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THE DOUBLE STANDARD: WHY WOMEN ARE TREATED DIFFERENTLY

By JESSIE SHIRRICK AND DANI RICKER

Women have had the right to vote for 95 years, the Equal Pay Act has ensured the equal pay of men and women for 51 years, and with the help of Title IX of the US Educational Amendments women haven't faced discrimination in education since 1972. So the battle of the sexes has long been settled right? Wrong. Contrary to popular belief, there is not a single state in America in which women make the same salary as men for doing the same work. Even more shocking, 60% of sexual assaults on women go unreported- just to name a couple giant issues modern American women are currently facing even if they don't know it. So what are the reasons behind these injustices?

A well known document that goes by the name Title IX states, "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving federal financial assistance." The purpose of said document, signed by President Nixon on June 23 of 1972, was to ensure women equal opportunity of education. Prior to the signing of Title IX widely known universities did not accept women into their programs; law and medical schools used a quota system to limit the enrollment of females. Since then, data shows that more women than men graduate high school and go on to attend college.

Although Title IX was created with the purpose of leveling the playing field in education, it has been widely used as an argument to allow women to participate in high school and college athletics. Sports receive federal funding, under title IX this qualifies women to be legally allowed to participate. The document may not specifically state anything about sports, but being that the sports are regulated by the school and can even be used to receive high school and college credits, schools are required to allow women to be involved in these sports. High schools and many universities receive federal funding, meaning their athletic programs fall under the scrutiny of the law, regardless of the public opinion on women's involvement with sports.

Too often the argument "women care less about sports," is used to deter such scrutiny. We are left wondering, when was the last time you went to a volleyball game and had to search for a place to sit? Conversely, how many times have you left for a football game early to make sure you got a good seat or parking spot? Shelby Ruff, a Chemistry teacher at Lowry and former high school athlete, agreed with this sce-



Mrs. Shelby Ruff./Courtesy • Winnada

Women face the challenge of being forced to prove they are worth being watched. The Fact of the matter is, men's sports have a wider audience. Athletes are performers. It is so much easier to get pumped to go out and play (or perform) in front of a packed house than it is to play for an empty gym. Women's sports are all too commonly not only ignored, but mocked. How many basketball fans could tell me which male college team won March Madness last year? How many could tell me which female team won? The WNBA is all too often referred to as "a joke". According to an ESPN report 34% of women say that sports are a major part to who they are, as compared to the 61% of boys who say the same. So the real question is, do women care less about sports because of lack of interest, or because the thought of making a career out of the sport is mocked instead of praised? While all of this very unsettling, there are still far worse horrors women are faced with.

According to the Center of Disease Control 1 in 5 women and 1 in 71 men report experiencing rape sometime in their life. 42% of these reported rape victims claimed the incident happened before they were 18. This is probably the age when women are at the highest risk of an assault. However, the threat doesn't magically disappear on your 18th birthday. If you're a female and plan on going to college and joining a sorority your chances of being assaulted slightly increase. College Greek life has long been infamous for their heavy partying and hazing, which makes members more susceptible to being subjected to harmful sexual activity.

Rape is obviously unacceptable and all convicted rapists are brought to justice, right? Not necessarily. According to the Student Press Law Center, most of these assaults go unreported because the victims often don't know what "counts" as rape. Even if they do, they may feel too uncomfortable and embarrassed to talk to anybody about what they experienced. Unfortunately, even the victims that do speak up never see the justice they deserve. Conflicts between students are usually brought to a mock trial consisting of untrained peers and faculty, and the attacker is usually let off with an essay, probation, or a suspension- virtually a slap on the wrist for a serious crime. Of course, this isn't protocol at every institution, but it's very typical.

As women graduate from college and head out into the real world, they begin to encounter new and exciting forms of injustice. The best place for

nario.

"I don't know if it's a gender thing or a sport thing but far more people show up to football games than volleyball games. I would agree that it seems people are more interested in watching the men's sports just from the attitudes you hear about the WNBA and other professional women's sports," said Ruff.

women to work is Washington D.C. but even women there only make 91% of what men make. In most states, women will only earn 78% of what their male counterparts make. The question is, why? When you factor in age, education, and family responsibilities of men and women working the same positions, there is still an unexplained 7% pay gap, and it only gets worse for women of color. While Asian women experience the least pay discrimination (90% of white men's earnings), Latina and Hispanic women are set apart from a caucasian man's salary with a whopping 54% pay difference. While this statistic seems fairly shocking one Latina student that commented on this, Irene Diaz, said "This is new information, but it's not surprising."

According to research done by Dr. Claudia Goldin of Harvard University, the pay gap widens the higher the job pays- huge differences in salaries in medical, financial, and legal professions. All this despite the Equal Pay Act of 1963 which requires, among other things, employers to pay workers of the same job title

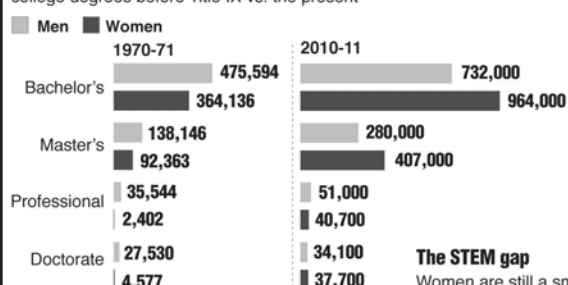


Title IX, 40 years later

The landmark civil rights law opened major educational opportunities for women when it was signed by President Nixon on June 23, 1972.

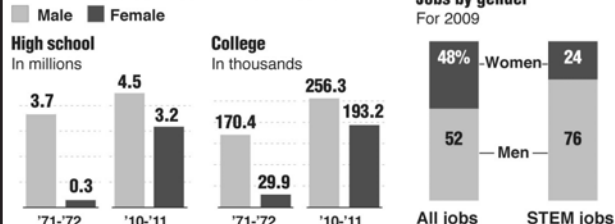
More women earn college degrees

Women earn almost three times the bachelor's degrees now than they did before Title IX. The number of women and men earning college degrees before Title IX vs. the present



More girls, women play sports now

Number engaging in high school, college sports



What Title IX says

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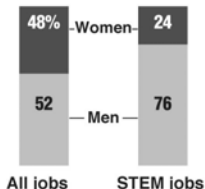
--Title IX of Educational Amendments Act of 1972

The STEM gap

Women are still a small share of the high-paying science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) workforce

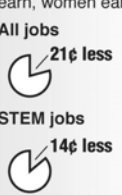
Jobs by gender

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Pay gap impact

For every dollar men earn, women earn





No new taxes; but new sheriff in town highlight Nov. election

By MARCOS DURAN

As you may know, the biennial midterm elections were held this year, with key races happening locally, statewide, and nationally. While the voter turnout was the lowest in years, there were still major shifts of power.



New Humboldt County Sheriff Mike Allen./Courtesy • facebook.com/mikeallen4sheriff

On a local level, the three things mostly everyone was looking out for were the Sheriff and Judge races, and the Boys and Girls Club Funding Tax, more commonly known as Question 2. The Sheriff's race was between incumbent Sheriff Ed Kilgore and challenger Mike Allen. Allen won with 54% of the vote, leaving Kilgore with 46%. For the District Court Judge race, the candidates were Todd Plimpton and Jim Shirley. While Humboldt County showed its support for Plimpton, Shirley carried Pershing and Lander Counties, thus winning the seat by a narrow margin of 7%. Teachers Laura Mercado and Mark Carstensen expressed their opinions on the election.

"I believe Allen won because people are tired of what's been going on with the Sheriff's Department," said Mercado. "I myself am interested to see what he does to improve the situation. If anything, he needs to be open and transparent. As for the Judge Race, I believed Mr. Plimpton was going to take it, but Shirley won, I am also interested to see what he does in office,"

Question 2 was a big upset, as it was rejected by

voters 60% to 40%.

"I thought with it being an extremely modest, almost unnoticeable tax increase to fund a recreational center, it was going to be approved easily, but I guess people don't want any sort of new tax," said Mercado.

In the State level, nothing changed much, with incumbent Governor Brian Sandoval remaining in office. The only major change is that the State Senate is under Republican majority.

"Democrats just didn't show up to vote," said Carstensen. "You can see that if you look at the results of the Nevada races, with not a single Democrat winning. Now that the State Senate is controlled by the Republican Party, they might make cuts in spending, which could seriously damage education here at home."



Mark Carstensen./Courtesy • Winnada

At the National Level, all eyes were on the Senatorial races, which would determine if the Senate was taken by the Republicans or kept under Democratic majority. As the results rolled in, the Republicans won major races, which helped it take control of the Senate with a 53 seat majority. The Democratic Party now has 44 seats. There are also currently 2 Independent seats.

"It has been difficult to get anything done in the government with a Democratic President, a Democratic Senate and a Republican [House of Represen-

tatives], at least then President Obama had the Senate's support, now with an entirely Republican Congress, President Obama will have an even more difficult time getting anything done," said Mercado. Carstensen has a tone similar to Mercado's.



Laura Mercado./Courtesy • Winnada

"Nothing will get done in Washington; the only thing that is troubling is that the Republicans will cause another government shutdown while trying to get their way by repealing Obamacare. They've already done it once last year, and that was with just the House under their control. Who's to say that they aren't going to do it again, this time with the entire Congress?" said Carstensen.

When the new Republican Congress takes charge in January, they will have two years before the Presidential Election, in which a new President will take office, and more Congressional seats open. This change in control might have an effect on the election.

"If the Republicans get bills passed and stuff done during the small time that they have, it will be hard for a Democratic President to be elected," said Mercado.

"If nothing gets achieved with a Republican Congress, it could seriously hurt them. It would facilitate the election of the Democratic candidate, and the Democrats would have a good chance of taking either the House or the Senate. We'll have to see how everything unfurls," said Carstensen.

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By DAN



QUIZ

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In the November election, who was elected as the Humboldt County Sheriff?

- A) Brian Sandoval
- B) Mike Allen
- C) Ed Kilgore
- D) Mike Montero



New federal law guidelines have been set to ban profiling. These laws apply to everywhere except where?

- A) Airports
- B) Borders
- C) Intelligence Operations
- D) All The Above



Irfan Khan • Los Angeles Times/MCT

Oregon and Florida State will be competing in what bowl game?

- A) National University Holiday Bowl
- B) Allstate Sugar Bowl
- C) Military Bowl
- D) Rose Bowl



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His move to stop Obama's immigration action angered his own party members.

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- C) John Boehner
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Student starts anti-bullying group

By KAITY SAMPLE

According to Nobullying.com across the U.S. at least 20% of teens in grades 9-12 have been or are being bullied. At Lowry, the 2014 school year the statistics have gone to an all-time high with at least 75% of the teens that attend Lowry are being bullied, and apparently nothing is being done to stop it. So sophomore Zachary Sparks has taken things into his own hands and started an anti-bully body guard system, Bullies Back Down.

Bullies Back Down is a coalition composed of some of Lowry's finest students who all have the same goal: protect innocent students from getting beat up.

"We are just out here trying to keep Lowry safe.

I've always wanted to be the small town hero and now I finally have my chance," said founder Zachary Sparks.

If you are being bullied please contact one of the guards. For one day the cost is \$55 and for a week the going rate is \$125.

"We have an ever-growing client list and we are saving the money for some new video games like Yoshi's Woolly World and Pokemon: Alpha Sapphire and Omega Ruby," said Sparks.



