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Important races and issues decided in November elections

By Brandon Eastman

When it comes to the upcoming 2010 elections, there are a few races that have been followed very closely. The one that everyone is aware of is Democrat incumbent Harry Reid running for the Nevada Senate seat against Republican challenger Sharron Angle. As of right now the Rasmussen Reports have Angle holding a slight advantage over Reid with 49% as compared to Reid's 48%. (Rasmussen Reports)



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Harry Reid.

As the elections draw nearer, the ad campaigns have become nastier and

the ads are appearing more frequently. Two of the more severe accusations that Reid has made against Angle are, her wanting to "privatize the Veterans Administration" and her pro-life standing (even when it comes to teenage rape victims).

To these statements by Reid, Angle shot back her own extreme accusations. She said Reid voted for "giving tax breaks to illegal aliens" and that he approves of giving Viagra to sex offenders.

"The idea that anything can be presented in a meaningful way in 30 seconds is ridiculous," said English teacher Jeff Setzer about the ad campaigns.

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AUWII!..... Senior Tyler Cox uses Mr. T's face for target practice during the Senior vs. Faculty volleyball game at Friday's pep assembly, October 15, 2010...The seniors won easily.

Lowry Homecoming week a great success for all involved

By Madison Waldie

Whether it is lunchtime activities, dress-up days, or the big game, Lowry fans can always count on a good time during Homecoming week. This year's theme was "Knock Fernley off their saddle, Lowry win the battle!" Anyone could tell that Lowry had a strong appetite for success this week with bleachers full of outstanding fans at all of the Homecoming festivities.

On Monday October 11, Homecoming week began with a pep assembly; to begin the national anthem was performed by Lowry's own Swing Choir, followed by the school song performed by the pep band. The varsity and junior varsity cheerleaders performed their impressive and lively routine to a DJ mash up of popular songs. Lowry staff members pleased

the energetic crowd with a fashion show of the four dress up days that would follow Mondays' competition of colors. The news of twin day, tie-dye day, tacky tourist day, and blue and gold day got the students pumped for the upcoming four days. As the student body calmed down Mrs. Dawson took the floor to announce Mr. Don Walton as the Grand Marshall of Homecoming 2010. Mr. Walton has been teaching at Lowry for twelve years and has been involved in baseball, softball, and basketball at little league, junior high, and high school levels. He spends his time coaching, refereeing, mowing the lawns, and chaperoning events for our school. Mr. Walton has been the reason for many of the grants received by our school. These grants have helped to buy a new mower, storage shed, and new fencing here at Lowry. "He gives what-

ever it takes to help his students be successful at what they are doing and wants Lowry to be the best high school in Nevada," said Mrs. Dawson.

Monday's lunchtime activity was filled with emotion as the seniors won the epic tug of war battle. Starting off the tug of war games was the freshmen versus the sophomores. The sophomores pulled out the victory in an exhausting first match. The junior class did not show up to the event leaving it up to the seniors to gain the class points for their class and pull the sophomore team over the middle line.

At Tuesday's lunchtime activity, participants had to pop their way to victory in an exciting balloon game. From carrying the balloons in the mouth, to popping them fastest, the seniors were victorious over the underclassmen. The freshmen

came in second place. Without the juniors there to challenge the sophomores they took third place.

On Tuesday evening, Lowry students demonstrated that they were not

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Will Thacker and Sheridan Fortney.

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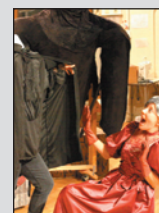
Lowry football earned its second consecutive Homecoming victory.

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Learn more about your classmates in the Buckaroo Roundup.

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Phi Delta Kappa/Gallup Poll assesses US attitudes toward education

By Miranda Buttram

With new programs in education, and different changes being implemented by the government, the US is taking a closer look at the education system. A recent poll was completed summing up the opinions and beliefs of Americans on their education system. Many call for change in the way the system is run.

The Phi Delta Kappa/ Gallup poll provided analyzed the current status of the American education system. Many topics of the education system were discussed in the poll, such as the concept that teachers' pay should be based upon achievement of the students. Almost three of four Americans believe quality of work and not a standard scale should be used to determine teacher pay, with parents feeling equally strong about this issue. American teachers only spend 14 to 16 hours per year in professional development, while in some countries teachers have at least 100 hours of pro-

fessional development annually. In addition, more than two of three Americans support paying teachers a higher incentive to teach in schools identified as needing improvement.



Courtesy • WINNADA
Jeff Setzer.

Teacher Jeff Setzer said, "There is not a realistic way to measure that [the students' achievement], because all of the schemes that I have seen are based on standardized testing, and to base a teacher's pay on a test score is, first of all to ignore the previous years the kid has had in the education system then to say that since I have you as a student sophomore year then your English scores are based on what I have taught you in the last five months. It's unrealistic."

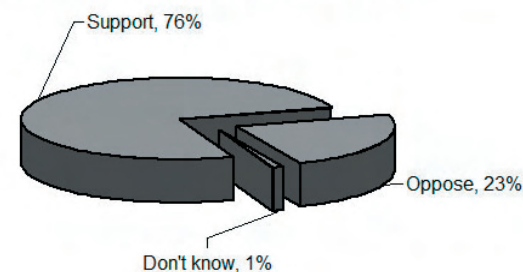
While there is a debate on whether or not to base teachers' pay on performance, in contrast, there is a belief that parents are an important factor in deter-

mining whether students' learn in school. In 2010, 78% of public school parents believe that the parents play a more important factor in children's learning, while only 21% believe it is the school. With the increasing importance of education and college degrees, more weight is being put on the parents' ability to teach their children in addition to the school's need to educate them.

Bobbi Thacker, a parent of a Lowry student, agreed, "I feel the parents have a stronger impact, making their kids go to school, their morals, teaching the kids what is right and wrong, and I do believe a stronger impact will come from home."

Many students, at one time or another have heard of another student get-

Do you support or oppose the idea of school districts paying small amounts of money to students to, for example, read books, attend school, or get good grades?



ting paid for their achievement for their schoolwork. However, 75% of Americans oppose the idea of paying students to read books, attend school, or strive for better grades. However, only one in four parents said they actually paid their children to do better in school.

Thacker also said, "I definitely feel children should be rewarded for doing well, however, I don't think it should be monetary, I don't think it should be materialistic, I think they should be praised by words."

Elections



Courtesy • WINNADA
Ron Beck.

According to Angle, he is a "failed leader." (The Christian Science Monitor)

"The Republicans sure would like to pick that seat up to gain control back of the Senate," said his-

tory teacher Ron Beck.

For the elections that are taking place here in Winnemucca incumbent Russel Smith is running against challengers, Michael Macdonald and Kevin Pasquale for District Attorney. For the Humboldt County Sheriff, Ed Kilgore is up for reelection against Andy Rorex.

"Living in a small town, I think we know a lot of the people personally, and just by knowing them I think that makes up a lot of people's minds," said Beck.

There are also two County Commissioner seats up for grabs as Dan Cassinelli is running against Herb Clarno for Seat C, and Jim French

is running for Seat E against Chuck Giordano.

"The biggest issue is the garbage dump issue, and whether or not a County Commissioner can do much about it," said Setzer.

Who is right for these jobs? It's up to the citizens of Nevada to decide that on their own.

Grass Valley Elementary School holds fundraiser at McDonalds

By Marc Esquivel

In early October the staff over at Grass Valley Elementary School

teamed up with McDonald's to raise a little money for the school.

This is the second year that the school has done this. "McTeacher's

Night" is when the staff of GVES works at McDonald's for four hours helping out the workers. The teachers and administrators do what the McDonald's work crew does everyday; flip burgers, take orders, make the meals, the works. And after putting in a good four hours, the school gets to take home 10 percent of the profits that the school's staff

helped racked in.

"It went really well and it was really fun," said Principal Tim Connors.

The funds that the school makes go towards teaching materials, awards, pizza parties, and things of that nature.

"It brings our staff, students, parents, and community together. It's for a good cause," said Connors; and indeed it is for a good cause, not only for the school, but for McDonald's as well, "It lets the community know that [McDonald's] stands behind their public education and is willing to help out in any way it can."

"McTeacher's Night" was successful this year, bringing in more money for the school than it did last year. GVES is going to continue to do "McTeacher's Night" and hopes to bring in more money to better the education of the community's young minds.



