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Midterm election has surprising results for US and Nevada

The pundits predicted a variety of outcomes ranging from a blue wave to a red wave. What was the result of last week's midterm election? Like everything,



Steve Sisolak/Courtesy of facebook

that probably depends on which side you are on.

President Trump chimed in with his assessment on twitter.

"To any of the pundits or talking heads that do not give us proper credit for this great Midterm Election, just remember two words - FAKE NEWS!" said Trump via twitter.

Government teacher Laura Mercado finds it difficult for her and her students to determine where the candidates stand.

"With all the negative campaigning, it's hard to know what the people who were elected actually stand for," said Mercado. "We know that they all think horribly of each other, but it was very difficult to know what they stood for. Even my government kids who went to

some of their [campaigns] websites were like, 'They don't even say much here; they're just bad-mouthing the others.'"

The US Senate race between Jacky Rosen and Dean Heller typified this. Rosen won the election 50.42%-45.38%. Nevada also elected its first Democratic governor since Bob Miller in 1999 as Steve Sisolak defeated Adam Laxalt.

It's not exactly news when the party in power loses seats in the House in a midterm election. In fact, it occurs in most midterm elections; especially when the sitting president is not popular. It seems Americans like to have a split

house and senate.

Lowry High government teacher Rob Silva thinks the American electorate is evolving.

"Just kind of looking at the trends through the last few election cycles, Nevada, as a rural state, is changing," said Silva. "The rural communities tend to vote more conservatively, and now that's



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10 year anniversary of The Brand

The year is 2008. Katy and Mary Granath and Stephanie Cochrane were approached by a 38-year-old Ron Espinola, who may or may not have had a full head of hair. 'Let's start a school newspaper,' he said. 'It would be fun!' he said. Ten long years later, Mr. Espinola no longer has a full head of hair.



Katy Granath and Mary Granath in 2018/

Probably from all of the stress of The Brand students. We can assume that Mr. Espy had no idea what he was getting into when he asked these three girls to create a legacy at Lowry. Since the Bullshead, the former school newspaper, died out, perhaps he assumed it wouldn't work out, or that people wouldn't want to read it; but we can also say that for once in his life, he was wrong.

Katy Granath, although only in The Brand for one year, was heavily influenced by her experience. The three girls had to start a newspaper completely from scratch, which isn't that easy to do.

"There was a lot to learn, and it wasn't just about writing. We had to learn about distribution, proofing, design, and layout, collaboration, inter-

viewing skills, transcription, editing, delegating team management, and scheduling," said Katy.

The students involved that the first year had a lot of responsibilities. They were introduced into an entirely new type of writing style and learned a lot about the activities around the school; which is still similar to today's Brand students.

"Some of us had to learn about new topics in order to cover them; learning to speak the language of sports writing, for instance, is a whole specialty. There's knowing the vocabulary, knowing the game mechanics, even knowing what questions to ask coaches and players later.

There are a lot of skills related to journalism, especially running a school paper, where the staff is very small, and a tiny group of people is cross-trained to do everything," said Katy.

Stephanie graduated in 2009 along with Katy and remembers being proud to be a part of the new recreation of the high school newspaper.

"Growing up I loved writing and felt like the younger demographic in Winnemucca deserved to have its own voice. I had Web Design classes and homeroom with Mr. Espinola. He knew how to help us create the formatting and online archiving we would need to bring the paper to

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“There was a lot to learn, and it wasn't just about writing.”
~Katy Granath



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Science teachers opt for engineering over Intro to Physics

Over the summer the freshmen science teachers were required to take a class on how to teach engineering. They decided to go with engineering over Intro to Physics as the required freshmen course.

In past years freshmen would have been taking Intro To Physics, which taught the basics. The curriculum included metric conversions and a crash course in Chemistry as well an introduction to Newton's Laws.

Mrs. Shelby Ruff, who teaches one of the new engineering classes, is excited about the new course. She is excited about the new concepts being introduced to the freshmen through the new engineering course.

"At the beginning of the year, we focus a lot on what engineers do by researching branches of engineering, watching a video of a real design team working on a civilian spacecraft, improving an existing product, or researching an invention and how it has changed throughout history," said Ruff. "Students apply their knowledge of the engineering design process by competing with each other in mini engineering challenges."

The engineering class will use the engineering standards and the science practices from the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

According to the Project Lead the Way website, "Students dig deep into the engineering design process, applying math, science, and engineering standards to hands-on projects. They work both individually and in teams to design solutions to a variety of problems using 3-D modeling software, and use an engineering notebook to document their work."

Students taking this course have mixed



Maddie Rackley and Jocelynn Rodriguez preparing the balloon./ Araceli Galarza • The Brand

feelings about the class. Sharon Morfin, a freshman in Engineering, would have preferred to have a choice.

"We should have the option to take physics or engineering, that way it can help us in the profession we are planning on pursuing," said Morfin.

Some sophomores who did not have the opportunity to take the new class would have preferred the engineering class over the Intro to Physics course they were required to take

"I've always been interested in engineering. I would've liked to have it when I was a freshman, it seems interesting," stated Jovanie Bernal.



Mr. Scott Santos, Jocelynn Rodriguez, Lorena Aquilar, Maddie Rackley, and Jamie McDonald posing for a photo./ Araceli Galarza • The Brand

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Citations are coming to Lowry

Be careful with what you are doing in the schools parking lots; the cops are cracking down on some things this year. Local law enforcement officers will soon start enforcing a new state law prohibiting anyone from leaving a car on for more than five minutes in the morning. This will be enforced even if you are sitting in the idling car.

Ironically, students are always complaining about how expensive fuel is, even though they are outside in the morning letting their car run for no reason.

Officer Jones, the school district's law enforcement officer, has let most students know that leaving your car running will result in a \$106 citation.

"We will start watching the senior and dirt parking

lots to find out who is leaving there vehicles running for more than five minutes so we can start informing the new law," said Officer Jones.

The reason police officers are starting to give out citations is due to the air pollution in our country increasing. They are also trying to help people from wasting gas every morning.

"After getting three citations for leaving your vehicle on you will no longer be allowed to park on the school campus and we will be getting hold of your parents," said Jones.

Senior Cheyenne Koons is not happy about the new law.

"Really I think that it's kind of messed up. It's cold in the morning; we just want our heaters on. Why give



Officer Jones gives a "citation" to Cheyenne Koons. / Taylor Gleason • The Brand

out a citation if all we're doing is trying to keep warm?" said Cheyenne Koons.

The school cops want us to be safe rather than staying in our cars trying to be warm.

"I would prefer for all students that drive to come inside the school so that we know that they will be safe, rather than wasting gas and making our air unhealthy," said Jones.



Students to be taught Flat Earth Studies

Lowry has been adding new science classes for a while now, so in order to respect everyone's ideas, they have introduced Flat Earth Studies.

The debate about the shape of the world has been going on for some time now. While there have been other shapes introduced such as a donut, or even an octagon; the basic shapes are a sphere or of course, flat. Even NBA superstar Kyrie Irving believes the Earth is flat.

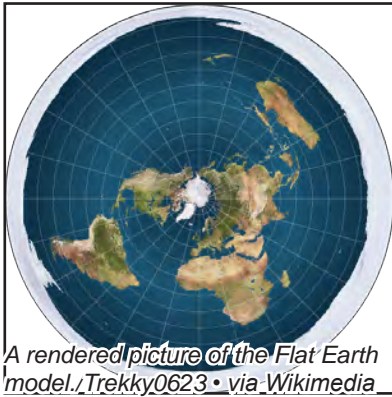
Science teacher, Mrs. Alexis Mattson, thinks this

course will help motivate children to become more involved in their studies.

The new course will be focusing on the studies of Arnold Dumpt; a scientist at Department of Undergraduate Meteorological Biophilia. Not only are Lowry students being introduced to the Flat Earth Studies, but it's going to be introduced at a younger age. Dumpt has been sending astronauts into space; and discovered undeniable facts that the Earth is indeed flat. He has found that when humans travel to a high enough altitude, the human eye sees the shape of the Earth as

a plane. However, when you are not far enough from the atmosphere, you'll view the Earth as a sphere.

The School District is also taking a vote to instill a professional debate about why water is not wet. Lowry has decided to accommodate every student once again.



A rendered picture of the Flat Earth model. / Trekky0623 • via Wikimedia



Uniforms are coming to Lowry High School next year

In a surprise move, the HCSD school board has decided to implement school uniforms in the new year. On November 11 the board decided to implement the policy in a 19-1 vote.



Larry The Cable Guy wearing an example of the new uniform. / Courtesy • Midwest Communications via flickr

More surprisingly is the type of uniform that will be required. Many of the schools more hunting and ag type students will probably be pleased.

"I do not like the shoes kids wear nowadays. The sneakers like Nikes and Vans; they don't look as good as a pair of fresh boots," said Joel Greene.

For shirts, everybody is required to wear an American flag button-up shirt. A pair of overalls is optional for boys, but a mullet is required. Any form of Wranglers will be acceptable as long as they are worn with a large belt buckle or suspenders.

Billy Joe Bob said, "I love the mullet. I've had the haircut since I can't remember when. My mom always gave me the haircut."

All girls must have pigtails and/or braids. Teachers are required to wear the same uniforms as the students. For P.E, cut off shirts and jean shorts, also know as jorts will be worn. Students will have a specific pair of shoes for the

physical education classes: crocs.

"Crocs are my favorite shoes, I can't wait to wear them and not get made fun of," said Jimmy. "Crocs by far are the most comfortable shoe I've put on. It doesn't hurt my feet like other boots."

Uniforms will be provided for those who do not own their own. The dress code will be enforced on February 30, 2019.

