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freshmen Kyle Tarr, participated in a class competition for class points and the seniors prevailed. The Lowry High School varsity dance team did an upbeat routine to a mix of popular songs from the year and got the student body pumped up for the week ahead.

As the mood of the nation continues to waver in the face of rising unemployment figures, a runaway national debt and the almost humorous pretension by politicians from both sides of the divide, the importance of the presidential election has taken on an added significance. Do we give President Obama his second term to reap the projected returns of his policies, or should we wipe the slate clean and bring the Republicans back into power again in the hope that this time, things will be different?

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New teachers bring wealth of experience to Lowry

By Trenton Smith

Lowry has nine new teachers this year teaching a variety of subjects. Mr. James Williams is an Algebra 1 and Geometry teacher. He attended high school at White Pine High in Ely, Nevada. After high school he went to the University of Montana Western, in Dillon, Montana. Coincidentally, Lowry PE teacher, Mr. Taua Cabatbat, was there at the same time.

When asked how he feels about his classes, he said, "So long as they work hard, try hard, that's all I care about."

Before coming to Lowry, Williams taught at White Pine. He said that while teaching there, he felt the same way as how he feels as he currently teaches here. Williams is a football coach here. He helps coach the wide receivers and defensive backs.

Mr. Andrew Meyer is Lowry's welding teacher. He said, "I've wanted to teach welding since I was a freshman in high school. It's been a passion of mine and my high school teacher looked like he got a pretty good paycheck, so I've kind of always wanted to be a welding teacher." Meyer attended high school in Carson City and graduated in 2005. Then he went to University of Nevada-Reno for college. He went straight out of college to work as a student teacher at his alma mater, Carson High. Meyer thinks Winnemucca is a pretty big change for him because he's used to the feel of a bigger city. When asked what he thinks of his welding classes, he said, "Everyone is determined, respectful, and nice, for the most part."

Mr. Clay Sagers went to high school at Tooele High in Utah. After graduating high school he went to Trinidad State University and Utah State University for college. He has never taught anywhere else



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Mr. Clay Sagers

because this is his first year teaching. He teaches Spanish and English classes, and he thinks the people in these classes are awesome. So far, Sagers loves it here and thinks that Lowry is a great school filled with great kids. Mrs. Ferol Donalson said that she loves it at Lowry. She said that Lowry is a high school that's filled with energy and is surrounded with a loving community. Donalson went to St. Vincent's High School in Petaluma, California and then got her Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Special Education at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona, and then got her Doctorate's degree in Special Education at Clayton College in Birmingham, Alabama. Before coming to Lowry, she taught Kindergarten to 3rd grade (all subjects) for Special Education at Alyce Taylor Elementary School in the Washoe County School District. At Lowry, Donalson teaches Special Education (Inclusion) Algebra 1, Geometry, and Study Skills.

In the same room is Mrs. Alexis Maga-Mattson, who loves the fact that she is now teaching at her alma mater. She was in the graduating class of 1988, and went on to attend the College of Southern Idaho and then to Great Basin College to finish her degree. She loves her classes and has no complaints. Her classes are a good student body. Maga-Mattson was a student teacher for Mrs. Michelle Pasquale last year at Lowry.

Another new teacher in the Lowry Special Education department is Mrs. Mary Keith, who teaches out of room 116. She said that she loves it here and that the students are very hospitable. She teaches a variety

of subjects; she helps Mrs. Meissner with English, four periods of the day, she helps with inclusion, a Special Education version of study hall, and teaches Foundations Reading. She said that her day goes by quickly because she's always busy helping her classes read and write. Keith attended Havre High in Havre, Montana and earned her Bachelor's degree at Montana State Northern and her Master's at MSU in Billings, both degrees in Special Education. Keith has also taught at Eureka High School, Havre High School, and McDermitt as a Special Education teacher.

Mr. Ty Lucas isn't technically new to Lowry since he has been at PASS and working with student discipline for the past several years. However, this will be his first year in a classroom at the school. In room 604 in the art building he teaches U.S. History, World History, and World Geography. He said that he likes his classes because they are extremely bright and have smiles on their faces. He went to Dayton High School in Dayton, Nevada, and then to UNR for college. He said that he likes Lowry so far and that it's a great school with a great city.

Mrs. Pamela Bidart is the new librarian with a little experience as a teacher. She taught 1st and 2nd grade as a Literacy Specialist. Bidart went to Miramonte High in Northern California. She then attended a junior college in Pennsylvania, a junior college in California, and then finally to University of Nevada-Reno. She said that she loves it here, and that it's a change from elementary school. She said that she likes seeing kids she used to teach in younger grades.



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Mrs. Mary Keith



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Mrs. Ferol Donalson



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Mr. Ty Lucas



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Mrs. Pamela Bidart

Lowry leadership hosts second annual homecoming benefit BBQ

By Cole Erquiaga and Taylor La-Tray

During the Homecoming game

day Lowry hosted a Tailgate barbecue to raise money for Kim Baker. The barbecue was held in the lower parking lot last Friday.

The money was going to Kim Baker who was diagnosed with stomach cancer not long ago, and the cost of her

treatment is incredibly high.

"Thank you for all the support and donations, our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone who helped us," said the Baker family.

The tailgate barbecue sold chips,

a drink, a hamburger and a cookie for just \$7.00. Many people helped out the family, raising them a great amount of money which the exact amount has not yet been determined.



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Mrs. Tanya Grady (far right) and her daughter helped organize and worked at the second annual benefit BBQ.

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168.4 million dollars could go to Nevada schools

By Harley Long

 White House press release said, “The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) graded the condition of the public school infrastructure and awarded the United States a ‘D’. The average public school building in the United States is around 40 years old, and many are older than that.

The American Jobs Act will provide 168.4 million dollars to Nevada

schools and 2,200 jobs for K-12 teachers.

The President is proposing a \$25 billion investment in school infrastructure that will modernize at least 35,000 public schools. This investment will create jobs, while improving classrooms and upgrading our schools to meet 21st century needs. Funds can be used for a range of emergency repair and renovation projects, greening and energy efficiency upgrades, and asbestos abatement and removal, and modernization efforts to build new science and computer labs and to up-

grade the technology infrastructure in our schools.”

The President’s plan is also proposing we invest \$30 billion in enhancing the condition of our nation’s public schools and community colleges. This money will fund a range of critical repairs and needed renovation projects that would put hundreds of Americans (construction workers, engineers, maintenance staff, boiler repair, and electrical workers, etc.) back to work, and it will help modernize at least 35,000 public schools. Schools spend over \$6 billion annually on their



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President Barack Obama delivers remarks at the Brent Spence Bridge in Ohio, urging Congress to pass the American Jobs Act, Thursday, September 22, 2011.

energy bills, more than they spend on computers and textbooks combined.

Senate Democrats want bailout for public school jobs

By Danny Yadron, Medill News Service (MCT)

WASHINGTON The Senate’s most powerful Democrat on education unveiled a \$23 billion bailout for public

schools on Wednesday, hoping to keep classrooms staffed as cash-strapped states burn through the last of their federal stimulus dollars.

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, said unless Congress acts, many of the education policy changes currently being

weighed by the Obama administration and Congress will be pointless.

“This has to move right away,” said Harkin. “The pink slips are going out right now, and it can’t wait.”

As chairman of both the Committee on Health, Education, Labor and

Pensions and the Appropriations subcommittee for education issues, Harkin controls the flow of education legislation and dollars in the Senate.

Secretary of Education Arne Duncan said a bill would need to be passed by June to prevent an estimated

100,000 to 300,000 school layoffs. However, Duncan stopped short of endorsing Harkin’s proposal, which has the support of 13 Democrats but no Republicans.

“We want to work with him on it,” Duncan said. “It’s the right thing.”

Congress has tried to pass some sort of education jobs bill since December, when the House of Representatives earmarked \$23 billion for a similar measure that failed in the Senate. Under Harkin’s proposal, states would apply for funds, much like they do under the stimulus law, to fill gaps in their education staff budgets.

Republican deficit hawks are yet to push back on the measure, which wouldn’t be paid for with cuts from other areas of the 2010 budget, Harkin said. Calls to leading GOP senators on education weren’t returned Wednesday.