Notorious Lowry bully David Anderson is put in his place by Zach Sparks./Kanye West • The Brand

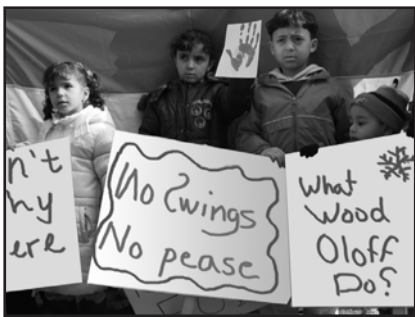


The clients seem to think it's worth every penny. "I honestly feel as safe as ever. I can walk around school and know that someone will protect me," said senior Luis Cardenas.

CHILDREN OUTRAGED BY REJECTION OF QUESTION 2

By JESSIE SCHIRRIK

The November mid-term election was rather unremarkable for Humboldt County as none of the questions voted on were passed. However, one of these questions has stirred up quite a bit of controversy.



Students express their frustration./ Courtesy • wikimedia.org

models.

"Parks are supposed to give us something to do so that we don't have turn to drugs and violence so as retaliation for being denied, we have been using drugs and being violent," said fifth-grader Kevin

Patterson.

Several parents are concerned for their children's safety at school with rumors circulating that gangs have been formed.

"Little Jimmy threw up the blood sign at the dinner table last night," said local mother Janet Smith.

While tensions are running high there has yet to be moves made to construct any new parks.

Underclassmen to be detained during lunches

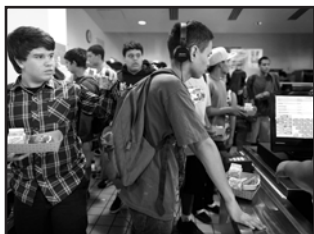
By MARISSA MENDOZA

Beginning January 2015, administration will be forcing underclassmen to stay on campus during lunch, due to the amount of tardies and absences after lunch.

"One of the best ways to keep lowerclassmen from ditching or getting tardies is by not allowing them to leave at all," said Mr. Sorenson. "I'm hoping administration eventually pushes this new rule to not only the underclassmen, but upperclassmen as well," Sorenson added.

Hearing the news, lowerclassmen have decided to sign a petition to end these future changes. They're going to hold out until the administration decides to give them off campus privileges and longer lunches.

"The off campus lunches are unfair and require immediate action by



Students forced to buy school lunches./Barbara Davidson • Los Angeles Times • MCT

freshman and sophomores everywhere," said freshman Jessica Stewart. "It's not fair that these rules are being applied now, especially to us freshman that just got to this school. Off campus lunches is what we all looked forward to most, and now that's being taken away," Stewart added.

Many students are taking advantage of the fact that they get to leave campus for lunch, and are showing up to fifth period late, or aren't showing up at all.

Officer Jones has issued warnings to underclassmen that anyone caught ditching school will be given a truancy and eventually students will be expelled.

As of now, the petition has had no effect on administration changing their minds about the off campus lunch at Lowry.

Washington adopts new mascot

By MADDI ROSE

There has been many debates over the name change of the well-known football team, The Washington Redskins. The team has addressed whether it is actually offensive to Native Americans and their culture. The owner, Dan Snyder has spoken to many Natives about keeping the name the same, but has not found anyone who has said it is not offensive, so as a result, had to change the name.

"What a great idea, I believe that the Redskins name is overplayed, and we hear it too much. A new name will get everyone more excited," said student Brittanie Lopez.

The Redskins will be replaced by The Wookies. With the new Star Wars movie coming out in a couple years it will be perfect for sales. They are merging two very big fan groups into

one, the football fans and the Star Wars fanatics.

"I think it is a great idea because The Redskins are old news, and since they aren't very good they need to spice it up" said student Maddie Grady.

This is a name that has not been easy to change. This name has also received some backlash, the stars of the show "Duck Dynasty" have been complaining about the diss on their famous beards. They said that they have worked too

hard on growing them, just to have them disrespected by a football team's mascot. The men of the Robinson family feel deeply offended.

This dispute has not, and will not have any effect on the decision to change the name. The team is very happy about the name change, and so are the fans.



The proposed new helmet and logo for the Washington Wookies./Courtesy • The Washington Wookies.

New mall to include 4th Subway of Winnemucca

By JESSIE SCHIRRIK

Winnemucca residents are all agog about the new mall being built next to Winger's on

a Subway, but those are just some of the stores the people of Winnemucca can expect.

Rim Rock Road.

"I don't know what the heck 'agog' means but man am I excited for the new mall coming to town!" said student Ronald Ceballos.

The new mall will feature many new and exciting shops that have never been available to the town. Stores include Sunglass Hut, Scuba Diver Stop, Hawaiian Theme Party Store, and



Winnemucca's new mall will be similar to this one./Jill Anna Greenberg • Philadelphia Inquirer/MCT

2017, although it's not set in stone. It still hasn't been confirmed if these are legitimate plans or if it is just a rumor.

"I'm probably most excited about the Subway, just because the three that are already available to me have really lost my interest and I'm hoping this one can gain it back," said Ceballos.

Construction on the new mall is set to begin in Spring

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cation than boys, even when they are in the same classroom. The study's results found that teachers call on boys more than girls, ask boys more difficult questions, give boys lengthier feedback, and are more patient with boys than girls. Girls are generally ignored by teachers, even if the teachers don't realize they are doing it. It was decided to ask the teachers of Lowry what they thought of this interesting study.

Of the three teachers that were spoken to, none of them had heard of this study and all of them denied deliberately giving more attention to their male students than their female students, but one teacher admitted to a common mistake made by teachers.



Mr. Brant Corak./Courtesy • Winnada

"Something you have to be really careful of is calling on a student who probably knows the answer. You just want to

call on them to keep the lesson moving and you don't want to embarrass someone who might not know the answer. That doesn't add up though, because a lot of my best students are females," said Math teacher Brant Corak.

Another teacher that was interviewed teaches in a rather unconventional setting, but his response was similar.

"In the weight room I don't see anybody as males or females, I see them as athletes. I can definitely say that I interact with boys more just because we have more in common and guy-to-guy contact is a lot more condoned than guy-to-girl contact," said Weights teacher Taua Cabatbat.

Cabatbat definitely makes a valid point, one that most teachers would agree with. A friendly relationship between a teacher and a student can be seen as inappropriate. Especially so with male-teacher to female-student relationships because that is the dynamic most commonly seen in an inappropriate teacher-student relationship, but that doesn't mean boys can't be victims of sexual harassment by teachers. People just seem to forget this possibility.

Ten students were also interviewed concerning their opinions on equality and discrimination in the classroom.

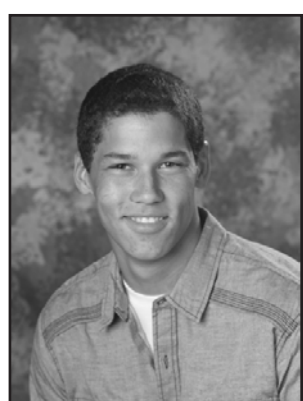
Of those ten students who answered questions, eight of them expressed that they felt ignored in class because of their gender. Whether it be because they're a girl in a typically male-dominant class, or because a boy feels outnumbered and under-appreciated in any standard class, they felt discriminated against at some point. One student said she thought that teachers single out either male or female students because they want to compare male intelligence to female intelligence. Another said teachers probably figure girls are too shy to speak up in class, one just said because "it happens". None of the students could offer a legitimate way to fix the problem though.

Perhaps the only problem is that of being uninformed. As proof of this, some male students were asked about their opinions on feminism. One of the interviewees replied "aren't feminists the ones that just hate females?" One interviewee stated that he agreed with the principles of feminism and said he was indeed a feminist. The other boys were

somewhat hesitant to be so bold as to give themselves that title, so they were prompted to really give it some thought, and think of an instance when they witnessed discrimination against females firsthand.

"Females do get in trouble more than boys for school dress code, but I can't say I've ever witnessed a teacher treating their boy students better than girls, although I'm sure it happens. I guess I just never payed attention," said senior Jay Oakley.

Maybe that's the problem, this inequality is so present in today's society that people have become desensitized to it. If people would just open their eyes and perhaps do something to change it, the problem could be eliminated.



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Have you heard the news? There are now 32 states that allow same-sex marriage. There are 21 states that legalized gay marriage by court decision, eight by state legislature, and three by popular vote. 17 other countries have approved the freedom to marry for same-sex couples nationwide including Canada, Brazil, and South Africa. So why is gay marriage so frowned upon in the United States?

A court decision in Nevada legalized gay marriage on October 9, 2014. Many people completely oppose this law, but there are so many pros about legalizing gay marriage. It's most likely going to boost Nevada's economy, because honestly, who doesn't want to get hitched in Las Vegas? Same-sex couples should be allowed to publicly celebrate their commitment in the same way as heterosexual couples.

Although Nevada was forced to recognize the legitimacy of gay marriage by the courts, this is not the case everywhere. Recently, the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals let stand gay marriage bans

in Ohio and four other states. This ruling makes it more likely the issue will go before the Supreme Court.

Many people also argue that same-sex marriage is against the institution of marriage. The institution of marriage has traditionally been defined as between a man and a woman. People think that allowing gay couples to wed will further weaken the institution of marriage, even though over 40% of marriages currently end in divorce. Some people also just find it morally wrong and they say that it goes against "The Bible".

Then there are people like me, who are neutral about the subject. Gay marriage is a moot point, just like the legalization of marijuana. Even though there is a lot of controversy, does it really matter what

other people do? Is gay marriage directly affecting you? If it's not, you should try to not let it bother you. Everyone should have the right to love who they want; America was founded upon the idea of a free country for everyone.



BY MACLYN
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Hazing becoming a problem in sports

For most, the word hazing conjures images of "Animal House" or, more recently, "Old School". Although this kind of activity continues to take place on college campuses across the US; what is often overlooked is the hazing or initiation practices at the high school level.

The playing fields and courts are supposed to be an extension of the classroom. In a perfect world this would take place. All of our coaches would act as the best classroom teachers and the athletes would be the students who sit in the front of the room and come ready to learn. However, this is a utopian view of the world and we all know this is not the case. How many people show up to watch someone solve Calculus problems on a Friday Night?

Unfortunately hazing and initiation activities, both on and off the field, are often times overlooked or not recognized for what they are. Recently in several locations across the nation, school administrators took drastic actions to deal with hazing in athletics. In possibly the most infamous case this year, seven players from the Sayreville War Memo-

rial High School football team faced charges ranging from hazing and conspiracy to sexual contact. In this case, the coaches were suspended and the season canceled. Similar action was taken to cancel the season of Central Bucks High School West in Doylestown, PA. Allegations of water boarding and sexual touching were made.

These are not isolated incidents as several other programs were also shut down this year. And like any other activity in which the victim is often times humiliated; it is safe to assume that there are countless other incidents which are not reported. Two of the victims in the Sayreville case told the New York Times the hazing wasn't a big deal; it was part of team bonding. But another felt suicidal after experiencing the hazing, and the now ever-present, social media backlash afterward.

Although all of these incidents occurred in football programs; hazing is not exclusive to that sport. Nor is it limited to high schools back east. Churchill County High school went through this several years ago with its wrestling

program. (By the way, it's also not just "boys-will-be-boys"; google Clemson women's soccer.)

In December 2010 a 15-year-old wrestler was physically assaulted in a rather graphic and grotesque way by five of his teammates. In 2012, this cost the district \$712,500 in a settlement with the victim while all of the perpetrators pleaded to charges under the juvenile justice system. These teammates learned too late that hazing is a misdemeanor as defined in NRS 200.605.

