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Emily Backus takes a charge from a North Valley's player./ Olivia Espinola and Allison Green • The Brand

By Olivia Espinola, Alexis Galarza, and Maddi McClure

According to first-year coach Jesse Zamudio the season has gone well and the players have learned a lot. Just last weekend the girls were in Las Vegas fighting for a state title, which they brought home with ease. The girls had a very successful season; they finished undefeated.

"The season has gone well as a whole," said Zamudio. "The team has made great strides to improve their skills and build their chemistry."

The girls have been working towards the common goal of the state title from the beginning, always giving every practice and game their all.

"They have worked hard and have earned their position at the top of the league," said

Zamudio.

Each player finds their own way to contribute to the team, but essentially, they all work together and come together as one on the court.

"Although we have dynamic individual players, the team has made it possible for us to be in the position we are in," said Zamudio.

Each player comes to practice with a completely open mind. They strive to be the best they can



McKenzie Peterson on the boxing out her opponent on a free throw./ Danielle Scott • The Brand

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while also helping motivate everyone around them.

"Each player has come to work every day, without complaint, and have pushed each other to be better," said Zamudio

The team heavily relies on each other's support to keep their determined character afloat. On the court, it is not hard to miss the chemistry and dynamic they all hold together.

"They have held themselves and each other ac-



Savannah Stoker takes a shot against Wooster./ Livvy Espinola • The Brand

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Zamudio.

Junior Kailey Franklin's personal highlight of the season was going into the Spring Creek game when she was needed the most.

"The biggest highlight of my season was being able to go into a close game when the other girls were in foul trouble and are the asset my team needed," said Franklin.

Franklin

Are The Champions.

made the junior varsity team as a freshman and has since then been working towards varsity. Her sophomore year was unfortunately taken

away because of covid. However, she enjoyed competing at the varsity level more.

"It's a way different experience competing at that level," said Franklin. "Everything is so much more intense and every single game counts, so it's a lot of pressure."

Savannah Stoker leads the state in scoring

as just a sophomore; she has over 600 points total.

Stoker's favorite part of the season was the bonding component.

"My favorite part of the season was all the memories,

road trips, and games with the team," said Stoker.

Being a state champion for Stoker was a surreal experience.

"I mean we all reached our goal at the end of the year and personally it's awesome to be a part of something so special," said Stoker.

The bonding aspect was major for other players as well.

Jovi Kuskie, a senior, also enjoyed being able to play with her middle school teammates and loved watching herself and the others succeed to achieve the point they're at. However, there were some lowlights to the season.

"This year I learned to persevere through tough times," said Kuskie. "There were multiple

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The team pose with their state champions poster and trophy. /Courtesy • Tony Erquiaga, The Humboldt Sun



Kailey Franklin holds the ball preparing to pass to a teammate. /Danielle Scott • The Brand

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times where we only had seven or eight of us at practice.”

Emily Backus, another senior, enjoyed taking the state title more than anything this season.

“My favorite part of the season was taking state, it was the same feeling that you get when you accomplish a goal,” said Backus.

This season, the varsity girls

had the opportunity to visit Vegas multiple times. They participated in two tournaments in Vegas, and the state championship was also held in Vegas.

Junior Alexandra Barocio, enjoyed being able to go to Vegas and experience everything with her team.

“My favorite part of the season was going to Las Vegas and hanging out with the team,” said Barocio.

Unfortunately, for many on the state-winning team, the season went by too fast.

Over her four years of high school basketball, Kuskie has learned many things and is sad to leave the Buckaroo home court.

“All the trips with my best friends and playing on the court with them,” said Kuskie. “It’s been such a great four years and I’m so sad to see it go.”



Alexandra Barocio plays help side defense. /Olivia Espinola • The Brand



Megan Cook pivots keeping the ball in play. /Danielle Scott • The Brand



Alexis Olson dribbles by an Elko defender. /Danielle Scott • The Brand

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‘Robin Hood’ steals the show

By Nadia Novi

The Lowry High School Drama and Stagecraft is performing a production of “Robin Hood” on March 7-9 at 7 p.m. They will also perform daily shows for all of the elementary schools in Winnemucca.

This play is a legendary heroic outlaw originally depicted in English folklore and subsequently featured in literature and film. According to legend, Robin Hood was a highly skilled archer and swordsman.

Aidan Tovar is playing the lead role of Robin Hood.



Denzel Lara and Kaylee Radtke sword fight. /Kailey Franklin • The Brand



/Alora McClure • The Brand



Saree Millika (right). /Mary-Kate Barber • The Brand



/Kailey Franklin • The Brand

He enjoys the spark of childhood the play holds.

“I grew up watching it as a kid and it was one of my favorite movies so it’s really cool to be able to play in it,” said Tovar.

The acting comes easy to the kids, primarily because they have all watched it. In fact, Mrs. Kelly Bales enjoys how well they act.

“I really enjoy watching the kids interpret the character and their sense of humor,” said Bales.

“Robin Hood” includes a variety of little jokes mixed into the literature.

“It’s really great to see their sense of humor come through their lines and how they present,” said Bales.

Behind the scenes, stagecraft is also hard at work. Ariana Perez enjoys the art aspect of building sets.

“It’s cool to see the way the play comes to life with all the backgrounds we build,” said Perez.

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The importance of attractiveness in society

