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Mrs. Alexis Maga-Mattson has been one of Lowry's most significant anchors. Both students and teachers can always count on her to go the extra mile and always find a way to make school feel a little more like home.

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In April 2021, Sharon Morfin, a senior at Lowry High School, began to take her passion for powerlifting to the next level. Right out of a mock meet held in Elko, Morfin fell in love with competing.



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Junior class looks for gifts through The Angel Tree

By Alexis Galarza

As a community, Winnemucca takes great pride in its annual "Project Santa." Project Santa is a project Mrs. Laura Mercado and Mrs. Cherese Fifield take on, along with the help of many others. Within the aspects of Project Santa, profiles of children in need are placed on a tree in the office and online.

On the Facebook page, Mrs. Fifield posts a child with "a read" they would like, "a want," and "a need." From there, the community can comment "sponsored," and the child is taken off the tree. On December third, sponsors take their unwrapped gifts to Les Schwab, where the FCAA ensures they are safe and so forth. After the inspection, the FCAA takes the contributions to the event center, where the junior class officers and fellow volunteers wrap the gifts for the children. The FCAA ensures that "They double-check it again

against their spreadsheet so that not too many children got something huge or too much," said Fifield.

Fifield, Mercado, and the community of Winnemucca do this project to achieve the common goal of helping the children who need it the most.

"It's a huge need in our community," said Fifield.

Mercado added that just last year, "This project served over 500 children in the community."

"Children are picked through every single Humboldt County schools counseling offices," said Mercado.

The selection of children is usually based on parents' income and free and reduced lunch.



The Angel Tree. / Maddi McClure • The Brand

However, "There are extenuating circumstances beyond that," said Fifield.

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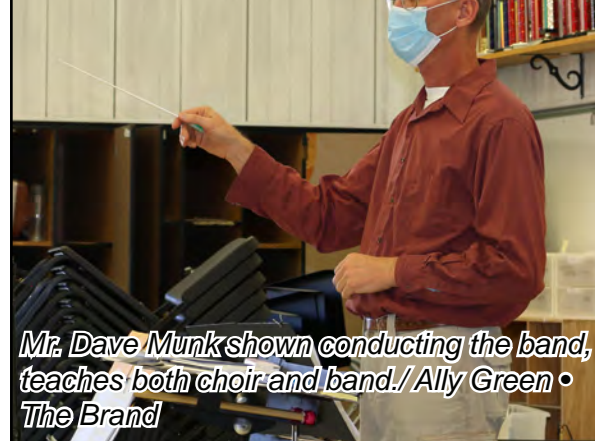
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New faces appearing in the Lowry crowd

By Otila Castenada



Mr. Dave Munk shown conducting the band, teaches both choir and band. / Ally Green • The Brand

As a new school year comes along, new faces come around. New teachers at Lowry this year are Mr. Dave Munk, Mr. Zack Pruett, Mr. Gus Ramasco, Mr. Brett Westmoreland, and Mrs. Carolyn Magdaraog. Most of these teachers have already taught before in different schools or are starting to be full-time teachers.

Munk has taught for 25 years and started off teaching K-12 music, and he continues to teach band. In 1999 he came to Winnemucca and taught music and band at French Ford.

"We have a supportive administration that puts the needs of the students and teachers first," said Munk.

Munk likes teaching along with the environment at Lowry. The progress made by

This is Ramasco's first year as a full-time teacher. He graduated from Lowry in 2009.

"I know just about the entire staff either as friends or former teachers/coaches so I like the tight-knit community above all else," said Ramasco.

While finishing school, he spent one year at Western High School as a long-term substitute teacher. This year his goals are to grow into this role of teaching, as well as to excite his students with Biology.

Magdaraog has been teaching for 24 years. In the past, she has taught English as well as Special Education.

"I love working with the people here at Lowry - the admin, the teachers and

the performing groups has been tremendous and hopes to continue to build on their great start. Munk wants to bring stability to the program and the students and provide a great experience for them.

staff, and the students," said Magdaraog who co-teaches inclusion classes.

Pruett enjoys the environment and the school pride here at Lowry. He notices how students at this level are more involved in their education. Pruett was nervous to transition from a middle school level to high school but is grateful for the experience.

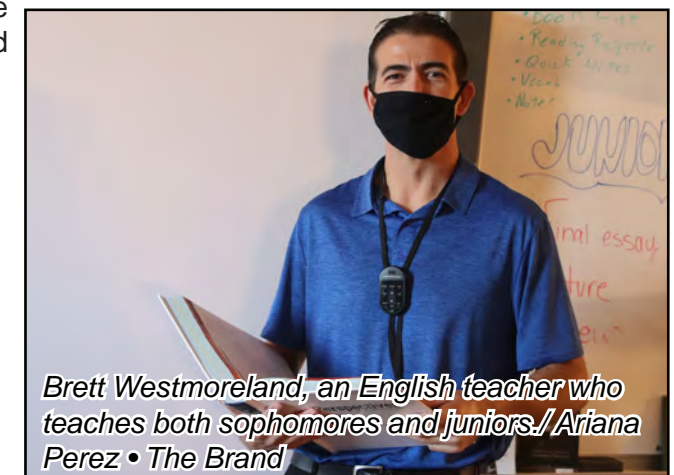
"Ultimately I enjoy the environment of the high school and having the wide array of students here ranging from freshmen just experiencing high school to the seniors getting ready to graduate and move on to the next step in their lives," said Pruett.

He would like to help all of his students to be successful as possible.

Westmoreland teaches English I and II. Before coming to work at Lowry he worked as a history teacher at Fernley High School.

"I am enjoying being back at Lowry. The students are proving to have a good work ethic and great attitudes," said Westmoreland.