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A GVES teacher (L) is assisted by a McDonald's employee (R).

Annual Public Notification Career and Technical Education

Humboldt County School District offers a variety of vocational opportunities of Career and Technology through programs including Family and Consumer Science, Industrial Technology, Agriculture and Business Education departments.

This is to notify students, parents, employees and the general public that these opportunities are offered regardless of race, color, national origin, sex or disability. Admission in the specific courses is determined by grade level and in some cases, completion of prerequisite courses.

The district has designated the following individuals to coordinate compliance with federal laws on discrimination.

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Lowry welcomes three new teachers for 2010-2011 school year

By Joe Schmidt

Three new teachers have brought a variety of experience and backgrounds to Lowry this year. These teachers are Jen Partee, Cristyne Marshall, and Thomas Newland.



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Jen Partee. Partee started her career in education in 1991. She has taught special education, ESL, and has also been an aide. This year is her first official year of teaching. Partee has lived in Winnemucca for seven years, and has been involved in the school district for six years, during which she taught at Sonoma Elementary School.

Timing was the main factor for her coming to Lowry.

"I was offered this position at the high school and thought that it would be a great challenge and a lot of fun to do," said Partee. She loves the switch from elementary to the high school level. The only difference she sees is mostly the change in size, but some things stay the same. "We discovered yesterday that high schoolers still like to work for stickers," said Partee.

Partee has attended UNR and is currently taking courses at Great Basin College. She plans to return to UNR to get her degree in special education.

Marshall has lived in Winnemucca for two years. Before Lowry, she worked for the Humboldt Human Development Services. She originally moved here because her husband found a job at Winnemucca Farms.

Marshall previously lived in Maryland, where she earned a degree in



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Cristyne Marshall.

ing that there were many fights at her previous school. "The students actually care about their education," said Marshall.

Marshall does not know what her future has in store for as far as staying in Winnemucca or moving.

"It's actually a nice town" said Marshall "It's quite different than what we are used to, but it's not a place I want to get away from."

Newland grew up in Colorado. He

mathematics at Salisbury University. Later she got her Masters in Education, with a background in mathematics.

Marshall likes it at Lowry so far.

"The kids are a lot better behaved here," said Marshall after stat-

went to high school in the small town of Brush, CO. He was part of state championship football teams and track teams.

Later, he attended Fort Collins Colorado State University and played college football.

Newland is an outdoorsman, "I like to hike and mountain bike," said Newland. He also likes woodworking. Newland originally went to school to be an industrial arts teacher.

"I did that for about three years and I got bored so I got into the sciences," said Newland.

Newland moved to Winnemucca "to get back to Nevada."

"I like Winnemucca," said Newland, "It has the small town feel but it's still big enough to have some things to do."



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Tom Newland.

Opinions

Senator Harry Reid: What voters need to know before voting

By Joe Schmidt



How many Nevadans know the importance of the Senate Majority Leader? The Senate Majority Leader is a United States Senator who is elected by their party that holds the majority. This leader serves as the chief Senate spokesperson for their party and manages the legislative and executive business of the Senate. In other words, Harry Reid is the most powerful senator in the United States.

Nevadans overlook the importance of Harry Reid's authority in the Senate. Many Nevadans do not adequately educate themselves about Reid. Some think "We don't need him, he is ruining our state." In fact, that is not the truth.

Reid has recently fought to keep California from dumping its trash in Humboldt County and Reid helped Nevada Geothermal Power complete their Blue Mountain geothermal project. These are just two of the many issues Reid has helped Nevada with during his four terms as United States Senator. As some people may have thought, Harry Reid means no harm to Nevada.

"My job as the Senate Majority leader allows me to deliver meaningful results for Nevada families," said Reid on his site reid.senate.gov. This is one specific thing that competitor Sharon Angle will most likely never be able to say. This is exactly why Reid is so vital to the state of Nevada.

Nevadans need to educate themselves before voting this November. One little thing that pertains to one specific topic could change your mind in a blink.

Voters don't have to vote along party lines, they just need to open their eyes to all of their options. Get out

there and do some research on your local and statewide political candidates that you do not know much about and maybe your opinion will change on who or who not to vote for.

You may dislike Reid because of his beliefs, and that is acceptable, but to dislike him just because someone told you to is absurd.



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Open Your Eyes- Date rape is an issue for all

By Savannah McDade



One in four women falls victim to a rape attack; a rape occurs every seven minutes in the United States (60%

while on a date); the majority of the victims are between the ages of 15 and 24, and the attacker is 86% to 99% more likely to be someone the victim knows, rather than a stranger. (www2.truman.edu)

Drug prevention, STD prevention, and the consequences of driving under the influence are lessons being pounded into childrens' brains at a very young age, and rightly so. However, schools have neglected to touch on one of the most pressing issues, which is date

rape.

Date rape occurs on a constant basis, though people rarely tackle the matter either because they are embarrassed, or they are afraid to deal with the issue of sex in general because it will likely spike controversy.

When did our culture become so naïve? It is really not that shocking that date rape occurs so frequently when our society promotes films such as, "The Notebook", "Twilight", "The Last Song", etc. it is common knowledge that many young girls become infatuated with these love stories, because many girls have unrealistic expectations and why not? What woman does not want to believe that a young, Leonardo Dicaprio look-a-like, will fall in love with her? Why?

Because, she is the most, "special, beautiful, intelligent, humorous, original girl in the world." Point being, when women hold false expectations, they are vulnerable.

My intent is not to stereotype, and I am not implying that every young girl is naïve by fault, how is anyone expected to be made aware if they are never educated? Teenagers need to be taught how to recognize potentially risky situations.

According to, www2.truman.edu, there are certain "red flags" that a woman must look out for before entering a potentially dangerous situation. It is not necessary to list every "red flag" in order to convey the essential idea: trust your intuition. Human beings encompass survival instincts, just as any other animal. Take advantage of this; if

you have a bad feeling about something, pay attention to that feeling.

According to, www.union.k12.ia.us, 55% of the women involved in a rape had been drinking or taking drugs prior to the incident. The concept that should make the most sense is sobriety; if you are not in control of yourself, you are not in control of the situation. Also, be cautious when partying with a group of guys, no matter how well you think you know them. In many date rape testimonies women admitted to thinking they knew the perpetrator well, and in some cases, they had been friends with the attacker for years.

If schools advocate date rape awareness, with the same emphasis that is placed on other issues maybe the problem will be minimized.

More should be done to protect athletes from head injuries

By Brandon Eastman and Calvin Connors



On April 26, 21 year old, University of Pennsylvania defensive lineman Owen Thomas killed himself. He left no note, and was found with only his cell phone on him at the time

With the parents' consent, researchers at Boston University took the task to study Thomas' brain. The researchers found that his brain showed early signs of chronic traumatic encephalopathy, or CTE. Symptoms of this "disease of the moment" are; depression, erratic behavior, and eventually dementia.

A recent study by this same Boston University Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy revealed that many former NFL players had CTE. Many of these CTE victims had a history of multiple concussions. All this means is; years of taking less than concussive hits can eventually add up to cause severe brain damage.

"Concussions have been getting worse and worse over the years," said

senior quarterback Mitch Pollock.

Players around the country at all levels of competition have experienced this at some point, and, in time, it is bound to catch up with them if something is not done to prevent it.

"Everybody is hitting harder and everybody is leading with their head more," said senior lineman Will Thacker.

A new football helmet will be introduced with a new technology that is supposed to provide extra protection against concussions. A group of researchers has spent the last four years trying to perfect this new helmet, and it is finally ready. The new helmets will have extra protection on the sides of the head and around the jaw, which should help to lessen the impact when a player takes a hit.

"They have come out with new technology where it's supposed to decrease head injuries and concussions," said football coach and weight-training teacher Taua Cabatbat.

In order to monitor these hits that football players receive to the head every single day, some schools are implementing a "hit-count technology." The Virginia Tech Hokies, and Dr. Gunnar Brolinson, were the very first to use this technology, which consists of small sensors placed on the inside of the helmets.

These sensors send data to a small device on the sideline, and then the information of where the hit was taken and how impactful it was is displayed on a laptop.

This system, called the HIT system, is very expensive. It costs \$1,000 for just one helmet, so there are not a lot of schools across the country that can afford it, Lowry being one of them. With the system being so expensive it is sporadically used throughout the country at just a handful of universities and high schools. This puts all the schools that cannot afford it at a major disadvantage because now they don't have the same benefits as the rest. If concussions are really that big of a deal, this kind of protection should be provided for a lesser price, so every school across the nation is equally protected and concussions become less of a problem, not for specific schools, but for every school across the nation.

