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Homecoming: SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

By JESSIE SCHIRRICK AND WESTON IRONS



Students face off at Friday's assembly in a chant war./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Jewel Lapira and Caleb Logan nominees for Powderpuff king and queen./Weston Irons •The Brand



Students participate in Wednesday's lunchtime activity./ Liam Gallups •The Brand



Pre-performance picture of some dance team members at the bonfire./ Maddie Rose •The Brand

Red, white, blue and better than you. The first day of Homecoming week kicked off with the students celebrating the love of their country with 'Merica Monday. The kids dressed up in red, white, and blue to support their class and help win class points. The halls were ablaze with patriotism and even Mr. Cabatbat garnished his weight machine with a brand spanking new American flag.

The leadership class organized a lively assembly at which many festivities took place to get everyone in the spirit for the upcoming week. The Grand Marshall, Mr. Beck, was an-

nounced. Then homecoming candidates, Cecily Snow, Donovan Brumm, Beau Billingsley, Chelsea Baker, Meg Montero, and Kelvin Meza, competed in a hilarious dance off. Then Dance Team delivered a great performance with a hip hop dance. The assembly was wrapped up with a video produced by the Leadership class.

On the second day of homecoming week our halls where filled with cuts, bruises, and broken bones. Some kids showed up with crutches, wheelchairs, and bloody bandages. Most injuries looked believable but the legitimacy of others was somewhat questionable.

The lunch time activity on Tuesday featured a medical scavenger hunt. The competitors had to find the items and return them to leadership students as quickly as possible. The freshmen took first place, followed by the juniors, seniors, and lastly, the sophomores.

On Wednesdays we wear pink. Wednesday, October 8 was Breast Cancer Awareness Day for Homecoming and many students came to school sporting their cutest pink attire. It was nice to see everyone showing their support for breast cancer and for Joelle Cooper, a local resident, who was

diagnosed with breast cancer.

The seniors were up bright and early for the senior sunrise on Thursday morning at 5:45. Senior advisors, Lynn Ludlow and Todd Milton, came out and served hot chocolate and donuts to the sleepy students as they got out their blankies and huddled against the bleachers on the track to watch what symbolized "the beginning of the end" as a class. It was a very sentimental moment and even a few eyes got teary.

Thursday was Hippy Day. What

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Homecoming royalty candidates pose for a picture during the halftime show./ Aimee Brandon •The Brand



On Wednesday they wore pink./ Leticia Gomez •he Brand



Students showed off their fake injuries./ Alex Manzo •The Brand



Liam Sparks and Andy Mendoza getting down at the dance./ Dani Ricker •The Brand

SENIORS-FRESHMAN PULL OUT POWDERPUFF WIN

By Weston Irons

A week of fun filled events began Monday night with the annual Powderpuff game.

Like usual the Seniors-Freshmen squared off against the Juniors-Sophomores. The seniors have not lost a Powderpuff game in their high school careers and that streak would not be ended Monday night as the Seniors-Freshmen went on to win the game by a final score of 14-0.

The Seniors-Freshmen got on to the scoreboard

quick, scoring two touchdowns in the first ten minutes of the game. The Juniors-Sophomores had trouble stopping the running duo of Shelby McKinnon and Auri Criddle and at the same time could not seem to get much going on offense. After that though, the game turned into a defensive battle and the teams struggled to get up and down the field and stayed in the same half of the field until the final

seconds when the Seniors-Freshmen almost went up another touchdown after a big run by Alyssa Dendary.

At halftime after the all-male cheer team performed, the

Powderpuff homecoming

royalty was announced. The "king" candidates were Jewel Lapira, Payton Naveran, and Marissa Mendoza. The "queen" candidates were Mickey Donovan, Caleb Logan, and Cameron Okuma.



The Seniors-Sophomores team in a huddle. /Weston Irons • The Brand

Jewel Lapira and Cameron Okuma were crowned Powderpuff king and queen, and received Burger King Crowns to signify their titles.

Coach of the Juniors-Sophomore team, Jacob Hernandez, had a few words to say after the intense game.

"We lost, but our team played hard and gave them a good game. All in all it was fun. Go Lowry," said coach Hernandez.



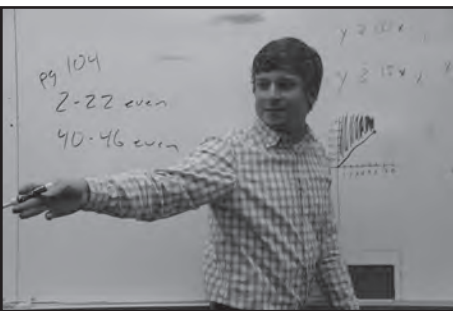
NEW FACES COME TO LOWRY

By KAITY SAMPLE

As Lowry rolls into the 2014-2015 school year new faces can be seen around campus.

"I expect to have a great year. It is going to be busy and I am going to be learning as much sometimes as the students are being a new teacher, but it's going to be fun and a great experience. I want to set the tone for years to come," said math teacher Austin Mayo.

New administrators include Mr.



Mr. Austin Mayo./ Kaity Sample • The Brand

Ray Parks as the new principal and Mr. Tim Connors will be in and out of classes, as he fills the Vice Principal and Athletic Director spots.

"I hope to see more academic success. I want to see my students enjoy learning and have fun as they are excelling and advancing in their school work." Said English teacher Miranda Santos.

Six teaching spots have been filled as well. Mr. Austin Mayo and Mr. Adam Sorenson are now a part of the math program. Mr. David Dunham and Mrs. Miranda Santos can be seen in the English department. Mrs. Angella Cook is the new special education teacher and Mr. Greg Scott is the new science and a CTE



Mr. Adam Sorenson./ Kaity Sample • The Brand

teacher.

"Besides my quick wit, good looks, and charm I plan to bring a new and refreshing attitude to the math department. What I really hope for is that the students see me as someone who really does care whether they succeed or not, and that I am here to help them out and not just with math but with their education as a whole," said Mayo.

Mrs. Cherese Fifield is the new school nurse. Mrs. Gloria Avila, Mrs. Nicole Cochrane, Mrs. Lindsey Galarza, and Mrs. Roxanne Hardy are all new aides. The campus police officer, Chukuma Jones, is new to Lowry as well. Finally, Marilynn Durr is part of the custodial staff. The new faculty is planning to make this school year one to remember.



Mr. Gregory Scott./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Mrs. Cherese Fifield (R) helps a student./ Dani Ricker • The Brand

WORK BEGINS ON FIRST PHASE OF WINNEMUCCA RECREATION CENTER

By AIMEE BRANDON

Progress is being made on the Winnemucca Boys and Girls Club and Recreational Complex as it is currently beginning Phase One, Land Development.

The vision for the complex is to "improve the quality of life for our residents by providing youth development services, recreational opportunities, health enhancement services, and community development though facilities and programs that build a healthier spirit, mind and body for all individuals regardless of ability to pay," said the website for the project,



Work began on the first phase of the Recreation Center on October 9./ Ron Espinola • The Brand

winnemuccarecomplex.com.

As planned the construction of utilities and land leveling will begin this October.

"The initial bid was opened yesterday, September 30, by the City of Winnemucca it was awarded to Honeywell Construction so we will actually start the phase of land leveling and utilities and so on hopefully has soon as next week," said Lowry Principal Ray Parks.

They predict phase one will be completed summer 2015.

"Phase one is a multi-use field, restrooms, parking lots, roads, utilities, as far as power sewer and water for the future boys and girls club and recreation center the actual use of that facility were trying to get summer of 2015 with a goal of having a youth soccer tournament here to kind of kick it off next summer," said

Parks.

The multi-purpose field will allow Lowry sports team to have more space and nicer facilities for practice and games.

"There will be regulation adult-sized fields

so we can start using them as practice fields and we can use them as game fields if we want to get to the point that we are playing on a regulation legal sized game field we also hope to start hosting regional soccer events here so instead of division 1A all going to Reno they can all come here. Same thing we're going to try to start bringing in the smaller division soccer tournaments as well. So that there's a chance that we host regional soc-



An architect's rendering of the proposed Boys and Girls Club./ Courtesy • winnemuccarecomplex.com

cer and boys and girls varsity sports," said Parks

While funding for phase one is secured, there will be a vote on this year's county ballot concerning raising sales tax to be used for recreation. It is question two on the ballot and if you wish to support the recreation center you will vote yes.

"The cost of this project is \$9,570,000 which includes land acquisition, multi-use fields, boys and Girls Club and Rec Center," says the website.

Newmont and Barrick employees present career information

By AIMEE BRANDON

Kelly Malan, a Lowry High school graduate was at Lowry October 7 with the mines to talk to student about the future.



Lowry graduate and Newmont employee./Aimee Brandon • The Brand

"We are with Newmont and Barrick just talking to students about the importance of staying in school," said Kelly Malan.

Malan become pregnant with her first child her senior year of high school, but instead of dropping out for a year and redoing her senior year, she attended the PASS program and gradu-

ated with her class. In the presentation they hoped to bring students to the realization that what you do after high school matters.

"There is kind of a stigma I think some people think they're going to go to high school and then just go work at the mines once they're done with high school or even that they can drop out of high school and go work at the mines. And maybe back ten or twenty days ago that was the case so were here just to really make sure everyone knows the importance of staying in school, furthering your education if they want a career in the mining industry or really in any industry. I don't have a lot of education after high school. We're mostly here to just show them the importance of it. We want kids to know that

they need to stay in school, they need to graduate. Lowry's graduation rate is 60 percent to 70 percent somewhere in there and as a community that shouldn't be acceptable to us we should strive for more," said Malan.



Newmont and Barrick employees present career information in the library./Aimee Brandon • The Brand



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STUDENT ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTING TO LEAVE CAMPUS

By DANI RICKER

Senior Josh Dunnington has found himself in Officer Jones’s custody after getting caught jumping a fence.

By now everyone has noticed that the gate between the Science and Main buildings is always locked. Going all the way around the buildings to get outside has become quite a chore, which is why several students have decided to take the short cut, and just jump the fence.

“Students need to realize that the

gate has been locked for a reason,” said Officer Jones. “There is no reason for kids to be climbing over it, it doesn’t take that much longer to walk around the building,” he added.

The gate will continue to be locked the whole school year. Students are not allowed to climb on or over any fences on school property.

“We are just trying to keep the students here safe, so we ask that everyone respect the rules,” said Officer Jones. Since this incident no

other students have been caught jumping the fence.

“It’s not like I was doing anything wrong, I just didn’t want to walk all the way around the building,” said Dunnington. “What’s the worst that could happen anyways?” Officer Jones said that administration will not take jumping fences lightly, and that any student caught doing so will be punished to the fullest extent of the law.



