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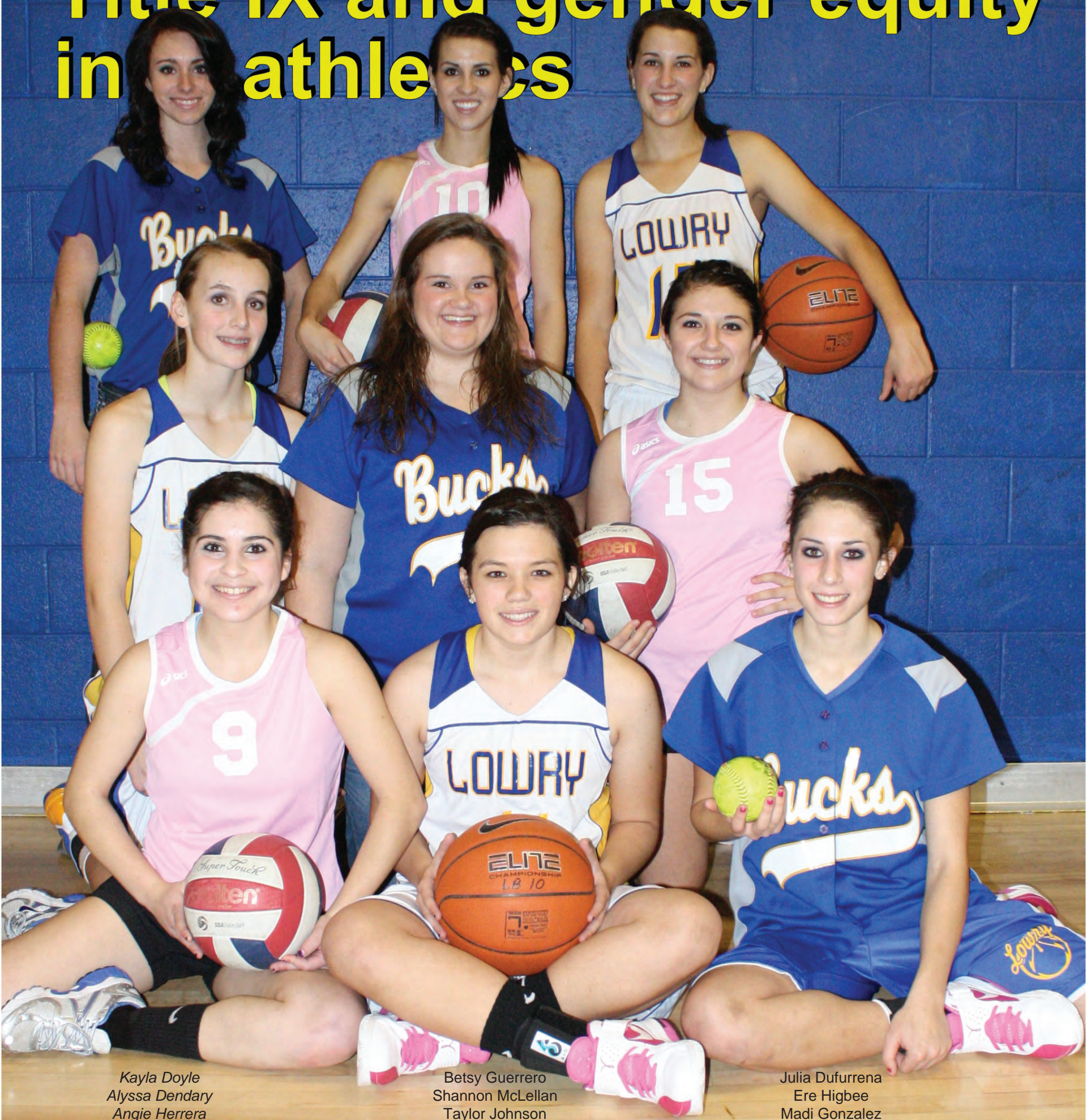
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Title IX: Where would she be without it?

By Brandon Eastman

Although some people may not even know what Title IX is, in the eyes of some of those that do know what it is; it shouldn't even exist.

According to senior Melanie Vance, "Male and female student-athletes should not be used as a statistic in order to make the lawmakers happy."



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Title IX is a law that was passed in 1972 that would require gender equality in all educational areas that would receive federal funding. The law applies to ten different areas of education, including: higher education, career education, education for pregnant and parenting students, employment, learning environment, math and science, sexual harassment, standardized testing, technology, and athletics. In order to be in compliance with Title IX, your school must meet three criteria: 1) The institution's ratio of male students to female students is similar to male athletes to female athletes (the proportionality test), 2) The institution shows a "history and continuing practice" of expanding women's athletic opportunities, and 3) The institution shows that it has "fully and effectively" met the athletic abilities and interests of women.

"There should definitely be equality," said Lowry graduate Nikki Bengochea.



JV volleyball players./Brandon Eastman • The Brand

Before this law was passed only one out of twenty-seven girls played a sport. The primary physical activity for girls was cheerleading and square-dancing, and girls could not receive scholarships to play collegiate athletics. This was simply because: 1) Girls did not

participate in sports as much as boys; and 2) It was not a requirement, at the time, to provide equal opportunities for women. The problem is that proportionality is the only "safe-harbor" standard to avoid further investigation by the Office of Civil Rights. (www.examiner.com)

At Lowry, 41% of the student population plays at least one sport, although, many of these student-athletes participate in multiple sports. This is approximately 370 student-athletes at Lowry. Of those 370 athletes, approximately 53% of them are boys, while 47% of them are girls. If you include football and wrestling as sports in which girls are allowed to participate, then Lowry does offer equal opportunities. Lowry offers seven girls sports (basketball, cross country, golf, soccer, softball, track and field, and volleyball) and eight boys sports (baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, track and field, and wrestling). The major problem with Title IX is that, in some schools such as Lowry, girls are allowed to wrestle and play football, but the boys are not allowed to participate in any of the girls sports... Are we really in compliance with the law?

"Technically, girls are allowed to wrestle and play football, but I don't think they really count as part of Title IX," said Bengochea.

Since Title IX was passed nearly forty years ago, opportunities for women have increased dramatically at all different levels of competition, ranging from high school sports to the Olympics. High schools have opened up more opportunities for girls to participate in sports, and new women's professional leagues have developed in the United States allowing female athletes to continue their activities. Leagues such as the Women's National Basketball Association (WNBA) and the National Pro Fastpitch (NPF) have provided women in the U.S. with opportunities equal to their male counterparts.

Two sports, however, that have not made a breakthrough in including females are: wrestling and football. Participation

"...student-athletes should not be used as a statistic..."
~Melanie Vance



Janet Quilici (34) puts up a shot in 1986./Courtesy • Winnada

in these two sports by females is very rare, if at all, which is why these two sports should not count as creating, 'equal opportunity'. You could also include girl's high school volleyball, in which boys are not allowed to compete.

"I still think that a lot of girls still just aren't taking advantage of the opportunities available to them," said Vance. "You see a lot of the same girls playing all the sports, while for the boys you see a variety of people."

"I don't think it should even be a law. It should be based on participation," said senior Taylor Johnson. "If one gender isn't going to participate, then why


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FACTS

- *41% of the students at Lowry are also athletes.
- *53% of athletes at Lowry are boys.
- *47% of athletes at Lowry are girls.
- *Before Title IX, only 1 out of 27 girls played a sport.
- *2.9 million high school girl athletes vs. 4.2 million high school boy athletes.
- *205,000 female collegiate athletes vs. 290,000 males collegiate athletes.



Carli Evatz works the Lady Bucks offense • Courtesy of Winnada



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2011 news in review

By Justin Albright

The year 2011 was without a doubt a very interesting year. There were many tragedies and many successes for not only the United States, but for the world. Here are the top news stories of the year.



Hamid Mir interviewing Osama bin Laden for Daily Pakistan in 1997. Behind them on the wall is an AKS-74U carbine./Courtesy • Hamid Mir

The death of Osama Bin Laden. Bin Laden was the biggest terrorist threat in the world and on May 1, seal team six snuck into his compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan and not only killed Bin Laden, but killed everyone in the compound. Bin Laden was disposed of somewhere in the ocean to make sure that al Qaeda couldn't receive the body. The death of Bin Laden definitely helped everyone in the world sleep a little bit better at night. Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/>

The Japan earthquake. On March 11, Japan was hit with a 9.0 earthquake and tsunami that affected everyone. 15,828 people were killed by this earthquake which was easily one of the biggest tragedies in Japan history. To make matters worse, the earthquake caused Japan's nuclear reactors to explode causing multiple evacuations due to the threat of radiation in the area. Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/>



A tug boat lies in a residential neighborhood three-quarters-of-a-mile from the ocean following an 8.9-magnitude earthquake, which triggered a devastating tsunami through this Japanese coastal city./Courtesy • U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Matthew M. Bradley/Released)



Chief Yeoman Mike Shea, assigned to the Virginia-class attack submarine USS Missouri, helps a crane operator move a wrecked vehicle during tornado clean-up efforts in Joplin, Mo./ Courtesy • U.S. Navy photo by Lt. j.g. Ryan Sullivan/Released

The Joplin tornado. On June 23, Joplin, Missouri was hit by an EF5 tornado causing mass destruction. The tornado that hit Joplin was recorded as the eighth worst tornado in US history, the tornado caused 122 deaths and 750 injuries, the tornado caused damage to the hospital which made it hard for doctors to attend to their patients. The tornado's winds reached an astonishing 200 mph virtually destroying everything in its path. Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/>

The Casey Anthony case. On July 5, Casey Anthony was found not guilty on charges of killing her daughter, three year old Caylee Anthony. This trial became world news as Casey Anthony was found partying as her daughter was reported missing. Many people believed that Anthony had murdered her daughter which is why many people were furious when the jury found her not guilty. Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/>