Harkin said he has assurances from Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., that the bill will get a push to the Senate floor, but wouldn’t speculate on a timeline.

The measure already has gained backing from numerous teacher groups _ even ones skeptical of the administration’s approach to education policy.

“As the economy goes, so goes state funding,” said Joe Morton, Alabama’s superintendent of education, who testified before Congress on Wednesday along with several other U.S. school chiefs. “We know that we need a jobs bill.”

Most states fund classrooms through some combination of taxes on income, sales and property. Even as the U.S. climbs out of recession, high unemployment has eviscerated state revenues. In Alabama, this will translate into 2,827 layoffs before August, Morton said.

“Superintendents are planning their budgets now,” Duncan said. “If you do it in October, it’s too late.”



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Dress code should be enforced fairly

By Taylor LaTray

 It's summer and hot outside, no one wants to dress for winter, so the school lets us wear less clothing, but they put a limit to just how little clothing we wear, which is only proper.

The problem is that a dress code not only deprives students of their ability to express themselves, it is also unfair. The dress code compliance is very unfair as it seems to be based more upon what the student looks like, rather than what they are wearing. Students who are far from disobeying the dress code have been getting reprimanded while other kids who are wearing highly inappropriate attire, don't even get a disapproving look. It is unfair to the students who get in trouble and may have to serve Saturday school, lunch

detention, etc, when others do not have to do this.

In almost every class, a teacher or administrator checks how students are dressed. The amount of time spent checking the clothing of students builds up when it could have been time spent on learning. The students will then spend time in class telling others of their infractions and unfair punishments of how they got in trouble yet a fellow classmate did not. This decreases their learning time, and even parents are stressed by their child having to worry about their everyday clothing.

For every kid, the dress code varies. Girls are normally told mid-thigh length for clothing below the torso. Yet you see girls getting in trouble for knee-length attire while girls wearing much shorter bottoms do not get in trouble. These policies are not only for some kids that the teachers choose to pull aside, it applies to all girls.

For tops, the rule constantly chang-

es. Is it three fingers, cut-off length, or should it be a long T-shirt length at all times? Girls have been punished for their sleeves slipping to the side due to heavy backpacks, while other girls can get away with strapless shirts. If teacher's and anyone else enforcing the dress code plan to enforce it they need to do it fairly, while the students should also be cooperating with the dress code.

If we're going to keep a dress code policy, the student should be able to express themselves, and be treated fairly no matter who they are. When entering school, clothes should be the furthest thing from a student's mind. We respect our dress code, but we don't respect losing our freedom to express ourselves. Students, you also need to realize that there is a point where your clothing is too revealing, we also need to respect the dress code, and no one wants to see that much, it's not appealing.

Do's and Don't's

By Kevin Boyle



(Warning: not real suggestions)

Do not use the word "hella" it is hella over used.

Do be quiet at pep assemblies unless you

want to have fun.

Do not go down the hill out side the science building when it is snowing, you will slip and fall.

Do not get pregnant, you will not get on MTV's 16 and Pregnant. You will be changing diapers

Do not make out in the hall, not because it is against the rule, but because no one wants to see it.

Don't wear a bell on you're pants, because you sound like a dog.

Do your homework, but after you play video games.

If you're graduating this year, do abscond with as many items as you can: pencils, paper, etc.

If you're in Volleyball put on some pants for goodness sake!

If you're in football try a new motto, "shut up and block for Jace".

If you're in Cross Country there has got to be an easier way to get a varsity letter.

If you're worried about conditioning for golf, don't waste your time.

If you're a freshmen, do try not to ask too many stupid questions.

Above all else, try to stay cool Lowry.

Tweets

By Harley Long



Twitter is a website that allows you to update statuses frequently called "tweets" that tell what you are doing every moment. Below are some words of wisdom

tweeted by celebrities:

"Everybody knows how to raise children, except the people who have them." - P. J. O'Rourke.

"Don't you hate it when you're lost in the woods with no shirt on, and Abercrombie takes a picture of you?" - Chaz Bono.

"I can't believe my grandma is making me take out the garbage, I'm rich.

I'm going home, I don't need this." - 50 Cent.

"When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on."- Ludacris.

"I can't believe we went all the way through the last 10 years without collectively agreeing what to call that decade." - Al Yankovic.

"You can basically say anything to someone on an email or text as long as you put LOL at the end." - Kayne West.

"Someone approached me and asked me if I was that chick from the L word..." - Justin Bieber.

"If the kids in the backseat are fighting, is it wrong to make a hard turn so the instigator hits the door? Purely hypothetical, of course." - Tony Hawk.

"Can we go back to using Facebook for what it was originally for - looking up exes to see how fat they got?" - Bill Maher.

"Sitting in green room with Justin Bieber, must resist my urge to roundhouse kick him in the face." - Will Ferrell.

"Any song with more than 2 of these words, I hate: rhythm, night, heat, dance, love, kiss, feel, fire, pokerface." - Rainn Wilson.

Open Your Eyes: Stop using your phone

By Taylor LaTray



Nevada has recently approved its new law, changing our driving habits statewide. This law could save many lives and it's wise to follow it, rather than risking your life as well as everyone else around you.

Governor Brian Sandoval, approved the new law banning texting while driving. The Assembly Transportation Committee heard arguments pro and con of the outlaw of text messaging and the use of handheld cell phones while driving, and supports the bill. Even though, since 2008 the number of accidents due to distracted driving from phone use has lowered, the Office of Traffic stated in an argument for the Senate Bill. This bill is going to be one that could lower the number of accidents, but also few

will actually follow it.

The worries still remaining are that accidents will now increase because people would be further distracted by trying to hide their phones. This could increase accidents and possibly even cause riots against our new law.

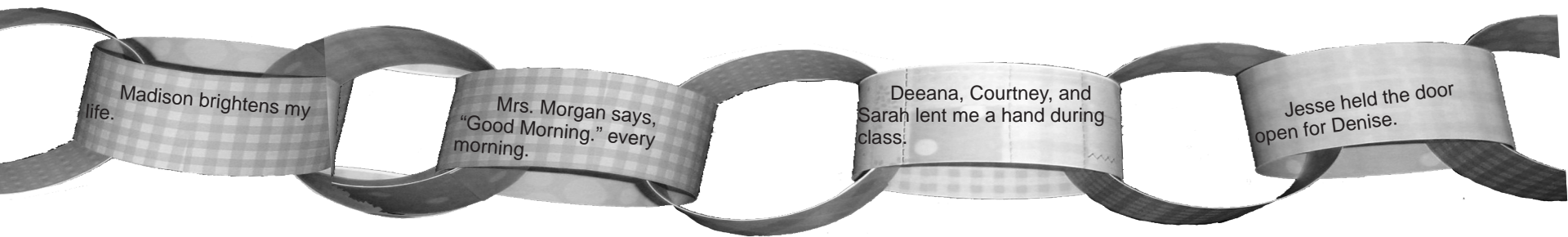
The bill was signed off June 4 and will be put into action January 1. Although, warnings will start to be issued starting in October with fines of \$50 then \$100 and then \$250 for each time caught with a phone while driving. The Senate brought up the idea of school zone violations to be treated more seriously, but that bill died along with several others.

If a death or serious incident that causes harm to a person results from violating this new texting



ban the person responsible for the incident will face a prison term of 1-6 years with fines of \$2,000-\$5,000. This new law is one to be taken very seriously, handheld phones have cause many deaths and it's not even worth risking a quick text.

It should also be known that, as of October 1, talking on your cell phone while you are driving is illegal and you will be pulled over and ticketed if you are caught. No more warnings will be issued and this law should not be taken lightly.



What does a name mean? A lot for Clark County

By Marc Esquivel



What is it that makes a school 4A or 3A, or any “A” for that matter? Most of you know that student population defines what division a school is placed in for athletics, well, at least that’s how the NIAA used to divide schools into divisions. As of the 2012-2013 school year, student population will have almost nothing to do with the determination of what division a school is placed under.