At some point we need to realize that this kind of behavior is not acceptable, even in its most tame forms. If we accept, or excuse, any hazing behavior is it not easy to see the poor example we are setting for children. After all, one can see this behavior every spring with the ritual hazing of Major League Baseball rookies. Or if you prefer you can see what the NFL players do to each other in the advancement of "team bonding" during training camp. How exactly is a team built by separating certain members out for special treatment, exclusion, punishment and ridicule?

Of course we need to bring common sense to the issue and differentiate between harmless fun and criminal activity. We definitely do not need to go the extreme such as seeing a 7-year-old suspended for sexual harassment for giving a classmate a hug. All teams and groups have their own culture and different steps you must go through for acceptance. Sometimes this might just be some banter or ribbing, but when it escalates to the point where certain people are selected for special punishment and ridicule; it has crossed the line. Why would a coach allow this? This shouldn't happen because, "It happened to me." It wasn't right then and it's not right now. This is one of the most illogical reasons for hazing. It also leads us down the path of Adrian Peterson. Sometimes a tradition is simply a mistake made more than once.

I don't want to say the B-word, but isn't that what hazing really is? And if we are truly concerned with bullying and harassment; why does it seem that hazing is treated differently? Hazing does not build teams; it can only tear them apart.



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What classes you should be taking

To receive just a basic diploma at Lowry a student must have twenty three and a half credits. Of which, four have to be English credits, one half credit has to be Health Education, four must be math, two PE, three Science, one U.S. History, one U.S. Government, one Arts/Humanities/C.T.E., one half Computers, one Economics/Social Studies, and five and a half Elective credits.

That is 24 credits that you are required to take no matter what.

The problem with this is these classes (aside from most electives) prepare you for college, but what if you don't plan on going to college? And what if you plan on a pursuing career such as a carpenter or something? Shouldn't you be taking classes that prepare you for those jobs? And what if my plan in life

is to not go to college, and instead open up a quilting shop. I mean, how often am I going to have to find the derivative of a trig function if I'm quilting all day. Let's be real, how often are you going to use calculus no matter what trade you choose?

Let's go back to that carpenter idea: I realize basic English skills are required, but if you can pass a state writing test should you still be required to complete all four credits? If state testing is done sophomore year and you pass that test, your last two years could be used to study welding, construction, or woods; which are classes you will need to take to pursue that career.

I think students need to start thinking ahead about college majors and career path as freshman. If you plan on major-

ing in something involving a lot of math, rather than taking art as an elective, take accounting. If you plan on doing something with music, take band. How many times have you taken a random elective because it's an "easy A"? Electives may seem like unimportant easy classes,

but those are the classes that could prepare you for life more than any other class offered at Lowry. If students started to think about the future before their senior year they wouldn't be panicking, trying to decide what to major in or what they're going to do with their lives. I also think that if students were allowed to build their own schedules based on what they plan on doing in life, they would be more prepared to be off on

their own in the 'real world'. Maybe the school system should be more aware of the fact that not all students will go to college, let alone actually graduate high school, and prepare them better for the jobs that will be available to them.



BY DANI RICKER

The musing of an otaku

Let's talk about obsessions. For an otaku (anime and manga fan) like me, this word more or less defines a person's way of life. Without the interest these people love, they may not find much reason to live anymore. Obsessions, for many people, are indeed a way of life.

As an otaku, I am obsessed with anime and manga. In fact, I founded a whole club around it. I flaunt my obsession as much as I can and I am not afraid to let my freak flag fly. I am a person who cares deeply about the things I am obsessed with and for me, that's just okay.

Now, I realize there is such thing as being obsessed to a fault. There are people who are so focused on the thing they are obsessed with, that they fail to see their lives as anything be-

yond their obsession. At that point, these people aren't exactly functioning members of society anymore and those people should get help whether they like it or not.

There is a limit as to how obsessed a person can get. If it reaches a level where the person can get about their obsession, that is a problem. If a person has the ability to think about something other than their obsession, they are a member of the latter, seeing as even though I am obsessed with anime and manga, I can change to other subjects like music, fine literature, current events, romance, and even...



BY LIAM GALLUPS

Well, that's all I can think of outside of anything that would be connected to my obsession, even remotely. But I digress.

That brings me to the "Border-Liners" as I like to call them. This category is the one I am the closest to. Border-Liners are those people who are obsessed with something and are dangerously close to the unhealthy obsessed people, but can shift to another subject with a bit of effort. These people are not exactly as insane as

the overly obsessed people, but are more clingy and reluctant than the moderately obsessed people. With counseling, both Border-Liners and unhealthily obsessed people can be reverted.

Then there is the danger that if you do revert them, you are interfering with their lives. If a person is obsessed with something bad, like murder or being tortured for instance, they need help. If it be with something harmless, like anime and manga (although some of those are rather controversial) it's okay as long as the person isn't unhealthily obsessed. Like the old saying goes, you can have too much of a good thing.

Obsessions, for many are a way of life. It's only if the level of obsession is unhealthily high or is with something bad that it becomes a big problem. I urge you to consider whether or not there is a special interest that you hold dear. Are you obsessed with it but can turn away from it easily, or rather reluctantly. Now turn to the person who's nearby. Are they obsessed with something? What is it with? Can they easily stop thinking about it or can they not leave it alone? If it's the former, would it be a bad thing to them to make them lose interest? If it's the latter, would it do them good to pull them back to reality? To all those people who think all obsessions are sins, are they really?

I urge you to consider these questions. I urge you to listen to these musings, and look at the world around you. That is my opinion, and I shall stand by it. This is the life I lead.

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Don't be a ninny and skip over it. Do laugh at this article because it's funny.

Don't listen to Swing Tree music. People will accuse you of being a hippie.

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Don't go to lunch with someone who has a significant other. Chances are, you won't survive the endeavor.

Do go to lunch with me because I don't have very many friends.

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Do mention people if you do decide to post about them.

Don't post provocative selfies on Instagram.

Do post selfies of you and your friends having a grand ole time.

Don't make this school year drag by. Have fun and be spontaneous.

Do have a great holiday season.



BY MACLYN CRNKOVICH

Doing your best is what counts

I like bowling because it is a great sport to do. Also, I like to hang out with all my friends and my team. We meet every Thursday after school at the bowling alley to practice. We are practiced very hard and went to a state tournament in Reno. Practicing very hard helped



BY KATIE HILLIIER

our team take home gold medals. We will have medals to take home to show all our friends and our moms and dads. The team is called the Buck-

aroos. We made posters at our last practice to get everybody ready for state. We had hoped to go home with gold medals but if we didn't then that would be okay too, we can take any medals they give us. The most important part is to try our best and play the sport we love the most bowling and to have fun. Some people took first place and some other people did not get first place and that was okay too.



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Wrestlers dominate home tournament; continue streak

BY MACLYN CRNKOVICH

As anticipated, Lowry has been having a successful year of wrestling so far. Going for their seventh state championship title, the team is working harder than ever before. Lowry won their 100th consecutive dual on December 12.

The team recently dominated in the Cody Louk Memorial tournament December 13 and 14. Lowry won with 264 points, Spanish Springs placed second with 214.5 points, Carson placed third with 206 points, and Fallon placed fourth with 183 points. “The tournament went better than

I expected,” said Nate Nelson. “We had a lot of big wins and a lot of kinds stepped up to fill spots.”

Luis Cardenas placed first in the 285 pound weight class, Nate Nelson placed first in the 138 pound weight class, and Gabe Molina placed first in the 132 pound weight class.

“We got battle tested real early in the season. Everybody thought that Lowry would be jacked this year with what little returners we had, but most of the freshman have stepped up and wrestled well; especially last weekend at the Louk,” said Molina.

Coach Tim Grady says the season has been going well, but as with any sport there are still many improvements to be made.

“We are doing alright at this point. It’s a long season and we have a lot of young kids that are seeing a lot of mat time and winning. The wrestling season is a marathon, not a sprint. We are where we need to be and a little more work in getting in shape and

more live wrestling,” said Grady.

Nelson added on, “We have a long road ahead of us, but this was a good way to start the season.”

The season continues Dec. 19 and 18, when the varsity team heads to the Tournament of Champions in Reno, and JV heads to Lovelock.



The 2014-15 Wrestling team./Courtesy • Winnada



Nathan Blanco turns his opponent./Maclyn Crnkovich • The Brand

Ryan Johnson battles hard to take down his opponent./Maclyn Crnkovich • The Brand



Tristan Waller fights for the pin./Maclyn Crnkovich • The Brand

Beau Billingsley throws his opponent to the mat./Maclyn Crnkovich • The Brand



JV Boys looking forward to league play

BY AIMEE BRANDON

Lowry’s JV boys basketball team is ready for an amazing season. They had their first tournament in Battle Mountain Friday and Saturday December 5 and 6. At the tournament the boys played Yerington, White Pine, and Dayton.

The first game was against Yerington in which the boys lost 33-32. From that loss the team was able to improve.

“We started slow but through each game we improved more and more. At the end we played pretty well together,” said Jacob Hernandez.

Despite a loss the Bucks pulled together their first win of the season against Dayton, 35-22 after which they played White Pine and had another win, 48-12.

“We were 2-1, we lost our first game by 1 point because we could not hit free throws. The next two games were good we improved a lot. We also got to work on a couple different offenses and defenses,” said coach Grant Beatty.

The tournament gave the Bucks some insight into their hopes for the season.

“The more we play together the better the outcome will be,” said Hernandez.

Coach Beatty is confident that his team will accomplish a lot this season.

“We have a good group and some juniors that give us good depth and leadership. We’re hoping to win in our league and prepare the boys for varsity,” said coach Beatty.

The boys will be presenting themselves at their first home game Friday, December 19 at 3:30 p.m. against South Tahoe. The following day, Saturday December 20, the boys play Dayton at 11:30 a.m. also in Lowry’s Old Gym.



Michael Rangel tries to get by Jacob Hernandez./Weston Irons • The Brand



Jed Teichert makes a pass to Brody Goucher (24)./Weston Irons • The Brand



The 2014-15 JV boys basketball team./Courtesy • Winnada



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Freshman get out to 4-0 start

By AIMEE BRANDON

If freshman and JV teams are the future of varsity, then Lowry's future is looking great. The freshman girls' basketball team is undefeated so far and they have a new coach on the court, Morgan Thacker.

So far the Lady Bucks have participated in a scrimmage against Hug High, the High Sierra Winter Challenge Tournament, and a game against

and have yet to lose. At the tournament the girls played McQueen, Carson, and Spanish Springs. Throughout each game they owned the court. Then on Saturday, December 13 the team travelled to Damonte Ranch to play the Mustangs.

In the game against Damonte the girls had the win in their hands just minutes into the game.

"We got off to a really good start. I remember it was 12 to nothing in the first quarter and we never looked back," said Kapa Bengochea.

The Mustangs did not put up much of a fight for the Buckaroos, Lowry won 50-16.

"Our team did good against Damonte Ranch, we played a team that wasn't much of a challenge so it was good for us to focus on small things to work on," said Taylor West.

The girls have what many teams lack, communication. That teamwork is something both West and Bengochea can attest to.

"Our strong point is probably talking to each other on the court and helping each other get better," said West.

"Our chemistry is on point. I love how well our team works together," said Bengochea.

Both girls also agree that their team needs to be improve at utilizing their offense.

