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HUMANITY'S EVERLASTING ISSUE: RACE

"Racism; I don't know why people think like that. I think it's just an old thing that people can't learn to let go [of]. That's what's wrong with humanity, we can't learn to let go," said Myia Ray.

After conducting a poll at Lowry with 150 students it was concluded that 87 believe that Americans are becoming more racist while 61 believe Americans are becoming less racist. When the students were asked if racism had affected them in any way, 41 answered yes and 18 of those were Hispanic, 18 were Caucasian, four were Native American, three were Asian, and two were African American while 107 students answered no that they had not been personally affected by racism.

It was only a small number of students at Lowry who were polled, but if we had polled the entire school and they had answered the same as the students polled, that would mean that 38% of students at Lowry have been affected by racism in one way or another. These students may have been labeled by others depending on their race.

Kasia Nelson, a freshman, agrees that labeling is useless and somewhat inhumane.

"Racial labeling is a tool that humans use to categorize people based on their individual race. Once you've



Kasia Nelson./Courtesy • Winnada

been labeled a 'certain way' everything you do is based on what you've been labeled. I don't think anybody should be categorized based off of race. They should rather be categorized by how they act towards others," said Nelson.

Dating back to 1964, this is the year the Civil Rights Act was passed. The law banned discrimination of any kind based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin. This historical act was a big milestone in American history. It meant that everyone was to be treated equally. Although this was now a law, discrimination is not something that can just go away. The people discriminating were not just going to change their mindset on the topic and what they've believed in their whole lives. It took time for

things to get better.

Coreon Stokes, a junior, who recently moved from Chicago, thinks the Civil Right's Act is important and admits that he has been judged upon his race.

"I think it has made a big impact because a lot of suffering was going on back then and standing here, as a black male, I think that's very important for us because not only does that show freedom of speech but also it's not every day that you saw people reach-

**"Everyone is the same; every life matters."
~Coreon Stokes**

ing out to help each other back then. Also, it's not every day that you go to school and you're one of the two or three black people

here. It's influenced me because one could probably pick me out from everybody in the school, but it gives me reason and a legacy to be a representative for my family," said Stokes.

Discrimination is something humans may do involuntarily. Whether it's the color of one's skin, the clothes they're wearing, their personality or anything else for that matter. However, that's not to say that one cannot change that. Evolving and changing is a way of life. Even if one was raised as seeing another person less than themselves, it's like that one day they'll wake up and realize that the outside matters no more than the inside.

Myia Ray, a junior, has interracial friends and agrees that her parents' openness has influenced the way she sees people.

"My mom is Indian and my dad is white. My mom; she's been everywhere. She's been around all kinds of cultures, so I'm open-minded like that naturally because of my parents. I don't understand why people have trouble being open-minded or why they aren't curious," said Ray.

From 2003-07, nearly two-thirds of the hate crime victims perceived the victimizations to be motivated by racial bias. Hate crimes in the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS) are defined according to the Hate Crime Statistics Act, which specifies hate crimes as those that manifest evidence of prejudice

based on race, gender or gender identity, religion, disability, sexual orientation or ethnicity. 48 percent of hate crime victimizations were motivated by racial bias during the 5-year period from 2011 to 2015. (bjs.gov)

In 2016, the Black Lives Matter movement began due to the ongoing issue of police shootings. Race tensions came to a head after a white police officer in Tulsa, Oklahoma, shot and killed Terence Crutcher, an unarmed 40-year-old African-American man.

"To be honest, I don't believe in that and I'm going to tell you one reason is that I don't really focus on that Black Lives Matter' because God created us all the same, I can tell you that. I think it's really important for people to understand that. My uncle, who gave me this analogy said, 'we're pretty much the same because we both bleed; we both bleed red.' I think that's not only a funny analogy but a very true and mindful one. It doesn't allow you to think about yourself. It goes to show that everyone is the same; every life matters," said Stokes.

Equality has been an issue dating back centuries. Fewer than one in three black Americans, and not even half of whites, say the United States has made "a lot" of progress toward achieving racial equality in the half-century since the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. declared he had "a dream" that one day freedom, justice and brotherhood would prevail and that his children would "not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." (nytimes.com)

Stokes affirmed that he's seen that the outside never matters more than what's on the



David Roberts

Coreon Stokes

inside.

"I've had a couple of problems back then with racism. I think it's important to see people for who they are instead of what they are on the outside. My dad always used to say, 'never look at a man from his vision, always look at a man from his heart'. It's good to look at it from that standpoint because you don't understand people's background and that's hard enough on them," said Stokes.

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Student and his dad lend hand to Harvey victims

Hurricane Harvey struck the south on Thursday, August 17 and ended on Sunday, September 3. This natural disaster destroyed homes and took away many lives. The states of Texas and Louisiana were the most affected areas of this disaster, with over 70 deaths and caused nearly \$40 billion of damage.

Many people responded to the tragedy by posting things on social media and some celebrities donated money. There were also those who wanted to do more than that.

Junior Stuart Milton and his dad, Dave Milton, took notice of Samaritan's Purse, a nondenominational evangelical Christian International Relief organization, and took the initiative to help out in Victoria, Texas.

Stuart and Dave headed to Victoria on October 20 and came back October 27.

"I thought it was time to go help people. To help them out as much as we could," said Stuart.

The pair helped clean up the disaster and assemble supplies.

"We were assigned work teams and went to residences that were damaged and potentially dangerous if not removed. We tarped roofs that were damaged. We would tear out drywall, insulation and anything the homeowner could not manage. We would then pray with them and present them with a Bible from Samaritan's Purse," said Dave.

Dave mentioned that Samaritan's Purse lodged and fed them during their stay there while a local church donated their gym and fellowship hall for sleep and

meals.

Stuart and Dave's help influenced them both in the way they currently live their lives.

"The fact that we have been blessed with so much and we often forget that others are suffering disasters all around us. It opened my eyes to my own selfish desires and the fact that we are called to help others in need even when we don't necessarily have what we want. We are always given what we need," said Dave.



(L-R) Dave and Stuart Milton with their work crew./Courtesy • Dave Milton

Race from Page 1

Changing views on racism in the nation is still troublesome. There are major problems with the media and the news blowing stories up to get the views, but that is how people turn against one another. Ignorance also has a great role in the way the issue of racism is getting treated.

Senior Susie Palmer disagrees with prejudice of any kind, entirely.

"I mean, I can never get to a point where my mind can understand why people have issues with people because of something like race. Even if you're talking hypothetically and say race doesn't exist, there's still the fact that prejudice is real. Viewing someone as less than you because of an outward appearance, especially skin color, is one of those things that is so bad, for lack of better word, that it's indescribable how "bad" it is. And even if the problem is with someone else's culture, I don't see why a person wouldn't appreciate the

er-skinned, middle-class African Americans, Latinx, Asians, and American Indians experience less (but not zero) prejudice and racism than the poor and working-class. Interpersonal and institutional racism is always evolving. It's not stagnant," said Maes.

The term "Latinx" (pronounced "La-TEEN-ex") is a person of Latin American origin or descent (used as a gender-neutral or non-binary alternative to Latino or Latina). Since Spanish is a gendered language the words are differentiated by an "a" or an "o". Consequently, Latin@ began to hit its limit, as those who didn't conform to the male-female gender binary gained more visibility.

Maes adds that there are things one has access to now, that they didn't have in past generations.