By Aexa Toscano

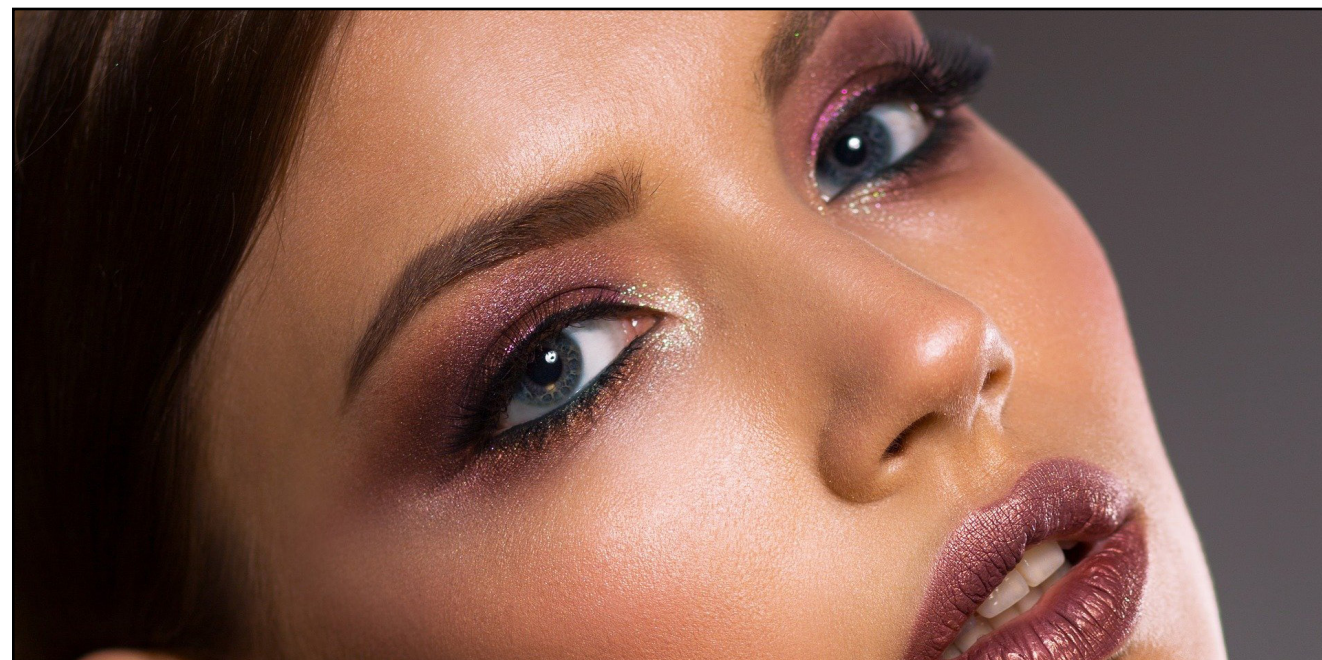
When you think of the major influencers, what do they all have in common? They are all beautiful. But what constitutes beauty? For many, beauty is what they see online, whether it's from a catalog to their favorite influencer or even "perfect" people from their school that they see.

The effect of social media has an impact on how both children and adults view their own appearance. Some may even do anything and everything in their power to look as attractive as

Many people think that promoting how extremely attractive they are does not affect others. However, that is not at all true. Some influencers do not realize that people of all ages have access to what they post and promote. Kids and sometimes even adults do not realize that not everything about their favorite influencer might not be all-natural. Many use the power of makeup or excessive diets and promote this which then leads others to adopt unhealthy habits.

body image and lifestyles.

Unfortunately, even though sometimes they do not intend to promote unhealthy behaviors or habits they do. The amount of Photoshop used gives teenagers the complex that they are abnormal. That then leads to insecurities and unhealthy habits. Although it affects both teenagers and adults sometimes it is the influencer both male and female who are affected. Many will change their own appearance in order to be accepted as a part of



/Courtesy • Pixabay

the people who are labeled as "attractive". What if the influencers don't want all the attention on their beauty? What if they want people to watch their content because they have a cause? Many influencers or role models are known for the stereotype of their beauty, but not what they promote.

Facebook's own studies of the effects of using Instagram on young people found that they experienced harmful effects. These documents were obtained and reported last year in The Wall Street Journal. Teenage girls were more likely to be negatively affected especially since Instagram focuses on

the beauty society.

The importance of attractiveness in our society has become a major part of how others view themselves. Either it means changing their appearance or the way they act. This is the result of people telling others that they are not "beautiful" enough to contribute to our society.

Are high school students being **WORKED** too Hard?

By Alora McClure

When you get home from school you want to be done learning for the day and just sleep. But there are other responsibilities. Some people have sports to do. Some people have extracurriculars. Almost all people have to do their homework. It is normal to have homework every day and you are expected to get it done. But how much is too much?

The National Center for Educational Statistics reported an average of 6.8 hours of homework a week, that is about 1.36 hours a night.

That may not seem like much but that is just an average, Most kids have more homework than that. Sophomore Maddison McClure participates in many extracurricular activities.

"I have four hours of homework a night, mostly consisting of English," said McClure. She maintains a 4.08 GPA while

taking two honors classes and playing both volleyball and softball and is an editor for the yearbook and school newspaper.

While the student-athletes have a ton of homework

Even students who do not take honors classes have a significant amount of homework.

Freshman Travis Woodcook does not do any extracurriculars before or after school.

"It takes me about 3 and a half hours of homework, it mostly depends on the day," said Woodcook. Woodcook is also a student with a very high GPA and takes great pride in the work that he does.

Whether you are a student that does a fair amount of extracurriculars or you don't do anything, you still

have a lot of homework to finish in order to receive a good grade. You also have to finish the work in order to be able to do things. If you don't put in the work there become limitations. Hence the amount of homework needing to be done makes it to where most students do the work to their best ability.



Stressed out student doing homework/ Courtesy • Pixabay

and stay up for an extended period of time after practices, the other students spend a fair amount of time on homework.

"I spend about three hours a day on homework," said freshman Sara Giegerich. Giegerich takes Honors English and is almost fluent in French.

Open Your Eyes: What Role do school clubs and teams play in your life?

When you think of the high school experience, what first comes to mind? Are they life-changing games? Or is it the overnight trips you take for various activities? Could it be the memories you make with your teammates or your club members? The clubs and teams you participate in when you are in high school can help you with many things throughout the four years of high school and beyond.

The clubs and teams that you partake in during your high school years have many possibilities. If you are into sports something is going on at any time in the year. The boys have football, basketball, wrestling, cross country, baseball, golf, soccer, swimming, and track.

The girls have volleyball, soccer, dance, cheer, golf, basketball, softball, cross country, track, and swim. You could do things like the French Club, FFA, FBLA, Pep Band, etc. if you do not like sports. With these extracurricular activities, you gain

lifelong friendships. The reason that this happens is you bond over a common thing. Most of the people that start these clubs and sports as freshmen will continue throughout the four years.

Some of the extracurricular activities are formed when you are

in one of the classes that will help you if you are interested in jobs that are to do with kinesiology.

Another thing that extracurriculars play in your life is that they help get you into college in a way. Think about it, if you excel at one of the teams or clubs you can get scholarships that will help you pay for college. 63% of all undergraduates receive at least one grant or scholarship. 76.7% of full-time undergraduates receive a grant or scholarship. 47% of all grants and scholarships come from the federal government. That is a large number of students who get academic scholarships.

All of the advantages that extracurriculars have are great, but they require an immense amount of hard work and dedication. To participate in these activities, you have to keep your grades up and attend meetings or practices. If you don't follow the guidelines or break any of the rules you can be subject to being removed from the teams. Hence the roles school clubs and teams play in your life have great effects on your high school experiences.



Katelin Noyes, Kiara Vaca, and Adriana Mercado work concessions during the football game for Leterman's Club. / Allison Green • The Brand

in a class. For example, if you take choir as one of your classes, then you have the chance to do things like honor choir or All-State. You also can take the sports medicine class and learn things about things to do with kinesiology. Sports med-

By Alora McClure

Winter sports return to normalcy, kind of

By Staff

Varsity boy's basketball come back after Covid

By Destiny Medicine Cloud

As the varsity boy's basketball season comes to an end they have shown how they can come together as a team.

"We are starting to come together as a team more and more all the time," said coach Chad Peters.