"All of our games so far haven't been real 'challenging' for us. As a team, we really need to work on settling down and understanding how to



The 2014-15 freshman girls team/Courtesy Winnada

run our offense," said Bengochea.

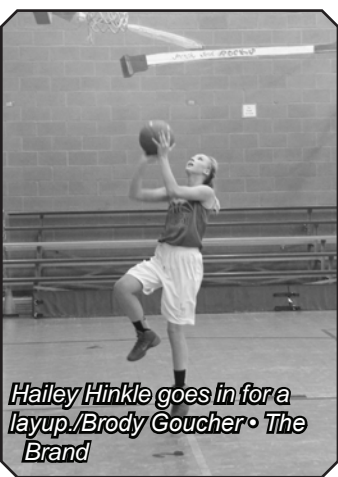
"Our team needs to get better at running our offense through completely and focusing on taking good shots," said West.

The team has high expectations for themselves. It should be a good season for this group of athletes.

"I expect the season to be successful as long as everyone works hard and we keep our team unity up. I'm excited for it," said West.

"My goal for the season is to get better and ultimately to be undefeated," said Bengochea.

The Buckaroos play again at a tournament in Reno on December 26, 27, 29, and 30.



Hailey Hinkle goes in for a layup./Brody Goucher • The Brand



Sam Diaz makes a pass./Brody Goucher • The Brand

Bowl Games Cabatbat and Lucas

By BRODY GOUCHER

Nevada vs. UL Lafayette
Cabatbat: "Nevada wins this game, they just have to stuff the run game early and Cody Fajardo and the pack will get it done."

Lucas: "Nevada is going to beat Lafayette because Nevada is a far superior team."

Nebraska vs. USC

Cabatbat: "Nebraska has a great defensive line and I think they will pull it off with that being the difference."

Lucas: "Nebraska will win because they are excited about getting rid of their

coach and they are on their way back to the path of dominance."

Boise State vs. Arizona

Cabatbat: "I think that Boise State doesn't have what it takes to beat Arizona and Arizona's quarterback will step up and have a huge game."

Lucas: "Boise State is going to win simply because Arizona is overrated and Boise is the better team."

Notre Dame vs. LSU

Cabatbat: "LSU has a solid young squad and simply has too much 'ism' for Notre Dame to stop them."

Lucas: "Notre Dame is going to win for one reason, they have the luck of the Irish."

Michigan State vs. Baylor

Cabatbat: "Baylor is going to win for the same reason TCU is going to win, they are pissed off

and will play with a chip on their shoulder."

Lucas: "I like Baylor, I think they will have a chip on their shoulder and will be out to prove a point."

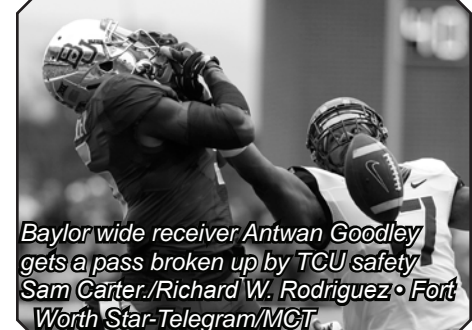
Oregon vs. Florida State

Cabatbat: "The island boy Marcus Mariota is going to lead Oregon to a blowout and its not even going to be close

Lucas: "Oregon wins because Marcus Mariota can't be stopped and the team is too good."

Alabama vs. Ohio State

Cabatbat: "Ohio State has done a great job this season and the coaching was phenomenal but Alabama just has too much



Baylor wide receiver Antwan Goodley gets a pass broken up by TCU safety Sam Carter./Richard W. Rodriguez • Fort Worth Star-Telegram/MCT

punch in them and will overcome Ohio State."

Lucas: "Alabama is going to win, Alabama's defense is going to be the difference in the game."

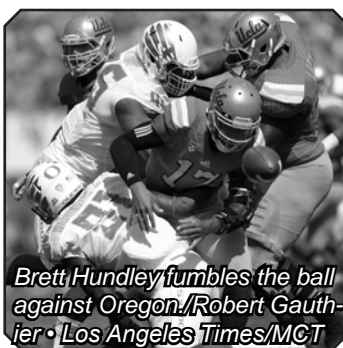
National Championship:

Cabatbat: "I think Oregon and Alabama will make the championship but I think once again the island boy will lead his team to victory over 'Bama."

Lucas: "Oregon will win it once again just because Marcus Mariota is just too good."



Boise State running back Jay Ajayi scores a touchdown against Utah State./Kyle Green • Idaho Statesman/TNS



Brett Hundley fumbles the ball against Oregon./Robert Gauthier • Los Angeles Times/MCT

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Athlete of the Issue: Kylee McClellan

BY BRODY GOUCHER

Kylee McClellan has accomplished almost everything a Lowry athlete can, McClellan has been part of several varsity teams in basketball and softball, won a state championship, and has been voted captain by her teammates in softball. She will most likely be a captain of the softball team again and will be a huge part of the Lowry girls' basketball team this year as they try for a second state title.

McClellan was born in 1997, only four short years after she was born she was already asking her mom to let her play sports.

"I started playing softball at the age of four and basketball at nine, I enjoy playing them because they have been the one thing that's kept me sane throughout my life," said McClellan.

McClellan says a lot of people have

pushed her throughout her life but she mainly attributes her success to her family, listening to their life experiences has been a big part of why she has pushed herself so hard to succeed in all aspects of life.

"My biggest role model is my mom, she use to tell me about when she played sports and then listening to her stories made me want to be like her," said McClellan

McClellan's hard work paid off last year; she was a valuable contributor to the Lowry girls' basketball team and helping them win a state championship. McClellan was nothing but humble, saying her teammates worked hard all year and were finally rewarded.

"Winning a state championship was the most surreal thing that has ever happened to me, I've never had a game go

by so slow and it was one of the greatest feelings I've ever experienced," described McClellan.

McClellan is a senior this year and it will be her last year playing sports at the high school level. Through her life she says that her family, teammates and coaches have pushed her and in the end they will be the people she will miss the most.

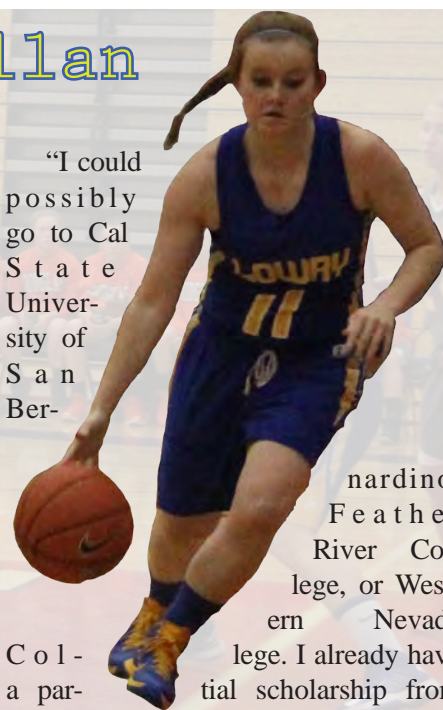
"The one thing I'm going to miss about high school sports is my friends, I've grown up spending time with each and every one of those girls on and off the field and not playing with them is going to be a huge change," said McClellan.

McClellan's next chapter in her life is to go play softball at the collegiate level; she has several colleges in mind and has already received scholarship offers. Unfortunately, McClellan believes she is done with basketball, but she is looking forward to competing in softball.

"I could possibly go to Cal State University of San Bernardino,

Feather River College, or Western Nevada College. I already have a partial scholarship from San Bernardino and I want to go there and play softball," explained McClellan.

McClellan is a prime example of what every Lowry athlete should aspire to be, she will be missed not only by the athletic program, but by her many friends and teachers that she had an impact on during her time in Winnemucca.



Athlete of the Issue: Garrett Naveran

BY AIMEE BRANDON

Drum roll please, the December Athlete of the Issue is a 6'3" senior and Lowry's football and basketball star, Garrett Naveran. Naveran has been on varsity basketball since his freshman year, which is truly rare. In football he was on JV his freshman year and then varsity beginning his sophomore year. This football season Naveran was the star tight end until he broke his collarbone during the Homecoming game against the Buckaroos' rival, Elko.

"I broke my collarbone getting tackled and landing on it, but overall the football season was pretty good, every-

one played really hard," said Naveran.

In past basketball seasons Naveran owned the court as a post and is expected to continue doing so this season.

"I expect this basketball season to be one to remember," said Naveran.

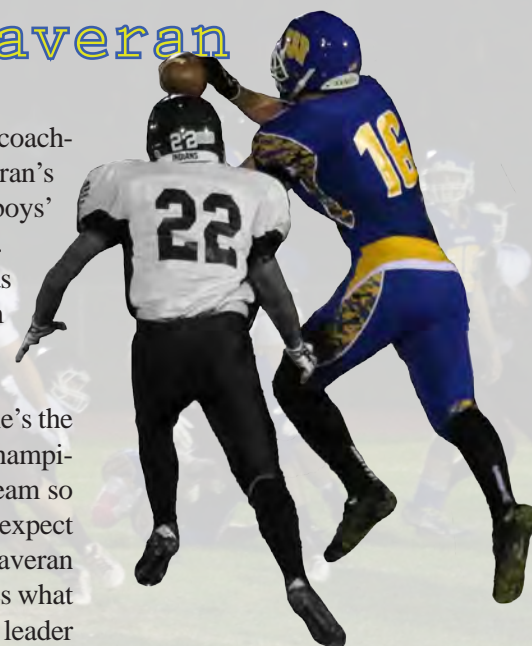
With his abundance of skill it's no surprise he hopes to continue his football career into college.

"I am possibly going to Eastern Oregon University, but I'm not sure. The coach reached out to me and there's been a little communication between the two of us, but nothing totally serious yet," said Naveran.

Coach Chad Peters has been coaching Naveran since 2012, Naveran's freshman year when the Lowry boys' basketball varsity team won state.

"Garrett is the last kid that was on that state championship team in 2012. So he was the only freshman, he's a four-year returner and starter for varsity and he's the last one left who won the state championship that actually was on our team so we expect a lot out of him. We expect him to do a lot of things and Naveran always plays hard and always does what we ask him to do and he's a good leader by example," said Peters.

It will be an exciting basketball season for spectating as Naveran demolishes the competition. The Buckaroo's next



game will be at home December 19 against South Tahoe at 6:30 and December 20 against Dayton at 2:30.



Girls wrap up non-league play with win over Damonte

BY DANI RICKER

The varsity girls' basketball team came home last weekend with a win after beating Damonte 30-28.

"It was a very physical game, the refs were just letting us play without calling many fouls,"

said junior Jillian Albright. "We really struggled with scoring, however we did much better than the weekend before with moving the ball and hustling up and down the court," said Albright.

The Lowry girls had to battle, with the refs not calling much and it being such a physical game. Senior Meg Montero called it a, "low scoring, defensive type game," and added, "we came out with the win and are looking to improve every game."

"It's nice having another win under our belts. We do still have lots to work on and we need to keep working hard," said Albright.

With this win, the varsity girls' pre-season record sits at 2-3. With that record the girls are sitting at number six in the division 1A Northern League.

"We did better last weekend than we did the weekend before," said junior Hay-

ley Hall. "We still have a lot to work on. We need to rebound more shots and get more to sink," Hall added.

"We all set goals for ourselves as individuals, but as a team we need to work on believing in what we do," commented Jasmine Marchand when asked about improvements.

The team may have a long way to go, but they have already come a long way since their first practice.