"Today, we have the tools of social media to call out the police when we see them engaging in racist acts and the youth are involved in protesting police brutality. But is this any different than when Whites went down to the South to fight during the Civil Rights Movement? I don't see White youths fighting for affirmative action or better social welfare benefits. What has changed is that I believe today more White youths will have friends who are of different ethnic/racial backgrounds, but they will most likely be the same class background so they are similar to one another. They will still have the stereotypes of 'Blacks' and 'Latinx' in their schemas that they will rely on for individuals/groups they do not know," said Maes.

Maes discusses why she sees the millennial generation as more accepting but also more naive.

"I believe younger folks are more accepting of difference, but it is at a personal level and few understand institutional racism. For example, while many youths of color personally experience both the interpersonal and the institutional racism of the police force and

criminal justice system, most White youths do not. Consider the police officers who are brought up on charges of manslaughter or first-degree murder for killing a Black man/woman while making an arrest. How many have been actually been found guilty? And while we protest the horrific acts, what is actually being done? Now, here's

a question you might have, as do I, the youth are protesting, they are still not the ones in positions of power that can actually change policy. Older White folks are still. Are the White youths who are becoming politicized by this register to vote, run for office, and begin the change? Again, this is similar to what occurred during the CRM and look where we are today. So, this remains to be seen.

Maes agrees that there has also been an ethnicity factor in the way people have been treated and categorized.

"One major shift has been a widening of our focus from the Black and White dichotomy to including the experiences of other minority groups: Mexican Americans and Mexican immigrants, Cubans and Puerto Ricans, immigrants from Central and South America, various Asian groups. The one characteristic that unites them all is the color of their skin. The darker their skin, the more likely their experiences are going to be similar to African Americans. Other factors would include class, language, educational level, and skills," said Maes.

One will always have something negative to say, but when it comes to racism, it's never justifiable.



Myia Ray./Courtesy • Winnada



Susie Palmer./Courtesy • Winnada

beauty and amazing humanity in a culture other than their own," said Palmer.

Cheryl Maes, A Sociology professor at the University of Nevada, Reno, knows that there are different aspects of racism.

"My opinion on racism is that it still exists, but as a sociologist, I make a distinction between race prejudice and interpersonal

discrimination (personal/individual racism) and racism which is systemic and embedded in our social institutions (institutional racism). Personal and institutional racism work together reinforcing each other. Racism also intersects with class and colorism so that light-

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Wikipedia shutting down due to lack of funding

Wikipedia has been the primary source for just about every essay, Powerpoint, and assignment that students have to do at Lowry. Wikipedia has required donations from the public to keep the site running for as long as it has but a recent drop in donations means the site does not have the funds to continue running and the site will be officially closed on December 31.

Wikipedia was created in 2001 by founders Jimmy Wales and Larry Sanger.

Wales sent a tweet out on Novem-

ber 2 confirming the bad news.

"It is with deep sorrow that I tell you all that without proper funding we have no choice but to shut down Wikipedia. Thank you all for a fantastic 16 years," said Wales.

Students have had a hard time dealing with the idea that they won't be able to use Wikipedia next month. With due dates for essays and assignments getting closer many teachers made their students start going to the library to prepare them for what it will be like when Wikipedia is gone.

Sophomore Bodi Miller has had a

hard time finding information for his Powerpoint presentation on the Civil War.

"I honestly didn't even know we had a library at Lowry," said Miller. "I didn't really understand how to find specific books so I just looked through the entire library to find the books I needed on the Civil War, but apparently they are sectioned off into different categories and there's a computer that can tell you where books are."

The library, normally a quiet place is now hopping with students

scouring the shelves to find the information and sources they need.



A student accesses information from a book./
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Study shows humans evolving due to excess phone use

One sad but true thing about this world is that all human beings have become addicted to their cell phones. It has become a major priority in a person's everyday life. Although the phones can have a positive impact on life, they have a detrimental side effect that few have noticed until now.

On average human hands and fingers are shrinking and therefore may become too weak to perform common tasks such as opening a door and playing video games. The cause of this is the amount of time spent on phones texting and swiping.

As unbelievable as this seems, scientist Jeff Tade from the Center for Advanced Studies made the discovery.

"Being on your phone and the constant texting along with selfie and picture taking, will make your hands shrink to adjust to the keyboard button and size," said Tade.

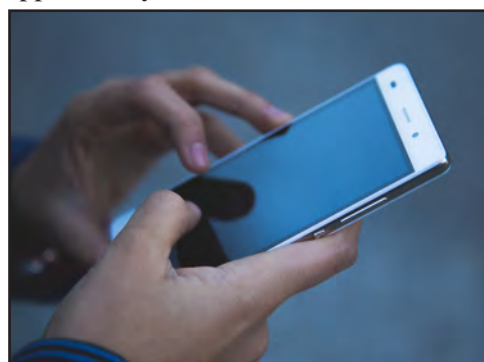
People have become shocked with the results of the phone use but it gets

worse.

Scientist Jeff Tade has also ran some tests and has found out that if the people continue to use their phones at such alarming rates, it will also lead to the brain to shrink.

"We just aren't using our brains as much. Since we require less brain matter, we have noticed a reduction in brain size," said Tade.

Currently there is no known cure other than to put down the cell phone. However, this solution is not been approved by the FDA.



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Redneck club coming soon

The Redneck club will soon be holding their official meetings. This club is being created to bring out another side of the student section that don't necessarily get enough recognition. This club will be a way for more students that have no voice, to get involved in the school.

Club founder, Anthony Barber said this club will include cow tipping, mudding, tractor pulls, hunting rabbits, pig wrestling, an instructional class on how to fix things with duct tape, and making pools in the beds of lifted trucks.

He mentioned that the club will be strictly Rednecks and that camo clothing is preferred.

"This club is for people who love shooting, love the USA, aren't afraid to stand for the flag when it's necessary, and as long as you don't care what people think of about you, you will fit right in," Barber said.

However, the club is struggling to

find a teacher willing to serve as the advisor. Those interested can contact Barber.

According to Barber, the club will have a meeting every month to gather and share tips and events.

They currently have a petition in an attempt to get the school board to allow the rednecks their own parking lot at the high school so that they can drift and race without getting in trouble. If passed, trucks (and Jeeps) will be the only vehicles allowed in the parking lot.

Meetings will be held in the dirt parking lot for anyone interested.



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Bowlers getting ready for state competition

Each Tuesday at the Spare Time Bowling, Lowry's Special Olympic athletes are practicing for the bowling section of the Special Olympics.

Pam Barber is the Area Director and the Head Coach and has been for four years. Shelley Wells is the Assistant Coach and there are peer coaches: Leann Barber, Anthony Barber, Breanna Barber, Kyle Cline, Eli Cunningham, Taylor Gleason, and Mary-Kate Barber.



Aaron Garrison tries to pick up a spare./ Ron Espinola • The Brand

Pam Barber explained what sports the athletes participate in and when they are held.

"Track and Field takes place during the spring, Bowling in the fall, Football takes place in the summer and Basketball in the winter. For each sport we practice for eight to twelve weeks then we compete in Reno at State event," said Pam. "For each state event athletes travel to Reno and stay overnight at the Circus Circus for Basketball, Football and Bowling. For the Track and Field event athletes stay in the UNR dorms. Athletes ride a charter bus to each of the events and dine in restaurants. Athletes will compete for Gold, Silver and Bronze medals. Each event has an opening ceremony and a dance."

The students have been practicing bowling since the last week in October, every Tuesday and Thursday, and are looking forward to the rest of the sports that are yet to come.

According to coach Barber, the practice is paying off for the athletes.