The team had a great season. Since they were not able to play last year because of COVID-19 they wanted to make it as great as possible

for the seniors who would be leaving.

"...this was my last season playing basketball and since we didn't have a season my junior year we decided to make it as good as we could," senior Ismael Magaña said.

They had their highlights and lowlights but making the playoff was something that was big for them.

"The highlight of the season was us coming together as a team and making it to the three seed," said junior Isaac Danner.

They had a great season coming back for the first time in almost two years of not playing. They ended up with the overall record of 15-11.

Freshmen girls first year experiencing Lowry basketball

By Otila Castaneda

The freshmen



Natalee Formby dribbles the ball away. / Ron Espinola • The Brand

girl's basketball team started off the season great and later met some issues but they were able to come back. For the first time in a few years, the team was able to have the normal 12 players and a manager.

Unfortunately early in the season, several of the girls were dismissed from the team. Once they adjusted to their new roles they have done great. The girls'

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Lysis Arriola looks for an open lane against Fallon. / Danielle Scott • The Brand

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Marcus Montes passes to a teammate. / Danielle Scott • The Brand

attitudes, willingness to learn and their support to one another to be a successful team which has led to wins.

"The season was a little shaky but so far it's been really exciting and an eye-opener," said Allison Green. "I like my team, and we've grown closer."

Many good things came out of the season and the players have been grateful for a great season. The players' attitudes have contributed to the team's success.

"Watching us grow as a team and becoming more of a family than just a team, and the practices, games and the trips and how much we have fun," said Natalee Formby.

Coach Larry Renteria is proud

of all the hard work the girls have put into practice and it shows on the court. He is pleased with the team and looks forward to finishing off strong.

"Together, as a team, there is not much that

can keep these young ladies down," said coach Renteria. "They are a great group of young women, and the future looks bright for Lowry basketball."

JV boy's basketball come back as stars

By Irydiana Ramirez

The JV Boys have had a blast during their season as they've made team bonds

with one another and enjoyed the memories they've made. They made this season pretty successful and one to remember.

"I had so much fun playing with them, it made me love basketball even more," said Matthew Casalez.

Kasyn Garner, a sophomore, enjoyed the tight bond he had with his teammates.

"The team bond we had, we were like a family and we all enjoyed our time together," said Garner.

Coach Calvin Connors is very grateful for the team. This season has been the most fun yet and were all great kids to be with and work with.

"...the kids were able to stay the night at The Nugget, we were also able to go out and eat together and get to know each other and become



Chandler Leiter goes up for a shot / Danielle Scott • The Brand



Zaq Growcock gets ready to shoot. / Danielle Scott • The Brand

a team," said Connors.

As every team has its ups and downs Connors agrees there have been some hardships, but he has had the ability to guide them and get through it. "There are always things that go bad, but because they are good kids and coachable, we're able to fix those things," said Connors.

He states that his team has never had anything extreme happen, this shows his players are responsible and will make great future varsity players.

"I wouldn't say anything super negative, just little things we can fix basketball-related. There were never any incidents outside that I had to deal with and that's always great as a coach," said Connors.

Freshman boy's basketball end their season

By Maddi McClure

The freshman boys had a great and tough season but they pushed themselves to be the best they could be and their work paid off.

ReiCyan Grau was a guard on the freshman team. Now that the season is over he will miss the team and the memories that they made.

"It was a good season except when we had to go up against Elko," said Grau.

Another guard on the freshman team was Julianne Mora who also plays a wing. He has been playing basketball since he was eight years old and has loved it ever

since.

"I will definitely miss the bus rides," said Mora. "It was just a perfect time to get to know the team better"

This year the freshman team had a new coach, Lowry graduate, Danny Westfall. Westfall enjoyed his first experience leading a team.

I thought the season went really well," said Westfall. "I think everyone learned a lot and came a long way. We lost some games we shouldn't have and we won some games we shouldn't have. I've always loved the game of basketball so being able to have my first head coach job at my old high school was really cool to me."

Lady Bucks work hard throughout the season

By Luz Magaña

Through the season of 2021-2022 the JV girl's team had a strong uphold and only lost one game against Spring Creek. They showed dedication and hard work throughout the entire season.

This year was new and full of change as they had a new coach Mack Harrigan. She has been able to work with the girls and make them better players. She is incredibly proud of them and



Marcos Rodriguez get a rebound against the Vaqueros. /Danielle Scott • The Brand

all of their accomplishments as a team.

"I'm extremely proud of how hard they work endlessly," said coach Harrigan. "Every practice, every game, from the first of the season to the last."

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Autum Sanchez defends a player from Hug. /Kailey Franklin • The Brand

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Hard work definitely paid off making them one of the highest-ranked teams in the league.

Although the season was amazing there were still some downfalls.

"A lowlight was the fact that some games were canceled here and there making it harder for us to have fun and experience basketball," said Jacqueline Sanchez.

Covid has made the season harder for the girls as they have had multiple games canceled or rescheduled due to others getting the virus. There have been multiple downfalls but mainly successes.

This year the JV girls were able to beat Elko twice, one the school's biggest rivals and the hardest to take down. Elko's JV girls team is extremely strong and is able to take down most teams but not this time.

"Elko is usually super good and is capable of beating other teams that we had lost to in the past, but this time we beat Elko," said Cambria Tissue.

This season was definitely a time for progression for the girls. They were able to work around games being canceled, people getting sick, and being back on the court after they did not get to play last year. Coach Harrigan is extremely proud of their

accomplishments and so are the girls.

Lowry wrestling caps off the season; Nichols wins title at 106

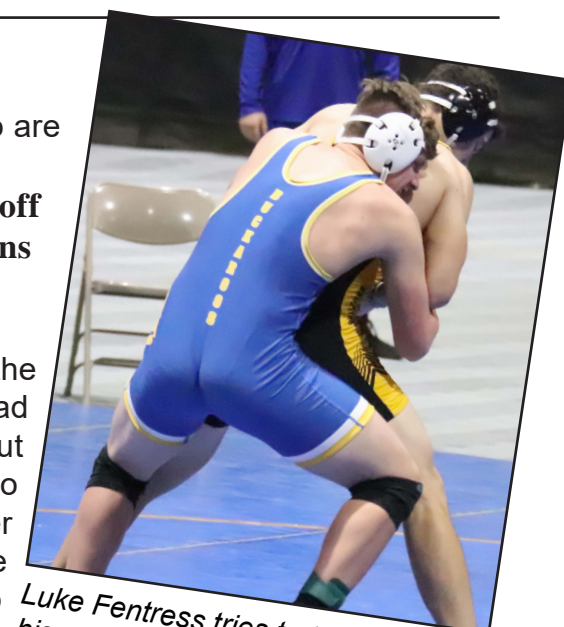
By Maddi McClure

Over the season, the wrestling team has had its ups and downs, but they have worked hard to make it to state in Boulder City, Nevada. One of the wrestlers that made it to state was Jhett Harber. He is a freshman who started wrestling at two years old. He placed ... at state.