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12 Winnemucca FFA members among 68,000 to attend nationals

On October 24-27 twelve Winnemucca FFA members went to Indianapolis for nationals. Some attended the convention to go to various seminars while Alison Aitken, Heather Hall, Isaac Mori and Makayla Leveille competed in horse judging; evaluating horses in areas such as breeding purposes and physical characteristics. The team members must also "defend their decisions through oral reasons in front of a panel of judges."



Weston Noyes./Courtesy • Winnada

As a team, the members earned a gold emblem and placed 11th.

Both Aitken and Leveille are anxious to return and compete.

"It was an amazing experience I had a lot of fun for the time that I was there," said

Aitken

Senior Heather Hall took a silver.

"It was an exciting time in Indianapolis evaluating the horses it was nerve-racking at first," said Hall.

Weston Noyes is the Winnemucca FFA Chapter president and Northern Nevada FFA (Winnemucca-Elko) president. He didn't compete but was there to network with colleges and large companies.

"It's a good opportunity to meet with agricultural colleges and schools and there are a ton of leadership opportunities and workshops," said Noyes.

To attend the convention members raise money throughout the year. They sell jerky, Yankee candles, have a quilt raffle, seek donations, and use scholarships such as the Greenhand Scholarship. Freshmen apply for the scholarship and if they receive it, they can use it for FFA related activities or use it in college. The scholarship is

funded through FFA alumni.

The kids competed against others from 47 states and territories. Over 68,000 kids attended the convention.



(L-R) Makayla Leveille, Heather Hall, Isaac Mori and Alison Aitken./Courtesy • Rebecca Hill



The Buckaroo Crew looks to improve school spirit

The Buckaroo Crew is bringing spirit to Lowry and leading people together, changing the positivity of the school.

Ms. Julia Topholm, the advisor of the Buckaroo Crew, wants to bring more spirit to the school.

"The premise behind it, is to promote positive school spirit and to show students what a true spirit section looks like," said Topholm.

The Buckaroo Crew is a club anyone can join to support Lowry. Lowry's student body officers really wanted to push more positive school spirit. They wanted to bring a school section to sports and other activities, such as academ-

ic and different organizations.

Senior Hannah Havens, student body treasurer, wants future buckaroos more involved with Lowry.

"Topholm and I collaborated to come up with the idea. We thought of starting a club for specifically creating more school spirit at Lowry

so future buckaroos can be more involved."

Anyone can still join the Buckaroo Crew. They meet in Topholm's room #600 at lunch to discuss what they are doing, last week they prepared for the spirit bus to travel to Truckee to support the football team.



Ms. Julia Topholm pumps up the crowd at a pep assembly./Staff • The Brand



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SOCIAL MEDIA OR SOCIAL MISCREANT?

Social media and the internet were wonderful things when they launched. People all over the world could talk to each other no matter what language they spoke. You could answer any question you could possibly have with the touch of a button. What was once a wonderful, life-changing tool has become an addiction.

"The amount of time people spend on social media is constantly increasing," said Evan Asano of 'Social Media Today'. "Teens now spend up to nine hours a day on social platforms." When some of my friends and I are together, they're on their phones the entire time. Sometimes it feels like the only times they ever talk to me is when they're proud of a self-friends being too ie. How about because they've busy to hang out got a "date with Netflix"? Face- book, Netflix, Instagram, and Pinterest will all be here tomorrow. They'll be around even when we're dead and buried, yet we put them over our friends and family who could be gone when we wake up in the morning. Sounds like quite the list of priorities, doesn't it?

The average American spends 5 years and 4 months of their life on social media. In that amount of time, you could walk your dog 93 thousand times, or climb Mount Everest 32 times. That's enough time to do your homework 3,292 times over on a heavy day, or for 20,736,000 turns in a real life conversation. Lincoln could recite the Gettysburg Address 345,600 times. Imagine what life, or even the world, would be like if we spent even a fraction of that time on that science project that tanked our grades. What would you give to have another five years and four months with a loved one who passed and you will never see again? If only you hadn't wasted it all scrolling through posts that will never really matter.

The haze of social media and the internet has blinded us to the things that really matter in life. What's the point in taking hundreds of selfies trying to get that perfect angle, when it only takes a second to smile at a real person in the real world? The time we spend on social media "having a life," is actually preventing us from living our lives, yet our heads are buried so deeply in our phones that we will never see the problem.



HOW MUCH HOMEWORK IS TOO MUCH?

Many students do not agree with teachers sending hours worth of homework home for them to do. Not all homework is bad if the homework is actually helping the students get more practice so they can get better grades, and if the homework is being graded.

Many teachers believe that an hour of homework every night is not bad, but when you add it to the other homework other teachers assigned, now students have 2-3 hours of homework to do. A little homework here and there to make sure they understand the lesson is okay, but if it is assigned just for busy work, then it is not.

It has been found that homework can cause stress in young teens. Too much homework can also cause anxiety and depression. Students have little to no time as it

is to spend time with their family or friends. If students have jobs, then they might not have time to get the homework they were assigned done, and if the work is not done, they turn it in, and their grade falls.

This is also true if the students are involved in athletics or other extracurricular activities. Teachers have more than enough time to give out time during class to do the assignments they want to be done. Most teachers assign homework at the end of class, which instead should be assigned at the beginning so that the students can discuss it with fellow classmates, and get any questions they may have answered.

Students should not be required to do their work at home. By eliminating or reducing homework, students lives would be more relaxed.



ONLINE SCHOOL: IS IT ANY BETTER?

In today's society, online schooling is becoming more and more popular; whether it is due to the advancements in technology or the simple dislike for public schools. For years, there has been a constant debate if online schooling is actually as efficient or effective as a public school.

As somebody who has enrolled in online schooling, I can say that it's definitely not the answer. While it seems like a good idea, due to the fact that you can wake up whenever you want or that you can work at your own pace, it is not. For the most part, I never moved from my bed which caused me to take way too many naps. After a month or two, I started to get very lonely because I wasn't seeing my friends every day anymore. Realistically, the only time I had better than a C in any of my classes was the first week of school. Try taking a foreign language class, googling all the answers and then taking a verbal test. Yeah, not fun.

Some would argue that students don't receive the needed attention at public schools. Most of the time that is not true. It is the student themselves who is too scared to ask for help but don't want to admit it so they blame their failure on the teacher. If parents feel this way about classes with 20-30 students, I don't see how classes with more than 100 students are bet-

ter.

Most of the time, we learn better with the hands-on activities. Unfortunately, typing out math problems over and over is nowhere near the same. In all reality, there is a much higher chance of students cheating and learning little to nothing; the reason being is there is no way for the teachers to track their web history.

Also, the transition from online schooling back to public schooling is possibly one of the hardest transitions. As mentioned before, most of the time you don't learn anything so when you go back to public school, you're completely lost and have a hard time catching up with your fellow classmates. Not only are you behind your classmates, but you've also lost many needed social skills to live in the real world. Not being able to talk to your peers or ask teachers for help, can have a huge effect on your communication skills for the rest of your life.

Online schooling seems like a good idea and it is for people who are willing to put enough effort in. More often than not, many enroll just to avoid waking up early and to stay at home all day. But the reality is, online school just leads to poor grades, little to no education and very poor social skills.



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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO: COMMON COURTESY

There are many customs that should still be practiced by everyone but unfortunately aren't because of the way they were raised. For example, young people calling adults by their rightful title of "Mr.", "Miss", or "Mrs.", is no longer happening with coaches, people in the supermarkets or even as far as in school. There are many students who may think it's funny to call an adult by their first name when that should never be done. It's a common sense sort of thing that every kid should learn to do, starting from their homes. I have seen some kids call their parents by their first names and to me, is one of the reasons why they end up being so disrespectful and inconsiderate as they grow older.

Common courtesy has been degrading throughout the years. I know I'm still less than two decades old, but a lot of things have changed. I remember going to family events and actually spending time with people that I hadn't seen in a long time. Now, when families come together, people my age are usually too busy to look at their grandpa in the eye because of some notifications on their phone. It's not even always my generation either. There are plenty of adults who could use an eye-opening

experience to know that a cell phone is literally stealing valuable time from their lives. Turn off the phone at a dinner party, and be in the moment. You're annoying at least one person who thinks you have no social skills. At the bare minimum, put it on silent. It's a common thing that should be done without thought, but it sadly isn't.

Another concept that people seemed to have forgotten, is saying please and thank you. When a person goes out of their way to do you a favor, the least you

could do is say 'thank you'. If you want to make yourself look like an even more decent person, you could even return the nice gesture by doing them a favor. There are also those people that expect you to say

thank you but when you do, they don't say anything. Every time. Isn't the correct response to 'thank you', 'you're welcome'? It doesn't make sense to get offended when you don't get a 'thank you', if you don't return it with a 'you're welcome'.

Maybe you didn't get taught to be polite in your home, but in life, people won't care about that. It's up to you to catch on and learn the common courtesies of life to be able to coexist peacefully.



ON DECK: IT IS JUST A GAME, ISN'T IT?

Many people across the globe find a great passion in the world of sports. Football, soccer, tennis, or mountain unicycling, it doesn't matter. We watch or play sports because we enjoy them; something we all seem to be forgetting. Nobody watches a game anymore without wanting to yell at an athlete, coach, or referee. Our passion for the game is clouding our judgment and rational thought, and it needs to come to an end.

In fact, a trend of violence is beginning to surface. We see players brawling on the field and exchanging blows, but it doesn't end with the players. Parents fought with each other right in front of their kids at a youth soccer match in Mallorca, Spain. A football referee in Rochester, New York

was smashed in the face with a player's face mask. A 17-year-old soccer official in Valencia, Spain who delivered a red card, was nearly beaten to death and had to have his spleen surgically removed. All of this, for a game, and it gets worse.