"I've seen so-called 'increase in head injuries to players' that's just because the game is a little faster and kids get a little stronger," said Cabatbat.

Concussions have been a topic that has been questioned for many years, and something must be done about them. This could be the answer we've all been waiting for.

FACTS

There are an estimated 250,000 concussions every year in football.

Head-related deaths accounted for 69% of football fatalities.

Recent statistics suggest that approximately 300,000 sport-related traumatic brain injuries occur annually in the United States.

From 1984 to 1999, there were 63 high school and 6 collegiate catastrophic head injuries.

Cheerleading accounted for more than 50% of catastrophic injuries to female participants over the past 17 years.

A football related fatality has occurred every year from 1945 through 1999, except for 1990.

From 1982 through 1999, 20 deaths and 19 permanent disability injuries occurred in a variety of sports.

(www.ncbi.nih.gov)

PRO ~ The Mosque near Ground Zero ~ CON

By Miranda Buttram



Many of the original settlers of America traveled here to escape religious persecution. They came to America and achieved a country that gave each citizen a multitude of liberties, including freedom of religion without persecution. America seems to have forgotten why the settlers left their home countries, because America has now become the persecutors, like their previous religious oppressors.

A community center, not a mosque, with a prayer room has been approved by the New York City Community Board to be built near Ground Zero. People have made ridiculous accusations that terrorists are trying to build a mosque there, not only is that intolerant and prejudice, but it is stereotyping. There are millions of people of the Muslim faith, yet many still stereotype that they are all terrorists due to the actions of several radicals.

Those who are building the community center have the constitutional right and city approval to build it. People argue that it is too close

to Ground Zero. However Ground Zero encompasses twelve blocks and the community center would not be visible from it. Although for some only, New Jersey would be far enough away to build it. It is like arguing that a Catholic Church should not be built anywhere that was affected by the crusades, though it has already happened.

When did American citizens become people who are prejudice and judge people on the actions of others of their religion? There are certain people of all faiths that have committed murder, but we do not judge the rest of that faith as such. What about Robert Yates who was convicted of 15 murders? He was of a Christian upbringing and is currently a Christian too, yet we do not judge all people of that faith as we judge him, and rightfully so. The same principle applies to those building the community center; they have no connection to the terrorists that caused that tragic day, aside from their religion. It is wrong to deny them the rights the American government guarantees them. As the Declaration states, "All men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights," when did this change?

By Madison Waldie



Who would have thought that the lives of a nation could be changed in one hour and forty-two minutes? This is how much time it took for two buildings to come crashing to the earth in New York City on Tuesday September 11, 2001. This is the amount of time it took for 2,733 innocent American civilians to be killed by a radical Muslim group called al-Qaeda.

The reputations of Muslims and the Muslim faith were severely altered on that day. When the 19 hijackers committed to the suicide attacks and mass murders, they pledged their allegiance to Osama Bin Laden and their mission as radical Muslims. The mission of global Jihad, or holy war.

Nine years later and just two blocks from where the World Trade Center Towers once stood, members of the Muslim faith have made plans and for Park51 or the "Ground Zero Mosque." Although the Islamic community center is not on or in Ground Zero it is just two blocks away.

The first thing that comes mind is the families of the nearly 3,000

victims are being slapped in the face by these radical Muslims and their plans. This 13-story and 100,000 square foot building is just 600 feet from where citizens of our country were gruesomely murdered.

A group of victims' relatives, 9/11 Families for a strong and safe America, called the proposal, "A gross insult to the memory of those who were killed on that terrible day."

The First Amendment in the constitution grants the freedom of speech to ALL Americans, I am also aware that the First Amendment states that Americans have a right to religion. That is why I am not stating that these plans are illegal or against the law, but I am saying that this is wrong. Park51 is morally, ethically, and politically wrong. I honestly do not understand how one could fly an American flag, sing the Star Spangled Banner, or celebrate Independence Day and be in support of the travesty happening in Lower Manhattan.

It may seem like I am stereotyping the Muslim religion and its members but when there are Muslims overseas shooting at our service men and women and the help that we are trying to bring them it is hard not to be skeptical of their beliefs.

Dos and Don'ts: Halloween

By Miranda Buttram and Savannah McDade



When celebrating Halloween there are some essential regulations that need to be addressed before any sort of immature she-nanigans takes place on the date of October 31, 2010:

- Do: Dress up
- Don't: Accept homemade candy

- Do: Keep your options open.
- Don't: Stay at home by yourself.
- Do: Stay on your toes; because if you see a suspicious character running towards you with a chain saw and a hockey mask, he may have homicidal intent.
- Don't: Play Jumanji.
- Do: Over-indulge in junk food.
- Don't: Drive under any influence (excess sugar included).
- Do: Learn Michael Jackson's "Thriller" dance.
- Don't: Irk the holder of the headless horseman's skull.
- Do: The Monster Mash
- Don't: Be stingy when passing out candy.
- Do: Take a tip from Columbus and avoid public restrooms.
- Don't: Fall in love with a vampire despite their sparkly appearance.
- Do: Keep a clove of garlic within reaching distance.
- Don't: Let the Sanderson sisters put a spell on you.
- Do: Be nice to Casper (he's a friendly ghost).
- Don't: Dare say "Betelgeuse" (BeetleJuice) three times.

Happy Halloween!



Freshman and JV football enjoying successful seasons

By Joe Schmidt and Josh Young Jr.

The JV football team has started the season off 8-0.

Not all wins were close, but not all wins were blowouts either. One time they came back from a 21 point defi-



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Calvin Connors (9) makes a pass against Battle Mountain.

cit. They even scored a game-winning touchdown in the last seven seconds against Spring Creek.

"It was pretty impressive," said junior Kevin Boyle. The team has proved themselves time and time again.

Six freshmen are on the team this year. "The freshmen really stepped it up," said sophomore Cody Green, "they have proved their spot to be here."

Many of the players stated that there isn't one specific good aspect of the team, such as offense or defense. The team as a whole is doing very well in all areas. Defense forces turnovers and offense scores. Each player does his job and it wins games.

"We have been practicing hard," said freshmen Matt Ourada.

Even with an undefeated season on the line, Coach John Brooks is trying to keep the team focused on playing one game at a time. He also feels that

that the most impressive game of the season was against Elko. The team came back from a 21 point deficit. The buckaroos were down 26-14 at half-time. They came back in the second half and won the game.

To Brooks' knowledge, there has not been an undefeated JV team at Lowry although he had one team several years ago finish with only one loss.

This season could be a record for Lowry High School, if the streak keeps going. Truckee will be the team's biggest challenge and it is yet to come. The team will also be playing Truckee and Fallon to wrap up the season.

The future of the Lowry Varsity football team will be promising with a possible undefeated JV football team.

The Freshman Football team has been getting stronger and closer as a team throughout the entire season. They have had a 3-4 season this far.

Considering that they have played two JV teams, they have had a rather solid season.

"Our offensive line has been improving every week and last night it showed as they man handled an undefeated Fernley team," said head coach Greg Scott.

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Running back Kody Jock turns upfield against Battle Mountain.

Rangers and Yankees meet in league championship series

By Phil Rogers, Chicago Tribune (MCT)

Starting pitching: Getting a possible three starts from CC Sabathia is a big advantage, but the Yankees are shakier across the board than their paychecks suggest. Andy Pettitte is the swing man. The Yankees will win if both he and Sabathia pitch well, but Pettitte hasn't had back-to-back strong outings since before the All-Star break. The Yankees will be taking a huge gamble by giving A.J. Burnett a start in Game 4. C.J. Wilson, who moves into the No. 1 role for the Rangers with Cliff Lee unavailable until Game 3, has made an amazing transition from the bullpen. Lee's teams are

7-0 in his postseason starts, outscoring the opponents 45-14. Edge: Yankees.

Relief pitching: Mariano Rivera, the all-time October closer, is coming off an amazingly good year at 40. Kerry Wood has made Joba Chamberlain disappear. Rangers rookie Neftali Feliz, the likely AL Rookie of the Year, can blow away hitters. Rangers lefty setup man Darren Oliver is in his ninth postseason series and has pitched in 11 of his team's last 12 playoff games. Edge: Yankees.