Harber said that wrestling is mostly a mental sport, so he spends a lot of his time working on his mental game. He believes that this really helps him as his record was 34-14 before state this year.

"My greatest achievement was making it to states as a freshman," said Harber.

Another wrestler who made it to state was Bonifacio Jacinto Hernandez. He is a senior this year. He has been wrestling since his freshman year and works hard to stay at the top of his weight class. As the season has progressed he has gotten better and has beat opponents he had previously lost to.



Luke Fentress tries to take down his opponent. /Maddi McClure • The Brand



Jhett Harber tries to escape from a Fallon wrestler. /Maddi McClure • The Brand

There are many things that Jacinto Hernandez will miss about Lowry as he will leave this year.

"Overall it has been my best season", said Hernandez. "I will miss the coaches pushing me to the heights I never thought I could reach."

Athlete of the Issue: Angel Huerta

By Danielle Scott

Angel Huerta is a senior in high school, he has played football, track, cross country, and wrestling, yet has grown to be in favor of wrestling over all other sports he has previously participated in.

"No one works harder than a wrestler, there are all these

things you can do."

Huerta does his best to set a goal for each season, whether it's to win against people he previously lost to or to do even better in tournaments that were once a great challenge. Setting goals can be an important strategy for improving even if it isn't

other sports and in them, you work hard but wrestling takes a lot out of a person," said Huerta

Though wrestling is an individual sport, each and every wrestler works hard in practice to better not only themselves but better each other. It may not be a team sport but through each season, they tend to grow close because of the sport.

"Wrestling for me personally is what separates the men from the boys," said Huerta. "No one works harder than a wrestler, it's definitely one of the hardest

concerning athletics.

"I don't think that people realize how difficult wrestling actually is," said Huerta. "For people to make it through a season, it really does become an achievement to put on that uniform and call yourself a wrestler."

He has been competitively wrestling since he was in sixth grade and plans to finish off his senior year before moving on to other tasks.

"One of my bigger achievements

was being the only person in my grade to make it to state, that was a big milestone for me and to be able to go and represent Lowry and the junior high," said Huerta

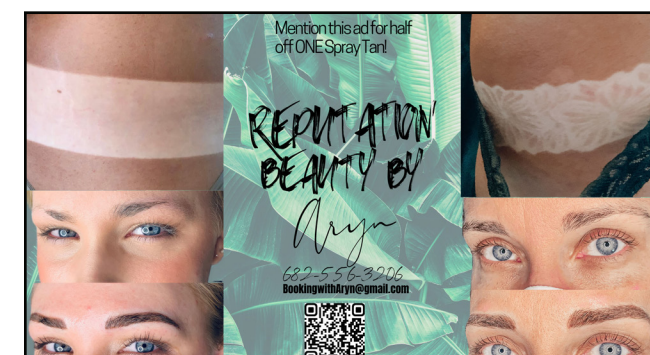
It's one thing to play a sport but a completely different thing to master or become the best you can be in one. Athletics challenge you to get better so you not only don't fall behind but challenge you to become better than the competition.

"I know that going through the seasons of wrestling, nothing has been as difficult as pulling off a good

wrestling move, so I know going through life and

something difficult comes up that it will at least always be easier than that," he said.

Angel Huerta is a strong individual who knows how to be great on his own but still be an important part of his team and their success. After years of wrestling and other sports after senior year, he plans on passing the torch to the future seniors, juniors, sophomores and any incoming wrestlers.



Spring Sports Preview

JV SOFTBALL FACES NEW CHALLENGES THIS YEAR BY KAILEY FRANKLIN

JV Softball is back in action after only having a six-week season last year. The girls have been attending open gyms in order to prepare for tryouts.

This year the team will have a new coach. Ron Espinala will be coaching the girls this year. He has coached baseball for over 20 years.

"I really don't know what to expect since I am new to softball and I don't know the girls yet," said

coach Espinola. "It is going to be a fun season. I am excited for the new challenges that all of us will face. A lot of girls haven't had a full season in a couple of years. It will be fun to have that experience with them. We are all going to learn a lot this year."

Many girls are eager to get out on the field and play softball. For some, it may be their first season.

"I am looking forward to making new friends on the team. I haven't played softball in a while so I am looking forward to getting to play again," said freshman Allison Green.

"I am also excited to gain new skills in the sport along with working on the ones I already have," said Green.

TRACK TO FEATURE STRONG PERFORMERS IN ALL AREAS BY OLIVIA ESPINOLA

The upcoming track season is going to be exciting.

Coach Byron Jeppsen is ready for the season to start. The coaches are working together to help the new coming and to see the returning athletes that have been there before.

"We have a great group of coaches and returning athletes and I'm excited about the potential they have," said coach Jeppsen.

A couple of returning athletes are also excited about the upcoming season.

"I feel good about the upcoming year, I think the season will go well," said Shaun Gilliland.

Some people who did track when Covid first hit, shortened their season and can now have a normal season.

"I'm very excited about the upcoming year. I think it will be very exciting to have a "normal" track season for the first time since my

By Staff



KyLee Growcock pitches against Dayton./Alexis Galarza • The Brand

freshman year." said Jovi Kuskie.

There's always something people can work on to improve and for Pole Vault it can be height and for others who practice it, like Shaun.

"I think the season will go good, I want to improve on the height I am



Jovi Kuskie jumps over a hurdle in last years track meet./Ron Espinola • The Brand

getting," said Shaun.

The athletes always work to make themselves better at what they do. They work very hard to become stronger.

"I'm always starving to become stronger and set personal records and just try to be a little bit better than I was the day before," said

VARSITY SOFTBALL WILL BE ONE OF THE TOP SQUADS IN 3A

BY MADDI MCCLURE

After their 6-week season last year Lowry's varsity softball players are excited to start the season. This year the team will be able to have a full season including both regionals and state.

Kadence Cooney, a senior, has been on the varsity team since her sophomore year. She is a pitcher and works to be a leader for the team.

"What I'm looking forward to the most is hoping to continue our success from last year, and as a pitcher hopefully help lead our team to a state title," said Cooney.

Shelbie Hoyt is a junior who has been on the team since her freshman year. She has been playing softball since she was really young and is always striving to be better.

"I'm excited because last year we weren't able to finish our season and we are coming into the season with some great players," said Hoyt.

Coach Austin Mayo has been on the coaching staff for seven years and has been the head coach for four years. He has great expectations for the team and pushes each and every player to be the best they can be.

"I am excited every year to see how our team is going to meld and what our strengths and weaknesses are," said Mayo. "Every team is a little different and it always takes a little bit to figure things out."

Their goal this year is to win state just as it is every year. The team will work together to gain trust so they can work together.