As if the fervent beatings aren't enough, people have actually died. Take soccer, for example. After receiving a yellow card, a 17-year-old athlete in Utah punched an official, who later died of internal bleeding. A volunteer linesman in the Netherlands was kicked to death by

an angry parent. A referee in Argentina was shot after doling out a red card. An official in Brazil was decapitated, and his head was displayed on a steak after separating a fight on the field, and stabbing a player. To some, wars don't even permit proper justification for manslaughter, so how can we justify this? How can we condone the killing of people over something as generally insignificant to our lives as a game?

While not always to this extreme, we constantly see this in our own lives as well. A game is never just a game anymore. Everyone yells at the referees on the TV and throws the remote when a call doesn't go our way.

High school sports is a perfect example. Just look at the dirty plays, snide remarks, fights, and parents yelling at refs or the other team. Our own community is not immune to this. Recently, a coach from Lowry suffered injuries in an altercation with a parent from another team.

enjoy playing and watching sports, and I get as competitive as the next person, but we're forgetting that a game is only that; a game. As a society, we need to that get figured out pretty quick before it becomes an even bigger problem and ruins the game for everyone.



EVEN ONE VOTE IS IMPORTANT

In the 2016 presidential election, 45 percent of eligible voters neglected to vote. That's 127.5 million valuable citizens who denied themselves the opportunity to make a difference. People who resolve not to vote to say that their vote doesn't matter or just don't care about the results. Maybe they just can't be bothered to make the trip down to the polling place. Voting is a right granted to every citizen of the United States, and there's really no reason not to utilize it.

How could one vote possibly make a

difference? One measly little opinion versus 245.5 million others doesn't seem like any kind of realistic odd, does it? "I'm just one person, so if I don't go down to vote, it won't matter because no one will miss it." If everybody said that, there wouldn't be anybody left to vote at all. Last year's homecoming king was Cade Billingsley. What if all of the people who had voted for Billingsley decided not to vote because their vote "didn't matter"? Billingsley wouldn't have won if his voters hadn't voted, and either Colton Delamora

or Matthew Munk would've won instead. If the other 127.5 million people had voted in the 2016 presidential election, who's to say what the results would've been? Maybe we'd have somebody else governing our country, or maybe Trump would've won by more. Nobody really knows.

Just last year, the election for the Virginia House of Delegates tied at a perfectly even number of votes for each candidate. They drew names from a film canister to determine who would take the seat. A film canister, America. The fate of our country should not rely on two little pieces of paper in a little metal tin. We are a democracy, a country, not a fifth-grade class drawing for who has to present first. The dispute would've been settled had one more person wrote a name on a piece of paper. Just one person. That one vote would have mat-

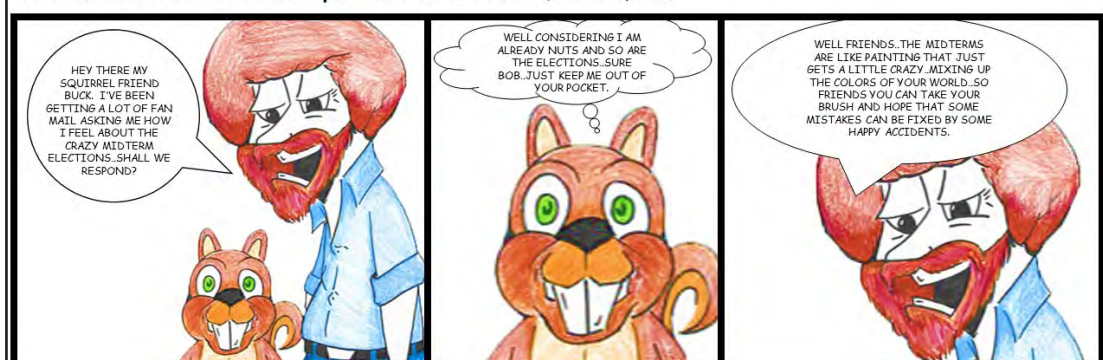
tered, just like everybody else's.

Everyone likes to complain, especially when an election doesn't turn out the way we like, but did we try to make a difference? Complaining doesn't change anything, but you do have a say. It's called voting, and it is your moral responsibility to vote if you actually want to make a difference. It's easier and faster than complaining. If you're mad at our government, or that Trump beat Hillary, but you didn't vote, that's honestly too bad. Cue the world's tiniest violin, because nobody really cares. Obviously, if you didn't vote, you don't care either.

Voting is an essential component of our freedom as Americans. As a democracy, we actually have a say in what happens in our country, on topics that directly affect us. Many countries and many people don't have that option. People literally died to give us this right, why waste it by not voting?



The Adventures of Bob and Squirrel Friend, Buck by Julia Topholm





Lights go out on varsity football with 6-6 record and a playoff win



Preston Snow running a play against Sparks./Ron Espinola • The Brand



JC O'Neil blocking Sparks player./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Lowry defense taking down opponents./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Bucks ready for the game against Truckee./Mackie Grady • The Brand

The varsity football team's season came to an end November 3 at Truckee. From some tough losses to beating some of the best teams and making it to the second round of playoffs, the Bucks did rather well this season.

To make it as far as they did, it took a team effort.

"Every guy was really focused on our goal and did whatever they could to help the team reach the playoffs. My most memorable part of the season was our playoff game against Elko. It was just a great feeling to go in there and whoop them in their house," said Brendan Domire.

Many of the players feel that their success was due to the bond they have,

both on and off the playing field.

"This season was the best season that Lowry has had in a long time, partly because we have some great athletes and because of our tenacity to win, but mainly because of our team's chemistry. We are all super close on and off the field," said Caleb Sanchez.

Many doubted that Lowry would make it as far as the playoffs because of numerous injuries at the beginning of the season.

"Our season had ups and downs, however, the team has ultimately come together at the right time of the year to play its best football. Like any team, you have to overcome injuries and have to overcome the wears and tears as the

season goes on. As we approached the playoffs we were able to regroup and put our best foot forward and put together a complete game for the first time all year which is what you want, at the end of the year you want to be able to play complete games. Playing against Elko in the playoffs was our first actual four quarter complete game that we put together and the results spoke for themselves," said coach Tyrell Lucas.

Despite early injuries and losses to Spring Creek, Fernley, and Truckee, the players came together at the right time and proved to themselves that they were one of the best teams Lowry has had in recent years.

"Through the season we had a couple

losses that were pretty disappointing but this team's resilience after those downs is nothing I've ever seen before. We had injuries and losses and times where we were down on ourselves but we never gave up. That's what I loved most about this year was the hard work and resilience that we had after those downs," said Jordan Parker.

All of the players and coaches agree that this year's team had a stellar season because of their drive, desire to win, and willingness to work together to make things happen.

"Compared to last year we had a lot more enthusiasm as a whole team this year and we fought as a team through every game," said Jace Mentaberry.



Varsity men's soccer perseveres through tough season

The varsity men's soccer team played their last game of the season at home on Friday, October 26. The team ended the season with a record of 4 wins, 13 losses and 1 tie. The team had a few close games against playoff teams like South Tahoe, Truckee, and Sparks. Lowry also was able to win on the road against Elko early on in the season.

The varsity soccer coach Steve

Swanson believes that the team had a rough but good season.

"We had a difficult season. It ended up being a rebuilding season with only four seniors. A lot of lessons were learned, and experience gained," said coach Swanson.

Senior and captain, Tony Herrera, enjoyed many memorable events this season while on the team.

"Getting to play with my brother and

with the rest of the team was the best part of the team," said Tony.

Senior and captain, Alex Herrera, will miss being part of the team.

"I really enjoyed playing this year with this team. They always made me laugh and when it came to game time they gave it all they have. I really had fun and will miss them," said Alex.

Junior and captain, Anthony Cuevas, believes that the team did well, but needs improvement for next year.

"The season was alright, we could have done better. We still need to improve in many things but other than that, I say we did good working as a team," said Cuevas.

Coach Swanson is hoping next year will be different.

"We are looking forward to a very

successful season in 2019," said Swanson.

With freshman Giovanni Sapien leading the team with 15 goals the Bucks are in good shape. In addition to Sapien, the team will return other young players with a year of varsity experience.



/Tony Herrera sprinting to stop the opposing attacker./Ron Espinola • The Brand

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Freshman volleyball end season with a tough loss

The 2018 freshman volleyball season has officially come to an end. The girls' first year playing for a high school team had ups and downs but it was ultimately successful.

New coach, Cassie Jenkins, thinks the team did very well this year even with all the bumps along the road.

"The Freshman volleyball team has done rather well this year. With only 9 players and 8 at the beginning of the season due to an injury, each girl got a lot of playing time. Each girl has shown much improvement in their skills and

game sense," said Jenkins. "Overall, they have had a winning season. They struggled to beat Truckee, South Tahoe, and Fernley, but pulled out a win with



Greeting the visiting team/Taylor Gleason • The Brand

North Valleys, Dayton, Spring Creek, and Elko and split with Fallon a win and a loss."

Freshman Lexi Chaffin thinks the team did well as well and has a few suggestions for next year.

"I think we did pretty well, we had a lot of improvements that can be made like our communication on the court and actually being in it to win it," said Chaffin.

Fellow freshman Lyndsee Dove is very proud of this year's team as well and can't wait for next season.

"Our season was really successful.



Alexis Olsen blocks and opponent/Taylor Gleason • The Brand

We had good players on our team and a good coach. We practiced tons to beat teams we couldn't last year, and we came back. I'm looking forward to playing next year and to see our team grow and become better," said Dove.