President Obama calls for US troops to leave Iraq. On October 21, President Obama called a withdrawal for US troops to leave Iraq, ending a nine year war. There has been 4,400 US deaths in this war, and this announcement pleases many people who have family members in the war. Source: <http://www.newenglandpost.com/>

The shooting in Arizona. On January 8, Tucson, Arizona experienced a terrible tragedy as a gunman opened fire on 19 people in a supermarket, fatally killing six people. US representative Gabrielle Giffords was one of the innocent people shot. Giffords was sadly shot in the head but miraculously survived the shooting. Perhaps the most upsetting story of this was that an innocent nine year old girl was caught in the line of fire, dying at a very young age. Source: <http://www.csmonitor.com/>



Official portrait of United States Representative Gabrielle Giffords./Courtesy • United States Congress

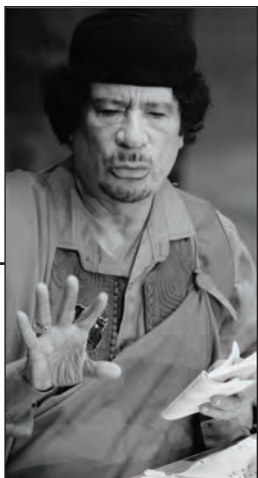
US missile strike kills Illyas Kashmiri. Illyas was the top al Qaeda leader as the United States took out two major opponents in the fight against terrorism. Kashmiri was a major threat in terrorism and this death helps out against this on-going battle. Source: <http://www.huffingtonpost.com/>

The I-Hop Massacre. On September 6, a gunman entered an I-Hop in Carson City and opened fire. Eight people were injured and four people were killed in the shooting. Nothing like this has ever happened in Carson City and it was a shock to all Nevadans. The four people that were killed were in the army, which led to the National Guard to assist in the investigation. The gunman ended up killing himself on sight so the police were unable to arrest him and find out his motive. Source: <http://www.lahontanvalleynews.com/>

The Nevada Air Race tragedy. On September 16, an airplane flew into a grandstand at the Reno Air Races injuring and killing multiple people. The Pilot, Jimmy Leeward, was also killed in the crash that devastated the state of Nevada. An investigation into the crash determined that a mechanical failure caused the devastating wreck. Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/>

The Caughlin Fire. On November 18, a fire started in the middle of the night in southwest Reno in the middle of the night. The fire burned a total of 1,935 acres and fortunately, there was only one death. That death was a man that tried to save his neighbors, but he suffered a fatal heart attack. Families were evacuated to local high schools because of the threat to their homes. Source: <http://reno.gov/>

The death of Muammar Gaddafi. On October 20, Muammar Gaddafi was killed in Libya. Gaddafi has been a dictator in Libya since 1969 and was hated by many. Gaddafi started many wars and introduced nuclear weapons to Libya. The United Nations continuously put sanctions on Gaddafi but he didn't care. Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/>



Moammar Gadhafi addresses the United Nations General Assembly in New York City in September 2009. Gadhafi was killed by Libyan revolutionary forces Oct 20./MEHDI TAAMALLAH-ABACA PRESS/MCT

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Title IX continued

FACTS

*Female college athletes receive \$148 million less in athletic scholarships.
*Female participation in sports has increased by 456% at the collegiate level and 904% in high schools since the passage of Title IX.
*Title IX does NOT require equal spending on men's and women's programs.

give them the opportunities if they aren't going to take advantage of it?"
"If someone really wanted to play a sport that wasn't offered, they would go somewhere else," said senior Julia Dufurrena.

If they are going to participate,

though, then the opportunities need to be made available to them.
In the almost 40 years since the ratification of this law, there have been twenty proposed amendments, reviews, and Supreme Court cases regarding the requirement, or supposed requirements, of gender equality. Thousands of high schools across the nation are not yet in compliance with this law.
"You can't make this a law because it's just not realistic, there is no way you can enforce that because so many sports are just offered for boys or girls," said Bengochea. "If you are going to pass it, there can't be any hidden rules."

In a ruling last year by a United States federal judge, it was determined that cheerleading is no longer considered a sport because it is 'too un-

“If you are going to pass it, there can't be any hidden rules.”
~Nikki Bengochea

derdeveloped and disorganized'. Among the Title IX guidelines is a stipulation that a team's primary responsibility is to compete, not just support other teams. This is a topic of great controversy, in which has people across the nation in disagreement.
Johnson said, "They don't compete on a regular basis, but what they do is still hard work."
Bengochea said, "They do compete and what they do requires great athletic ability."




A Lowry cross country runner./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Ashley Lombardi./Justin Albright • The Brand

in order to make sure they schools are in compliance with the Title IX law. At the high school level, the law is not followed as rigorously partly because there is not as much money involved (scholarships, smaller budget, etc.) Even though, the Office for Civil Rights is responsible for investigating any problems schools may face with Title IX, they rarely do, which causes many schools to not take the law as seriously as they should.




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12/14 in History

By Madison Waldie

 On this day, December 14, history was made all over the globe. Here is a look back at some of the most significant and memorable happenings:

- 1799
On December 14, 1799 President George Washington lost a long battle to acute laryngitis at his estate in Mount Vernon, Virginia. He was 67 years old.
- 1990
The quantum theory was born.
- 1911
The South Pole was discovered by Norwegian explorer Ronald Amundsen. This year will mark the 100th anniversary of the discovery in the South.
- 1939
USSR expelled from the League of Nations, the international peacekeeping organization formed at the end of World War I.
- 1961
John F. Kennedy announces intent to increase aid to South Vietnam, during the Vietnam war.
- 1977



"Saturday Night Fever Poster"./ Courtesy • www.imdb.com

2005
"King Kong", a remake of the classic 1933 film of the same name about a fictional giant ape who climbs New York City's Empire State Building, opens in theaters.

The classic John Travolta film, "Saturday Night Fever" gets its world premiere and launches a musical juggernaut. The movie highlights the disco era and the King of a local nightclub.

Open Your Eyes: Student Stress

By Taylor LaTray



High school is supposed to be one of the best times of your life, but many demands, rapid changes, and pressure cause it to be one of the most stressful experiences. Students these days have become overwhelmed with so many activities that create an overload of stress.

‘Stress’ is defined as the way our bodies and mind react to life and changes. It is incredibly important to learn to tolerate and handle stress so it does not lead to further intense problems. Our generation, often referred to as the ‘Facebook generation’ is being accused of being the laziest generation ever. A survey in 2009 by the Pew Research Centre found three in four people believe our generation is less virtuous and less industrious than our previous generations. This could possibly be because we know facts are accessible online when needed so we slack and do not retain our learning.

The amount of time we spend actually using our brain, has also declined. An

academic research paper produced by Philip S. Babcock charts that between 1961 and 2005 the number of hours per week students spent studying has dramatically decreased. We have spent 13 hours less a week studying, then that of the classes who graduated before us making it harder for us to accomplish tasks and increasing stress.

“I see a lot of stress surrounding me having to do with school work, sports, and dating is also a major thing. I do not believe that stress can be cured, my recommendations to avoid stress is not to have a girlfriend, don’t do it,” said Joey Flanders

The major stressors of many students come down to, their academics, dating, environment, peers, extracurricular, workload, time management and parental pressure. All these stressors link together to create an overkill pushing students to the edge. Anxiety can lead to conflicts in school and at home that devastates the lives of many teens and can be permanent. Stress isn’t all bad, there is positive motivating stress that can help students to excel in school, sports, and other activities.

Tension can affect you in many awful ways such as depression, the urge to fight, and slacking. It’s also physically

harmful leading to the narrowing of the arteries, elevation of cholesterol, weight gain, headaches, back pain, etc. Stress on students and teens can become extremely serious ruining the rest of their lives if left unmanaged. When students participate in positive, goal-directed activities they get the chance to develop skills, build character and sample different fields of human venture. When doing this it lessens their chances of engaging in risky and wrong behavior. They strive to do great and compete rather than waste their time on the couch or out participating in illegal doings creating an overload of constant worry.

If you need to cope with your stress, there are ways to do so. Boys are known to more often avoid their stress, while girls actively look for support and try to reduce it. You can study regularly and actively, be active in class, get help, rid yourself of problem people, lighten up and laugh a little, be positive, have a healthy escape with physical activity.

Stress is not a condition that can’t be fixed, but with the help of others and wise choices and time management you can be back to your old self in no time. You can overcome all obstacles that come your way with simple determination.

Alabama immigration law goes too far

By Madison Waldie



Is it possible to take immigration restrictions too far? In the opinions of many people, one state in our nation has done just that. The Alabama state legislature passed a controversial new immigration bill on June 9 that requires public schools to check students’ immigration status, criminalizes giving an undocumented immigrant a ride, requires employers to use E-Verify to check potential employees’ status, and instructs police to check the immigration status of anyone they stop if they suspect the person of being an illegal immigrant.

The Alabama government discourages children of illegal immigrants to attend school, because it is expensive and although attendance is not prohibited for such students; school districts are mandated to submit annual tallies on the suspected number of illegal immigrants when making report to state education officials. Thus finding out which children are illegal and setting these students up for discrimination and judgment from peers and teachers.

Not only is this stopping the education that the

child should receive but holds that child back from one day becoming a productive member of our society. Without schooling a person will never be able to get a decent job, and without a job that individual will not be able to pay taxes to the government. This is a vicious cycle.

Although many people see Alabama’s law, HB 56, as a preventative measure, others see it as a step backwards. Birmingham is the center of Alabama, and was the center of the civil rights movement in the 1950’s and 1960’s. The same place that men and women gave their lives to be treated fairly is the same place that this law has been signed, taking opportunities away from people that are trying to better their lives by going to school and contributing their skills to the work force.