"Bowling practice takes place at Spare Time and athletes participate at no expense to them. They bowl two games a week for practice. Basket-

ball practice takes place in various gyms around town. Last year was our first year participating in the state basketball competition and we won our tournament. Track and Field practice takes place at Lowry High School and the state competition take place in Reno at UNR or Reno High. This year was our first year to participate in Football and we practiced at Highland Park. Next year the athletes will participate in the State Football competition in Reno. Athletes in all sports will compete at the state level with athletes from all over Nevada," she said.

There is also an adult team that they practice with them and most participate in all four sports.

"We have an adult team and a student Special Olympics team. The students can start participating when they are eight years old and can continue to compete through adulthood. We have an athlete that is in their sixties. The majority of the athletes compete in all



Coach Shelley Wells (L) and Frank Quinn (R) take a break from practice./ Ron Espinola • The Brand

four sports," said Pam.

The students will be competing in the bowling section on December 15-16 and according to Wells, they'll be excited whether or not they win.

"The students are just amazing. They definitely show another side of sportsmanship and support that you don't usually see," said Wells.

The student team: Everardo Carrillo, Aaron Garrison, Dillon Maestrejuan, Jordan Benson, Frank Quinn, Hunter Darlington, Mykenzie McMaster, Jackson Cook, Jesse O'Sloan, Tyler Mischell, Paul Marley, Jesse Richardson, Nathan Mischell, and Christopher Bryant.

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WHERE TODAY'S MEDIA MISSED: MALPRACTICE AND CORRUPTION

The media: you either hate them, or you are them, in which case it is quite likely to do both. Any objective opinion in this case is disappearing at an alarming rate. Why is that? It's not even because the depressing news, but rather the people who deliver the news that deter viewers.

The world of professional journalism has built quite the reputation for its unethical practices. People, including our president, even venture to call the media corrupt, and it's getting harder to disagree. Journalism is about reporting the news and not creating it, but much of the media does so on a level of malpractice that is just wrong, and it needs to end now.

Understandably, there comes a point where you do have to at least question why such a poor quality of journalism exists. One should not be able to compare grown adults to immature children, especially not a 15-year old, but the media's behavior bares shocking resemblance to the petty trifles of teenage drama; it's all about popularity. Journalists "act out" for attention, in order to make a name for themselves. Seriously, it's not only hopelessly futile, but childish, unprofessional, and annoying.

It's been a year since the election of president Donald Trump, and he's still all we ever hear about. When I turn on the news, it all just sounds like "Mommy, Trump did this!" and "Mom, Trump did that!" That's great, I know what Trump

did, thank you very much. What I don't know about is what's being done about children starving on the streets or the newest breakthrough in curing cancer. You know, the stuff that actually matters. We never see any of that, but the media seems perfectly content to bash our country's leadership. Then all we ever see is who said what about who, and once again, the media is the center of attention.

For example, CNN's constant coverage of Donald Trump during his presidential campaign. CNN President Jeff Zucker said, "If we made any mistake[s] last year, it's that we probably did put on too many of his campaign rallies in those early months and let them run." He continued, "Listen, because you never knew what he would say, there was an attraction to put those on air."

Along with that attraction comes veiws. Zucker admitted to potentially allowing incorrect coverage to be aired, just to raise CNN's ratings, like it was supposed to make everything okay. In what world does that make it okay?

Media is a very powerful thing, capable of spreading all of the way across the world. While such power can do unfathomable good, it can also do unspeakable damage. Things like bias, spun stories, and fake news, especially in the name of personal gain, are not only entirely inappropriate, and immature, but extremely dangerous and should not be allowed to continue.



THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES OF IGNORANCE

Isn't it baffling how people can name the whole family of the Kardashians but have no clue who their mayor is? It doesn't make sense to me how people expect to have freedom but they don't even know the meaning behind the word.

As Thomas Jefferson once said, "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be."

People are always saying "I plead the fifth" or "I have freedom of speech", but do they really know the Bill of Rights and the meaning of each one? Most do not.

Based on the information collected on a national survey of 1,230 adults conducted by the Annenberg Public Policy Center of the University of Pennsylvania, 15 percent correctly named John Roberts as Chief Justice, while almost twice as many (27 percent) correctly named Randy Jackson as a judge on American Idol.

People don't have to stop following their favorite celebrities or actors, but we should start paying attention to things and issues that actually determine how we live.

Knowing how our country's laws work

predict civic participation and support for protecting our system of government. Based on the results on the survey from the University of Pennsylvania and other examples we see from the people in our community, can be worrisome.

The majority of people live by the moment; one doesn't make plans and doesn't think ahead. Many people are ignorant with their own lives. The human race works fine if you give them food and entertainment and it has been that way for centuries.

Take the Roman Empire for example. They were given the bread and chariot races and gladiatorial games that satisfied their hunger and distracted the mind, allowing emperors to rule as they saw fit. Celebrities are making millions with or without one following them on social media; while one sits behind an \$800 phone screen, following their every move, stressed about school or financial problems. That is just an example to show just how shortsighted we can be.



I had to fire General Flynn because he lied to the Vice President and the FBI. He has pled guilty to those lies. It is a shame because his actions during the transition were lawful. There was nothing to hide!

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WHAT IT MEANS TO BE VEGAN

No meat. No dairy. No eggs. That's veganism for you. It's simply cutting out anything that comes from an animal. Now listen, it's not as bad as it sounds. You may be thinking, "Well then what do you eat?" Definitely not corpses, milk full of pus and hormones. Gross.

Living off a plant based diet is the best thing I could have done for myself. Saving animals, the planet and helping my health are just some of the few reasons why I am vegan. Never in a million years would I have given up some of my favorite foods; or so I thought. But it all just makes sense once you really educate yourself on why people are vegan and the whole aspect of it. Most people hate on the whole thing because they just don't like hearing the truth.

Eating animal products are contributing factors to health issues, including the world's killer, heart disease and cancer. Dairy is nature's perfect food. Well I mean, if you're a calf. How is it that humans think it's normal and healthy to be consuming milk from a whole different species? Gorilla milk is for a baby gorilla. Cat milk is for a kitten. Giraffe milk is for a baby giraffe. Just like cow milk is for a baby cow, not humans. We weren't designed to consume cow milk.

If I am harming an innocent being that isn't necessary for my survival or my health for no other reason than they taste good, I'd rather not participate. "But we're designed to eat meat." The last time I checked, we don't have long sharp claws, pointy teeth, and we do not run after our prey and eat their raw flesh with all that comes with it. A carnivore does. If we are designed to eat meat then why do we only eat it when it has been sanitized, packaged, cooked and seasoned? And why does it increase our risk of diseases?

Yes, our ancestors ate meat for survival, but today we have industries that slaughter the animals for us even though we have plenty of plant based alternatives. Our ancestors didn't purposely breed billions of animals just to kill them and eat them.

"How do you get protein?" Where does the animal you eat get it's protein? Plants. Almost all nutrients and proteins come from plant based foods.

The truth behind the meat and dairy industry is cruel. Because humans desire the milk from a cow, her young is immediately taken away from her and if it is a male, it's slaughtered. If it's a female, she goes through the same pain as the mother. Dairy cows are hooked to machines to be sucked dry which leads to painful infections.

Male chicks are no use for the egg production so they're immediately thrown alive into a grinder. Yum, chicken nuggets. Thousands of hens are crammed into small wire cages, unable to lift a single wing. After being exhausted from laying eggs, they're sent to slaughter, most suffering from broken bones already. But none of this matters since all these unhealthy foods are just so good. But the life of an animal is more important than satisfying my taste buds.

