a way to get paid for doing something I enjoy. Whatever that may be.

Damon Michael Miller..... Going to GBC in Elko for the Industrial Millwright Technology program, then work at the mines.

Tytus Jade Millikan..... SWAG.

Marcus Anfermee Molina..... Going to be a grandma's boy and live with her in Reno and attend TMCC.

Savannah May Montero..... Attend NMSU, receive a degree in film and be on the rodeo team as well. I later plan to get my masters at USC.

McKenzie Moore..... Take my CNA course, work as a CNA for a few years then go to Nursing school and become the most awesome OB nurse ever!

Lillian Diller Moravec..... Move to Seattle to study Ethno Botany. Live in my hippie van, wear a flower crown and wait for Chuck Norris.

Erika Michelle Mowrer..... Going to work for the summer and begin my degree in Geology and GBC.

Jaece Ryne Munger..... Going to college to study criminal justice.

Aaron John Nelson..... Go to UNR and get a bachelors of Science degree in Civil Engineering.

Nathan James Nelson..... Attend UVU and major in Geomatics.

Renee Lynne Nelson..... Cosmetology School.

Bethany E Nichols..... I was going to become a model, but now I think I might join the Marines. I'm one step closer, one step away.

Teesha Ann Nielson..... Attend Black Hills State University in SD and study graphic design and communications.

Brandon Warren Okuma..... Attend UNR and then travel.

Carla Olivera-Ramirez..... Work really hard to save up money for college.

Caitlin Meta Orr..... Move to Wyoming and go to a community college for two years and then transfer to a University in SLCC.

Matt Karl Ourada..... Go to GBC and get my electrical certificate to go be an electrician



somewhere.

Mallory Rachel Padilla..... Going to paramedic school and then maybe become a teacher. A history teacher/paramedic would be pretty cool.

Braxton Paulsen..... Stay and work for a couple years, head to college as a diesel technician, graduate, and work a comfortable \$50 an hour.

Norma Angelica Perez..... Go to the School of Medicine at UNR to study Neurology and become a Neurologist plus receive a minor in French.

James Raymond Perkinson... Apply for an art college for a Game Art and Design education, then apply for a job in one of the big game companies.

Eduardo Israel Pizano..... Start working before I go off to college.

Garrett Lee Plumb..... Attend the Roberto-Venn school of Luthiery and become a Musical Instrument designer and builder.

Joseph Anthony Postorino... Air Force.

Julia Kay Price..... Live life to the fullest, like Walter White.

Chalene Carolyn Quinn..... Attend UNR, learn stuff and graduate.

Nani Vanessa Ramirez..... Going to UNR to study neurology and French and study abroad my sophomore year in Europe.

Jorden Ashley Raynor..... Going to BSU to become a dentist.

Alyson Katherine Reamy..... Go in the Navy on June 25. I'm going to be a Cryptologic Technician Interpretive (a linguist). One day I'm going to be in the FBI!

Alex Joseph Roark..... Attend UNR where I will be majoring in Accounting and Finance and I will find a way to keep on playing soccer.

Ramon Lopez Rodriguez..... Study diesel mechanics either in Elko at GBC or TMCC in Reno.

Yadira Rodriguez..... Going to the National Guard and going to UVU to study to be a Social Worker.

Oscar Fernando Rosas..... Enlist in the U.S. Army and attempt to get a job in mental health.

Alma Rosas..... Start working and go to GBC. In about 4-5 years I will move out of Winnemucca to a city.

Wade Martin Rose..... Attend GBC to get my associates in Agriculture, transfer to USU to continue my education.

Ryan Jacob Rousseau..... Not really sure. Just going to go with the flow, I'll have a plan later.

Carina Cervantes-Ruiz..... College for psychology.

Tyler James Sadler Riddle.... Attend GBC, get into the mining industries.

Jacob Henry Schmidt..... Go to the Navy, get G.I. Bill, study at Lassen County Community College for gunsmithing, become a gunsmith.

Taylor Justine Schwartz..... Attend UNR to study civil engineering and hopefully become a successful person.

Amanda Icle Scott..... Go to UNR for 2 years then transfer to MSU and get masters in medical lab technician.

Ryley Anne Scott..... Go to UNR for the Pre-Vet program, go on to Vet school in Washington and become an Equine Veterinarian living in Idaho.

Joshua Connor Shaver..... Go to UMW and play football. I'm undecided of my major.

Tanner Brae Shearer..... Rodeo with my dad until March.

Rachel Ann Sigurdson..... Go to Cal Poly and major in Biomedical Engineering.

Kaley Marie Silva..... Attend Millian School to study to become a dental assistant. After a few years I will improve my knowledge in the dental industry.

John Wesley Slaton..... Attend Le Cordon Bleu Portland and open my own restaurant.

Abigail Anne Smith..... Work until I can go back to school. Get married and live happily ever after.

Derrick Wade Smith..... Work at a mine.

Bertha Liliana Solis..... Go to South Western Oregon Community College for the first two years for my basics then transfer to Oregon State to study nursing

Homero Efrain Solorio..... Move to California and get a job there where my family works and live a good life.

Robert Patrick Stepper..... Have a cool summer, then attend Montana Tech and receive a degree in metallurgical engineering.

Shyllise Cione Tarafa..... Go to college at Montana State and study psychology.

Jeremiah Michael Teichert.... Going a semester at BYU-I in september after which I will serve a two year mission.

Wyatt William Tiffany..... Move to Alaska and live life to the fullest.

Jessica Trigueros..... Live life and be happy.

Caesar Vaca..... Starting revolutionary movements and protests on subjects I feel should be changed in our country and the world.

Omar Valdez..... Go to college and become a Personal Trainer.

