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Can Trump make 'Merica great again?

The numbers have been in for a while now and on January 20, 2017 Donald J. Trump will become the President of the United States. Throughout the election and his campaign Trump made many promises to many people. The big question everyone is asking is, will he follow through?

Campaign promises cover many areas but the focus here is immigration, the economy, the second amendment, foreign affairs, health care, education, and the environment. There are a few important groups in Washington when it comes to Trump's ability to do the things he promises. That is Congress, the Senate, the Supreme Court, and his cabinet.

One phrase that will be used frequently is executive order. An executive order does not have to be approved by Congress, it simply has to be Constitutional. Obama issued 260 executive orders. Trump plans to invalidate all of these that are considered unconstitutional in his first 100 days.

Yet another highly important piece to this puzzle is the Supreme Court. Starting his term Trump is going to be able to nominate a new justice for the Supreme Court.

Professor Danny Gonzalez, a political science professor at Great Basin College, explained the importance of the vacant seat on the court.

"Absolutely unequivocally yes. His selection of replacing former justice for the US Supreme Court Scalia and the possibility to appoint one or two member to the US Supreme Court, is going to have a consequential impact. It is going to be very significant. And right now, not only do you have a divided country, but you also have a divided court. And so if you look at the political spectrum and everything you have half the judges that are conservative and the other half that are considered liberal. So you have a lot of split decisions," said Gonzales.



Mr. Austin Mayo./Courtesy Winnada

America does have its safeguards though and his pick has to be approved by the US Senate. Another way the beam is tipped in Trump's favor is that both Congress and the Senate are majority Republican.

In addition to a generally supportive Congress, Trump is now selecting his cabinet nominees.

"Right now it seems like any time you turn on Fox News or CNN it seems like you have all the cameras turned at Trump Tower because right now they're vetting individuals that could possibly be running these different departments, in other words the president's cabinet. There are actually 15 executive departments. So you can kind of think of these cabinet picks, these selections, the ones that are being vetted, first they are going to have similar politi-

cal views that align with Donald Trump. And they're also, I guess you could consider them lobbyists or I guess they are advocates for the different political and public policy positions that he holds and that he talked about in the campaign," said Gonzales.

---IMMIGRATION---

During the election process, immigration was one of the most talked about issues, a lot of this was because of how Donald Trump addressed the issue and his plan for dealing with the issue. When reflecting on immigration Donald Trump's main focus is protecting the jobs and security of the American people. To make this happen Trump has proposed a new immigration control plan to ensure Americans are offered jobs first.

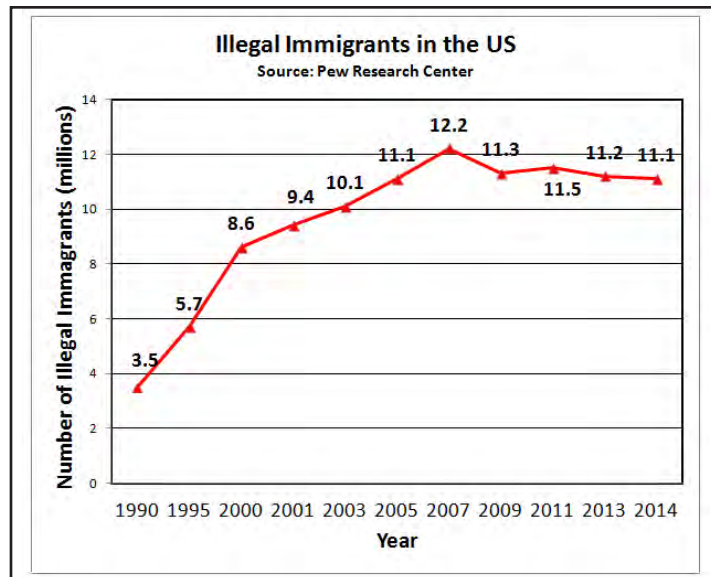
One way Trump has proposed of doing this is by building an impenetrable wall on the southern border along Mexico. Thinking that the building of this wall could actually become a reality is very questionable.

Danny Gonzales, a political science professor at Great Basin College weighed in on the possibility of the wall being built and the steps it would take to do so.

"Everything that we know about government or political process is that it's about compromise. And not everybody agrees with donald trump about the wall, again probably half the country doesn't agree with him about that and so you're going to have to get legislative support going back to funding, whether a wall can even be built or not," said Gonzales. "So you know again you would have the department of homeland security going and lobbying congress and trying to get the support funding to actually build the wall."

Although the actual price to build the wall has not been released, it is estimated to be in the billions. Who is me? What this leads me to believe is that the wall is a far-fetched idea with a large possibility of not actually happening. His plan only allows immigrants who want to enter the U.S to be selected based on their likelihood of success in the U.S.

The plan also includes a temporary suspension of regions that export terrorism. Anyone who illegally crosses the border will be detained and then released back into their country. Trump will also put an end to sanctuary cities. A sanctuary city is one that has adopted a policy that protects undocumented immigrants by not prosecuting them for violating immigration laws. Trump claimed that on day one of his presidency he will begin to deport criminal aliens. This also means it must be ensured that countries will take back their citizens who are being deported. If this plan is to actually go through it would cost between an estimated 400 and 600 billion dollars and would take around 20 years. While doing this Trump would be eliminating an estimated 16% of the American workforce. Trump also said he will turn off the jobs and benefits magnet because many illegal immigrants come to the U.S. searching for jobs



although federal law prohibits the employment of the illegal immigrants.

Math teacher, Austin Mayo did not agree with Donald's plans reflecting immigration.

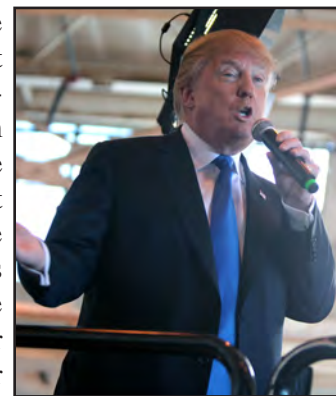
"You definitely have to have borders that are controlled and maintained and have some sort of say over who can and can't enter the country but for America a country founded on immigration and to take an isolationist mentality that has been proven time and time again not to work. Especially in today's day and age when we have a global economy trying to seal off 2,000 some miles with a wall and expect that to work is just insane," said Mayo.

"Then we want to act tough about these 'illegal' immigrants. Most of them are here for the same reason and that is that they are doing jobs the average American does not want to do because they want to better themselves and their families. It is really easy to focus on that one illegal immigrant that was a criminal while punishing millions that do nothing but work hard."

---THE ECONOMY---

Based in Trump's campaign website his is going to "create a dynamic booming economy that will create 25 million new jobs over the next decade." This seems fairly likely because if he follows through on his promise to kick out illegal immigrants that would open up 10 million jobs once occupied by the immigrants. He has a few simple tasks he feels will help the economy: new pro-growth tax plan, an American-First trade policy, a new energy plan, and the "penny plan".

It is said they key issues concerning the labor force are the large numbers of people leaving it, more and more Americans in their "prime-earning years" are not in the labor force, hourly and weekly earnings are lower than they were in 1973. Student loan debt exceeds \$1.3 million. 1 in 6 American men



Donald Trump speaking with supporters at Mesa Gateway Airport./Courtesy Gage Skidmore via flickr

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Boys and Girls Club to open early 2017

The Boys and Girls Club of Winnemucca has predicted its grand opening end of February or early March, according to President Chad Peters.

The Boys and Girls Club building is currently under construction. The building will include the administration area, the gym which is a 9,000 square foot area, a cafeteria with a full sized kitchen, a theatre area with dressing rooms, an upstairs fitness center, an indoor track, changing rooms with showers, and an education center. The building is a total of 36,000 square feet.

"The facility is huge. It has board rooms, community rooms, classrooms, art rooms, and plenty of storage. We have many different opportunities to different things for the community. We are calling it a community hub. We hope the entire community can benefit from the building," said Peters.

The goals of the Boys and Girls club is to help everyone and give all 3,500 kids in the district an opportunity to utilize the services or give them a chance to join clubs.

"A kid will never be turned away at the Boys and Girls Club. We are providing a safe place for kids to come after school and on the week-ends. We want to be the second education provider in our community, following the school district," said Peters.

The Boys and Girls club will be an open facility to all once opened. French Ford and Lowry High School students can walk over after school and other schools will provide transportation to the facility. Services will be offered from 3-7 p.m. The first hour of every day, known as 'Power Hour', will consist of the kids getting all of their homework done and backpack organized, so it is ready for school the next day. Staff and volunteers will be there to assist anyone who needs extra help on assignments.

"When the parent picks up their kid they will know that they have been in safe hands and should be confident and ready for school the next day," added Peters.

After "Power Hour" has been completed they will be split into age groups and do different things such

as science, legos, robotics, reading, art, drama, math, audio and video programming, 3-D printers, research papers, and sports. The club will incorporate a program called "Triple Play".

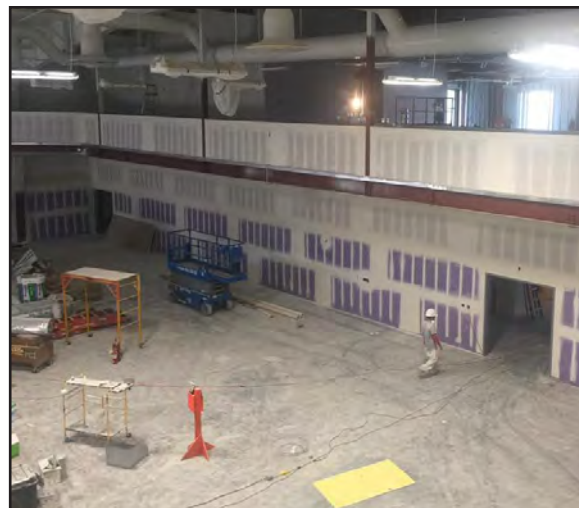
"It is all about the body, mind, and soul. It will encourage kids to do sports, how to be and eat healthy, learn how to stretch, and work teach them how to have better mindsets. We want all kids to understand the importance of good sportsmanship and the necessity of being a good teammate," said Peters.

The Boys and Girls club of Winnemucca hopes to expand the diversity and add more athletic program opportunities for the youth. They have already adopted many youth programs including basketball, wrestling, and softball.

"This next coming year we hope to start a youth volleyball, indoor soccer, and we hope to add tumbling," said Peters.

The complex will also offer a variety of activities for adults as well.

With hopes of opening up early of 2017, keep an eye on the progress of events.