The team ended the season with a 9-6 record.



Girls JV soccer finishes season on positive note

This year's junior varsity soccer season started off rocky. Regardless, the Lady Bucks had a good season and finished strong.



Kenzie Dowd steals the ball /Ron Espinola • The Brand

In the of the beginning of the season returning player, Anjolie Karrer, spoke about some of the communication issues leading to the tough start.

"We didn't communicate well on the field at the beginning of the

season," said Karrer.

Coach Jen Partee agreed, however, according to Partee, you could see the growth on the field as the season started to progress.

"The change from the beginning of the year to the final part of the season was tremendous. They not only played together individually but I together as a team very well I was very proud of how they played and they have a lot of challenges," said Partee.

Brooke Howard thought the team improved because of how practices were structured.

"I think practicing with varsity had a huge impact and made us much better players with a challenge," said Howard.

Partee was aware of the flaws that team needed to work on.

"Both teams had issues that we both needed to fix and working together I think helped us realize. But then there were things that JV knew what to do in a situation while varsity was having trouble with," said Partee.



Lowry girls attempt to take the ball away /Chuckie Wiggins • The Brand



Freshman struggle through difficult season

Freshman year is always an adjustment and the frosh football team was no exception. Through many ups and downs, the team compiled a 1-8 record.

Considering this, football coach Adam Sorenson thinks the team has is a great group and has the potential to be really good.

"They worked hard every day, many of our players had little to none football experience," said Sorenson.

"They had a lot to learn and they all worked hard to understand everything, improved on many things each week."

Lineman Bonifacio Hernandez believes the team will be good but they have some work to do.

"The team would have remembered their positions because we had numerous occasions where the players didn't remember," said Hernandez. "If they were in or not and it cost us yardage and made us look bad."

Running Back Joseph Garcia believes the team accomplish a lot.

"We worked as hard as we could as a team day in and day out to be better than the week before," said Garcia.

Coach Sorenson thinks this group of boys is very talented and can be a great football team.

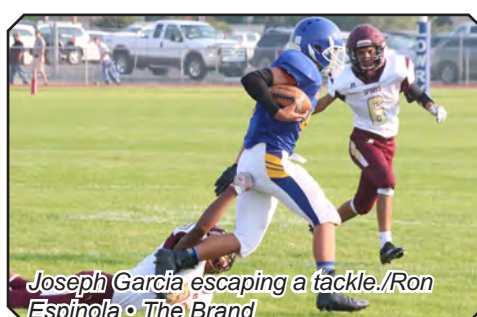
"The group of boys need to continue learning and really understand Lowry football and football knowledge in general," said Sorenson.



The Bucks gang tackle a Truckee player/Melanie Magaña • The Brand



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ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE: TATYANA CARLSON

In every high school sport, there is a student-athlete who ends up being more talented and therefore makes more points in a match, or scores more touchdowns, but in this case, she makes a lot of "hole-in-one". In this issue, our athlete is Tatyana Carlson.

Carlson has played around with the golf clubs since she can remember but started taking it seriously a little later on. Her father was the one who encouraged her to play in the first place.

"My dad encouraged me to start playing. He took me golfing when he would play with his friends and that is how I started to get into it. I started to play competitively around 12 or 13 in the City Leagues and then moving on to the NNJGA," said Carlson.

The NNJGA is the Northern Nevada Junior Golf Association in which has different tournaments in Northern Nevada. If athletes take the sport seriously, this organization is appealing to colleges. While playing in the Washoe tournament this past summer, she managed to make it to the finale.

"In some tournaments, there are qualifiers to go into bigger and more competitive tournaments, like the Optimist. I participated in the Washoe tournament,

which was to qualify to go play in the Optimist. But in order to go, you had to win and I ended up winning the tournament. Since I won, basically my whole trip was paid for except for food and if I went to a gift store," said Carlson.

Her high school golf years have flown by, and have definitely been worth the dedication.

"[They were] definitely memorable. I've made so many more great memories and friendships than I thought I would. My first two years, I was more of an introvert because of was scared of the upperclassmen, but these past two years I was more outgoing and was stepping up to be a leader. I honestly think that these past two years were the best. It's just fun," said Carlson.

Playing the sport has really impacted the way Carlson deals with situations on and off the course.

"Golf has taught me that it is 80 percent mental and 20 percent physical. If you think you're going to hit a bad shot, then nine times out of 10 you're going to hit a bad shot. Or if you have a bad attitude then your whole game goes to crap. It taught me that I can't control the uncontrollable. I'm not going to hit a perfect shot every time but I can control how I'm going to hit a



perfect shot every time; I can control how I deal with the situation," said Carlson.

Carlson recently went to the State competition in Reno, Nevada and ended up winning the championships. Her winning shot was when she eagled a par 5, which is when you receive a three on a hole that averages five shots.

"When I realized I won, I was stunned. At first, I didn't know what to think because I was shocked but also at that same moment, I was amazed at how all of my hard work paid off. It was probably one of the greatest moments of feeling proud of myself.

Carlson still isn't sure where she would like to go after high school but she knows she wants to play golf in college.

"I definitely want to play in college but I honestly don't know where. I'm talking to LCSC (Lewis-Clark state college) and they offered me something so that's pretty good in my eyes. Most likely, I'll go there unless a different college wants to pay everything for me," said Carlson.



ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE: WILL KRACAW

Will Kracaw has the honor of being chosen as this issue's Athlete of the Issue.

His dedication to cross country over the past four years has given him a respectable reputation for all that he does.

Kracaw did not always have a passion for running. He discovered it without anticipation.

"I have really bad hand-eye coordination. So, I did track when I was at the junior high. That's what got me into it. That's when I realized and decided that I liked running," said Kracaw. "I liked the mile a lot in fifth grade and when I did it for P.E. I always liked going to the golf course for the mile cross country race. That's when I decided that I liked running that. Then, running distance track in eighth grade it kind of just slowly turned into me doing cross country."

As you would imagine, it takes a lot of determination, motivation, and effort to excel in a sport that requires much agility.

"I think it's a lot of self-motivation, you have to be self-motivated but I've had the same coach for four years so it's like she knows me well enough that she knows all those little things what to do," said Kracaw.

Rightfully so, his achievements on his trail to greatness came with perseverance.

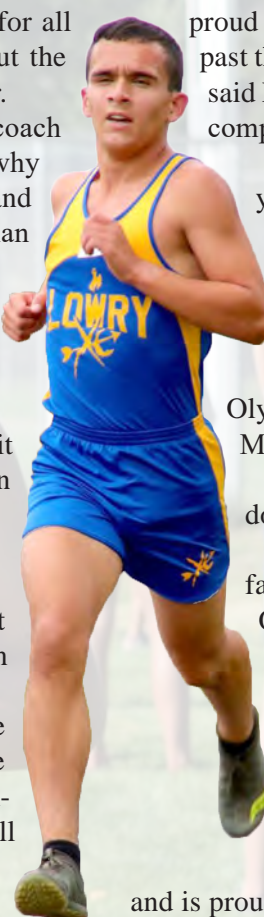
He credits his coaches very extensively for all that they have done to guide him throughout the years of his cross-country high school career.

"I'd probably have to say it's the head coach Kathy Norcutt. She's probably the reason why I got that drive to be a really good athlete and running," said Kracaw. "I'd say my freshman year is when she helped me; she thought it was a good idea to train over the winter. She's been out there ever since my freshman year, helping me with training and getting ready for the track."

"Running has shaped me a lot because it has been one of the most prominent things in my life for four years," stated Kracaw.

Will's peers are very proud of him and his coaches are even more pleased with his progress. The benefits from cross-country that Kracaw has acquired through participation in the team will serve him beyond high school.

"He loves running he loves the goals he sets for himself he wants to do it when he leaves to college and I think he set it up himself, in his mind that he was going to do well and he has done that," said coach Kristin Flanders.



proud of him, Will has worked very hard for the past three and a half years so this is his season," said Flanders, "This year, he set his mind to accomplishing a goal and he's doing it."

Kracaw also keeps himself in shape year-round.

"I get two weeks off in December and two weeks off in May. Other than that, I'm always running. I ride my mountain bike, run, and hike too," said Kracaw.

One of Kracaw's inspirations are Olympic runners, Steve Prefontaine, and Meb Keflezighi

who love the sport just as much as he does.

"Steve Prefontaine, he was a really famous distance runner who went to the Olympics and he was still in his early twenties and he died in a car accident. He's like this really worshipped cross country runner, he has all of the best quotes. Meb Keflezighi is another guy I look up to," said Kracaw.

Kracaw is the only one in his family that has advanced in the running sport and is proud of what he has accomplished.

It goes without saying that Kracaw has made tremendous progress but it won't end there.

"I think Will has grown a lot, he's matured a lot as a person, and he has matured in his running abilities. It's a love for him. We are very

"I'm the only one actually. My cousins did cross country in high school but I'm the one who turned out to be a pretty decent runner. I've qualified for regionals every year and this is the third year that I've qualified for state. I got thirteenth my sophomore year at state, then I got seventh last year at state. Which still surprises my parents because they tell me I sucked at running when I was younger. I'm hoping that I get third or fourth this year at state," said Kracaw.



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Girls golf finishes fourth and brings home a state champion

The girl's golf team concluded their season with a phenomenal fourth-place finish at State on October 16.



Tatyana Carlson/Courtesy • Ana Carlson

Their teammate, Tatyana Carlson came home as the 3A state champion.

Carlson finished with a two day total of 155 at Schaffer's Mill. She

carded a 74 on the second day to seal the victory.

"We really pulled it together this year and got first in the northern 3A," said Havens. "It feels great to have accomplished so much together. It was really nice to end my high-school career on such a good season."