Officer Chuck Jones arresting student, Josh Dunnington./ Dani Ricker • The Brand



30-minute lunches cause turmoil and chaos at LHS

By JESSIE SCHIRRICK

Since the beginning of the year, the students and staff at Lowry have experienced a lot of changes in their schedule such as the elimination of block days, 50-minute class periods, and 30-minute lunches. The latter of which has caused several injuries, four fender benders, and overall violation of the law.

“We implemented the shorter lunch periods to keep students from having time to partake in illegal activities during lunch. So far our plan seems to be shaping up nicely,” said Vice Principal Tim Connors.

Unbeknownst to Connors, the students who did illegal activities with a 45-minute lunch period are still doing them in a 30-minute lunch period, but are making time for it by skipping lunch, causing several cases of malnutrition and unhealthy weight loss.

There are



TACT speeding violation./ Courtesy • Oregon Department of Transportation

some students that are still trying to consume as much as they normally did during the longer lunch period resulting in four choking incidents. Luckily, all students were able to be resuscitated.

Other students are taking the problem into their own hands and are skipping 5th period to make time

for a longer lunch hour, resulting in multiple truancies and a significant decline in grades for those classes.

Even with these retaliations and afflictions, the administration is not budging.

“We think of this as a great way to weed out the weak ones, the ones that can’t figure out how to eat a nutritional meal in a short period of time. We don’t need students like that at this school, we produce young adults that are prepared for the rigors of surviving the short lunch breaks of the real world,” said Connors.



NEW SMOKERS’ CORNER RECEIVES FUNDING FOR IMPROVEMENTS

By DANI RICKER

Johnson and Co. construction out of Elko has recently purchased the land across from the high school from Great Basin College, forcing ‘smoker’s corner’ to relocate.

According to HR secretary Hannah Kafe, the company hopes to build a Starbucks on the land. The store will be small enough, however, that Lowry students will still be allowed to park in the Buckaroo

That corner has been the one place I could grab a smoke before class my entire high school career,” said one student. “I’m really mad to see it go.”

“I really don’t mind the change, in fact I’m pretty excited,” argued another student. “Being off the corner makes us less in the public eye. I always felt so judged standing on the corner when all the parents came to pick up their kids. We were always getting stared at.”

Smoker’s corner has been moved onto Great Basin Avenue, just outside the fence of the senior parking lot. If you park over there you probably noticed the blue park bench sitting out there, which is where they have staked their claim.

The school has set aside \$15,000 to improve the area which the new corner is located. An inside source says they plan on laying down concrete and installing a pavilion with benches and tables for the kids to sit at.

Administration hopes that those changes will be done before the start of the next school year.



The current, unimproved “smoker’s corner”./Dani Ricker • The Brand

parking lot.

Some students that regularly visited the corner are outraged with the move, others are very excited about the change in scenery.

“I don’t understand why we had to move. We aren’t hurting anyone.



Mrs. Watts set to return in new role

By NICK MADDOX

Mrs. Debbie Watts is returning next semester as the new lunch detention teacher. Watts retired at the end of last year and Mr. Ray Parks was selected as the new principal.

Due to budget shortfalls the district is looking for ways to save money. One approach they have taken is to reach out to retired educators and have them return as unpaid volunteers.

Watts was glad for the opportunity to help out the school in its time of need.

She will be keeping kids in line and making them pick up litter outside for doing something bad or for violating the tardy policy.

“Mrs. Watts will definitely be a big help to our school and she will be a great faculty member to help with discipline issues. Her experience will definitely be an asset to the school,” said Parks.

Even our weights teacher Mr. Taua Cabatbat was emotional about the impending return of his former

leader.

“Without her I am nothing. Without her here I have no structure, no guidance, and no great leadership. I miss her greatly,” said Cabatbat.

The new vice principal, Mr. Tim



Former principal Debbie Watts./ Courtesy • Winnada

Connors, responded with advice Watts can do to help with punishment.

“By having her back we could actually send those kids in lunch detention to the weight room where they could for once get a real workout by a real weight teacher,” said Connors.

The English, drama, and stagecraft teacher responded

with wanting order again provided by Watts while she was the principal.

“It will be great to have dress code monitored again,” said Mrs. Corrine James.

Also, Watts will be performing hall patrol when she is not running lunch detention. She will be walking around the halls looking for kids ditching class and wandering the halls for no reason.



In case you missed it

By MARCOS SALCEDO-DURAN

Summer is over. Everyone is back in school, ready to begin yet another school year. Many people say that summer was uneventful, but they are very mistaken. This summer was full to the brim with news, sports, and the occasional scandal or two. Let's take a look back at what happened this summer, in case you missed it.

Militants on the march

The US has begun air strikes in Iraq against Islamic militants advancing on the northern city of Irbil. Fighters from the Islamic State (IS), have been advancing east and seized Qaraqosh, Iraq's biggest Christian town, earlier this week.



The Rise of ISIS: The well-funded and well-armed Islamic extremist group known as the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) that started as a faction of Al-Qaeda in 2004 has recently gained notoriety for its horrendous and despicable deeds, such as public mass murders, a mass kidnapping of 140 Kurdish schoolboys, its takeover of the majority of Iraq and part of Syria, and the videotaped and publicized beheadings of James Foley and Steven Sotloff, two US journalists. It has even recruited some American and British citizens to go to Syria and fight for them. They are so extreme and violent that Al-Qaeda



A burial team in Liberia's Bong County sprays a grave with a chlorine disinfectant. / Robyn Dixon • Los Angeles Times/MCT

has even renounced all ties to it. Prime Minister of the UK David Cameron and President Obama have made effort in fighting ISIS, declaring them a "serious threat", putting in preventative measures so that no US or UK citizens that have gone to fight for them can come back, and launching concentrated air strikes against them, but the fight is far from over. Source CNN.com

The Ebola Virus Outbreak: In July, the US sent a team of doctors to fight an outbreak of the deadly Ebola Virus in Africa. The virus is transmitted through close contact of bodily fluids of infected people or animals. Some of the symptoms include weakness, muscle pain, headache and sore throat. This is followed by vomiting, diarrhea, rash, impaired kidney and liver function, and in some cases, both internal and external bleeding.

As the outbreak killed hundreds in Africa, some Americans who had volunteered to go help had been infected as well. At first, they joined the ranks of patients in Africa, but then two were pulled from Africa back into the US to be treated. They were showing signs of slow improvement, and ultimately, they were cured. A third patient recently arrived in Nebraska, and a vaccine is in development. This vaccine is a glimmer of hope for the infected, and the two survivors have shared their story, but for now, the fight against Ebola goes on. Sources: NBC.com, WHO.com

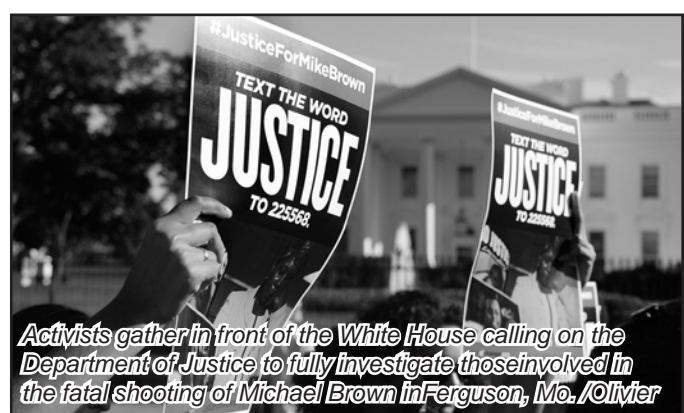
The Ferguson Case: On August 9, Police officer Darren Wilson shot and killed unarmed black teenager Michael Brown. Brown and a friend were walking down the middle of the street when Wilson drove up and ordered them to move to the sidewalk. There was an apparent argument between Brown and Wilson, and then, Wilson's gun

was fired. Brown and his friend fled, but were pursued by Wilson, who shot Brown six times, killing him. The town of Ferguson was in uproar, and Americans everywhere called this case "another Trayvon Martin", and called for justice for Michael Brown. President Obama expressed his condolences towards the Brown family, and Attorney General Eric Holder announced that the Justice Department will investigate Ferguson police force for possible misconduct or discrimination. Source: CNN.com

The Death of Robin Williams: The beloved actor and comedian passed away on August 11. Several things were and are being done in his honor, such as a memorial service, a compilation of all of his biggest roles in movies, such as in "Popeye", "Mrs. Doubtfire", "Awakenings", "Aladdin", "Night at the Museum", and many more. Many people mourned his passing, and even President Obama

spoke about him.

"Robin Williams was an airman, a doctor, a genie, a nanny, a president, a professor, a bangarang Peter Pan, and everything in between. But he was one of a kind. He arrived in our lives as an alien -- but he ended up touching every element of the human spirit. He made us laugh. He made us cry. He gave his immeasurable talent freely and generously to those who needed it most -- from our troops stationed abroad to the marginalized on our own streets. The Obama family offers our condolences to Robin's family, his friends, and everyone who found their voice and their verse thanks to Robin Williams," said Obama. Source NBC.com, CNN.com



Activists gather in front of the White House calling on the Department of Justice to fully investigate those involved in the fatal shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo. / Olivier

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Do you know how it feels to get made fun of or always being the outcast? Everyone has been picked on at least once in their lifetime. Why do people feel the need to put-down and bully another person?

Bullying can affect everyone. Those who are bullied, those who bully, and those who witness bullying. Bullying is associated to many outcomes including impacts on mental health, substance abuse, suicide, depression and anxiety, decreased academic achievement, school participation, etc.

Why do people bully others? Some people will have family issues. Families that don't love their kids, cause him/her to put-down someone else just because they've been a victim themselves.

Lack of attentions from friends, parents, and teachers can cause a person to bully.

Some kids have learned bullying from others (parents, brothers or sisters, friends). They have seen them getting their way by being angry or pushing other people around. They believe that by putting fear in you, they will have the best shot at everything in school or in your neighborhood.

Watching a lot of violent films and video games can make a person try

violent behavior.

They usually try it on people who appear smaller and/or weaker to them.

All these things can lead up to bullying.

These outcomes can deeply hurt someone and you would never even realize it because they will probably never stand up for themselves.

If you are a bully yourself, actually think about it. Put yourself in their shoes. Would you like to be the one that always gets picked on every single day? Instead, try being a better person and leave them alone. No one should ever get bullied or have low self-esteem about themselves.



By Brenda Martinez

Appreciate everyone around you and have some respect for others and their personal things.

Everybody is all equal; a person can never be lower than another.

Say someone can be a huge smoker and another person a well-known, smart, athletic kid. That doesn't change anything. The smoker could be the brightest kid to others and the popular kid could always be a jerk. You will never know what comes from a person. Show more respect, to others and yourself so you can make a change in not only yourself, but to the society as well.

NEW STUDENTS AND NEW CLIQUES

Many people have seen the fantastic movie "Mean Girls". This movie has a unique set of characters. Regina George is a well-known character in the movie. Then there is Cady Heron the "Freak" that came from Africa.