JV BASEBALL EXCITED TO COME BACK AND START REGULAR SEASON

BY IRYDIANA RAMIREZ

After Covid hit hard last season there weren't many players, as this season begins the team is ready to have a regular season.

The JV team should have a full roster and will work on the



Jada Matheny makes a throw to first base./Ariana Perez • The Brand

fundamentals to get the players ready. "I am looking forward to working with this young group of ballplayers and getting them ready to be competitive at the next level," said coach Brent Riemersma.

There are many freshmen that are new additions to the team. The most common thing they are all looking forward to is being able to play with their teammates.

"I'm looking forward to playing with my teammates and having fun playing baseball," said freshman Aidan Tregellas.

There is confidence that this season will be a successful one.

"I think we're pretty good and JV



Tea Bengoa dives into the water./Kailey Franklin • The Brand

has a lot of freshmen so a lot of us will have a lot of time to get better," said Tregellas.

FIRST-YEAR HEAD COACH JAMIE



Hunter Smith hits an approach shot./Alexis Galarza • The Brand

WALTON TO LEAD YOUNG TEAM BY ALEXIS GALARZA

After last year's six-week season, the Lowry baseball team has a lot of work to do. Just last weekend they were in Reno, participating in a preseason tournament.

This year's varsity team includes a wide variety of players. From freshmen to seniors who have never played before.

Reicyan Grau, a freshman, is excited but also nervous about the big role of being on varsity. "It feels really good and scary at the same time," said Grau. "Not only do I have to be more responsible but also because I have to prove myself on the field and in the classroom."

Anton Mendoza, a sophomore, has had his heart set on varsity since he could remember.

"It's really cool to be on varsity already, and I'm most excited about improving my hitting," said Mendoza. "I'm looking forward to building a stronger brotherhood with my teammates."

New assistant varsity baseball coach Gus Ramasco, is just ready to be someone both players and coaches can rely on.

"I want to implement the new style of baseball that coach Walton wants to have here at Lowry," said Ramasco.

Athlete of the Issue: Kenzi Dowd

By Hayden Case

Kenzie Dowd is a local senior you can find anywhere around town, she is determined and always encouraging according to her varsity soccer it only makes sense she was selected Athlete of the Issue. Dowd plays soccer and softball, she participated in other sports but narrowed her interests as she entered high school.

"I used to cheer but I stopped because it didn't suit me and there was a lot of drama," said Dowd. "I also played basketball but stopped when I got up to high school because I just wasn't that good."

Along with sports and practicing in her off-season, Dowd enjoys hanging out with her friends.

"I like free time, hang out with friends to in my going to with my and drive around for a while or I stay home and watch movies," said Dowd.

Dowd balances her friends, sports, school. She plans to enter into criminal justice she graduates sure what area. Dowd became interested in criminal justice because she enjoys the idea of being piece together a puzzle. She enjoys sports

because they have prepared her to move on in life and make the step to college.

"Sports have taught me to work with other people and that making mistakes is okay, just don't make it a habit," said Dowd. "They also taught me to have more of an open mind which helps in a lot of aspects."

Kenzi plays sports because of the friendships and connections that she is able to make while having fun and staying busy. Coach Mayo further explains that Dowd is a hard-working athlete. She has played since she was five and as many players on her team look up to her she is able to offer insight to help.

"Some tips I have for other athletes is just to go out there and have fun with what you're doing, it makes it so much more enjoyable than being hard on yourself 24/7," said Dowd. "You're going to make mistakes and that's okay."

This mentality and work ethic are not only admired by her fellow players but coaches as well. Varsity softball coach Austin Mayo touches on Dowd's impressive work.

"Dowd is a great player to have on your team, when she plays you can tell she is having fun and wants to be there," said Mayo. "She is full of enthusiasm and any coach to have her is lucky."



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Athlete of the Issue: Zach Fernandez

By Ariana Perez

As the class of 2022 is filled with many outstanding athletes, senior Zach Fernandez has been chosen for Athlete of the Issue.

Fernandez plays both basketball and baseball, he has been playing since freshman year and has also played soccer during his freshman and sophomore years.

Growing up Zach never was into video games he has always loved being outside throwing a ball around.

"My favorite sport is basketball, I always grew up around it, and it just stuck with me the most," said Fernandez.

Zach enjoys riding dirtbikes, snowboarding, water skiing, wakeboarding, hanging out with friends and family, and many other things outside of school and sports.

His biggest role models are his family. His dad Luis was always there to throw a ball around regardless after the 10-hour work shifts. His mom Sarah helped him with drama, and even friend- finally, his older sister pathed the way for him. She showed him how not to get distracted in school and how not to worry about unimportant things. All three

helped Zach grow into who he is now.

The one thing that he regrets is not working hard enough in sports

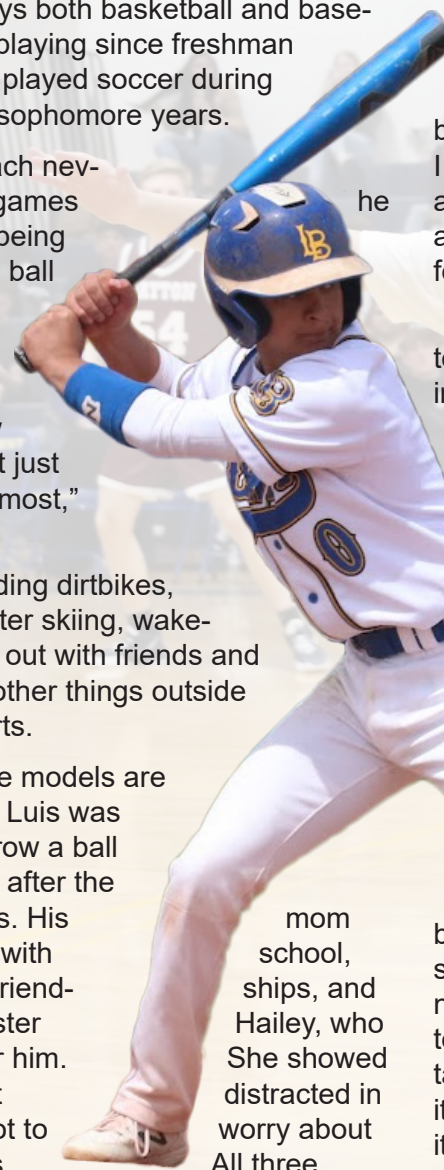
"I wished I would have taken the time to focus on sports, I could have focused more on basketball now and I wish I would have because there's a lot of aspect in my game that I could approve on that would make me better and help the team out," said Fernandez. "So in a sense, I do regret not working every day but I feel like I could have taken it more seriously."

After high school, Fernandez plans on going to UNR to get a degree in kinesiology and looking into paths in the medical field like a physician assistant, physical therapist, etc.