"The season is going pretty good, We have a good, strong team this year," said Hall.

Lowry plays South Tahoe at home on December 19 at 5:00 p.m. in the Old Gym.



Jasmine Marchand fights for the ball./Aimee Brandon • The Brand



Alyssa Jones puts up a 3-pointer./Aimee Brandon • The Brand



Jillian Albright shoots over the defender./Aimee Brandon • The Brand

Freshman boys look to improve

By KAITY SAMPLE

The freshman boys basketball team is 2-1 after coming home from a Battle Mountain tournament. The boys will continue to work as the season progresses.

"I expect us to improve each game. Since this is the freshman team our number one goal is to have the athletes understand what Lowry basketball is all about and be ready to step up in the future when it's their time to play at the higher level. Winning games is but that will only come if we do other things right," said coach Austin Mayo.

Each day the

boys continue to improve on their offensive and defensive skills with each and every practice.

"We aren't where we need to be offensively yet, and we are turning the ball over too many times. We are going to focus a lot on improving that area of our game. We will be emphasizing ball security and making good passes," continued Mayo.

The team will continue its season at South Tahoe on December 19.



Ren Mattson (L) and Brayden Jensen (R) fight for the ball./ Weston Irons • The Brand



Darlan Solis goes in for a layup while James Dunyon defends./ Weston Irons • The Brand



The 2014-15 frosh boys team./Courtesy • Winnada

Pickem w/ Brody and Weston

By BRODY GOUCHER AND WESTON IRONS

Colts at Cowboys:

Brody: Cowboys win this game no question, Demarco Murray will run all over the shoddy defensive line of the Colts, and Tony Romo will have all the time he wants in the pocket with the Colt's best pass rusher (Robert Mathis) out for the season. The Colts don't have any corners that can cover Dez Bryant, who is the most dynamic wideout in the league behind Calvin Johnson. Unless Andrew Luck pulls off one of his signature comebacks, I don't see this game being close; 28-14 Cowboys.

Weston: I disagree with Brody on this game; Andrew Luck is one of the most promising young quarterbacks in the league. Luck has enough talent in his receiving core to make up for the weaknesses in their run game and

defensive line.

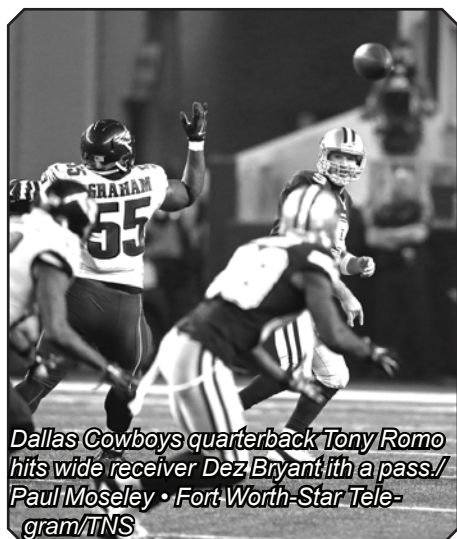
Cleveland Cavaliers at the Miami Heat:

Brody: LeBron James visiting his old team is going to be one of the highlights of, not only the NBA season, but sports in general this year. This is going to be a close scoring affair where I could see LeBron and Dwayne Wade each putting up 30 plus points, both teams severely lack a strong defensive presence, besides LeBron, and neither team can rebound well. I see the Cavs winning 115-110.

Weston: In case you haven't noticed, Brody, LeBron hasn't been the dominant force in the NBA this year that he usually is. Chris Bosh will be able to spread the floor with his shooting, shut down Kevin Love and have a bigger impact than LeBron will in all aspects of the game. LeBron will struggle like he has all year and Kyrie Irving will shoot his signature 28%.

Arsenal at Liverpool:

Brody: Despite not having the start they were hoping for, I'm taking Liverpool for this contest. Although not having the attacking powerhouse Luis Suarez (who went to FC Barcelona during the transfer window), they have someone who I believe might be better, Mario Balotelli. Balotelli is due for a nice some goals especially after last year's disappointing season at Milan. Balotelli's scoring efforts



Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo hits wide receiver Dez Bryant with a pass./ Paul Moseley • Fort Worth-Star Telegram/TNS

are aided by Captain Steven Gerrard and Philippe Coutinho, some of the game's best passers. If Liverpool doesn't fall apart and if Balotelli keeps his composure, Liverpool wins this game, no question.

Weston: Arsenal will get the 3 points away from home. A problem that Arsenal is facing this season is not being able to score goals and finish game, if they can overcome this, they win no problem. Their top scorer, Alexis Sanchez, is having an incredible season and can always find a way to score. If the team can stay healthy and touch up on things in training, expect Arsenal to win this one in a close contest.



Mario Balotelli (R) takes a shot at England vs Italy Euro 2012 match./Courtesy • Football.ua

On Deck

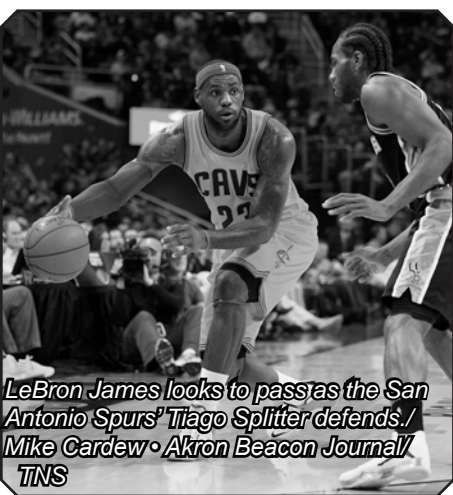
By WESTON IRONS

High school sports are the spirit of every small town. For decades they have provided entertainment to small towns whether it be football, basketball, or baseball. These sports are a cheap and easy way for residents of small towns to watch the highest talent that their town has to offer. Now, every day these small town sports seem to imitate their professional counterparts and that is not necessarily a good thing.

Recently I read an article about a high school whose coaching staff recorded some film of a team who they would be playing in a very important game, a game that would decide if they went to the playoffs. Long story short, the team who had recorded the other, won the game and were subsequently disqualified because of their actions of recording the other team. The players, most of whom did not know their coaches had unjustly recorded this game, were obviously disappointed as they lost their shot at the playoffs. This sounds a lot like the Patriots Super Bowl scandal from a couple years ago which brings me to my point. Are high school athletics becoming too much like the big time?

I constantly read headlines about high school sports that I would expect to see reading about professional sports; scandals, hazing, throwing games, etc. High school sports are supposed to be an activity where students with exceptional athletic ability and love for a sport can play in front of their friends, family, and fans. It's not supposed to be an activity that attempts to simulate the bad actions of professional sports. There is a huge difference between high school sports and professional sports and I'm not just talking about skill level. There are billions of dollars invested into professional sports which is why so many of those scandalous things happen. High school sports are not about the money they are about the athletes who play for the love of the game and play to hopefully further them in the sports world.

High school sports need to stay the way they are and need to prevent these scandalous things from happening. People need to open their eyes to the real reason high school sports are played. A prime example is Lowry, a school that is the epitome for a good athletic school.



LeBron James looks to pass as the San Antonio Spurs' Tiago Splitter defends./ Mike Cardew • Akron Beacon Journal/TNS

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Boys varsity plays well in Rail City tourney; opens league Friday

By NAKIYA FLORES & WESTON IRONS

The varsity boys' basketball had their work cut out for them playing against four Division I teams as they participated in a tournament in Reno spanning from Wednesday to Saturday. The Bucks would be playing Reno, Hug, Reed, and McQueen, all schools that are much bigger than Lowry. Lowry proved to the competition that they belonged after going 2-2 over the three days and defeating the likes of Hug and McQueen.

Lowry began the tournament off by playing the Reno High Huskies, a team that the Bucks had played several times in the past. The Bucks had hoped to repeat what last year's team did and defeat the Huskies. Unfortunately the Bucks came up short and lost to the Huskies in a 58-45 contest. Juniors Omar Guerrero and Nathan Lutzow lead the bucks with 11 and 9 points. Six other players got onto the score sheet for the sheet.

Despite the first day lost and not getting the result they wanted against Reno, Lowry came back to the tournament the following day with a fire in their eyes. Lowry would play against Hug, a team that has struggled in the past and a team that loses games with large deficits. Lowry showed Hug what they were made of by playing hard and smart basketball, giving Lowry a fairly easy win. It was a good adjustment from day one and the Bucks equaled up their record for the tournament.

It was on Friday that the Bucks would play against Reed, which was one of the better teams at the tournament. Lowry went into the game with the same determination they had brought into the Hug game but unfortunately they could not defeat Reed as they went on to lose the game 59-52. Reed got came out and got an early 13-0 lead over the Bucks, and despite a much better second half, the Buckaroos could not overcome their slow start.

Center Nathan Lutzow had his own opinion on the two losses over the tour-

nament.

"We did pretty good. Both Reno and Reed were beatable teams it just didn't go our way and we could have done a lot of things better," said Lutzow.

Senior guard Jacob Von Aspern pinpointed some of the things that went wrong in the two losses.

"All the games went good but there was some games that we should've won but weren't able to make free throws in the end. We could improve our offense and shooting free throws," said Von Aspern.

On the final day of the tournament, Lowry played against McQueen.

The Bucks went home on a strong note defeating McQueen early that Saturday Morning.

Junior Omar Guerrero summarized the tournament.

"So we went 2-2. We beat the teams we're likely to beat



The 2014-15 boys basketball team./Courtesy • Winnada

and the games that were up for grabs, we would shoot ourselves in the foot. We need to come out hard in the first quarter so we don't bury ourselves and spend the rest of the game trying to get out of that hole. We play with a sense of urgency when we have but we need to be that way throughout the game. We didn't have all our players but with the guys we did have, we worked hard and found the things we need to get taken care of. It was our last tournament before the season and now it's time to get real and play up to Lowry level," finished Guerrero.

The Bucks will begin league play with games against South Tahoe and Dayton at home on Friday and Saturday this week. Games begin right after school beginning with the Freshmen boys game at 2:00 pm.



Chris Tyree shoots a jump shot./Weston Irons • The Brand



JV girls dominate Mustangs 57-21

By MADDI ROSE

This past weekend the JV Lady Bucks played Damonte Ranch and beat them 57-21.

Even though they could not make their shots in the first and second quarter, and their passes were getting stolen, they came back in the second

half.

"We were tired in the first half, but as we played the second half we came together as a team and showed some skills we didn't know we had," said Brooklyn Waller.

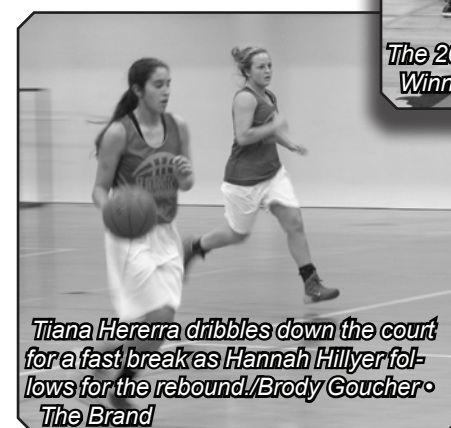
When the second half came the girls picked up and played extremely well. During the third and fourth quarter the posts had some great assists and lay ups. They made it hard for the other team to make their shots, and get rebounds.