Regina is a mean and heartless teenager; she didn't care about others she only cared about herself. If someone didn't like her she didn't think it was a big deal. Regina always was a sassy girl. Everyone in North Shore wanted

to be Regina. If you were in her clique you were known as a plastic. Somehow Cady Heron got into the clique.

At Lowry this happens all the time, when someone new comes in town, students judge them right away. Usually new students don't know a lot of people which is understandable. Others are really mean to the new students.



By Nakiya Flores

When a person comes

into the classroom they've never seen before, the others stare at the new students like they are looking at an alien. At lunch there are many cliques such as the jocks, preps, and others that are different. Students have to figure out where they belong in school.

This shouldn't happen in high school, everyone should be able to get



to know one another and be friends. We all know that won't happen in every school. They will always have their cliques and their own people. Hopefully this will change, if you don't know someone try to get know them before you judge them. You never know; maybe that person will be your best friend. Don't be a Regina.

HALLWAY ETIQUETTE

Alright listen up people. We have issues in the hallway that must be stopped. Such as walking as slow as paralyzed snails, too much PDA, walking on the wrong side of the hallway, and people stopping in the hallways and talking.

We've all been stuck behind slow walkers and it is one of the worst struggles of getting to class. Especially if you cannot get around other students because the left side is way too busy. So you just bite your lip and hope they fall or something. So please keep up the pace people.

Do you drive on the left side of the road? No you don't. The hallways are like the road. You walk on the right side, you

only pass people if the left lane is clear, and you do not park in the middle of the road. It is that simple.

Where do I begin with PDA? To make a long story short, it's nasty. It's okay to hold hands and give pecks when you split up for the treacherous 55 minutes, but do not do anything beyond that. That's just weird.

Do not stop in the middle of the hallways and talk. It is okay if it is before and after school, but not in our five minute transition from one classroom to the other in a hallway that is already packed. If you are in a hallway that is open and only a few students are walking then feel free.

As long as you can do these simple things in the hallway, no one will hate walking behind you.



By Nick Maddox



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Do's AND Don'ts

Do participate in Homecoming Events, you might regret it when you're super old, like 30.

Don't ask someone to the dance you've met once.

Do go to the dance single, why have someone holding you back?

Don't wear Elko colors to the Homecoming Game.

Do make your throat bleed from screaming loudly at the game.

Don't scream in the person's ear next to you because then you might physically assault.

Do go to Lowry for a good time.

Don't go to Lowry for an education.

Do use your phones in the hallways.

Don't use them in class though.

Do tell your teacher you appreciate them if they're bald.

Don't encourage them to grow their hair out.

Do buy the new Bald & Beautiful album "Buffed and Shined."

Don't confuse Mr. Corak (the lead singer) with Pitbull, the highly overrated pop star.

Do listen to Mr. Setzer's hit song "Words of Wisdom" on the B&B's album.

Don't have a least favorite teacher because then feelings get hurt.

Do focus on chewing your gum correctly.

Don't pull it out of your mouth for everyone to see, that's extremely annoying.

Do have a great rest of the year.

Don't drop out, get expelled, or come to a horrible demise because that would just plainly suck.



By Brody Goucher

Affirmative Action racism in reverse

Affirmative action, otherwise known as "positive discrimination", is most generally defined as giving members of minorities preference in selection processes for employment, enrollment in schools, scholarship opportunities, etc. Affirmative action is "one of the most effective tools for redressing the injustices caused by our nation's historic discrimination against people of color and women, and for leveling what has long been an uneven playing field" according to the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Affirmative action is most often taken by establishing diversity quotas, therefore broadening opportunities for minority groups and consequently narrowing opportunities for Caucasians.

Affirmative action has most recently made headlines for the Supreme Court case in which the ruling upheld a Michigan law banning "preferential treatment to any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin" when making admission decisions at publicly funded universities of the state. This ban also bars preferential treatment when making employment or contract decisions. The decision was made 6-2 and one of the justices who opposed the decision spoke out about why she strongly disagreed with the ruling.

"For members of historically marginalized groups, which rely on the federal courts to protect their constitutional rights, the decision can hardly bolster hope for a vision of democracy that preserves for all the right to participate meaningfully and equally in self-government," wrote Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

Others who support affirmative action argue that it is the only way to do right by minorities that have been oppressed for years and even still experience prejudice now, and that opportunities for minorities have and will decrease significantly with the elimination of affirmative action. According to the New York Times minority enrollment at universities in California, Texas,

Michigan, and Washington has decreased since the respective states approved a ban on affirmative action and the numbers have not recovered.

This is all stark evidence that affirmative action benefits minority groups, but that doesn't mean they should become accustomed to relying on it. For example: if a Caucasian and a Hispanic are both applying for admission to the same school and the Hispanic knows that he will not be held to as high of a standard, where is his motivation to excel beyond a mediocre performance? How can a society flourish if it's built on people who are depending on government handouts to help them get by? It's certainly not fair to the Caucasian who has worked harder and received the better grades just to be snubbed because he's not of an exotic race. The value of a student should be measured solely on their academic ability. This country simply cannot afford to sacrifice its most promising minds just to meet a quota.

Further, while Justice Sotomayor argues that the elimination of affirmative action leaves little hope for an equal vision of democracy in this country, how does giving preferential treatment to certain minorities promote equality? This is a blatant injustice to Caucasians everywhere. While I agree that certain races have suffered greatly under the hand of discrimination, if there is any hope to grow as a society we must stop pointing fingers and trying to compensate unfairly for a history we cannot change. All it does is feed the vicious cycle; if there is any hope to truly eradicate racial discrimination, all races must receive the exact same treatment.



By Jessie Schirrick

MARY JANE KILLS THE BRAIN

Marijuana. The drug everyone's talking about. If it isn't being talked about, it's most likely being used.

Just seeing the word 'marijuana' is a good way to get the attention of most students. But let's just

get straight to the point here, I'm not going to write an article talking about how smoking is something that's cool, but I'm not going to sit here and say that smoking weed is bad for you and you should stop.

Everyone's opinion on marijuana usage is different. Some people believe that everyone that smokes the drug is a "pothead" and are the same kids their children shouldn't be hanging around. Others believe that smoking isn't a bad thing and it's a helpful way to relax and unwind.

The real question here is, should marijuana be legalized?

According to "usnews.com" last year there were over 800,000 arrests for marijuana possession. Every 37 seconds people are arrested for marijuana. Almost half of the drug arrests in the country are from marijuana.



If marijuana were to be legalized, maybe actual criminals would be arrested and citizens wouldn't be paying taxes for people that really did no harm to anyone or anything.

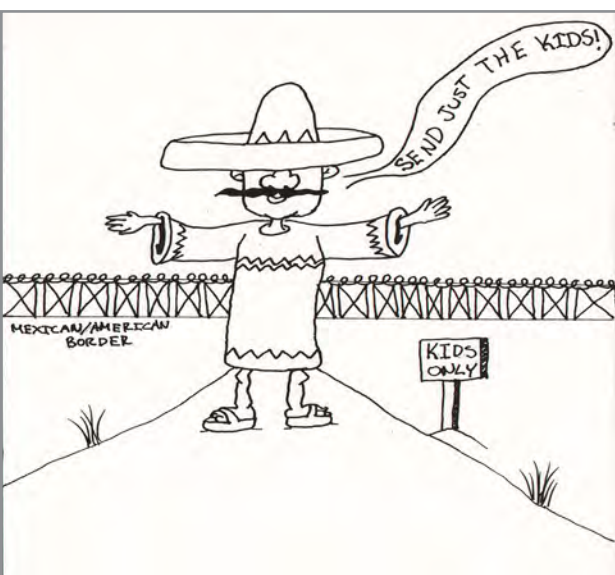
Imagine if the plant were to be discovered two weeks ago. Would it be considered a drug or something that's good and can help people?

Is Marijuana all that bad though?

We've all heard people say that marijuana helps prevent cancer. According to The National Cancer Society, marijuana's primary cannabinoids, THC and CBD are both cancer killers. Marijuana is less harmful than alcohol and tobacco. So why are things that are more harmful to our bodies legal, but things that are not as harmful illegal?



By Marissa Mendoza



Senator Harry Reid @SenatorReid Oct 7

This is a good day for Nevada. Today's decision puts us on the side of equality and the right side of history.

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The Supreme Court just cleared the path for marriage equality in at least five more states. #LovelsLove

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Football drops key game to Elko

By KAITY SAMPLE

Play by play, yard by yard, both Lowry and Elko fans were on the edges of their seats for the entire four quarters waiting for the final buzzer to sound. In a heart-breaking situation the Buckaroos fell to the Indians 21-0.

The Indians scored within the first few minutes of the first quarter, and Lowry's defense stepped up and held them until the fourth quarter when Elko scored not only once

again but twice.

"As a team we worked great defensively. We need to work harder upfront and the way we play mentally," said offensive lineman Anthony Hummel.

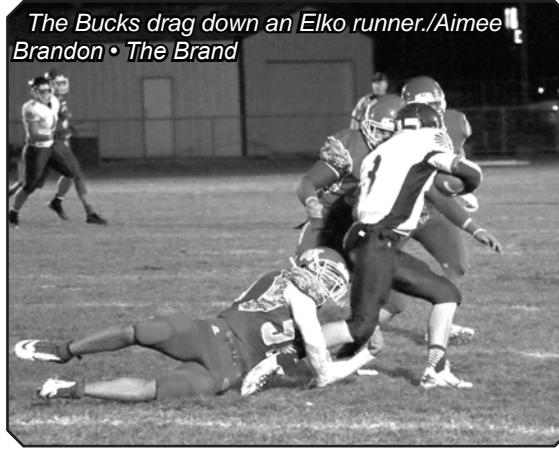
The defensive side had control over Elko but offense seemed to struggle as they lost Garrett Naveran early in the game when he broke his collar bone and couldn't quite work things out ac-

cordingly. Offense was also set back due to some penalties causing them to punt the ball more than they expected.

"Our defense played exceptionally throughout the whole game. However a few penalties against us set our offense up in a bad position and we punted a lot more than we wanted to. The loss of Naveran was also huge in the outcome of the game. Overall it was a dog fight game by both teams and I hope we get the opportunity to play

them once again," said senior Chris Tyree.

Lowry will try to get back on track against Sparks next Friday at home.



The Bucks drag down an Elko runner./Aimee Brandon • The Brand



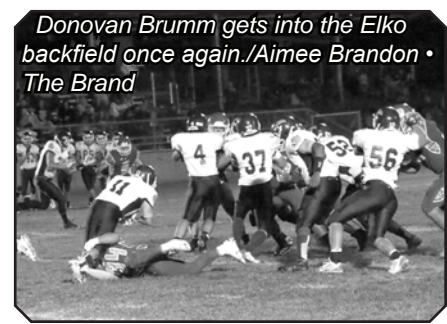
Garrett Naveran makes a reception./Aimee Brandon • The Brand



Beau Billingsley tries to stay on his feet./Aimee Brandon • The Brand



The Bucks defense stops Elko./Aimee Brandon • The Brand



Donovan Brumm gets into the Elko backfield once again./Aimee Brandon • The Brand



Boys soccer falls twice during homecoming week

By BRODY GOUCHER

Lowry came up short in a close match to The Green Wave last week; Lowry couldn't get any momentum on their side and overall struggled throughout the day.