Citizens of Birmingham seem to feel the same way.

“Not only a civil rights but a human rights issue. It’s supposed to be the land of opportunities and you’re breaking up families, you’re destroying families,” said a citizen of Birmingham, Alabama. “But not just immigrants. It’s also affecting the people they work for. To me, it’s a disgrace how they’ve handled this. It’ll result in racial profiling. And yes, it’s a civil rights crisis because a lot of civil rights will be violated because

of this law,” he continued. (Elizabeth Stuart, Deseret News)

Once again, illegal immigration is wrong, but when a family is already here and they are using their talents and skills to benefit our society, I personally do not think that they should be deported. These people should be treated differently than the individuals that are committing unlawful acts. As a nation we have closed our minds to the idea of Mexicans living and working in the U.S. because of their stereotypes as ‘thugs’ and ‘gangsters’. We rarely take time to think about the successful citizens who came here as immigrants, or the men and women her living without citizenship, but benefiting our communities. I never thought that I personally would think that immigration restrictions could be taken to far, but America has always been known as the “Land of Dreams” and I don’t think that should change.

Famous Last Words

By Kevin Boyle



I’ll be right back after I film this sting ray.

Don’t worry; sharks don’t like the taste of people.

Watch this I am going to feed that lion by hand.

I can swim across that river easy.

Libya will not revolt against me.

If Chuck Norris gets in my face again, I’m going to fight him.

And for my next act, I need someone to hit me in the stomach.

Lightning never strikes twice.

Tarzan has nothing on me.

Watch this. I am going to hit that Rhino with a rock.

Cliff diving...really super easy.

Biggie Smalls, Biggie Smalls, Biggie Smalls.

Film me planking on this parking garage.

Iceberg ahead! I’m not afraid of an iceberg.

Seriously, when have you ever heard of an elephant stampeding.

I am going hunting with Dick Cheney later.

I’m going to live forever.

Dos and Don’ts for the holidays

By Kevin Boyle



Do believe in Christmas miracles unless you want to live in the real world.

Do play “Skyrim”, cut all social contact.

Do not try to climb up the chimney; I am pretty sure you won’t fit.

Do not give clothing as a gift, Grandma!

However, do regift; it is not illegal, just frowned upon.

Do not ask for a Red Rider BB gun. You’ll shoot your eye out, kid.

Do spend time with your family until you realize the reason you live away from them.

Do throw snowballs at everyone; head shots are double points, but not at school.

Do stick your tongue to a frozen pole; I hear it tastes great.

Do wear homemade sweaters; they are “cute”.

Do make a snow angel, frozen behinds are in style.

Do not text other people, “It’s snowing”. I know it’s snowing.

Do go sledding over the break, leg casts are all the rage.

Do not make snowmen, Frosty isn’t real.

Do not make New Year’s resolutions unless you’re OK with lying to yourself.

Do not write me an anonymous letter; I won’t read it.

Do not read this article.

Do stay classy Lowry High.



Time to be heard

By Destiny James



Many at Lowry say that we need to have a study hall each day. Not just once a week, but as a set period for five days a week. Students have many commitments in their lives outside of the classroom.

Students who work don't just work for the fun of it. They do it because they either have to pay for their own clothes, gas, or wants, because their parents are teaching them to be responsible. This means the kids who work end up working every day after school, or even in the morning to get a few

hours in before school. Meaning they have little time to do homework after work. People who don't work have to either keep up with grades or sports.

Sports are some kids' lives. They live, sleep, and breathe sports. However some kids are forced to do sports by their parents, so they can keep out of trouble. The athletes work hard in practice which means they are exhausted by the time they get home, and may feel too tired to do their homework. They still manage to get all their homework done though. Just being in a sport they want to strive to do their personal best to keep that spot they earned. Then there is the burden of the homework.

After all we do have seven classes. When we get assigned one homework assignment for one class it doesn't

mean we have just one assignment, but many of them. Meaning that they don't just have one to do after practice but many.

In addition there are students who work and do sports at the same time. After practice they go to work. After work they go home and have to do their studies. This simply drains you out as a student. To some playing sports or working may seem like excuses, but they're not. We are in high school and almost on our own so a job is preparing us for the real world. To some high school is about sports and pushing yourself to do your best and having fun with them.

Why can't we cut classes shorter and add an extra period, so we have a total of eight periods? People may think it's

ridiculous to add another period, but it would be a study hall. We would still start and end school at the same time. Some may disagree; because there are those students who maintain "A's" with sports, or work, or both, but a study hall would truly benefit many.

This means everyone would have time to do their work at school. That way it doesn't pile on so much work that night and nobody has to get behind on their studies. Having Advisory once a week is such a break for some people to be able to do their work at school.

We can think of it as our prep period. Teachers have them, and they need them, but so do students. It is called homework, but having one little study hall would truly help many students out.

Do you know your percent?

By Kevin Boyle



Americans today are gripped by numbers that dominate our lives: What's your social security number, driver license, Student ID etc? All of which are used to identify us in everyday life. However, do you know what your percent is? How close to the 1% are you?

For weeks now the Occupy protests have been making the statement, "We are the 99%". The group's unofficial website says the purpose of protest is "fight back against the corrosive power of the major banks and multinational corporation over the democratic process, and the role of Wall Street in creating an economic collapse that has caused the greatest recession in generations." In so many words it means the bank and large corporations are to blame for the Great Recession, and Wall Street is the institution that allows them to operate.

The group has no official website, due to rifts already planted in the group. Also there is no official size to the movement, many suspect the homeless for bolstering their presence in the center of cities. Critics of the movement have claimed that the movement cannot sustain itself without a strong leadership element. Which is one of the reasons supporters have remained on the fence about the topic.

Many do not know if they should support the pro-

test, the reason being it has not been thoroughly explained, others because they simply do not agree, while others are not sure what their number is. Fortunately for those of us who remain confused, the "The Wall Street Journal" has made it easy for all of us to find our number. Visit <http://blogs.wsj.com/economics/2011/10/19/what-percent-are-you-to-find-your-percent>.

In 2009, the average salary in Nevada's mining industry was \$78,700 plus benefits (<http://www.nevadamining.org/faq/index.php>) which equates to 72%. Meaning a household in Winnemucca earning \$78,700 would make more than 72% of other households in the US. You are in the top 28%...congratulations. This also would be a single income household. If two people in the same household earn the average mining salary, the combined income is \$157,400. That equates to top 10% of household incomes in the US; right up there with A-Rod, Bill Gates, and Warren Buffet, right? I for one rank in the 98% fully



above 2% of the population..."not bad".

This is the US and the income of our neighbors should be their business. Rather than being envious of what others have, let's focus on what we have. Perhaps being more proactive about one's own finances may yield better results protesting the system. If you want more, go out and get it. Do not expect it to be handed to you or taken from others. Lowering the percent of others does not increase your own. Is it not the American dream to make yourself a wealthy individual? Ask not what you can do to lower other's percents; ask how you can improve your own.

Tweets from the political world



SenDeanHeller Dean Heller

Congress should work in bipartisan manner to extend payroll tax cut for 160 million hard-working Americans youtu.be/1EKliLWbRj4

1 Dec



RonPaul Ron Paul

Once Govt uses force to mold behavior/economy they've overstepped bounds and violated the whole concept of our Revolution and Constitution

10 Dec



SenatorReid Senator Harry Reid

Instead of playing political games, #Congress should work to find common ground. In the days ahead, I intend to do exactly that

8 Dec



BarackObama Barack Obama

"We still believe that this should be a place where you can make it if you try."—President Obama

6 Dec

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Freshman girls and boys basketball open season

By Taylor LaTray & Jessie Shirrick



The freshmen girl's basketball team has a long season ahead of them, but is expected to do well by their coach Clay Sagars. The goals for this year's team are to improve in every game and to become close like a family.

Dani Ricker takes the ball down the court during practice./Marc Esquivel • The Brand

"Our season has been going good, although one of our main starters have suffered an injury, but otherwise it's going good because we work well together and we're a very good team," said Megan Lombardi. "Our team goal is to grow as a team and be more dependant on each other, so we can improve every game."

Coach Sagars expects for the girl's to try their best at every practice and game; to give their full effort. He hopes that they are not afraid of making mistakes when they are trying hard and to continually improve.

JV girls off to good start

By Calvin Connors



It's that time of year again, where the weather gets colder and it's time to go watch the great indoor game of basketball.

After an exceptional season last year the Lowry JV girls basketball team is looking promising with three returners from last season. The three returners from last season are Jasmin Landa, Rachel Sigurdson, and Tienisha Muething, they bring the team leadership and guidance on and off the court.

"We do work all day every day" said Jasmin Landa.

The Lady Bucks should do very well season due to the coaching staff that consists of Chelsea Mendiola, Katy Shwartz, and Vince Mendiola. Coach Chelsea Mendiola has been the JV head coach for four years now and has prepared the girls for the varsity



JV girls basketball./Courtesy • Winnada

Even against their biggest competitors, Elko, he expects them to do great.

"Things are going great so far. It's fun and we work well together. Coach Sagars is a very good coach, he has us run plenty of plays and defense, and we're definitely improving," said Dani Ricker

"I am really excited about the girls that we have on this team. I feel that we have a lot of talent and they are willing to work hard. We are all learning together and we're going to have a fun and successful year," said Coach Clay Sagars.

The girls had a pretty fair weekend at their tournament in Lovelock last weekend. Although they lost their first game 38-34; they battled back to get two wins.

"We came back with a burst of confidence for our second game," said Jasmyne Herrera.

They won their second game with a landslide of 56-24.