Animal testing is a whole other aspect of animal cruelty as well.

All animals are intelligent and are worth just as much as our own pets at home. A pig is no different than a dog, besides the fact that pigs are actually smarter. All animals should be treated no less than the other.





ON DECK: BASKETBALL AND THE PRESIDENT

NCAA basketball has a big problem right now. On September 29 the U.S. Attorneys' office for the Southern District of New York released information from an FBI investigation that has uncovered mass corruption, bribery, and wire fraud from some of the country's top programs. Louisville is the most notable school implicated in the investigation.

Aside from the big investigation, UCLA's team is facing another problem.

To tip off the basketball season their opening game was held in Shanghai, China. Three members of the team attempted to steal sunglasses from a Louis Vuitton store. Those players were freshmen LiAngelo Ball, Cody Riley, and Jalen Hill.

The three could have faced years in a Chinese prison, but they were released November 15.

President Trump was on an trip to Asia at the time and spoke to the Chinese President about the incident prior to their release.



After their release President Trump sent out a tweet asking for gratitude from the players.

"Do you think the three UCLA Basketball Players will say thank you President Trump? They were headed for 10 years in jail!," Trump tweeted.

The players spoke and did give thanks to Trump and the US government.

Lavar Ball, father of LiAngelo Ball, however, was the opposite of thankful to Trump for stepping in and believes he was not a factor in why his son and the other two players were released.

"Who? What was he over there for? Don't tell me nothin. Everybody wants to make it seem like he helped me out," said Lavar in an interview.

Trump lashed back on Twitter once again following Lavar's statement.

"Now that the three basketball players are out of China and saved from years in jail, LaVar Ball, the father of LiAngelo, is unaccepting of what I did for his son and that shoplifting is no big deal. I should have left them in jail!," Trump tweeted.

The players have been suspended from the team indefinitely. They are not allowed to practice, workout, travel, or dress for home games with the team. Although this is a punishment most would agree the players deserve, the fact that they are suspended indefinitely does not make much sense. A punishment with a set time on how long the players are suspended or if they will ever be allowed back on the team seems to make more sense.

As this is something very rare in college basketball or college sports in general, it will be interesting to see how the situation is resolved.

THINK BEFORE YOU SPEAK

There are many different people in the world who do many different things and have different thoughts and ideas. Something that seems to occur with everyone is judging someone before they know what the situation really is or what it was. It happens every day with celebrities, teachers and even students. This has been happening since the beginning of time because people are so judgemental and quick to be on someone else's case.

Some common situations where this occurs is when students hear certain things about one of their classmates and

soon dislike the person or think of them in a negative way. You should always make sure you know everything about the certain rumors you hear before you think of a person a certain way.

Celebrity Kendall Jenner, early this year, was judged for her Pepsi commercial. The message that Jenner was trying to get across for making this video was unity and peace and understanding, while people took it as widespread protest against the

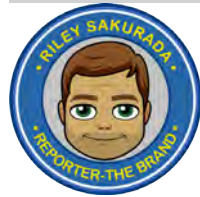
killings of black people by the police. She was judged because she was perceived as using a movement about police brutality to sell soda. Jenner soon had to apologize for the commercial she was in, even though that was not the message she was trying to convey.

Another Example is that some teachers think the work ethic is bad among all students when it's only a small percent of the students who do not do their work.

Before you open your mouth be more informed about the situation.



WHATEVER HAPPENED TO CHRISTMAS SPIRIT



What ever happened to the Christmas Spirit? Kids used to be full of spirit, waiting for Santa to come, waking up to snow on the ground, I could list all of them but the point is kids just don't have Christmas spirit anymore.

When was the last time you seen somebody where a ugly sweater or make hot cocoa over a campfire. All the kids don't even care about snow anymore. When it does snow they sit inside and play on their cell phones or Xboxes.

Many kids should watch "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. It will show the younger generation how it's like not to have Christmas spirit. They will see how Scrooge acts and how he changes and hopefully they will change too. They will be over having no Christmas spirit and be into having fun. They will see that nobody like somebody without Christmas spirit.

If there is no Christmas spirit then Santa Claus won't get his cookies and he will lose weight which will make his fat, warm and comforting belly vanish. Without his belly he is nothing and kids won't see him the same way; and without Santa there is no Christmas.

This holiday season, lets make is a point

to have a lot of spirit and wish everyone a Merry Christmas. Don't be ashamed to throw on all those ugly sweaters on and hang some Christmas lights up. It is the best time of the year so cheer up and have a merry Christmas!



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Wrestling team ready to fight for state; Hosts Cody Louk tournament this weekend

Wrestling is staying competitive and excited for tournaments to start. After all of the morning runs and after school practices the boys are ready. The team is confident about their goals and ready to fight for them. The boys are excited for this season and what it holds for them.

The boys are getting really competitive, when on their morning runs they will race and make it a competition.



Taylor Corak throws down his teammate./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Ryan Johnson and Joe Peterson working hard at practice./Ron Espinola • The Brand

Senior Matthew Souza believes the team is very strong this year and has set his goals on a state championship.

“The team is very Competitive we have 9 Seniors and really strong underclassmen,” said Souza. “I hope to take first in state, and for the team to win state this year. I think our coaches are the best in Nevada and my teammates are all great wrestlers and great friends.”

Souza and the rest of the team are going to fight to get to state, and continue Lowry’s legacy as one of the most successful wrestling programs in the state.

Freshman Kole Mattson is excited for the season to get underway but knows there are things he need to get better at.

“I need to work on getting faster and dropping weight but I am confident and ready for the tournaments,” said Mattson.

Last weekend in Reno



The 2017-18 wrestling team./Courtesy • Winnada

the wrestlers continued winning by beating South Tahoe 49-0, Carson 70-3, Fallon 70-12, Galena, Wells, Carson 51-15, and Dayton 65-8; while the JV team beat Spanish Springs, Wells 42-6, and Wooster 36-33.

This weekend the wrestlers will host the Cody Louk Tournament at the Winnemucca Events Center.

The team: Cade Bell, Cade Billingsley, Isaiah Blanco, Nathen Blanco, Josiah Chapman, Taylor Corak, Bryan Day, Andres Gonzalez, Caleb Hinkle, Seth Hombarger, Ryan Johnson, Anthony Peterson, Joseph Peterson, James Rackley, Matthew Souza, Lance Dove, Brett Ferraro, Kole Mattson, Isaac Mori, and Hunter Mullins.