Casey Marie VanDerVeen... Follow the EMT ladder until I'm a paramedic.

Cristal Alicia Venzor..... Major in Agricultural Education at the University of Idaho.

Alison Rose Walker..... Going to college at BYU-I. Plan on finishing school before having a family.

Kyle Brent Wardell..... Work at Newmont.

Joshua L Watterson..... Go to Ventura College to play basketball and get an education.

Levi Little Whittaker..... Attend UNR, major in Criminal Justice and become a police officer to make the world a better place.

Logan Raye Wolfsteller..... Focus on work and graduating college.

Chloe Elizabeth Yates..... Attend UNR in the fall and earn a degree in business.

Roland Louis Zimmerman... Get out of Winnemucca.

Edgar Fernando Zolorio..... I plan to work and then head to UTI.





The class of 2013; Where are they now?

By JESSIE SCHIRRICK

Each graduating class leaves their mark on this school in their own way, and the class of 2013 was no different. A majority of those students were extremely talented, bright, and athletic. These wonderful young adults took their abilities to new and exciting heights once they left high school. Let's take a look at where they've been, where they are, and where they're going.

Michael Billingsley was a 4-time wrestling state champ when he graduated last year. Not surprisingly his success in the sport has gone well beyond high school. Billingsley received a full scholarship from the U.S. Air Force Prep Academy in



Michael Billingsley./ Courtesy • Winnada

Colorado Springs, Colorado to wrestle for their team. He plans on becoming an NCAA All-American for the sport. Billingsley plans on being enrolled for more four years and studying behavioral science.

Billingsley isn't the only one that joined the Air Force, Jeremiah Maestrejuan is also enlisted in Fall of 2013.

"I've always had a slight interest in the military. I heard a lot of great things about the Air Force so I looked into it and the benefits of joining were really great. I'm serving our country which is satisfying in



Jeremiah Maestrejuan./Courtesy • Winnada

its own, as well as receiving an education that isn't coming directly out of my pocket. Part of the benefits I mentioned earlier is receiving either the Post 9/11 G.I. Bill, the Montgomery G.I. Bill, or both, which both help pay for schooling. Everything seemed to be heading in the right direction so I pursued it," said Maestrejuan.

Maestrejuan is currently an Airman Basic and is stationed at the Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, TX. As part of his job he inspects aircraft and ensures that is safe and mechanically sound. Maestrejuan enlisted for four years, after which he might just enlist again.

One graduate followed her academic abilities all the way across the country. Sarah Gillespie graduated Lowry with a 3.9 GPA and it appears that all that hard work paid off as she is cur-

rently enrolled in school at Penn State Abington, a commonwealth campus of the Pennsylvania State University. Gillespie currently maintains a 3.6 GPA and is majoring in social psychology.



Sarah Gillespie./ Courtesy • Winnada

Denise Ruiz is also pursuing a career in the medical field. She is currently employed at Dr. Debonis' and Dr. Swensen's dental office as a dental assistant in Winnemucca.

"I would like to become a hygienist, and I wanted to see what working in the dental field would be like and to see if it would be a career I'm interested in. I love it, it's a big responsibility and I gain more knowledge about the field everyday," said Ruiz.



Heard in The Halls

By Dani Ricker

Hey there, Lowry. I'm here once again to talk all about the random stuff I hear through out my day just walking in between classes. So sit back and enjoy the read.

So I was walking down the hallway and this kid said, "Why is fruit even a thing? Like, I'm pretty sure I



could survive on donuts and chocolate covered strawberries my entire life."

One, strawberries are a fruit. And two, people like you are the reason Americans are obese.

"Why can't a bike stand on its own? ... It was two tired!" Haha get it? Because a bike has two tires. That was a good one, I like you kid.

"Are you kidding me? C'mon man, I wore cute underwear for this." Hey man, don't feel bad. Every day

should be a cute underwear day anyway.

"I don't know how to math!" Dude, I say this to myself every day of my life. Except for weekends because nobody does math on the weekend; unless you're weird. Then we probably can't be friends, because people who willingly do math on weekends make me uncomfortable.

"Lol. I don't even remember the last time I showered." There is so much wrong with that sentence, I don't even know where to begin.

First, "Lol" is not a word. Why don't you just laugh? That literally means "laugh out loud". So laugh. That's the equivalent to saying "laugh laugh laugh" rather than just laughing!

Second, if you don't shower at least every other day, we can't be friends. You should shower every day, but if you're one of those every other day types, I can understand.

Seriously, you're like that kid that said he doesn't brush his teeth. It's gross. Just do it.

But hey, that's Lowry for you. It's

been one heck of the year. I never realized the interesting things that were said in the halls until this year.

It's definitely taught me a lesson.

So don't forget to open your ears and listen while you're walking through the halls. You might just learn a thing or two.

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SENIOR VOICES

By Taylor Latray

What are you most looking forward to in life after high school?



"Making music."
~ Eric Brooks



"Just doing whatever I want and just enjoying my life."
~ Sierra Gleason



"Starting over fresh and experiencing all the great things the world has to offer."
~ Vanessa Castaneda



"Being able to attend college and live with my best friend, my sister."
~ Hannah Haun



WHEN SENIORS WERE BORN

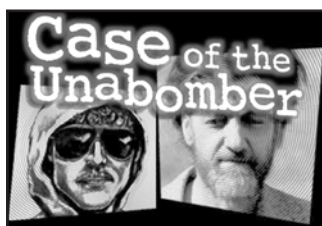
By Brody Goucher

The majority of seniors were born in 1995 or 1996, but most don't even know what major events occurred during this time in the 90s.