"We blasted through our last game with a score of 17-14," said Herrera.

They will be back in action on Saturday, December 17 against North Valleys High School.

Roster: Herrera, Jasmyne; Ricker, Danielle; Michael, McKenzie; Tyree, Katherine; Espinoza, Estefany; Lombardi, Megan; Smith, Sarah; Landa, Joann; Anicker, Jasmine; Ramirez, Nicole; Boucher, Courtney.

level.

The Lady Bucks have had very successful seasons under head JV coach Chelsea Mendiola, this season also has big expectations for the Lowry girls basketball programs.

The Lady Bucks had a great opening weekend in Lovelock.

Lowry played exceptionally well in Lovelock, they came away with a 2-1 record against Yerington, Dayton, and Lovelock. Their only loss was against Lovelock and that game ended in a stunning fashion.

Rachel Sigurdson said they were down by four in the closing seconds of the game and Alyssa Jones banked in a three point shot that put the Bucks down by one. However, the clock ran out after the made shot with the final score 26-25.

Lowry steamrolled the rest of their competition throughout the tournament and finished the weekend with a winning record.

"We had room for improvement as a whole and we know what we need to work on," said Shelby Mckinnon.



Tienisha Muething shoots a free throw./Ron Espinola • The Brand

By Wyatt Lester & Justin Albright



The freshmen boys have been well at work in practice and look like a team to reckon with.

Former Lowry player Grant Beatty is this year's freshmen coach

"They're fun to coach, they listen really well, they respond great and I think were going to be a great defensive team," said Beatty. "We have some great athletes and I think well be a good pressing team. So really we wont have to rely on shooters that much."

Their roster consists of a great number of promising athletes and they are going to be a great freshmen basketball team.

On December 9, The Lowry freshmen boys team traveled to Battle Mountain in hopes of starting their season off with a win.

The Bucks started their season off with a win against Lovelock. The Bucks came out and executed their game plan well and it showed on the

JV Boys begin undefeated

By Marc Esquivel & Destiny James



JV boys basketball has brought us a new year, new season, and new players. The team is made up of all sophomores except one...Sterling Dennis; the only freshman to make JV.

"It is definitely weird being the only freshmen on the team, but I know most of the guys from AAU traveling team, and I know this is going to be a great season for us," said Dennis.

Dennis plays guard along with sophomores Christopher Mendoza, and Joshua Shaver.

"We bring a lot of skill to the table this year, because we are going to have a good season. We may get [beat] in the beginning but by the end of the season we will be dominating," said Mendoza.

The team also consists of four wings Ethan Gray, Jake Logan, Nathan Eldodt, and Tanner Lucemberry. They are all new to the team, so let's see what they bring.

The team is rounded out by post players Dustin Bryan, Marcus Molina, Robert Stepper, Sergio Casteneda, and Justin Albright.

Robert Stepper believes the team will progress as the season goes on.

"Basketball is a pretty chill sport and I love playing the game, and I think we are going to get better as a

scoreboard as they won 50-42.

Donovan Brumm said, "Lovelock was really tough, but we were able to execute our game-plan well."

For their second game of the day, the Bucks played a Round Mountain team and showed no signs of fatigue as they won 46-27.

"Round Mountain kept up with us in the first half but we were able to pull away in the second," Brumm said.

The Bucks then started the day off well as they destroyed Wells 59-15.

"Wells wasn't that great of a team, but we played really solid on both ends of the floor," said Brumm.



Donovan Brumm and Jacob Von Aspern doing drills./Wyatt Lester • The Brand

team as the season goes on," said Stepper.

Coach Walton is excited to see if the boys JV can compete at 4A level.

"I think we should be relatively strong, it is all of the returning freshmen from last year and as a team they were very strong. When we play 4A schools it will be interesting to see if we are at there level," Coach Walton said.

The JV boys recently opened up their basketball season on December 3 in Lovelock for the Pershing County basketball tournament. The Bucks went undefeated in this tournament, winning all of their games by impressive margins.

The Bucks played Yerington, Lovelock, and Fernley at this tournament, which was a non-league tournament. Lowry has a good start to their 2011-2012 season and many players have high hopes for the rest of the season after these games.

"I believe that we're going to win every game this year," said confident sophomore Josh Shaver.

The JV will be back in action on Friday the 16th of December against Pershing County High School.



JV boys basketball./Courtesy • Winnada

WRESTLERS RETURN TO WORK

By Taylor LaTray & Brandon Eastman

The past three years the wrestlers have won the state championship with ease. This year the wrestler's hope for a fourth, paving the way for them leading them to victory is their coaches, John Brooks, Tim Grady, Brant Corak, Jim Billingsley, and Gus Duncan.

"Our goal is the same each year, to stay together and win a team state championship," said John Brooks. "Currently we have three state championships in a row and thirteen total, we would love another one."

With captains Gus Duncan, Jace Billingsley, Michael Billingsley, and Ryan Nelson they are ready for another championship. The wrestler's will have many challenges especially with their biggest rivals Spring Creek, Fallon, and 4A teams, mainly because they are the most competitive. Last year's top competitors for Lowry were many graduated seniors, but also, Jace Billingsley a three-time state champ, Gus Duncan a two-time state champ, Ryan Nelson a two-time state champ, Michael Billingsley a two-time state champ, Fernando Herrera a state champ, and runner-ups Eric Brooks, Aaron Nelson, and Brandon Okuma.

"I can't say we will win, but I can say we hope to win state for the fourth time, I believe we have strong competitors, but we can do it," said Beau Billingsley

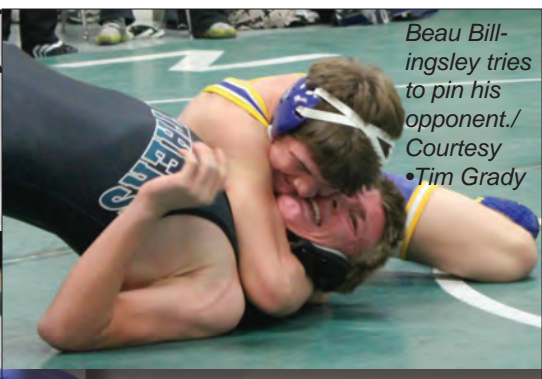
The Lowry wrestlers were in action over the weekend, when they traveled to Carson City to take part in the Carson City High School duals.

Even though it was a varsity dual, the JV also participated in the duals. They Bucks ended up beating Bishop Manogue High School, Reno High School, R.O.P., and South Tahoe High School. Their only loss was to the Fallon Greenwave. The Bucks walked out of these varsity duals with a 4-1 record.

The varsity team faced off against North Valleys High School, Spanish Springs High School, Fernley High School, Yerington High School, and Elko High School, all of which they beat. The Bucks ended the day

with a 5-0 record to get the wrestling season started off on a high note.

The roster: Alvarez, Luis; Andersen, Cody; Benson, Tyler; Bernal, Jose; Billingsley, Beau; Billingsley, Jace; Billingsley, Michael; Blanco, Kevin; Brooks, Eric; Cardenas, Luis; DeLaRosa IV, Michael; Duncan V, Gus; Duncan, Blake; Hardy, Troy; Hernandez, Ignacio; Herrera, Fernando; Hillyer, Blake; Hummel, Anthony; Johnson, Jediah; Johnson, Tytin; Kienenberger Jr., Weylin; LeGrand, Donald; Martin, Taylor; Mayo, Alec; Mecham, Cody; Mentaberry, Lane; Meza, Kelvin; Molina, Gabriel; Moreno, Felipe; Nelson, Aaron; Nelson, Matthew; Nelson, Nathan; Ochoa, Juan; Okuma, Brandon; Pollock, Daniel; Rasmussen, Ryan; Raynor, Daniel; Ruiz Jr, Jose; Ruttenbur, Colter; Sadler, Tony; Smith, Derrick; Tyree, Benjamin; Von Aspern, Tyler; Waller, Tristen; Welty, Jacob; Young, Chace.



Beau Billingsley tries to pin his opponent./Courtesy •Tim Grady



Left: Ryan Nelson wrestling./Courtesy •Tim Grady



Above: Felipe Moreno practices single legs on Tytin Johnson./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Above: Daniel Pollock spladles Kevin Blanco./Marc Esquivel • The Brand



Gus Duncan tries to pin his opponent./Courtesy •Tim Grady



Tony Sadler tries to turn his opponent./Courtesy •Tim Grady

Boys basketball sets its eyes on a return to the championship

By Justin Albright & Brandon Eastman

Fresh off a second straight berth in the 3A state championship game, the Lowry boys varsity team looks to accomplish their goals and win state.

The Bucks return five players from last years state championship team in Brandon Eastman, Jordan Rinas, Dion Wardell, Brian Noble, and Jesse Studebaker. Rounding out this years team are three sophomores in Tytus Millikan, Josh Watterson, and Calvin Connors. Freshman Garrett Naveran, senior Marc Bastien St-Onge, and senior Kade Mader are the new faces to the Lowry program this year.

Lowry is coming off a 17-8 season last year as they were very successful. The Bucks destroyed their league last year, going 10-0. The Bucks have to find a way to replace core players from last years team in Will Thacker, Sean Millikan, Anders Pace, Grant Miller, and Sterling Snow.

Without a doubt the expectations are very high for the Bucks this year as they have a very young and talented team.

Over the past weekend, the Lowry boys varsity basketball team traveled to Mesquite to take part in the Virgin Valley Bulldogs Classic.

The Bucks got things started on Friday afternoon with a rematch of last year's state championship game, against the Moapa Valley Pirates. After a sluggish first half, the Bucks rallied from an 8-point deficit at halftime to come back and take the victory by a final score of 63-54.