"If I can have a career where it's not sports based but sports are still involved I think I would really enjoy it and have a passion for the job," said Fernandez.

As a senior, he's experienced having to balance school and athletics while still having fun. If he were to give a piece of advice to the underclassmen it would be to take school seriously.

"When it comes to school, in general, I would say to find a balance between taking it seriously and enjoying school," said Fernandez. "When it comes to athletics I would say to take it seriously and enjoy it because you never know when it's gonna be over and when it is close you realize how much you'll regret."



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AOI: Emily Backus

By Emily Valdez

Senior Emily Backus is a member of the varsity basketball and soccer teams, she's also in track during the spring. Backus most importantly feels honored to be Athlete of the Issue.

Backus has played basketball since she was in second grade. She enjoys multiple aspects of the game, including her team.

"I enjoy the competitiveness of the sport, you know like the defensive and offensive parts of it, but I also love our team, we've been together since the fifth grade and so we have a very fun team," said Backus.

Not only does she enjoy basketball but she also enjoys soccer for its stress-relieving abilities.

"Soccer has always been my kind of way of relieving stress I guess, I feel like there's a lot of pressure to perform in basketball and in track but soccer is kind of you know, you get out there have fun and I also got to play with my sister this year so that was pretty fun," said Backus.

Backus has played multiple sports throughout her high school career, she's been inspired by her grandfather who she is always reminded of when she plays.

"My Grandpa," said Backus. "Sports were something that we bonded over and playing reminds me of him."

Backus has gained a lot of experience from playing for so long, so she understands what has helped her from playing.

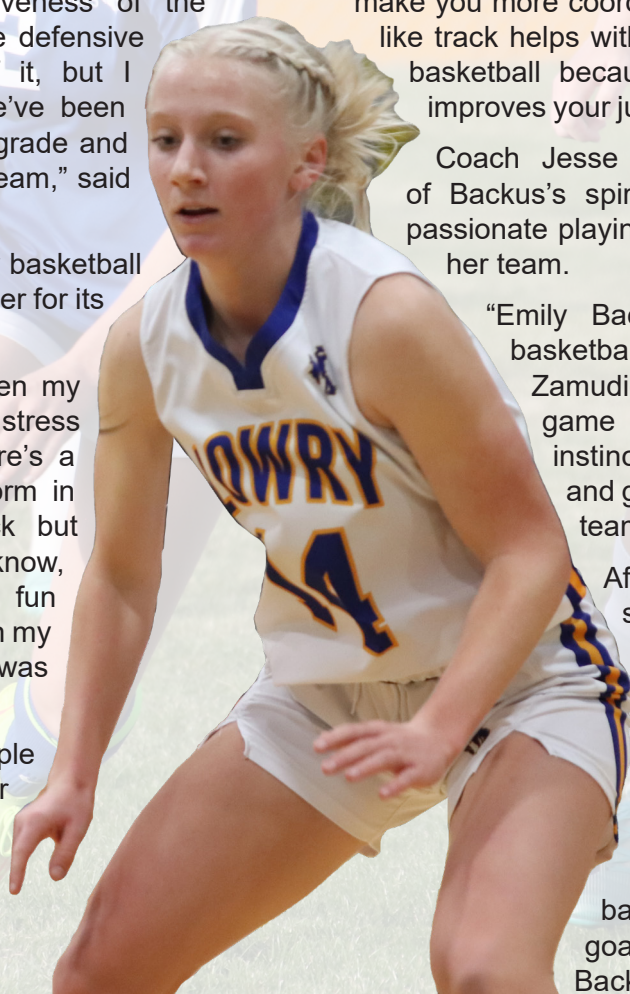
"I feel like the footwork you learn in soccer helps make you more coordinated for basketball, I feel like track helps with all aspects of soccer and basketball because you're just running, it improves your jumping ability," said Backus.

Coach Jesse Zamudio has noticed all of Backus's spirit on the court, from her passionate playing to the bond she has with her team.

"Emily Backus plays the game of basketball with a lot of passion," said Zamudio. "She is a student of the game and has strong basketball instincts. She is a great teammate and gets along well with all of her teammates."

After Backus graduates, she plans to continue her basketball career into college, although the process was difficult.

"The recruiting process is honestly very stressful but I set a goal when I was younger to play collegiate basketball, so that is still my goal is to make it, to play," said Backus.



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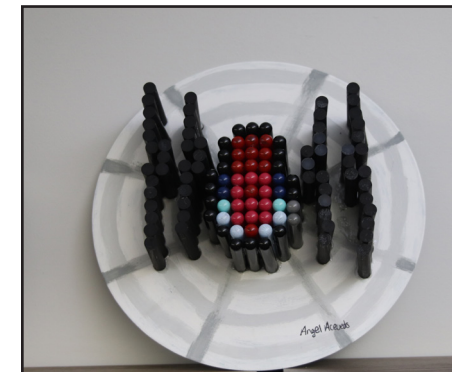
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Artist of the Issue: Angel Acevedo

By Allison Green

This week Angel Acevedo Mora was selected as Artist of the Issue because of his interest in art and sculpture. He has been excelling in his art classes courageously with help to have a better understanding of the concepts.



Angel's favorite piece, the Spider Sculpture. /Ally Green • The Brand



A work from Angel Acevedo. /Ally Green • The Brand

Topholm was impressed by his creative mindset throughout his time spent in her class.

"This is the first year I had Angel in my class and from the first project we did to what we just currently did he has excelled with every single medium that we've used," said Topholm. "He just puts 100 percent and more into every project. The improvement from every project, he's excelled and challenged himself."

Angel Acevedo Mora uses his time to create a better understanding of the projects with the help of his teacher and classmates to relax.

"She makes the directions really clear and because of that I am able to make good pieces and I know where things go and if I have questions I can ask her and that

really helps with knowing when I make things," said Acevedo Mora. "I know I can be creative and free with it. She helps me understand the different things because I didn't really know much about art or sculpture."

Taking sculpture and drawing classes was new for Angel at first but he's grown significantly and his artwork has improved ever since he found his enjoyment in creating art pieces.



Angel Acevedo. /The Brand

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Performer of the Issue: Yovany Balderas

By Destiny Medicine Cloud

Yovany Balderas has been chosen for Performer of the Issue. Balderas, a sophomore, has been participating in the band since the fifth grade. He enjoys playing his instrument, the flute. He claims that the band has been a big, important part of his life.

Outside of band, Balderas is hanging out with friends or playing video games. With his friends, they like to go to thrift stores or pawn shops. When he is not with friends, he is at work finding a way to pester the people he works with.

"When I'm not hanging out with my friends I'm usually at work bugging my coworkers or cleaning tables," said Balderas.

As soon as Balderas had the chance to join band, he did. He loves the band and the

unforgettable memories he has made.

"Band is so much fun," said Balderas. "Sure it can be stressful but 9 times out of 10 there's always someone there to cheer you up or help make your day better."