The 2012-2013 school year will be the start of the splitting of the 4A and the abolishment of the 3A. Due to the fact that there are huge differences in athleticism between schools in Vegas, southern schools are expressing their “need” of a realignment. This “need” of a realignment comes from the egotistic 4A schools who don’t want to be referred to as 3A schools. So the proposed “solution” to this “problem” is to abolish the traditional 4A, 3A classification of leagues that Nevada athletics have used for the entire history of Nevada high school athletics.

Well, seeing that there are only three teams in the Southern 3A, why not have the less competitive teams of the Southern 4A come down to the 3A and avoid all this realignment talk? If a team can’t compete with the other teams in its conference, why should the whole state have to realign the two major confer-

ences of Nevada athletics? Just because these “big bad” 4A schools don’t want to be referred to as 3A, when in actuality they most likely can’t compete with the elite teams of the 3A, that doesn’t mean that the NIAA needs to rush to their crying baby of a division known as the Southern 4A every time that it wants something.

Besides the fact that realigning the leagues would break the tradition of the normal 3A and 4A classifications, the Division I-A would give former 4A schools a huge advantage over the rest of the 3A schools as far as the number of athletes participating in sports is concerned. For example, Lowry has roughly 950 hundred students enrolled at the school. Out of those 950 or so students attending the school, an approximate 385 students participated in sports throughout the course of last year. That means that 40.5% of students at Lowry participate in sports at the school. If you take this percentage and apply it to a school being put into the same division as Lowry,

Proposed Division 1-A

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Dayton (764)
Elko (1326)
Fernley (923)
Lowry (980)
South Tahoe (1143)
Sparks (1133)
Spring Creek (953)
Truckee (750)

SOUTHERN REGION

Sunset League
Cheyenne (2599)
Clark (2561)
Faith Lutheran (1278)
Mojave (3195)
Pahrump Valley (1266)
Western (2357)

SOUTHERN REGION

Sunrise League
Boulder City (762)
Chaparral (2256)
Desert Pines (3160)
Moapa Valley (642)
SECTA (1763)
Sunrise Mountain (2323)
Virgin Valley (602)

say Clark High School (whose student enrollment is 2666), that number of athletes almost triples, even half of Lowry’s participation rate applied to Clark’s student population gives Clark an approximate 200 athlete advantage over Lowry. So while Lowry will be able to compete in team sports like football and basketball, it will be extremely hard to for the school to win an individual sport such as track or swimming simply because of how many more athletes those schools happen to have competing for them.

So am I pro realignment? No, not really, I am not for the changing of the names of conferences that have been around since my parents were in high school. I am not for throwing these former 4A schools a bone by realigning them with teams they might be able to compete with. So, in the words of the great fictional anchorman Ron Burgundy, “Stay classy, Clark County,” we’ll see you and your big egos next year in Division 1-A.

Pet peeves the remix

By The Brand Editors

1. I hate when people don’t mind their own business, especially when it comes to social networking.
2. I hate when people say “like” every other word.
3. Uhm. . . is an unnecessary filler word when you are talking.
4. Don’t spell words wrong on purpose... it’s not cute.
5. Meow is not a substitute for NOW, nor is it cute, funny or adorable.
6. Unnecessarily shortening words; such as whatev, cuz, kwik, R. . .
7. Face your problems, don’t Facebook them.
8. Boys, when you use a unisex bathroom, or a bathroom at a friend’s house, PUT THE SEAT DOWN. No one appreciates falling in.
9. wHEN EWE talkkk LyKe diss on FaceBooKK itt GetS SuPeR aNnoY-

Ing LYke FerRR reaLS.

10. Fake laughter. If it isn’t funny, don’t laugh. It is as easy as that.
11. People who constantly sniffle. If you need a tissue ask, and I will get you one.
12. People who take ten years to tell a story that doesn’t benefit my life whatsoever.
13. Complaining about something isn’t going to change the result, so don’t complain... just let it go.
14. When people take everything too seriously. Seriously, get a sense of humor.
15. Don’t act dumb to get attention. It’s not cool, it’s annoying.
16. Skinny jeans. Just don’t.
17. People who think that everything in the world revolves around them.
18. Over quoting movies... especially when they’re not even funny. If I wanted to hear the quote, I would watch the movie.

19. Facebooking about how last night was the greatest night ever.
20. Updating your facebook/twitter status 50 times a day.
21. When you’re the only one in a waiting room and someone else walks

- in and sits right next to you, despite the other 20+ open seats.
22. Unnecessary movie sequels, AKA The Hangover 2.
23. When fans of sports teams refer to the team as “WE”.



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College football according to CC and Beastman

By Calvin Connors and Brandon Eastman



No. 6 Oklahoma State at No. 11 Texas:

Calvin- Oklahoma State Cowboys has a great veteran quarterback in Brandon Weeden who is 27 years old. His main target out of the wide receiving core is Justin Blackmon with 450 total yards and four touchdowns. Texas is a young inexperienced team that doesn't really have a main quarterback at this point in the season.



Richard W. Rodriguez • Fort Worth Star-Telegram/MCT
Texas Longhorns QB David Ash.

Brandon-

Oklahoma State will overcome the lack of home-field advantage and beat the Texas Longhorns. Oklahoma State overcame a large halftime deficit just a few weeks ago against Texas A&M, who has been more impressive than Texas, to beat the Aggies on their home field. The Cowboys should win this game over the less-than-impressive Longhorns because Oklahoma State has been, by far, the better team up to this point in the season.

No. 12 Michigan at Michigan State:

Calvin-Junior Hemingway and Denard Robinson are the two reasons why Michigan will beat the Spartans in their own stadium. Robinson is a duel threat quarterback who is too fast and skilled for the Spartan defense. But the only way to beat the Wolverines is to shut down Denard Robinson; he is the heart and soul of the Michigan offense.

Brandon-Denard Robinson. That is

why Michigan will win. Even though the game is in East Lansing, the Wolverines have the more experienced group and the more explosive offense. Michigan State will not be able to do anything, much like everyone else Michigan has played, to stop Robinson from running the Spartans to death.

Ohio State at No. 19 Illinois:



Kirthmon F. Dozier • Detroit Free Press/MCT
Denard Robinson.

the win over Arizona State that was won due to the turnovers forced by the

Calvin- Illinois is a well rounded team that has great coaches and great players that know how to win big games. A key win this season for the Fighting Illini

Illinois defense. Nathan Scheelhaase is a returning starter that knows how to break down defenses with his running abilities as well as his throwing abilities.



Neal C. Lauron • Columbus Dispatch/MCT
Ohio State QB Braxton Miller

has struggled, however, the Buckeyes will finally rise to the challenge and should have their suspended players back. Ohio State should win this game due to the renewed energy that should come with getting some of their starters back from last season. The Fighting Illini has competed in a few too-close-for-comfort games this season and their luck will run out soon enough.

A new year brings new coaches to Lowry's sidelines

By Destiny James



A new school year brings new students, staff members, and new coaches. There are five new coaches this year, for girls varsity golf, boys varsity football, girls varsity volleyball, and girls varsity and JV soccer.

Varsity volleyball brings along new players, but as well as a new head coach, Bob Rice. Rice played intramural volleyball in college, which eventually led him to his coaching of volleyball. Even though he coaches volleyball he enjoys all sports, such as golf, and track.

His game strategy is "have a good warm up, practice makes perfect, because perfect practice makes perfect play." This strategy goes along with his coaching philosophy, "work hard and play hard, have fun to win." That will bring them to state which is their goal before the end of the season.

The new boys varsity football assistant coach, James Williams. Williams started coaching kids when he was still in high school. Williams enjoyed it very much that it eventually led him to

coaching at Lowry High School.

"Football is not an individual sport, you rely on everyone on the team, because to be able to succeed you must have good sportsmanship and teamwork," Williams said.

"The season looks very promising as long as everyone keeps their heads screwed on straight, they can do really good things," Williams said.



Courtesy • WINNADA
New girls golf coach Andrew Meyer.

The new head coach for varsity girl's golf is Andrew Meyer. Meyer has always had a passion for golf. He played in high school and loved it and thought he could share that with the girls. Golf is of course one of his favorite sports "because I am an animal at it," Meyer said.