The Bucks then played two games on Saturday, beginning with the semifinal game against Basic High School. The Bucks would hang tough with the eventual champions, but eventually fell 79-71.

The loss sent the Bucks to the third place game, where they faced off against Desert Oasis High School. Lowry started of strong in the first half, taking a 36-20 lead into the locker room. The second half saw a completely different Lowry team.



Lowry at practice./Ron Espinola • Ron Espinola

After taking a 21-point lead shortly into the third quarter, the Diamondbacks began their comeback. The Bucks' lead was cut to 45-42 heading into the fourth, and Desert Oasis hung tough with the Bucks and hit a 3-point shot at the buzzer to send the Bucks home with a fifth-place finish.

Junior Jesse Studebaker

was named to the All-Tournament team.

The Bucks are next in action at home on Tuesday, December 13 at 6:30 P.M.




Varsity boys basketball./Courtesy • Winnada



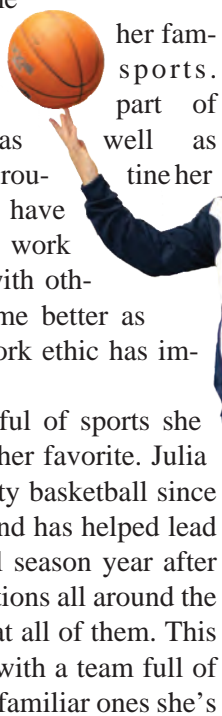
Dion Wardell against McDermitt./ Marc Esquivel • The Brand

ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE: Julia Dufurrena

By Wyatt Lester

 Julia Dufurrena, senior, is a talented athlete and a good student. She participates in basketball, volleyball, golf, and she even participated in rodeo as a kid. Julia has played in the city leagues of Winnemucca and Denio since she was young and has continued all the way up to present day. Her motivation came from her watching her family and siblings play sports. Sports have been a part of her daily routine as most of her family's routine her whole life. "Sports have taught me how to work and communicate with others, they've made me better as a person and my work ethic has improved."

Out of the handful of sports she plays, basketball is her favorite. Julia has played on Varsity basketball since her freshman year and has helped lead Lowry to successful season year after year. She plays positions all around the court and succeeds at all of them. This year she is playing with a team full of new teammates and familiar ones she's



played with before. "I think we're learning to work together a lot better when usually were putting each individual strength together to make our team better."

When asked what her favorite aspect of basketball is she said, "I definitely like winning but I like how we all start out as in individuals and we end up as a team at the end of the season."

Julia's other sports include Golf, which this was her first year playing and her team was the runner up at state. Before playing golf though she played volleyball, she played in 7th grade and as a freshman all the way up until her junior year. She has few regrets. She wishes she would have played golf a little earlier. "The sports that I did play and the memories that I have of the sports I've played are worth it," Dufurrena said.

With graduation in sight, her plans are to play college basketball and continue her hardworking and determined attitude towards the sports she plays.

"I like how we all start out as in individuals and we end up as a team at the end of the season."
~Julia Dufurrena

Lady Bucks look to return to past success

By Brandon Eastman & Harley Long

  Last year the team was 12-13 and was one game away from going to playoffs. Tough losses to Battle Mountain (47-42) and Elko (36-33) cost them a return trip to the playoffs. The previous year the girls surprised everyone by beating Spring Creek for the state title.

One sentiment on the team is that they need to come together as a team. Julia Dufurrena said, "I expect us to be strong and come together as a team and in the end hopefully get into the playoffs and make it farther than we did last year."

Head coach Jack Smith said, "I hope we can get enough wins this year to go to state. Also to have to the team come together and be stronger."

The Lowry varsity girl's basketball team traveled to Reno to participate in the Sierra Nevada Classic this past weekend. They started the tournament off on Thursday, December 8 against the Galena Grizzlies. The Bucks held off their competition to pull off the 60-51 victory. Senior post Julia Dufurrena led the Lady Bucks with 23 points. Madison Gonzalez and Carli Evatz also scored in double figures with 14 and 10 points, respectively. The Bucks only led 28-25 at halftime, but outscored the



Lowry players fight for position against Wooster. /Courtesy • Winnada



Lowry girls get ready to grab the rebound. /Courtesy • Winnada

ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE: Jesse Studebaker

By Wyatt Lester

 Jesse Studebaker, a junior at Lowry, is a student athlete who participates in many athletic events for Lowry High School. He participates in Football, Basketball, and Baseball and his sports career has spanned from T-ball as a child to playing his first year of football this year. "Sports kept me out of trouble and kept my grades up," said Studebaker. "I like to work hard and I like the challenge."

Jesse's favorite sport out of the three he plays is basketball and he has played since the fourth grade. "Basketball's the most fun and I'm more dedicated to it," he said.

His accomplishments in basketball include a runner up title at state last year and he plans to help lead the team to a state title.

"I think well have a good team in basketball this year. Were young but were the most talented this year and were smart about everything."

His baseball years started when he began T-ball. As a freshman he was the starting



third baseman for the Bucks. He also pitches, but saw limited action last year due to injury. He is a great

"Sports kept me out of trouble and kept my grades up. I like to work hard and I like the challenge."
~Jesse Studebaker

part of the team and hopes to help take Lowry to the playoffs this year. Another sport that Jesse plays, more recently started to be correct, is football. He played wide receiver on varsity and helped take the team to the playoffs this year. He has a few years left in sports but he has done well so far.

He said he wants to play basketball or baseball somewhere and looks forward to his senior year.

When asked to give advice to future athletes Jesse said, "Don't do drugs and don't goof off when you have the chance to do something great."

Grizzlies by six in the second half to secure the win. The Lady Bucks came back on Friday to pick up another win against Faith Lutheran, 46-42. The Lady Bucks held a 10-point halftime lead, and after a lapse in the second half, held on for the 4-point victory. Dufurrena and Gonzalez led the team with 11 points each.

In their final game of the weekend, the Lady Bucks came out on fire, eventually routing their opponent, the Damonte Ranch Mustangs, 47-29. Damonte was held to just 15 points through the third quarter, as Lowry ran away with the easy victory.

"It's been a great start to the season. We played really good and our defense was great. We just need to work on rotations and getting our offense going more," said senior guard Angie Herrera.

The 2011-2012 Varsity girls' basketball team is made up of the following players: Ereanna Higbee, Angie Herrera, Madison Gonzalez, Carli Evatz, Taylor Johnson, Alyssa Dendary, Julia Dufurrena, Betsy Guerrero, Charlotte Bernard, Kylee McClellan, Taylor Schwartz, and the manager of the team is Jor-

dan Mecham. The head coach is Jack Smith and the assistant coaches are Katy Schwartz and Jo McClellan.

Charlotte Bernard said, "Well we have a pretty gnarly team this year, so I hope we do our best to help the seniors have a great and successful season. It won't be the same without them."

The Bucks are now 7-0 on the season and will next tip-off at home on Friday, December 16 at 6 P.M.



Madi Gonzalez drives the ball through some Wooster defenders. /Courtesy • Winnada



The Varsity Lady Bucks. /Courtesy • Winnada

Coaches Billingsley and Cabatbat pick the bowls

By Marc Esquivel



Rose Bowl: Oregon (11-2) vs. Wisconsin (11-2)

Cabatbat – I’m going for Oregon because they’re the best team in Oregon. They’re better than the Beavers, way better. The Beavers have got to be the worst team in the nation. I swear to God if the Beavers played against Hawaii, Hawaii would dominate. The Beavers have no reason to be a college team; they should be a Pop Warner football team. But, I think the Ducks have more speed offensively and defensively, and I think special teams is what’s going to kill Wisconsin. Their [Wisconsin’s] special teams haven’t been looking good. And LaMichael James is the man; he came back from injury and showed why he is the man.

Billingsley – It should be a high scoring game, they have two of the best runningbacks, LaMichael James and Monte Ball. I’m going with Oregon.

Fiesta Bowl: Oklahoma State (11-1) vs. Stanford (11-1)

Cabatbat – I’m going for Oklahoma State because they’ve got a better quarterback. Andrew Luck is overrated to me. Stanford is overrated to me. I like Oklahoma State and the big wide receiver matchup that they’ve got.

Billingsley – Two top QBs, Andrew Luck and



Montee Ball runs against Penn State./ Rick Wood • Milwaukee Journal Sentinel/MCT

Brandon Weeden, it should be an air show. I’m going with State. Oklahoma State should be playing against LSU in the national championship.

Sugar Bowl: Michigan (10-2) vs. Virginia Tech (11-2)

Cabatbat – I think with Denard Robinson at quarterback, Michigan poses too much of a threat to Virginia Tech. Virginia Tech is a solid team, but Denard Robinson is going to run all over them.

Offensively, Michigan is going to cause a lot of fits for Virginia Tech that they can’t stop or handle.

Billingsley – It should be a close game. Virginia Tech got blown out by Clemson earlier so I’m going with Michigan.

Orange Bowl: Clemson (10-3) vs. West Virginia (9-3)

Cabatbat – I think Clemson is a lot more explosive and they’ve got the edge over West Virginia.

Billingsley – I think Clemson is going to beat West Virginia pretty easily, even though they do have similar records.

BCS National Championship Game: LSU (13-0) vs. Alabama (11-1)

Cabatbat – I think it’s going to be another big battle. Whoever can come into the game with their heads right, and coach’s game plans executed [will win]. I think Alabama is going to be hard to beat the second time around. Saban is going to come in ready,



Andrew Luck makes a pass against Notre Dame./Jim Gensheimer • San Jose Mercury News/MCT

he’s going to use Richardson a lot more out of the backfield. Mr. Honey Badger himself is going to get punked on. Bottom line is Alabama has the studs and they should’ve won the first game. They’ll probably bring out the square-toed kicker and make a couple field goals. Alabama has this one over LSU, it’s going to be 20-17.