Every day Balderas has wanted to do better than the previous day and that mindset has played an important role in his life.

"...I think wanting to do better than I could the previous day played a huge role in getting me to where I am now and keeping me going," said Balderas.

Mr. Dave Munk, the Lowry High band teacher, thinks Balderas is not only a dedicated musician and a great part of the band, but he also always brings a positive and supportive attitude to rehearsals.

"He often comes to after-school rehearsals that he is not involved in, to support other band and choir members," said Munk.

Balderas's desire to support those around him is a great quality that influences the people around him.

"His desire to provide moral support and lift up others is a very admirable quality that



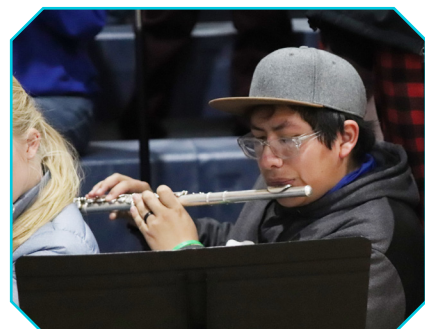
Yovany Balderas at a band concert playing the flute./ Alexa Toscano • The Brand

inspires me to be better," said Munk.

Balderas' need to learn new things shines through his music. He not only plays the flute, but he is also learning how to play the piano, saxophone, and relearn the clarinet.

"I play the flute and because I can't ever just do one thing I'm also learning the saxophone, piano, and relearning the clarinet since I played it for a little while, not too long ago," said Balderas.

Balderas's dedication to doing better all the time inspires a lot of his fellow musicians to also do better.



Yovany Balderas playing the flute at a home basketball game./ Alexis Galarza • The Brand

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What ever happened to...

The Yodeling Walmart kid?

By Ariana Perez

Let's go back to 2018, where you'll find yourself scrolling through TikTok or even Instagram to find a video of an 11-year-old kid yodeling in Walmart.

After a few hours of trending on social media, the Yodeling Kid was a worldwide sensation.

The Worldwide sensation is Mason Ramsey, an 11-year-old boy from Golconda Illinois who was filmed In Walmart performing "Lovesick Blues" by Hank Williams.

After the video was circulating on the internet millions of people started to "fangirl" over "The Yodeling Walmart Kid" especially people like Justin Bieber, Post Malone, Miley Cyrus, and other A-list celebrities.

The worldwide sensation began to become a meme on the internet with millions of people going out

to film themselves yodeling in their local Walmart.

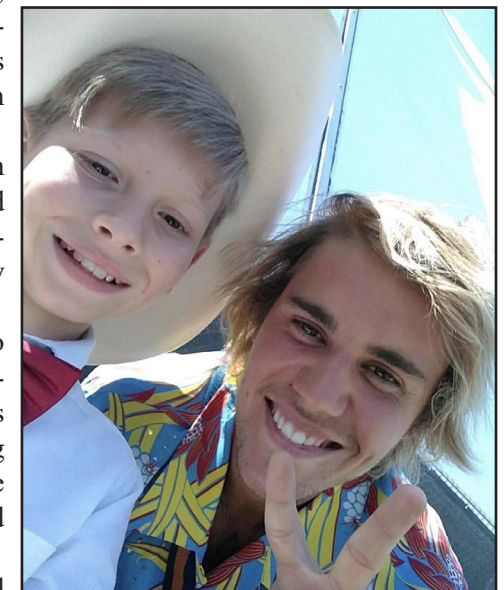
Ramsey with all of this fame went on to sign record deals, and even produce his own music and make guest appearances on live TV shows like The Ellen Show.

Ramsey was able to perform at live events like Coachella and even got the opportunity to perform with celebrities like Billy Ray Cyrus.

Now it's 2022 and who knows where the Infamous Yodeling Walmart Kid is today? Is he still yodeling and producing music or is he living his own life away from all the attention and fame?

Ramsey is currently 15 and has a job at subway. He recently went viral again on the famous platform of TikTok for a song

called "Before I knew it". On various creators' platforms, you can see them enjoying the new genre.



Mason Ramsey and Justin Bieber. / Courtesy • Via Mason Ramsey Instagram

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Do's and Don'ts: Spring

By Danielle Scott

As the winter season changes into spring it's always a necessity to make the most of the season.

Do: Put the holiday decorations away, you shouldn't still be celebrating in March.

Don't: Jump in the rain puddles in jeans, we all know they don't dry fast.

Do: Go outside, the weather is getting better so it's the perfect time to.

Don't: Listen to the same song on repeat for an hour, even if it is a good one.

Do: Ditch the heavy coats and winter hats, you won't need them for a while.

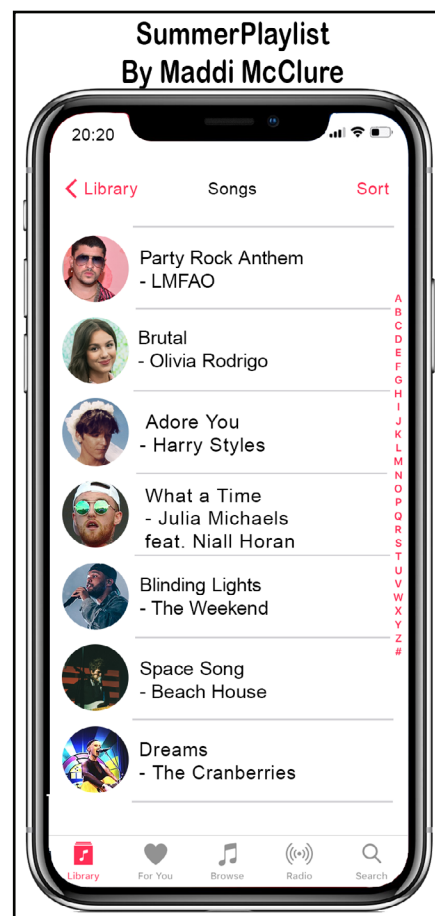
Don't: Make old jokes.

Do: Take an hour or day to do whatever you want because we have to let go every once in a while.

Don't: Forget to pick flowers for Mother's Day.

Do: Learn to cook, can't just eat cereal every time you're hungry.

Don't: Waste the sunny days, Nevada won't give us good weather forever.