EVENTS SCHEDULE from nnvd1a.org

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Wrestling: JV and Varsity	12/07/2017	TBA	TBA	Winnemucca Events Complex
Wrestling: Varsity	12/08/2017	TBA	TBA	Winnemucca Events Complex
Basketball: Boys Freshman	12/09/2017	11:30 a.m.	South Tahoe	South Tahoe HS
Basketball: Boys JV	12/09/2017	11:30 a.m.	South Tahoe	Lowry HS
Basketball: Boys Varsity	12/09/2017	2:30 p.m.	South Tahoe	Lowry HS
Basketball: Girls Freshman	12/09/2017	10:00 a.m.	South Tahoe	South Tahoe HS
Basketball: Girls JV	12/09/2017	10:00 a.m.	South Tahoe	Lowry HS
Basketball: Girls Varsity	12/09/2017	1:00 p.m.	South Tahoe	Lowry HS
Wrestling: JV and Varsity	12/09/2017	TBA	TBA	Winnemucca Events Complex
Live Drama	12/13-14/17			Auditorium
Basketball: Boys Freshman	12/15/2017	4:00 p.m.	Sparks	Lowry HS
Basketball: Boys JV	12/15/2017	4:30 p.m.	Sparks	Sparks HS
Basketball: Boys Varsity	12/15/2017	7:30 p.m.	Sparks	Sparks HS
Basketball: Girls JV	12/15/2017	3:00 p.m.	Sparks	Sparks HS
Basketball: Girls Varsity	12/15/2017	6:00 p.m.	Sparks	Sparks HS



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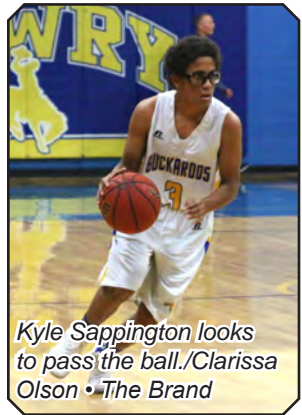
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Buckaroos boys basketball is back

Varsity boys basketball kicked off their season on November 25, with a loss of 63-44 to Reno, and everyone is anxious to see how this year's team is going to turn out. One thing's for sure, this is not going to be the same team we saw last year.



Kyle Sappington looks to pass the ball./Clarissa Olson • The Brand

"We're going to have a lot more experience this year compared to last year. Even

though we're young we've got four guys coming back that were all starters from last year's team," said coach Chad Peters. "We're going to be more patient on offense and we're going to try harder to just throw it into our posts and run our offense through our big guys."

Peters explained how the team plans to be more structured and methodical than they were last year.

"We have some really good post players and some decent guards," Peters said "We're just going to rely on giving the ball to our post players this year and hopefully make teams try to defend us inside the post."

The team already has their sights set on improvement.

"We have got work better on offense

and turnovers," said junior point guard Logan Peters. "In the Reno game we had a lot of turnovers that could have been opportunities for us to score. We're going to try to press more because we have gotten more athletic and crash the boards hard."

This year's team has a lot to be excited for as well.

"I'm excited for this season because of how this team works really hard and they all get along. There's not a lot of outside issues that get in the way of these guys. It's nice to be able to just come to practice and work. They listen really well and we can just change things on the fly. They're very coachable. It makes me very excited to see how far we can make them grow," said



Scottie Smith saves the ball to Dorsey Naveran./Clarissa Olson • The Brand

coach Peters.

The team was back in action on November 30, with a 59-58 win in Carson, and again in Truckee, when they lost 52-46 to Dayton. They closed out the weekend with a win over Silver Stage 63-49. Their next game is on December 5, against Dayton.



Freshmen open season with win over 4A opponent

The freshman boys opened their season with a win over the Reno Huskies and new coach Jacob Evans believes there's a lot of potential in his team.

"I like what I've seen from the kids so far," said Evans. "They've been coached right for the last few years so I definitely have to give a shout out to their middle school coaches; they've done a good job."

Sam Roth was happy to make the team.

"I feel very excited to be a part of the Lowry basketball program. I hope that my team and I will get better and better as the season goes on," said Roth.

Shooting guard, Jacob Solis, also stated that he had some hopes for this year's team.

"I hope we don't lose any games this year, and that we grow as a team and become better than we were

when we started the season," said Solis.

Coach Evans told us he has some plans for this year's team.

"I want to put an emphasis on defense and conditioning. I can guarantee we will be working those hard," said Evans.

Evans would like to see growth from the players, as well as characteristic traits.

"I look forward to seeing growth from the players. I believe sports can have an immense impact on kids. Especially getting them to work on ambition and stuff like that because it can transfer to real life," said Evans.

The first game of the season was against Reno High on November 25, in which the Bucks won 44-35.

Sam Roth was pleased with the outcome of the first

game.

"There's definitely things to work on. Our team played well and I can tell it is going to be a good season."

The Bucks are off to a good start this season, and the players have good potential this year.

The team: Joseph Backus, Rian Delong, Daniel Fernandez, Anthony Gildone, Anthony Hemp, Sean Herrera, Alberto Medina, Robert Rangel, Samuel Roth, Alexander Ruiz, and Jacob Solis.



Anthony Hemp dribbles the ball with Robert Rangel in the background./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Hard work pays off with win for JV Bucks

This year's basketball season is right ahead and coach Grant Beatty is hoping for another successful season.

"It's the same thing every year. We just try to find the best twelve players that are going to work together and build a team," said Beatty.

This year the team is going to focus on defense, boxing out, rebounding and most importantly, playing hard.

"I believe that we will do pretty well this season. We all have been playing with each other since we were little so we have some good chemistry," said Diego Villa.

The Bucks opened with a loss to Reno because of miscues.

"Towards the end of the game it dropped off because we started making small mistakes," said Taz Milton.

In spite of the hard work, Derek Espinoza is ready for the season.

"We are still building our team chemistry and getting used to playing with each other again after being split last year," said Espinoza. "But once we

get the hang of it, we will do good. I believe we have the right athletes on the team that we need to have a successful season. On top of it all, it's great to be playing together again and I can't wait to see what the season holds for us."

Last weekend their practice paid off with a 50-36 over the Longhorns.



Brooks Bergenheier tries to drive by Max Mavity./Peyton Capellen • The Brand



Josh Levielle put ups a jump shot./Peyton Capellen • The Brand



ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE: KEPA BENGOCHEA

After four years of hard work and dedication on the court, volleyball and basketball player, Kepa Bengochea wraps up her final year of high school sports this winter.

This athlete started sports at a young age. Kepa first started city league basketball in third grade. Her dad coached her on a travel team for 3-4 years before Junior High basketball. Also before Junior High volleyball, Kepa already had experience with the sport since she joined a club volleyball team in fourth grade. Kepa also played AYSO soccer for two years.

Even though Kepa did experience other sports, she ended up focusing on volleyball and basketball.

"My dad really pushed me into the game of basketball. He definitely pointed me into that direction and I ended up loving it. I've always just loved volley-

ball. I always liked watching it as a kid and that's why I started so young and joined the club team," said Bengochea.

Out of the two, Kepa's favorite is definitely volleyball.

"I am most confident in it and it's my favorite thing to do," she said.

Bengochea is confident in most of the choices she has made during her athletic career.

"I've definitely made the right decisions in my volleyball career. I wish I could have played more basketball and got more experience because I'm not as confident with it as I am with volleyball. But I have volleyball so I don't necessarily need basketball," she said.

In volleyball, Kepa is the libero.

"I am either left back or middle back so I'm typically digging the most balls. I can go in for the middle hitters at any given point. Our middle hitters which are our tallest people on the

floor, are not as quick as I am because they are so tall so that's why I am in the back row for either one of them at all times," said Bengochea.

Both of her parents are Lowry graduates and were accomplished high school athletes.

"I've watched some tapes of him playing and he always worked really hard in basketball and baseball," she said.

Her mom played volleyball for one year and basketball for four years. While her dad played college baseball at Treasure Valley Community College.

Although every athlete has memories, Kepa's favorites occurred recently.

"My proudest accomplishment was definitely winning regionals for volleyball. My fondest memory will probably be winning

zone. I'll remember our student section. That was incredible. There was so much school spirit. You could just see the whole community come together just to support one team. It was a really cool feeling," said Bengochea.