Brian Shettler plays center back for the varsity soccer team and is a big part of the soccer team's defense.

Communication was a clear problem in the loss, and that is left to a lack of effort from the team.

"We needed to work harder on both sides of the field and earn better opportunities to score goals," said Shettler.

Lowry got off to a slow start and gave up an early goal to Fallon in the first half. After the first goal was scored the players were clearly affected.

"After Fallon scored we started to put our heads down and began to just throw the blame around, everyone seemed to lose any sense of momentum that we had," explained Shettler.

During the second half the team tried to mount a comeback and came out with more energy and more physicality.

"We had a much stronger second half with more hustle and confidence, we allowed a perimeter goal late in the second half but after the goal we pushed for better offensive opportunities but couldn't capitalize

on them," said Shettler.

Lowry also played sparks last Saturday but failed to get anything going against a well prepared sparks team, the score was 4-1 Sparks.

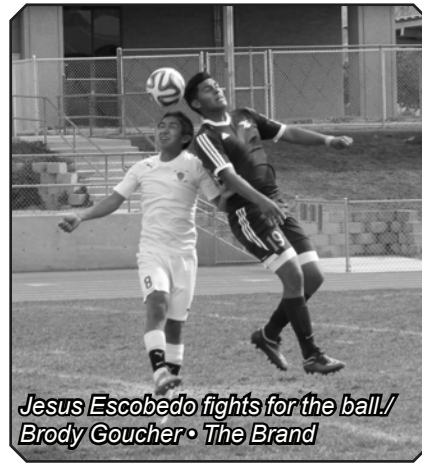
While the score does not indicate that the game was close, Lowry did compete with Sparks and putp a good fight throughout both halves but just couldn't defend the constant attacks put on by Sparks talented strikers and mid fielders.

"We knew we were facing a tough team going in to the game but I thought overall that our team gave out a good effort despite the loss," said Snider

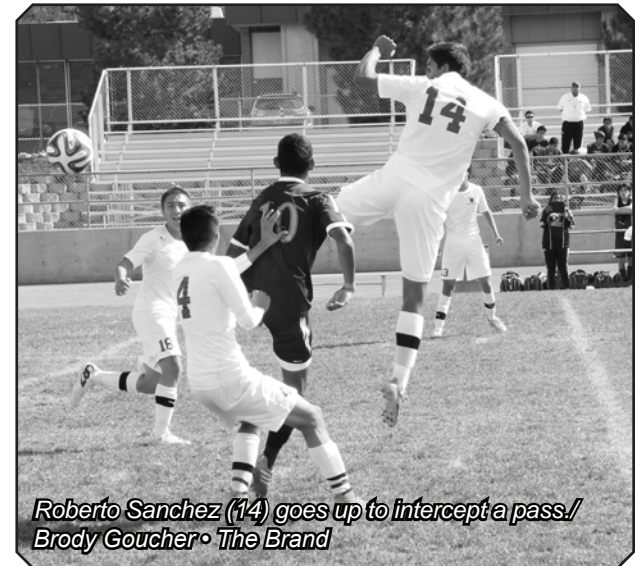
Sparks gained momentum early on by putting on a nonstop stream of attacks that put the Rail Roaders up 1-0 by the half. The defense played solid during the first half and Lowry was getting chances on the offensive end but couldn't convert any of the shots.

"The game was rather exciting, if we would have scored on a couple more try's it would have been closer but the team played hard," said Snyder

In the second half



Jesus Escobedo fights for the ball./Brody Goucher • The Brand



Roberto Sanchez (14) goes up to intercept a pass./Brody Goucher • The Brand

Lowry gave up 3 more goals but also scored one. The defense broke down and the offense couldn't convert on most of their shot attempts.

You can watch the bucks try to redeem themselves this Saturday at 12:00 PM when they play the Vaqueros in Fernley.



Jordan Diaz controls the ball with his chest./Brody Goucher • The Brand



Colton Irons heds the ball./Brody Goucher • The Brand

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Boys JV soccer: Close isn't good enough

BY WESTON IRONS

The JV boys soccer team lost against Sparks 2-0, Saturday at home, despite several second half chances.

The Bucks made a couple of mistakes early in the first half allowing

two goals, but played a good second half and created many chances, nearly getting themselves back into the game.

Center back Kyle Schultz thought the game went well and the team was coming along well. Schultz thinks that

if they could get a couple things down, they'll be set for the rest of the season.

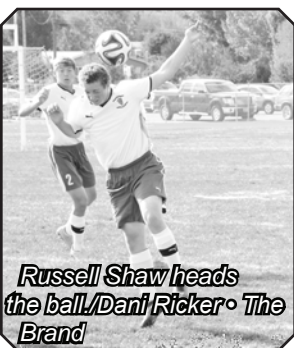
"I thought we played well, but we need to work on our passing and communication. We also need to show up to our games ready," said Schultz.

Striker Levi Lloyd had a similar opinion about the game.

"Overall it was a close game. We had a few sloppy plays which led to Sparks scoring. Other than that, we played a great team. Now all we need



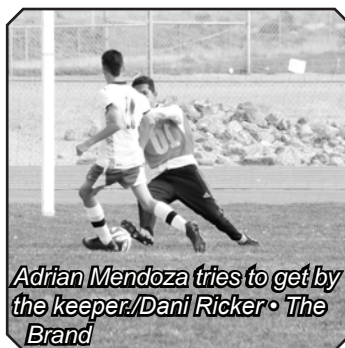
(L-R) Nico Espinola, Kyle Schultz, and Adrian Mendoza stand in the wall on a free kick./Dani Ricker • The Brand



Russell Shaw heads the ball./Dani Ricker • The Brand



Joe Mullis attempts a bicycles kick./Dani Ricker • The Brand



Adrian Mendoza tries to get by the keeper./Dani Ricker • The Brand

to work on is finishing goals," said Lloyd.

Lloyd, Schultz, and the boys will be back on the game pitch Saturday against Fernley, a team they have yet to play this season.

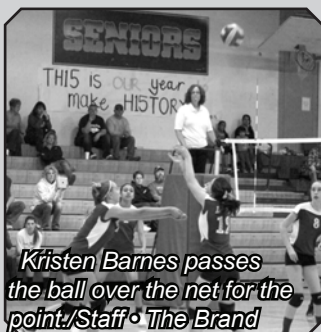
Frosh volleyball wins again

BY ALEX MANZO

The freshman girls' volleyball team took home another win against the Fernley Vaqueros. They showed excellent team work with a final score of 25-16 in the first match and 25-11 in the second.

"Most teams around here don't like to play as a team and they just get frustrated but we actually work as a team and know how to play," said Tauni Rolando.

This seasons the team has only lost two matches. "We work hard and play smart," said Kristen Barnes.



Kristen Barnes passes the ball over the net for the point./Staff • The Brand



Lowry's freshman volleyball team and coach Mandy Chaffin./Staff • The Brand

Their next match is October 15 against Sparks, the time is to be announced at a later date.

Indians top JV Bucks by 15

BY DANI RICKER

JV football went head to head against the Elko Indians Friday the 10th at home to kick off Friday night football.

Although they battled hard Lowry lost 28-13.

The team definitely has a lot of room to improve, but team member Ryan Bourland says they have come a long way and will continue to grow and improve.

"As a team we've definitely improved, we used to have such a hard time playing as a team and lately we've been doing a lot better than we used to," said Bourland. "We have to work on our offensive line but other than that I'm proud of how we played."

Junior Dominic Diaz disagrees, saying that the team doesn't need to improve. "As a team we all played well together and we played hard, we real-

ly don't need to improve on anything, we just need to continue to play as a whole, and keep our minds right," said Diaz. "I think we played well against Elko, we just had a mental breakdown in the first half," he added.

The team isn't going to let this loss keep them down. They plan to practice harder and will strive to improve for the rest of their season.

"As the season progresses we just need to keep playing as we've been playing the last three games and we'll have a successful end of the season," said Diaz.

JV plays on October 17 at home against Sparks at 4:30 p.m.



Lowry swarms to the ball./Dani Ricker • The Brand



Dominic Diaz comes up short on a reception./Dani Ricker • The Brand

JV girls soccer finishes off homecoming week with a win

BY AIMEE BRANDON

Homecoming week the JV girls soccer team had three games. Their Monday game, October 6, against Truckee the girls lost 9-0.

On Tuesday the Lady Bucks played Fallon losing 1-0. And on Saturday of homecoming week, October 11, they played Sparks and came home with a 3-0 win.

"We've won a few and we've lost a few," said Trista Furrh.

All soccer players deserve props for running multiple miles everyday and

playing up and down the field for 90 minutes. With all the hard work, the girls have the most important skill, team work.

"Our season so far has been decent, we've lost some games. But as a team we work really well as long as we put in our best effort, that's all that counts," said Vanessa Diaz.

The team is just over half way through their season and is work-

ing hard to finish it up strong.

"We need to work on harder and faster passes. Our team's strength is our team work," said Alexa Wolicki.

The buckaroos are sure to be out on the field every day practicing and ameliorating and then razing the competition in every game.



Claudia Magaña barely misses a goal./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Trista Furrh, McKenna Jones, Alexis Mendoza./Ron Espinola • The Brand



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SPORTS MEDICINE



Athlete of the Issue: Roberto Sanchez

By BRODY GOUCHER

Roberto Sanchez is a multi-sport athlete, who has his eye on bigger things than just high school sports.

Roberto is a striker for the soccer team and utilizes his passing, shooting, and dribbling to help the team win, but oddly enough Roberto doesn't think that any of those are his greatest attribute.

"I think my biggest strength is that I go out every game and play hard, even if something goes wrong, I just keep going," Roberto said.

Roberto is overall a great athlete and constantly thinks of ways he can help his team win, but even Roberto

will say that there are still things he can improve on.

"I think I could work on talking more on the field and influencing my teammates by being an example to them," Sanchez explained

The soccer team has struggled out of the gate, but Roberto is confident that the team can turn their season around.

"We haven't started out great but I think we're going in the right direction by working hard and continuing to get better," said Roberto

Roberto also thinks that the team will not only turn around their season

but also believes that the team will make the playoffs.

"Even though we haven't got the start we wanted our ultimate goal is to make the playoffs," Roberto said.

Roberto is looking to go farther than just participating in sports for Lowry and plans on playing soccer in college well.