Hitting: Rangers second baseman Ian Kinsler, who hit three homers in the Division Series against the Rays, is the hottest hitter in a strong lineup that also used aggressive baserunning to disrupt the Rays. In the battle of shortstops,

Elvis Andrus outthit Derek Jeter in the first round. But the Yankees won't care about that if Curtis Granderson continues to be more productive than MVP candidate Josh Hamilton. Lance Berkman, who often hit third for the Astros, bats eighth in the deep Yankees lineup built around Alex Rodriguez, Robinson Cano and former Ranger Mark Teixeira. Both pitching staffs will be seriously challenged. Edge: Yankees.

Fielding: Jorge Posada would be getting bench time if the Yankees had a strong defensive catcher, but Francisco Cervelli is hardly Jose Molina. The Rangers will try to make life miserable on the bases for the Yankees. Andrus has more range and as much arm strength as Jeter ever did, but Jeter is still the guy pitchers want the ball hit to. Edge: Rangers.

Bench: The Rangers' Jorge Cantu is the most dangerous bat off the bench for

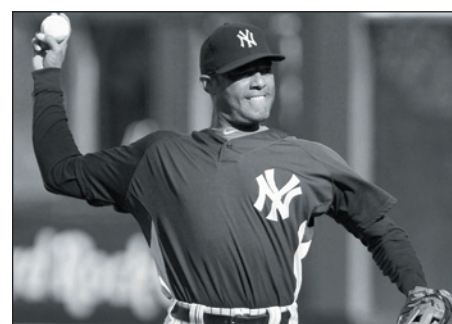
either team. For all of Joe Girardi's frequent substitutions, the extra men rarely make a difference. Edge: Rangers.

Manager: Girardi's Yankees teams are 4-0 in playoff series, and he will have this team prepared. Ron Washington is a playoff newcomer. He sets a great tone in the dugout, which was evident in the controlled excitement and joy with which the Rangers played in Game 5 at Tropicana Field. Edge: Yankees.

Gut read: This is a great matchup. The Rangers are a dangerous team with nothing to lose. The Yankees know anything less than a second straight World Series title _ and the franchise's 28th _ will be a failure. Given Lee's presence, this could go either way.

Pick: Yankees in 6.

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New York Yankees closer Mariano Rivera.



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Century Club continues to provide funds for Lowry athletic programs

By Brandon Eastman

The Winnemucca Century Club was started about 30 years ago and has been going strong ever since then.

"Century club is an organization that is strictly for athletics at Lowry high school," said current board member Chad Peters.

The Winnemucca Century Club is a nonprofit corporation which receives and expends funds to promote and support Lowry High School athletics.

"We provide additional funding for any athletic program for anything that's above and beyond their budget needs," said Peters.

Past contributions have been used to assist in the funding of improvements to the fields and facilities.

"The football field project, the track,

the bleachers, the grass, the scoreboards in the gym, the scorer's table in the gym, the Jim Billingsley softball field, we donate a lot of dirt for the baseball field, every year in football we help provide funding for the equipment costs; with

"...go through the Winnemucca Century Club because 100% of that money goes back to the school."

~Chad Peters

the school budget they're only allowed so many funds," said Peters.

The Century Club helps to purchase equipment and uniforms for baseball, basketball, cheerleading, cross country, dance team, football, golf, soccer, softball, track, volleyball, and wrestling.

Peters said, "If they (the sports teams) have specific needs that they would like to get for their program then they come to Century Club and we do some fundraisers and raise some money in order to provide that money for them."

The fundraisers that the Century Club puts on in order to make this money are; the Century Club barbecue every year in August and the scramble golf tournament held in July each year.

According to Peters, the biggest money-maker is the membership fees.

"Our membership is based off the people in our community. It's \$125 per person and \$200 per couple. Membership gets you into all home events for free and all that money goes back to the athletics at Lowry High School," said Peters.

The ad sales for the sports programs sold at each home sporting event also bring in a lot of money for the booster club to give back to Lowry.

"The biggest thing I want busi-



Brandon Eastman • THE BRAND

The Century Club played a big role in improvements to the football field/track facility.

ness owners to know is; if you want to contribute to Lowry High school athletically, you need to go through the Winnemucca Century Club because 100% of that money goes back to the school," said Peters.

If there are any questions about the Century Club please feel free to contact Ray Parks at the Junior High School.

Football

"The offense has been doing well, averaging 24 points per game, [which isn't] as high scoring as we would like, but steady. Tytus Millikan has

been our go-to playmaker. He blocks well and makes the tough catch when needed," said Scott. Scott also said that the team is going to work on all the little things so that they don't get beat by them again.

Quinn Carrica feels that their defense is the strongest point of their team right now, with the offense getting progressively better. "We kind of change up our defense a lot, but I think we are going to work on the outside more on our d-ends, we're going to move them a little bit farther outside than they already are."

The hard work they have put in should pay off over the remainder of the season.

"The freshmen Bucks have done a great job preparing for each team," said Scott. "They have been coachable and working hard. We are hopeful that the hard work will pay off in the next two weeks."

Tytus Millikan said, "Our team has really matured and come together."

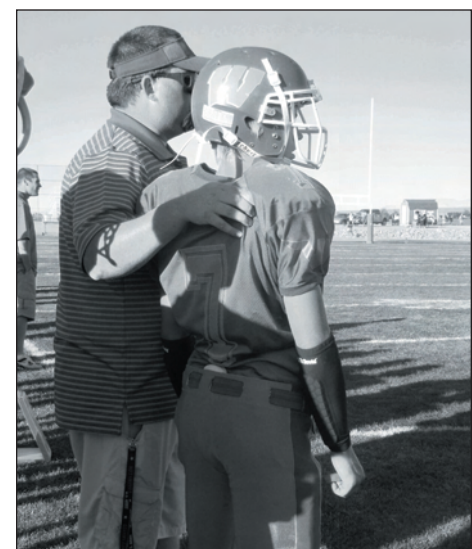
According to coach Scott the team also has solid chemistry.

"This is the loosest, most positive group I believe I have had here at Lowry. They know when to get to work and when it is OK to loosen up a bit," said Scott.



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The freshman offensive line against Wooster.



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Coach Greg Scott with Elijah Frei on the sidelines.

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Lady Bucks volleyball beats Wendover in Homecoming match

By Brandon Eastman

On Friday October 15, the Lowry volleyball team took the court against the West Wendover Wolverines.



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Betsy Guerrero goes up for a hit against West Wendover.

The girls made quick work of the Wolverines defeating them by set scores of 25-13, 25-15, and 25-18. They took

the lead from the very beginning of the match and never let up.

"It was a good confident booster," said junior libero Angie Herrera.

"We need to make sure we always have good attitudes and keep our intensity up," said senior middle hitter Alta Smith.

Junior outside hitters Betsy Guerrero and Kayla Doyle had 8 and 4 kills, respectively, while junior middle hitter Hana Etcheverry chipped in 4 kills and Smith had 2.

Senior Elisa Higbee and junior Heather McElvain did a good job of

distributing the offense with Higbee picking up 9 assists and McElvain with 8 assists. Olivia Snow also distributed one assist along with her one kill.

Smith and Higbee had particularly dominating nights from the service line as they had a combined 9 aces.

"We played legit; we worked together as a team today and put all our differences aside instead of playing as individuals" said Herrera.

The Lady Bucks played the White Pine Bobcats on Saturday October 16, 2010, however scores and statistics



Madison Waldie • THE BRAND
The Lady Bucks discuss strategy.

were not available.

The Buckaroos are in action next, on Wednesday, October 20, at home against the Elko Indians at 6:00 p.m.

Buckaroo soccer loses hard fought game to Elko Indians

By Sydney Blankenship

In what turned out to be a struggle in more ways than one, the Lowry boys soccer team dropped a close game 2-0 at Elko on October 12.

Senior Jacob Gibson, left-center defender said, "We played alright but we could have been better."

Neither team was able to mount much offensively for most of the game.

"We had good defense, but we

didn't control the ball that much," stated Gibson.

"Elko had more control and possession over the ball," said Anders Pace, senior and, left mid fielder for the team.

What was a hard fought game nearly turned into a fight when an Elko player received a red card for pushing a Lowry player. The Lowry player received a yellow card for his actions. Although Elko was forced to play a man down for the remainder of the game. They

still managed to score twice against the Bucks' stingy defense.