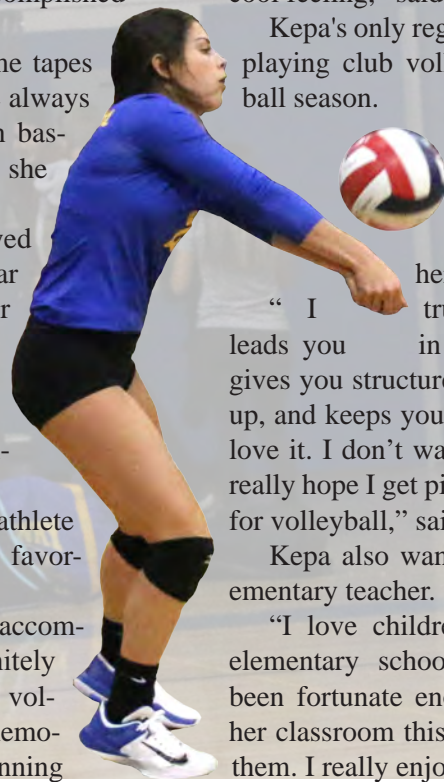
Kepa's only regret with sports is not playing club volleyball after volleyball season.

Once Kepa graduates high school, she wants to continue playing her favorite sport.

"I truly think that sports leads you in the right direction, gives you structure, keeps your grades up, and keeps you in shape. And I just love it. I don't want to stop playing. I really hope I get picked up by a college for volleyball," said Bengochea.

Kepa also wants to become an elementary teacher.

"I love children. My mom is an elementary school teacher and I've been fortunate enough to help her in her classroom this year and be around them. I really enjoyed it," she said.



ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE: MATTHEW SOUZA

Senior Matthew Souza has been ripping it up on the football field this year. He excels in both football and wrestling. He plays wide receiver, cornerback, and defensive back. This football season Souza racked up 28 solo tackles, 1 interception, 2 fumble recoveries, and 265 all purpose yards. Souza also placed fourth at the state wrestling tournament last year.

Although Souza enjoys both sports he has played longer and it is his favorite.

"My favorite sport is football. I started playing football when I was eight," said Matthew. "I played for a Pop Warner team in Vegas. I started wrestling my freshman year of high school."

Matthew's role model is assistant wrestling coach Tim Grady.

"My role model is Mr. Grady, he is a great guy," Matthew said.

This summer Souza attended a

football camp at Eastern Oregon University. After the coaches saw what he could do they offered him a scholarship to play football at the school next year.

"I am very excited to play at EOU next year and am thankful for the opportunity," Matthew said.

Besides from Mr. Grady there a few other coaches that have helped Souza become the athlete he is.

"I would like to recognize coach [Taua] Cabatbat, and coach [John] Brooks, they are great coaches and great people," said Matthew.

Offensive coordinator Tyrell Lucas has seen Matthew grow and excel over the past year.

"Over the past few years Matt has grown tremendously, he went from being a competitive player that started leading by example on the field. There is no quit in him, he always competes and his senior year of football was a true testament to his hard work on the field," said Lucas. "He was one of the most dominate players in our league, he was a great crunch time player when we needed a spark he

usually delivered a big play for us. It has been a pleasure coaching and getting to know him, and I look forward to seeing how he continues to compete in his future endeavors."

Matthew will miss spending time with his friends and teammates.

"I will miss all the great times I made with my friends and teammates," said Matthew.

Although Souza has made many sports memories over the years his favorite was last year at the state wrestling tournament.

"My favorite memory in sports was at state last year when I beat a kid I had not beat all year," Matthew said.

Matthew is originally from Las Vegas and moved to Winnemucca in the eighth grade.

"I'm very happy I moved from Vegas because of all the great friends I've made here in Winnemucca," said Matthew. "I think leaving Vegas made it easier for me in sports because there were so many great athletes down there who could go to the next level."



"I will miss all the great times I made with my friends and teammates."
~Matthew Souza

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Lady Bucks tip off with trip to Reno tournament

The girls varsity basketball opened its season last weekend in Reno. They will be faced three teams in a span of three days, all from higher divisions. The girls have a promising year ahead of them after coming off a second place finish in the state tournament last year.

Coach Chelsea Cabatbat is looking forward to this new season.

"Of course we have the state game last year in our mind. That's in the back of our head and that's really what's motivating us this year. We've got to make sure that we continue to play great defense we've got to rebound better and offensively we've got to find better ways to score," said Cabatbat.

Cabatbat made it

clear that she would like to beat last year's rival Fallon, who they lost to at last year's state tournament.

The girls went to Reno for the Winter Classic. Before the tournament they played North Valleys in a non-conference game. North Valleys will be coming down to our league next year so Cabatbat thinks it will be "a good test" for them.

Lowry played well and kicked off the season with several wins. The Lady Bucks beat North Valleys 58-12, dropped 4A opponent Galena 46-31, before losing 54-43 to Rodriguez (CA) and closing out the weekend with a 58-52 win over Spanish Springs.

Senior point guard Alyssa Kuskie said they have been working on both offense and defense in practice.

"We put everything in all of our offense and defense just to start getting ready for the whole year," said Kuskie.

Senior, small forward Shelby Garrison believes playing hard and working together will be the keys to success this season.



Rebecca Kuskie (L) and Victoria Torado (R) try to stop Shelby Garrison (C)./Ron Espinola • The Brand

"I think the main thing that we will have to do is continue to play all together as a team. I think it's important that all of us work hard so that we have 13 players that all have the potential to beat any team in the league," said Garrison.

Lowry vs. Spanish Springs The team: Kepa Bengochea, Alyssa Kuskie, Rebecca Kuskie, Hailey Fernandez, Julisa Garcia, Shelby Garrison, Sydney Connors, Heather Hall, Kylee Sappington, Rachel Garrison, Sierra Maestresjuan, Brooke Hansen, and Victoria Tirado.



Julisa Garcia tries to dribble by Kepa Bengochea./Ron Espinola • The Brand



JV Bucks ready with experienced squad

The Lady Bucks are getting ready to kick off a new season hoping to improve from last year. With new freshman coming in, the JV squad has the opportunity to make this season great.

The girls have had the best turnout they have had in years.

"Tryouts went well, we had the best turnout we have had for a while," said coach Amy Jenkins. With two juniors to lead this year's team, Jenkins thinks the team will be successful.

"I think we will be OK, I have two juniors that played for me last year. I am expecting them to be

leaders," said Jenkins.

They also have seven sophomores that have some experience from last year.

"We have seven sophomores that played freshman last year, I am expecting great things from them this year," said Jenkins.

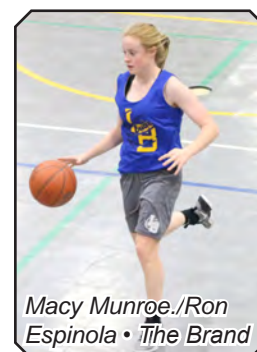
The season is on the right track for the Lady Bucks. Practices are going well and junior guard Macy Munroe feel really good about the season.

"So far I think that the season is going well and I can't wait to see how the rest of the season will go," said Munroe.

As one of two juniors on JV, Munroe plans on en-



Freshman Macy Delong going in for a layup./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Macy Munroe./Ron Espinola • The Brand

couraging the team throughout the season. She hopes to take control of the court when she plays and pick everyone up.

"I will be positive and keep the team motivated at all times," said Munroe.

The Lady Bucks will host South Tahoe on Saturday, December 9 at 10 a.m.



Girls freshman basketball open with a win

The girls freshman basketball team is ready for the season. The team won their first game against Churchill county on November 29.

The team is confident and ready.

"I personally think my team and I will do good this season," said Shantel Bernal.

Bernal is keeping her hopes high and a good competitive spirit. Bernal's goal for this season will take work but the team will fight to achieve it.