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Brett Westmoreland, an English teacher who teaches both sophomores and juniors. / Ariana Perez • The Brand

THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE HOMECOMING, HAUNTING TO ALL

By Ariana Perez

Ruben Garcia and Jason Riley participate in the Mummy Wrap lunchtime activity. /Emily Valdez • The Brand



Anais Rodriguez and Jocelynn Avila dress up for Terror Tuesday. /Otila Castaneda • The Brand



After all of the COVID restrictions, Lowry was thankfully able to have Homecoming activities, especially a Homecoming dance.

This year was different since we weren't able to have Powder Puff or He-man but it was still a successful week. The theme chosen was The Nightmare before Homecoming, so the students showed their school spirit during the events that took place, such as dress-up days, lunchtime activities, Pep assembly, and the Homecoming game.

The dress-up days for this homecoming were Monster Mash Monday, Terror Tuesday, Walking Bucks Wednesday, Casper's Haunted House Thursday, and our traditional Blue and Gold Friday. These days we're all very unique and many people dressed up with many creative outfits, Caryn Sanchez dressed up for the days and she expresses how Monster Mash Monday was her favorite dress-up day.

"The day where all the Freshman had to wear green because we were for sure the best class," said Sanchez

Lowry's lunchtime activities were the Mummy Wrap down, Halloween Kahoot, and Cauldron Air Raid, Many students had their favorite lunchtime activity including Ruben Garcia who participated in all of these activities.

"The mummy wrap was a fun activity," said Garcia. "It was my favorite one during Hoco week since it was a fun way to have a competitive class

competition."

Lowry Leadership hosted a pep assembly where they had a mini float parade as well as a game for the Homecoming candidates. Each class showed their enthusiasm as they cheered for the candidates and for the Cheer and Dance team who performed during the assembly.

Homecoming candidates for king and queen were voted on throughout the week, and the Queen and King were announced during halftime at the homecoming game. It was announced that Boni Jacinto and Hannah Whitted were the official Queen and King for Homecoming 2021.

"It was a surreal experience and the joy was so overwhelming but it felt amazing," said Jacinto.

The festive week ended off with what most students were waiting for, A Homecoming dance which many students attended, lots of memories were made during the night. Everyone had fun and had a good time.

Lowry hopes and wishes to have more festive events in the future as fewer COVID restrictions are placed.

Students at the Homecoming Dance. / Ron Espinola • The Brand



The Freshman class brings school spirit for the Homecoming Pep Assembly. /Alora McClure • The Brand



Homecoming court poses for a picture after Hannah Whitted and Boni Jacinto are crowned King and Queen. /Nadia Novi • The Brand



Augustine Maldonado In Wednesday's lunchtime game. /Olivia Espinola • The Brand



JJ Drobny went all out for Casper's Haunted House. /Ron Espinola • The Brand



Lowry's freshman class shows off their Mini Float during the mini Parade. /Alora McClure • The Brand



Caryn Sanchez, Jimena Vazquez-Lara, and Delta Sandvig pose for a picture for Homecoming dress-up Monster Mash Monday. /Iris Ramirez • The Brand



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Winter sports preview

GIRL'S VARSITY BASKETBALL

By Destiny Medicine Cloud

It's finally here, varsity girl's basketball finally gets to have a season. Due to COVID-19, the girls have not been able to have a season since 2020 because of the shutdown. All the girls and coaches are super excited to finally get to play this year and be a part of a team.



Hannah Whitted shoots a free throw. / Ron Espinola • The Brand

"Our upcoming basketball season is looking really good," said senior Hannah Whitted.

The girls are looking forward to getting to know each other and playing together after so long. I'm looking forward to getting to know the team and making new memories throughout the season," said Whitted.

Jesse Zamudio is the new coach and head coach for varsity girls basketball. He is very excited to be a part of the Lowry program. He's also excited to work with the other great coaches, and great athletes.

After not playing for over a year the girls came back prepared and ready to play their hearts out.

GIRL'S JV BASKETBALL

By Nadia Novi

The JV Lady Bucks are ready to go with a new season, a new coach and new team.

"We have an amazing group of ladies who are eager to compete and play ball at the high school level, for the first time," said new JV coach



Jacqueline Sanchez gets a rebound. / Ron Espinola • The Brand

Mack Harrigan. "It's exciting to be back on the hardwood."

"I'm most excited for the fun memories I will create with my team," said Bryce Brinkerhoff. "It should be a good season."

Last year basketball was canceled due to COVID, so everyone is excited to be able to play.

GIRL'S FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

By Alora McClure

The freshman girls basketball team chose 12 girls. There were a lot of people that showed up for tryouts. They had such a large turnout they had to cut multiple people. In the end all the coaches believe they have a great team this year.



Khloe Shorey dribbles on a fast break. / Ron Espinola • The Brand

Coach Larry Renteria is confident in this freshman team's potential. He feels that the program is coming around great. He feels it takes a lot of courage to come out, be evaluated, and take a risk. After much thought

and reflection, they were able to make a selection that they feel very good about.

"The team is coming together well after just a few practices," said Renteria. "Personalities are starting to show, and the girls are working well to help each other improve."

They hope for a winning and an overall great season. They put in a lot of effort in hopes it will pay off in the future. Everyone else on the team hopes for a very fulfilling season.



Marcos Rodriguez gains control of the ball from Hug. / Alexis Galarza • The Brand

VARSITY BOY'S BASKETBALL

By Emily Valdez

It's here. After what feels like forever, the basketball season has made a comeback; The boy's varsity basketball team is up and running since the COVID-19 outbreak.

Although covid-19 caused a lot of worries for the future of the later sports seasons, Iysis Arriola, a guard for the Bucks, is ready to get back on the court.

"What I see for us this season is to compete to the best of our ability," said Arriola. "After having a whole basketball season taken away from last year and not being able to compete we have never been more prepared to get back on the court. After having a couple of practices already I see us competing extremely well and aggressively especially."

The new season comes with a lot of other new things, such as players, coaches, and experience. For the varsity team of 12, this is all of their first time being on varsity.

Coach Chad Peters feels excited and can't wait to see how the season will unfold. "We are all really excited to be having a season," said coach Chad Peters. "Our team this year is going to work really hard and have a lot of fun. Everyone on the team has no varsity experience, so it will be a slow gradual progression throughout the season. I am very excited about this team and can't wait to see how we finish in late February."