The season is going better then he expected. He had no idea coming into a team like this, how great the girls were going to be.

His philosophy is for the girls to walk away with their heads held up high, knowing they did their best, be-

cause that is the best outcome. Meyer's favorite moral about coaching is getting to work with the girls and their great attitudes, and being able to teach them, and have them learn.



Destiny James • THE BRAND
New soccer coach Christopher Entwistle.

Christopher Entwistle, is the new head coach for girls varsity soccer. Entwistle played high school soccer in Fallon, then later went to college at Doane, in Crete, Nebraska. He played semi pro for the Reno Aces of MPSL (men's Premier Soccer League.) His wife, Erin convinced him to coach a girls U-16 AYSO team in 2010.

"Thankfully after that the varsity girls job opened up," Entwistle said.

Entwistle said the team is filled with talented players and wonderful attitudes in the program, the coaching staff and players have high expectations. "We expect to make conference/zone, playoffs and challenge the top teams in Nevada 3A," he said.

Entwistle enjoys working with the

girls and "wouldn't trade a single one of them for a state title. We have the best girls, with the best attitudes and sense of humor," Entwistle said.

His goal before the end of the season would be for teams to fear playing the Lowry High School soccer teams, and be playing in Zone challenging for a state title.




Destiny James • THE BRAND
New soccer coach Sarah Bull.

Girls JV soccer has a new head coach as well, her name is Sarah Bull.

Bull got into coaching by helping out in AYSO and wanted to continue coaching because, "it is just fun and enjoyable."

Bull's philosophy is "a bad shot is the one you didn't take," and "to always rule with an iron fist," which leads to her pregame strategy which is "pump it up, hype it up, and amp it up."

Bull plans on being a coach at Lowry High School, "until the day she dies, because the girls work hard for her, which makes her enjoy coaching even more."



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ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE:
BETSY GUERRERO

By Wyatt Lester

Betsy Guerrero has been a successful student athlete throughout her years. She has played basketball, volleyball, softball and ran track while keeping a 4.0 GPA.

“I did sports because they looked fun and competitive and I like to win. It was mostly my decision to play sports but my friends were doing them so I did,” said Betsy.

She began playing sports like basketball and softball and really enjoyed them so she continued to participate over the years.

Now she is a senior in high school and she has been playing volleyball, basketball and softball. “Out of the two my favorite is volleyball because it’s fun to play as a team and I like the team I play with,” said Betsy.

Her accomplishments in basketball include a state

championship in 2009 as guard and post. In volleyball she was an all-state player as a hitter. Her role model throughout the years has been Reggie Bush because he’s hot. She

“I did sports because they looked fun and competitive and I like to win.”
~Betsy Guerrero

hopes that she can be a role model to others like she has been to her younger brother.

When asked what she would have been like without sports she said, “I think I would have put a lot of time in book smarts but sports have seemed to keep my grades up.

I’ve never done anything that I’ve regretted.”

Herview of herself and her legacy at Lowry is that she

is a hard worker and she does her job on and off the court as well as in the classroom. Her plans for the future aren’t really set in stone but she hopes to enjoy her last year at Lowry.



ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE:
JACE BILLINGSLEY

By Wyatt Lester

Jace Billingsley has been playing sports all his life. He has participated in football, wrestling, baseball, and countless other sports in his past years.

Jace started playing sports at a young age contributing in Buckaroo wrestling, football, and T-ball. His motivation to play sports came from personal interest, the challenge it gives him, and also the fact that his dad and most of his family had played sports in the past. He said he remembers going up to the high school to watch the wrestlers, football players, basketball players, and every other athlete at Lowry practice or play in games. He always wanted to be just like those players and out a goal to become just like them.

Now Jace is playing sports at a high school level; football, wrestling, and baseball.



He has three wrestling state championships, an all-state title in football and baseball, and many other accolades. When asked what his favorite sport is he said “Football is my favorite because it’s fun and intense.”

He said his most challenging sport is wrestling because of conditioning, the will power it takes to stay motivated, and when you’re on the mat it’s all up to you. When he plays sports he says he can take all the lessons from athletics and put it into his own life to help him make good decisions and stay on track. Some advice Jace has for all the other athletes out there: “No matter what you’re going to do, do it to the best of your ability as hard as you can every time so that way when it’s all said and done you will have no regrets.”

After doing his last go around of high school sports this year Jaces’ plans are to play college football.

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Girls soccer nets impressive win over Battle Mt.

By Justin Albright

On October 8, Lowry faced off against a very aggressive Battle Mountain team but managed to pull out a 4-0 win. Lowry had trouble keeping control of the ball in the early stages of the game due to Battle Mountain’s constant pressure.

Sydney Sundahl started the scoring in the 18th minute by weaving past the

Longhorn defenders and sneaking the ball past the goalkeeper. It didn’t take much longer for Lowry to get another goal as Monique Rodriguez received a great pass from Sundahl and easily put the ball through the net.

Lowry’s pressure on Battle Mountain led to Battle Mountain not attempting a single shot on goal in the first half. Lowry quickly started scoring again in the second half as they sneaked the ball past the goalkeeper’s outstretched arms.

A scary moment occurred in the second half as Lowry’s Alyssa Jones slid for the ball and accidentally cleated the Longhorn keeper in the face as she dove for the ball. The keeper still managed to stay in the game but it didn’t take much longer to get the last goal of the game in the 67th minute.

Despite the win, Lowry coach, Chris Entwistle wasn’t too happy saying, “We came out a little flat. It

seems like we’re losing steam at the end of the season, which is never a good sign.”

The ladies face off against White Pine on October 15 and Coach Entwistle is confident that they will pull out another win saying, “We tied White Pine 0-0 on their turf but we were in control of the ball for the whole game but we just couldn’t put the ball through the net.”



Alison Walker.



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This is not Sparta, football continues dominance

By Cole Erquiaga

Friday's game was not ordinary for the Buckaroos. There weren't the usual three 80-yard runs by Jace Billingsley to run up the score. It was a very long, hard fought battle but the Buckaroos prevailed.

The first drive happened slow, but steady with Billingsley only running the ball from the 19 yard line to the end zone to make it 7-0, the crowd roared, the cannon fired, and the school song played. The defense came out strong and held the Spartans to a 20-yard field goal. The first Quarter ended 7-3 with Lowry leading.

In the second quarter the Bucks ran down to the two-yard line, but did not get into the end zone. Spring Creek was strong and marched 70 yard, but could not capitalize either, due to the strong defense of the Buckaroos recovering a fumble. The Buckaroos could not hold the ball either, giving it right back to Spring Creek to set up for a 38-yard field goal to go into half-time 7-6.

In the third quarter both teams were

trying to add points and execute, but the score stood still and remaining 7-6.

Going into the fourth quarter Lowry found the score to close for comfort, Spartans held the Buckaroos to fourth down and long at the 20. Coach Tim Billingsley decided to go for it with a run by Billingsley to get a 15-yard carry and a first down. The Bucks couldn't get the ball into the end zone but Taylor Martin knocked in a 10-yard field goal to make it 10-6. The Spartans couldn't gain many yards, as they were forced to punt. Receiving was Johnny Hernandez who recovered from an injury earlier in the game and he ran strong for 62 yards. Spring Creek stayed strong with the defense in the red zone, only giving Lowry another field goal, this time from 32 yards. The score was 13-6, and the Spartans couldn't hold onto the ball. Spring Creek fumbled and with 1:30 left in the game, the Bucks took a couple knees from there and took the 13-6 homecoming victory over Spring Creek.

After the game Quarterback Michael Billingsley said, "We definitely underestimated them and will not look



Cole Erquiaga • THE BRAND
Left: Bryan Noble (44) and Michal Arenas (33) set their sites on the Spartan runningback. Top: The Buckaroos take the field with smoke from the cannon in the background. Right: Michael Billingsley escapes from a Spring Creek tackler.

Mens Soccer: Buckaroos outlast Longhorns 2-0

By Justin Albright

On October 8, the Lowry boys soccer team faced off against Battle Mountain and didn't play as well as they wanted to. Despite the fact that they weren't able to play to well, the Bucks still managed to pull out a 2-0 win.