"I hope the freshman team will be undefeated this year," said Bernal

The practices are staying on track and helping everyone with their skills. During practice they make sure to work on shooting, ball handling, offense and defense drills.

"Practices are going pretty good, Mr. Renteria is a good coach and helping us learn stuff that we might have not known," said Bernal.

According to post Kayla Lininger, that practice is paying off already

"We all have been working hard at practice to win our first game. All the hard work showed during the game. Everyone did amazing and played hard. We won our first game," said Lininger.

Lininger added, "We did very well. We won our first game. We all made our shots and had lots of rebounds. Every-

one worked very hard. It wasn't perfect but we will get there."

The team: Kinsey Albisu, Shantel Bernal, Lauren Fentress, Alexis Gomez, Jordan Hornbarger, Kayla Lininger, Lesley Martinez, Mackenzie Salas-Begay, Shanae Smith, Delanie Thompson, and Kayleen Urain.



Kayla Lininger dribbling the ball down the court./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Alexis Gomez and Kayleen Urain practicing ball handling./Ron Espinola • The Brand



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5. Worst fear? Being late.
6. Favorite holiday? St. Patrick's Day.
7. Favorite movie? "Radio".
8. Favorite food? Whatever I have in my office.

Answers on page 15



Mr. Ray Parks

1. Eye color? Probably blue.
2. Middle name? Michael, I think.
3. Birthday? I dunno.
4. Coke or Pepsi? He only drinks tea.
5. Worst fear? Flunking out of Grand Canyon college.
6. Favorite holiday? St. Patrick's Day.
7. Favorite movie? "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest".
8. Favorite food? Bangers & mash (Irish food).



What are the best gifts to buy this holiday season?

What are the best gifts to buy this holiday season? From survival grenades to the latest tech, no matter the age we are going to show you the best gifts this season. There are many presents are out there but these ones are all unique and are perfect for whoever you are buying a gift for.

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The new iPhone X./
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Dos and Don'ts: Winter break

Do leave cookies for Santa (you can eat them when he doesn't come).

Don't venture outdoors.

Unless to go sledding. Then do.

Don't be merry. Bah Humbug.

Do eat a lot of food. Tis the season for a winter body.

Don't stand and wait under the mistletoe. No one wants to kiss you.

Do treat yo self.

But don't shop only for yourself.

Don't eat yellow

snow.

I feel that this goes unsaid, but don't wear Christmas sweaters.

Do watch "A Christmas Story".

You gotta.

Don't do your homework over break.

There's much better ways to spend your time.

Do decorate.

But minimal effort decoration.

Do buy gag gifts for your friends.

Don't go too crazy on New Years. You have school January 2.



Drama returns with skits from 'SNL'

Lowry's theatre class's latest production, "Live from Lowry High" is coming up in December. It promises to be a great addition to your holiday season.

"'Live at Lowry High' is a lot of skits from Saturday Night Live. I know a lot of people will like that because it's a lot of interesting characters like Jimmy Fallon and Seth Rogan." said actor Mateo Hernandez. "It really ties into the more modern politics and the way we see Christmas."

"I expect our Christmas program 'Live from Lowry High' will be full of surprises, laughter, and great

holiday cheer," Drama teacher Mrs. Corrine James said. "The audience will enjoy sitting back and relaxing during the stressful holiday season and having a laugh or two."

Actor Victor Rosas said "The audience can be excited for the laughs. It's pretty funny because of all of the stuff from Saturday Night Live."

Drama started off the school year with their production of Beowulf, which is on Old-English literary work. With it's talk show nature, 'Live at Lowry High' couldn't be more different.

"I am very excited about the production. We have

some great skits, singing and dancing," said James. "This is completely different than Beowulf."

"There's always a hidden meaning behind all of our plays. This one is more about Christmas than everything else." Hernandez said.

"Live from Lowry High" will show on the 13 and 14 of December at 7 p.m. Seating opens at 6:30 p.m., and admission is \$5 for adults, and \$3 for students.



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Performer of the Issue: Kyron Williams



Kyron Williams with his Baritone Saxophone./Ale Ibarra • The Brand

Being nominated as Performer of the Issue sheds light on those who have worked their way up to be acknowledged in a positive way. Music Director, Paul Criddle, has chosen Kyron Williams as Performer of the Issue.

According to Criddle, Williams has made positive contributions to both the Swing Choir and the Band who is par-

ticipating in his fourth year for band.

"This is his first year in the Swing Choir and he sang his first solo during our last concert and for several performances in addition to that [Senior Citizens Center and the Interfaith Potluck Dinner]," said Criddle.

Williams never thought about trying music until his mom told him it would be a good idea and pushed him to try something new.

"My mother, she said it would be fun, so I decided to try it. I enjoyed making music for others to enjoy. I started in middle school playing the alto saxophone in the band there," said Williams.

Criddle has seen great effort and determination from Williams throughout the years.

"In band he switched from the alto saxophone to the baritone saxophone to help balance out our instrumentation and has become an excellent baritone saxophonist. His work ethic and positive mental at-

titude make him a very important part of the music department," said Criddle.

Williams admits he didn't think about joining Swing Choir before he learned about Criddle's lack of people last year.

"Several graduated last year and a few people told me that I had a decent voice so I thought I would try out. It sounded fun too, and new experiences never hurt anyway," said Williams.

If it hadn't been for his mom, Williams wouldn't have had these memories to take with him before he graduates.

"My favorite experiences include all of the band trips to festivals, and so far in swing choir, performing at the senior center for Thanksgiving was cool because I think we made the day for all of the people who attended. I've made lifelong friends, had experiences most people will likely never have, and I've gained some skills that allow me to make mu-



Students prepare for state art competition

Several Advanced Art students recently completed and submitted their work to a statewide competition.

Colton De La Mora submitted a colored pencil piece to the competi-

tion.

"I did realistic images with colored pencils so I did super heros. I colored Spider Man, Deadpool and The Flash. I used all the shadows and everything that I have learned in art and incorporated it with the colored pencils," said

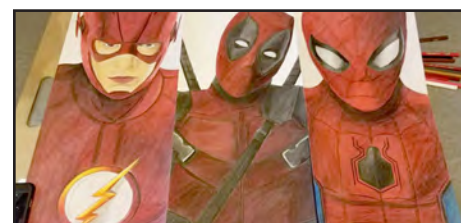
De La Mora.

Art teacher and club advisor Julia Topholm explained the process for the entries.

"It's a state wide competition that you compete at the Nevada level first all of our advanced students are going to compete. There are 24 students who are going to be entering pieces. A few will be entering portfolios. We're hoping that we'll have some more winner like last year placing in the top three levels which are Gold Key, Silver Key and Honorable Mention. If the student does get placed in the gold key that means their pieces will be taken to Reno and displayed," said Topholm.



Maricela Ruiz displays her work for the competition./Natalia Navarrete • The Brand



Colton De La Mora's submission./Courtesy • Facebook

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Holiday traditions

According to Lowry High students, Christmas is celebrated in different ways with different traditions within families. Some families get together on Christmas Eve and have their dinner that night while others get together with family members and have dinner Christmas day. Also, not everyone eats the same foods for their special dinner.

"So what my family does is we celebrate Christmas Eve with my dad's family then on Christmas day I spend the day with my five family members and open presents,"

said sophomore Anayeli Huerta. "The dinner we eat is usually the food we eat on Thanksgiving and we have dinner both days."

Sophomore Frankie Baumeister stays home and opens presents on Christmas Eve.