The current interior of the building./Courtesy • Winnemucca Boys and Girls Club



They outside of the building./Courtesy • Winnemucca Boys and Girls Club



Senior class sponsors blood drive

The Lowry senior class sponsored blood drive was on December 7 in the New Gym from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jessica Eastman, Senior Class Advisor, was in charge of the event for LHS. Eastman described the process of donating blood step by step.

"The process of donating blood is simple," said Eastman. "First off the students have to go through the interview process to determine whether they are iron deficient in their blood and if they're healthy overall," said Eastman.

Eastman then tells of the next step in the donation process.

"Then the students are hooked up to machines and given a shot to extract the blood depending on their type as the process takes only 10-20 minutes," said Eastman.

The blood is collected by United Blood Services to donate to those in need said Eastman.

Joe Gildone encouraged others to donate. "I almost passed out in the chair. Overall I think everyone should donate," said Joe Gildone. Enrique Fregoso echoed Gildone's sentiments.

"The cause is a great one and donating blood to those in need is very important," said Fregoso.

United Blood Services is a non-profit organization that goes all over America to local communities to help set up areas to donate blood and encourage people to donate their blood. United Blood Services has been around since 1943 and has helped hundreds of hospitals all over the United States.



Senior Joe Gildone giving blood./Aimee Brandon • The Brand



Seniors and Mrs. Hardy sponsoring the blood drive./Kaity Sample • The Brand



Coffee and cookies in the Senior Store

If you're walking through the halls on a Thursday morning and you're overcome by the smell of fresh delicious cookies, that smell is coming from the Senior Store. The Senior store has been open for a while now. It is open before school on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. So if you're in need of some caffeine to wake you up for your school day look no further.

They sell hot and cold coffee in many different flavors including french vanilla, salted caramel, and mocha and they also sell black coffee. On Thursdays they sell freshly baked, gooey, delicious cookies for 50 cents each.

"I work in the senior store on Thursdays and help make the cookies. They smell so good I can't help but buy some and they taste as good as they smell," said Chris Ke-



Zach White working in the store./Aimee Brandon • The Brand

arns.

The Senior Store is run by senior volunteers. If you're a senior you can work in there and it counts for community service hours. The profit made in the senior store goes towards graduation and helps pay for things like the fireworks the night before graduation.

"The senior store is really fun to work in. We get to listen to music and sell coffee. I work every Friday so come in and buy some tasty coffee," said Zach White.





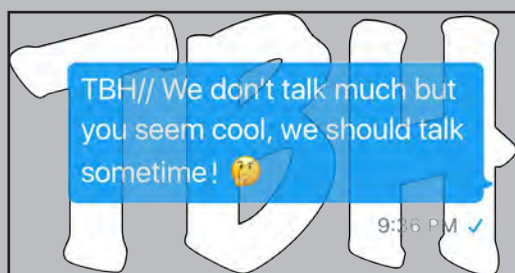
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TBH goes drastically wrong

A new Twitter fad is where someone posts a picture that says TBH on it. If you have ever liked one you have probably realized that you get a very generic response that maybe says, "I don't know you but you seem cool." Except for an incident where exes, Joe Peterson and Elise Rose took things too far and the truth was revealed.

On October 30, Peterson posted on Twitter a TBH which Rose then liked. Peterson sent her a direct message saying, "TBH I can't believe you told me you like me so much then broke up with me two days later because of some girl drama, real mature. Still hurt about it, but I guess you didn't know what you were losing before you lost it."

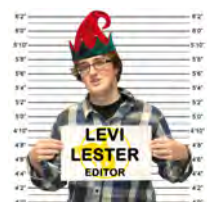


"I said I liked you because I didn't want to hurt your self esteem," said Rose.

They exchanged a couple more messages and things kept getting worse. Girls from all around the school teamed up and bashed on Peterson for weeks on social media. Peterson got tired of it and tried to fix things but nothing worked, so he confronted Rose at school and tried to talk things out but Rose did something no one would have thought she would do.

Rose slapped Peterson as hard as she could. Peterson didn't even flinch and Rose went for another slap and he dodged it, then pushed her to the ground. Rose stood up and slapped Peterson as hard as she could, then teachers swarmed them.

So if you ever have the urge to post a TBH on twitter, just stay with the trend and say something that is fake or you don't mean to keep yourself out of trouble.



Lone Trump protester vows to carry on

Although some may not want to accept it, Donald J. Trump is still the President-Elect. After his election protests erupted as a result of Trump's stunning win over Democratic nominee Hillary Clinton, beating her in electoral votes, 290-232; but losing the popular vote.

Many of these protesters were outraged over Trump's win with signs saying "Not my President" and "Impeach Trump". When the results were announced that

Trump won, protesters everywhere began marching in the streets and have been since election night in cities all over America. Notable cities include Portland, Dallas, Oklahoma City and Wichita as well as many universities across the country.

Recently, a Lowry student, Rob Hilton, was seen at lunch yelling, "Where's my trophy!."

One witness described the protester as, "A cause that may already be lost" and "Young adolescents throwing a fit over unreasonable claims."



Student regrets first tattoo

Senior, Roberto Rodriguez, got his first tattoo last month. What better tattoo to get than the name of his girlfriend of many years Alanna Miller.

Rather than go to his father, who is a tattoo artist, Rodriguez decided to try a new artist in the community.

Rodriguez's excitement about getting Alanna's name on his right calf didn't last long.

"Everything was going good, it didn't even hurt that bad. When I looked in the mirror to see the finished product though, something was wrong," said Rodriguez.

"The name on my calf spelled Alena. I didn't know what to do, I should have listened to my dad. I should have checked earlier to make

sure he was doing it right because the whole time he was more focused on a bag of Cheetos than the actual tattoo. What sucks the most is now I'm too embarrassed to wear shorts in public," said Rodriguez.

Roberto's girlfriend was not too happy about the whole incident either.

"I knew Roberto was getting a tattoo of my name but when I asked him to see it he completely changed the subject, and whenever I even got close to his calf he would freak out. Eventually I became so annoyed that he wouldn't show me the tattoo that I looked at it while he was sleeping. I could not believe what I saw," said Miller.

Roberto is currently waiting to hear back from the reality TV show

"Tattoo Nightmares" to see if they will accept his case and tattoo over the mishap.

His dad only said, "I told you so."

If he can't get the tattoo removed he intends to find a new girlfriend with the name Alena.



Roberto Rodriguez's tattoo./Peyton Capellen • The Brand



Underclassmen can't leave campus during lunch

Oh no, the tables have turned on the underclassmen.

Lowry staff have been telling Principal Ray Parks that underclassmen would focus a lot better in school if they did not leave campus during lunch. So now the head of Lowry is making it a rule to ensure underclassmen do not leave during lunch. But how they enforce it is up to the staff. Of course there will be underclassmen students who will sneak their way off campus. Installing an I.D. scanner at all main exits will ensure that no underclassmen will leave until school ends.

Students are legally obligated to

stay attend school for the full seven periods. Lowry's also offers an abundance of lunchtime activities for students to get involved in, and studying in the library can prove to be useful in improving grades.

Also, teachers think using this time wisely could help a student cram for a test or finish up homework. Teachers strongly believe that this will help improve student's grades and academic ability to efficiently learn.

There are students who have rebelled against this rule and are peacefully going on strike. Students are constantly complaining to the staff about how it isn't fair and now they are listing out reasons why and how it wouldn't affect

their grades at all. Sophomore student Chayton Drobny explains why he doesn't support this new rule.

"In all honesty, I know my grades will be just fine even though I am going out to lunch. I don't see how going off campus for lunch for less than 30 minutes is going to affect my grades. If I need to catch up on school work I could just go to the library after school or before school. So I don't believe in this rule nor do I support it," said Drobny.

Lowry staff have come to a mutual agreement of letting underclassmen have the privilege of leaving campus if their grade point average can accumulate a 3.5 or higher.



Rod Hilton protesting for his Constitutional rights./Courtesy • katerkate via flickr

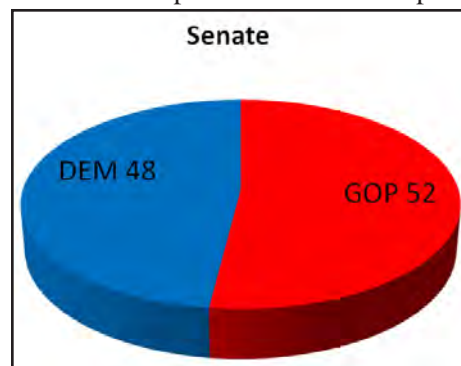


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between the ages of 18-34 are either in jail or out of work. These are just a few of the facts. It is hard to imagine how one man can create millions of jobs, Gonzales shares an example of what Trump could do to keep American jobs from going overseas.

"One example is providing incentives to keep companies here. There was just a recent example, the carrier company, he said the was able to prevent X number of jobs from going to another country and being able to take advantage of cheaper labor, more economical labor. Again I think he would be able provide and create those incentives to make businesses stay here," said Gonzales.

The next really important piece to this is the tax plan. Here is the tax plan



summed up.

"Reduce taxes across-the-board, especially for working and middle-income Americans who will receive a massive tax reduction. Ensure the rich will pay their fair share, but no one will pay so much that it destroys jobs or undermines our ability to compete," said Trump's campaign website.

This idea of a tax reduction for the middle class hit home and may have been a the motivation behind some of his voters.

"I think that's where his appeal was, giving the advantage to middle class America. So I think he just wants to make sure the tax plan is equitable and that middle class will be able to benefit. I think that's where his appeal was to the blue collar workers, to the factory workers. I think that's going to be a very big campaign promise that he's going to prioritize and going to keep," said Gonzales.

The new tax plan is a very big promise which everyone in America hopes he will keep. With Trump's business background it is greatly expected Trump will help America's economy tremendously, but only the next four

years can tell.

---HEALTH CARE---

Trump wants to immediately, "Repeal and replace ObamaCare with Health Savings Accounts." Trump is then going to work with Congress to create a patient-centered health care system that promotes choice, quality, and affordability. He wants to make sure people who have not had coverage before get it now. He wants to give local leaders the opportunity to design Medicaid programs that will better serve low-income people.

Gonzales also thinks Trump will be overturning Obamacare but there will be different ways of the government over turning it.

"I think you are going to see an executive order overturning ObamaCare but i think you're also going to have some provisions in terms of how they're going to implement it being overturned," said Gonzales, "I think you are going to see an executive order overturning ObamaCare, but I think you're also going to have some provisions in terms of how they're going to implement it being overturned."

When January comes around Trump plan is to set up a repeal to only get rid of certain parts like subsidies for the marketplaces, Medicaid expansion and the individual mandate penalties. Trump's plan to repeal will be easier said than done and when he does get it repealed he will have to figure out the replace part.

Mayo also does not think Trump's plan to add in Health Savings Accounts and take away ObamaCare will fix things.