Prices were a lot cheaper in the 90s, can you imagine gas only being \$1.15 per gallon again, or what about going to the movie for only \$4.35? Today gas prices are \$3.65 per gallon and movie tickets are over \$8.00.

1995 was a good year for films as well with films like "Batman Forever", "Pocahontas", "GoldenEye", "Casper", "Jumanji" and "Brave Heart."

The music industry was booming during '95 and '96, Mariah Carey was majorly popular and pop was on the rise. The number one song in the country was the "Macarena", sang by Los Del Rio, and the number one album was "Freash Horses" by Garth Brooks. LeAnn Rimes won a Grammy for best new actress; best male vocalist went to Eric Clapton and the best female vocalist went to Toni Braxton.



Many major events occurred in 1995 and 1996; one



Former President Bill Clinton speaks at the 2012 Democratic National Convention. /Harry E. Walker • MCT

the city of Kobe, Japan at 5:46PM and took the lives of 6,434 people, measuring a 7.3 on the Richter scale.

1995 also marked the year that the "Unabomber" was apprehended because his sibling recognized his handwriting and beliefs in Ted Kaczynski's Manifesto, which led to his arrest. Kaczynski was a child prodigy and was accepted into Harvard at the age of 16 where he earned an undergraduate degree.

On July 16, 1995, one of the largest multinational internet corporations was born, known as Yahoo; its founders were Jerry Yang and David Filo. Over seven hundred million people visit Yahoo every month which is more than even Google can boast.

1995 was also a great year for sports;

of the largest earthquakes in the 1990s occurred in 1995, the earthquake was known as the Great Hanshin Earthquake and it struck

the San Francisco 49ers won the Super Bowl against the San Diego Chargers 49-26. The 49ers were led by quarterback Steve Young who threw for six touchdowns in the game and 325 yards. The NBA Championship was won by the Houston Rockets who were led by Hakeem Olajuwon; the Rockets faced off against the Orlando Magic, led by Shaquille O'Neal. The hype was all on the two centers to out perform the other and in the end Olajuwon came out on top winning the series in a 4-0 sweep.

1995 was a great year for sports, technology, movies, entertainment and prices of all types. The 90s are famed and anyone born near the turn of the century is lucky to be apart of such a cultured time in America's history.



A gas station sign shows a time when gas was \$1.29 a gallon. /J. Mark Kegans Dallas Morning News/MCT



WAYS TO HAVE A 'PHINEAS & FERB' SUMMER

By Aimee Brandon

There's [approximately] 101 days of summer vacation and school comes along just to end it, so the annual problem of our generation is finding a good way to spend it," stated perfectly in the Phineas and Ferb title sequence. What to do this summer may be the question on minds, to answer that, here are some ideas.

Read some good books, the library has a summer reading program that could provide some inspiration, sitting outside getting a tan or on dark, rainy, days cuddle up to a good book. Also for cold summer days watch movies, old movies, new movies, see the Summer Movies story in AE to see what's coming to theaters this summer. Attend concerts, for big spenders there are concerts in Reno and even Las Vegas and a Chris Young concert at the Winnemucca Event Center on August 30, but for the typical broke high school kid there are concerts at The Martin, in parks, and all throughout Winnemucca at inexpensive prices or for free. Body's of water, it is obvious that there is an absence of water in Winnemucca, although just a long seven hour drive is the beautiful beaches of the Pacific Ocean. Winnemucca also has an outdoor pool, Sage Heights Pool, or and indoor pool for those missing a desire for sun, the Bode Howard Memorial Pool.

Summer is also a great time to eat alot because you are not forced to go to school, you can hide in your house stuffing you face with food, so try new things that you wouldn't normally eat.

If you find some good food you can make it for the party you will have; food, friends, music, and nothing illegal, after all we have a reputation to uphold Lowry. After partying all night you can go off on an adventure, Water Canyon, for example, is said to be a lovely place to hang out. You can take majestic pictures with friends and post them all over social media and as in gets dark and cold start a fire, roast some marshmallows, eat some chocolate, and take some more pictures.

For the smarty pants do your summer homework or burn it. And for the athletes, there are sport camps all over, Lowry usually holds a few camps and

most universities have sport camps. Again with friends, you have an option of playing sports, there are lots of fields around Winnemucca that you can use. If you were to do all the things in this article, you could end up, happy, in good physical shape, and smart. And do you know who likes smart, happy, physically attractive people? Hot foreign swimsuit models, so to wrap up your summer by marrying one, or just date one, your choice. If all else fails this summer stay in your bed, eat food, and go on social media sites where others will be posting pictures of all their joyful adventures, best of luck to you this summer.

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What you might have missed this year in Lowry sports

By Weston Irons

Football

Once again football had a successful season and made it into the league semi-finals in Division I-A. The team was phenomenal during the regular season and with an 8-1 record they were on top of Division I-A North. The team unfortunately fell short of the State championship but had an incredible year nevertheless. The team was comprised of many seniors this year and many of which will go on to play football at collegiate level. Calvin Connors will move on to play for Eastern Oregon University. Ivan Castellanos will be heading north to play football for Rocky Moutain College in Montana. Josh Shaver will also be going to Montana to play for the University of Montana Western. Finally, Kerry Buckmaster will be playing for and attending Ventura Community college.



Beau Billingsley (5) / Justin Albright • The Brand

Girls Soccer

After losing a handful of seniors last season, the

Girls soccer team was mostly made up of juniors and sophomores along with three seniors and a couple freshmen. Despite being a young team and losing many starters from last year, that didn't stop them from competing with the top teams in the league. Although they did not make the playoffs it was truly a productive year and they will be a team to look for in the future.