Billingsley – It was a huge defensive battle last time, 9-6. I’m going to go with Nick Saban and Alabama.

Las Vegas Bowl: Boise State (11-1) vs. Arizona State (6-6)

Cabatbat – As much as I hate Boise State, and I’m tired of hearing about Boise State and where they should be in the BCS rankings, I do believe Boise State has the edge over Arizona State. Kellen Moore has been struggling lately and needs to prove himself as a quarterback, and I think this is the game he shows it.

Billingsley – Boise State is going to prove that they are one of the best teams in the nation against the average Arizona State team.

Hawaii Bowl: Nevada (7-5) vs. Southern Miss (11-2)

Cabatbat – This is going straight off of hate, I hate Nevada and they’re going to lose. They’re playing on the islands and they haven’t seen the bruddas that Southern Miss has.

Billingsley – My heart wants to go with Nevada, but I think that Southern Miss is too good after they beat the undefeated Houston. Both teams have great running attacks, but it’s going to be Southern Miss in Hawaii.

Cabatbat – The bottom line is the Beavers suck. Orange and black is whack.

NCAA needs reform

By Justin Albright



Many people have referred to college sports as slavery, saying that it’s not right that these athletes play sports that threaten their lives without earning money. Numerous players have filed a petition asking the NCAA to set aside

a specific amount of money that can be given to the athletes.

This is a good idea because universities rake in \$784 million dollars in TV deals and bowl games. The NCAA players association wants to put money in a trust fund that will increase graduation and decrease violations. The players association is also trying to let injured players maintain their scholarships.

Players mainly want medical coverage to help them out if they suffer a devastating injury. The main argument

opposing this decision is that people are questioning if the athletes are mature enough to handle large amounts of money.

This is a solid argument because athletes have caused trouble for universities by accepting money from boosters. Giving athletes money though can eliminate some of the trouble from boosters because they will already be receiving money from universities. For example, Miami and Ohio State have been in a heap of trouble because of

players receiving benefits from local boosters. If these universities were to pay their athletes, there would be no need for these athletes to even talk to these boosters.

These players continuously risk their health in their respected sports while universities continue to rake in millions from these athletes hard work. The least these universities can do is to at least help these athletes by sharing the wealth instead of profiting from their sweat.

CC’s What to Watch in sports

By Calvin Connors



College basketball: Arizona vs Gonzaga

Gonzaga will beat the Arizona Wildcats due to the fact that the game is at “The Kennel” (at Gonzaga) and the fans are crazy in Spokane. The Bulldogs also have some key players that Arizona won’t be able to guard: Robert Sacre, and Kevin Pangos are two players that Gonzaga must have to beat the Wildcats.

(20) Memphis at (4) Louisville

The Memphis Tigers are going to

lose to Louisville for a couple reasons. Louisville has more talent than the Tigers in every position on the court, the Cardinals also have a fantastic coach Rick Pitino. Memphis is too young and inexperienced to hang with Louisville, and the Cardinals just have a better coach.

NFL Football -Steelers vs 49ers

The Pittsburgh Steelers will beat San Francisco because Ben Roethlisberger is too good for the 49ERS defense. Roethlisberger has 3,070 passing yards this season with 17 passing touchdowns, his leading receiver is Mike Wallace he has 6 touchdown re-



49ers wide receiver Kyle Williams./ D. Ross Cameron • Contra Costa Times/MCT

ceptions and 939 receiving yards. The 49ers are a very good team that has clearly shown that they are a team to be

reckoned with, but they aren’t as good as the Steelers.

NBA basketball: Heat vs Mavericks

Dwayne Wade, LeBron James, and Chris Bosh are the three main reasons why the Heat will win this game. Wade is going to have a fantastic game and will be the one out of the three superstars that will be recognized the most. The Mavericks aren’t going to win this game because Dirk Nowitzki is going to have an off game because I don’t think he will be able to handle playing against the Heat, and not having a regular pre-season will have an affect on Nowitzki.



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The new guy

By Trenton Smith

You know, people really don't know what they have until they lose it. Few people know this as much as I do. I used to be a redneck. I lived in the "Buckle of the Bible Belt," the wonderful, tree-filled state of Alabama-the "Heart of Dixie." And I had some of the best friends anybody could ever have. Then, my dad got a job on the new Ruby Pipeline. And my whole life went into a tailspin.

I was born in the south, where many people here wouldn't like it just because there are a lot of rules and restrictions. Here? No limits, no restrictions. It is a huge change for me. Not a lot of the leeway that is allowed here would even be thought of, let alone allowed, in the south.

No one here knows (or even cares) who I am just because I didn't go to middle school with them. In the South, when there was a new kid in school, his/her first

day he/she would make at least one friend. By the end of that year, no matter how short it was, he would have 10 or more friends and around half of his/her class would know who he/she was. I'm pretty sure around 5% of my grade knows who I am, and that's sad; even if we have only been in school for three months.

As a freshman, your popularity is naturally low to begin with, but when no one went to school on your side of the Mississippi River, your popularity level is very, very low. I'm not athletic, so that really helps get me friends (not really), I am in the pep band and the newspaper, so people think I'm a nerd, and certain people think that it's okay to pick on me. That's going to get worse because I'm going to try to be in Quiz Bowl (an academic team that is stereotypically for nerds), so they are going to bully me even more.

You know, I think I have had to put up with more of a move than anyone in the entire school, and with the biggest change(s) than anyone else, too. If there is anyone at Lowry that has moved here from a different part of the country, you are not alone and I would love to meet you.

"You know, people really don't know what they have until they lose it."
~Trenton Smith

New Year's resolutions

By Jessie Schirrick

1. "Pass the ninth grade."
-Dylan Campbell
2. "To learn how to play the cello."
-Alex Schirrick
3. "To be a better person."
-Sarah Betteridge
4. "To procrastinate more."
-Savannah Montero
5. "Travel to Reno with all of the 'wolf pack' and we're going to go crazy."
-Sienna Beal
6. "Get good grades... I guess."
-Abby Flores
7. "Finish Mario Galaxy."
-Rachael Foster
8. "Eat more pick-



Chloe Yates./
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- Hannah Haun
9. "Learn how to be a champion fist pumper."
-Chloe Yates
10. "Gain 20 pounds."
-Nick Lujan
11. "Get as buff as Lebron James."

- Jorden Rinas
12. "My new year's resolution is to be way better at Skyrim than Jonathan"
-Nic Velasquez
13. "I want to make my first 1 million dollars.
Like Lil' Wayne."
-Josh Shaver



Sabrina Jensen
Rose./Courtesy •
WINNADA

14. "To keep a 4.0 GPA"
-Sabrina Jensen
15. "To get buff as heck."
-Tessa Kampf
16. "To grow some flowers."
-Jayci Hill
17. "To live in the moment."
-Quinn Norcutt
18. "To be a better person."
-Josh Rose
19. "To be happy."
-Taylor Jiminez
20. "Unlock all the weapons and armor in Skyrim."
-Beau Billing-sley



Tessa Kampf./
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Josh Rose./Cour-
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Lowry leadership holds holiday food drive



The food collected for this year's food drive./Justin Albright

By Justin Albright

On November 29 thru December 16, Lowry's leadership class hosted its annual Christmas food drive. Leadership asked the students to only bring in non-perishable food items and are very pleased with the results.

The competition took place between first hour classes and a reward for collecting the most food items would be a

pizza party.

Mrs. Grady, who is in charge of the food drive, said, "I'm very pleased with the food drive so far, we've collected around 500 cans so far and we still have a week to go."

Mrs. James' first hour class is completely dominating so far, raking in a total of 213 cans. Second place is Mr. Setzer's class, bringing in a total of 91 cans. Third place is Mrs. Killion's class, who has a total of 69 cans. No other class has over 60 cans.

"As always, the food is going to the Ministerial Association, which is a group made up of different representatives of the local churches and they'll put together food baskets," said Grady.

Leadership encourages everyone to continue bringing in items. The food drive will conclude Friday, December 16.

lowry voices

By Calvin Connors & Jessie Schirrick



What do you want for Christmas?

Amanda Dodson - My dad to come back from Africa because I miss him.



Matt Attebury - A kindle fire because it looks like a tablet and is cool.

Morgan James - A million dollars so I can spend it.



Wade Rose - A new car because mine sucks.

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by Cole Erquiaga

Jack Hill, Junior
Family. Siblings?
“Yes 3 sister a mom and dad and I love them all, cause they can clean the house.”
Have you ever lived anywhere else?
“Fallon until 3rd grade”
Why did you move?
“Because!”
How does Winnemucca compare to the other town?
“It’s cool.”
Favorite class? Why?
“Drama because I love acting.”
Extracurricular activities?
“Drama”
Can you describe yourself in five words?
“Awesome Tall, Straight-Edge, and Funny.”
Hobbies?

“I do a lot of stuff, like every-thing.”
Post Graduate plans/ goals?
“I want to act direct in movies or mov-shows”
Pet peeves? Why?
“People who don’t know when to shut up”
What scares you? Why?
“Nothing scares Jack Hill! NOTHING!”
Have you traveled anywhere? What was it like?
“Yes, New York it was much different.”
Role Models? Why?
“I’m my own role model!”

Cristian Perez, aka “YoYo”, Junior
Have you ever lived somewhere else?
“Si, Mexico.”
Why did you move?
“Immigration”.
How does Winnemucca compare to the other town?
“There was Street Food.”
Favorite class? Why?
“Advanced Art, because I love to draw.”
What are you most proud of?
“My food eating ability!”
Role Models? Why?
“Rick Ross, he’s a boss.”
Why do you work?
“For family.”
Extracurricular activities?
“Hanging out with the boys.”
Hobbies?
“Soccer”

Post Graduate plans/ goals?
“To be a graphic designer”
How could the high school be better?
“Less cameras, they scare me.”
Pet peeves? Why?
“Crazy women”
Most important thing in your life? Why?
“Food, it makes me very happy!”
What scares you? Why?
“Running out of food!”
Have you traveled anywhere? What was it like?
“Mexico, it had great food.”