BOY'S JV BASKETBALL

By Alexis Galarza

After two years, Lowry is finally able to have a full basketball season. Player Anton Mendoza had been practicing hard during the off-season, but unfortunately, their season was canceled.

"I'm excited to put all my hard work into actual game scenarios and not just in practice," said Mendoza.

However, other players like Dempsey Jenkins are excited for the bonding component of the season.

"I'm looking forward to overnights and getting to play with all my best friends," said Jenkins.

Coach Calvin Connors is ready to get back into the groove of basketball



Zane St. Pierre looks for a teammate to pass to. / Ron Espinola • The Brand

after not playing for long.

"I am excited for the upcoming season due to the fact that we did not have basketball last year," said Connors. "Our team is talented and has an opportunity to be very successful this year. I look forward to coaching this group of players."

BOY'S FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

By Alexis Galarza

After almost two years of not playing basketball, the boy's freshman basketball team are excited to get to play. As freshmen, these boys are essentially the future varsity team and their coach, Danny Westfall, has high expectations.



Shane Gilliland fights for position against North Valleys. / Ron Espinola • The Brand

"I just want us to work hard, play hard, master the small things and everything else will fall into place," said new freshman coach Danny Westfall. This will be Westfall's first season coaching.

The players on the team are thrilled to even have the chance to play.

"...play with the team, and I get to be with all my teammates again," said Brandon Cardenas.

WRESTLING

By Maddi McClure

After a long wait the team can finally have a wrestling season. The last

time Lowry was able to wrestle was in February of 2020. All coaches and players are extremely excited to get back on the mats.

"[I'm] Super-excited about the upcoming season after not wrestling for a year," said Carson Primeaux.

He knows that they will be quite rusty after the long wait to play, but he knows the coaches will get them ready. As the team prepares for the season they have to stay within COVID guidelines. This makes it hard to prepare as a team, and the team is expected to go on runs, do weight lifting, and do drills on their own.

"We are all just so excited to get back on the mat," said Brant Corak. "The kids are excited and so are the coaches; it has been way too long."

The team will go to tournaments every weekend from December through February. They spend a lot of time on the bus traveling to different schools.

"I think as a team we are pretty stacked," said David Walker who wrestles at 138. "We have a lot of good wrestlers, individually I think I'll do good this year."

After sitting out for over a year, it's hard to know what to expect," said coach John Brooks. "The wrestlers are working hard and If they keep that up, it will pay off."



A Lowry Wrestler controls his opponent. / Ron Espinola • The Brand

Athlete of the Issue: McKenzi Petersen

By Kailey Franklin

McKenzi Petersen who is widely known at Lowry as "Moe" is one of the few athletes chosen to be honored for this issue. She participates in three Varsity sports including Basketball, Volleyball, and track.

Petersen made varsity basketball as a sophomore. She is also a team captain of the volleyball team.

"My favorite thing about being part of Lowry athletics is most definitely the excitement, drive, and competitiveness that there is," said Peterson. "The school spirit is amazing, Lowry wants to win."

The community of Winnemucca has provided opportunities for athletes to play sports at a young age.

"I have been playing basketball for about eight years now," Petersen said. "I have played volleyball for five years and track for six years."

Many kids participate in community sports at a young age. Petersen was one of the many.

"The first time I ever played a sport was when I signed up to play city league basketball in the 3rd grade, I grew up on basketball," Petersen stated. "I played only basketball until other sports became available, so then I started to play volleyball and track. This is when I became a 3-sport athlete, and

it's great."

"I enjoy volleyball the most," Petersen said. "I love the game, and everything about it, I often find myself dreaming about the sport at night."

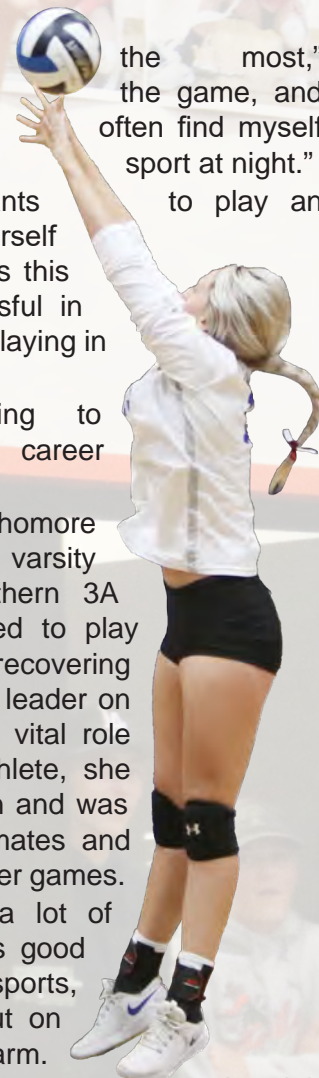
Petersen always wants to play and find ways to improve herself in any aspect. She does this so she can be successful in achieving her dream of playing in college.

Petersen is driving to continue her volleyball career throughout college.

In 2020, her sophomore year, Petersen played varsity basketball at the Northern 3A regionals. She continued to play in the game through a recovering rolled ankle. She was a leader on her team and played a vital role in the game. As an athlete, she pushed through the pain and was able to lead her teammates and play one of her best career games.

Athletics consume a lot of her time. She maintains good grades throughout sports, and she even helps out on her grandparent's farm. Peterson also has a part-time job at the Boys and Girls Club where she helps to teach the youth of Winnemucca.

"There is never an off-season, but that is what makes it such an amazing experience, full of memories that I will never forget," said Petersen.



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Athlete of the Issue: Bailey Hayes

By Livvy Espinola

Bailey Hays enjoys outdoor activities such as fishing and hunting and she wants to continue in a wildlife-based career. As Athlete of the Issue, she also plays softball and golf but they are different sports but also complement each other.