"Hopefully I can play a college sport, I want to make the soccer team at UNLV and if I can't then I

will just study there," Roberto said

Roberto is the class of Lowry athletes and is a great example of how to conduct yourself on and off the field. Sanchez not only constantly works on his athletic greatness but is also capable academically and always has his priorities straight.

You can watch Roberto and the soccer team play at their next game against Spring Creek, the game is in Spring Creek on Saturday at 5:00 p.m.



Athlete of the Issue: Jasmine Marchand

By MARISSA MENDOZA

Jasmine Marchand has been chosen as Athlete of the Issue for her excellence both on and off the field.

Marchand is a three sport athlete who was born in Carson City, Nevada. Sports have been a part of her life since she was young. Jasmine was inspired by her mom and dad to become involved in sports.

"My mom tries her hardest to make it to all of my games or meets with my sister, and my family has always encouraged me to play," said Marchand.

Family is obviously a huge part of Jasmine's life and they are a big rea-

son she is who she is today.

Jasmine is a goalkeeper for the varsity girls' soccer team. They have improved vastly since the beginning of the season and Marchand has been a big part of the turnaround.

"The season has gone fairly well, we've had some tough games, both physically and mentally, but I learn so much every day and see us improving daily," explained Marchand.

While soccer isn't Jasmines favorite sport, Jasmine loves the pressure and rush of soccer.

"In soccer the adrenaline of going after the ball is my favorite thing about

soccer. I love playing goalie but it's a ton of pressure and the fate of the game is on your shoulders, you pretty much risk your life just to stop a ball," said Marchand.

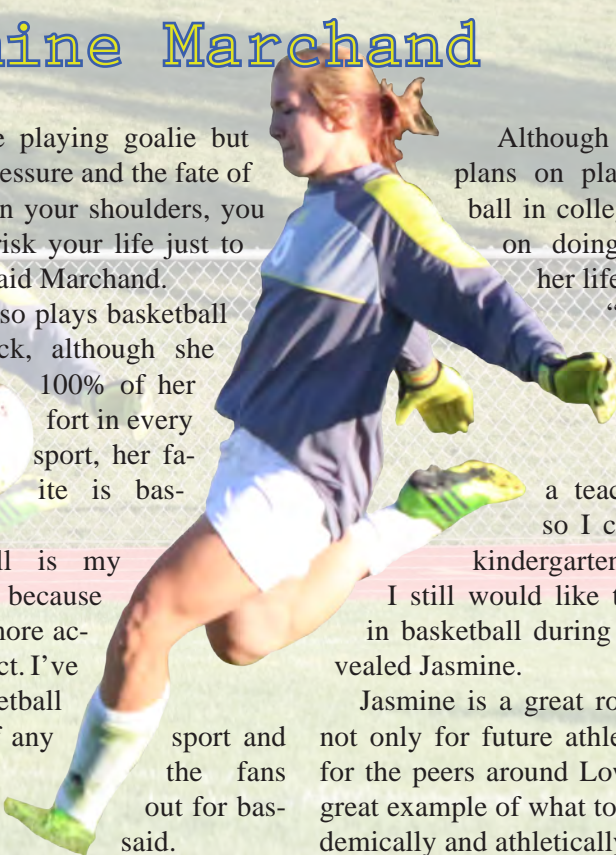
Jasmine also plays basketball and runs track, although she gives 100% of her effort in every sport, her favorite is basketball.

"Basketball is my favorite sport because there's a lot more action and contact. I've played basketball the longest of any sport and I also enjoy the fans out for basketball," she said.

Although Marchand plans on playing basketball in college, she plans on doing more with her life.

"After high school I plan to go to college and get a teaching license so I can become a kindergarten teacher, but I still would like to participate in basketball during college," revealed Jasmine.

Jasmine is a great role model for not only for future athletes, but also for the peers around Lowry. She is a great example of what to become academically and athletically at Lowry.



Varsity volleyball destroys Dayton and Fernley

By NAKIYA FLORES

Lowry Volleyball destroyed Dayton at their home game during homecoming week. The team has been growing with success throughout the season. Their phenomenal team spirit and positive attitude has made the season fun and easier to go against other teams.

"We want to keep improving on all our skills" said Ashley Barron.

So far Lowry has played all of the teams in their league except for Truckee. Their biggest opponent so far has been Elko, it was the first league loss for the Lady Bucks. Next time the team plans on staying consistent with their serves, sets, spikes and passes and keep their hits in the court to destroy Elko.

"Next time Elko comes to our home court we will be ready to destroy them" said

Barron.

Lowry did really well the first two sets playing against Dayton; they had a little difficulty in the third set. But they pulled themselves together and won the game in the fourth set. They also terminated Fernley on Saturday. Earlier in the season volleyball demolished South Tahoe, Churchill County, Spring Creek, and South Tahoe.

The three captains are Jillian Albright, Meg Montero, and Auri Criddle. These

ladies are fantastic leaders and really nice to the team, they are amazing at uplifting the team, and they are always positive. This helps the team succeed throughout the season.

"They never lose hope in any of us" said Barron.



Ashley Barron spikes the ball over the net./Nakiya Flores • The Brand



Meg Montero blocks a hit./Photographer • The Brand



Libero, Darion Iturriaga passes to the setter./Nakiya Flores • The Brand



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Girls varsity soccer draw and win over week

By WESTON IRONS

The girls varsity team had a successful homecoming week drawing Churchill County on Tuesday 1-1 and defeated Sparks 2-1 on Saturday. They maintain their 5th place position in the league and are poised to jump into the 4th place spot and get into the playoffs.

The Bucks played Fallon looking to get some points and unfortunately did not get the three they hoped for but did pick up one in the intense draw. Fallon took the lead early in the first half, but the Bucks eventually responded back with a goal late in the



Kenadee Jappsen (R)/Ron Espinola • The Brand

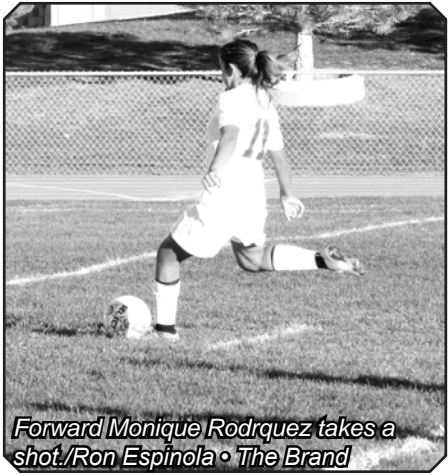
game to pick up the 1-1 draw.

Lowry went to Sparks Saturday, and were determined to get the win. Again the opposing team scored early in the first half and the Bucks would have to come from behind yet again. Lowry tied up the game in the second half when freshman Bailey Sapien went one-on-one with the goalkeeper and scored. The second goal came from Monique Rodriguez when she broke away and slotted the ball into the bottom corner with twenty minutes of the game remaining. The Bucks held on to the lead and went on to win 2-1.

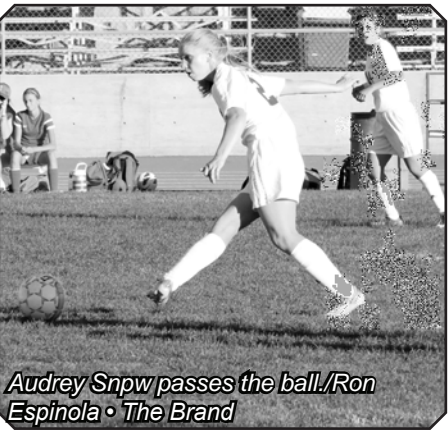
Junior Brittany Partee thinks the team is heading in the right direction.

“The season is going really good. We’re working good as a team. We just need to work on our shooting.” said defender Partee.

The Bucks now seat on a 3-3-2 record. They are determined to improve that record and secure a playoff spot through the remaining of the season.



Forward Monique Rodriguez takes a shot./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Audrey Snpw passes the ball./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Freshman football looks to finish season on positive note

By MACLYN CRNKOVICH

The freshmen kicked off Homecoming week football on Thursday when they played Elko, and were defeated 36-14.

Even though freshmen football has had a rough start, they are not giving up hope yet.

“Our season is going good. These last couple weeks, we have been becoming a team and working together, but we still have some kinks to work out,” said freshmen Taylor Aitken.

The freshmen football team has showed tremendous improvement since their first game.

“We’ve improved a lot as a team

since our first game. Even though we have had improvement, we still have a long ways to go. I’m nervous to play Elko because they beat Fernley, and Fernley beat us 36-0. I’m hoping my team can go out there and give Elko a run for their money,” said player Ren Mattson.

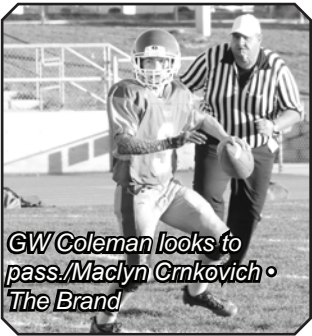
However, other players have a different opinion on how the season is going.

“Our season is going alright. We need to work on playing as a team and not getting down on each other when other teammates do something wrong. Our downfall during Elko was the

when we would get a penalty; we would just give up playing. We need to keep our [team unity] up and

come together as a team. Being a team will get us farther than anything else will,” said player Seth Hornbarger.

The freshmen will play Sparks on October 16 at Sparks.



GW Coleman looks to pass./Maclyn Crnkovich • The Brand



Matthew Souza runs the ball./Maclyn Crnkovich • The Brand



The Indians tackle a Lowry player./Maclyn Crnkovich • The Brand

FOOTBALL STANDINGS

School Name	*W-L	*PF	*PA	W-L	PF	PA	Strk
Fallon	6-0	269	65	6-1	301	121	6 W
Elko	5-1	222	93	5-1	222	93	1 W
Fernley	5-1	226	116	5-2	240	164	3 W
Lowry	4-2	157	139	5-2	190	167	1 L
Dayton	3-3	132	180	4-3	159	192	3 L
Spring Creek	3-3	156	147	3-3	156	147	2 L
Truckee	2-4	87	142	3-4	101	142	2 W
Wooster	1-5	139	242	2-5	186	250	1 L
South Tahoe	1-5	111	154	1-6	139	199	1 W
Sparks	0-6	39	260	0-6	39	260	6 L

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On Deck: Spring Sports

By WESTON IRONS

In a move to avoid high hotel costs for state championships in Las Vegas the NIAA voted to shorten spring sports by one week to avoid playing championships over Memorial Day weekend. As a response, Division 1 proposed starting the spring sports season one week early to gain the lost week back. The NIAA recently approved this early start date for the Spring of 2015.

Coming from Winnemucca, we have a very limited number of athletes; therefore there are many two and three sport athletes. With this early start, athletes who do both winter sports and spring sports will not get a break in between the seasons and might not even play on or the other for that reason. But that is just one of the setbacks this early start presents.