The girls were up against a lot this season. Through it all, they came together as a stronger team than ever.

"A hurdle that the team had to overcome this season was adapting to the new coach," said Havens. "She ended up meshing really well with the team, and it made for a great season. My first two years, the team wasn't as closely

knit as we are now. Being close with the team has made this season special for me."

For some, this has been the accomplishment of their life's work.

I have been golfing since I was four," said Havens. "In golf, every shot is a new shot, and every hole is a new hole. There are always new opportunities."

The girls' finish was the end to a good season, where they placed highly in many tournaments.

"There's always room for improvement," said Havens. "But I'm proud of my team."



The girls' golf team after a tournament/Courtesy • Kaitlyn Hales

Boulder City repeated as state champions with a total of 744. Pahrump Valley was second place with two rounds of 375 for a total of 750. The Lady Indians of Elko finished 30 shots off the lead with a total of 774. The Lady Bucks posted totals of 400 on the first day and then shaved off 12 strokes the second day for a 388 and a two day total of 788.



JV football ready to take next step

JV Football is ready to take the next step. They might have had a tough season this year, but they know they can definitely come back. JV finished the season with the record of 3-4. Coach Austin Mayo and John Brooks did a good job preparing the JV team for next



JJ Backus tries to evade the Trojans' defense./Ron Espinola • The Brand

year's season.

"Even though our record didn't reflect it per se, we had a great season. If you watch film from the beginning of the season versus the end of the season, you would think that it was two different teams out there," said Mayo. "Every game the kids got better and as far as being ready for varsity, I would have to say yes. There are several players who have stepped up and are contributing key minutes to the varsity team during their current playoff run."

The football players agreed with their coach's assessment.

Sophomore Aaron Woolsey said, "I think we had a great season if we keep playing the way we have been we

should have a good shot at the playoffs next year."

Fellow sophomore Fabian Ochoa thinks the team will be ready for the next level.

"This season went really well with a lot of great people. We need to prepare for next year by just fixing the little things," said Ochoa.

The team started the season off with a few losses. They fought back to get some wins starting off against Pahrump; Lowry had a good game only losing by a field goal.

JJ. Backus fought the whole game as running back and blew through the Pahrump defense.



Lowry's line holding back the defense./Ron Espinola • The Brand

"Against Pahrump, I played really well and got the ball up the field. I would have scored the game-winning touchdown but it got called back. My team and I played really well and kept the game close," said Backus.

JV had their first win of the season against Battle Mountain. The Bucks came out and played an aggressive game and shut out Battle Mountain 42-0.



JV boys learn valuable lessons on the pitch

As the JV boys soccer team kicks their way to the end of the season, with four wins and nine losses, along with one tie. This season allowed many of the boys to learn more about the game, and prepare for them to be moved on to the varsity level. A lot of the kids on the team were newer players, so this allowed them to learn how the game is

played at a high school level.

As the season went through the boys have improved more and more every game.

"I feel that the team made great improvements and progress as the year went on. We really came together in the end," said Coach Vanessa.

Daniel Fernandez had the most improvement throughout the entire season.

"Fernandez showed great dedication, competitiveness, drive, and motivation. He was a great team captain and leader on the field. He never gave up and never backed down, said Vanessa.

Dylan Iutzow expressed his feelings for the season by saying "My favorite part of the season was beating Elko for the first time in a few years." Lowry beat Elko at home with a score of 4-3.



Zach Fernandez going after the ball./Mikayla Wright • The Brand

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Varsity volleyball ends tough season with 8-16 record

By Adara Arias

The 2018 Volleyball season was one of few wins but the ladies still enjoyed the season and are excited about next year.

Coach Brandon Eastman says the team grew more and more daily and has high hopes for next year.

"I believe our season was a great learning experience," said Eastman. "With so many new players this year, it was important for them to learn what it's like to play at the varsity level and each day I saw a lot of growth for our team. The results weren't necessarily there for us throughout the year, but there were times during the season where I was really pleased with our level of play. As we start looking to the future, we really need to focus on improving the consistency we are bringing to the gym on a daily basis."



Senior Julianne Montero going in for the kill / Mackie Grady • The Brand

Returning player and captain Sierra Maestrejuan thinks the team did the best they could with the loss of many of the players from last season.

"This season was definitely a rebuilding year because we lost a lot of talented players from last year but we worked hard every day in practice to be the best we could be. To improve for next season we have to practice through the summer and start working as a team and have trust in each other that we can do it," Maestrejuan said.

A first-year varsity player Keira Hilbish recalls her favorite memory of the season.

"Our overnigher in Yerington before the season started is my favorite memory because it was the beginning of new friendships," said Hilbish.

Senior Julianne Montero shared her favorite memory of her last season.

"My favorite memory would probably have to be our very last game when we took Fallon to 5 sets. It was a super fun and emotional game, especially knowing it would be the last time I played on our home court alongside all of my best friends," said Montero.

The team ended the season with an 8-16 record but still remain content with how the season went.



Long season closes for Lady Bucks

The varsity Lady Bucks season has come to an end. They had a difficult season but pulled together to win their last game against Elko.

According to senior goalkeeper Hannah Growcock, the season was more than just playing a game.

"We were playing the sport we loved instead of focusing on winning or losing. We were playing the sport we loved and played the best we could. I noticed we played as more of a team and that even if we did lose we still picked our heads up and played our best," said Growcock.

Lowry played against some stiff competition and battled through many injuries but always played their best often with few substitutes.

"We had many injuries so it was a

pretty rough season. Almost half the team had problems with our ankles, including me. so with many players injured, we didn't have many subs so we had to play the full game. but being well conditioned, we were able to do it. some injuries were serious which required sitting out longer, but some of us just had to get taped and just deal with the pain," said Julianna Gonzalez.

This year coaches Ed and Jennifer Partee decided to join both varsity and junior varsity practices. Both of the teams benefited from this.

"I think the team benefited from the joined practices. It gives us the competition that we needed to use in a game situation. It also gave some of the girls a lot more exposure and experience to the style of play," said Victoria Tirado.

Regardless of how the season began the Lady Bucks pulled through and won their last match against Elko, with Julianna Gonzalez scoring the winning goal.



Lesley Martinez dribbling the ball up the field / Wyatt Sakurada • The Brand



Lowry players attempt to block a free kick / Ron Espinola • The Brand



JV volleyball pursues fantastic season

JV volleyball coach, Skylar Estes believes her team really stepped up to the plate this year.

"Our season was amazing. The girls worked hard every day at practice and bought into what we wanted to accomplish and the type of players and team we wanted to be. It is awesome to coach a group of girls that are able to take what you say as a coach and try their best to do what is asked. They came together throughout the season as a team which is why they were successful," said Estes.

Coach Estes got to watch their progress from freshman year on.

"For me, it was amazing to have many of them as freshmen and then have them again and watch them grow into even better players as the season went on," said Estes.

Junior Sandyn Johnson is proud of her team and what they've accomplished.

"Our volleyball season was great. In the beginning, we had to learn how to work as a team and towards the end of the season it all worked out. We improved amazingly when we learned how to do that," said Johnson.

Fellow junior Amanda Franklin specifies what the team needed work on.

"Our season was really good and we improved every day with our passing which made the setting good so the hitters could also improve their hitting," said Franklin.

Sophomore Lauren Fentress stated she can't wait for volleyball's next season.

"This year's volleyball season was really fun and we really grew as a team. Throughout the season we all improved in practice and most importantly games," said Fentress.



Juliana Ruiz jumping to spike the ball / Ron Espinola • The Brand

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XC ends season with a bang at state

The cross country team brought their season to a draw on November 3, when four of the members competed at state. Will Kracaw and Christian Olson for the boys, and Rebecca and Jovi Kuskie for the girls. Kracaw brought home a fifth-place medal, and Jovi Kuskie a seventh-place medal. Alongside a fifth and seventh place medal brought home by Will Kracaw and Jovi Kuskie respectively, the boy's team also won the 3A Academic All-State award, showcasing their vast achievements throughout the season.

"The boys winning the academic state championship is huge," said coach, Kathy Norcutt. "Qualifying



Christian Olson takes on state off the beaten path. / Clarissa Olson • The Brand

ing four kids for the state meet is a great accomplishment as well. And then with all of our kids throughout the season, it was like every meet we went to we had kids that were in the top ten and medalled. I think everyone on the team went home with hard-

ware this year."

Norcutt attributes the team's victories to the bond between the kids.

"We really started to work together as a team," said Norcutt. "Cross country, besides being an individual sport is a team sport, so it was really nice to see the boys start coming together and running as a team. I actually had a girls team for the first time in a long time, and they were really working together."

The team plans on being even stronger in the years to come.

"This is one of the more competitive teams we've had," said Kracaw. "They're a really young team, so we couldn't do a lot, but I'd say if you give them a few more years and they'll be some top-tier competition in the state."

Cross country is just as much fun as it is business.

"Traveling with them has been really fun," said Norcutt. "One stand-out moment was when we played Catch Phrase on the bus; that was hysterical. They kind of suck at that game, but it was really funny."

Our cross country team may not be number one in the state, but they never pass up an opportunity to demonstrate the importance of a strong team dynamic.

"I'll always remember this season by the kids on the team," said Norcutt. "This was probably my favorite group of kids ever. They were just so much fun to

be around, and they're so competitive. When it was time to be serious and get down to business, they got down to business. When it was time to relax

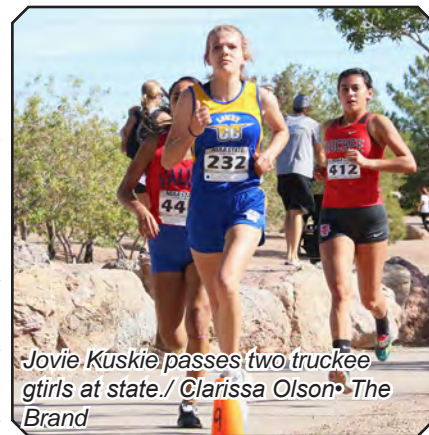
and have fun, they knew when to switch gears and do that. I just really had a great time with these kids."