"They're [Softball and Golf] completely opposite sports, but golf definitely helps with my softball a lot, because, in fact, that as an individual it does help your mindset a lot. When you mess up in golf you have no one to blame but yourself, and when you're playing a team sport it's really easy to blame the failure on everyone else. So it kind of goes hand-in-hand so once you mess up in softball, golf just reminds me of, oh that was my bad I'll do better next time."

Before golf, Hayes's first sport was soccer but according to her, she wasn't that good.

"My parents kind of forced me to play

golf but over the years I put in a lot of work and I grew into liking it," said Hayes.

She moved from Las Vegas five years ago where softball was more of a commitment. Softball is her favorite sport and she played since she was 8 years old.

"I've been playing for a long time it's a family sport. It's just meant a lot for me it's helped me

develop through the years," said left fielder, Hayes.

Hayes is glad that she got to play golf with her sister this year but she

thinks it's more of a family thing in the future.

"I see golf being a fun thing to do like doing it with my dad or my sister but not as a professional thing, doing it for fun like with friends it just seems something I would enjoy more," said Hayes.

Since Hayes has been playing sports she has gained a lot of knowledge and experience.

"Don't let people get to you, there are always people that are either better than you, smarter than you," said Hayes. "There are also going to be people who aren't as smart, or don't work as hard and those people are going to see you and want to hurt you, they're going to be the ones who bring you down so they can get above you. Just don't let it get to you. Always be the hardest worker. Always put in the most effort, have the most fun. Always carry a smile everywhere."



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Athlete of the Issue: Cal Peters

By Maddi McClure

The class of 2022 is filled with many great athletes; one of which is senior Cal Peters. Peters, who plays both varsity basketball and golf was just one of the great athletes chosen to be represented in this issue of the newspaper.

Peters has played sports from a young age, starting with soccer at the age of eight. His parents wanted him to be involved in more activities, so they signed him up for AYSO. He is grateful for his parents as they were the ones who inspired him to participate in sports at a young age.



Peters' favorite sport is golf. He finds golf to be calming and a good way to clear his mind. He grew close to his fellow golfers since there

are so few of them.

He has been involved in Lowry sports for all four years of high school. Including cross country in his freshman and sophomore years. He has also been playing golf and basketball for all four years.

He wished he had worked a little bit harder during his off-season, but altogether he had a non regretful high school career.

"Enjoy your

experience and work hard in the off-season." is the advice Peters would give to the underclassmen.

After high school, he plans to go to UNR to study engineering and later pursue a job in that field. He also would like to play basketball while in college but only in an intramural sport.

Peters is also involved in Sports Medicine and it has taught him a lot about how his nutrition will affect his playing and sports experience. He now started implementing what he learned in the class into his own life.

Peters said that his sports experience has given him another family referring to the basketball team. As each season passes they grow more together as a family.

Athlete of the Issue: Johan Silva

By Ivy Kidd

Johan Silva, a student at Lowry High School, takes part in boy's varsity soccer and his playing since the age of four. He enjoys being part of a team and looks forward to seeing what the future has in store for him.

His excellence in soccer has definitely come from his several years of practice.

He has played soccer for 13 years. Silva wants to keep pursuing his passion in soccer, he wants to get a scholarship for soccer and business after high school. However, he has not decided on a school or location.

Silva likes being part of a team and playing around with his buddies during practice.

Silva likes to mess around but can be focused and have his head in the game when needed.

"We try to mess around during practice, but will take it seriously," said Silva.

So far this year he is playing center back and all three midfield positions. The team is learning from their mistakes to improve, and overall works really well together as a supportive team.

Every athlete's career has some high points and Silva is no different. Both he and the team enjoyed success his sophomore year.

"Sophomore year we went to the playoffs and I made 2nd team for state and 1st-team for league," said Silva.

Silva's skills have impressed his current

coach Steve Swanson.

Couch Swanson, Silva and his teammates work together to have fun and work hard.

"He is the most focused, intent, and aggressive player I have ever coached," said Swanson.

However, all competitors go through times that are a struggle. For Silva, this motivated him to get better.

"I was benched when I was younger," said Silva. "[It] Motivated me by working hard and practicing my skills."

One of his greatest influences has been his family, but his father in particular. He and his family enjoy playing and watching soccer. When Johan first started playing soccer he said he felt so passionate he wanted to keep playing.

"My dad influenced me to play soccer, he decided that I should join a team and play for them and I did and that's when I fell in love with soccer," said Silva.



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On the course, the court and the field; Fall sports recap

JV FOOTBALL

By Danielle Scott

Lowry's JV football team had a quality year with a record of 5-3-1. One highlight of the team was beating Douglas to start the season right.

"Sophomores have been around so they know what they're doing, they've been good directors," said coach Greg Scott. "They have done a good job being the leaders out there."

Though the season was up and down at times it was great to have the opportunity to not only have fans to cheer them on, but also to come back during the homecoming game to beat Fernley.

"One thing I think is a really big highlight of the season was being able to have fans and a normal



Freshman Football playing Wooster on September 3, 2021./ Luz Magaña • The Brand

This year's JV/freshman team was filled with spirit and laced with confidence. They fought for every win and were able to continue standing even when they didn't have their full team.

"An interesting game was tied at Dayton with some of our younger players and yes it's been a good year they were coachable and good kids," said Scott.

GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

By Luz Magaña

The varsity girls put hard work and dedication into their 2021-2022 season. This year the girls got a new coach, Mrs. Cristina Cuevas, this was exciting for them as they



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amount of games which has made this season a lot better," said Jacob Woolsey, the sophomore starting center, and linebacker.

With every good season comes a loss that teaches a team what to expect in the future, for the players this meant the games against their rivals, Elko.

"The first game against Elko was really bad because they came out ready to go and we just kind of gave up," said Jhett Harber, a freshman starting the defensive line



Alia Novi wins control of the ball./Ron Espinola • The Brand

were ready to see what they could accomplish with her as their coach.