One Elko goal came on a penalty shot when a foul was called in the box.

"One of the penalty kicks was questionable to me, I didn't see a foul," Pace said.

The team is close to the playoffs and will continue to work to get better.

"Some of the things that we can do better would be more communication

and passing," explained Pace.

Although it was a tough game, the boys' soccer team has high hopes for their next three games.

Lowry will play at Yerington, October 22 at 5:00 PM.



Brandon Eastman • THE BRAND
Effrem Waite goes for the ball against the Dayton Dust Devils.

What to Watch

By Marc Esquivel and Calvin Connors

Looking for something to watch this weekend? Its a great time for sports and there are some of the best games of the weekend.

Minnesota at Green Bay

Calvin's Pick – Green Bay



Joe Rogate/Newsday/MCT
Minnesota Vikings QB Brett Favre.

"I think the Packers will win because the game is in Green Bay and their defense will take control of the game with their strong secondary. Also, the Vikings have too many injuries on the offensive side. Brett Favre has had a slow start this season with only 861 passing yards and five touchdown passes on the season. The Vikings passing game hasn't lived up to the hype this season. I believe the Green Bay defense will shut down Adrian Peterson and Brett Favre. Defense wins games."

Marc's Pick – Minnesota

"I think that even though the Packers' defense does look strong, with the addition of Randy Moss, I think that Brett Favre will lighten the load on Adrian Peterson and get back into his passing groove."

NY Giants at Dallas

Calvin's Pick – NY Giants



George Bridges MCT
Giants wide receiver Hakeem Nicks.

"I believe that the Giants running game will open up the passing game for Eli Manning. Ahmad Bradshaw will have over 100 yards rushing on the game, and Manning will have a terrific passing game."

Marc's Pick – Dallas

"I chose Dallas because of their third-ranked passing offense. I believe that the Cowboys are more of a second half team than the Giants. Eli Manning is also not having a good year with eight interceptions and four fumbles."

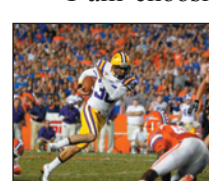
LSU at Auburn

Calvin's Pick – Auburn

"I choose the Auburn Tigers because of their junior QB Cameron Newton, who has had a great year so far. He has 1,278 passing yards on the year, along with 13 touchdown passes. He also has 12 rushing touchdowns, with 860 yards on the ground, he is a dual threat QB."

Marc's Pick – LSU

"I am choosing LSU because their QB, Jordan Jefferson, is decent and knows how to run the offense. I am also choosing LSU because of their high ranked defense and their outstanding defensive back Patrick Peterson. As Calvin has stated before, defense wins championships."



Gary W. Green/Orlando Sentinel/MCT
LSU kicker Josh Jasper (30).

Nebraska at Oklahoma St.

Calvin's Pick – Nebraska

"I picked the Nebraska Cornhuskers because of their outstanding true freshmen Taylor Martinez. He has 12 rushing touchdowns with 758 yards rushing this season. He had 15 attempts rushing with 241 yards and 4 rushing touchdowns against Kansas State, one of those

touchdowns was 80 yards. In this game I believe that Taylor Martinez needs to have a great rushing game and be able to have a decent passing game to lead the Cornhuskers to victory, along with their defense that has not allowed more than three touchdowns a game. Which makes Nebraska a living nightmare for all the teams they play."

Marc's Pick – Nebraska

"I believe that Nebraska is going to win this game because of their high scoring rushing attack and their tough defense. Their QB, Taylor Martinez, is leading the team not only in passing yards but in rushing yards as well. The Cornhuskers have a lot of weapons on the offensive side, and their tough defense makes things difficult for other offenses to get on the scoreboard. Their kicker is also perfect on the year, not missing any kicks, I believe that will be a factor in this game."



Travis Heying/Wichita Eagle/MCT
Nebraska QB Taylor Martinez.

Bucks get revenge, down Vaqueros on Homecoming

By Madison Waldie and Brandon Eastman

On Homecoming night, the Bucks dominated Fernley from the start to come away with an impressive win.

"It was a big win for us especially after coming off that loss to Spring Creek last week," said senior quarterback Mitch Pollock.

Lowry took their second possession of the night after senior Danny Ochoa recovered a fumble, setting up Jace Billingsley's first touchdown of the night on a 14 yard run up the middle.

"All the linemen today opened up all the holes," said Billingsley.

The Bucks continued their offensive onslaught on the next possession as Billingsley had a huge run of



Madison Waldie • THE BRAND
Gus Duncan (6) returns a kick off.

41 yards up the left sideline. This set up the scoring drive as junior running back Billingsley took a hand-off from Pollock and ran up the right side for a 12 yard touchdown run.

Fernley came away with a 30 yard field goal on their next possession to cut Lowry's lead to 14-3 to end the 1st



Madison Waldie • THE BRAND
Six Lowry tacklers drop the ball carrier.

quarter.

One minute and 24 seconds into the second quarter, Billingsley ran for yet another touchdown, this time a 38 yard run up the left side.

With 7:54 left in the half, Billingsley took a hand-off from Pollock for a 90 yard touchdown on the left side.

To end the scoring in the first half, Billingsley ran up the right side for a 54 yard touchdown to make the score at halftime 34-3.

To start the scoring in the second half, and also ending the scoring in the game, Johnny Hernandez had consecutive runs of 29 and 22 yards, with the latter coming in the form of a touchdown. This made the final score 41-3.

Billingsley ran for 321 yards on the night, and Hernandez had 201.

"We wanted to get back on track, and we're back on track now," Pollock said.

The Buckaroos travel to Truckee next weekend for a Saturday game on October 23.

"We just have to work on being intense and being confident going in there," said Billingsley.

AOI: Cortney Kieser

By Jaren Cornwall

It's all about golf for sophomore Cortney Kieser.

Born in Fairfield, CA Cortney moved to Winnemucca at the age of nine. The move from California also introduced Courtney to golf and marked the beginning of her golf career. Her dad is the Golf Pro at the Winnemucca Municipal Golf Course, and is a main source of inspiration for her to play golf.

"My dad is the Golf Pro and he got me interested in it [golf]," said Kieser, speaking of what influenced her to play golf.

Kieser's favorite golfer is Tiger Woods and she is not affected by his recent scandal.

She clearly stated, "I don't read in to that stuff, he's a

good golfer."

Kieser speaks of her family as very supportive individuals, and they are described as "pretty chill".

"They support me any way they can, and cheer me on," said Kieser.

She presently golf's for Lowry High school's golf team, and plans to golf in college.

She enjoys the experience of golfing with the other girls and meeting new people at away matches. She also loves the feeling of making a good shot.

Recently, she set a personal best score of 87 on her home course.

"I just like hitting the ball, it just feels good when you make a good shot..." said

Kieser.



AOI: Will Thacker

By Rianon Lehman

Will Thacker is an imposing figure not only in the sports he plays but also outside of athletics. Thacker plays three sports including basketball, football, and track.

Thacker was born in Las Vegas. As a child, Thacker wanted to play baseball and wrestle, but as he aged he became more involved in other sports. His older sister plays college basketball and his little sister, who is in the seventh grade, also plays basketball. However his favorite sport is not that of his siblings'. His first choice is football since he has been playing it for so long.

All of his family encourages and inspires him to play as well as other activities.

"They come to all my games and just tell me to

keep going," said Thacker.

His favorite college team is Boise state, while his favorite NFL team is the Raiders. He wants to play in college football himself.

"I don't know where I'm going to go yet but I want play football," Thacker said.

His whole life he's played sports, but when he got to high school he had to make the decision on which ones he wanted to play most.

"I didn't have to make the decision between football and anything else, but basketball and wrestling. I chose basketball, track and baseball. I chose track," Thacker said.

Thacker has a lot of demands on his time but still does well academically, and has some advice for others.

"Just do your work and get it in on time," he said.



Top 10 Halloween Costumes



Photographer •THE BRAND
"Pokerface"



Photographer •THE BRAND
"Queen of Hearts"



Photographer •THE BRAND
"Thriller"

By Madison Waldie

With Halloween approaching children and adults alike are searching for the perfect costume for the big night. With goblins, skeletons, and ghosts being so overused the public is now turning to entertainment for ideas and motivation to fabricate an ensemble to wear to the festivities late this month.