What the team does is not easy, but they enjoy every day of it.

"Maybe you can't run three miles at the beginning of the season," said Norcutt. "But by the end, not only are you running three miles, but you're racing three miles."

The team even has some advice for anyone considering joining.

"If you're thinking about going out for cross country, just do it," said Kracaw. "Sure it's hard, but you'll acclimate. You'll get used to it, and you'll be able to run. You'll be in a lot better shape and you'll just feel better. If you're thinking about doing it, just do it. Try it for a year, and if it doesn't work out then it's only a semester."



Jovie Kuskie passes two truckee girls at state. / Clarissa Olson • The Brand

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What's Entertaining Us

"Aquaman" is an action/sci-fi movie that will be coming out early December. It is a well made and thought out the film based on the comic character, Aquaman. The good graphics make the film look realistic.

The movie starts out with a kid who finds out that he can talk to sea creatures. He is caught between the surface ravages and the Atlanteans who are ready to revolt. Aquaman takes his place as an Atlantean and helps fight the war between surface and sea. He can command all sea creatures because of his abilities.



The "Aquaman" movie poster./Courtesy Facebook

Aquaman is known for his incredible speed and strength. His unique physiology allows him to be able to survive on land and in the ocean's deepest depths. Aquaman is the king of all things and he telepathically speaks to the life of the sea.

"Fortnite" is one of the worlds biggest games to blow up. There are millions of people playing it today and it's still getting bigger. At Least 125 million people have played in the month of June. The game has people of all ages playing it. I play the game on occasion with friends and many others.

There are many famous people playing it such as Drake, Travis Scott, and Juju Smith Schuster. Many people popularized the game such a Ninja, TSM Myth, Pokimane who all play on the PC. People like Nickmercs play on the console and is the best player on it. The game blew up around

October of last year. "Fortnite" has changed so much from when it was first released with the feature of seasons and battle passes. With the brand-new release of Season 6 has the game buzzing.

The dances have started a worldwide trend. People play "Fortnite" for hours and hours in the end and don't get bored. EPIC the game developer updates "Fortnite" on a weekly basis making sure the game is the best it can be. "Fortnite" is one of the biggest games in the world has been one of the biggest since last year. I've played the game multiple times and I can say the game is worth the hype.

"TWD" ("The Walking Dead") is based on the comic book series written by Robert Kirkman. The series finale returned this October 7. The exhilarating show will be wrapping up after nine intense seasons and many tragic deaths of our favorite zombie killing charac-



Some of the fortnite skins./Courtesy Facebook

ters.

"The Walking Dead" is an AMC original a with 4-star rating that started in 2009 and it's never too late to get hooked onto the thriller and possibly cry like every other true fan. The show follows a group of hardcore characters surviving the "walker" (a term for zombie) infested earth while also clashing with other survivors. It's only nine seasons, and you can thank me later. After every new episode, a talk show named "The Talking Dead" airs for the sole reason of thoroughly discussing the new episode with guest stars and actors from the show as they exchange opinions and predictions as well as other fun things (very interesting conversations occur in this show so it is a great idea to tune in).



Horoscopes

Aries (March 21 - April 19) - You walk the talk a lot and it's a good thing, but learn to take it easy my dude.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) - Maybe this week, you could try to keep up with the rest of your friends and make up your mind faster. It really doesn't matter where you go to eat lunch.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) - Nothing on Earth or in Heaven will be able to stop the seducing power of Gemini's five-gallon bottle of Axe cologne.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) - A genie will grant you a billion dollars if you go one week without saying the word "iconic".

Leo (July 23 - August 23) - Try to focus on anything NOT 'you' related for more than 30 seconds.

Virgo (August 23 - September 23) - You always seem to think that people can handle your jokes. Even though you just say things to be funny, it can get out of hand sometimes, buddy. Libra (September 23 - October 23) - You've been trying hard to become a better person,

but by next Wednesday, you'll discover you have a favorite professional wrestler.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 22) - Venus in retrograde falls in Scorpio and Libra until November 15, and Mercury retrograde starts right after that. So in other words, good luck.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) - Just the usual my friend. Stuff your face on Thanksgiving and spend your money on ungrateful people for Christmas.

Capricorn (December 21 - Janu-

ary 20) - You always assumed ladybugs were sweet, innocent creatures, but in reality, any creature in sufficient numbers could gnaw your leg to the bone.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18) - Please walk faster, for the love of God. Not to the point where you're looking like a running anime character but just enough to let people behind you with long legs walk a decent pace.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20) - You will never achieve your full potential until you overcome your most personal battles. Declare war on jeggings.

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Performer of the Issue: Mark Henderson



Mark Henderson / Courtesy Winnada

If you know Mark Henderson, you know he is one of the most outgoing and spirited people to attend Lowry. In the midst of his high school career, Henderson was chosen by Mrs. Corrine James to be one of two sophomores introduced to the Drama class in 2015; and now has been chosen by James for Performer of the Issue. This is Henderson's third year in

Drama and second year in Stagecraft.

Drama and Stagecraft's first performances are November 12-15 for the "Fiddler on the Roof" play, where Henderson is cast with Weston Noyes as the main character, Tevye.

James stated that Henderson is an absolute asset in both classes and is working hard to improve his acting abilities.

"His singing is amazing and he is working on really feeling his character and bringing the character to life on stage," said James. "Mark is a very hard worker and I really appreciate his contributions."

Henderson said he enjoys being double cast as Tevye because of the competitive element of it. His favorite part of

Drama and Stagecraft is all of the people involved.

"It's like having another family where you can be who you want to be and not have any judgment," said Henderson. "There's really only encouragement in these classes and it's what makes them my favorite."

Henderson has been interested in Lowry's Drama department since a young age.

"Ever since I was a kid at French Ford, I had a dream to be in the class. I was overjoyed when I was one of two sophomores to get into Drama that year," said Henderson.

Henderson plans on becoming serious with his acting when he graduates



Mark Henderson rehearsing a soliloquy / Samm Sharp • The Brand

high school; he wants to become an actor. He believes that Drama has influenced who he is as a person.

"I'd have to say it's made me more creative and more outgoing. Being in this class has given me more ways to express myself," said Henderson.



Lowry's drama and stagecraft crew present "Fiddler on the Roof"

Mrs. Corrine James, the drama teacher, is excited about Drama's current play, "The Fiddler on the Roof" because she gets to put her classical side to her work and see her drama crew perform it.

"I'm shooting for a classical play, I really like culture," she said.

James feels like this musical is showing a lot of that and believes her students can present that to the audience.

Lowry's Drama and Stagecraft crew will perform "The Fiddler On The Roof", on November 12, 13, 14, and 15 in Lowry's auditorium at 7 p.m. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Admission will be \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per student.

"The Fiddler On The Roof", begins with a Jewish milkman that lives in a small Russian town called Anatevka. He lives his life being a fiddler on a roof as a tradition, the villagers un-

dergo it. He has five daughters that he is trying to protect and teach the traditional values, meanwhile being very poor. "The Fiddler On The Roof" is sad, laughable, and cheerful. It covers race, nationality, and religion while simultaneously keeping the audience entertained.

Mrs. James is impressed with the work her Drama and Stagecraft students have put into the production. Mark Henderson is standing out to her specifically.

"It's almost like this part was written for him," said James.

James feels as if Henderson really gets into character and feels it. Henderson is the stage manager and has been in the drama program for three years.

Henderson agrees with James and also feels as though his hard

work has paid off.

"I feel like I'm getting better every day," said Henderson.

The drama and stagecraft are excited for "The Fiddler On The Roof" and love the hard work they have put into it. However, according to senior Alyssa Parker, preparing for a musical is definitely challenging at times. Simply memorizing lines can be difficult.

"People have trouble memorizing lines and get confused on what they are supposed to do in a specific scene or how are they supposed to act it out. Sometimes we change it [a scene] to make it our own or make it more understandable," said Parker.