There were many ups and downs within the season but one of their highlights was finally beating one of their biggest rivals.

"The best one was finally beating Fallon, at home with a hat trick scored by me," said senior Elizabeth Aguilar.

But with highlights come lowlights.

"We lost our game against Dayton," said goalkeeper Abigail Magaña. "Although we only lost 3-1 it was hard because of the fact that we had not mentally and physically prepared."

It was a hard match, but they know what they are capable of.

"We had to keep working hard to have a chance at the playoffs," said Cuevas.

Their season went well as they did beat a lot of teams that were outside their conference.

GIRL'S GOLF

By Hayden Case

The Lady Bucks teed off before school was even in session and enjoyed a lot of success throughout their season.

For sophomore Piper Nichols, the high of her season was when she shot 98 for 18 holes. Nichols enjoyed the season so much and she can't wait for next year.

"What made this season for me was how much I laughed," said Nichols. "I definitely learned new things."

For freshman Presley Hayes, her season also showed improvement.

"At first I started shooting 120's and slowly went down with my score," said Hayes. "The end of the season I improved a lot and ended up doing really good."



Bailey Hayes, Piper Nichols, Jordyn Medicine Cloud, and Presley Hayes all group together and pose at a golf tournament./ Alexis Galarza • The Brand

Hayes shot a 100 ather last tournament.

CROSS COUNTRY

By Alexa Toscano Ramirez



The cross country team after the regional competition on October 19, 2021./ Courtesy • Coach Kitty Norcutt

Senior Jovie Kuskie won this year's state competition for cross country while Ivan Lara and the boy's team finished 5th individually and as a team.

The team's hard work and perseverance have got them far this year.

This was the first season since COVID, so the team was not surprised that many people couldn't join but that just encouraged the team to work twice as hard. However, there have still been some lows this

season.

The smoke at the beginning of the year definitely had a big impact on the team because it made it hard for them to get runs in. In addition, the Bob Firman meet in Idaho was canceled.

Even though there were a few lowlights, that didn't stop them as a team from doing their best and continuing to work hard. The team won several meets including the small division school at Reed High School. They qualified for regionals this year and even had Jovi Kuskie and Ivan Roa as regional cross country champions.

"As I was crossing the finish line I just kept thinking that I had finally done it," said Kuskie. "All the years of training, the countless workouts, and all the blood sweat and tears had finally all paid off in that very second. It feels great to know that all my hard work has finally paid off for the end goal. This has been my goal since my freshman year and to have finally done it, there's no better feeling."

JV GIRLS SOCCER

By Ivy Kidd

Compared to the difficulties of COVID last year, Lady Bucks JV soccer were looking forward to a complete season and it did not disappoint.

"The season has been going really well overall," said coach Iridiana



Isabella Herrera, Kepa Hilbish, and Adajah Milam playing against South Tahoe./ Ron Espinola • The Brand

Gonzalez but they could improve on communicating and opportunities to get the ball in the net but tend to release the ball too late.

Overall there was some pretty good input. It sounds like the players were very adaptive and open to learning. The Lady Bucks are determined and always ready for what comes at them.

"Some lowlights of my soccer season so far are of course your losses, but that was definitely redeemed by our wins," said Myla Jones.

The players have had some challenges thrown at them, but haven't gotten through it with practice and concentration.

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

By Alora McClure

The freshman volleyball team

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On the course, the court and the field; Fall sports recap



Olivia Espinola approaches to hit the ball over the net./Ron Espinola • The Brand

won nine games and lost four games.

The girls on the team have earned the respect of their coach, Cassandra Jenkins.

"I couldn't be more proud of the gains my team has shown this season," said Jenkins. "This group of girls came to me after having played no volleyball (or any sport for that matter) since their 7th-grade year. The start of the season was a bit rough, but I knew it would be and just set my mind and their minds that above all we were going to have a fun season."

Jenkins had to miss a few games this year, but still tremendously helped the team.

"All I could ask for is more time, but as part of the coaching staff, I'll get to see and be part of these girls' growth and improvement throughout the next three years as part of the Lady Bucks," said Jenkins.

Although there were still some COVID issues, the girls had a season similar to their 7th-grade season.

"My favorite parts of this season were all the memories during bus rides and overnight trips, playing, of course, and making new friendships," said Makenna Garcia. "Something hard about playing this year was learning everything again

because we had an off-year."

It was the first year playing for some of these girls in general so this was the first time they have gone on adventures as a team.

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL By Ariana Perez

Lowry varsity volleyball had a good season this year with teamwork and wins. The girls pulled through and worked together to have a winning season this year.

"It has been a little bit since the program has had a winning season so it has been really great to see how the various players perform," said coach Skylar Estes.

The girls practiced hard and stuck with each other even though their ups and downs as a team.

"We have been playing and practicing super hard and have had a lot of ups and downs, at the end of the day we all got each other's backs and have done a lot better than teams have in the past," said Saige Kirchesh.

This year has been a good one for the girls.

"The season went really well when we played south Tahoe up in



Kailey Franklin goes to spike the ball. /Ron Espinola • The Brand

south Tahoe," said Savannah Stoker. "That was our best game, fans said



Jose Avila challenges a Truckee player for the ball. /Luz Magaña • The Brand

it was the best they have seen Lowry volleyball for a while. Our other great game was Spring Creek. We all worked hard together and never gave up. The Fallon game we played down in Fallon we were behind but we came and beat them in the 5th game."

The girls have done well this season. The team will be changing next season due to some seniors leaving and going on their own journey.

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER By Irydiana Ramirez

This year's boy's varsity soccer had a successful season as they made it to the playoffs where they lost 4-1 to South Tahoe.

Throughout the season they came together as one whole team, getting along with all their teammates.

"The best thing I think is just playing with my teammates, I think they make the season the best," said Andrew Bravo.

Though the boys took some losses, the wins are what mattered most for them and pushed them to do their best. For Bravo, the team's performance was one of the best moments of the season.

"The best one is when we took the lead against Elko, they were un-

at a home game," said Bravo.