"A health saving account is essentially a savings account where you put money into an account that will only be used for health, so it is essentially the same thing as regular health insurance where you are paying a regular premium so that you have coverage when it matters. The issue he will run into with the health saving account, I think, will be you will have people that have saved up so much and I don't think people understand how expensive it really is," said Mayo.

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Anime films and running for an Oscar

Anime to the general public isn't as widely recognized like it is in Japan; it's birthplace.

Created around the time Toei Animation began and considered to be the first anime film, "The Tale of The White Serpent" was released in 1948 making anime into what it is today. Since then anime films have come a long way to spread their influence to western audiences and eventually in the early 2000s to win an oscar for best animated film for the very first time for the anime genre. The movie "Spirited Away" won the Oscar for Best Animated Film in 2003 and was the second film to be awarded this title in this category. "Spirited Away" is acclaimed as a masterpiece by its creator Hayao Miyazaki. For the 15th anniversary "Spirited Away" aired on

December 4, 5 and 8 in theaters around America.

Although this is a young category, the recognition of "Spirited Away" gave anime a new name in western culture. Other anime films that have been nominated are "When Marnie Was There" (2015), "The Tale of The Princess Kaguya" (2014), "The Wind Rises" (2013), and "Howl's Moving Castle" (2005). Anime films in Japan are idolized more than western animated films that are created by studios such as Pixar Animation Studios, Dreamworks Animation, Walt Disney Pictures, Warner Bros Pictures, and Paramount Pictures. Since "Spirited Away" no other anime films have been awarded, but they have been nominated over the years. One recent anime film that has a chance of being a winner is "Your Name" (2016). This film shows promise

and might be selected as best animated film in 2017.

Anime has come a long way from the early 20th century and continues to captivate audiences across the world. Anime films prove to be enticing and are animated beautifully compared to animated movies in America. Over the years anime is slowly coming to light in the public eye and has drawn the attention of younger audiences and the older generation of anime watchers from the 80s and 90s more every day. Having a unique artistic style, cultural roots to feudal Japan and to old literature and themes, anime has characteristics to attract a wide variety of audiences from across the world.

Everyone should take a little time out of their day to watch some anime and you might even learn more about yourself and some good morals to carry on with you.



Do's AND DON'Ts: HOLIDAYS

1. Do place milk and cookies out for Santa.
2. Don't be a jerk.
3. Do make a snow angel.
4. Don't re-gift; it's rude and it's just wrong.
5. Do spend as much time with friends & family as you can.
6. Don't eat the yellow snow.
7. Do wear fuzzy socks.
8. Don't post snow statuses on social media; we know it's snowing.
9. Do bake cookies with grandma.
10. Don't dress up as a clown.
11. Do drink hot chocolate while watching "The Polar Express".
12. Don't stick your tongue on a frozen pole.
13. Do go sledding over break.
14. Don't go down the chimney; you won't fit.
15. Do enjoy this one week break, as it is too short.
16. Don't lose your holiday spirit Lowry!

SHOULD READING AND MATH BE TAUGHT IN GYM CLASS TOO?

If math and reading were taught in PE class it would definitely help students get better at their reading and math skills while still staying in shape. But in all reality most school students are required to take both math and reading so why would they need another class to teach these subjects?

How do you incorporate math and reading into a PE class? Some schools like Whitefield Elementary are including reading and math into their daily workout, they call it 'math movement'. Math movement is a drill where students study flashcards and play games that will improve their math skills. For example, Whitefield Elementary is also encouraging learning unrelated subjects in other classes such as a short history

lesson in music when talking about the history of music and instruments.

Most middle schools and high schools have split classes to teach separate subjects, by teaching math and reading in PE, it kind of defeats the whole purpose of having split classes. When you go to a PE class



you should just be worried about PE and getting in shape. You have other classes to teach reading and math, PE class should just be about PE.

Even though most elementary schools have only one class that teaches all the required subjects at once they still need a short break from working and give their brains a break while playing games before they have to go back and sit in a classroom and learn for the rest of the day.

SCROOGED: CHRISTMAS BREAK CUT SHORT

For as long as we can remember, Christmas break has been two weeks long. The second best break after summer vacation. Two weeks of sleeping in, no homework, and lots of fun in the snow. Two weeks off is always a blast, and for most of us students and staff, it's a well-needed break.

This year there's not exactly the same excitement toward our upcoming winter break. In fact, the excitement is only half exciting, just like our winter break. Yup, this year's winter break is only a little over a week long.

I don't know about you, but I think only having a week for Christmas break is absurd. The holidays are a time for family, and two weeks is a perfect break from school to spend that time with family and do fun things.

Christmas break is supposed to be two

weeks for two reasons. One week is spent sleeping in until two in the afternoon every day, while the other week is for fun and presents and family and hanging out with friends. Now that Christmas break is only one week long, am I just supposed to choose one or the other? That's probably one of the hardest decisions I have

to make.

Why is our break a week long anyway? This "break" has many students mad, and parents too I'm sure, because now we can't take nice two week long vacations.

Or, some might get to leave the state for a week, but now when they come home they don't get another week to just relax before school starts again.

So kids, enjoy the holidays while they last this year, because before you know it you will be back in school cramming a book into your face.



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New Year's Resolutions: Do you make them?

Making New Year's resolutions can be an exciting thing to do right? Wrong. If making changes should be done at any time, it should be done in the moment or ASAP. That's if you actually feel that those changes are necessary. Your words of wanting to accomplish something should be resulting in an action of some sort. Maybe not all at once, but you can start somewhere.

Typically, resolutions tend to be dramatic ones or ones that would take too long to achieve. Putting a stamp on a year-long resolution can be either stressful or unattainable after a while. Maybe you want to lose 50 pounds, get a better job or completely change your lifestyle. However, losing 50 pounds will not happen in two weeks. Not even in a month. Maybe the life you have is all about school and stressing about grades. Some changes to make then, are to balance things out. Focus on some pas-

sions you haven't focused on in a while.

But if they're unrealistic things that can't be achieved with your position in life right now, it's pointless. You might get a reality-check and realize, in time, that you have more important things to worry about.

Like, paying bills and buying

need. Either way, resolutions have you can have have goals of to an Ivy League that's something you can achieve only with consistency and a variety of routines. Most of the time, these goals are forgotten by the end of January. Why? There's no commitment.

There are also times when we make resolutions,

we base them on what we should do and not what we have to do. The number one resolution people think they "should" have, is to lose weight. Really, what they have to be doing is spending time with their kids or family. Starting at the root of the problem can be major help.

Life is all about enjoying what you have and making good choices that benefit yourself and possibly, others. So, why not skip the "goals" and go straight into "action"? If you're confident about doing something, do it in the moment.

You want your summer body? Do your squats and run more. You want better grades? Ask questions and study more. You've had 364 great decision-making days before. Don't wait until the last second of the year to make changes you should have made long before it was even considered a New Year's resolution.



Should college athletes be paid?

College athletes are like any other college student. They wake up every morning go to classes with everyone else; but unlike other students their day is only just beginning when classes end. Athletes then go to practice with their teams for several hours.

College athletes work just as hard as the professionals, they fill stadiums and arenas with thousands of fans; yet they are not paid a penny. This is a high-profit business and the athletes are the only ones not making anything. Coaches, and even some assistant coaches, make millions.

The 2015 men's NCAA basketball final four tickets cost around \$1,150

for a single seat. The games were also broadcast on four different television networks and had a total of over 43 million viewers worldwide. In 2010 the NCAA signed a 14 year contract with CBS Sports and Turner Broadcasting for \$10.8 billion. With all this money the NCAA is raking in each year you would expect they could afford to pay their players but they are defined by the NCAA

as "amateur" athletes. The NCAA makes almost 1 billion dollars in total revenue each year. They also make a significant amount from apparel such as jerseys, shirts, and hats.

Some athletes are awarded scholarships to pay for college although

many are not. Several colleges across the U.S. began offering athletes cash stipends in 2015 according, with a range of around \$2,000 to \$5,000 a year according to CNN. This gives the athletes some money to spend on things like student loans, laundry money, food, and gas. Hopefully this will spread to

many more colleges in the following years as it is only available in a select few right now. On average the athletes spend 40 hours a week practicing ac-

cording to USA Today. Many of these athletes struggle to make ends meet. Athletes end up working part-time jobs to feed and clothe themselves.

Some fans may not care too much about college athletes getting paid assuming the athletes will when they go pro, however, only 2% of all college athletes will go pro.

As tensions continue to rise about

this topic it will be interesting to see what may happen in the following years and if the NCAA will give in to the idea of paying their athletes.



The Grinch represents all that is good about Christmas

No matter how good we think are as people, we all have at least some Grinch in us. And that is not necessarily a bad thing.

As everyone knows from the original animated TV show the Grinch or the Dr. Seuss story, the Grinch hated Christmas because his heart was, "two sizes too small".

All of us can think of a time when the holidays were too much to handle. Maybe it was spending too much time with family, not getting what we wanted, or not being able to give what we want. The reason doesn't matter; the holidays can become too

much for even the elfiest of all of us.

What is important, however, that we recognize these feeling in ourselves and those around us. When you don't quite feel up to celebrating or hearing "White Christmas" for the 1000th time on the radio, it's importance to take some time and think about what the season means to each of us. And also understand that it can mean different things to other people. We don't all have to have the same outlook.

Yes the Grinch did try to steal Christmas from the Whos but he didn't succeed because he belatedly realized Christmas doesn't come from a store.

The Grinch tried to force his beliefs on the Whos, but realized he was wrong. This is why he represents what is good about the holidays. He showed empathy for others and was better for doing so. We can all learn from this.

Christmas, or the holidays if you prefer, is what we make it. If that means buying things for others and receiving gifts then fine. But don't let that Grinch in you get in the way of allowing others to celebrate the way they want to.

"Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"

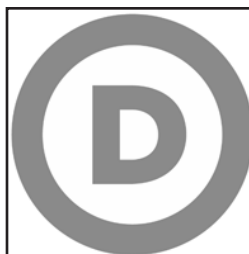


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Freshman Bucks with great start promising season

The freshman girls basketball team has already had an impressive start to their season. Starting off 3-0 overall and 2-0 in league, the future part of the season looks extremely positive for the Lady Bucks.

“Our season has been pretty good, we have all grown as a team and learned off each other. We have definitely shown a lot of growth since our first game,” said Dacotah Aneli.

On Tuesday, December

13 the Buckaroos traveled to Spring Creek to face the Spartans and were able to take hold of the lead the entire game. A final score of 32-24 helped to keep the Buckaroos winning streak alive.