The Bucks started the game off with a scare as their goalkeeper, Roberto Sanchez, dove to save a shot and drilled his head and shoulder on the goalpost and was down for several minutes. De-



Justin Albright • THE BRAND
Carlos Aguilar heads the ball away from a Battle Mt. player.

spite the hit, Roberto still stayed in the game and stopped numerous Longhorn goals. Kevin Blanco started the scoring off with a goal in the 26th minute as he sneaked the ball by the goalkeeper's fingers for his first goal of the season. Lowry repeatedly killed itself with constant offside calls, which made it difficult to try and score

more goals. Carlos Aguilar scored the last goal of the game in the 61st minute, barely getting the ball over the goalkeeper's outstretched arms.

Christopher Mendoza was happy with the win but said, "We definitely need to communicate more because that's where our losses come from."

Coach Steve Swanson wasn't very happy with the win but said that having the dance team and the home crowd definitely helped the team to the win.

Coach also said, "We need more experience, we have a bunch of freshman and sophomores that don't have that much experience, and once they get more

experienced it will lead to more wins."

The Bucks face off against White Pine on October 15 and Coach Swanson is confident that they Lowry will pull off a win, saying, "We played White Pine to a 0-0 tie on White Pines field, but we were in possession of the ball for the majority of the game which makes me believe we'll pull out a win."



Justin Albright • THE BRAND
Jessie Pate fights for control.

Lady Buckaroo volleyball keeps rolling in league play

By Marc Esquivel

Last Thursday, Lowry's varsity volleyball team took a trip over to Battle Mountain with hopes of winning another conference game, which is exactly what the girls did.

It took just four games for the Lady Bucks to beat Battle Mountain, with scores of 25-17 and 25-16 in the first two games.

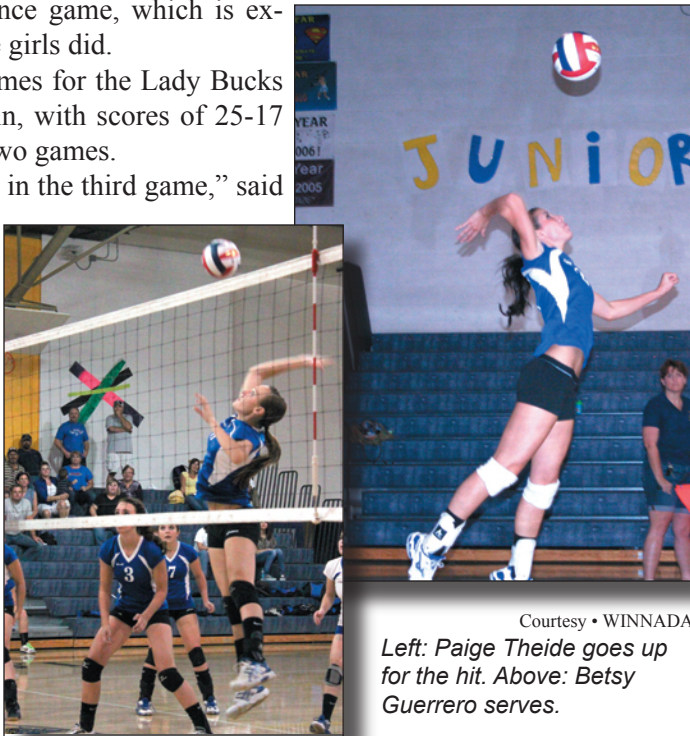
"We let up on them in the third game," said senior Kayla Doyle, "We should have beat them in three games."

After Battle Mountain managed to beat Lowry in the third game, the girls took it to the Longhorns in the fourth game, beating them 25-11. This series was a lot like the first time Lowry faced off against Battle Mountain, except this time the Longhorns

were'n't missing one of their star players who was on suspension the last time the two teams played each other. But even with their star player being back, the Bucks were the better team and beat the Longhorns.

With this win over Battle Mountain, the girls are

4-0 in league play and are sitting at the top of the 3A/2A Ruby Mountain league. The Bucks will be playing West Wendover and Ely next week to try and keep their perfect league record going and to hold that number one spot they currently have.



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Left: Paige Theide goes up for the hit. Above: Betsy Guerrero serves.

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A new year; a new conference

By Brandon Eastman

 With the new school year, which is code for college football season, came many changes in many different conferences. Strictly for monetary reasons, some of these universities felt it was necessary to take a different route and change things up a bit.

Starting in the Pac-10, or maybe Pac-12 would be more appropriate, or maybe Pac-16. Nobody seems to know at this point how many schools will be accepted into the new look Pac-12 Conference. Perhaps the conference name is no longer applicable, seeing as schools that are not on the pacific coast

are now joining, and even more high profile/high dollar universities are seeking entrance. As recently as this season Colorado and Utah joined the “Pac-12” joining the University of Washington, Washington State University, the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, University of California-Berkeley, Stanford University, University of California-Los Angeles, University of Southern California, Arizona State University, and the University of Arizona. As of late, it has been brought up that Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Texas, and Texas Tech may seek entrance into the conference.

And speaking of the Big 12, or Big whatever they are now, Nebraska has already left, Texas has its own Longhorn Network (big, big controversy over that), the aforementioned Colorado has joined the Pac-12, and Texas A&M has been accepted entrance into the SEC.. It seems almost as though the Big 12

isn’t going to make it into next year as almost every school has searched for an entrance into another conference.

The Big 10/11 has expanded to include Nebraska, which was a phenomenal move for the Big 10 because Nebraska is such a powerhouse and well-attended university when it comes to pretty much every sporting event. On the part of Nebraska, it maybe wasn’t the best move, football-wise, because the Big 12 is much more competitive and well respected in that area.

The Big East and the ACC (Atlantic Coast Conference) have been the least affected, until just recently at least. Syracuse and Pittsburgh have already been accepted into the ACC and there are rumors of Connecticut and Notre Dame leaving the Big East to seek entrance into the ACC as well in order to preserve those great basketball rivalries.

Soon, we may have just have conferences with 16 teams apiece, known


as the “power conferences” as we sit and watch the presumed demise of one of the longest running, most historic conferences in the sporting world, the Big 12. However angry, or happy, we may be, we must realize that the schools are doing this with their own universities’ best interests at heart. Simply put, schools want to make more money and in order to accomplish this they must look for options in other conferences with their universities own personal agendas.

As the great inventor Charles Kettering once said, “The world hates change, yet it is the only thing that has brought progress.”

By these words, we should assume that the changing of conferences is not a bad thing and, in time, will prove to be the best thing that could happen to the college sporting world. Progress for the sake of progress is, and always will be, a good thing.

The NFL returns from lockout with a bang

By Justin Albright

 After having the lockout threaten the season, The Owners and Players Association finally came up with a deal to get the season started. And with a shortened off-season teams, were forced to make deals, and make them fast. Even having a shortened pre-season caused injuries galore because players weren’t allowed to see their teams trainers.

The NFL season started on September 8 with the Green Bay Packers defeating the New Orleans Saints 42-34. Even with all these games going on,

the health of superstar Peyton Manning seems to be capturing the news.

In the off-season Peyton Manning was forced to undergo neck surgery which is a big deal in the NFL. Especially if you can’t see your teams medical staff. So Peyton Manning is forced to miss this entire season which is the big news considering the fact that he is one of the best quarterbacks in the NFL. The Colts owner is still trying to maintain high hopes saying that Manning may try and practice in December. However, Manning is getting x-rays every four weeks and says that he feels better and is still maintaining high hopes of returning to the NFL this year.

Without Peyton Manning, the Indianapolis Colts are reeling. The Colts have yet to win a game this year and their offense is having difficulties moving the ball down the field. As the Colts are struggling, the upstart Detroit Lions are destroying teams. In their four wins this year,

the Lions have out scored teams 135-66 and are on their way to a playoff berth.

This NFL season is off to a bang

and it continues to serve as an important sport to all fans. So stay updated to find out how your team does this season.



Brad Loper/Dallas Morning News/MCT
Detroit Lions receiver Calvin Johnson.