Maddie Mayo (R) / Jolyn Garcia • The Brand

Girls Golf

The Bucks dominated play this season, and had an even better state finish than last year. The team was unchallenged during the regular season and finished first in eight out of the nine tournaments they attended. They then went on to win finish



Chris Barta (L) scores a goal / Jolyn Garcia • The Brand

third in state. Next year the team is looking for the first place spot in the state tournament, and will have several of their skilled golfers back.

Boys Soccer

Coming into the season, the Bucks were aiming to make a deep playoff run and possibly even bring home a state championship. Unfortunately, the team did not meet those goals but did accomplish a lot during the three month long season. The team scored a team total of 99 goals which is an insane amount considering the amount of games played. Nearly every player on the team had at least one goal to their name. Striker Carlos Aguilar broke his own record for a second time in two seasons for amount of goals in a season. Aguilar will move on to play in college. Seven seniors played their final game for Lowry.

Cross Country

The focus for the cross country team this year was to increase work ethic and strengthen bonds with each other. The team did exactly that and gave it their all and

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Where are they going?

By AIMEE BRANDON

If you enjoyed watching the 2014 seniors play sports you can continue following them as they go on to play sports for a college team.

Calvin Connors played football, basketball, and baseball at Lowry. In football Connors assisted in leading the team to a 10-2 season, he will be attending Eastern Oregon University and playing



Josh Watterson (55) / Staff • The Brand

for the Mountaineers football team. He is receiving a scholarship through EOU football and will begin preparing for the upcoming season on August 8. Connors is enthusiastic to play college football.

"I feel very fortunate to have the opportunity to play football for the next few years," said Connors.

Ivan Castellanos also played football for Lowry. He will continue his foot-

ball career at Rocky Mountain College, and is receiving a scholarship from the school. Castellanos will head to Montana before the season begins on August 6.

Josh Shaver will be playing football in Montana at the University of Montana Western. He is going to be attending school there with a scholarship and will begin his college life in August.

Kerry Buckmaster, also a football player, is going to be playing football at Ventura Community College and will begin prep for his season in July. Buckmaster is preparing to play football by working out daily.

"I'm ready to play at the next level. I work out two hours a day and commit myself to the weight room," said Buckmaster.



Josh Shaver catches a pass / Justin Albright • The Brand

Also attending Ventura Community College is Josh Watterson, but he will be playing basketball. His preparation for the season will also begin in July. During Lowry's 2013-14 basketball season Watterson scored 353 points, had 84 offensive rebounds and 125 defensive rebounds.

Carlos Aguilar will be playing soccer for Southwestern Oregon Community College, he is receiving a scholarship and will head to Oregon to train on August 15.

Ereanna Higbee played varsity volleyball and softball at Lowry and will, like Aguilar, be going on to Southwestern Oregon Community College to be part of the softball program. Lowry softball ended the 2014 season with 21-10 record.

Tylin Johnson will be attending Lassen Community College and playing both baseball and wrestling for the Cougars. Johnson aspires to move up to a four year college.

"I'm planning to compete well

enough to move on to a four year college," said Johnson. Because Johnson is doing two sports he will have double the training.

"Baseball will begin in the spring, but the coach has practice throughout the fall and winter so I will be doing two a day. The wrestling season begins in August," said Johnson.

Johnson has been preparing mentally and physically for college athletics but feels the parental support and coaching throughout the years helped him the most. Johnson is both nervous and excited to be moving up to the next level.

"I am extremely nervous because my schedule will be hard to manage and I'm moving to a new place where I don't know anyone. I'm coming into Lassen looking to make a name for myself and put myself out there," said Johnson.



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Athlete of the Year: Calvin Connors

By Tanner Lecumberry

Since he was young, Calvin has been striving to dominate athletically. As one of the best athletes Lowry has seen in recent memory, Calvin has proven himself over and over, and it's because of his work ethic.

"I want to be the best in everything I do, and I know I can't get there without working harder than the next person," said Connors.

Calvin's favorite sport is football, where his talent and hard work pays off. In his senior year, he earned MVP honors for both the North, and the entire state of Nevada. He plans to attend Eastern Oregon University next fall to play foot-

ball, and looks forward to playing at a higher level.

"Not everyone gets the opportunity to play college sports. I'm excited to go play with a great group of guys, and it's going to be a lot of fun," said Calvin.

Calvin owes his success to his parents, Tim and Debbie Connors, coaches Cabatbat and Lucas, and also to Jace Billingsley, a former Lowry athlete who also plays football at EOU.

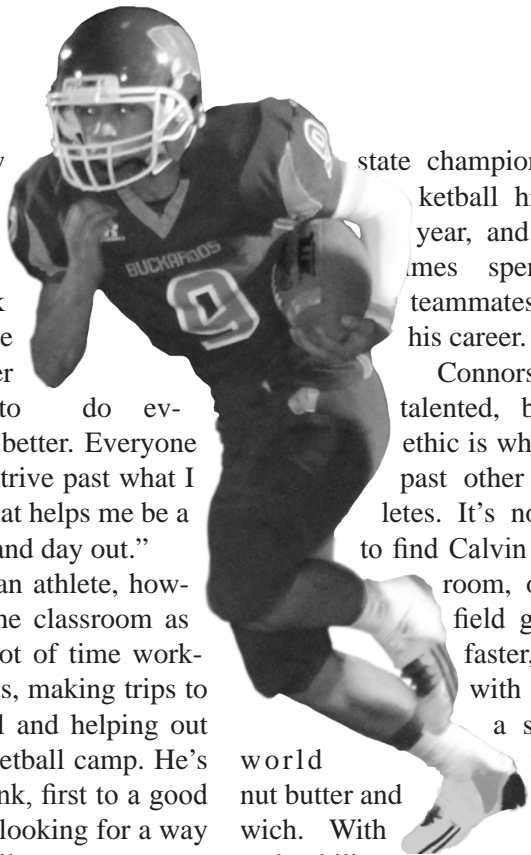
"Both my parents played college sports, and I want to fill their shoes. My dad played college football, and he's such an inspiration because of how hard he works, and how positive he

stays no matter how negative the circumstances."