Goalkeeper Marco Ruiz said the season started out poorly with an 0-4 record but also mentioned that his season went well and his teammates were the highlight of his season.

JV BOYS SOCCER



Diego Contreras jumps over another player to get the ball. /Alora McClure • The Brand

By Destiny Medicine Cloud

Junior varsity boys had a lot of ups and downs this season. Starting the season off with a short amount of players was difficult but they ended up having enough players to have 5-6 subs.

"We started the season with an extremely low number of participants," said coach Joshua Wirthlin.

As soccer continued on, the boys practiced and conditioned very hard at practice. They even practice with the Lowry varsity boys soccer team.

"The season was great, it was fun and I had great teammates," said

Damian Barajas.

Even with all the ups and downs they still had a fun season.

This was the first full soccer season Lowry has had in over a year.

VARSITY FOOTBALL By Nadia Novi

This varsity football season has shown how the team can come together as a unit.

The team has worked very hard to get to the point they are at to compete for a playoff spot," said coach Tyrell Lucas.

They have had a difficult season but have shown they are capable of working together and improving each game.

"Some highlights from being on the team are being around your friends and getting to walk out on the field with them," said Lance Brinegar. "I like getting to win with my friends and having people in the stands cheering us on."

JV VOLLEYBALL By Alexis Galarza

The Lady Bucks JV volleyball team had a very successful season. They opened up the season with a pre-season tournament in Truckee.

Unlike last season, the 2021 season allowed the girls to have three overnights. This component for the season was the highlight for many. Mikayla Dossey's, a middle hitter, favorite part of the



Two JV players go for the block. / Ron Espinola • The Brand

season was being in an atmosphere where everyone was cheering her on specifically at home games.

"I really enjoyed being able to travel, stay at hotels, and play a game I love with people I enjoy being around," said Dossey.

The girls on the team look forward to next year and hope to be the future players on the varsity team.



Braden Hammargren runs with the ball to make a touchdown. / Alexis Galarza • The Brand

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LOWRY DRAMA AND STAGECRAFT BACK IN ACTION

By Kailey Franklin

The Lowry Drama and Stagecraft are excited to be back in the groove of performing again. Due to COVID-19, students were not able to perform a fall play last year. This fall they performed "The Legend Of Sleepy Hollow". Mrs. Kelly Bales is the advisor of the program.

"We are extremely excited to have performances this year," said Bales. "Drama and Stagecraft did a summer program where we were able to perform, and that was

amazing. To be able to perform during the school year is even better. Hopefully, we'll have more students attend performances."

The performers were excited to be back on stage. Each one typically has a ritual that they do before each performance. A senior performer, Denzel Lara is playing the role of Ichabod Crane.

"I hype myself up, go over my lines in my head, and act by myself before the play," said Lara.

There is a lot of work put in behind the scenes of each play. The stagecraft program worked hard to make sure that the show went on and that each set is perfect. There were several props included in the play. Paola Flores is a Stagecraft member.

"My favorite prop to make was the beehive because it was super fun to make and we got to use spray paint," Flores said.

There were three performances total on November 8, 9, and 10.

Right and Below, one of the opening scenes of the play was a school scene when the actors take part as students in a classroom. / Ariana Perez • The Brand



Right, Tanner Johnson as farmer Stuyvesant. /Luz Magaña • The Brand

Right, The performers celebrate the end of the play. / Luz Magaña • The Brand



Above, Ichabod Crane conducts the townswomen as they sing. / Ariana Perez • The Brand



Right, Karen Anderson plays Mrs. Trenkler giving her final lines. /Luz Magaña • The Brand



Right, Brom Bones and Yost prepare to throw a beehive. /Luz Magaña • The Brand



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Artist of the Issue: Kaylee Radtke

Mrs. Cassandra Jenkins Selected Kaylee Radtke as Artist of the Issue. Radtke has shown good attention to detail and in her drawing abilities.

Radtke completes her art pieces to the best of her ability. She also shows pride in her artwork and has good craftsmanship. This year, Jenkins hopes to see Radtke excel in art.

"She is a pleasure to have in class, and I am looking forward to instructing her further in visual arts and watching her flourish in her artistic endeavors," said Jenkins.

Radtke's favorite medium of art is acrylic paint because it is easy to apply and several art pieces can be done with this medium. A medium she would like to improve on is using charcoal because she would like to become more skilled with this

material. She is currently an Art I and Sculpture. Through the course of the year, Radtke hopes to become a better artist and see improvement in her art.

"Art is a very big hobby that I would like to pursue in the future and I think that it plays a significant part in my life," said Radtke.

Radtke also enjoys making pencil drawings due to the amount of detail that can be added and the adjustments that can be made. Radtke plans to continue taking a visual art class her senior year. Radtke enjoys art pieces by Pablo Picasso and Pierre Auguste Cot.

"I like old victorian paintings, feeding the ducks by Ernest Walbourn and, The family by Gustav Klimt," said Radtke.

By Otila Castaneda

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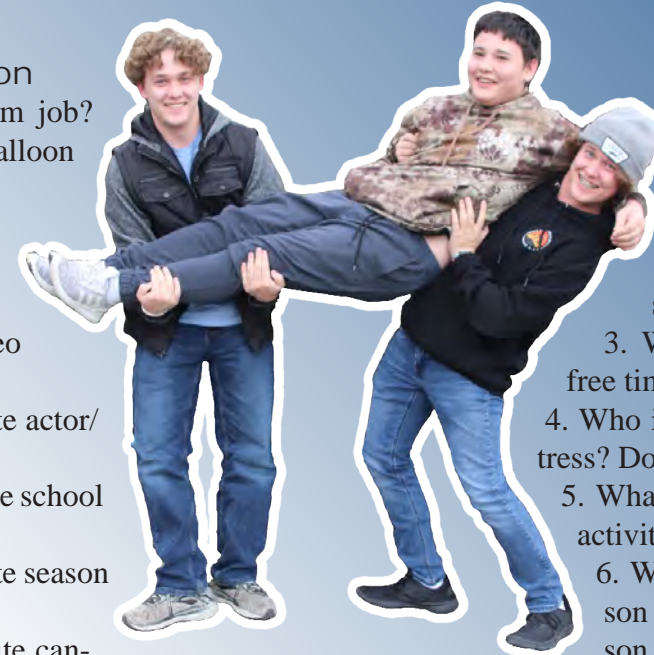
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Tanner Johnson