Sam Riche/MCT
Curtis Painter (7) talks with quarterback Peyton Manning.



Ron Espinola • THE BRAND

On Friday October 7, 2011, Lowry held its annual cross-country invitational at the Winnemucca Municipal Golf Course. Nine teams from across Northern Nevada came to Winnemucca to run the 3.1 mile race around the course two and a half times. “The course seemed difficult even though it was familiar to us. JV ran hard and their endurance and hard work at practice showed,” varsity captain Joey Flanders said, “Varsity didn’t do as well as we hoped to do but we will train hard this week and show our true ability in Sparks this week.”



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Heather McElvain (32) and Alex Schirrick fight for the ball.



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Jaecee Munger is surrounded by tacklers.



Justin Albright • THE BRAND
Madison Gonzalez runs past one of the defenders.

Senior-Freshman team shuts out Sophomore-Junior

By Madison Waldie

Powderpuff is a way for girls to not only show their athletic abilities on the football field but to also have an excuse to occasionally take out their anger on another girl.

It was a Monday night for the seniors to remember during their last homecoming, and they let the fresh-

man go along for the ride. The seniors and freshman were applying the pressure on the junior-sophomore team the entire night, and scored one touchdown in each half to be crowned the 2011 Powderpuff Champions by a final score of 12-0.

Senior Betsy Guerrero provided the only scoring of the night. The first touchdown was on a short pass from Heather McElvain in the first half, and

the second touchdown was scored on a 90-yard interception run by Guerrero to give us the final scoring play of the evening. Both extra point attempts were unsuccessful.

From there, both teams let the clock run out and the seniors offense all night and it hurt them because they were not able to keep up with the athleticism of the senior-freshman team.

Most of the entertainment during

the game was brought to the spectators by the cheerleaders, all of whom were teenage boys dressed in skirts and had stuffed their shirts.

“The powderpuff game needs to be longer and we need to play tackle football, other than that we had a great time as a school, showcasing our athletic abilities and proving that girls can play sports and look good while doing it,” said senior Kayla Doyle.



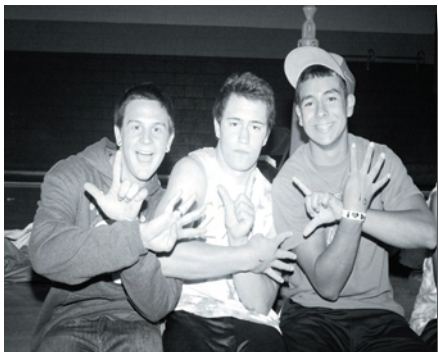
Calvin Connors • THE BRAND
Battle of the Spartans lunchtime activity.



Harley Long • THE BRAND
Cheerleaders routine included the football players at the Friday pep assembly.



Jessie Schirrick • THE BRAND
Troy Hardy and Christian Dawson pose for black out day.



Taylor LaTray • THE BRAND
Michael Drake, Michael Billingsley, Michal Arenas at he-man.

Homecoming

week long to give students the opportunity to compete for and earn class points. There was a Spartan Shootout, involving throwing darts at the Spartan Mascot, a tug-o-war contest, and an archery contest but the most memorable for the students of Lowry was the Battle of the Spartans. This game consisted of two brave men going to battle against each other with duck taped swords fighting until the fake death of the other opponent.

—The four brave young lads representing their class were Hiram Howel (senior), Trystan Blouir (junior), Kirk

Berensten (sophomore), Blake Hillyer (freshmen). In the first duel Hiram crossed swords with the one and only Kirk Berensten, the battle was not very long due to the experience of Hiram’s sword skills. Trystan faced off against Blake, Trystan showed great strength toward freshmen hopeful Blake Hillyer as Blouir pulled out a victory for the juniors in the first round. The two Spartans in the final death match were Trystan and Hiram, the battle was long and painful for the two brave men. Trystan ended up winning Battle of the Spartans and gaining points for the ju-

nior class.

The week was ended with an extravagant Blue and Gold Pep Assembly. The student body was loud, proud, and going buck wild. The Varsity and J.V. cheerleaders did a combined routine that really got the crowd pumped for the big game against Spring Creek. Then all the football teams were introduced by Mr. Billingsley. Currently the freshmen are 1-4, J.V. is 7-0, and Varsity is 7-0. They played an astounding slide show of the Varsity teams hardest and biggest hits and plays of the season so far.

“We are Lowry High School, and we have one of the best Varsity football teams in the state,” said Billingsley.

Homecoming week was ended under the Friday night lights at Jerry Tobin Football Field with the Homecoming football game and royalty ceremony. Candace Comeau, Julia Dufferena, and Kinzie McKlintick, were the homecoming queen candidates and Chase Estes, Ryan Kracaw, and Jace Billings-

sley were up for homecoming king. The candidates were brought onto the field on a hay wagon behind Clydesdales, after the presentation of the flags on horseback. As their favorite memories and their heroes were being read aloud for the crowd to hear, students in the stands reflected on the many years spent with these six friends, peers, and co-workers. The crowd then gave a standing ovation to the 2011 Homecoming King and Queen, Jace Billingsley and Candace Comeau. The game was back to action and the crowd was going crazy despite the cold weather. On Saturday night, the students gave a farewell to Homecoming 2011 with a dance in the new gym.



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Junior Round-Up by Marc Esquivel

Tyler Brumm

Q. What do you drive?
A. A GMC truck, the mileage sucks.
Q. What's the greatest thing that's happened to you in high school?
A. In both my years of basketball, we haven't lost a league game.
Q. Do you have any role models?
A. I'd say Lance Armstrong because he had cancer and still won the Tour de France seven times in a row. I don't like cycling but that's impressive.
Q. Can you describe yourself in five words?
A. Athletic, shy, smart, cool, and a gentleman.
Q. If zombies took over the world, what would you do?
A. I'd find the Cool Cats and save the world.
Q. If you had to evacuate your house, what's the one thing you would grab?
A. I'd grab as much money as I could so I could buy clothes.
Q. What's one of your pet peeves?
A. Annoying people.
Q. What's your deepest fear?
A. I would say dying, even though that's a little cliché.
Q. Have you ever lived somewhere else?
A. No, born and raised here.
Q. What's your favorite place you have traveled to?
A. Hawaii, because it's Hawaii. Who doesn't like Hawaii?
Q. What's your most embarrassing moment?
A. In little league basketball I scored for the other team.
Q. Where do you see yourself in ten years?
A. I see myself as a psychologist.



David Rodriguez

Q. Have you ever lived anywhere besides Winnemucca?
A. Nope, I've been here 16 years. I can't wait to move to Reno, though.
Q. What's your favorite part about high school?
A. We've got "Dudesdays" on Thursdays, every Thursday, my boys Cole Erquiaga, Marc Esquivel, Cody Green, Josh Shaver, and sometimes Manny Herrera and I go to Tacos El Mono.
Q. Can you describe yourself in five words?
A. I am the man!
Q. What's your favorite quote?
A. The world needs change and I'm that new cashier. – Drizzy Drake
Q. Where do you see yourself in ten years?
A. I see myself working, with about ten babies.
Q. What advice would you give someone coming into high school?
A. Treasure it, high school goes by super fast. Some people don't believe it, but it's true.
Q. What do you fear in life?
A. Spiders. I hate spiders.
Q. Do you have any pet peeves?
A. Facebook, because I'm always on it. It's an addictive cyber drug.
Q. What's your favorite place you have traveled to?
A. I went to Mexico in fourth grade, it was good but all these Mexicans came up to me because I was dressed nice and asked me for money. I was only in fourth grade, I didn't have any money.
Q. If the world was to be taken over by zombies today, what would you do?
A. I'd grab my AK-47 and start shooting.