"Jace is the definition of hard work and dedication, and he pushes me to be better every day. I want to do everything he did, but better. Everyone always helps me to strive past what I think I can do, and that helps me be a better athlete day in and day out."

Calvin isn't just an athlete, however. He works in the classroom as well, and spends a lot of time working with younger kids, making trips to the Grammar School and helping out with the Lowry basketball camp. He's the first to pull a prank, first to a good laugh, and is always looking for a way to make someone smile.

His favorite memory is winning a



state championship in basketball his sophomore year, and all the good times spent with his teammates throughout his career.

Connors is incredibly talented, but his work ethic is what pushes him past other talented athletes. It's not uncommon to find Calvin in the weight room, or out on the field getting bigger, faster, and stronger, with nothing but a smile and his famous peanut butter and jelly sandwich. With his mindset and ability, we can expect big things from Calvin Connors.



Athlete of the Year: Taylor Schwartz

By Justin Albright

Since Taylor Schwartz was a little kid, sports have been her life, whether it was cheering on the boy's basketball team when they won state in 2002, being the manager to the girl's state championship in 2010 and winning a state championship herself this year. Taylor comes from an athletic family where success in sports is common.

She has been around the Lowry program her whole life and has had success in sports since the day she first started playing. She has been a bright star in both basketball and softball, and has excelled in both sports throughout high school. In her time over the last four years, she has advice for students going through time at Lowry.

"I'd say try to learn something new

every day, you're getting a free education so take advantage of it. Also, I'd like to recommend getting involved, people who have nothing to do tend to get into trouble," said Schwartz.

If Taylor had to choose between basketball and softball, she wouldn't be able to decide because she loves them both equally, because she's been around both of those sports her whole life.

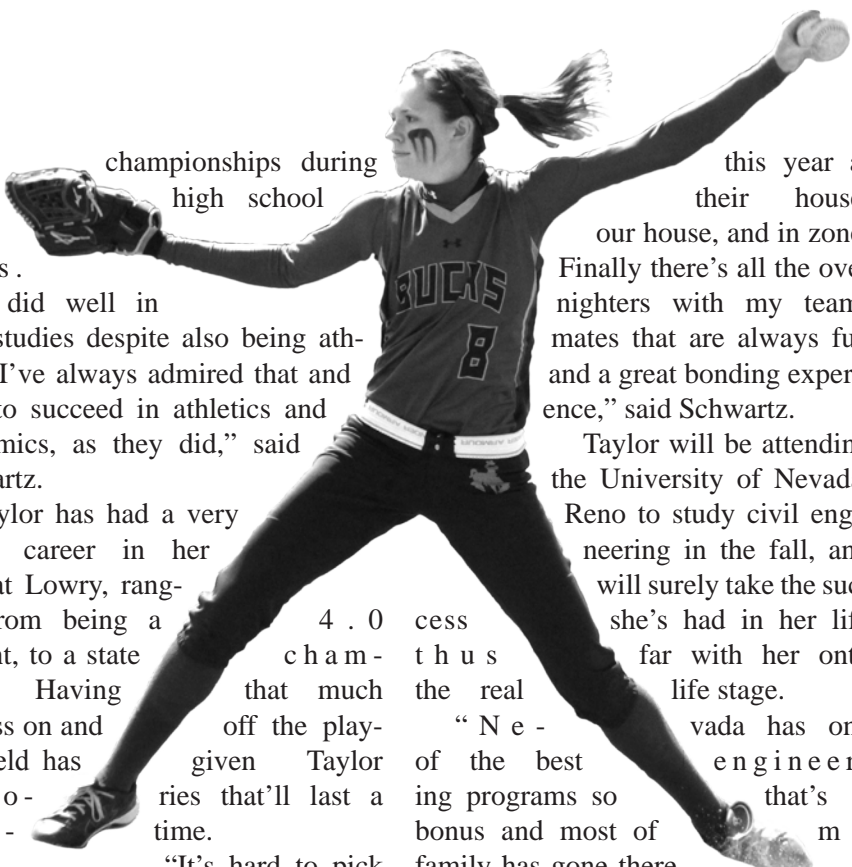
Her role models are her parents, Dave Schwartz and Katy Schwartz. They have supported her since the day she was born, and have gone to every event possible. Dave taught Taylor how to play basketball and he would always help her work on her game.

"My parents were both great high school athletes and they both won state

championships during their high school careers. They did well in their studies despite also being athletes. I've always admired that and tried to succeed in athletics and academics, as they did," said Schwartz.

Taylor has had a very bright career in her time at Lowry, ranging from being a student, to a state champion. Having that much success on and off the playing field has given Taylor memories that'll last a lifetime.

"It's hard to pick just one but of course I have to mention winning state in basketball this year, that will be something I never forget; also when we beat Spring Creek



this year at their house, our house, and in zone. Finally there's all the overnights with my teammates that are always fun and a great bonding experience," said Schwartz.

Taylor will be attending the University of Nevada, Reno to study civil engineering in the fall, and will surely take the success she's had in her life far with her onto the next life stage. "Nevada has one of the best engineering programs so that's a bonus and most of my family has gone there. Even though it wasn't my first choice I'm still excited to go to UNR, I'm sure it'll be a great school," said Schwartz.