Another problem that could spark some debate is for athletes who don’t participate in winter sports but do participate in spring sports. They could try out for a team and get cut, but then a winter sport athlete who couldn’t make the try-out comes along a week later and makes the team. Obviously the athlete who got cut isn’t going to be very happy.

Other problems that could possibly occur are: is the weather going to be good enough at the time of the start of the season? Will daylight savings time affect the time of day that these games are played? How will athletes who participate in winter sports be able to get in their required amount of practices in time for the first and possibly important games or events? The list continues on and on.

Although the early start seems to be the best answer to avoid the high hotel costs, it seems to present many problems, especially for smaller schools (which Lowry is.) But now, all we can do is wait and see how things work out. If we’re lucky, this early start won’t be so bad after all.

JV Volleyball continues outstanding season

BY MADDI ROSE

The Lady Bucks JV volleyball continues to raze the competition throughout the season. The girls started off their astounding season with an undefeated tournament in Truckee, and then set off the season regular with a victory against Dayton and Fernley. Could they have started off the season any better?

"This season is fantastic, I love my team because all the girls are fun to be around," said Alanna Miller.

Their captains are Aimee Brandon, Olivia Silva, Alanna Miller, and Tiana Herrera. Their manager is Amaya Herrera, and their coach is Cassie Jenkins.

They played Dayton Friday for homecoming and won their first match 25-18, and their second match 25-19, and they played Fernley Saturday and won the first match 25-22, and their second match 25-20.

"Against Dayton they started off a little slow, but we had some really good plays and that got them going, and over all they played well," said Coach Cassie Jenkins.

Sophomore Aimee Brandon had nothing but positive things to say about the team after



Alyssa Kuskie spikes the ball./Staff • The Brand the game.

"We have extraordinary team work on the court, and in practice. We have the ability to work on quick's, and execute them in the games," said Aimee Brandon.

As they continue their undefeated season the team faces five more teams, three home games, and two away against Fallon and Spring Creek. The team will be back in action Friday against Sparks and Truckee.



Alanna Miller goes up for a spike./Staff • The Brand



Tiana Hererra passes the ball./Staff • The Brand

THIS DAY IN SPORTS HISTORY

- 1933 - Philadelphia Eagles play 1st NFL game, lose to NY Giants 56-0
- 1969 - Oriole Earl Weaver becomes 1st manager ejected in a World Series
- 1988 - NCAA record rushing yardage (768 yards-Oklahoma)
- 1988 - With 2 outs in bottom of 9th, an injured Kirk Gibson hits dramatic 2 run HR to gives Dodgers a 5-4 win in 1st game of World Series
- 1989 - Wayne Gretzky passes Gordie Howes as NHL's all time top scorer

*Source: todayinsport.com

CROSS COUNTRY

BY NICK MADDOX

Cross Country had a meet last Saturday at 3 pm. It was their first home meet of the season.

The team has had a great season so far and they have been working hard to get to State this year.

The whole team is always stretching, doing warm-ups, or cheering for their teammates.

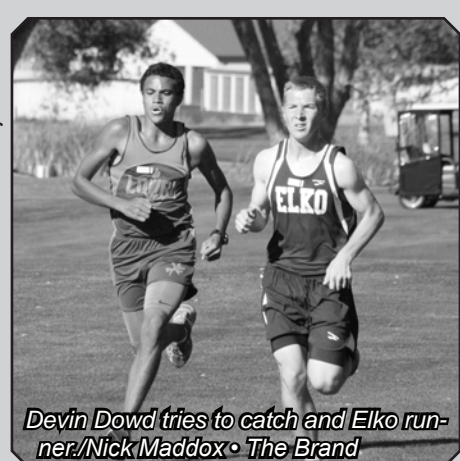
Emily Jock is a JV and varsity runner and is proud of her team and had this to say.

"My opinion about the team is they are all amazing. They really do help when you're running and are always there to cheer you on. There a great team. We have also not just become friends, but family," said Emily.

Camryn Maher also gave her opinion about the team.

I feel like were actually doing really good, and I think we have a chance at going to state."

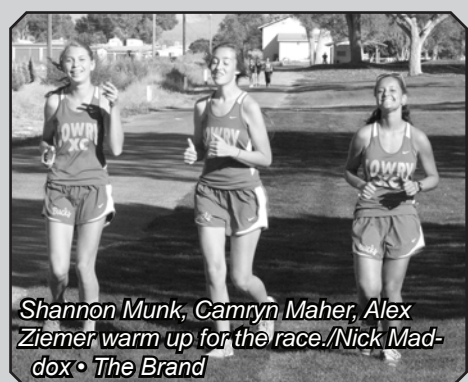
Cross country's next meet is at Elko on October 16.



Devin Dowd tries to catch and Elko runner/Nick Maddox • The Brand



Hayden Jeppsen outruns Elko/Nick Maddox • The Brand



Shannon Munk, Camryn Maher, Alex Ziemer warm up for the race./Nick Maddox • The Brand

Girls Golf comes up with big win

BY ALEX MANZO

This week the girl's golf team took home a win against the Elko Indians, with a final score

of Lowry 373 and Elko 375. The girl's golf team is doing well this year, they have the second highest points right now and will hopefully be making it to state.

Alyssa Dendary tied for first with a Fernley girl but ended up taking second place. After a score card playoff where Dendary totaled 75.

"There are some things we need to work on as individuals, but overall we are very supportive as a team," Said Kaity Sample

Their next tournament is October 20 the location and date will be announced at a later date.



Lowry's golf team received certificates after winning the Fernley tournament last Thursday. The team beat Elko by two strokes. (L-R) Kaity Sample, Alyssa Dendary, Savanna Cox, Elise Rose, Veronica Jones, and Brooklyn Backus./Courtesy • Andree Rose.

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Jessie's Journal

By JESSIE SCHIRRRICK

My mom just told me about this cool new song “My Songs Know What You Did in the Dark” by Fall Out Boy. She’s so hip.

The concept of car commercials doesn’t really make sense to me. How do you decide to buy something that costs as much as \$30,000 because of something you saw on TV? Commercials rarely actually make me want to buy things. The best stuff to buy doesn’t have commercials: puppies, old grandma blankets, etc.

Because of its questionable texture, do you put unfinished clam chowder in the trash or down the drain? Trick question, you should never have left over clam chowder. The stuff is a delicacy and should be treated like so.

Remember Arby’s? Me neither.

Apple’s new iOS8 software make it much easier to delete recruitment email from private colleges that haven’t yet realized I’m a waste of talent.

I despise those who make you actually guess when they say “guess what.” It’s a rhetorical demand, and chances are I don’t care enough to actually use energy to infer about what you have to say. Don’t waste my time.

The most fun way to clean your room is by picking up everything off of the floor with your feet. It’s also the most difficult and the most inconvenient way. Speaking of the word “convenient”, I can remember the first time I saw that word. It was in the hospital on a sign hung above an ATM. How many people can say that?

Indie pop music is good because every song can either make you feel sexy or sad, and what other emotions would you ever need to feel?

Serious question: How do you milk an almond?

May your underwear drawer always be full to the brim with fresh, clean undergarments.



Lowry Code

By DANI RICKER AND BRODY GOUCHER

Welcome back, ladies and gents, for another school year. Lowry Code is back again to tell you what to do and what not to do at Lowry.

Good thing Drama Queen Brody is on the team because this issue we’re talking about over reactions, specifically with dress codes. Up next, are we still kids, or adults? And ringing it's way to our final topic for this time, is the teacher's bell.

Dani: Topic number one has been aimed more toward the female population of Lowry. Recently, there has been a picture circulating the popular social media site Twitter of a girl holding a piece of paper talking about how dress codes shouldn’t have to be so strict because women shouldn’t have to be afraid of men “over-sexualizing” them. Let’s be real ladies, what do you expect to happen when you show up to school half naked? Honestly, it’s really not that hard to follow a dress

code. Our dress code isn’t that bad, how you dress has everything to do with self-respect. Always remember, modest is hottest. will continue, the dress code has always dragged students down and made it impossible for many people to express themselves. Students should be able to wear what they want. If a girl wants to show her belly or wear booty shorts then that should be their choice. If guys like having to pull up their pants constantly or show off muscles they don’t have, then they should be able to do that. People should be able to wear what they want and deal with the consequences of

their actions.

Dani: I’ve heard plenty of complaints from people about small things at the school like the crossing guard, hall passes, and not being able to leave the classroom while class is in session. Fun fact, all those things exists to keep you safe. Complain all you want, but you are still a child and will be treated as one until you’re out living on your own. Plus, you’re going to be wishing that you are back in high school because you won’t be complaining about dress codes and having to have a hall pass anymore; you’re going to be complaining about three hour lectures and have to pay your own electric bill.

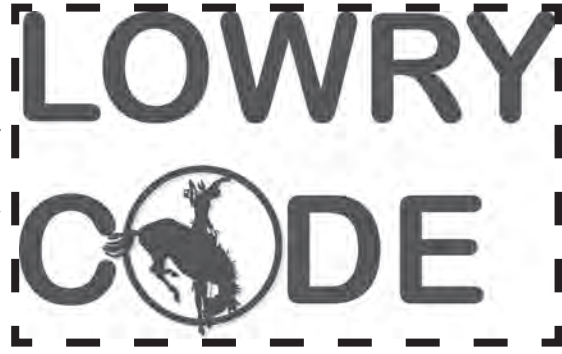
Brody: I like how Lowry is supposedly all about developing us into successful adults, but yet students have to ask

permission to go get a drink, go to the bathrooms, and use our phones during class. Teens don’t need a crossing guard or planners that tell teachers where we are going. If administration wants teens to mature then they need to quit treating students like first graders and start treating us like adults.

Dani: Alright, so we’ve all noticed that bell that rings at 7:45 every morning. That bell is actually the bell that tells teachers they need to be at work. Stop showing up to your first period ten minutes early. Teachers don’t want to see your faces any longer than they have to. Wait until the second bell to show up to class, take that extra five minutes to catch up with a friend that you don’t have any classes with or something.

Brody: I don’t get why teachers need a bell to show up to work on time. Most teachers are here by 7:30 anyway. This problem seems like a pretty easy fix, just stop ringing the bell at 9:45 because it annoys teachers and makes students show up to class ten minutes early.

It seems to me that all three of these things are a pretty easy fix. Follow the dress code, or don’t and as Brody says, “deal with the consequences.” Either way, stop complaining because nobody cares that you had to go home and change your shorts. Embrace that you’re still a child, because one day you’re going to miss it. And last but not least, stop showing up to class ten minutes early. Simple as that. We hope you enjoyed the first Lowry Code of the 2014-15 school year. Until next time, over and out.



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THE GAMES YOU SHOULD BE PLAYING

BY LIAM GALLUPS

Heyo, everybody. It's your local Gamernut here with a Brand exclusive gaming news article. Well, the year is almost over, but so many games have yet to be released. So, how's about a quick rundown of the sweet stuff coming your way, loyal gamer?