"The second half was much stronger. We woke up, and played

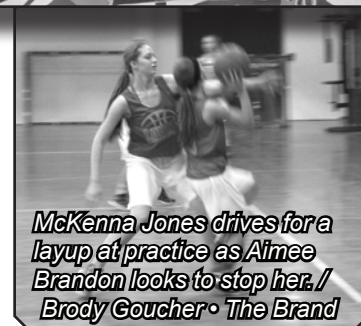
our game. We are starting to come together as a team and make everything work," said McKenna Jones.



Kyllie Sappington passes to Aimee Brandon./Brody Goucher • The Brand



Tiana Hererra dribbles down the court for a fast break as Hannah Hillyer follows for the rebound./Brody Goucher • The Brand



McKenna Jones drives for a layup at practice as Aimee Brandon looks to stop her./Brody Goucher • The Brand



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Performer of the Issue: Chelsea Baker

By Weston Irons

Chelsea Baker is a varsity cheerleader, an honor student, and has been part of Lowry’s drama program for nearly three years. Baker loves what she does and is good at doing it. What goes on in the life Chelsea Baker and what makes her the great performer that she is?

Baker has been part of Lowry’s drama program since her sophomore year and has loved every minute of it. Drama is Baker’s favorite class and she looks forward to going every day.

“I have always been involved in drama, dance, and theatrical things. I found that being in drama really gives me a creative outlet in school,” said Baker.

Baker has been part of the theater since she was very young. She used it as a way to meet new friends, have a good time, and further her acting ability.

“I was in Missoula’s Children Theater and I liked to be a part of all the different theater things that came to Winnemucca and I got to meet some awesome people,” said Baker.

There are many different things to enjoy about being in drama so Baker finds it hard to just pick one thing specifically.

“There a lot of different things I like about drama, I can’t just pick one. I really like getting ready for the plays, working up to it, building scenes, and after being selected for a character and watching it come to



Chelsea Baker performing at a pep assembly./Jessie Schirrick • The Brand

life,” said Baker.

Baker has many fond memories about being in drama over the course of the last few years but there are some that stand out to her the most.

“Shenanigans with Rhys has always been my favorite memories. We are always sent to go to Wal-Mart and are sent out to the portable on impossible missions,” said Baker.

Chelsea has played countless roles but there was one she played in last year’s production of “Pinocchio” that she particularly liked.

“I really liked playing the Blue Fairy in “Pinocchio” because I finally got to play that ‘girl’ role. Slowpoke was another one of my favorite roles in “Snow White,” I was one of the dwarves and it was a lot of fun playing a really old man,” said Baker.

Baker’s biggest inspiration is her mother, she has helped Baker become the person she is today and was always there in her time of need.

“She was the one the really got me involved in being creative through dance and theater. She was the one who pushed me to do drama. She is the inspiration for my drama career,” said Baker.

After high school, Chelsea plans on going to Southwestern Oregon Community College for two years, afterwards she hopes to transfer to the University of Oregon in order to become a marine biologist.

Baker recommends that everyone tries out for drama because if their experience is anything like hers, they will have a lot of fun.

“Once you are in there, it is one of the most fun classes you can have,” said Baker.

The drama class will be putting on their own production of Saturday Night Live (SNL) and Baker hopes everyone

will attend this one night only show.

“It’s one of the funniest things I think we have ever done. This is all reen-acting past Saturday Night Live’ skits and it will be lots of fun. So I hope to see you there,” concluded Baker.



Chelsea Baker performing at last year’s Academic Assembly./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Jessie’s Journal

By Jessie Schirrick

In the winter, there is no room in my heart for happiness because it is full of snow. I don’t understand why Christmas is such a big deal.

Since I am a senior and there are no upperclassmen to interact with I’ve actually started socializing with people that are younger than me, turns out they aren’t half bad. Also, I’ve become extremely unmotivated and lazy; it doesn’t have anything to do with senioritis though, that’s just how I am.

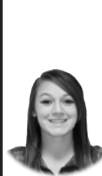
Why do we fall in love with things that hurt us? Like sriracha.

If you ever need some girl power music just listen to Florence and the Machine, not while you’re driving because you’ll be singing so passionately that you’ll have your eyes closed and you might hit a pedestrian.

There is something really therapeutic about deleting things, whether it be old files off of your computer or people from the face of the earth.

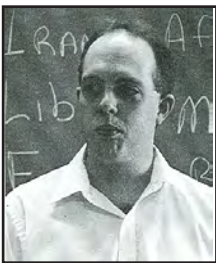
When making chocolate milk you should always mix it just so there is still a little syrup on the bottom of the cup so you have a gooey surprise when you finish the drink.

I saw Big Hero 6 in theaters in November and I must say I was thoroughly impressed. The movie included a very complex plot and story line and advanced animation. I cried three times, which to be fair, I cry during most Disney films and how can you not? Disney ruthlessly kills every character you hold dear in your heart. I love the smell of fresh hair in the morning.



Mr. Beck through the years

By Maddi Rose



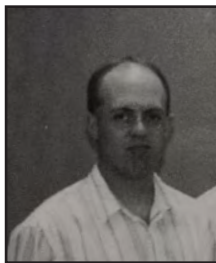
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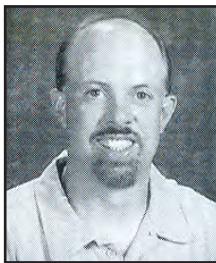
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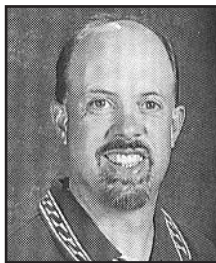
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ADVICE: SOCIAL MEDIA FIGHTS AND SELFIES

By MACLYN CRNKOVICH

Question- I recently posted a selfie of me in a bikini on Instagram, and my friends were commenting about my weight and telling me to delete it because “there are children on Instagram.” What is the right size?

Answer- Have you ever been standing in front of a mirror, criticizing every inch of your body? If you say you haven’t, you’re lying. Everyone has insecurities, and that’s completely normal.

Honestly, I feel that if you’re happy with your body; you do you. Forget the people who disparage you and belittle your appearance. Surround yourself with positivity and people who make your heart smile.

Everyone comes in different shapes, colors and sizes. Some people are short and pudgy, and others are tall and lanky, but your body type doesn’t define who you are. Weight is just a number, and if you’re happy with yourself, you shouldn’t let other people get to you by putting you down. If you’re not happy with your body, it is never too late to start working out or eating healthy.

Even if you are a little curvy, don’t let it get to you. As Meghan Trainor once said, “I’m all about that bass, no treble.” Likewise, if you’re thin, just remember to

keep your head up and be thankful that you can eat five Big Mac’s and not gain a pound.

Q- The other day, I was wasting away my life on Twitter and I noticed some hatred between our school’s sports teams. Being an athlete, I was a little bit offended and wanted to voice my opinion. Should I get involved or nah?

Answer- Social media is probably going to be the demise of our world. People who get into social media brawl that don’t involve them are the worst kinds of people. Likewise, people who talk smack on social me-

dia are just too cowardly to bring it up face-to-face.

A new social media network has risen from the fiery depths of Hell, known as Yik Yak. This app lets you upload statuses completely, 100% anonymous. As anticipated, teens are mistreating the app and bashing on teams, as well as other individuals.

My best advice would be to just not let it get to you and brush it off. Most likely, the people who are posting the negative statuses are insecure about themselves and like to put other people down, which isn’t right. If you do want to voice your opinion, don’t put other people down and state the facts. Your best bet would be to just not let it bother you, and not make the situation worse.



GAMERNUT: WHAT’S COMING OUT IN THE NEW YEAR

By LIAM GALLUPS

Heyo once again, everybody in newspaper reading land! Your local Gamernut is back again to bring to your collective attention a choice selection of games come and coming. Oh, by the way, it’s that special time of year again. Consider this a heads-up for all you holiday shoppers out there wondering what to get that special gamer in your life.

Longtime fans of “World of Warcraft” have MUCH to hoot about now that the “Warlords of Draenor” expansion released November 13. Players will be able to level up to 100 from the previous cap or 90. This expansion also adds more dungeons, a graphical overhaul, enhanced Player versus Player, and so much more. If you’re looking to make your current WoW experience even better, get this expansion.

The long awaited survival horror game “Alien: Isolation” is available now. This atmospheric game takes the look of the classic movies, and places you in the shoes of a survivor trying to escape a xenomorph who is out to kill you. Also, the alien is smart. This game is for you if you are one who enjoys the old “Alien” movies and a strong nerve.

“Far Cry 4” should, at the time of print, be available for PC, Xbox One, 360, and PlayStation3-through-4. This entry in the series features a new location, a new villain named Ajay (who has a bit of a homosexuality and racist controversy being built around him based on the box art. Ubisoft is trying their best to take it down) and the amazing power to ride an elephant. This game also features an intuitive level creator which should cause hours of anecdotes.

From “Turtle Rock Studios”, the creators

of the “Left 4 Dead” series, is an asymmetrical competitive game called “Evolve”. This game pits four player controlled “Hunters” against a giant monster controlled by a fifth player. It takes place on a distant planet at the edge of civilized space. The monster has the power to change its form by eating the local wildlife, evolving into a much more powerful creature in an attempt to kill the Hunters trying to kill it. The game has been slated for a release on February 10, 2015.

Nintendo released “Captain Toad: Treasure Tracker” on December 5, 2014, just in time for Christmas. This game takes the Captain Toad mini-game from “Super Mario 3D World” and expands upon it. Players navigate many puzzling stages to find all the treasures within. Toad is able to pluck up grass, use a pickaxe, ride a mine cart, and much more. It is available for Wii U so do NOT miss out!

“Battlefield: Hardline” is an upcoming first person shooter game by EA Games. This game tries to reinvent the “Battlefield” formula by changing the setting of the game. Rather than use a military setting like previous installments, this entry has a police versus felons theme, allowing for city locals, new tools and vehicles, and over the top action film sensibilities. This is a game for fans of haphazard shooting and should be released on March 17, 2015.

Fans of rhythm games and J-pop should enjoy the PS3 game “Hatsune Miku: Project DIVA F 2nd”. This is the second “Project Diva” game to be released outside of Japan. This game features the series’ traditional gameplay in which players tap buttons in time to the music. There are quite a few songs available in the game’s



A screen grab from “Battlefield: Hardline”./ Courtesy • battlefield.com

library, and the cute characters should please anime fans alike. Besides this game, another Hatsune Miku game is available for Nintendo 3DS. Sometime in 2015, we will receive a game called “Hatsune Miku: Project Mirai DX”. This fun entry should please your growing appetite for Miku’s music sparked by “Project Diva”.

WOOF. This is quite a few games to choose from. This of course is only the tip of the iceberg as they say. There are still a great many games to find, but for the time being, I must stop. Once again loyal gamers, this is your local Gamernut with a look at some games coming soon.

Sayonara.



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Nevada, a hunter's paradise

By *MARISSA MENDOZA*

Full season is the best seasons there is, simply because of hunting. Whether you're hunting big game or small game, Nevada is the perfect place to hunt.

Hunting is a great way to get away and not only observe nature, but enjoy it too. The feeling of being outside and appreciating the sound and beauty of it is amazing, nature isn't the main reason why hunters buy tags, it's to kill.

This year Nate Nelson, a junior at Lowry, put in for a cow elk tag and a deer tag, both in area 6.

"My favorite thing about hunting is

getting to kill an animal, especially big game," said Nelson. "There really isn't anything that I dislike about hunting, only when you miss a shot," Nelson added.