Recab Dowding, Junior
Have you ever lived somewhere else?
Merency, Arizona
How does Winnemucca compare to the other town?
“Way bigger, it actually has a Wal-Mart.”
Role Models? Why?
“Don Vito, he makes me laugh.”
Favorite class? Why?
“Mrs. James, because she’s cool, and she likes to yell at me.”
Most embarrassing moment?
“When I was in Kindergarten, I was on the Monkey Bars and I got de-pants.”
What would you do a day in the jungle?
“Find a Gorilla and wrestle it!”

Why do you work?
Mon-ey of course!
Hobbies
“I like to play music, and I like to write believe it or not.”
Post Graduate plans/ goals?
“College, for Neuropso-ciology”
What are you most proud of?
“My sister, she can play the clarinet like Michael Angelo.”
What scares you? Why?
“I haven’t really thought about my fears, but I can say I’m not afraid of the dark anymore.”

Lowry Song Dedications

By Taylor LaTray

Express your feelings, make a joke, have a connection, deliver a tribute, or just plain do it for fun. Dedications to you from them with meaning.
Nicholas Lujan “Me and You” Taylor LaTray
Maeve Donovan “Thunder” Tanner Lecumberry
Shaynee Monchamp “Perfect Two” Tytus Millikan
Harley Long “Party in the U.S.A.” Madison Waldie
Matt Jones “Are You Gunna Kiss Me or Not” Rachel Sigurdson
Madison Waldie “You Are My Sun-

shine” Jancy Ulch
Amaya Davis “My first Kiss” Carly Bell
Kirk Berentsen “We like Sportz” Jacob Aitken
Jacob Aitken “Fifteen” Carly Bell and Kirk Berentsen
Taylor LaTray “I Cross My Heart””She’s Everything” Nick Lujan
Melanie Vance “Waiting For the End” Justin Albright
Talya Furr “Paradise” Carissa Lininger
Carly Bell “Your Guardian Angel” Jacob Aitken
Candace Comeau “You’re Beautiful” Candace Comeau

“I’m Sexy and I Know It” Troy Hardy
Tessa Kampf “Redneck Woman” Alex Schirrick
Rachael Foster “If My Heart was A House” Jessie Schirrick
Calvin Connors “Stereo Love” Joseba Criswell
Morgan James “Don’t ya” Shaynee Monchamp
Laren K. “Blah Blah Blah” Morgan James
Alex Nimmick “Party in the USA” Michal Arenas
Calvin Connors “Baby” Michal Arenas
Charlee Ricker “Do You Wanna Date my Avatar” Hailey Samms
Chalene Quinn “Tonight Tonight” Melanie Vance
Teesha Nielson “Stutter” Melanie Vance
Angie Herrera “Kleenex” Brandon Eastman
Betsy Guerrero “I Love Rock n’ Roll” Angie Herrera
Madison Waldie “You got a Friend” Harley Long
Taylor LaTray “Hips don’t Lie” Casey Vanderveen
Katie Dixon “Smile Back” Lexi Sutfin
Lowry High “I’m hopelessly devoted to you” Mrs.Ludlow
Makkenna Lloyd “Eres” Oscar Rodriguez
Jenna Adams “Hummingbird” Emily Bailey
Emily Bailey “ Party Rock Anthem” Darrell Cardin
Ashley Lombardi “The Cousin Song” Damon Miller
Raven Black “She’s so High” Arianna Grantham

All you Women “Find your Love” Erik Francis
Jancy Ulch “Lean on Me” “Wouldn’t It Be Nice”Madison Waldie

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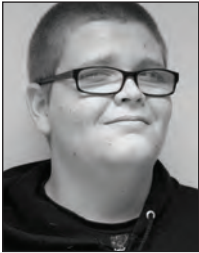
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Ghost Encounters

By Taylor LaTray

Lowry and our own home town of Winnemucca are having unexplained mysteries with unknown and unseen people, and we are not the only ones. Whether the paranormal reality of ghosts are hiding in the halls of Lowry, the underground tunnels, or your own home, they're all around us.

In a study on American Piety from Baylor University researchers found that 37 percent of those surveyed believed places can be haunted. Almost 20 percent believed it is possible to communicate with the dead, and 13 percent believe in psychics such as astrologers, palm readers and fortune tellers. Most popular books and television series are based upon ghosts and people find these things intriguing because they do have a curiosity and belief in ghosts. Popular shows such as "American Horror Story", "Ghost Whisperer", "Ghost Adventures", etc.

Many encounters with young teens as well as our older generation have

"I've personally heard things, seen pictures, orbs and shadows."

~Christy Bell

been talked about often. But, are these ghosts to blame or is the crazy imagination of the people of Winnemucca? You be the judge.

"We use EMF's, voice recorders, copper rods, etc. I do believe in ghosts, but I think there can be residual haunting, and some spirits such as family members who just don't want to go," said Christy Bell.

"I've personally heard things, seen pictures, orbs and shadows. I don't think ghosts haunt you but I believe in ideas such as those in "Polar Express" where you have to believe to hear the bell ring, you also have to believe and be open to ghosts for something to happen. As of ever proving ghosts.....there have been sounds, and video's and pictures, what else is it? It's ghosts," said



Christy Bell./Courtesy • Winnada

Christy Bell who is a part of the Northern Nevada ghost Hunters association, the Winnemucca division.

In an informal poll about ghost encounters that truly spooked them, the replies were astonishing. Out of 10 students, 6 of them said they do believe in ghosts and have had an encounter. For adults, 4 out of 10 said they also believe in ghosts and have had encounters. That's half who were surveyed. Many of the teens and adults that were interviewed shared their thoughts on ghosts, and stories of their encounters, here's what they had to say.

"I do believe in ghosts, both good and evil, due to past experiences. These people or things that haunt others because they can't move on," said Nick Lujan, "I saw a hooded man standing in my doorway through the reflection of my fridge once and it was terrifying. Ghosts love me, what can I say?."

"We (me and several friends) decided to stay at Humboldt Printers where a man once hung himself. We were calling ghosts and throughout the night creepy

sounds and shadows kept occurring," said Savannah Montero. "While in a circle with candles lit I the middle, we suddenly heard a loud bang followed by footsteps. It was the middle of the night and we continually saw different events leading to crowding in corners, sleeping bags caught on fire and crying. I believe this was paranormal activity of ghosts and that ghosts are people who died but haven't left due to old business."

You don't need to be a scientist to search for ghosts. Anyone can have a so called haunting or encounter from a ghost and tell your story. But, when it comes down to it ghosts can not be proven, you can use different evidence from EMF reading, a photograph, sounds caught on recording to show evidence, but this evidence is unexplainable. There has to be something that cause this evidence but whether or not it is a ghost can not be explained, but if it is not a ghost then what is it?



Savannah Montero./Courtesy • Winnada

A team is more than the players on the field

By Madison Waldie

At any sporting event there are many different types of people. The players and coaches are on the field, and the fans are showing their pride in the stands. Those are the three main groups recognized at most football, basketball, and baseball games. Even at a small division 3A high school like Lowry, we don't think of much more than, our players in the blue and gold, their coaches on the field, and the numerous parents and proud students that fill up the bleachers on a Friday night.

A true team runs on much more than the players, coaches, and fans though. If you look down at the side-

lines during any professional, college, or high-school football game there are multiple people running with water bottles, first-aid bags, or just offering a pat on the back to the guys as the run off the field after a game.

The parents and guardians that make sure athletes have everything that they need to be able to play, and play well are also part of the team in my eyes. How well



Cade Billingsley and Seth Duncan./Cole Erquiaga • The Brand

could one perform if they didn't have the proper footwear, nourishment, and a place to call home? That is where a parents support; both mentally and financially, makes them a vital part of

Seventh-grader Jacob Hernandez spends his Friday nights along the sidelines at the Jerry Tobin football field. A group of boys in blue and gold jerseys does not necessarily embody a team. Teams normally have members with complementary skills and generate an alliance through a coordinated effort for a cause which allows each member to maximize their strengths and minimize their weaknesses. This includes the middle-school aged kids that spend their time filling up water bottles and guarantee that as the players come off the field they have a drink of water and a high-five. This

includes the pep-band, fans, and cheerleaders that go wild after every touchdown to ensure that the defensive line will be motivated to do their best and keep a winning score on the board for Lowry.



Jacob Hernandez and Seth Duncan return to the sideline./Cole Erquiaga • The Brand

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Game review: ‘Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim’

By Trenton Smith

 **S**kyrim is the talk of the town in the gaming universe.

Senior Kevin Boyle said, “It’s crazy how many hours you put into it.”

According to Boyle, “it could go toe-to-toe with games such as ‘Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 3’ and ‘Batman: Arkham City’ and his character looks like he came straight out of ‘Assassin’s Creed.’

Skyrim is considered by many to be the best role-playing game ever made. Boyle obviously likes this game; and with good reason. There are many cool features about Skyrim.

According to Gameinformer magazine, Skyrim is the story of a mortal imbued with ancestral draconic powers used to fulfill a prophecy and oppose the dragon god Anduil. Everyone who has or will play through Skyrim has or will see that tale unfold, regardless of the choices they make. This central provides a narrative framework, but the Elder Scrolls series built its massive following on the spaces between the key plot points. The freedom to explore a vast world, interact with its inhabitants, and undertake countless quests is what defines the unique experiences for thousands of Elder Scrolls fans, and Skyrim is no different.