Fans of Generation 3 Pokémon can look forward to something great No-



Pokémon Omega Ruby and Pokémon Alpha Sapphire./
Courtesy • pokemon.com

November 21 "Pokémon Omega Ruby and Alpha Sapphire" will release on 3DS that day both here and in Japan.

The remakes feature new mega evolutions, all your favorite gym leaders, and (most adorably) a Pikachu that wears costumes. Speaking of Pokémon, collaboration between Nintendo and Namco Bandai will bring the fighting game "Pokkén Tournament" to Japanese arcades in 2015.

By the time this article has released, "Super Smash Bros. for Nintendo 3DS" should be available since October 3. This entry of the acclaimed fighting series features new characters such as Mega Man, Pac Man, Wii Fit Trainer, Little Mac, Mii Fighter, among others. Console standbys need not worry as the Wii U version should release sometime this holiday.

Nintendo and Koei Tecmo have joined forces to produce "Hyrule Warriors", a game combining elements of Nintendo's The Legend of Zelda series and Koei Tecmo's Dynasty Warriors series. It is available

now for Wii U so you'd better not miss out.

SEGA has been up to something big to be released this holiday. "Sonic Boom" is an upcoming French-American CGI-animated television series in development by OuiDo! Productions in collaboration with SEGA of America based on the Sonic the Hedgehog video game franchise created by SEGA. It airs on Cartoon Network this October, with two new games for Wii U and 3DS (Rise of Lyric and Shattered Crystal respectively). The series features new characters such as Sticks the Badger and an episodic format.

Microsoft has had a few announcements as well. For instance, the new game "Project Spark" is a "game maker" video game for Microsoft Windows, Xbox 360 and Xbox One coming October 7, 2014. Basically, you can use it to create and share your own games and movies with other



A screen shot from "Halo: The Master Chief Collection"./Courtesy • halowaypoint.com

players. Also this game sees the return of Conker the Squirrel as a playable character. Thanks, Microsoft.

343 Studios has announced "Halo 5: Guardians" exclusively for the Xbox One. This is the second game in the Reclaimer storyline. They've also announced "Halo: The Master Chief Collection", an upcoming compilation of remastered first-person shooter video games from the Halo series for the Xbox One. It consists of Halo: Combat Evolved Anniversary, Halo 2, Halo 3, Halo 4, and their multiplayer modes, complete with their full set of add-on content.

Well, that's all I have for you guys. Until next time, loyal gamer, this is the Gamernut with a Brand exclusive teaser of upcoming games. Sayonara.



Heard in the Halls

BY DANI RICKER

Did you know that the halls have ears? Everything you say at school is heard by someone. So think about that the next time you're trying to spill your secrets in between classes.

This story is all about things that are heard in between classes that just need to be shared.

So let's start off with proving how violent kids are these days.

"Watch your mouth, or I'll punch you in the forehead again!" Yikes, those forehead punches are the worst.

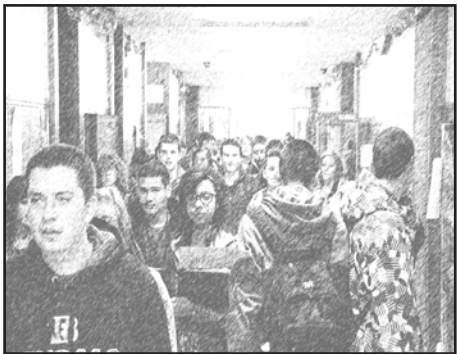
"Let me copy your homework or I'll push you down those stairs."

Desperate times call for desperate measures, I guess. Violence should never be the answer though, guys.

"Awe, you look adorable today!" said a male to a female friend. "Hey, thanks friend!" said the female friend to the male friend as a look of disappointment crosses his face at the word "friend". #Friendzoned.

But hey, props for putting yourself out there.

Although so many great things were hard in the halls these past couple of weeks, we're going to have to keep this story short and simple, so until next time, Lowry.





WHAT'S HOT & WHAT'S NOT

BY BRENDA MARTINEZ

What're the new trends? What has everyone been wearing that catches people's attention? There have been a lot of cute fashion styles and most girls are picking up on it.

Short tops, high-waisted shorts, kimonos, long dresses, flowy and maxi skirts, high boots, jump-suits, etc. All of these are mostly the new trends for 2014-15.

That's not it. These also go with jewelry and accessories. Most of these styles have been from sweet girly style, to punk rock with all these high pretty boots and dark clothing.

So many girls out there have so many styles and they keep coming.


Where did these styles come from? How did people pick up on them? A lot of teens got ideas from celebrities that have been trending, or from apps, for example, Pinterest. Or some

teens naturally have good taste in clothing and might have even created a kind of clothing trend.

I'd have to say for myself, the latest trends in clothing are better in creativity and more popular than any other years; not considering the crop top shirts that show your stomach a bit.

There used to be people wearing ripped jeans to the point where you can see almost their whole leg. There are still ripped jeans today but with fewer holes in them making them more appropriate.

As far as trends go this year; all the styles are great and there are so many clothes to choose from. It's interesting to see everyone's sense of style and what type of person they are based on how they dress.



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DRAMA PRESENTS ‘MACBETH’ NEXT WEEK

By AIMEE BRANDON

Be prepared to be haunted this Halloween season as Lowry Drama and Stagecraft presents “Macbeth”, a story full of murder, ghosts, and witches. The performance for the public is October 20, 21, and 22 doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the play starts promptly at 7 p.m. They will also be performing for Lowry’s English classes and one lucky class



Mrs. James directs the witches scene./Kyle Schultz • The Brand

from French Ford Middle School later in October.

Mickey Donovan is playing the lead role, Macbeth, whose name titles the very play and as his wife, Lady Macbeth, Jessie Schirrick.

Cast as King Duncan is Brycen Prokasky who you may have heard announcing what’s for lunch. The Three Witches, whose famous lines are “Boil boil toil and trouble fire burn and cauldron bubble,” are Aimee Brandon, Hannah Hillyer, and Chelsea Baker. As Macduff, the hero of the play is Hunter Dimmock and Kyle Tarr as the epic ghost, Banquo.

Stagecraft has been hard at work these last six weeks at school and on the weekends to create the special effects necessary to bring on the haunt-



The Weird Sister casts a spell on Macbeth./Kyle Schultz • The Brand

ed environment.

“I’m most excited for the witches’ scenes, the special effects of it, and the fog. I think those are some of the most interesting scenes and then of course Mickey’s head on a stake with blood and the fights scenes I think



The three witches Hannah Hillyer, Aimee Brandon, and Chelsea Baker /Kyle Schultz • The Brand

will be really cool,” said the director Corrine James.

Lowry’s Drama and Stagecraft never disappoints and is preparing to put on the perfect production of “Macbeth”.

“The audience should expect to be entertained and get their money’s worth,” said James.

Lowry Then and Now

By MADDI ROSE



In 1997 the cheerleaders started their season off with a USA spirit camp held in Las Vegas. Their JV squad only consisted of six girls. Their captain was Vanessa Pacheco. The varsity squad consisted of six seniors and two juniors. All of their squads cheered football, basketball, and wrestling./Courtesy • Winnada



The 2014-15 Varsity and JV cheer teams perform a stunt at this years Friday homecoming assembly. Varsity captains Chelsea Baker and Rachel Foster lead their team in cheers and stunts not only during halftime of football and basketball games, but during the whole game as well. The cheerleaders also support Wrestling and other fall and winter sports./Jessie Schirrick • The Brand

What's on your playlist? By Nakiya Flores

- 20:13
- Heavy Rotation
- 1.Megan Trainor-All About That Bass
 - 2.Taylor Swift-Shake it Off
 - 3.Sam Smith-Stay With Me
 - 4.Magic!-Rude
 - 5.Ariana Grande featuring Zedd-Break Free
 - 6.Maroon 5- Maps
 - 7.Sia-Chandelier
 - 8.Bruno Mars-Young Girls
 - 9.Disclosure featuring Sam Smith-Latch
 10. Charli cxc- Boom Clap!

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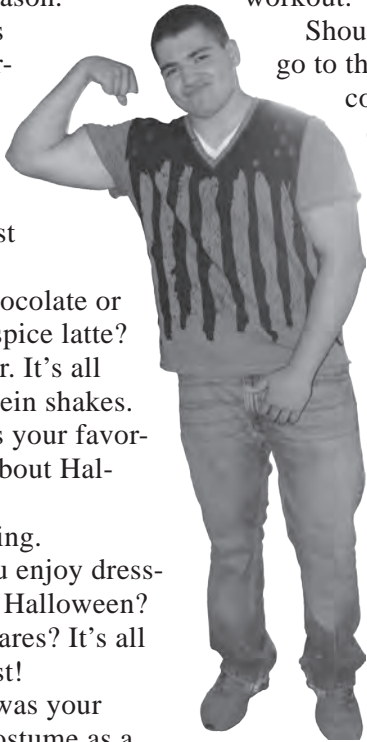
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Buckaroo Round Up

By Marissa Mendoza

Beto Ruiz

What season do you like best, summer or Fall?
My favorite season is chest season.
What's your favorite thing about fall?
Definitely chest day.
Hot chocolate or pumpkin spice latte?
Neither. It's all about protein shakes.
What's your favorite thing about Halloween?
Benching.
Do you enjoy dressing up for Halloween?
Who cares? It's all about chest!
What was your favorite costume as a kid?
A bench press.
What's your favorite thing about Homecoming week?
Do you mean chest week?
Do you plan on going to Homecoming?
After my chest workout.
Should people go to the Homecoming dance with or without a date?
They should stop going with a date and start going with some weight.
Do you have a date for the dance?
2 45 lbs. plates.
What are your plans before/after the dance?
CHEST!!!



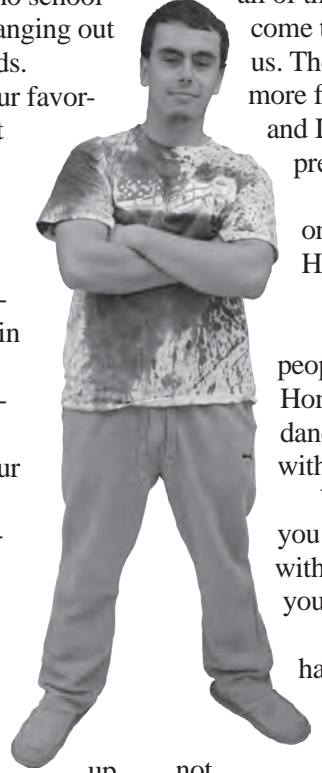
Edith Rosas

What season do you like best Summer or Fall?
Fall
Hot Chocolate
What's your favorite thing about Halloween?
CANDY
Do you enjoy dressing up for Halloween?
Yes
What was your favorite costume as a kid?
Hannah Montana
What's your favorite thing about Homecoming week?
Dressing up for spirit week
Do you plan on going to Homecoming?
Yes ma'am
Should people go to the Homecoming dance with or without a date?
Both
Do you have a date for the dance?
Yaaaas.
What are your plans before/after the dance?
Sleep before and after.
What's your favorite thing about fall?
Football
Hot chocolate or pumpkin spice latte?