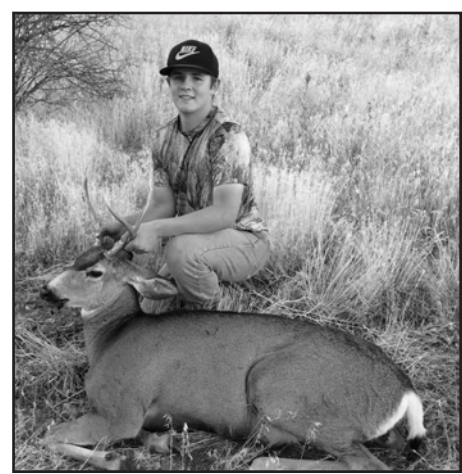
Hunting is a hobby that many people have. There are many hunters at Lowry; but there are some that love it more than others. Trey Marriott is a junior and enjoys hunting. Marriott put in for three tags this year, cow elk, antelope and deer. Marriott filled in his deer hunting with a two-point at area 051 towards the end of rifle season.

"During my free time I'll go and

try to shoot some small game," said Marriott. "There is nothing I dislike about hunting, it's a great time and the thing I love the most about hunting is the adrenaline rush you get."

The experience of hunting is indescribable. Getting up bright and early to beat the sunrise, hiking and feeling the cold wind hit your face while in the mountains, and the rewarding feeling of filling in your tag is what hunters love most.

Living in the beautiful state of Nevada makes the hunting experience twice as exciting.



Trey Marriott with his deer from area 051./
Courtesy • Trey Marriott

HEARD IN THE HALLS

By *DANI RICKER*

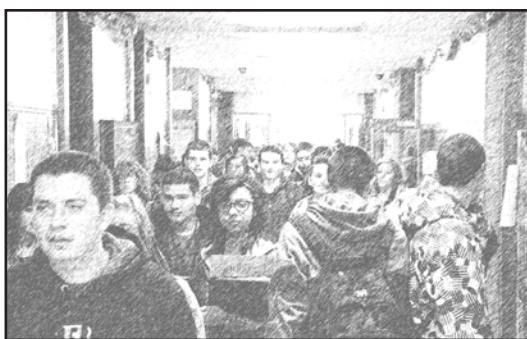
Do you ever have those mornings when you wake up and want to rock out? I do too. But I do it at home in the privacy of my bedroom where nobody else has to listen to my music. Unlike you people who have been walking around playing your music on a speaker. Stop that. Nobody wants to listen to your music.

"I rock out hard to Hannah Montana on my way to school." That's cool. I did that too in sixth grade. Just kidding, I didn't even listen to Hannah Montana then.

Hannah Montana and Miley Cyrus will forever be two different people. I can rock out to some Miley, I don't know about Hannah.

"Grasshoppers are taking over the world."

Those dang grasshopper commies.



like, the definition of perfection."

"What, is she hot?"

"Uhm no, she's 7-months old.."

That awkward moment when you're the definition of a cradle robber.

Can we stop talking about YikYak? What is

"Knock, knock..." I'm not even going to tell you the joke I heard because knock, knock jokes are not funny. And if you try to tell me a knock, knock joke I'm going to tell you to knock, knock yourself right outta my life.

"My little sister is

the point of saying something anonymously if the next day you're going to tell everyone about everything that you yakked? Please, stay anonymous.

In your opinion, what is the best way to eat a potato? I mean, there are so many different ways. There are french fries and hash browns and mashed potatoes and baked potatoes... I listened to a group of kids spend ten minutes discussing their favorite potato dishes. It was actually quite interesting. How can one food be eaten in so many different ways?

I'm just going to leave you to ponder the best ways to eat potatoes. And to all, a good night.

Redbox's Top 10 DVD rentals

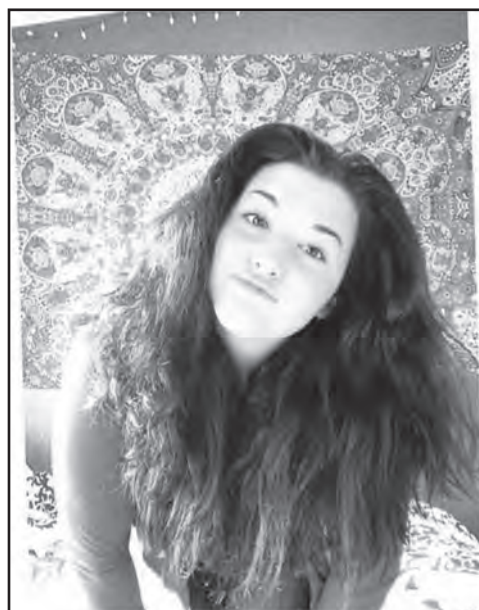
The Top 10 DVD rentals at Redbox kiosks from Dec. 1-7:

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4. Tyler Perry's A Madea Christmas — Lions Gate
5. The Giver — Weinstein
6. Maleficent — BVHE
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9. Jingle All The Way 2 — Fox
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Picture of the Issue

By *THE BRAND STAFF*



After some serious Instagram stalking, it was decided that this issue's picture would be a lovely selfie taken by Cassie Searle, even though she is technically not a student of Lowry. What the heck, why not?

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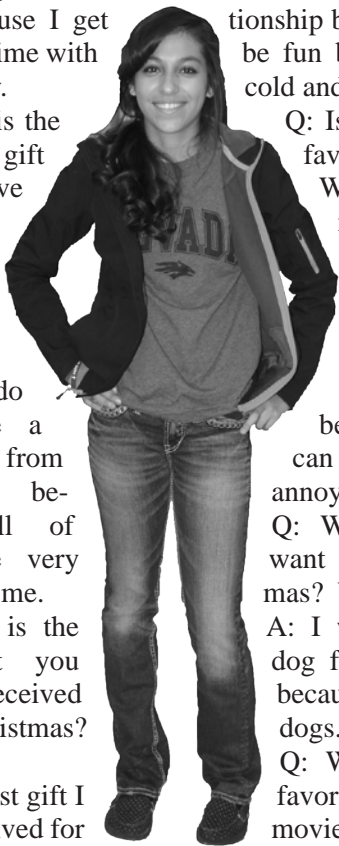


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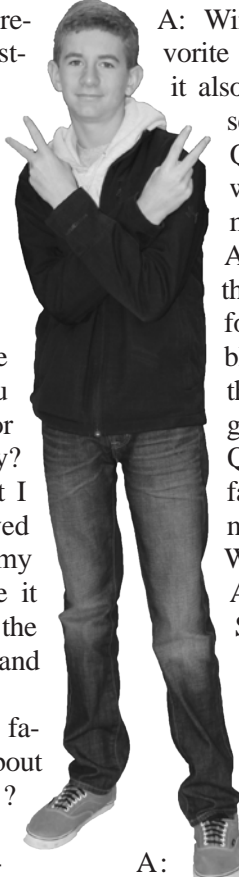
Q: What are your favorite winter activities? Why?
A: My favorite winter activities are sledding, building snowmen, and decorating for Christmas because I get to spend time with the family.
Q: What is the worst gift you have received for Christmas?
A: I do not have a worst gift from Christmas because all of them are very special to me.
Q: What is the best gift you have received for Christmas?
A: The best gift I have received for Christmas was a big box of chocolate because I love chocolate.
Q: What is your favorite thing about Christmas?
Why?
A: My favorite thing about Christmas is setting my Christmas tree up and wrapping pres-



ents.
Q: Egg nog or hot chocolate?
A: HOT CHOCOLATE.
Q: Do you like snow? Why or why not?
A: It's a love hate relationship because it can be fun but it can be cold and annoying.
Q: Is winter your favorite season? Why or why not?
A: Winter is my second favorite season because it can be fun but it can be cold and annoying.
Q: What do you want for Christmas? Why?
A: I want another dog for Christmas because I love dogs.
Q: What is your favorite Christmas movie? Why?
A: How the Grinch Stole Christmas because it's been my favorite since I was a kid.
Q: What is your favorite Christmas food? Why?
A: My favorite Christmas food are the Christmas sugar cookies my mom makes.

TAYLOR JOHN AIKTEN

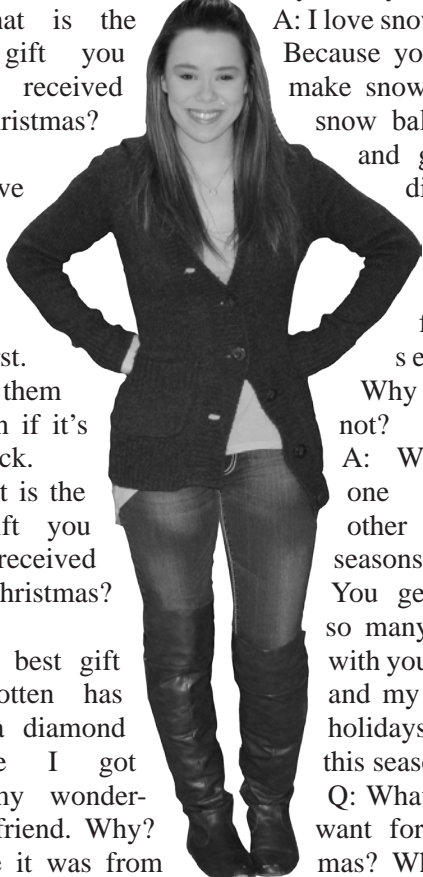
Q: What are your favorite winter activities? Why?
A: My favorite winter activities include bird hunting and throwing my siblings into the snow.
Q: What is the worst gift you have received for Christmas? Why?
A: The worst gift I have ever received was a toy gun I got. Merely because it broke as soon as I opened it.
Q: What is the best gift you have received for Christmas? Why?
A: The best gift I have ever received was a rifle from my grandpa because it is now taking the lives of coyotes and deer.
Q: What is your favorite thing about Christmas?
Why?
A: My favorite part of Christmas is sleeping under the Christmas tree, because who doesn't like that?
Q: Egg nog or hot chocolate?
A: Egg nog all the way
Q: Do you like snow? Why or why not?



A: I love snow because whenever a younger sibling annoys me, in they go.
Q: Is winter your favorite season? Why or why not?
A: Winter is my favorite season because it also means its bird season.
Q: What do you want for Christmas? Why?
A: For Christmas this year I wish for the gift to be blessed and pass this year with good grades.
Q: What is your favorite Christmas movie? Why?
A: "Frosty the Snowman" because Frosty is my man.
Q: What is your favorite Christmas food? Why?
A: I eat Christmas food when it's summer. There is no season for food.
Q: Do you have any Christmas traditions?
A: My family practices the tradition of shoveling snow around the house.

JORDYN WARD

Q: What are your favorite winter activities? Why?
A: I love going sledding, ice skating, and all that fun stuff in the snow with family and friends.
Q: What is the worst gift you have received for Christmas? Why?
A: I've never had a gift that was the worst. I love them all, even if it's just a rock.
Q: What is the best gift you have received for Christmas? Why?
A: The best gift I've gotten has to be a diamond necklace I got from my wonderful boyfriend. Why? Because it was from him.
Q: What is your favorite thing about Christmas? Why?
A: All the festivities that occur in my town, and how everyone is too happy, oh and I can't forget the big feast and Christ-



mas movies.
Q: Egg nog or hot chocolate?
A: Hot chocolate (no hesitation).
Q: Do you like snow? Why or why not?
A: I love snow. Why? Because you get to make snow angles, snow ball fights, and go sledding.
Q: Is winter your favorite season? Why or why not?
A: Winter is one of my other favorite seasons. Why? You get to do so many things, with your family and my favorite holidays are in this season too.
Q: What do you want for Christmas? Why?
A: I want to just be with my family and Jacob and enjoy every second, no gifts.
Q: What is your favorite Christmas movie? Why?
A: The Grinch. Why? I mean c'mon it's the Grinch.