Athlete of the Year: Shaun Murgel

By Melanie Ryneerson

Coaching is not just teaching kids about a sport, it's interacting with them, watching them grow as an athlete, being there when they need help and pushing them to their breaking point, and this year the coach who understands this best is coach Shaun Murgel. "He always makes sure to motivate all of the athletes and makes sure we do our events and makes sure we try our hardest," said freshman Devin Dowd. Murgel coaches varsity football and track, and he used to coach girls freshman basketball. "He always pushes you to be the best athlete you can be and he always has a positive

attitude and gives constructive criticism," said junior Dani Ricker. He tries to make practices as fun as possible, even though there can be a lot of repetitiveness in trying to get the play perfect or take time off your best run. "I decided to become a coach because of a guy named Marty Kloker. He coached me in junior high track and was my line coach when I was in high school. He has been coaching for over thirty years but he was a positive role model and I wanted to be a role model for kids like he was," said Murgel. Murgel has been coaching for nineteen years, football for all nine-

teen, track and field for fifteen, and girls basketball for seven. "I have so many great memories since I have been here. In basketball it was playing in the Reno tournament one year and beating all the favorite teams with a bunch of hard working girls and going down swinging in the championship game by one point. In football it had to be going to Fallon this year and listening to them talk about how good they were and shutting them down and holding them to 14 points when they were averaging over 50 per game. To see our kids out hit them and play aggressive was a good day," said Murgel.



Coach Shaun Murgel at a football game./ Carly Bell • The Brand

Year in Sports

more at every track meet in order to finish ahead of the competition. The Most Valuable Runner's this season were seniors Richie Bleck and Alondra Duenas.

Volleyball

The volleyball team had a fairly young team this year with six sophomores and was struggling at the beginning of the season, but came alive at the end in order to make it to the regional semi-finals. Under their new head coach Megan Allen (who was previously the JV coach) as well as the many good players the volleyball program has on the rise, the team will for sure be threatening in the upcoming years. The graduating seniors from the team are Ereanna Higbee, Carly Bell, Rachel Sigurdson, Allison Barron, and Charlotte Bernard.



Juliana Velasco (5)/Karen Esparza • The Brand

Boys Basketball

With many returning players, the team was a force to be reckoned with, and not even the top Division I teams could compete with this year's team. With one of the best Basketball teams Lowry has ever seen, the Bucks demolished most opponents during the regular season. The team even had an intense 46-41 win over other top ranked team, Elko, at home this year. Josh Watterson was player of the year in Division I-A and made All-State first team while Calvin Connors and Garret Naveran made All-State second team. Watterson will go on to play at a collegiate level. Despite losing a majority of the Varsity team, the Basketball program has many young players moving on to get better to carry on the legacy of Lowry Basketball.



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Wrestling

For the sixth consecutive time, the Bucks have taken home another state championship. The Bucks also moved closer to breaking dual streak record after continuing it with 93 straight wins. Wrestling is an extremely difficult sport to be involved in and wrestlers have to make many sacrifices in order to be as good as they are. That is why we have one of the best wrestling programs nationally. Eleven wrestlers placed at state this year. Eric Brooks, Brandon Okuma, Beau Billingsley, and Luis Cardenas all took first in their weight class. Next season the Bucks will be after a seventh straight state title and will be inching even closer towards the dual streak record.



Jillian Albright defending// Staff • The Brand

Girls Basketball

This year's season was truly one for the ages and will be remembered by Lowry fans and athletes for a long time. Despite everyone's doubts, the Bucks strived on to get the state championship that they have been longing for and in the end the team did just that. It

is a perfect example of a Cinderella Story in sports. The team finished 13-3 in the league and first in the Division 1-A North. The Bucks had no trouble winning against Desert Pines in the semi-finals with a score of 50-20. The next day the Bucks defeated Boulder City 44-34 for the State title. Coach Chelsea Cabatbat received Coach of the Year and several players received individual awards. Taylor Schwartz and Rachel Sigurdson are the only seniors on the team who are graduating, so you can expect the team to be good again next season.

Track and Field

The team had a good variety of athletes, thus making them strong in all events and able to compete with top teams. In order to have a good track team you need to have a goal in mind, work hard day in and day out, and help your teammates to exceed their limitations. That is what this year's track and field team has done to get to where they are right now. If you would have seen the track team at ZONE this year (which was hosted here in Winnemucca) you would see how hard they work. Many athletes advanced to state and represented Lowry very well by placing in multiple events.



Brandon Okuma./Justin Albright • The Brand

Baseball

In order to be good at Baseball you have to do things over and over again, whether it is perfecting your swing, working on footwork while fielding, or fixing errors in your pitching wind up. This season the team had many players who have done those things to get where they. The team was filled with many experienced Baseball players who have been playing their entire life and it definitely shows when you watch the team play. Even though the Bucks did not advance into the playoffs, they had a great season, and the bonds within the team were unbreakable.

Softball

With nine returning players as well as two new sophomores, it was a sure sign that the team would once again have a great season. The team started off the season with a tournament in Sacramento and what better way to start off a season than to play against better competition. Since the preseason tournament the Bucks won game after game and at the end of the season had a solid 19-5



Allison Barron./Justin Albright • The Brand



Lowry is on top of Academics in the state of Nevada

By Justin Albright

As the 2013-2014 school year comes to an end, it's time to acknowledge how successful of a year it was for Lowry High School. The Buckaroos managed to muster up five academic state championships, by far the most in the state of Nevada.

The academic state championships just prove that Lowry is not only stellar athletes, but also stellar

students. The teams that claimed an academic state championship are as follows:

- Boys basketball
- Girls basketball
- Wrestling
- Boys Golf
- Girls track

Congratulations to all the athletes of these teams for not only being intelligent human beings, but for also being amazing athletes.

record. The team went to the regional tournament where its season unfortunately ended. On the bright side though, the team shared many victories together. The seniors that will be leaving the team are Jordan Raynor, Lexie Coleman, Ere Higbee, Taylor Schwartz, Allison Barron, and JaeCee Munger.