Ben Tyree

What season do you like best Summer or Fall?
Definitely summer because there's no school and I'm out hanging out with my friends.
What's your favorite thing about fall?
Football season for sure.
Hot chocolate or pumpkin spice latte?
Hot chocolate.
What's your favorite thing about Halloween?
Getting to eat a lot of candy.
Do you enjoy dressing up for Halloween?
No.
What was your favorite costume as a kid?
I'm not sure.
What's your favorite thing about Homecoming week?
The home game with all of the fans that come to support us. There are a lot more fans that night and I think it's pretty cool.
Do you plan on going to Homecoming?
Yes, I do.
Should people go to the Homecoming dance with or without a date?
Without so you can dance with whoever you want.
Do you have a date for the dance?
No, I do not.
What are your plans before/after the dance?
Before I plan to get dinner with all of my friends. After I plan to go hangout at Kelvins house.



Administration revamps lowry's schedule

By LETICIA GOMEZ

The students and staff of Lowry have experienced some not-so-minor changes since the beginning of the school. Changes include shorter lunches, larger selection on the cafeteria menu, the removal of block days, and earlier start times.
"So far the changes at Lowry have been going well. Students seem to understand and respect the new schedule, new cell phone policy, and overall goal of making Lowry a great place to be," said Lowry Principal Mr. Ray

Parks.
The decisions that students have made over the years is the reason for the abbreviated lunches. For example last year there was an incident where a group of kids left campus at lunch and consumed multiple illegal substances. They had too much time during lunch, so to fix the problem the students have less time.
Block days have been replaced with a seven-period schedule every day.

Although there are no more block days there still are late starts on Thursdays; school starts at 8:55 a.m. Along with the elimination of block days, there are changes to our start and end times. Lowry starts at 7:55 a.m and ends at 2:45 p.m.
One point of entrance is one of the other changes that was made for this school year. The administrators have locked the gate between the main building and the science building. They want the students to go through

the glass hallway. This is to make the school a somewhat safer place.
In addition students are now allowed to use our cellular devices between classes. Last year the students were not allowed to use their cell phones at all during school, unless they were given permission or it was lunch time.
One definite improvement is the cafeteria now features a daily salad bar and many other healthy options for students daily.

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CAREER PROFILE: DENTAL HYGIENIST

By WESTON IRONS

The real world presents many different job opportunities so choosing a career isn't always an easy decision. Hopefully, after reading this article and learning about one of the many options there is to pick, that choice is made a little bit easier.

Krista Kalkoskie, dental hygienist, Lowry High School alum, and mother of three. Kalkoskie has worked as a dental hygienist for 18 years and is currently working at Dr. Jancar's Dentistry Office. Kalkoskie got an early start in dentistry, as far back as her first year in high school.

"When I was at freshman at Lowry, I decided to work after school at Dr. Dubonis' office and I really liked it so I decided to go into college and get my degree in dentistry," said Kalkoskie.

There are many reasons as to why Kalkoskie chose this career. She enjoys working with her coworkers and

loves the fact that with this job, she is able to help people all the time.

"I like my job, I like to be able to help people daily, I also like that it's one on one, and I guess I just like scraping crap off of people's teeth. It's different too, everyone's teeth are different so it is a new thing every day," said Kalkoskie.

Like every career, being a dental hygienist comes with its share of difficulties. It can sometimes be hard and frustrating. Occasionally the patient is not accustomed to having their teeth taken care and that can make the hygienist's job much more difficult.

"People don't like going to the

dentist, so sometimes people can be really mean when actually they are just nervous about having their teeth

taken care of so they take it out on you. So dealing with patients who haven't had their teeth taken care of in ten of fifteen years takes a lot of patience," said Kalkoskie.

Dental hygiene is a very important job. It will always be around because people will always need their teeth taken care of. It is a job that will be around forever, so it would be a great career for

young adults of today's generation to consider.

"Anybody who wants to have

a profession that will have a job in should consider becoming a dental hygienist, it's always going to be around, it's always going to be needed," said Kalkoskie.

Kalkoskie provides some advice to any students pursuing this career. It is difficult and time consuming to get to the position of dental hygienist but once you are there, you are set.

"The schooling is really tough, the instructors are usually strict, but you have to know that you want to do that. I feel sorry for people who go through all that and get the degree only to not like the job. I would suggest getting into an office and observe the job in order to see if would be something you would like and see if you would be able to handle it," said Kalkoskie.

Being a dental hygienist is difficult and requires a lot of hard work but can be a truly rewarding and beneficial profession.



Krista Kalkoskie working on a patient. / Courtesy • Krista Kalkoskie



An inside look at Lowry's new vice principal, Mr. Tim Connors

By MACLYN CRNKOVICH

There's a new face walking around Lowry this year. You may see him peeping into your classroom, or wandering the halls, and there's a good chance you will see him at the upcoming games. If you don't recognize this man yet, it is Mr. Tim Connors.

Connors was born in Butte, Montana but raised in Glasgow, Montana. In high school Connors was a superb athlete. He participated in football, basketball, and baseball. He also coached college football, but it was not athletics

that brought him here today.

Connors found himself in Nevada for a new job that also paid well. Inevitably, he found himself in the education department.

"Being a teacher is very rewarding because it is great to see kids excel," said Connors.

Connors has some big ideas for Lowry this year.

One of the most noticeable changes this year is the thirty minute lunches. When Connors was asked his opinion on them, he stated he's all for them.

"With thirty minute lunches,

there will be less discipline problems and more time to engage in learning," said Connors.

Connors is also planning on trying to improve graduation rates this year.

"In America, only 63% of a senior class will graduate. Why aren't younger kids succeeding? It's not just the school districts problem, it's everyone's," said Connors.

Lowry will see how Connors handles his new job as a vice principal and athletic director in the upcoming year.



Mr. Tim Connors enjoying his day. / Dani Ricker • The Brand



FFA members to represent Lowry at Nationals

By MACLYN CRNKOVICH

Five lucky and talented girls will be representing Nevada at the 87th National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky from October 29- November 1.

The competitors are all from Winnemucca and attend Lowry. Shauna Smith, Hayley Hall, Brittany Partee, Mackenzie Gordon, and Diamond Castillo will be headed to Louisville this month.

"I think we all are very excited

to go meet new people and compete in an event we have a lot of passion for," said Smith.

"We practiced all summer, at least once a week. I think we're more than prepared for Nationals," said Hall.

They all par-

ticipated at the 2014 State Livestock Judging Convention in Las Vegas. They won with an astonishing amount of points, and were 200 points ahead of the team who placed second. That team was a senior team which made the competition twice as hard, since they are a junior team. They are the second livestock judging team from Winnemucca to compete at the National level.

"We're the youngest all girl team

for Nevada ever sent, and I'm glad to say Winnemucca has some of the best livestock judges in the state," said Brittany Partee.

The team will compete against 51 others and Winnemucca FFA wishes them the best of luck at Nationals.



Hayley Hall. / Courtesy • Winnada



Brittany Partee. / Courtesy • Winnada

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Seniors win first career He-Man title

BY KAITY SAMPLE

Four teams battled it out rally by rally but the seniors topped off the win against the juniors in the final match, but fell shortly after to the teacher squad.

The first match was played by the juniors and the freshmen. The freshmen could barely hang with the upperclassmen as they fell 20-7 due to some nasty serves sent over the net by Joe Marley, Omar Guerrero, and Nate Nel-



Coach tim Billingsley sets the ball./Kaity Sample • The Brand

son. Mickey Donovan and Brian Shettler were the biggest threats at the net with four kills each.

The second match of the night was between the sophomores and seniors. The first ten points were going point by point but soon the seniors took the lead and finished them off 20-16. Jacob Hernandez, sophomore attacker, helped his team with some blocks at the net but it wasn't quite enough when Christian Gray and Liam Sparks spiked the ball right back at them.

The losers of each game, sophomores and freshmen, played a well fought battle for third. Travis Hardy finished off the game with three straight aces to help the sophomores win 22-20.



Jed Teichert blocks name Roberto Sanchez's spike./Kaity Sample • The Brand

The final match was close but the seniors got their first high school career he-man title. Jorge Bernal, Guerrero, and Donovan Brumm tried stopping them at the net but it wasn't quite enough. Roberto Sanchez, Sparks, and Gray slammed the ball down onto the junior's side of the court with Donovan Brumm's sets. The ending score was 25-17.



Omar Guerrero spikes the ball./Kaity Sample • The Brand

The winners played an interesting game against the teachers but lost because they couldn't quite handle Mrs. Miranda Santos' serves. The teachers won 25-23 and that brought the annual He-Man competition to an end.

Homecoming from Page 2

most people think of when they hear the word "hippie" is tie dye, flowers, and peace signs. Students walked around the halls donning most of these items, also adding their own flare with Rasta bracelets and matted and messy hair, bringing back the 60's to Lowry.

Thursday night shined bright in the light of the bonfire. Thursday night was televised by one of Reno's local news stations, because varsity football is the game of the week for Northern Nevada.

The students warmed up and enjoyed the dancers, the cheerleaders, and the company of all of their friends. The football team took Elko's headdress and threw it in the fire, to symbolize the defeat that was yet to come for their team.

As usual, Friday was spirit day and the students decked out in blue and gold socks, pants, shirts, and even face paint.

Friday's televised pep assembly featured a jaw dropping performance by the cheerleaders, a banner

parade, and a screaming match between the juniors and seniors.

Friday's lunch time activity was all about the big Lowry vs. Elko game. A representative from each class placed a bet on the score of the game. Which ever class got the highest bet won the class points.

All of the candidates were presented at halftime of Friday's big game and Chelsea Baker and Kelvin Meza were crowned Homecoming Queen and King of 2014.



Varsity football makes a grand entrance at the Friday night game./ Kaity Sample • The Brand



Seniors pose for a picture supporting breast cancer./ • The Brand



Grand Marshall, Ron Bweck, and his wife were presented at fridays haltime show./ Aimme Brandon•The Brand.



Students gather around the fire to stay warm on Thursday night./ Maddi Rose• The Brand

LOWRY VOICES: What is your favorite part of homecoming?

BY KATIE HILLYER



"I enjoy the football game, and hanging out with everybody."

Johaunnah Maloon



"I enjoy going the football game."

Dillon Mastrejuan



"I enjoy wearing pink for pretty in pink day."

Samantha Newman



"I enjoy playing football and I have school spirit."

Blake Hillyer