“Our game against Spring Creek was definitely a struggle at some times, the other team had some good strengths over us but we came out on top with a win and improved a lot,” said Aneli.

As their season continues

the girls are hoping to continue improving.

“My expectation for the rest of the season is basically growing with my team, we definitely all have something we can grow in, and I hope we do great in the end,” said Aneli.

Catch the Bucks in action at their next home game on January 6 in a matchup against the Spartans.



Freshman Boys fall to the Spring Creek Spartans on the road

The Boys Freshman basketball team traveled to Spring Creek December 13 to play the Spring Creek Spartans.

It was the boys third league game of the season. They put up a fight for the Spartans but lost in the

last quarter as the Spartans went on a run to win the game.

Coach Brandon Eastman was very happy with the effort of the team although the Spartans won 52-38.

“We came out with a lot of energy and intensity, and also we got after it on defense. Spring Creek took advantage of our press which made us have to get out of it. But the first half, the game went back and forth between the teams who were both playing good defense. We were down by two going into the half, but we came out of the locker room and all of the team's intensity was gone,” said Eastman. “After the Spartans made a run in the third quarter it was an uphill battle after that, but we never gave up. I was very proud of the boys for not giving up and fighting until the last buzzer.”

Eastman also is very proud of the boys for all the hard work they have put in so far the season to better themselves.

“The season is going really well. I think the scores aren’t always a reflection of how well we are actually playing. But everyday they come in and you can really tell they want to learn and they want to get better. We are started to get the hang of the fundamentals and it's helping us as a team. Every day things are starting to get better and smoother and work harder,” said Eastman.

The freshman boys play again December 20 when they host Reed.



ACTIVITIES CALENDAR (nnvd1a.org)				
Activity	Date	Time	Opponent	Location
Boys Freshman	12/20	3:00pm	Reed	Lowry HS
Boys JV	12/20	4:30pm	Reed	Lowry HS
Boys Varsity	12/20	6:00pm	Reed	Lowry HS
Boys Varsity	12/27	10:30am	Kingman	Desert Oasis HS
Boys Varsity	12/28	4:30pm	Desert Oasis	Desert Oasis HS
Boys Varsity	12/29	8:00am	Sunrise Mt.	Desert Oasis HS
Girls Varsity	12/26	11:30am	Hug	McQueen HS
Girls Varsity	12/27	2:30pm	Pittsburg	Reed HS
Girls Varsity	12/28	TBA	Reed	Robert McQueen HS
JV Wrestling	12/22	2:00pm	Battle Mt.	Battle Mt. HS
Varsity Wrestling	12/22	2:00pm	Battle Mt.	Battle Mt. HS
Varsity Wrestling	12/28	TBA	Reno	Reno Events Center
Varsity Wrestling	12/29	TBA	Reno	Reno Events Center



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Lady Bucks off to a hot start this winter

The girls basketball program is a strong one, the varsity team has been Regional Champions the last three years in a row and won state in 2014. The varsity team has multiple returning girls and some girls new to the varsity level. So far this season they are 6-1, making for a good start to the season.

"So far I think this season has gone really well. We've had some highs and some lows, but we've always been able to bounce back. I think that is one thing that is so special about this team, we don't give up," said Tiana Herrera.

Their last game was against Spring Creek which resulted in a win, 50-44.

"We didn't play our best and there's things we need to work on, but we played hard and didn't give up and got a good win," said Kenadee Jeppsen.

It's just the beginning of the season and the Lady Bucks have a lot to look forward to.

"I think our strengths are that we all get along. There's no drama. And it's nice to just have fun and laugh and play bas-

ketball," Hannah Hillyer.

As they continue with their season they have lots of practice ahead of them and a tournament in Reno the week after Christmas.

"These next few weeks we are aiming to fine tune the little things and work to play more in sync with each other. We have so many talented girls on the team and when we learn how to put all of our individual talents together, it will be a really great thing to see," said Tiana Herrera.

The girls next league game is against Elko on January 3. Their first home game of the season is January 6 against Sparks.

Their games can be heard online at buckarooradio.com.



Alyssa Kuskie brings the ball up the court./Dylan Kalkoske • The Brand



The 2016-17 varsity girls team./Courtesy • Winnada



Brooklyn Waller passes the ball./Peyton Capellen • The Brand



Football experts, Cabatbat and Lucas pick the bowl games

It's that time of the year again, as the best in college football face off in their bowl games in the upcoming weeks. Cabatbat and Lucas will hopefully rebound from their picks from last year. Cabatbat's record was 2-7 while Lucas went 4-5.

Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl (4) Washington vs. (1) Alabama

Lucas: I'm gonna go with the upset and say Washington.

Cabatbat: Coach Peterson will come up with a pretty good game plan for Alabama, and he might keep it pretty close but in the end Alabama is Alabama and I think they are gonna give Washington the business.

PlayStation Fiesta Bowl. (3) Ohio State vs. (2) Clemson

Lucas: Ohio State.

Cabatbat: Quick coin real quick. Alright tails is Ohio State, and heads is Clemson. (flips coin) Well I guess I'm going for Ohio State then.

CFP National Championship

Lucas: Washington wins it all.

Cabatbat: As much as it pains me to say this I think Alabama is going to take it all

Capital One Orange Bowl (6) Michigan vs. (11) Florida State

Lucas: Michigan

Cabatbat: Coach Harbaugh selects great coaches to surround himself with and so therefore Michigan is going to come out victorious just because he has people around him that do the right things.

Outback Bowl. (17) Florida vs. Iowa

Lucas: Iowa



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Cabatbat: I've gotta go with Florida. I think they are higher powered and Iowa's coming from a cold climate to a warm climate, and Florida's already there.

Goodyear Cotton Bowl. (15) Western Michigan vs. (8) Wisconsin

Lucas: Western Michigan, why not.

Cabatbat: Wisconsin

Rose Bowl Game. (9) USC vs. (5) Penn State

Lucas: USC

Cabatbat: I like Penn State but I'm gonna go with USC.

Allstate Sugar Bowl. (14) Auburn vs. (7) Oklahoma

Lucas: Oklahoma

Cabatbat: I'll go with Auburn with the upset on this one.

Hyundai Sun Bowl. (18) Stanford vs. North Carolina

Lucas: North Carolina

Cabatbat: I mean, I'm waiting for Stanford to just

come out and stomp on somebody and I think they are going to do that against North Carolina.

Valero Alamo Bowl. (12) Oklahoma State vs. (10) Colorado

Lucas: Colorado

Cabatbat: I'm gonna

have to go with Oklahoma State especially if their coach is still rocking that mullet you've gotta go with that.

Fosters Farm Bowl. Indiana vs. (19) Utah

Lucas: Utah

Cabatbat: I've gotta go with Utah I think Utah has seen better opponents than Indiana.

Motel 6 Cactus Bowl. Boise State vs. Baylor

Lucas: Baylor

Cabatbat: I mean this is just principle, I've gotta go for Baylor, I can't root for Boise State.

Hawai'i Bowl. Hawaii vs. Middle Tennessee

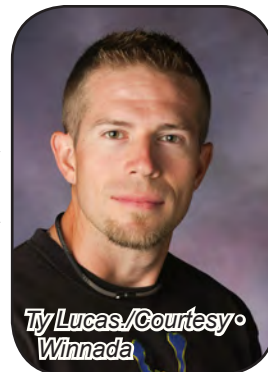
Lucas: Hawaii

Cabatbat: So the bottom line is, Middle Tennessee is gonna go on vacation and Hawaii is already there so they ain't on vacation, it's work time so they are gonna come out victorious.

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl. Idaho vs. Colorado State

Lucas: Colorado State

Cabatbat: Idaho's gonna show up on Boise's field and just see the blue turf and be scared. It doesn't matter who they play, they could play a high school team and end up losing on the blue turf so I think I'm gonna have to go with Colorado on that one.



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ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE: BROOKLYN BACKUS

The Steph Curry of the girls varsity basketball team, Brooklyn Backus, was chosen as December's athlete of the issue.

Backus is a two sport athlete who participates in golf in the fall and basketball in the winter.

Backus started playing basketball when she was young. When she entered to high school she was on the freshman team her first year, JV her sophomore year, and Varsity her junior and senior years.

Backus also started golfing when she was 8-years-old. At that time her family lived across from the golf course so she spent most of her time there learning the sport. Backus has golfed for the varsity girls team all four years of her high school career.

Her senior golf season didn't go how she planned.

Backus said, "Golf didn't go as well as we had hoped but it wasn't terrible."

When Backus was asked which sport she preferred she said basketball.

Lowry girls varsity basketball coach Chelsea Cabatbat said she is very proud of how far Backus has progressed as a player throughout her four years of playing for the program.

"Brooklyn Backus is a very hard worker. I have been very impressed with Brooklyn's leadership skills this season. She is always very positive and encouraging to her teammates. She plays a very important role on our team. Over the last four years she has really improved in every part of the game. She is a hard worker who puts in time to better herself and the others around her," said Cabatbat.

Backus thinks this year's season will be a great season for the ladies.

"I think the season will be great, we have lots of potential," said Backus.

Backus's parents played a large part in her active and sports life.

"My parents have definitely influenced my love for sports and they push me to do my best."

When Backus isn't at school or at practice you will probably find her taking a nap. But sometimes it might not be to easy to take a peaceful nap with all 5 of her younger siblings running around the house.

After high school Backus has a better idea than staying at home and napping. Backus is a senior and has plans after this year to attend Brigham Young University and major in Exercise Physiology. After college she wants to pursue a career as a physical therapist to follow in her father's footsteps.

As well as pursuing a career in physical therapy she wants to travel the world, see new places, and adventure to places she has never been.



ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE: BRADY LANGE

Brady Lange, also known as Julio in Mrs. Godinez' class, is the winter boys Athlete of the Issue.

Lange has played basketball and football all four years of high school; accompanied by a year of baseball his freshman year. Lange has been a part of the varsity football team for two years where he earned a starting position as the quarterback and a wide receiver. Lange has completed one season at the varsity level for basketball and is currently finishing his second.

Lange is hopeful that his basketball team can go far into the postseason.

"It is a little too early to tell who our biggest competitor is this year.

Elko always comes out with a great team. Our team is young this year, but it will benefit the program in years to come. I think with a lot of hard work we can put pressure on any team," said Lange.

Lange dedicates himself to the field and the court and has a wonderful support system.

"My family has always pushed me to be the best I can. My dad was always on my back telling me things I need to correct and ways I can better myself. If it weren't for him I would not be the

athlete I am today," said Lange.

Lange also credits his mother as his biggest supporter.

"My mom has always been my biggest fan. She comes to every game and is always proud of me no matter the situation," added Lange.