Which guilds do you join? Which skills do you develop? When you first emerge from captivity, in which direction do you start walking? Gameinformer journalist Joe Juba visited Bethesda Game Studios to play over three hours of Skyrim before the game’s November

11 release date and answer those questions for himself, setting the main story aside to focus on the areas that will distinguish each player’s runthrough.

Since this is an Elder Scroll’s game, you get to create your own character from scratch. You can choose the race of your character (this can include anything from a Werewolf to a Dark Elf), the aptitude of your character, choosing between preset male and female faces, hair styles and colors, and there are even beard options (for the guys obviously).

If you’ve played previous Elder Scrolls games, you know that they all start with your character as a prisoner and escaping. Joe Juba wasn’t able to see this sequence because Bethesda Game Studios hadn’t released the game yet, and they were keeping it secret. But, thankful for us, the game has already been released, so we have confirmed that the beginning sequence is the same way as any other Elder Scrolls game.

You have been captured by the Imperial Army (the game never even gives you a single clue as to why). You are about to be executed when a dragon

drops from the sky setting off a cascade of events that leads to your escape; the dragon attacks, causing pandemonium. In this chaos, you are able to escape into an underground passage inside of a mountain. This beginning sequence is also your tutorial. In this time you are able to choose your weapon(s) combination. This could include combinations like a typical sword and shield, a spear and sword, an axe and sword, you can even put a hammer in to make insane weapon(s) combinations. You can carry two weapons in your hands and more on your back. Your combinations are limited in number, however. The stronger you make your character, the more weapons he can carry. Like the stronger characters can hold a staff and an axe in his or her hands and then have a shield, bow and arrow on his back

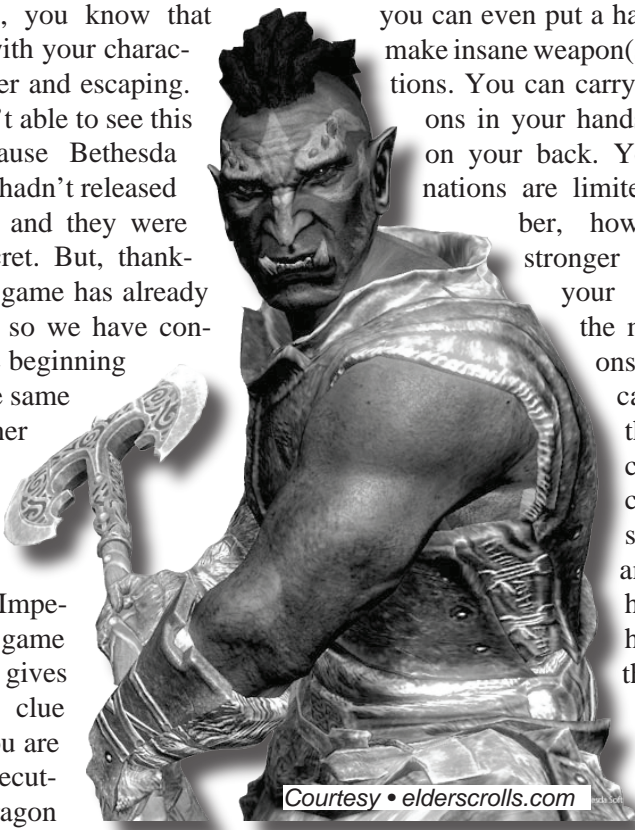


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also with a sword on his belt.

But after you escape, unlike in Oblivion, even though Skyrim has the fast-travel option, but you have to find villages and towns before you can use it. So once you have decided on a location to head towards, you should mess with the controls then. That would be the best time to do stuff like that. That’s what you should always do. Tutorials show you what most of the controls do, but not all of them. Whenever you don’t have anything to do in the game, you should mess around with the controls to see all the moves and combos that your player possesses in the game.

Skyrim is being called the best game of the year and the best Elder Scrolls game ever made. Considering the fact that you create your player, their attributes, their weapon combinations, their armor, create potions, use magic and magical weapons, go on quests, and slay dragons, that’s probably a pretty accurate guess. And just in case you don’t already know, this game is already out and is playable on the Xbox 360, PS3, and Personal Computer (PC). So either ask your parents to get you it for Christmas or just go out and get yourself!



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Lowry Then and Now

By Calvin Connors



Back in the day (1980) these two hard working young women are typing away on old-fashioned, manual typewriters./Courtesy • Winnada (1980)



Chris Kitras and Dakota Flanagan are typing away on the modern computer in Mrs. Lisa Scott’s 6th period class./Calvin Connors • The Brand



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They're not sorry for party rockin'

By Jessie Schirrick



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We're all under the influence. Not of illegal substances of course, but of LMFAO's hypnotic album, "Sorry for Party Rocking." Yes we're all "dogoholics" for this frivolous collection of fast-paced songs that make you want to have a good time. The album consists of

15 songs, all of which are capable of putting anybody in a good mood.

I couldn't write a review on this album and not write about the smash hit "Party Rock Anthem". The song is free-spirited and contains many different melodies. It's designed with very clever lyrics that are much like candy for the ears. If the song weren't popular enough, then the music video sure put it over the top and inspired the dance craze of "shufflin'". The video even has a car commercial to match, Kia Motors once again features the famous hamsters, only this time dressed as the LMFAO duet, Redfoo and Sky Blu.

Sexy and you know it? Well they have the song for you. "Sexy and I Know It" is a humorous song about the guys being so undeniably attractive that they have to dodge women left and right. This song expresses the funnier side of the group and its hilarious quotes are



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matched with a wonderfully awkward beat.

The business of party rocking isn't all fun and games as the duo expresses their more romantic side with the love song "One Day". Though, even in a love song they can't forget to make it something fans can easily dance to. This song could be considered the underdog of the album as it hasn't quite made the Top Ten List on the Billboard Charts... yet.

Jessie's Journal

By Jessie Schirrick



There are not enough Christmas movies to go around. The movies get more similar all the time. There's like two new Christmas movies every year and most of the time they're sequels to previous movies or a new take on an old movie. They should just stop making them because there's enough of them in the world and its troubling that movie producers will run out of ideas.

How come I don't know anybody who makes calendars? I am not even sure what calendar a makers' technical name is. But you never meet

someone that says, "Hi, I'm Jill, I'm a calendar maker." Who even uses calendars anymore? It's not like you don't have them on your phone.

I think CDs are going out of style what with iPods and such. CDs are like wrapping paper; they're not a necessity, but people buy them anyway because they're shiny. It's not even a big deal if a new band releases a CD. It's not like a majority of their albums are going to be bought physically. They are



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going to be bought on iTunes or an illegal music sharing website which is much more convenient than iTunes.

The dentist gives you the option of having glow-in-the-dark bands around

your brackets. They don't work. I ran into my mirror because I was sitting in the darkness of my room trying to see them. It was heartbreaking.

Testing weeks with half days should be a time for students to sit and think about life because I didn't know

what my next class was the whole time and it would've saved me a lot of trouble.

When people go to the movie theater alone I can't help but wonder what's wrong with them. Maybe they do it for the reward of the humiliation from seeing a movie alone. If so, then I can assure those solo-movie goers that there is a better way to get a rush. Like zipping, and that's something that you can actually benefit from.

I have leg cramps in my sleep. I sleep walk too because I'll fall asleep in one place and then wake up in another and not know how I got there. I slept with the TV on until I was in eighth grade because I was afraid of the dark.

Five movies for Christmas vacation

By Destiny James



The top five shows to buy over Christmas break are the following:

1. "The Hangover Part 2," is based off of the first movie in which four best friends go on a trip and happen to lose the groom. This time they go to Thailand for Stu's wedding. After the bachelor party in Las Vegas, Stu takes no chances and wants a safe, subdued pre-wedding brunch. However, things do not go as planned. Watch for yourself and see what happens.

2. "Mr. Popper's Penguins," is a great family film, and suitable for all ages. It is a very enjoyable movie, and has a great actor as well, Jim Carrey. This film is about the life of a business man who has no time for his family but begins to change after he inherits six penguins. He transforms his apartment into a winter wonderland and his professional life starts to unravel. This is a great movie to enjoy with a cup of hot chocolate.

3. "Friends with Benefits," is a great romance flick. It stars Justin Timberlake and Mila Kunis. The film tells the story of Jamie (Kunis) and Dylan (Timberlake), who meet in New York City. Over time the two begin to develop deep mutual feelings for each other, only to deny it each time they are together. This is

a great film to watch with your boyfriend or girlfriend. This show is somewhat graphic, but it is still kid orientated.

4. "Fast Five," is a based off of the other fast five movies. This is about Dominic "Dom" (Vin Diesel) is being transported to prison. His sister Mia Toretto (Jordana Brewster) and friend Brian O'Conner (Paul Walker) lead an assault on the bus, causing it to crash and free Dom. While the police search for them, the three escape to Rio de Janeiro where their safe house is. While they are there they plan to get a job to steal three cars from a train. Brian and Mia discover that agents from the U.S. Agency are also on the train and that the cars are seized properly. Dom and Brian are captured and brought to the owner of the cars. Reyes orders the pair be interrogated to discover the location of the car, but they manage to escape and go to their safe house.

5. "Change Up," is a great film that

stars Ryan Reynolds and Jason Bateman. It is about Mitch (Reynolds) and Dave (Jason) who have grown up together. Mitch just wants to be a partier and is always breaking girls' hearts, and doesn't care about anyone but himself. Then there is Dave who has a beautiful wife and lovable children however he doesn't want them and wants to live the single life again. When they magically switch bodies, they both realize the importance of how great life can be if they don't take things for granted.



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