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3. What does Seth do in his free time? Video games.
4. Who is Seth's favorite actor/actress? Keanu Reeves.
5. What is Seth's favorite school activity? US History.
6. What is Seth's favorite season of the year? Summer.
7. What is Seth's favorite candy? Twix.
8. Is Seth a dog or cat person? Dog.
9. Where is Seth's favorite place to travel? Oregon.
10. What is Seth's favorite pizza? Sausage and pepperoni.



Donovan Johnson

1. What is Seth's dream job? Hot air balloon pilot.
2. What is Seth's favorite sport? Doesn't play sports.
3. What does Seth do in his free time? Hunts.
4. Who is Seth's favorite actor/actress? Doesn't know.
5. What is Seth's favorite school activity? Weights.
6. What is Seth's favorite season of the year? Hunting season.
7. What is Seth's favorite candy? Kitkat.
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Performer of the Issue: Jaydan Ham

By Hayden Case



Jaydan Ham sings at the holiday concert./ Ron Espinola • The Brand



Jaydan Ham performs with Madisyn Andrade./ Maddi McClure • The Brand



Jaydan Ham cheers at a football game this year./ Ron Espinola • The Brand

This year's Performer of the Issue is Jaydan Ham. Ham has been in drama for two years and is now a senior in high school. Ham found interest in drama from a young age and has been acting for many years.

Ham recently took on a more serious view on drama. She became intrigued with the class itself after she had spoken with some of her close friends that pushed her to join the class. Once she joined she fell in love and never went back.

Through her years in drama, Ham has looked up to Jeremy Walker.

"I've always looked up to Jeremy Walker, who always pushed me to do my best," said Ham.

While Ham said Walker pushed her to do her best, Ham is also a motivation to many others; she never hesitates to go one step further.

Drama teacher Kelly Bales finds great promise in Ham.

"She is great at conveying the emotion of the characters, and I'm incredibly happy to have her in Drama," said Bales.

Ham is not only an inspiration to other actors in her class, but also to her audience. Ham has worked hard to get where she is and she has come a long way. One of Ham's favorite and most recent roles is the role of Brom Bones, who was in the Sleepy Hollow play. This role was not Ham's first choice but she has bloomed while taking it.

Bales is more than just impressed with Ham's performance.

This is a great example of how prepared Ham is and how willing she is to do more.



Jaydan Ham takes on her role as Brom Bones in the dress rehearsal./ Nadia Novi • The Brand



Jaydan Ham performs with JJ Drobny in dress rehearsal./ Nadia Novi • The Brand

Lowry Voices: What's the strangest thing in your refrigerator?

By Rosie Chavez



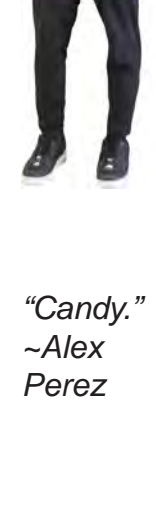
"7 bags of tortillas."
~Alia Novi



"Garlic"
~Taylor Wirthlin



"Gum."
~Daisy Ruiz



"Candy."
~Alex Perez



Do's and Don'ts: Fall

By Emily Valdez

The leaves are falling, it's getting a little colder, it's Fall season! Here are some dos and don'ts to remember.
Do: Make a pie, it wouldn't be Fall without one.
Don't: Do not, I repeat, do not celebrate Christmas early!
Do: Make a huge pile of leaves to jump into. It's the simple things to be thankful for.
Don't: Don't forget to get something pumpkin spiced, it's basic but so good.
Do: It's sweater weather, so wear that all so amazing cozy sweater.
Do: Take a stroll outside, the trees are so beautiful around this season. It would be a shame to miss it.
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What's entertaining

By Allison Green, Destiny Medicine Cloud, and Alora McClure

TRAVELING

Seeing and exploring different places is a mind opener to seeing the world in a different way. It can impact you at the moment or even longer. Most of all it gives you a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Being able to travel creates a sense of belonging as well as being able to socialize with others. The act of leaving the house and encountering different attractions can create memorable moments.

SPORTS

Sports are good for your health and it is fun to be a part of a team.

Being a part of a team we can combine and improve our skills. Sports are good for self-

confidence and being a part of something that makes you happy.

"I like to play sports because it takes my mind off of other things, especially if I'm having a bad day," said Mikayla Dossey. "It keeps me on my toes, in shape, and it's a great stress relief."

MUSIC

Music can have many impacts on your life. It can change your mood just based on what you hear and the memories you made while hearing that song. It can be just an old song and it can give you the feeling of nostalgia. You can remember that memory of singing in the car with your family when driving on a trip.

Music can do amazing things throughout your life that you can forget. One student, Victoria Salgado has been in band since 5th grade and choir since seventh grade.

"The best thing about music is that my family has always been in music programs and now being in both band and choir I get to make new memories," said Salgado.



Alessandra Arellano & Juliette Murdock pose for a photo at their church camp./ Courtesy • Alessandra Arellano



Peter Munk plays the sousaphone while riding his unicycle./ Nadia Novi • The Brand



JV volleyball in a team huddle at their game against Spring Creek at home./ Ron Espinola • The Brand

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Whatever happened to...long lunch?

By Megan Cook

A long unique tradition to Lowry High School was Friday's long lunch. Each day of the week except Friday had 30-minute lunches. However, Friday's lunch was 45 minutes. The school did this by cutting off 5th, 6th, and 7th periods by five minutes.