Following are the "Top 10 Halloween Costumes of 2010" according to Amanda Ferris of CamelClutchBlog.

com:

1. Lady Gaga Pokerface Costume
2. Avatar: Neytiri Na'vi Costume
3. Iron Man Deluxe Costume
4. The Last Airbender-Aang Costume
5. Twilight: Edward Cullen costume
6. Vampiress Costume
7. Clash of the Titans: Perseus Costume
8. Michael Jackson Thriller Costume
9. Alice in Wonderland Costume
10. Queen of Hearts Costume

FCCLA: More than Home-Ec

By Savannah McDade

Lowry is known for having various clubs that are both beneficial to the community as well as Lowry students, one such club is FCCLA.

FCCLA is a fairly new club established by Mrs. Courtney Rorex and Mrs. Marlene Killion. The Club primarily focuses on community service projects as well as competing in events such as, sewing, culinary arts, and child development.

Throughout the year, FCCLA travels for competition. There are two traveling events this year and club members are working diligently on preparing for their first competition which will take place in Elko. However, the club is still in the early phase of progress, and brainstorming ideas for community service projects is the key focus as of now.

Club President and first year member, senior Berenice Sanchez is elated to be a part of the club because she re-

alizes that the skills that are obtained in FCCLA are useful in everyday life. Sanchez is planning on competing in sewing as well as culinary events. She is also very open-minded to input from others, "It's not too late, we're always welcome to new members who want to join," said Sanchez.

FCCLA is definitely a great opportunity to get involved with the school and community; having this club under your belt also looks great on a resume or college application, "It shows how well-rounded you are," explained Sanchez.

The best way students can better educate themselves on the particulars of this organization is to go to a meeting. FCCLA meets every Tuesday during lunch in Mrs. Killion's room.



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Berenice Sanchez.



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The Powderpuff cheerleaders perform at halftime.



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Julia Dufurrena and Chase Estes.



Miranda Buttram •THE BRAND

Mitch Pollock serves in Senior vs. Faculty volleyball game.



Miranda Buttram •THE BRAND

Lowry's dance team performing at Friday's assembly.



Marc Esquivel •THE BRAND

Kristine Ingle, Emelia Legarza, and Jenae Neu at the Powderpuff game.



Miranda Buttram •THE BRAND

The sophomore class at the pep assembly.



Miranda Buttram •THE BRAND

The Rodeo Club displays its cart float.



Miranda Buttram •THE BRAND

Students show their pride on Blue and Gold day.

The Buckaroo Roundup

By Madison Waldie

DANA PARDOVICH



"...if you look good, you are going to do good, I got to know if I look good."

What are your post ally? graduate plans?

I plan to play softball in college and get a degree in Criminal Justice. Seriously.

Could LHS be better?

I would like more dress-up weeks maybe just like every Thursday of the month we could dress up as ponies or mermaids.

Who are your role models and why?

Barack Obama because he has done great things and I aspire to be like him and he has a Nobel Peace Prize, and it would be really nice to win one of those one day. Oprah because, I mean who doesn't love Oprah re-

Who makes you happy?

When I think of happiness I imagine laying on the beach with a rainbow but its light showers because I do like the rain, but I forgot my umbrella so I go to the nearest store and buy a poncho and I sit in a poncho on the beach looking at the rainbow.

Do you have any advice about high school?

Enjoy it and have fun because once you get out of here you go to big people's jail so you might as well enjoy the time you have.

SHANNON MCCLELLAN



"... I find something new about myself every single day."

What is your favorite class this year?

Easily US history because Mr. Beck is the bomb freakin' dig and you learn so much. It is very fun he is very good active teacher.

If you had \$1 million , what would you do?

I would give some to charity, I'm a very good person I would buy my parents a nice house in Winnemucca. I would start my own fashion line, I would buy my school all new uniforms and make a huge stadium for all sports.

What is your favorite book?

I like "Green Eggs and

Ham".

What would you rather be doing right now?

Eating candy.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

An elementary teacher and on the side a florist because I like flowers and on the side of that a sports announcer for the NFL and an interior designer that designs clothes for hospitals for furniture, a pro softball player, a mother.

How could our school be made better?

...a nicer parking lot, all paved roads and lines, I like lines.

NATE ELDODT



"I have not had an embarrassing moment cause everything I do is so well planned out."

Why is Mr. Walton your favorite teacher?

Cause he's so cool and always gives us fun work.

What are some of your pet peeves?

I hate when people yell especially when they talk really loud, and I hate when people make fun of other people because that makes me mad as well. I hate when people make funny looks.

What scares you the most in life and why?

I don't have any fears cause I'm a man.

Why is Brandon Eastman your role model?

He plays basketball, and

likes girls, and he does all sorts of fun stuff.

If you won ten million dollars today what would you do with it?

I would put it in a savings account so I could buy stuff later and gain interest so I can buy even better stuff.

If you had to evacuate your house immediately what would be the one thing you would take with you?

My bed so I could have something to sleep on.

Can you describe yourself using five words?

Awesome, awesome, awesome, awesome, and awesome.

Students dance the night away on Saturday

By Josh Young

On Saturday, October 16, 2010, Lowry students converged at the school for the Homecoming 2010 dance. The line was long as excited students lined up, anticipating the night ahead.

The night went fast, as most of the people there were dancing to the upbeat songs that most people knew. They sang the songs they knew, and enjoyed classics such as "Cotton Eyed Joe" and the "Cha Cha Slide". There was music from many artists, including Lady Gaga, Usher, 50 Cent, Lonestar, and Ke\$ha. Music was provided by West Coast DJ.

Attendees cheered as their classes were called, keeping the energy high throughout the night. The energy was almost tangible as students tirelessly jumped around the gym.

Friends new and old came together when the beats slowed down for the slow songs. Students swayed to the mellow music, and then slowly got back into the high energy spirit as the beat picked back up.

The fact that the Bucks won their Homecoming game against the Fernley Vaqueros added to the happiness and joyousness of the night, which added even more excitement to the night's activities. The dance was seen

as a type of celebration for the Lowry students.

Regardless of any students reasoning for attending the dance, it stands



Josh Young Jr. • THE BRAND
(L-R) Sheridan Fortney, Kami Savoie, and Jazmyn Ward.

to reason that everyone enjoys themselves there, powered by the high intensity music and their friends' urging to dance with them.



Josh Young Jr. • THE BRAND
Students dancing to the music by West Coast DJ.

Powderpuff game ends in stunning comeback

By Marc Esquivel



Madison Waldie • THE BRAND
Dana Pardovich
"listens" to advice from
coach Mitch Pollock.

cheer on the girls. The turnout for the game was incredible, with the stands being filled, and the student section being packed with some great fans.

"The best part is I get to look ridiculous," said senior Shane Bell.

Going into the second half, the freshmen/senior team had a comfortable lead, but the sophomore/junior team came back with a bomb thrown by Heather

Last Monday, Lowry's students put on an exciting, action filled Powderpuff game.

It was an epic showdown between the freshmen/senior team and the sophomore/junior team that was decided by two points.

While the girls played hard, the Powderpuff cheerleaders were working just as hard to keep the crowd pumped and

McElvain to Betsy Guerrero to tie the game 20-20. Later, a defensive series by the sophomore/junior team would give them the lead by way of a safety. The seniors and freshmen couldn't execute with the ball and as soon as the sophomores and juniors got the ball back, they ran the ball, killing the clock.

"If you execute, then you win games," said senior coach Mitch Pollock about his team.

All in all, the coaches on both teams were proud of their girls.

Junior Madi Gonzalez was named "Player of the Game" by sophomore coach Daniel Pollock.

"It was really fun and everyone played well," said Madi Gonzalez.

The Homecoming event was a success

in that it attracted students from all around the school to come together, show their school spirit, and cheer on their class. The Powderpuff game was a great way to kickoff the Homecoming week.



Madison Waldie • THE BRAND
Sheridan Fortney and
Angie Herrera collide.



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A Sophomore-Junior
player evades defend-
ers.



Madison Waldie • THE BRAND

The Sophomore-Junior team celebrates its win.

Seniors continue winning streak in He-Man Volleyball

By Rianon Lehman

He-Man had great enthusiasm and lots of participation on October 13. Unfortunately only one team could go home with the championship. The class of 2011 kept their winning streak alive as they took home the three-peat.



Courtesy • WINNADA
Alta Smith.