Choir and band hold concerts

By LIAM GALLUPS

People who enjoy classic Christmas music and great choir singing should attend the Lowry High School Choir and Band concerts com-

ing to the High School on December 18. To commemorate the event, Mr. Criddle, the Band director, was asked a few questions concerning the event.



Leadership collects food for needy

By KATIE HILLYER

Lowry High School is currently holding its annual food drive. Mrs. Tanya Grady is a leadership teacher and the organizer of the effort.

"I like to help need families in our community and also I like people to have a nice Christmas meal," said Grady.

Each fourth period class has been given a box to collect donations. The class with the most donations will get a free pizza party. Students participate by bringing canned goods and nonperishable food to class.

All food collected will be donated to the Ministerial Association.

As of last week, Mrs. Lisa Scott's class was in the lead with over 200 items and more than 700 had been donated.

The drive started December 3 and ends today.



Food collected for the drive./ Kaity Sample •The Brand

First he was asked what the theme of the concert was. It will be primarily Christmas music although Mr. Criddle says that there may be some "non-Christmas" music as well. He was also asked how he expects the performance to go. He says he expects it to "go well".

Then he was asked where the proceeds from the performance will go to, and he replied, "they will go in the music fund, help us pay for equipment, travel, and music." The groups performing will be Swing Choir, Women's Choir, and Band.

As was said before, the per-

formance will be on December 18 at the Lowry High School. Anyone – Parents, music lovers, students – are encouraged to attend.



Members of percussion perform at an assembly./ Ron Espinola •The Brand

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Career Profile: Tiffany Swanson of The Crazy Tuna

By NICK MADDOX

Unless you have been living under a rock, you probably know about the first sushi business to open in Winnemucca, The Crazy Tuna.

The business is the first of its kind in this small town and so far it has been a big hit. It is exotic and definitely contributes more dining options.

The business would not be what it is without its owner and manager, Tiffany Swanson.

So, how did this business come to be? After Swanson moved here, got married, and settled in she realized something was missing in this town, so she decided that she was going to fill that void and make a difference. She decided to open up The Crazy Tuna.

Opening a business is not an easy

thing to do. There are many hardships that you must overcome to be a successful business owner. According to Swanson, one of the hardest things in owning a business is all the taxes. The government really hits businesses hard with taxes and it is very difficult to handle.

There are also the employees a restaurant owner has to put up with. Although having employees is a blessing, it can also be a curse. Even though employees can be a nuisance and make running a business more stressful, employees can also be one of the biggest perks.

"Most employees are friends and I

treat them like family. They are family. They all usually make me very proud and provide a positive influence," said Swanson.

Swanson also loves her business and is proud of her accomplishments.

"I enjoy what I do and how I do from the name of the restaurant to the menus," said Swanson.

If she were to do something different than sushi; Swanson said she would also enjoy running a 50's burger joint. A kind of place that would have quality burgers and fries and have a nice summer time feel to it.

Swanson ended with advice to ev-

eryone who is interested in ever owning a restaurant.

"You should always go out and make a difference. Even if you fail you can just mark it off your bucket list. You need to be risky and you need to follow through and put in the work and effort. You also get a lot of support and change lives. You just won't know till you do it," said Swanson.

This is advice people need to all take. People will never know what might have been if they don't take the risk to find out.

When Swanson was asked how she would look back at the business if it no longer existed for some reason she said, "Even if the business was gone I would still look back and be very proud."



Tiffany Swanson at work./Courtesy • Tiffany Swanson



LOWRY CODE

By BRODY GOUCHER AND DANI RICKER

Dani: Hey, Brody, guess what.

Brody: What?

Dani: Chicken butt!

Brody: Seriously?

Welcome back for another issue of Lowry Code, dudes. Knock, knocking at the top of our agenda for this month are bad jokes. Up next shut your mouth and listen up about things that shouldn't be said in the halls. And omg guys, it's time to stop talking in text lingo.

Dani: I don't understand why everyone hates on bad jokes. Bad jokes are funny. Except for knock, knock jokes. Those are not funny. Don't tell knock, knock jokes. "Your mom" will never get old. Never. "That's what she said" is annoying, but usually funny so I guess those are cool. Moral of the story; never stop telling bad jokes.

Brody: I support any meaningless jokes with a passion, not only are they funny but they also don't have an expiration date. Dani left out the classic "you have something on your shirt" joke, which even my two year old cousin doesn't fall for anymore. Students who are annoyed by these jokes have little to no

sense of humor and should frankly be homeschooled.

Dani: Things you do not talk about at school: your sex life, partying, smoking/excessive drinking, and how much you love your significant other. Reasons not to talk about these things at school: nobody cares. Also, nobody cares. Things you should talk about at school: How awesome Mr. Setzer is, how much calculus sucks, The Bald and Beautiful's new album, and

ing chick-salad is. B e c a u s e cares. E v -

B r o - fine with expressing

ions at school, as long as they aren't stupid or meaningless. Honestly, if you want to talk about how turnt you got last weekend then be my guest, just don't make other people listen to how lame and pointless your life is. I couldn't agree more with Dani on Mr. Setzer, who might be the greatest teacher in the history of Lowry academics. Lastly school isn't for talking



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about your relationships, every one is tired of hearing about how amazing your "future spouse" is, even though we all know that's not going to happen.

Dani: Nothing annoys me more than when people say "rn". Don't do that. And another thing, why would you say "lol" when you could literally can just laugh out loud? That makes me want to throw a dictionary at your face. Please learn how to speak grammatically correct before any attempts to apply for a job or else your life will be filled with disappointment.

Brody: Fellow students, please stop using text lingo that you find funny in verbal conversations. Odds are you are just making people think that you lack any third grade education. If you're using your phone and you're too lazy to simply spell out a word then that's fine but don't incorporate your appalling grammar into everyday speech.

Well people, we hope you took something other than the fact that Brody and I complain a lot from this article. Remember children, stay in school. Say no to drugs and yes to tacos, and always, I mean always, take candy from strangers in vans.



There is plenty to do over break just be creative

By NAKIYA FLORES

Many people love winter, it is the time of year when they can be themselves and bond with their families. There are many activities for everyone to get involved in such as snowboarding, sledding and skiing.

Haley Rolando really enjoys hunting

in winter. There are many animals to hunt such as the Nevada Mule deer, elk, and coyotes.

"It offers a lot of opportunities and challenges. It is fun and not to mention beautiful" said Rolando.

Sledding is also really fun to do. Everyone can join in and have fun. Baylie Roark loves sledding; she likes to go up in the Sonoma Canyons. Sledding is a time to enjoy your family and get to know one another.

"There isn't a limit on how many people can join and it's an activity that all ages can join in on. It's tons of fun for everyone involved," said Roark.

Sierra Tahoe is an

amazing ski resort. This is a place for families who love to go snowboarding. The lodging is spectacular. Another student loves snowboarding, Gabe Molina enjoys it, and Molina usually goes up to Boreal and Mount Rose.

Molina and Roark also go mudding. This is when people drive their four wheelers or trucks in the mud and get muddy. This is a great way to bond with others and have a great time.



Gabe Molina and Baylie Roark./Courtesy • Baylie Roark



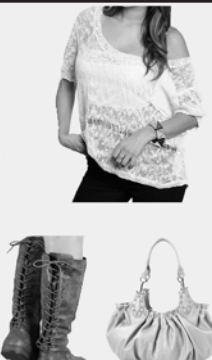
Haley Rolando and her dad getting ready to hunt./Courtesy • Haley Rolando




Haley and friend pose for a picture./Courtesy • Haley Rolando



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Lowry Voices: Which Lowry student dropped the hottest mixtape of 2K14?

By KAITY SAMPLE



“Well Lowry has had some fleek rappers but I’m going to have to say Econ-ic.”

Cheyenna Wolicki




“The day Valley of Success and Econic get together, is the day the hottest mixtape will be dropped.”

Donovan Brumm




“Why does it matter? It’s not like anyone is going to be famous?”

Elise Rose



“Lets be real, no one from Lowry should be a rapper.”

Christian Riddle



THE BEST AND WORST 5

By KAITY SAMPLE AND BRODY GOUCHER

Need some advice on what to get that special someone or even just a friend for the holidays? Here are some gift ideas that everyone generally likes.

Phone cases. We all need them, and can always use a new one.

Candy. Or some of those really good cookies your mom makes.

Robes. Who doesn’t like to lounge around after a shower?

Clothing. Fashion before function, duh.

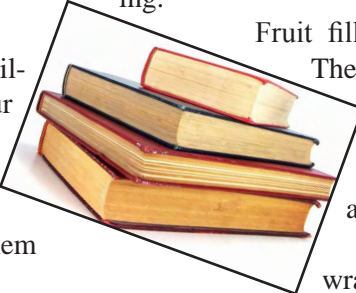

Money. Because I just got done buying everyone else gifts and now I’m broke.


5 Worst gifts

If you hate your children, or any of your other family members or friends then get them one of these five gifts (older ladies and gents get a pass, don’t judge them they’re senile.)

Non-brand clothing. I mean really? You forgot a present and had to run to Wal-mart?

Books. Any books at all, we all





Live from Lowry High

By JESSIE SCHIRRICK



Live from Lowry High, it’s Saturday Night! The Drama class has drummed up a few classic skits from the hit comedy TV show and will be performing it one night only.

The skits include “Motivational Speaker”, “Celebrity Jeopardy”, “The Lawrence Welk Show”, “School Visit”, “Locker Room Motivation”, “Animal Hospital”, and “Spartan Cheerleaders”.

The Drama & Stagecraft classes have been working very hard as they have been without their fearless leader, Mrs. Corrine James, but the show must go on. Substitute teacher and former Drama student, Rochelle Dennis has stepped in and has been fulfilling the role quite gracefully.

“Rochelle is cool man,” said Drama student Kyle Tarr.

It will be put on December 20 in the auditorium. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids, students, and seniors. The proceeds go to costumes and sets



Cody Mecham as Ted Nathers seduces the actors in a skit./Kyle Schultz • The Brand

Kyle Tarr as Matt Foley motivates youth./ Kyle Schultz • The Brand



The parents’ guide to teen speak

By Dani Ricker

Members of “The Brand” have gathered a short list of terms that teens use on a daily basis. In hopes to help adults understand “teen-speak” they have been defined and used in a sentence below. However, given how fast words rise and fade within the teen vocabulary, by the time you read this there is a good chance they are not being used any more.

1. Bae: bae stands for “before anything else”. A “bae” is a noun, it is commonly used to describe a boyfriend/girlfriend, or a widely popular celebrity that one is obsessing over.

“Me and the bae are going to the movies tonight!”

2. Yeet: yeet is a term of excitement, usually used in place of “yeah”.

“It’s almost Christmas break. YeetYeet!”

3. The overuse of the words ‘like’ and ‘literally’: These are two that probably won’t fade out of our vocabulary anytime soon. To use these in a sentence just insert ‘like’ almost every other word, and use the word ‘literally’ incorrectly.

“I like, literally just like, died.”



Lowry Then and Now

By Alex Manzo



LEFT: The 1976 Lowry’s girls golf team. RIGHT: The 2014 Lowry girls golf team./Courtesy • Winnada