Outside of being a Lowry athlete, Brady is known as a stand up guy. He is mostly seen with his best friend, Jacob Hernandez, at his side.

"My favorite memory from high school sports is all of the friendships I have made. I was brought into a brotherhood

and that is something that I will be able to cherish for the rest of my life. Without sports, I would not have half of the friendships I have today," said Lange.

Lange does not see himself continuing his athletic career at the next level.

"I have considered playing a sport in college and still am. I want to worry more about my education while I am at college though. Playing at the next level is still an option for me, but it is still undecided," said Lange.

Lange will be most likely be attending the University of Nevada, Reno next fall to further his education, assuming he does not extend his athletic career somewhere else.



On Deck: Should there be "Super Teams" in the NBA?

I'm sure you have heard about the Golden State Warriors in the NBA. This year they gained a new huge asset to the team, Oklahoma City Thunder's, Kevin Durant. Durant has made this team into a so called, "Super Team."

People were saying one team in the NBA just got to good to the point where competition does not seem relevant anymore. The Warriors didn't lose more than two games in a row for 82 regular season games last year, but they didn't

have Durant. Now with Durant the team is being called unstoppable.

The Warriors are 24-4 in their first 28 games they are the number one team in the league as they pull ahead. But does this mean this so called super team will make it to the championship for the second year in a row and possibly redeem themselves and win the final.

There have been many other super teams in the NBA over the years, like the 2003-2004 Los Angeles Lakers, 2010-2011 Miami Heat, the 1994-1995 Phoenix Suns and more. All these teams

were also called unstoppable but neither of the three teams won the championship.

Many NBA players on other teams this year have said Durant's choice is good for the league and makes things more competitive as teams look forward to playing the so called unstoppable teams which is what some of the players want. It also gives players and teams a competitor they always have in there head, constantly thinking about and ready to play.

This also happens in leagues on the

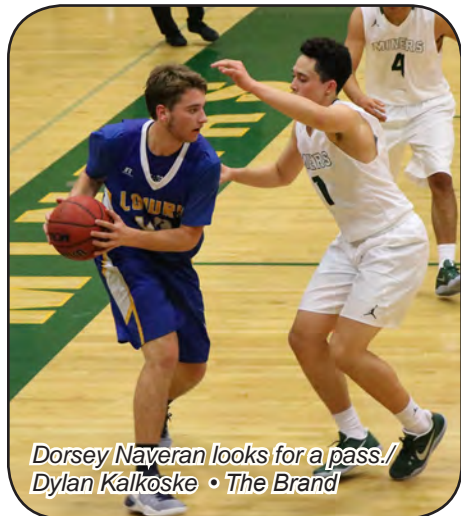
high school level. For example, Spring Valley High School in Las Vegas the girls varsity team went 1-24 in 2013-14 in 2014-15 the team went undefeated. But they didn't get a new coach they brought in a whole new traveling basketball team that had hours of practice together under their belts. But in this case all other teams were mad about this instead of saying it was good for the competition.

So depending on the situation and league, people will have mixed opinions about "superteams."



Bucks continue to look for first win of season

The varsity boys basketball team has had an interesting start to their season. After losing an intense game to the Fallon Greenwave by one point, they dropped another



Dorsey Naveran looks for a pass./
Dylan Kalkoske • The Brand

one point deficit to the Spring Creek Spartans on Tuesday, December 13.

The Bucks were down five after the first quarter, but came back strong in the second and third quarter. The boys managed to score 16 in the second quarter to tie the ballgame going into halftime.

Going into the final quarter the bucks had a one point lead, and the game came down to the final seconds of the buzzer where they were unable to make a shot to win the game. The final score of 47-46 put the Buckaroos 0-3 in league and 0-7 overall.

Despite the tough start, the Bucks remain positive and can still see good things happening on the court.

"Our effort is great this season. We are putting together solid games and seeing improvement every game,"

said junior Dylan Kalkoske.

The season is only beginning and as the team is still learning to find chemistry with 2 sophomores and freshman Kobe Stoker, the team still has many things to work on during practice.

"We need to work on our defense and learn to run plays longer to run down the clock. It is putting together the little pieces of the puzzle, that's when we will start winning games," added Kalkoske.

The Bucks remain optimistic about their future.

"Our team is pretty young. We only have three seniors, so the future of the program looks promising. As far as this season goes our goal is to make it into the top six of our league to make it to playoffs," said senior

Brady Lange.

The Bucks next game will be at home against Reed on December 20. The Buckaroos will be hosting the



Jed Teichert puts up a shot./Dylan Kalkoske • The Brand



JV Lady Bucks strive for more wins

This season, the JV girls have been nothing but confident in themselves. Although coach Amy Jenkins is aware of some mistakes the team has had, she remains positive as well.

"I think the season has been pretty good so far. We have had some pretty physical games and the team has responded well. The Spring Creek game was an eye opener for us, we have to play for four full quarters and not let up at all," said Jenkins.

Spring Creek was a tough game but players didn't let that get to them; given

the 43-34 win.

"It definitely wasn't one of our better games. We struggled a lot in the beginning working as a team and making things happen on the court. We definitely pulled it together towards the end of the game and ended up finishing with the win," said Hailey Fernandez.

Although some players state that it wasn't the best play they've had, others may not see it that way.

"Despite the few weak spots that we had, this was definitely one of our better games. Our defense at the beginning of the game was one of those weak spots. We weren't closing out and I think that is what got Spring Creek most of their points. The second half we were now playing [with] tough defense. So, those weak spots definitely cleared up," said Juli Garcia.

Like any sport, there will always have to be some mistakes that need to be fixed.

I think we need to improve on playing on

our own level and not playing on the other teams' level. We could also work on our shooting and our rebounding both offensively and defensively," said Fernandez.

Regardless of different opinions, the teammates are close on and off the court.

"There's no doubt about it, we work great as a team. We have grown up playing together and it's obvious when we step on the court," said Fernandez.

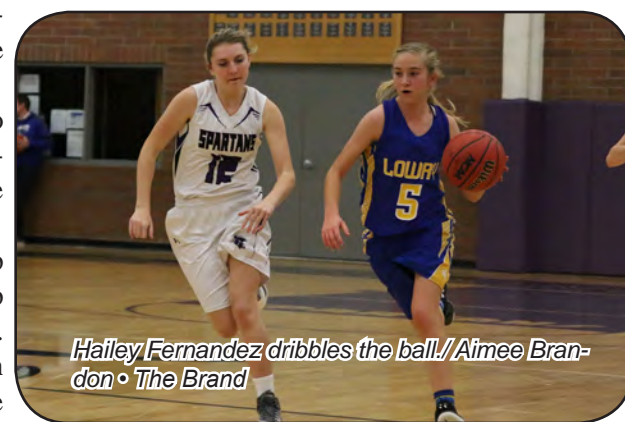
Coach Jenkins also feels that her team is worthy no matter where they're at on the court.

"I have a great group of girls that need to keep working and be positive. There will be times when everyone doesn't get the

same amount of playing time as others but being on the bench is just as important as being on the floor," said Jenkins.

In short, these girls will stay up and stay strong no matter what gets thrown at them.

"I think the season has been great so far and having teammates like the ones I have makes the season ten times better," said Garcia.



Hailey Fernandez dribbles the ball./Aimee Brandon • The Brand



JV girls basketball team./Courtesy • Winnada



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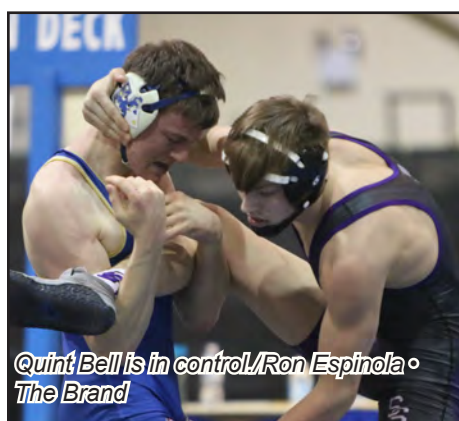
Wrestlers take first at Lovelock and third in annual Louk

Lowry, known for its dominance in the 1-A Division, has started the season with returning wrestlers from last year and newcomers fresh off the boat. Many of these wrestlers are improving every day.

Both the JV and varsity teams traveled to Pershing County for the Lovelock Mustang Invitational on December 17, where they were able to come home with a team title and four first place finishers. With a team total of 174.5, the Bucks



Matthew Souza tries to turn his opponent./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Quint Bell is in control./Ron Espinola • The Brand

were followed by Fernley in second with 137 points and Churchill County with 134 points.

Seth Hornbarger, Quint Bell, Nathen Blanco, and Isaiah Blanco all walked away with first place finishes. Ryan Johnson placed second. Bryan Day was able to bring in a third place finish. Taylor Corak and Connor Starkey both placed 4th in the tournament.

Varsity wrestler Ryan Johnson had many good things to say about the team.

"I love the sport and the team overall did a great job for placing 1st," said Johnson.

Seth Hornbarger was impressed with the team's performance.

"Varsity has always been amazing with how we get on the mat and really take down the other teams. Personally I loved coming to Lovelock to enjoy wrestling and hang out with my friends," said Hornbarger.

Freshman Taylor Corak is focusing on getting better each day.

"JV is definitely trying to really push themselves to improve and for myself I'm always trying to do better every day and have fun," said Corak.

1. Lowry Blue 174.5
2. Fernley 137.0
3. Churchill County 134.0
14. Lowry Gold 30.0

The annual Cody Louk tournament was held at the Winnemucca Events Center on December 9 and 10. The Bucks finished third overall with a team total of 182 following Reno at 215 and Spanish Springs at 321 respectively.

Although the tournament didn't go as expected for the Buckaroos, the future is still promising.

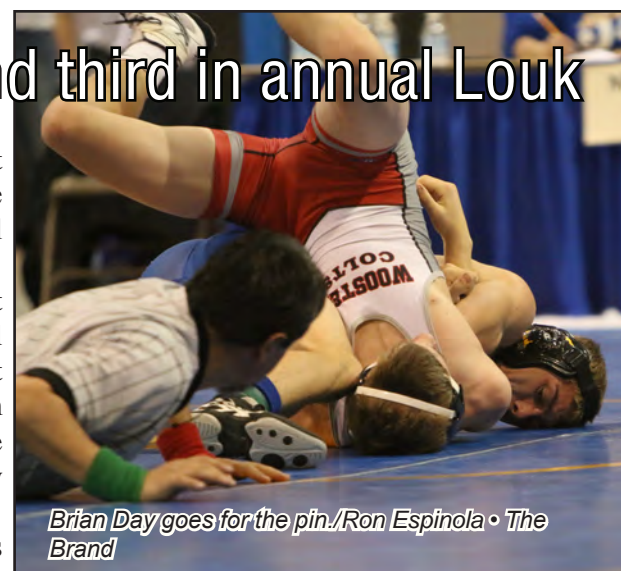
"The tournament didn't go as expected but we still took 3rd. I think with a lot of hard work and dedication our team could still take state," said junior Matthew Souza.