Alex Schirrick

Q. What is your favorite part about high school?
A. Cheering at football, and I like Madison Waldie.
Q. Where do you see yourself in ten years?
A. On the streets of New York, dancing for money.
Q. Who are your role models?
A. Victoria Justice because she's so pretty, she's awesome, and she's on Nickelodeon.
Q. What are you scared of?
A. The devil, because he's scary.
Q. What's your favorite quote?
A. If you want to be happy, be. – Leo Tolsoy
Q. What advice would you give someone coming into high school?
A. Have good friends, don't get pregnant, and have fun.
Q. What are your interests?
A. Cheer, Nic, track, Letterman's is fun too.
Q. What kind of music do you like?
A. I like weird music, well indie stuff like Jack Johnson. I hate screamo. But I definitely like Jack Johnson, Red Hot Chili Peppers, and MGMT.
Q. Could you survive in the wild? How?
A. Yeah. I would kill everything and eat it.
Q. If zombies took over the world, what would you do?
A. I would hide Nic, because he's afraid of zombies. And then I'd kill all the zombies by shooting them in the head. That's how they did it in "Dawn of the Dead".
Q. If you had to evacuate your house, what's the one thing you would grab?
A. My pictures.
Q. Can you describe yourself in five words?
A. No. No? Oh... happy, funny, and shy.





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THE HEROES OF HE-MAN

By Taylor LaTray

He-man was held late Wednesday night as part of our homecoming enjoyment. Many 'hairy sexy legs' participated in the school event, where the seniors proved themselves the champions.

The first game played was the Freshmen vs. Juniors. The juniors started the game fresh, dominating the Freshmen, until the freshmen suddenly made a comeback. When it came down to the final few points of the game, it became war. Juniors were winning 24-23 at game point. The freshmen were not going down easy and tied the upper classmen. The tie and one point lead dragged on with a series of intense hits. However, the juniors came out on top 29-27.

"Juniors finally got their first phenomenal win and we are now 1-5, this was the best victory in my career and I'm surprised I haven't been fired after my previous losses," said Coach Mr. Nickish.

Now the seniors would face the sophomores to determine who would play the juniors for the overall win. The game was well played and very close, neither team had more than a three point lead at any point. The juniors would end up defeating the sophomores but it was not due to their hard hitting hits, the sophomores had incredible team work blocking almost all hits. The game came down to 22-22 when the sophomores scored the leading point, only to have the seniors tie them again. The lower classmen would then score again for the lead, only to have the point taken from them and given to the upper classmen who came out with the win 25-23.

"Word. We came out, did work, we did what we did, we do what we do, you can't mess with the class of 2-0-1-2, word," said Johnny Hernandez.

The losers are now to face off

in the third game. The sophomores dominated the freshmen 25-5 putting them to shame.

Finally our seniors and juniors compete for the win. Eastman's serves were killer leading them to their He-man victory with a score of 25-13.

The seniors were not to win so easily, it was decided that all attending faculty members were to play the seniors. Several faculty members stepped up to the plate. They gave the seniors a run for their money and were tough competition. However, the seniors still won 25-22.



Taylor LaTray • THE BRAND
Dusty Bryan shows off his vertical.



Taylor LaTray • THE BRAND
Fans enjoying themselves.



Taylor LaTray • THE BRAND
Jesse Studebaker (with ball) goes for the kill.



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Jace Billingsley (L) goes up for the block.



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The senior He-Man Team.

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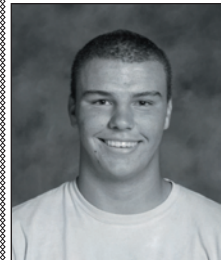
Toilet paper and a toothbrush, just in case you forgot at home.

Calculators, binders, and books are necessities.

Keep your phone in your locker so you don't make the teachers angry.

Lowry Voices: What is your favorite part about homecoming?

By Jessie Schirrick



Courtesy • Winnada
AJ Ourada.

"The best part of homecoming is definitely the football game on Friday."



Courtesy • Winnada
Giovani Diaz.

"The dance, because I like dancing around on the dance floor."



Courtesy • Winnada
Lynsie Brown.

"My favorite part about homecoming is dressing up because its fun and you know, I like the school spirit."



Courtesy • Winnada
Eddie Pole.

"My favorite part about homecoming has to be the spirit the school gets just when it comes around everyone gets big into sports and we all kind of bond together."

We have so many people at Lowry that are always willing to lend a helping hand.


Mrs. Dawson, and Mrs. Grady always look for the students best interest for activities.

Adrian helped me when I fell

Shelley helped me pick up my folders that fell

Coming in November: ‘Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3’

By Trenton Smith

 Call of Duty fans will probably make history like they did with “Modern Warfare 2”, which sold more copies the first day then the original “Modern Warfare” did total, but they might also be a little disappointed with the next addition to the Call of Duty franchise.



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“Modern Warfare 3” screenshot.

match, when you kill an enemy, you have to snag their dog tags if you want your kill to count towards your teams overall score. This could be good and bad. Small teams of snipers and runners could be very effective. And when you come upon the remnants of an old shootout, you could come upon a potential gold mine. Of course, smart players could booby trap this

According to Gameinform-er magazine and various web-sites, there is a twist to the on-line multiplayer. In Kill Confirmed, which is going to be the new version of Team Death-

and you could just become another victim. The thing is, if you don’t grab the dog tags from your kill, one of his teammates could snatch it and deny you and your team from claiming those points.

Almost every new change Treyarch Studios intro-duced to the multiplayer in Black Ops has, or is being thrown out completely. Except the Killstreak system, which they have still tampered with. However, this may be good, because they have divided all of the Killstreaks into three different categories, depending on the player tendencies.

If you’re the kind of person who is always on the attack, then you’ll want the Assault list. Some of these include an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV, or a spy plane), Care Package, Intelligent Munitions System (IMS), Predator Missile, and a whole bunch of other nasty surprises meant to annihilate the enemy. Remember the claymore in Black Ops? They changed that, too. Now, it’s the Intelligent Munitions System, or IMS, and it has a 360 degree sensor and uses a charge that explodes in a 360 degree radius. This should be great for players like me who can’t get a kill unless you set an elaborate trap in a short amount of time.

They also have a list for players who favor their objectives over their kill: death ratio, or in other words, the defensive players. This is the Support list. This list includes UAV, Counter-UAV, Ballistic Vests,

and booby-trapped Care Packages, those kinds of goodies. Online multiplayer should be fun.

Another addition to the Killstreak sys-tem should be very welcome to players like me; kills aren’t the only thing that counts toward earning Killstreaks. Reaching objectives or capturing flags count toward your next Killstreak.

Also, as a side note, not much has been said about “Modern Warfare 3’s” single player campaign by anyone. Except that it will be “globe-trotting”, ac-cording to Gameinformer.


For those who are waiting desperately for this game to come out, it comes out November 8, 2011, and should make history, which has become a sort of tradition in the series. I’m sure everyone is excited about this game, as am I. I’m sure it will be the talk of the gaming universe for the next few months. I hope to see you all trying out the new online Multiplayer yourselves.



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“Modern Warfare 3” screenshot.

Seven of the best summer movies

By Taylor LaTray

 When it comes to the top movies, it does not mat-ter whether the movie was a comedy, an action or some weird magical or superhero business, a good movie is a good movie.

While looking back at the top movies of the summer it comes down to a well-known top seven that catch your eye. These movies vary in style and ways of creating the film, how-ever, they all turned out to be popular

money makers.

The top mythical action movies seem to be the talk around the world. They are, “Transformers: Dark of the Moon”, “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows”, “X-Men: First Class”,



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“Planet of the Apes”, and last, but not least, “Thor”. Each of these mov-ies has their own take and originality, coming out on top of the bunch by a landslide, was Harry Potter, as pre-dicted. Although, I tend to be more of a Transformers fan.

Comedy movies are al-ways a hit especially with the younger generation, although it is not an easy task to come out with a good comedy. How-ever, “The Hangover 2” seems to have been a suc-cess in the movie-making industry bringing in millions of dollars. The Hangover two definitely earned its spot in the Top Movies of the summer. Comparing it to the first Hangover, the sec-ond was a bit of a letdown and I expected more.

Another action movie that’s a bit more realistic

making the top summer movies for 2011 is and will always be popular no matter how many sequels they make. That movie is “Fast Five” featuring Vin Diesel, it was a summer movie that’s not just a one time show, you could watch it multiple times and it will never get old.