Many students and staff on campus have mixed feelings towards the disappearance of Friday's long lunches.

"I wish that we still had long lunch on Fridays because it was nice for the end of the week," said Jaylie Blatzheim. "Thirty minutes is already not much time, so having a 45-minute lunch at least once a week was needed."

Mr. Clay Sagers agrees with Blatzheim as he enjoyed having more time to relax and enjoy his lunch while Mrs. Kelly Bales disagrees.

"I actually enjoy not having Friday long lunch because I always felt my afternoon classes were much more rushed," said Bales. "I also had my prep in the afternoon which cut it shorter."

Despite all of the mixed feelings towards long lunch Fridays, having a longer lunch on Friday gave students and teachers an opportunity to get a couple more minutes to themselves and push through to the end of the day.

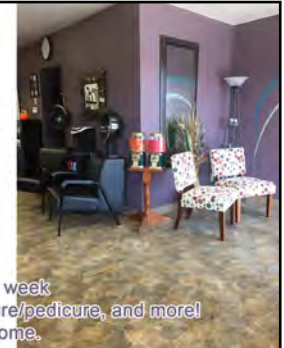


Students sitting together eating lunch./ Courtesy • Garry Knight via Flickr

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Career Profile: Alexis Maga-Mattson, science teacher

By Alexis Galarza

Mrs. Alexis Maga-Mattson is someone students and teachers can always count on her to go the extra mile and always find a way to make school feel a little more like home.

Teaching comes with a variety of ups and downs, one of the worst downs is the paperwork associated with the job.

"The tedious stuff we have to do because the state requires it," said Mattson.

However with the downs, there is always the good. One of her favorite things about teaching is the kids.

"The kids are my favorite; they're my passion," said Mattson.

The students have such a prominent place in Mattson's heart because they're simply kids, and she loves who they are. They also "keep her young," said Mattson.

To become a teacher, Mattson went through four years of schooling.

Although she did not become a teacher until later in life, Mattson became a teacher in her forties.



Mrs. Mattson shows Otila Castaneda and other students rat organs during a dissection./ Ron Espinola • The Brand

Mattson has always had her heart set on being a teacher.

"I just knew I always wanted to

be a teacher," said Mattson.

Mattson strives to make a difference in students' lives because of her personal experiences as a student.

"I struggled growing up with reading, and I didn't want someone else to go through that struggle," said Mattson.

Before becoming a teacher, Mattson took a unique approach to preparation.

"I had children; that was my preparation," she said.

Around campus, many students view Mattson as one of their favorite teachers.

"Mrs. Mattson is strongly dedicated to helping her students in the class and out of class," said Bree Dunckhorst, a student of Mattson. "She cares about her students immensely as well as their personal lives if they choose to talk to her about it."

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Dear Santa,

It's been a long time since I've written a letter to you, but I hope this year you will make my wishes come true. It's been a rough couple of years dealing with COVID and school all at the same time. Although it has died down a bit.

This year I hope you bring me good luck, at least enough to finish off the school year with good grades and happiness.

I'm also hoping you'll bring me a North Face puffer jacket so I can look like a marshmallow and be in my big puffer jacket season.

This might be a little much to ask for but I want clothes to fulfill my dream wardrobe. I've been wanting to change my style up to something that I actually like and represents more of my personality and what I like.

I'm also hoping you could help my mental health a little bit. It's been stressful having to think about grades and getting work done on time to make sure I don't fall behind. Sometimes I just wish I could have a break and not have to worry about it so much.

My biggest wish this year is for my sister. I want her to live a successful life and fulfill her dreams. She's been there for me always, as a role model, a friend, etc. She's been dealing with living on her own and doing college, and I'm hoping you'll lead her down a good path.

For my parents, I want you to take some stress off their shoulders. They deal with lots of stress from work and giving so much to others more than they do themselves. I know I've been a hassle sometimes and probably make them want to pull their hair out sometimes, but I want them to know I love them so much and I'm grateful for how they go out of their way to do simple things for me.

That's all for now, or at least what I can really think of. Au revoir!

Love, Irydiana

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Sharon Morfin pursues powerlifting passion

By Megan Cook

In April 2021, Sharon Morfin, a senior at Lowry High School, began to take her passion for powerlifting to the next level. Right out of a mock meet held in Elko, Morfin fell in love with competing.

Inspiring others was the main motivating factor that keeps Morfin training extensively.

"I would hope I can inspire someone to push themselves past their limits," said Morfin.

After the realization of love Morfin had for the sport, she immediately registered for a competition in Scottsdale, Arizona where she placed first and set six new Nevada state records.

In order to achieve successful results, Morfin had to work hard. Morfin and her coach, Breana Sowinski, set up a training schedule, which included going to the gym 4-5 days a week. Before entering a competition Morfin and her coach make sure to leave the "golden amount" of training time, which is anywhere from 8 to 12 weeks. As soon as Morfin enters a competition she begins training extensively to ensure she perfects her squat, bench, and power lift while also making sure she will still qualify for the weight class she is registered in.



Sharon Morfin. /Winnemucca

When competing, Morfin enrolls in the 69kg (152lbs) weight class for Teen Division 2 and competes in the three main categories: squat, bench, and deadlift. In order to compete efficiently, Morfin must always keep her muscles



At a USA Powerlifting competition, Morfin pushes herself and deadlifts 220 pounds. /Courtesy • Sharon Morfin

loose and warm. She does this by continually

pace. In order to get pumped up she listens to rap or hip-hop music. Before stepping on the platform to compete Morfin's coach gives her a small pep-talk in hopes of accomplishing the perfect lift they worked hard to achieve.

Powerlifting is Morfin's passion. She views powerlifting not only as her hobby but also as a way of bettering herself by making herself stronger physically and mentally. The hardest thing Morfin had to overcome was being comfortable with failing

"I turned that fear into fuel and pushed myself past my limits," said Morfin.

Sharon and her story of powerlifting are far from over. Her main goal is to one day compete in collegiate nationals and become an overall national champion.

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