A few key individuals were not able to wrestle this past weekend due to injury, including Cade Billingsley, Nathen Blanco, and Joe Peterson but will return to the mats as soon as possible. Many individuals placed as well. Isaiah Blanco, Bryan Day, Seth Hornbarger, and Bryan Ramos were all able to snatch third place in the tournament. Matthew Souza, Taylor Corak, and Zackary Peters took fifth place. Ryan Johnson and Trent McKellips wrapped up with sixth place finishes.

Most of them understand that there is still a long journey ahead and a lot of hard work needs to be done.

"Individually there are lots of things we need to work on. We definitely need to get into better shape. For me personally, I need to work on staying on the mat. We have a long road ahead, and I am excited to see what it brings," added Souza.

The wrestlers continue their journey as they will travel to Battle Mountain on December 22 for a dual match. On December 29 the travel



Brian Day goes for the pin./Ron Espinola • The Brand

to Reno for the Tournament of Champions at the Reno Events Center.

1. Spanish Springs 321.0
2. Reno 215.0
3. Lowry Blue 182.0
21. Lowry Gold 18.0
- 3rd Place - Isaiah Blanco
- 5th Place - Taylor Corak
- 5th Place - Matthew Souza
- 3rd Place - Bryan Day
- 5th Place - Zackary Peters
- 6th Place - Ryan Johnson
- 3rd Place - Seth Hornbarger

6th Place - Ryan Johnson
6th Place - Trent McKellips

3rd Place - Bryan Ramos



Taylor Corak./Ron Espinola • The Brand



JV boys drop Spartans by double digits

JV Bucks traveled to Spring Creek during an away game on December 13 with an

appalling victory. The final score of the game being 61-46. Oscar Juanes a sophomore on the JV team explains how accomplished he feels about the

victory over Spring Creek's team and how this games could lead to many victories throughout the rest of the season.

"I feel very satisfied with winning this game, my team and I take this as an accomplishment, it could very well be our team's stepping stone to winning," said Juanes.

Juanes also explains his team's play style so far into the season and how the team's bond can lead them to many victories.

"As a whole I think we are beginning to recognize each other's style of play, which will benefit us for the rest of the season, which will make our games go better and better each time

we play against another team," said Juanes.

The team's goal that they had set is to win the rest of their games this season and to set out to destroy and take victory against the Fernley Vaqueros.

You can catch the JV Bucks back in action when they set out to play against Fernley.



Derek Espinoza with a no-look pass./Dylan Kalkoske



Scottie Smith fights for the ball./Dylan Kalkoske

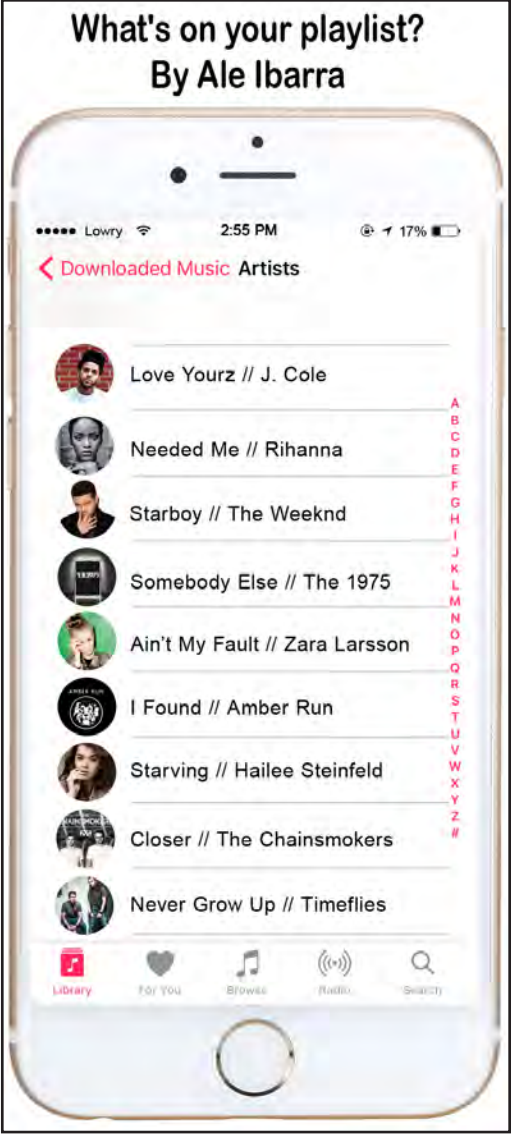


The team listening to coach Eastman during a timeout./Dylan Kalkoske



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Favorite kind of tea? Black Tea, like her soul.	Favorite kind of tea? Black.	Favorite kind of tea? Black.
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Favorite you-tube channel? PewDiePie.	Favorite you-tube channel? PewDiePie.	Favorite you-tube channel? PewDiePie.



Whatever Happened To?

Remember those trends everyone was crazy about but just kind of disappeared after time? What even were they and why were they so popular?

Remember seeing the meme ermah-gerd? Its popularity fell off the face of the Earth just as fast as it became a trend. What about the Kylie Jenner challenge when everyone was giving themselves temporary botox treatments by putting your lips inside a shot glass and sucking all the blood to your lips making them increase in size?

Or maybe you and your friends used to talk to ghosts by doing the Charlie Charlie challenge, stacking two pencils on each other. If they moved Charlie was definitely in your presence and you and your friends most likely ran off screaming.

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Choir and Band hold holiday concerts

As the holiday season approaches the band and choir groups of Lowry, show off their skill in and around the community.

On December 13 the choirs made an appearance at the Winnemucca Junior High School and the band made an appearance at Sonoma Heights Elementary. The following day the band showed off their talents at French Ford



The guitar class gets ready for their performance./Kaity Sample • The Brand

Middle School and Grass Valley Elementary. December 15 the choirs made appearances at the Grammar School, the Senior Center. Band and both the choirs together ended the night on their home turf at Lowry. On December 16 the Choir ended the week with a performance at the Beehive House.

Tanner Ames, a tenor saxophone player in the band, talks about what they played and all the hard work that went into the week of performances.

"The pieces we performed were primarily Christmas medleys or winter-themed. We played one called 'Into the Arctic', which was probably my favorite. We also played one called 'Heavenwards' and we had three medleys of Christmas songs. Each day in class we would practice and some days we'd stay after school for combined rehearsals with percussion," said Ames.

Ames, being a man of many talents, is also in Swing Choir so he participated in that part of the "tour" as well.

"Swing choir is great. For our Christmas tour, we went to Sonoma Elementary as well as Grass Valley, and the Grammar School. We also visited the senior center and sung at the Beehive House. I feel as though we could've used more practice time, but I believe that we had some entertaining performances. My favorite part was probably having Santa and Mrs. Claus come and dance with us at the Grammar school," said Ames.

Led by teacher, Mr. Paul Criddle, the performances included Christmas and

holiday-themed songs. The beginner guitar class was able to show off their talents as well as the full band. Each group performed about 3-5 songs where they were able to 'woo' the crowd.

Regarding the entire week of filling the schools with music and the Christmas spirit Ames said, "it all makes for a joyful experience."



The choir singing their Christmas tunes./Kaity Sample • The Brand



THE PLACE TO BE DURING WINTER TIME

During these cold hectic holidays, you have two options. Fun in the sun, or ski in the freeze. The best places to be in the winter time are those two things. Going somewhere warm like maybe the Bahamas for the holidays would be fun, but then again you would miss out on all the snowy activities.

In Winnemucca, there definitely is not very much to do at all. Eva Acevedo stays in town during the holidays and explains what she does throughout the month.

"My family and I like to stay in town at my aunt's house and make a lot of tamales and make a mexican drink called 'atole'. We then come home and decorate for Christmas when Christmas eve draws near,"



Skiing at Tahoe./Courtesy • tableatny via flickr

said Acevedo.

The place to be if you want to have some real winter fun for a holiday getaway would be to chill at Lake Tahoe.

Lake Tahoe is roughly a 4-5 hour drive from Winnemucca. From the glittering lake resorts to the snowy mountains, the best family holiday getaway is waiting for you. The menu of activities to keep you, family, and friends busy is endless.

Skiing is a popular winter activity which is especially fun at Tahoe's ski towers. A popular place to go sledding is just outside of Tahoe City, a place known as Mt. Rose. The snow gets especially thick up on that mountain side which makes sledding a blast.

At the end of the day, a nice dinner is a necessity. Tahoe provides a variety of places to eat, from fast foods to fine dine. The most popular and affordable place to eat are the casinos. And finally, once the day has been fulfilled, it is time to go back to the resort treat yourself to the indoor pools, sauna, and jacuzzi.



Youtube Review: Rad Portraits

Beth Radloff is a 25-year-old living in Los Angeles making Youtube videos. She has her own channel, "Beth Be Rad" where she posts videos about once a month, but on another channel called "Snarled" she has a weekly segment called "Rad Portraits." "Snarled" produces five videos a week from five creative women. Viewers can definitely agree that Beth is a creative woman.

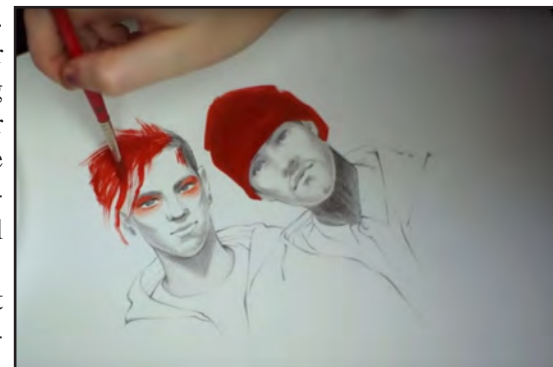
On "Rad Portraits" she chooses a person from pop culture, one of her own choosing or one recommended by fans, who she thinks is rad. Then she draws a portrait of them and as she draws them she tells you the person's history and why she thinks they are rad. The catch is she uses a different method every week.

She is undeniably a creative and amazing artist. She uses anything from paint, to photoshop, to candy, to coffee. One time she drew a portrait without lifting her marker. Her artwork is rad in itself. Beth always had art somewhere in her life. When she realized it was something she wanted to be doing the rest of her life she attended the College of Creative Studies in Detroit and earned her Bachelor in illustration and minor in Critical Theory.