Tristen Waller./Justin Albright • The Brand

Swimming

The swim team had an outstanding year. The team had a big roster this year and all the swimmers worked hard day in and day out, whether it is at practice or on a meet day. Several swimmers qualified for state this season and then went on to perform well at state. Lowry had many swimmers placing which is very good considering the amount of swimmers in each event. The girls swim team finished in fifth place and the boys swim team finished 9th, tied with Fallon.

Boys Golf

Coming into the season the Bucks were looking to win their third consecutive state championship. Unfortunately they missed out on the state title but secured second. In a bizarre finish to the season the Bucks lead by 13 strokes after the first round, as expected. It was the second round when things went awry. The second round went on much longer than expected and golfers were playing in the dark. Golfers were unable to tee off and really couldn't see the ball. Therefore some golfers refused to play on because of this and Faith Lutheran took first. Things might have been different if not for the time of day.

The Bucks had a fantastic season nonetheless.

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Wyatt Lester: Performer of the Year

By *DANI RICKER*

Every year The Brand team chooses one student as Performer of the Year. This student is someone who stood out throughout the year while performing in something, whether it's art, music, or theater.

This year, the title is going to a drama student who won't easily be forgotten. Chosen as the 2014 Performer of the Year is senior, Wyatt Lester.

Lester has been in drama for two years, his junior and his senior year. He's been involved with Lowry swimming for three years now, and he was involved in other classes such as Art I, Crafts, the Brand, and Basic Guitar.

Lester started playing the guitar about four years ago. Even though he has only been swimming at Lowry for

three years, he says he's been able to professionally do the doggy paddle since day one.

Lester began his theater career the summer of his fifth grade year.

"My mom forced me. She said I had nothing better to do that summer," said Lester.

He has been involved in theater ever since.

"I think [Missoula Children's Theater] is the reason why I love acting so much."

It seems that after every play, Wyatt was one of everybody's favorite characters.

Lester possesses the quality to easily make anyone and everyone laugh.

Even his fellow drama members agree that Wyatt was the best pick for Performer of the Year.

"I don't know anyone else who would deserve it," said Alec Mayo. "I definitely think he's the best out of all of us."

Wyatt improved with every part, every character, and every play.

"His depth of character has widened," said drama director Corrine James. "He can take on an accent, he can be serious, he can be funny. He can have the whole gamma of emotion portrayed on the stage," she added.

James said her favorite perfor-

mance by Lester was, "of course, 'Dracula'."

"I feel great. Being chosen as Performer of the Year is a real honor, it's a big title. It has to be someone who can not only entertain, but please the people, and that can be hard to do," said Lester.

"He is the most inspirational out of all of us," said Mayo. "I think I can speak for everyone when I say we fed off his energy."

Wyatt was always able to make a bad situation better, especially on the stage.

"He carried everyone in drama on his back sometimes, when there wasn't a stage presence to be had, he made one," said Robert Stepper.

"He picked us up and made us all really good actors. You couldn't be a bad actor when Wyatt was on stage," added Stepper. "He was a big influence on us all. Without Wyatt, the class wouldn't have been the same."

Wyatt was far from 'all work no play'. He was able to get any job done, while making it fun.

"He was always ready to go. We had fun, but Wyatt brought the business side to class," said Mayo.



Wyatt Lester performing as Dracula./ Nico Espinola • The Brand

It became obvious that all that hard work paid off when Wyatt hit the stage.

He could move a crowd to tears. Whether it was because he created such a sad scene, or because he made the audience laugh so hard they couldn't help but tear up.

Braxton Paulsen, a member of the Stagecraft's team, said "I couldn't watch the plays, because I was backstage, but I could hear the laughs that he would create."

To say that Lester is a memorable character is an understatement.

Lester is definitely a special person. Someone who will not only be greatly missed, but someone who every future drama student will be compared to. He is leaving behind him a legacy that will never be forgotten.



Wyatt Lester receives the Best Drama Student award from Mrs. Corrine James./ Ron Espinola • The Brand



Advice to incoming Freshmen

By *TANNER LECUMBERRY*

As graduation grows nearer, seniors look forward to their future. High school is very nearly a thing of the past, and all the high school experience seniors have garnered is about to fly out of the window. I've decided to share some of that valuable experience with the underclassmen, unless they want to learn it the hard way.

"Always bring a pencil," said Calvin Connors. It seems like simple advice, but you'd be surprised at how many times you'll find yourself begging for a pencil from a classmate for a long day of notes. Actually, bring everything you need for a class. You don't want to be that guy who the teacher makes a joke out of because you didn't think it'd be important to bring a piece of paper to math class.

Get to know your teachers. As high school goes on, you'll start to see the things that different teachers want to see from you. The truth is some teachers are much more relaxed than others, and some are really worth going in after class just to talk with.

Don't feel intimidated by teachers either; it's all about respect, you give and you get.

Remember that high school is a very short time in your life. At first, it seems like it will drag on forever. I know it's a cliché, but when you're a senior you'll realize just how fast high school flew by you. There was life before high school, and there is surely life after high school. It's hard to see past graduation day, but believe me, the world is an enormous place and the things that happen in high school will not define your entire life. This is your time to learn, and have fun while you're still under your parent's wing. Soon, you're on your own, so live it up now.

The biggest thing about high school is to stay confident. People will always have time to tell you everything you do wrong, but that's not what's important. Don't let other people's opinions worm their way into your thoughts, because everyone in these halls is just as lost as you are. Do your thing, and people will appreciate that.