"I think that the key to our victory and our three-peat was our unity as a team. We worked really hard together and made sure we had fun while playing," said senior coach Alta Smith.

The night started out with the freshmen against the seniors. Even though they played well and tried their best the freshmen just couldn't overcome the seniors. With a final score of 25-11 the seniors came out with the victory.

The second game was between the juniors and the sophomores. The juniors got off to a strong start, but towards the end the sophomores picked up their play to tighten the score, but it wasn't enough as they lost by a score of 25-18.

The third game to see who took third place was against the freshmen and the sophomores. The final score had the freshmen winning third place 25-22.

The last game to see who goes

against the faculty was seniors and juniors. It was a close match, with the seniors in first from the beginning. The juniors put lots of effort especially toward the end, but by that time it was too late and the seniors took the championship, with a final score of 25-13.



Rianon Lehman • THE BRAND

Senior Grant Miller blocks a shot against the juniors.



Rianon Lehman • THE BRAND

The Senior He-Man team celebrates its victory.

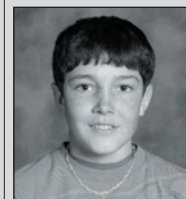
Lowry Voices By Calvin Connors

What is your favorite part about Halloween?



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Ryan Dins

"Eating all the candy."



Courtesy • WINNADA
Daniel Pollock

"Scaring little kids up on Offenhauser. Dressing up like a scarecrow or a stuffed dummy and scaring them when they come."



Courtesy • WINNADA
Josh Watterson

"Going to peoples houses and getting candy."



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Savannah Montero

"Dressing up and being someone you aren't."

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afraid to get dirty when they climbed into a pit of slimy grease supplied by Taco Time and McDonalds to compete in the pig-wrestling event. FFA put on the pig-wrestling event and Dave Louk provided the pigs.



Madison Waldie • THE BRAND
Homecoming Grand Marshall Don Walton.

Pig Wrestling was definitely a must see event, "My favorite part was watching everybody fall down in the grease," said junior Robyn Shafer. Junior Ashley Buckingham who partook in the affair said that her favorite part was sliding around in the grease and strategizing with her team. After an amusing couple of hours the Bigg Boyz took home first place.

On Wednesday morning of Homecoming week, Lowry seniors gathered together on the football field at 6:45 to watch the sunrise as a class. Senior Sunrise in an event established to offer the opportunity for seniors to bond while enjoying sugar coated refreshments. "It was really cold and was fun for the most part," said senior Brandi Brooks.

FFA members traveling to compete at National Convention in Indianapolis

By Josh Young Jr.

There will be ten Lowry FFA students attending the National FFA Convention this year, plus three chaperones. Over 50,000 students will be attending the National Convention. To qualify to enter this National Convention to compete, the students have to win a Gold Medal or First Place at their State Convention. The State Conventions are held in spring, and the National Conventions are held in the fall.

"It's a good time, you can learn anything about everything, you can go and learn about Business Management, there's horticulture there is a ton of different stuff you can do, it's almost like Skills USA, only more Agriculture-



Courtesy • WINNADA
Ryan Nelson.

based," said junior Ryan Nelson, who will be attending the trip to Nationals for the experience it provides.

Senior Bryce Brumley is going to go to Nationals to participate in the Beef Proficiencies competition, which is where an application is filled out describing and SAE (Supervised Agriculture Experience) project, after which, you are interviewed about your project. The competitors are asked questions about what they did for their individual SAE project, how they make it better, and what their goals are.

"We get the opportunity to learn a lot more about other agriculture areas at Nationals because there's a team from every state that competed, because only one team from each State gets to



Courtesy • WINNADA
Bryce Brumley.

Wednesdays' lunchtime activity was held in the old gym. The activity was a volleyball game. It was pretty hectic considering not many students partook in the event. The games went by fast as members of the Lowry volleyball teams bumped, set, and spiked their way through the games. The sophomores came out ahead with two victories and the seniors and freshmen each won a game.

Part of Lowry's Homecoming tradition has always been to elect a court of Buckaroo athletes to represent our school. This years nominees were all outstanding students, athletes, and citizens. Whether they were involved with cross country, honor society, art club, or football, I'm sure that the student body here at Lowry can look up to them.

For the King election the nominees were, A.J. Leal, Will Thacker, and Anders Pace. Sheridan Fortney, Jazmyn Ward, and Jenae Neu were up to take the position of Queen. As the six nominees made their way to the fifty yard-line at half time of Fridays' game excitement both in the crowd and on the field was noticeable.

Will Thacker and Sheridan Fortney were then crowned as the Homecoming King and Queen for 2010. Last years King and Queen, Gerardo Covarrubias and Rachael Studebaker, walked to the middle of the field and crowned the court. Homecoming week was now almost over and would be completed after a victory over the Vaqueros and a great night of dancing.

go. So you can learn about what's going on in all the other states [and] you get to meet new people and just learn a lot about the agricultural world," Brumley said.

The Agricultural world affects our lives every day. FFA Advisor Corey

Coles said, "[The student's get a] general knowledge of the agricultural industry. Agriculture affects every single person's daily life, and so if you are able to understand that, you're able to understand a lot more about what's going on inside ... our nation."

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Need a good scare? Check out the top 10 scary movies of all-time

By Joe Schmidt

1. The Shining 1980



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A father, along with his wife and son, accepts the job of off-season caretaker at an isolated hotel. The son is able to see things such as the ghosts in the hotel. Soon after moving in, and after a paralyzing winter storm that leaves the family snowbound, the father is influenced by demons. He descends into madness and attempts to kill his wife and son.

2. Paranormal Activity 2009

A young couple has just moved into their new home. Katie, the wife, claims that a ghostly presence has haunted her since her youth and believes that it has followed her to their new home. She hires a psychic who assesses that she is being haunted not

by a ghost, but by a demon.

3. The Exorcist 1973

An actress from Washington, D.C., notices dramatic and dangerous changes in the behavior and physical make-up of her 12-year-old daughter. But her sickness is beyond the reach of a medical doctor or a psychiatrist. What her daughter needs is an exorcist.

4. The Texas Chainsaw Massacre 1974

Five friends visiting their grandpa's old house are hunted down and terrorized by a chainsaw wielding killer and his family of grave-robbing cannibals. These monsters have some surprises for the travelers consisting of sledgehammers, chainsaws, and assorted cutlery.



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5. The Hills Have Eyes 2006

While traveling through the New Mexico Desert, a family is led to a shortcut where they crash their car into a rock. Along the night and on the next day, they are attacked by a group of deformed cannibals, fruit of the nuclear tests conducted by USA from 1945 to 1962.

6. Halloween 1978

A psychotic murderer institutionalized since childhood leaves a hospital on a mindless rampage while his doctor chases him through the streets.



www.halloweenmovies.com

7. The Omen 2006

When a family has a stillborn child, the father is approached by a priest who suggests that he take a newborn whose mother died during childbirth. He does so without telling his wife. Strange events lead him

to believe that the child he took from that hospital is evil.

8. Poltergeist 1982

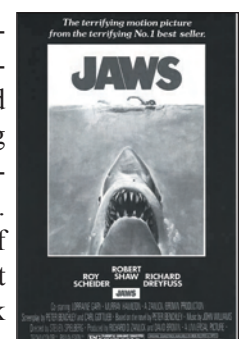
A young family is haunted by ghosts in their home. At first the ghosts appear friendly, amusing everyone, and then they become angry and start to terrorize the family before they take the youngest daughter.

9. Friday the 13th 1980

Camp counselors are stalked and murdered by an unknown predator while trying to re-open a summer camp that was the site of a child's drowning. As bodies fall to the ground in the camp, no one is safe.

10. Jaws 1975

A police officer in Amity islands starts to find dead bodies along the beach, mangled by a shark. When a group of people try to hunt down the shark they realize it's a lot bigger.



www.jawsmovie.com

What To Watch: 'The Dudesons in America'

By Dustin Hatch

Have you seen the new comedy show everyone is talking about? "The Dudesons in America" is a show consisting of four Finnish friends named Jukka Hilden, Jarppi Leppala, Jarno Laasala, and Hann Pekka. The set producers of the show are Johnny Knoxville and Jeff Tremaine.

Before the show, according to dudesons.com, the Dudesons were

heavily into biking, snowboarding, and skateboarding. After filming their favorite hobbies and crazy things they were doing, the stunts they were performing became extreme. All of the excitement led them to all sorts of crazy stunts and pranks. Laasala edited their films which eventually aired on a few Finnish television networks. Their goal for being the funniest global show began to climb.