Art was not always Beth's first choice in life. She grew up studying theatre and music. It was not until her senior year of high school that she drifted

toward art, although theatre obviously remained prominent in her life considering her strong presence in the Youtube videos she makes.

But back to her videos, in them she portrays both fictional characters and real people. She has created a portrait of Twenty One Pilots, Michelle Obama, Emma Watson, Frida Kahlo, Khaleesi, Robin Williams, Malala Yousafzai, and many many more. Her descriptions of these people and what they have done with their life is amazing. When watching her old videos you might see one of your idols or you might come across someone you have never heard of before. When that is the case you get to hear the life story of someone truly "rad" and be inspired by them and by Beth's art. Probably one of the most amazing Rad Portraits she did was her self portrait. "Rad Portraits" is for anyone who appreciates art or for someone seeking a little life inspiration.



A screenshot from youtube's "Beth Be Rad"./Courtesy • "Beth Be Rad"



Performer Of The Issue: Katelyn Castonguay

Improvement will always be appreciated no matter where you look. It might not be from the people you'd expect, but it will be appreciated. In this case, junior Kate-



Katelyn Castonguay with her artwork./Ale Ibarra • The Brand

lyn Castonguay, was recognized as the Performer of the Issue.

Julia Topholm, an art teacher at Lowry,

chose one student out of many that was worthy.

"She's an Art II student, I had her in Art I and she did struggle a little bit, but she always improved with every project. This year having her in art two it's just a pleasure to see the improvement and to see what she was able to retain from art one to improve her artistic techniques and her overall project that she turns in. The quality is a lot higher and every project, the same as art one, she just keeps improving," said Topholm.

Castonguay pointed out that it was "Mrs. T" who inspired her to become better at her work.

"Since this year started, and since I've been doing it [art] she tells me how

good my artwork is and how much I have progressed since my freshman year," said Castonguay.

Art is an important part of her life.

"Art is a hobby for me. It helps me relax and forget about what's around me. It will most definitely benefit me [in the future], it teaches you how to see things in a different perspective and helps me become more patient," said Castonguay.

She also believes that the Arts should be taken seriously because it's valuable knowledge that helps people express themselves.

"Arts should be taken more

seriously because you have no idea the creativity it takes and all the tiny details it takes, to make something look so much better that no one even thinks of," said Castonguay.



One of Katelyn Castonguay's comic strips./Ale Ibarra • The Brand

Does it bother you when you see people driving down the road with headphones in, because it bothers me so much!

Kaity

Yes it does. Are they listening to music? Are they talking on the phone? I just don't understand. Plus I am pretty sure that is like a huge safety hazard because you can't hear ambulances or other emergency vehicles. Just play the radio or use your car speakers. People who use earbuds while driving are the worst kinds of people, they fall into the same category as people who don't use their blinker.

Dylan

Do you believe in aliens?

Kaity

Of course I do, there is no way that we are the only people in this universe. The milky way hasn't even been fully discovered there has to be some sort of life out there. I don't necessarily believe in the typical looking alien, but there is something out there. What about you?

Dylan

Of course I do too, I have believed in aliens for a very long time and have watched pretty much every alien movie to ever exist. But like you I also don't believe aliens look like the typical movie aliens do. We live in such a big universe so how could we be the only ones to live in it. It's impossible. But I do believe the government has already

encountered aliens and has been studying them for years. They just keep it a secret just like everything else they do.

Kaity

What does your twitter bio say? What is the weirdest habit you have?

Dylan

My Twitter bio says "@K_jepppp is my fav (heart emoji) Instagram @dkalkoske"

I sometimes put my finger in hot melted wax cause it feels cool and I like peeling it off.

What does your twitter name mean? And what is your grossest habit?

Kaity

Wow, you're one of those people huh? I'd make fun of you more, but Kenadee is my fav too so that bio makes sense I guess. Yeah, that is pretty weird but I have done that too. The best part is peeling off the wax and it makes your finger really soft. I bet you don't wash

your hands after either. My twitter name (BOTB Kaity) was a nickname given to me by some old pals. My grossest habit is biting my fingernails, it may seem common but if you think about all of the germs I'm putting in my mouth it really starts to gross me out. Okay, I guess this is goodbye until next time. Try not to run any stop signs soon!

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Buckaroo Round up

Destiny Starkey

How do you feel about our winter break getting cut short?
It sucks! I want a super long winter break, not one shorter than normal.
What are your plans this upcoming winter break?
I'm not sure yet, it depends what my parents want to do.
Do you want it to snow?
Yes, I want it to snow a lot. Especially on Christmas!
What is your favorite holiday?
My favorite holiday is Christmas! I love opening presents with my family.
What do you want for Christmas?
I want Solo 2 wireless Beats because I love the metallic covers and the Solo 2's are awesome.
What is your favorite Christmas tradition?
My favorite Christmas tradition is the scavenger hunt that my parents make for our "most important" present.
How do you celebrate the holidays?
I celebrate with my friends and family.
What is the gift you're most excited to give?
I'm most excited for my dad's gift because it's super cool and expensive.
Christmas sweaters or nah?
Christmas sweaters all the way, but only if they're ugly.
What is your New Year Resolution?
I don't know what it is yet.
How do you plan on spending New Years Eve?
I will probably be with my friends and family nothing too special.
Are you going to have a New Year's kiss?
No not this year.
Do you follow The Brand on Instagram?
No but I will!



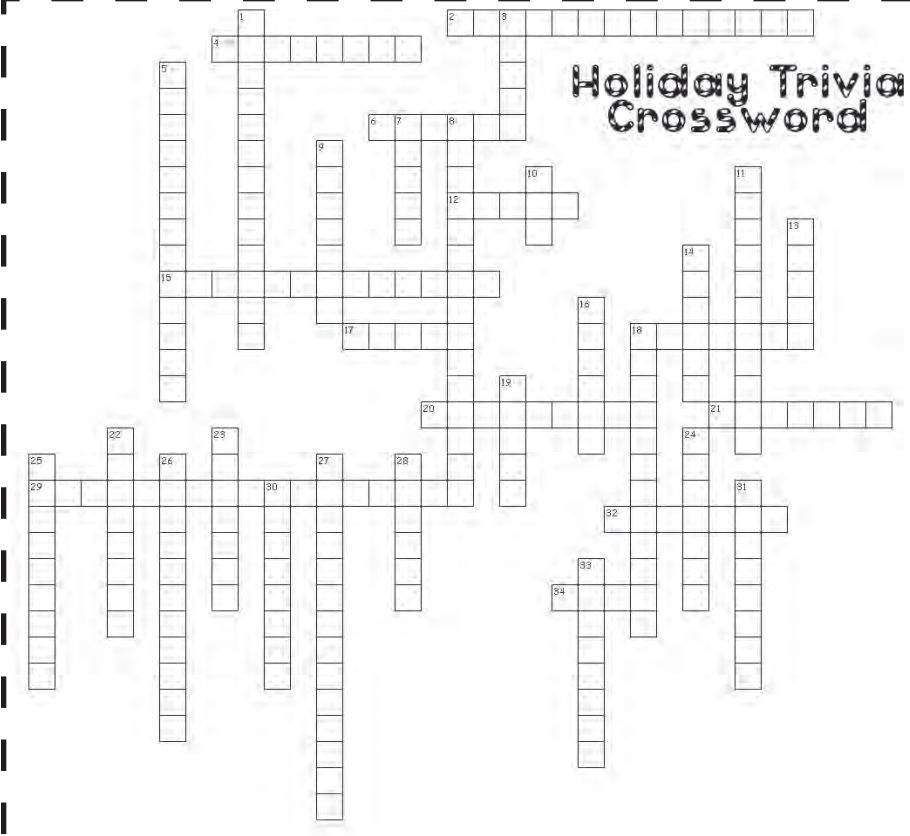
Julian Fimbres

How do you feel about our winter break getting cut short?
Ah it's being cut short. I'm very disappointed. That's messed up.
What are your plans this upcoming winter break?
Just be with family.
Do you want it to snow?
Yes, yes I do. I really do.
What is your favorite holiday?
Christmas, because there is a lot of hope and really good vibes.
What do you want for Christmas?
Just money, to pay for art supplies.
What is your favorite Christmas tradition?
We don't really have one.
How do you celebrate the holidays?
Just mostly relaxing and having fun with my brother and sister.
What is the gift you're most excited to give?
Something special for my friend.
Christmas sweaters or nah?
Yeah why not, they look good and they're toasty.
What is your New Year Resolution?
To draw more and to be really good at guitar.
How do you plan on spending New Years Eve?
Sitting in front of the TV getting overly excited and maybe drinking some cider.
Are you going to have a New Year's kiss?
I wish.
Do you follow The Brand on Instagram?
No, I don't have an instagram, but I'll get on here soon.



Jasmine Freeman

How do you feel about our winter break getting cut short?
I feel like it should be extended instead of cut short and it's going to aggravate a lot of students.
What are your plans this upcoming winter break?
I think we're going to go to California.
Do you want it to snow?
Yes, like a lot, like a foot and a half.
What is your favorite holiday?
New Years because it represents a new start.
What do you want for Christmas?
I want for everyone to have a home this Christmas and not be out in the cold.
What is your favorite Christmas tradition?
Doing popcorn garland for our Christmas tree.
How do you celebrate the holidays?
I normally just celebrate it with family and pets.
What is the gift you're most excited to give?
The gift of laughter.
Christmas sweaters or nah?
Nah, because they're itchy and they all look funny.
What is your New Year Resolution?
To cause a good impact on somebody's life.
How do you plan on spending New Years Eve?
I'm going to go to Reno and hang out with some friends.
Are you going to have a New Year's kiss?
I don't know.
Do you follow The Brand on Instagram?
I don't have Instagram.



- Across
2. Christmas is too _____ for Charlie Brown
4. The town where the Whos live.
6. There were eleven playing their instrument.
12. Each Christmas Eve this organization tracks Santa's sleigh. (acronym)
15. A ballet that can open things.
17. The rabbit in Frosty the Snowman.
18. The 12 days of Christmas end in what month?
20. Macaulay Culkin was left _____.
21. The Christmas tree originated here.
29. This movie is on over 300 times during the holidays.
32. Where Miracle on 34th Street takes place.
34. How many ghosts visited Scrooge?
- Down
1. Frosty is made of _____.
3. Sponsors the Thanksgiving Parade in NYC.
5. Frosty's first words when he came to life.
7. Exchanging gifts started in this country.
8. Has been played by Michael Caine,
- Tim Curry and George C. Scott.
9. Rudolph's doe friend in the movie.
10. Grinch's dog's name.
11. Scrooge's business partner.
13. Will Ferrell character in "Elf".
14. African-American celebration after Christmas.
16. Frosty has a _____ for a nose.
18. He plays George Bailey.
19. The size of this made the Grinch mean.
22. Adam Sandler made a movie and a song about this Jewish celebration.
23. This reindeer is not mentioned in "The Night Before Christmas."
24. He said, "God Bless Us, Every One."
25. A sprig of this for a kiss.
26. He was Scrooge's clerk.
27. What was the name of Rudolph's friend who was searching for gold?
28. Shiny decoration invented 400 years ago.
30. Ralphie wanted a _____ BB gun for Christmas.
31. Name of the family in "Christmas Vacation".
33. He played the conductor in "The Polar Express".