"We eat our special dinner on Christmas day and we go over to my aunt's house and spend time with family," said Frankie.

"On Christmas Eve we go to my grandmas house. We have a dinner and a gift exchange. On the 25th we open presents and I spend the day with my family," said sophomore Lucy Diaz.



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What to watch:

It's the most wonderful time of the year and what better way to spend it than curled up in the couch with some hot cocoa and watching Christmas movies.

You can watch anything from "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" to "The Polar Express".

Dr. Seuss's "How the Grinch stole Christmas" was first made in 1966 and narrated by Boris Karloff was immediately a big hit. It was remade into a full-length film in 2000 with Jim Carrey playing the Grinch. The story takes place in Whoville and has a heartwarming ending. The Grinch, the town's most feared villain, runs into Cindy Lou Who and learns what Christmas is really about.

Another classic to watch is "A Christmas Carol." A beautiful sto-

ry about a old man who's never in a jolly Christmas mood, but soon is visited by three ghosts; ghosts of Christmas past, future, and present. It really makes you think of how you act around Christmas time.

Christmas isn't Christmas without out music, and the perfect musical that never gets old is Tim Burton's "The Nightmare Before Christmas." With lots of fun characters and songs which make you want to sing along, all tied into an act that was meant to be nice.

Although Nightmare premiered in 1993, the graphics are still pretty good. Jack the skeleton was not satisfied with just Halloween and looked for more. On one of

his walks through the woods he comes across a couple holiday trees. Jack, being a curious pumpkin, falls into the Christmas tree only to find a joyful holiday he also would like part in.



Jim Carrey as the Grinch./Courtesy • facebook.com/HowTheGrinchStoleChristmas



Letter to Santa

Dear Santa,

Christmas is right around the corner and it would be real nice for you to get me some gifts since my life is basically going down hill. I'm hoping you can help with that. I really need Tarte Shape Tape concealer to hide the fact that I do not sleep and so I can actually look some what alive at school. While you're at it, just bring another 10 lbs of makeup to cover all my insecurities.

Now listen, I love my dog and all but she is psycho. She barks at every single little thing and attacks me for no reason. I honestly think she's bipolar. So be generous, and bring me a cute puppy that will love me.



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I'm running low on my heads of lettuce, so bring me a life supply of those. Because according to others, that's all I can eat.

This next one is surprisingly not for me.

It's for my dear cousin Celest

Castellanos. Her socks never match. I don't think they've ever have. It's pretty sad so make sure to bring her some pairs so she can stop wearing a Spongebob sock paired with a Halloween sock on the daily.

Do us all a favor and get us a new President.

Lastly, give me a will to live. Or at least some motivation. Now, I hope this isn't too much to ask for. I'm really counting on you to come in clutch this Christmas, Santa.

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Lowry Voices:

What are you most excited to do over the holidays?



"I am looking forward to seeing my family, because it the one time of year everyone is together."

Ridge Ricketts

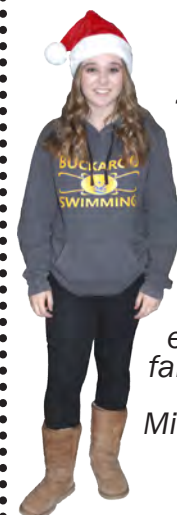


"I am looking forward to go to Mexico for Christmas, because I'm going to be in warm weather."

Melanie Magana

"My sister is getting married, so I get to go to her wedding, I'm also excited to sit with my family and celebrate Christmas with my loved ones."

Mara Stevenson



"I am excited to watch Netflix, drink hot chocolate under a warm fuzzy blanket, and open up all the presents with my family."

Mikayla Wright



Lowry, your spirit is showing

It's that time of year folks; the holiday season. Around Lowry, there's several events to get students into the holiday spirit. The leadership students, as well as Mrs. Tanya Grady and Ms. Julia Topholm, are heading up the annual food drive. This years will take place December 11-13 with class boxes placed by the main office.

"We're making the food drive this year a class competition for class points. Every year, we donate the food collected to our local food bank which is then put into family baskets for those in need in our community," said Topholm.

Mrs. Alexis Mattson and the junior class are sponsoring the Angel Tree again this year. Last year, over 75 gifts

were given to those in need. This is a very important event, as it helps those less fortunate in the community; even some of the students at Lowry. The tree was set up in the main office where anyone who wanted to grab a tag was more than welcome.

All of the music students perform an annual Christmas concert, this year's taking place on December 12 in the Old Gym at 6 p.m. Lowry's band, both choirs, and basic guitar will display their talents. Last year, the turnout was great; all of the bleachers were full of support. The music program hopes to see that amount of encouragement again this year. The senior class is also putting on the annual blood drive, for those who are able and willing to donate. It takes place



Mrs. Alexis Mattson and class officers stand with the Angel Tree./Ron Espinola • The Brand

on December 19, in the New Gym from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Seniors can sign up by talking to Seth Duncan or the nurse, or even volunteer to check people in.

Buckaroo Round Up



Demian Victoria

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

"Super speed so that I can run away from my problems."

Who is your favorite superhero?

"Green Lantern because he doesn't have a dad either."

Who is your idol?

"Hannah Roberts because she gets things done."

Who or what has had the biggest influence on your life?

"My sister because she helped me through a lot of my problems."

What is your favorite holiday tradition?

"When my aunt makes tamales."

What is your favorite class?

"Forensics because Mrs. Mattson is the bomb."

What's your favorite time of the year?

"Fall, I don't have to show my body because it's so cold."

What's your favorite song?

"Indian Outlaw because it brings back good memories."

What is your favorite holiday movie?

"Home Alone because I grew up on that movie."

What do you want for Christmas?

"Probably my dad because I haven't seen that guy in years."

What is your favorite food to eat on the holidays?

"Tamales."



Hannah Roberts

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

"Shapeshifting so I can be whatever I want."

Who is your favorite superhero?

"Deadpool, he is super funny."

Who is your idol?

"Demian Victoria because he is super funny and smart."

Who or what has had the biggest influence on your life?

"My sister, even though she wants to strangle me she helps me."

What is your favorite holiday tradition?

"Drinking a lot of sparkling cider and winning all the card games."

What is your favorite class?

"Graphic Design."

What's your favorite time of the year?

"Fall, the leaves change color and it starts to get cold."

What's your favorite song?

"Friendly Fire."

What is your favorite holiday movie?

"A Christmas Story."

What do you want for Christmas?

"I really want a puppy."

What is your favorite food to eat on the holidays?

"Sugar cookies."

How do you show your Christmas spirit?

"I have some sick fuzzy socks."

Do you believe in Santa Claus?

"Uhh yeah, who else eats the cookies?"



Julia Laird

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

"Teleportation because I get really distracted when I drive and it would be safer for everyone."

Who is your favorite superhero?

"Ironman, his only power is that he is smart."

Who is your idol?

"My dad because he has enough patience to put up with my mom and me."

Who or what has had the biggest influence on your life?

"When my dad moved to Canada for his job last summer really impacted on me."

What is your favorite holiday tradition?

"Decoration the Christmas tree because all the presents get to go under the tree when we are done decorating it."

What is your favorite class?

"I would have to say weights is my favorite class."

What's your favorite time of the year?

"Fall because all the leaves change color, I get another hour of daylight and I really like the colors of fall."

What's your favorite song?

"I don't have a favorite. How could I choose a favorite song when there are so many of great songs out there?"

What is your favorite holiday movie?

"Gremlins" is my favorite movie because it's kinda scary."