Overall, high school is easy. Remind yourself that it's short, and make the best of every chance you get to learn something new. It isn't about who's the coolest or who the best athlete is. High school is about preparing you for a big scary world, and the sooner you realize that, the better off you'll be.



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Jessie's Journal

BY JESSIE SCHIRRICK

did it. I ate the sour watermelon.

The only bad thing about instrumental songs is that you can't write down the lyrics.

I get really anxious about driving because it is a lot like a crazy math equation. You can only go sometimes, but sometimes you have to stop and even when you go you have to make sure someone else isn't going. How can anybody be expected to pay attention to all of those things at once? Also I'm having recurring dreams of terrible events happening while I'm driving.

I'm just grateful that there are actually people out there that feel bad enough for me to be my friend.

"Nothing lasts forever" is one of the phrases that can be really happy and really sad. Because that could mean that Communism can't last forever but that also means that puppies can't last forever.

Scrambled eggs are really just a bunch of miniature, misshapen omelets. Sometimes all I can think about is food. My brain is like scrambled eggs by this time of the year. I can't even think in a coherent manner I kind

of just blurt out random sentences and pray that I can last without having a breakdown.

China has got some weird stuff going. Like their obsession with Hello Kitty.

If you even try to say you don't like to talk about yourself you're lying. Everybody likes to talk about themselves even a little bit. Sometimes it can even be therapeutic, because even if you know that the universe doesn't revolve around you, it's nice to pretend that it does.

The feeling I get when I figure something out with just a little help from some other people is warm and fresh like a bakery.

People must truly depend on themselves, because in the scheme of things everybody is going to do exactly what will benefit themselves the most, and if you depend on someone else you will ultimately be left in the dust.

This is the sign you've been looking for.

It has become tradition that I feature a senior in this article in the last issue. So here it goes. Dear Justin Albright, I never liked you.

SENIORS FROM PAGE 2

Just a look at a couple of the accomplishments the senior class has completed this year: Sweeping academic state championships in every varsity sport, a 3-peat for he-man volleyball,

This year's Graduation ceremony will take place June 5 at 7:00 PM at the Winnemucca Events Center. Flaunting a graduating class with approximately 199 seniors, the biggest graduation class Lowry has had in a very long time.

We have been preparing for this moment our entire lives, and it is finally here. It is our time to get recognized for our accomplishments, our time to walk across that stage, and time to say goodbye to Lowry High School and all of the memories. It's time to watch our life-long friends go their separate ways, our time to take that


step into the real world. It's our time now to change the world.



Seniors during Color War day./Kaity Sample • The Brand



Seniors during Winterfest./Tanner Lecumberry • The Brand

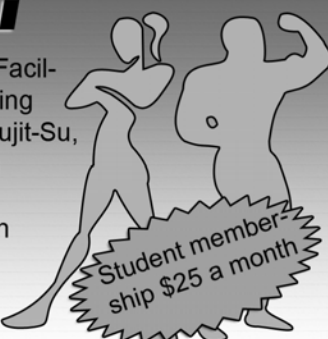


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Hot Summer movies

BY KAREN ESPARZA

The season for blockbusters is here! Summer is fast approaching and that means more free time to sleep-in, go on a hike, work out (yeah, right), bake a cake, write some poetry, for seniors get a job or two, and watch a couple dozen movies. This season is overflowing with highly anticipated sequels, inspirational films, hilarious comedies, and a movie that is literally history in the making.

"22 Jump Street"



Schmidt (Jonah Hill, left) and Jenko (Channing Tatum, right) with Dickson (Ice Cube) confront the bad guys in "22 Jump Street."/Courtesy Glen Wilson/MCT

Schmidt and Jenko are back in action, but this time they're headed for the big leagues: college.

Splitting up to infiltrate both the football team and hipster side of campus takes its toll, as a wedge begins to drive in-between the dynamic duo. Not only must they crack the case, but they also have to fight to save their friendship. But, if these two can figure out a way keep it together and survive college, this experience could be the greatest in their lives.

"Dawn of the Planet of the Apes"

The struggle to remain the Earth's dominant species continues as Caesar's growing nation of genetically evolves apes is threatened by a band of human survivors. After beating the deadly virus that was released a decade earlier, the humans seek to maintain a fragile peace with the apes. The truce is short-lived and both sides are driven to violence and the battle-to-end-all-battles begins. So pick your side and watch as the showdown unfolds.

"Boyhood"

A cinematic experience that is legendary and one-of-a-kind, no matter the revenue from ticket sales. This film is twelve years in the making and follows 12 years in life of a family. This film follows Mason and his sister Samantha, giving the audience a unique opportunity to watch these children face the harsh realities of life as they transition from childhood into adolescence and finally into adulthood. "Boyhood" will make waves, because it doesn't follow the life of a mythical superhero, but real children going through what we all experience as we age.

"The Giver"

Based on the book written by Lois Lowry, "The Giver" takes place in a seemingly perfect world, a world with no war, no hunger, no pain, no sickness, no misery. Everyone has purpose and they are expected to fulfill it without complaint. Here a boy is chosen to be the apprentice to an elderly man (The Giver) and becomes the Receiver of Memories. 16 year-old Jonas quickly uncovers the haunting past of his "utopia" and he witnesses the dis-



A screen cap from the movie "The Giver" / Courtesy • thegiverfilm.com

tortion of his reality into an existence devoid of a single shred of humanity.

Remember, these are only a couple of movies premiering this summer, but be on the lookout for these specific few. They possess a large buzz growing around them, and you don't want to miss the next movie will we obsess over for the next six months. Movies are always a great way to spend time during the summer, or early fall depending on when our movie theater actually runs these films.



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