Maggie Peters and Aidan Maher build sets / Samm Sharp • The Brand



The actors are finishing a scene / Samm Sharp • The Brand

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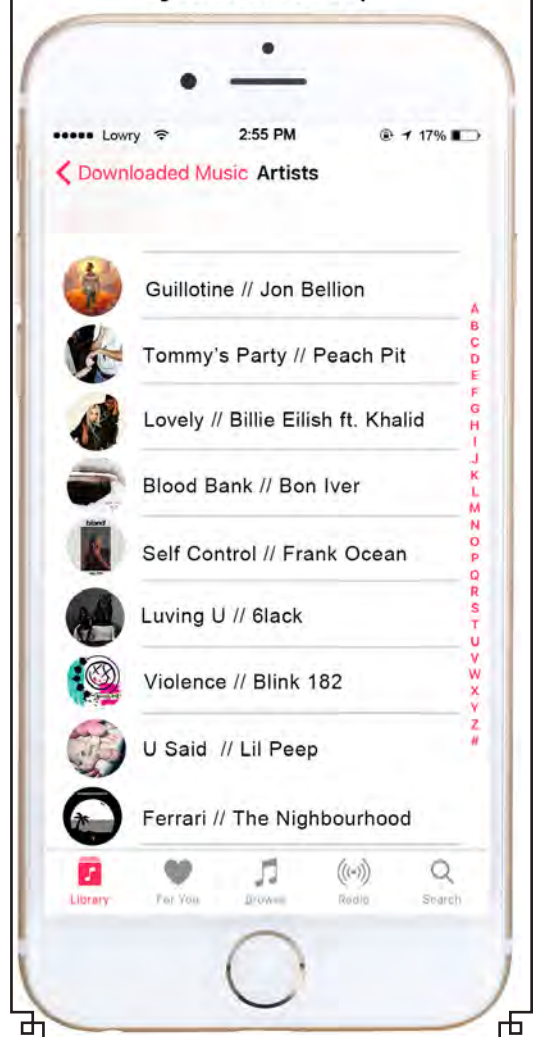
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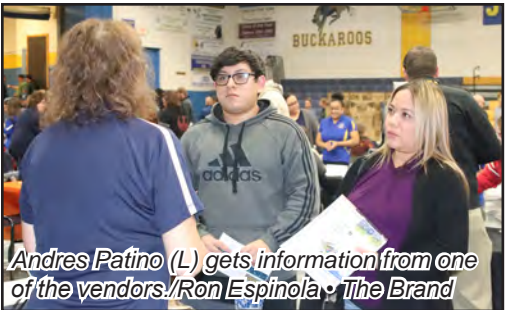
Lowry hosts College and Career Fair

Lowry High School’s College and Career Fair was held on November 7 and 8, where students were encouraged to wander the Old Gym and ponder their future.

UNR is a common destination for Lowry graduates, and Justin Bouldt is the man behind the persuasion.

“My goal is to get as many Lowry High School students as I can to think about going to college; so they can apply to the university and attend the university. Also, to just be prepared so they can be successful when they get there,” said Bouldt.

The mining industry in Nevada is booming (pun not intended), so there was no surprise to see multiple mining booths.



Andres Patino (L) gets information from one of the vendors, Ron Espinoza. The Brand

Brett Campbell was representing Barrick Mines and has been to the Career Fair before.

“My primary focus is what’s known as the MTC scholarship to get kids that want to get into skilled trades, diesel technology, welding, electrical instrumentation, etc. That scholarship in through Great Basin College and also gives students the opportunity to work at the mine while going to school,” said Campbell.

There are many opportunities in Nevada as well as its surrounding states as long as students are keeping their eyes open for them.

More than 40 presenters attended the event.



Juniors talk to a vendor, Samm Sharp. The Brand



Letterman’s Club raises money for scholarships

If you are wondering what the Letterman’s Club is about, then this is the inside scoop. If you want to get more information, go see Mr. Rob Silva who is the adviser of the club, or find one of the members.

The Letterman’s Club supports the Athletic Department in its continuing efforts toward improving the facilities and programs. They raise money through concessions, and Silva is there to teach them how to do thing the right way and to help get food, drinks, and gloves.

“Members learn about safe food handling practice, customer service, and handling food,” said Silva.

Anyone at the high school is welcome to join the club.

Members go to the football games and volleyball games to provide all concessions

at the games

All the money they earn goes to the Letterman’s Club scholarship.

“The profits are used for scholarships for our members who attended accredited institutions like colleges, universities, or trade schools after graduation,” said Silva.

If you want to get more involved in your school actives then you should join this club.

“I joined to help my school out, be involved in Lowry activities, and for the scholarships that come with it,” said member Lesley Martinez.



Some 2018 Letterman’s Club members (L-R), Ariana Galindo, Lesley Martinez, Jennifer Sims, and Nina Fillet. The Brand

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Every day, our crossing guards are out working tirelessly to make sure we can cross the street safely, and intact. Cristina Cuevas has been working for the district for about two and a half years, Marian Hamry for 15 years and Nadine Meade has been at Lowry for two years. Elizabeth Lyon and Elizabeth Carrillo are crossing guards as well. Some even cross with Shelley Bare at the corner of Palisade and Highland. She has been with the district for 14 years, and at French Ford for 7. Many of us cross with a crossing guard every day.

"Every year it varies on the number of students I cross," said Hamry. "I do enjoy seeing the kids though and getting them across safely."

No matter the day, there are always crossing guards on duty, even in the harshest of conditions.

"A day as a crossing guard is good until you get bad weather and you're standing in the rain or snow," said Cuevas.

Each day, they go out with a smile on

their face.

"I like to see the kids first thing in the morning," said Bare. "I always smile and say good morning because most are still half asleep. Some have had a rough start to their day so a smile and a bit of conversation goes a long way."

As for crossing guards, they've seen some crazy things.

"I've had a parent go around me while trying to get students across," said Meade.

Some of the stories the crossing guards have to tell are extremely rich.

"I've seen many very animated conversations play out with full hands flying around in an empty car," said Bare.

"There has been some pretty good lip syncing, some with air drums. I've seen people eating breakfast, like from a bowl, while driving, and lots of girls putting on makeup. I've had parents scream 'I love you, have a great day,' and you just watch the kid melt and the parent laugh. Mrs. Mattson did it to her son at least twice a week."

Of course, there are also stupid things.

"One thing I will never understand is the honkers," said Bare. "Parents don't understand that their horn sounds like everyone else's, so when you honk half the kids look around. The only reason the other half don't is that they know no one is coming to get them."

Being a crossing guard isn't always the safest job, but that doesn't scare our crossing guards.

"I've seen kids, or even crossing guards, almost get hit by cars when drivers aren't paying attention," said Cuevas.

"In all the years I've been crossing kids, I've only had a few close calls with people talking on cell phones," said Hamry.

The crossing guards do so much for us. They deserve appreciation.

"I always try to remember their names and say hello, have a good day or weekend," said Cuevas. "I think that may force them to say something back."



Marian Hamry/Clarissa Olson • The Brand

Let's start a movement of thanking our crossing guards. Some very generous people have already had marvelous ideas.

"An older gentleman stopped and gave me hand warmers," said Bare. "A very nice lady that lives across the street from the school brought me a scarf, and I have used it for three years. She doesn't even have kids that go to school here. Chad Peters brought me coffee one day for standing in a blizzard. It was a pity coffee, and it was great."

Next time you see your crossing guards, make sure to tell them thank you, and to have a nice day. Maybe even bring them a coffee or two. Anything to show some appreciation of how hard they work for us.



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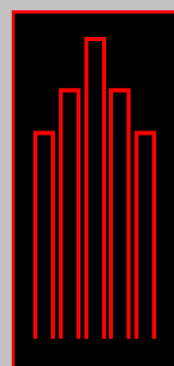
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publish,” said Cochrane. “I remember having a lot of fun piecing together the sections and deciding which columns went where and how much content we would need for each article. We focused primarily on sports coverage and current events. I had an opinion column called ‘Open Your Eyes’ that I really enjoyed.”

Cochrane went off to study dentistry but knew that she wanted to experience more than a nine-to-five job.

“Starting college, I questioned my abilities as a small town writer, and decided to follow the recommendations from the adults around me to get a career/degree that is easy to attain, makes good money and is recession-proof,” said Cochrane. “So I went to dental hygiene school and began practicing. Immediately after I started working, it didn’t feel fulfilling enough so I began working part-time as a hygienist for the financial stability and using the rest of my time to travel, write, and now am in the process of building an online business.”

Jolyn Garcia switched into The Brand a few weeks into her sophomore

year and kept with it through her remaining years in high school. She switched in because she waived her P.E. class due to sports and needed an elective to fill the spot (a common trend).

“Espy was supposed to approve students to join, but I was able to just get in without his permission. He was flustered at first, but I know he is super glad I joined,” said Garcia.

Jolyn was not particularly interested in writing for the newspaper when she joined, but it became something very important to her.

“I stayed with The Brand because I fell in love with it. I loved being assigned different topics to write about and how we were also given the freedom to write about whatever we wanted.

Writing for The Brand gave me a constructive and creative outlet, a way to express my thoughts and reach an audience,” said Garcia.

Jolyn Garcia graduated in 2014 and continued her education at the University of Nevada, Reno. She is now majoring in Community Health Sciences with an emphasis in Kinesiology and

a minor in Nutrition. She plans on becoming an Athletic Trainer. Mr. Espy had a hunch all along that Garcia would change her mind on her career choice.

“To be honest, Espy knew that I would change my mind on a career choice. He called me out on it and told me that I would change my mind; it made me so mad. But he was right. You should print that, I bet Espy would get a real kick out of it,” said Garcia.

Jessie Schirrick graduated in 2015 and was in The Brand for all four years of her high school career. Schirrick had always liked writing and thought this class would allow her to explore her capabilities.

“I always loved to write, ever since I was little. My computer literacy teacher in eighth grade, Mr. Scott, mentioned The Brand once and I let him know that I was interested in joining and he helped me become a part of it. I thought it would be a great writing opportunity and a great opportunity to get involved at school,” said Schirrick.

During her time in The Brand, Schirrick was writing an article specifically



Katy Granath, Stephanie Cochrane and Mary Granath in 2009./Courtesy • Winnada

for her called Jessie’s Journal.

“That was pretty much me babbling nonsense,” said Schirrick.

Schirrick stuck with this class because she believed that it would not only help her improve her writing skills but teach her how to improve her communication skills; which is a valuable thing in life.

“I stuck with it because I thought Mr. Espinola was pretty funny and a good teacher and I really liked everyone I got to work with on staff. I also began learning a lot of valuable reporting skills that have helped me as I’ve studied journalism in college,” said Schirrick.

Schirrick was so inspired by The Brand to pursue her dream of becoming a writer but had some self-esteem repercussions. Mr. Espy helped her in the long run.