In 2010 the Dudesons decided to make a very important choice. They signed a multi-million dollar deal with MTV. Their first show "Follow the Leader" aired on May 6, 2010. Once people watched this, it proved that the Dudesons have guts where there should be brains. "The Dudesons" soon be-



came the newest and most popular comedy show on MTV.

The show so far has been a success. Johnny Knoxville had stated that he is happy and excited to be doing the show with them. This show has America laughing and making their mouths drop. These four guys do a lot of funny stuff like messing with a raging bull on stilts and nailing their ears to a board. The show is like a whole new "Jackass," only with crazier and more extreme stunts. If you like crazy comedy shows, you will get a real kick out of this. You can tune into MTV or MTV.com to find out what these extreme Finnish friends are going to do next.

"The Dudesons" are also featured in "Jackass 3D", alongside producer Johnny Knoxville.

The motto the Dudesons live by is, "When you're old, you don't want to think about the things you didn't do. Instead you want to think of all the things you DID do!" This show will have you laughing non-stop.

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Bigger budgets do not necessarily result in better movies for the audience

By Sydney Blankenship



It isn't uncommon to see movies whose budgets exceed 150-200 million dollars. With budgets this big, a moviegoer would think they are going to see a high quality movie with good special effects, acting and a plot. However, a bigger budget does not necessarily translate into a good movie. Are all the movies that use the fancy camera work and special effects really worth seeing?

When '2012' debuted, it had \$200M

to make this sci-fi movie. It was slow moving throughout the whole thing. What happened in 2.5 hours could have fit into an hour and a half time slot. Anybody who has a problem sitting still to watch a long movie will have a very difficult time watching this one. The whole special effects of the flood were fake, they simply ruined the movie for me.

Movie critic, Manhola Dargis said, "Despite the frenetic action scenes, the movie sags, done in by multiple story lines that undercut one another and by the heaviness of its conceit."

Not all movies like '2012' are bad with big budgets. The movie, 'Pirates

of the Caribbean 3: At World's End' topped the list with a \$300M budget and, it was absolutely, hands down, one of the best movies I've ever seen with such beautiful scenes.

Movie critic, Claudia Puig, described it as, "The production design is eye-catching, particularly in the opening scenes set in Singapore."

A wonderful, lesser expensive movie would be, 'The Blair Witch Project,' which cost only \$25,000 to make. It made me think twice before going into the woods.

Critic, Susan Wloszczyna said, "Blair Witch oozes spellbinding primal fear!" The camera work is not what you

normally see, but it makes the movie look and feels a lot cooler.

Are movies really that much better with more money?



<http://www.sonypictures.com/movies/2012/>

A scene from "2012".

THANK YOU



The Lowry baseball program would like to thank all of those who helped install new sod and dirt on the fields this fall. Although much of the money was raised by the players and parents; the project would not have been possible without the assistance of many volunteers including: Mr. Matthew Felshaw and the freshman class, Lorin Noble, Kelly Pollock, Loren Hunewill, and the Winnemucca Century Club.

Lowry Look-A-Likes

By Madison Waldie



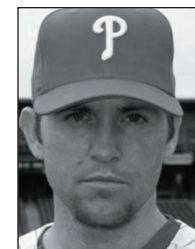
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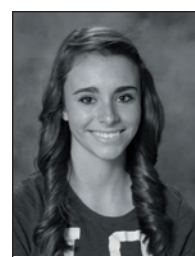
Katy Perry.
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Brad Lidge, Phillies closer.
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Lily Collins from "The Blind Side".
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Drama to perform 'The Legend of Sleepy Hollow'

By Josh Young Jr.

The first production that Lowry Drama and Stagecraft will be presenting is "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." The premiere of the play will be on October 26, 2010 and will encore on October 27, 2010. Since the beginning of the school year the students have been working on the play, anticipating those dates.



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Drama members practice lines.

The new TV season moves into its next stage

By Mary McNamara, Los Angeles Times, MCT

So it wasn't the greatest fall season in the history of television or even recent memory. A few pretty good shows, some of which may not be around come midseason ("The Event," "Mike & Molly," "Raising Hope," "Undercovers"), some not so good shows that did OK ("\$(ASTERISK)! My Dad Says") and some that didn't ("Lone Star"). But no really great shows, no groundbreakers like "Glee" or genre resuscitations a la "Modern Family" or "The Middle."

"Hawaii Five-O" looks to be the one out-of-the-box hit of the season, which is both good and bad. With "Lost" gone, it's certainly nice to have another show set in Hawaii, and how cool is it to hear

The entire Drama class is excited for the play, having worked extremely hard to bring this production to life. On the second day of school, parts were assigned and the students began memorizing their lines. Chase Estes will be filling the lead role of Ichabod Crane, with Lainey Barta filling in the role of Katrina Van Tassel.

Jaren Cornwall will be Brom Bones, with Jared Parks as his sidekick, Yost Van Ripper. These characters make up the main people of the entire play, which has a plot that is widely open to interpretation.

The Director of the Drama class, Mrs. Corrine James said she felt the plot was "a true love story, (with) deep jealousy (and) dysfunction" all taking form.

However, Lainey Barta has a different take on the plot. "The Legend

of Sleep Hollow' revolves all around the fact that this one town seems to be haunted by a whole bunch of ghosts, but no one's really sure whether or not it's true."

"(The play has) a lot more to it than just the Headless Horseman killing Ichabod Crane," said Chase Estes.

"I think that people should come see The Legend of Sleepy Hollow because I think that it's

going to be really funny, I think it's going to be really fun for everybody to come and watch. We have a really good cast this year, and I think it's just going to be



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Stagecraft members at work backstage.

assumed he would be, and it's good to see shows other than Fox's "Glee" using guest stars to go pop-pop-culture hybrid.

Even "The Good Wife" (CBS) hauled in Lou Dobbs as a potential client for the newly reorganized law firm during its second episode. Remarkably well written and acted, "The Good Wife" suffered no harm over the summer break, resuming its stately and intricate dance of character and plot, politics and passion, crime, punishment and what lies in between without missing a beat.

This year's Emmy winner for best comedy, "Modern Family" (ABC), used its season premiere to address criticism rather than flex its guest-star muscle (though Nathan Lane appeared a few episodes later), addressing that longtime partners and newish parents Mitchell (Jesse Tyler Ferguson) and Cameron (Eric Stonestreet, also a recent Emmy winner) have never kissed. Because, it turns out, Mitchell has PDA issues. So the big kiss episode was all about not kissing, though the second saw some lip on lip. The third episode had an earthquake and Lane, both with equally hilarious implications, so no early-onset slump in sight.

Over at CBS, "The Big Bang Theory" shows no sign of either post-breakup (Kaley Cuoco's Penny and Johnny Galecki's Leonard) or post-Emmy (Jim Parsons for lead actor in a comedy)

really fun," said senior Jessica Lindsay.

There will be dancing, ghosts, singing, unrequited love, and maniacal laughter, everything a good story needs, so make sure you come and see "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"



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Cast members practice a scene.

stress, slipping without fanfare into its new night, Thursday, as lead-in to "\$(ASTERISK)! My Dad Says"

"Bones" brought its far-flung characters back to business as usual under the flimsiest of guises, as did "Castle." Likewise, "The Mentalist" had a strong first episode, with events taking Patrick Jane (Simon Baker) and his pals deep into Jane's carney past, but it wasn't until Week 3 that the plot returned to his missing psychic friend in a real way.

Of all last season's finales, none hit harder than that of "Dexter," in which Dexter's (Michael C. Hall) beloved if naive wife, Rita (Julie Benz, gone to much less glory in this season's disappointing "No Ordinary Family"), was murdered by the Trinity killer, whom Dexter allowed to evade authorities so he could execute him.

So vociferous was the response to the sight of the baby Harrison sitting in a pool of blood and moral culpability that the "Dexter" tagline for this season became "Now?" Alas, not quite as much as you would think. Although the first episode chronicled in grim detail what actually happened next, the larger issue of Dexter's guilt fell into the familiar "Am I a monster?" vein and soon events appeared to reassure us that the world still needs Dexter and his predatory ways. But then, with "Dexter" as with most returning shows, it's never really about the season premiere. It's about, well, the "now what?"

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