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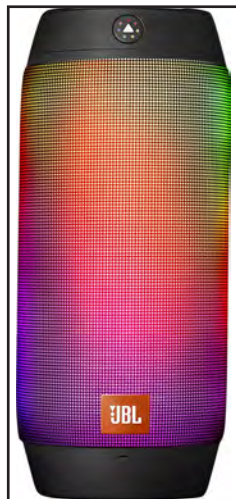
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Shooting the West, the premier photography experience held annually in Winnemucca, is offering aspiring High School students the opportunity to apply for a \$300 scholarship to future Shooting the West events. Created almost 29 years ago by renowned, local photographer Linda Dufurrena and the late Sheri Allen, the event brings world-class photographers to Winnemucca for a week-long learning experience to students of all ages, walks of life, and levels of photographic experience and interests. Two High School students from Humboldt, Lander and/or Pershing counties, who show an interest in photography as a future profession or hobby, will be able to enrich their knowledge by attending Workshops and/or the Friday-Saturday Symposium through the generous donation

of Bill and Debbie Origer of Albany, Oregon, enthusiastic Shooting the West and Shooting the Fair participants. The Origers know, firsthand, the contribution that knowledge, learning and the encouragement of others can mean to one starting out in photography. "We want to give back and support this event," said Bill and Debbie.

"You are never too old to learn or too young to start," adds Brenda Heintz, STW's Executive Director. "This is going to be a wonderful opportunity for two lucky young photographers to learn new techniques and to meet others who share their passion."

Students must be from 13 – 18 years of age and currently attending their local high school or show proof of enrollment in an alternative school or home schooling. Applications for the 2016-17 Shooting the West Schol-

arship for Aspiring High School Photographers can be downloaded from the website www.shootingthewest.org beginning October 31st. Completed applications will be accepted from November 1st, 2016 thru January 2nd, 2017, with the winners be-

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Getting by with a job in a big city

Having a job is bitter work, unless you genuinely love going to work. Finding a well-paying job in a big city can be very challenging. Joana Mena is a perfect example of having a steady job in a big city. She is a 24-year-old wife and mother who works full time at Carmax in Reno. Carmax is one of the largest car retailers in the United States.

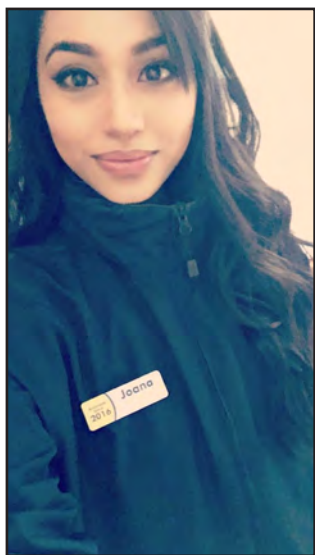
"I never expected to see myself working in car retail. But I am making some pretty good money to support my family," Said Mena.

Finding a job especially is hard now a days because of the economy. Having special contacts is a good way to get-

ting a good paying job, because they could put in a good word can prove to be beneficial.

"My position at Carmax is working in the office doing all sorts of financial filing for the company, I got the position from my past job experiences which are good to have. I have a background with computers and assisting customers so it helps a lot to have those experiences on your record to get a good job position for yourself in the future," said Mena.

Job experience is a necessity, without it one may not qualify for a good position. Starting off with a small business like fast food then to a grocery store could definitely may prove useful for oneself in the future.



Joana Mena./Courtesy • Joana Mena



Making the list for dear ol' Santa

Dear Santa,
This is year hasn't

been an easy year to be a good boy in. It is my senior year, my last year of high school. I think it is also safe to say that 2016 definitely was not a year to remember for the books. Now, that is where you come in, ending this year with a few request that i have

for you would give me much relief to end this dreadful year with a little joy. First thing i would like to request from you for my spicy Christmas list would be to fill up my

savings account to the max. The max to me would be a small loan of a million dollars. Let's be real santa, college isn't going to pay for itself. Next item on the list, would be the Iphone 7 plus, like seriously everyone has one and it would be glorious to join the trend. Oh jeez, i am sounding so spoiled right now, let's take a break from what i want for a minute and see what other people want this Christmas. A good friend of mine by the named of Mayte Castellanos has been wanting some high quality makeup lipstick kits from the brand known as 'Kylie Cosmetics'.

In all honestly, Mayte's lips would be on fleek if she got a hold of these lipstick kits. Analisa Perez said she wanted just money for her Christmas list.

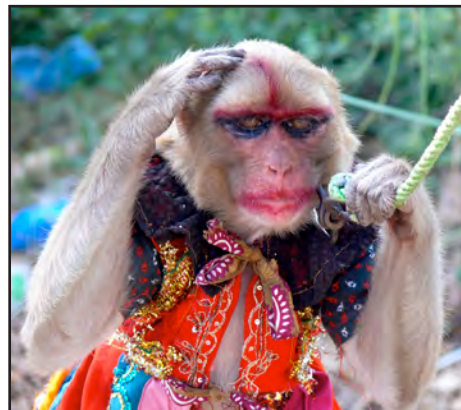
"I want to be able to spoil myself and treat me like a queen," said Analisa. Alright enough about the others,

it's my time to shine again. I have one last request for your hectic list dear ol' Santa. Something i have been wanting for years even when i was a child with a pure imagination. Alright, here it goes, i want superpowers. Hear me out Santa, do you know how cool it would be to be able to fly or teleport? I could save people and that would definitely put me on your "nice list". Well, that is all i want for Christmas, oh Santa please come through.

Sincerely, Nick Petty



Santa Claus checking his list./Courtesy • Matti Mattila via flickr.com



A monkey with lipstick, why not?/Courtesy • Des Runyan via flickr.com



Academic Challenge begins new season

Few know who the members of the Academic Challenge are as they compete in obscurity. However, just like any sports team, they represent Lowry when they compete against other schools in northern Nevada.

The roster includes Bradley Murdock, Caden Smith, Cody Hawkins, Jacob Means, Josh Hales, Josie Warn, Mateo Hernandez, Tailor West, Tanner Ames, Victoria Jacinto, Zach White, and Megan Johnson. The team is coached by Mrs. Lisa Scott.

Caden Smith of the Academic Challenge team explained how their practices go and how they prepare for tournaments.

"Each of us has a little buzzer with a button we press to answer a question. Mrs. Scott has a packet of questions ranging from play-

wrights, to sports, to movies, etc. As we get correct answers we tally them up and before a tournament the people with the most tallies get to go," said Smith. "We all sort of play a specific role too. For example I know a lot about pop culture, Cody Hawkins (team captain) excels in sports, Zack White is our math guy, Josie Warn excels at playwrights, books and such and so on and so on."

The team has done well in the past, including winning state. Last year, however, they were knocked off in the playoffs.

Josie Warn, however, likes their chances this year as many of the teams graduated a lot of seniors.

The team takes between 6-7 members to each tournament. Their first tournament will be held on January 18 at White Pine High School.



The Academic Challenge team enjoying practice./Ron Espinola • The Brand



(L-R) Bradley Murdock, Cody Hawkins and Josh Hales./Ron Espinola • The Brand

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Lowry performs Christmas special; 'A Christmas Carol'

Lowry's Drama and Stagecrafts didn't take a break this holiday season. After presenting "Grease" this fall, this winter they brought "A Christmas Carol" to Winnemucca on December 18 and 19. The drama students were excited to get back onto the stage and into the spotlight.

"I expected it to go real good and be a lot of fun and it was an enjoyable experience for all of us. I was excited to get back on the stage and entertain people because it's what I like doing most," said senior

Tyler Jenkins.

In case you have been living under a rock your entire life here's a quick explanation of "A Christmas Carol".

"Well it's the classic 'Christmas Carol'. It's about an old man who doesn't like Christmas and he's an all around grinch. He's visited by three ghosts who try to fix his attitude. There's lots of Christmas carols incorporated into the play and it's full of Christmas spirit," said Jenkins.

The play incorporates the audience as the audience got to sing along.

"It was like Christmas every day going

into drama, we got to sing Christmas carols every day. It's fun work with the different people and get to know them," Odali Ruiz.

For this special Christmas production there was a matinee show at 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 18. After the play Santa made a surprise appearance. The only night performance was Monday, December 19.

"I hope everyone enjoyed the play and if they got anything from it I hope it was to not be a Scrooge this Christmas," said Kinley Carlson.



Darrin Nelson, Jacob Hernandez, and Hannah Hillyer./ Ron Espinola • The Brand



Tyler Jenkins and Branden Lipsett./ Ron Espinola • The Brand



Mardi Johnson, Odali Ruiz, Nate Chapman, and Victor Rosas singing./ Ron Espinola • The Brand



LHS Leadership class sponsors annual food drive

Every year before the Holiday season, Leadership hosts a food drive. The drive was from Monday, December 5 to Friday, December 16. The drive benefits families that cannot afford a proper Christmas dinner. Leadership donates all of the goods collected and donates them to the Food Bank where they will be

distributed.

In order to encourage students to bring in non-perishable goods the 3rd period class that brought in the most cans received an ice-cream sundae party. This year the winner of the competition was Mr. Don Walton's class. The students and Mr. Walton managed to bring in a total of 399 items.

"There was a close competition between three dif-

ferent classes. Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Ross, and Mr. Walton's classes all had a great amount of items that made the competition even better," said leadership student Elise Rose.

Overall the school collected a total of 1,430 canned goods or non-perishable items. For any other donations that would like to be made please contact a leadership student or the community

food bank to help the families in need this holiday season.



Cans collected by the leadership class./ Dylan Kalkoske • The Brand

Lowry Then and Now: 1943



Humboldt Country varsity basketball players pose for photos in 1943. Jed Teichert and Dorsey Naveran recreate those pictures.



"When my family comes to town, thought that was cool."

Gavin Johnson

"Just being with my family and enjoying it."

Jacob Castillejos

"Definitely staying up and being anxious for Santa to come and being with family."

Kylie Tolotti

"Staying up watching 'Resident Evil' movies on Christmas Eve with my dad and brothers and waking up with tons of presents out and in our stockings."

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