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Election from page 1

not the case in Nevada because we’re dominated by Washoe County and Clark County. We’ve got half the population living in Clark County, and about 20% in Washoe. So with those urban centers tending to vote more liberal, Nevada is, I think, forever changed. The days of Nevada being a conservative Republican state, I think, are gone and I think this election is a testament to that.”

Was it a blue wave in the House, a red wave in the Senate, or something in between? If anything it was a female wave. The previous record for the number of women in the House was 84. As of election night, 96 had been elected and it was likely to go over 100.

The results for both parties were bolstered by



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an unusually high voter turnout for a midterm election.

“Nevada usually has a really high percentage of voter turnout,” said Silva. “Especially in the midterm elections. Voter turnout percentages usually drop in the midterms, compared to the presidential elections. Nevada was about 62 or 63%, Humboldt County was over 70%; and so again, the rural counties once again vote at a higher percentage more often than the urban centers. It was a really good turnout considering it was a midterm election. We’re a lot higher than the national average, which bounces around 30% during the midterm elections, and 50% during presidential. Nevadans in a large part have a real desire to be part of the political process but we’re still talking about 70% rather than 100% of registered voters which would be great because then you would get a sense of what the people really want.”

There were many firsts such as The first female Native-Americans

were elected to Congress in Kansas (Sharice Davids) and New Mexico (Deb Haaland).

Rashida Tlaib will be the first Muslim woman to serve in Congress.

Colorado elected the first openly gay governor in Jared Polis.

The first female senators in Tennessee and in Arizona.

Texas will send its first Hispanic women to Congress.

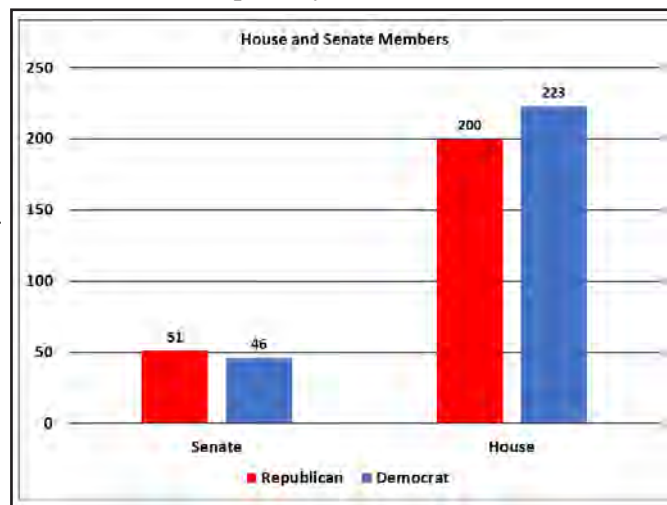
Kristi Noem will be South Dakota’s first female governor.

Locally, Question 1 was defeated 3,264 to 2,225. The measure would have authorized an additional one-quarter of one percent of sales tax to be used for recreational programs and facilities.

Although it seems that the sides rarely agree on anything, Social Studies teacher

Kristin Flanders believes there is hope for cooperation.

“The Senate will likely help to further the President’s agenda with the Republicans controlling that,” said Flanders. “Because the house is then now headed by the Democrats, it will make it more challenging to press forward on certain issues. I think it will be a more bipartisan government, and the people will work together instead of working separately.”





The spooky scene of Homecoming 2018

2018 Homecoming was a busy, busy week. Monday started off with the white-out dress up day and shorter classes due to the kick-off assembly where the Homecoming court was announced. Brendan Domire, Dorsey Naveran, Josiah Chapman, Tatyana Carlson, Rebecca Kuskie, and Hailey Fernandez were nominated by the Leadership class. Junior Makayla Leveille announced Grand Marshall for 2018 which was Marcel Johnson and Tanya Grady. The annual Homecoming parade started at Spare Time Bowl to the Powder Puff football game; where the seniors/freshmen took the win against the juniors/sophomores, 18-6.

Junior coach Cole Jones thinks the team did as best as they could.

"I think for the time we had we prepared them pretty good but the other team just had too many weapons," said

Jones.

Tuesday, the entire school's clothes did not match at all. The seniors woke up bright and early to freeze their you-know-what's off for the annual senior sunrise. Varsity boys soccer dominated Churchill at home, 7-0. He-Man volleyball took place at 6:30 p.m. in the Old Gym; where the senior class won. Although the seniors won against the other classes, the staff came in strong and beat them.

"Our he-man team was really great this year. The guys didn't give up at all; they really wanted to take 1st place this year and that's what we did, they were really close with the freshman but we pulled through and got the dub," said coach Andrea Escobedo.

Thursday, Day of the Dead was a class and staff color war. The day began with full class meetings for freshmen, sophomores, and juniors; as well as a mine presentation for the seniors.

Another lunchtime activity sponsored by leadership. Freshman football played at home against Elko and took the L, 32-0.

Friday was the day to rep your blue and gold for Lowry. The atmosphere was filled with excitement

as the students chanted and participated at the pep assembly. The assembly consisted of a performance by the cheerleaders, a class competition of snatch the cup, and the junior class took the win. Juniors are also in first place for 'class of the year'. There was a fun lunchtime activity sponsored by leadership afterward, and boys soccer at home vs. North Tahoe at 2 and 4 p.m. JV football took on Elko at home, as well as JV and varsity volleyball at home vs sparks at 5 and 6 p.m, and varsity football home vs Elko at 7 p.m. During halftime of the varsity football game, the Homecoming Royalty ceremony took place to crown Hailey Fernandez as queen and Dorsey Naveran as king.

Saturday was the day most students have been waiting for all week (and even month for some), because of the Homecoming Dance that was hosted in the New Gym. The dance was hosted by DJ Oso.



One of the floats from the parade./Alè Ibarra • The Brand



Freshman He-Man players react at the end of their game./Mackie Grady • The Brand



The Powder Puff game was action-packed./Adara Arias • The Brand



Victoria Tirado (left), Jenn Milton, Hannah Havens, and Josie Warn (right)/Courtesy • Josie Warn

Lowry Then and Now: Homecoming 1980



In 1980, for Homecoming week Lowry dressed up as well. On Monday it was Hat Day, the following day was 50's day, then Shades Day, Thursday was Miss-Match Day; and finally with school colors blue and gold, came the big day.

In 2018, students still participate in dress up days. For Monday it was Whiteout Day, the following with came Miss Match Day, then Goblin and Ghouls Day, and the Day of the Dead Day; and with the last day came the Blue and Gold Day.

In 1980, instead of doing a big parade they had an event where all four classes participated in an alumni spaghetti feed on Thursday. In 2018, the

parade consisted of 20 floats.



A scene from Homecoming 1980 (above). Courtesy • Winnada Royalty from 2018 (right)./Taylor Gleason • The Brand



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Lucy Diaz

Q. Would the people who live nearest to you characterize you as a complaining person or a thankful person?

L: They characterize me as a thankful person.

M: They would consider me a thankful person.

C: People that live nearest to me characterize me as a thankful person because I count my blessings.

Q. When was the last time you sat down to literally count your blessings?

L: I probably never count my blessings.

M: I never really have sat down to count my blessings.

C: Yesterday.

Q. When was the last time you spent time grumbling, moaning and complaining about life?

L: Probably last night.

M: I probably did last night to let out frustrations.

C: Sunday.

Q. When you look at your world, are you positive about ev-

Buckaroo Round Up

Maddie Rackley

Q. Would everything that's going wrong?

L: Probably most of the time.

M: No, I look at the reality of the problem.

C: Not really.

Q. What are you most thankful for and why?

L: I'm thankful for my friends and family because they are here for me through my ups and downs.



Christian Cuevas

M: My friends, they keep me safe and happy.

C: I am very thankful for my family and friends. I enjoy spending time with my family and my friend Elias.

Q. Do you think Thanksgiving is overrated and why?

L: No it's when I get together with my family and talk about stuff.

M: Low key.

C: Thanksgiving isn't overrated. Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks and enjoy what you have.

Q. How do you feel about Thanksgiving?

L: It's amazing.

M: I mean I like the food.

C: I love Thanksgiving, I like eating and spending time with friends and family.

Q. What's your favorite part about Thanksgiving why?

L: Being with family and friends.

M: Laughing with my friends and their families.

C: My favorite part is the food. Eating Turkey, pie, and ham is the best.



Dos and Don'ts

Freshman

Do go out and support athletics.

Don't get overly excited, you still have four years left.

Do try in your classes.

Don't forget to turn in your work.

Do make friends with upperclassmen.

Sophomores

Do keep trying in school, you still have a long time here.

Do get your driver's license.

Don't drive like idiots.

Do go and support Lowry High.

Don't get overexcite, you still have three years left.

Juniors

Do get excited; the school is almost yours.

Don't wait to put in for scholarships.

Do start preparing. You are almost out.

Don't stop trying. You are still here.

Seniors

Do get excited; you are almost out.

Don't forget to find a job.

Do get crazy at college.

Don't do anything too stupid.

Do have the best time of your life.

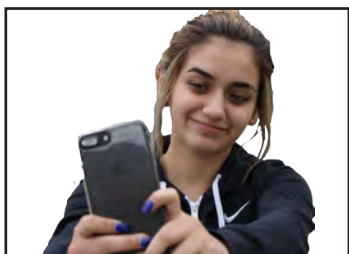
Don't drop out of college.

Do remember your roots.

Don't forget about Lowry High.



Lowry Voices: If you could make one rule that everyone in the school had to follow, what would it be?



"Probably to not be jerks to other people."

Shantel Bernal



"That we could have our hydro flasks back."

Sean Herrera, Sophomore



"That everybody minds their own business and don't spread drama."

Juliette Piñero, Junior



"The hydro flask rule should apply to teachers too."

Abbee Grieve, Junior



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