All these top summer movies were no let downs and they turned out to be better than just another movie. If you haven’t seen these yet, get to it! You’ll be glad you did.



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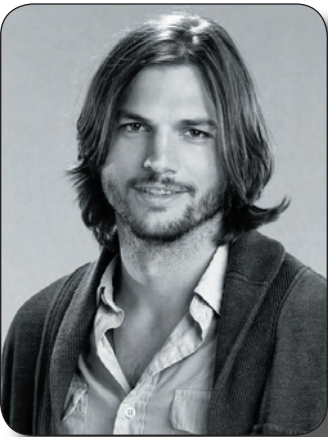




Fall TV premieres offer a variety of new and old

By Brandon Eastman

This fall, networks such as CBS, Fox, and FX will enjoy the returns of some of their top shows from last year. They will also welcome new shows to their networks that are expected to draw very high ratings. Some of these shows include; “Glee”, “NCIS”, “The



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Ashton Kutcher as Walden Schmidt.

“Two and a Half Men” which will see some



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The cast of Glee, which airs on FOX.

major changes with the addition of Ashton Kutcher and the subtraction of Charlie Sheen, but will still receive high ratings because the script is brilliantly written and it is one of the funniest shows airing on TV throughout the year.

“Glee” is a feel-good, musical comedy about a group of eager and ambitious students who are looking to outshine their singing competition to win Nationals. They must memorize songs and dance moves, all the while battling the difficult, drama-filled, exaggerated life that is known as high school.

Another comedy back on air this

fall is “The Big Bang Theory” which sees a group of misfit, boastfully intelligent, and somewhat annoying nerd friends always having social troubles because their social skills aren’t exactly up to par.

A new comedy sitcom this season is “2 Broke Girls”, which is a very profane show and there is a very dry sense of humor with a lot of sarcasm. It is about two girls from opposite ends of the social scale who end up working together at a diner. With both of them being completely broke, they come up with a brilliant plan to open a bakery, but they must make money, any way possible before they can begin their journey.

A few different drama shows will also be airing again this fall. “NCIS” is about a team of detectives with completely different personalities, which makes for a few good laughs in a typical show. This season we can expect to see many new dynamics and crazy situations which always start with the death of a member of the United States Military or terrorism. It

will keep you on the edge of your seat and guessing as there are many twists and turns. Also airing is “NCIS: Los Angeles” which is basically the same thing, except a different team and set



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Jackson Teller from “Sons of Anarchy”.

in L.A.

A show that will be airing on FX is the “Sons of Anarchy” which is a drama filled with darkly comedic undertones. It is about a notorious motorcycle gang out of Charming, California who are looking to keep their town free of drug dealers, corporate developers, and overzealous law officers.

Today’s Horoscopes

By Nancy Black, Tribune Media Services (MCT)

Today’s Birthday (10/12/11). Your deepest satisfaction comes from providing useful service to others, now and for the whole year. Your patient compassion guides your community through transitions, and their gratitude feeds your spirit. What comes around goes around. Share the love.

To get the advantage, check the day’s rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) --

Today is an 8 -- Life’s good, but a spiral of self-doubt could shake things up. Draw or write down your worries and fears, and burn them to release their hold on you. Cast a new intention into the fire.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) --

Today is a 7 -- Rethink your roles at home and at work, and try something new. Use your experience to avoid a costly mistake. Don’t spend your check before you get it. Patience pays.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) --

Today is an 8 -- A dream may inspire a romance. Your friends are there to help. Most great innovation is sparked by an accident. Consider

this when confronted by one.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) --

Today is an 8 -- It may take something to sort fact from fiction. Stick to what you know to be so. Your standards and perceptions are challenged (which could be a good thing).

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) --

Today is a 6 -- Now you’re on a roller coaster. Will you laugh and scream and enjoy the ride, or cry the whole way, waiting to get off? You may go through both sensations before the day’s out. It’s temporary.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) --

Today is a 6 -- Find satisfaction in little things. It’s okay to want to hide now and be private. There’s time for social life later. Read the small print. Go over picky details.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) --

Today is a 7 -- If you want to understand their point of view, put yourself in your partner’s shoes. If things don’t work the way you want, try again tomorrow. Look at it philosophically.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) --

Today is an 8 -- Not everything that glitters is gold. You can make barriers disappear (especially the ones that exist only in your head). Gain self-respect through a job well done.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

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Today is an 8 -- Your imagination plays to your advantage now. Aim higher than usual to gain some ground, even if you miss the mark. Stash away winnings. Note the options that worked.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) --

Today is a 7 -- Devote time for artistic creation today. Express something abstract, symbolic and dreamy. Go for clear communications tomorrow. Read the instructions carefully.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) --

Today is an 8 -- There’s a fork in the road ahead. A message from your dreams can point you in the right direction. The line between fact and fantasy may blur, so double-check the data.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) --

Today is an 8 -- Don’t forget to call if you’ll be late for dinner. Don’t get lost in nebulous daydreams without keeping an eye on the clock. You could make great progress in private.

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Drama and Stagecraft to perform 'Scooby Doo'

By Kevin Boyle

Scooby-Doo and the Trick-or-treat Thief, a Halloween Scooby-Doo will be put on by Lowry drama. There's a mystery to solve on this Halloween.

"I can hardly wait for the adrenaline rush of opening night," said Chase Estes.

Drama and stagecraft has been working on this play for over 7 weeks and tensions are high. The play is a shocking Halloween thriller, filled with Twists and turns. The gang is stunned on Halloween night when no trick-or-treaters are out and about. The gang has to find out what happen to the Halloween spirit. In the play the gang is portrayed by Cameron Echava as Scooby, Chase Estes as Shaggy, Tiffany Newman as Daphne, Alexis Kranovich as Velma and Greg Forney as Fred. The final push to be ready is in full swing, as people work busily striving for perfection.

"Its all about the kids and the learning process," said Mrs. James.

This play is a fun little one geared towards teaching the basics to the new drama students. This play is considered to be a prerequisite to longer more complicated plays down the road. However, the play does have some complex props like the MoneyBucket house, which is one of the more dazzling props in the play.

S c o o b y - D o o and the Trick-or-treat Thief will Start performances 7 PM Monday October 17, Tuesday the 18 and Wednesday the 19. Doors will open for seating at 6:30 PM. Prices are \$5.00 per adult \$3.00 for students and \$1.00 for the youngsters. Feel free to wear your favorite costume.



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Members of Lowry Drama prepare for their upcoming production.



1 million order iPhone 4S in first day

By Nathan Olivarez-Giles, Los Angeles Times (MCT)

More than 1 million people ordered the iPhone 4S in the first 24 hours the smartphone was on sale, Apple Inc. announced Monday.

Such solid numbers _ about as good a start as for any new gadget _ might alleviate some investor and pundit fears that the iPhone 4S might not be different enough from the iPhone 4 to do well in the marketplace.

The impressive first-day preorders are a bit of good news for Apple when the company could use some, in the wake of the

death last week of Chairman Steve Jobs.

Apple's iPhone 4, which looks the same as the 4S on the outside but has less sophisticated hardware on the inside, is Apple's best-selling iPhone overall so far. The iPhone 4 has sold more than the first three generation of iPhones combined, Apple has said. It also held a single-day preorder record of 600,000 units, which was surpassed by the iPhone 4S.

"We are blown away with the incredible customer response to iPhone 4S," Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of worldwide product marketing, said in a statement. "The first day preorders for iPhone 4S have been the most for any new product that Apple has ever launched, and

we are thrilled that customers love iPhone 4S as much as we do."

The iPhone 4S is set to arrive in stores around Oct. 14, which should be about the same day that those who have pre-ordered the device will see their handsets arrive.

The iPhone 4S sales likely got a big boost from the fact that the new phone is available to more U.S. consumers than any previous iPhone version, with Sprint joining AT&T and Verizon in selling the gadget. The iPhone 4S also keeps the pricing structure of previous iPhones at 16 gigabytes of storage for \$199 and 32 gigabytes for \$299, on a 2-year contract. Apple is also releasing a 64-gigabyte iPhone for the first time, which sells for \$399.



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