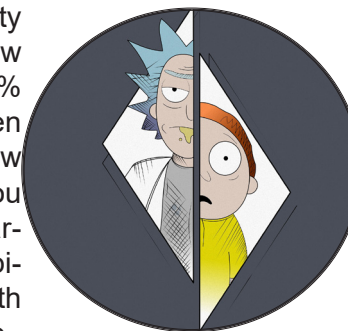


What's Entertaining

By Nadia Novi, Maddi McClure & Otila Castaneda

"Rick and Morty"

Rick and Morty is an animated show with an overall 94% percent rate on Rotten Tomatoes. This show is great anytime you want to laugh at a sarcastic joke. Every episode is presented with a unique adventure with the questionable "Rick and Morty". /Cour- decisions the char- tesy • Rick and Morty via acts make. It is a Instagram popular show that can be seen on Hulu, HBO Max and a few other plat-



/Courtesy •

TikTok

TikTok is a worldwide app that you may hear or see from everyone. Some people will

say this app is dumb and a waste of time, yet half the world is watching it right now. Tiktok is an app that allows people to post short videos showing off their dance moves, lip-syncing, and other forms of talent. This app allows people to show off their creativity and see what others are up to.

Dance

Dance is an amazing sport. It's really fun and you can explore new things and meet new people. Dance can be really relaxing and you can gain knowledge and muscles of new things. Dance is a perfect way to get out of your comfort zone and be able to speak without using your mouth. Danc- ing allows you to speak or with your body. I'm really shy when it comes to talking to people so dance is the perfect sport for people like me.



Nadia Novi (center). /Nadia Novi • The Brand

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Career Profile: Business Owner: Jose Covarrubias

By Emily Valdez

It's a student favorite here at Lowry for its close distance and delicious foods. El Panal Carnicería is a local bodega owned by Jose Covarrubias.

El Panal Carnicería focuses on homemade Hispanic cuisine, snacks, and drinks. Covarrubias opened his business here in Winnemucca for a chance at success.

"I thought that Winnemucca would be a good place to open a business and succeed," said Covarrubias.

Covarrubias can be seen all over his shop doing work, he dabbles with a little bit of everything. From cooking to managing the cash register.

"I do butchering, baking, and that's pretty much it," said Covarrubias. "The rest of it is fixing things around, buy[ing] and sell[ing], and we cook also, a little bit of everything."

The customers love coming to El Panal for its various products and customer service.

"Me gusta ir a El Panal Carniceria por qué los precios son muy accesibles, puedo encontrar productos que en otros lugares no encuentro," dijo Josefita Rios Reyes. "Tiene varios productos mexicanos y a nosotros nos gusta consumirlos, también la gente es muy amable, atienden muy bien."

"I like to go to El Panal Carniceria because the prices are accessible, I can

find products that I can't find in other places," said Josefita Rios Reyes, a long-time customer of El Panal. "They have various Mexican products and we like to consume them, as well as the people are very kind, they attend very well."

Owning a business comes with plenty of responsibilities, Covarrubias does a lot to keep his business running and customers happy. His favorite part about his job is getting to go home to rest at the end of the day and his least favorite part is having to come in seven days a week.

According to ZipRecruiter, on a yearly average, a small business owner makes fifty thousand to sixty thousand dollars in Nevada. It's a career with a lot of variety and flexibility.



Jose Covarrubias cleans off the meat cutter. /Emily Valdez • The Brand



Jose Covarrubias holds out a helping hand out to a customer. / Emily Valdez • The Brand

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Who Knows You With Lexi Chaffin

By Nadia Novi

Madison Rackley

What are Lexi's favorite Drinks? Lemonade and Tea. Who is Lexi's celebrity crush? Shawn Mendes. What is Lexi's Dream Job? Stay at home wife. If Lexi won a lottery what would she spend the money on? A new car. Where is Lexi's favorite place to go to at lunch? Home.

Is Lexi allergic to anything? Hopefully not.

What is Lexi's dream vacation? An expensive trip she doesn't have to pay for where she can be herself.

Is Lexi an introvert or extrovert? More of an introverted extrovert.

What is Lexi's favorite snack? Cereal Bars."

Does Lexi like to drive or be the passenger? Passenger.



Madison Rackley, Lexi Chaffin, and Kenzi Dowd Smith pose together for a selfie in the car on one of their many adventures. /Courtesy • Kenzi Dowd

Lexi's Answers:

1. Arizona Green Tea.
2. Shawn Mendes.
3. I don't even know.
4. Clothes.
5. Home.
6. Pine-apples.
7. Spain.
8. Little bit of both.
9. Sushi.
10. Passenger.

Kenzi Dowd Smith

What are Lexi's favorite Drinks? Green Tea and Water. Who is Lexi's celebrity crush? Shawn Mendez, Harry Styles, Timothy C.

What is Lexi's Dream Job? Criminal justice, lawyer.

If Lexi won a lottery what would she spend the money on? Clothes, whole new wardrobe.

Where is Lexi's favorite place to go to at lunch? Her house.

Is Lexi allergic to anything? Pineapple.

What is Lexi's dream vacation? Spain.

Is Lexi an introvert or extrovert? She's both.

What is Lexi's favorite snack? Sushi or tacos.

Does Lexi like to drive or be the passenger? Definitely a passenger.

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Buckaroo Roundup: Garrett Jensen, Yovanny Balderas & Jason Barbosa

By Rosie Chavez

Can you speak more than one language?
Garrett: "Yes, I speak Nordic."
Yovanny: "Si español"
Jason: "No."

rett disappear."
Jason: "For car parts to be cheaper, for gas to be cheaper, and for the economy not to be broken."

Jason: "I don't have one."

If you could choose any superpower for the day, what did you choose?

Garrett: "The ability to get any superpower I want for the end of time."

Yovanny: "The powers that Wanda has from Marvel."

Jason: "Immortality."

What's your favorite word?

Garrett: "Salvation."

Yovanny: "Yes."

Jason: "Buddy."

If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Garrett: "Back when Jesus was alive so I could get some answers."

Yovanny: "My bed."

Jason: "World War II."

Do you have a middle name?

Garrett: "Yes, Michael."

Yovanny: "No."

Jason: "Lee."

What's your favorite TV show?

Garrett: "NCIS: DC".

Yovanny: "Stranger Things".

Jason: "MythBusters".

If you had three wishes, what would you wish for?

Garrett: "To end hunger, to end violence, to end the misunderstanding of Christianity."

Yovanny: "Superpowers, never-ending pizza. And to snap my fingers and make Gar-

Who is your hero or role model?

Garrett: "Jesus."

Yovanny: "Jason."

Jason: "My Dad."

What's your biggest fear?

Garrett: "God."

Yovanny: "Not being able to die."



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Winterfest 2022: Lowry

This 2022 school year is off to a great start with the 2022 Winterfest organized by this year's seniors. Leading up to Winterfest there were phenomenal activities during the week in order to get into the school spirit. The lunchtime activities consist of going back through the

decades.

Each Day of the week there was a different theme for each day. Starting off the week strong with 70s students and staff showed up to school with their 70s clothing or disco attire. Each day of the week consisted of a different decade: 70s, 80s, and 90s. On Thursday the theme was checkerboard. While seniors and juniors wore black. sophomores and freshmen wore white.

However, faculty and staff had to choose which color they wanted to wear. Students were trying their best to pursue them to wear the color of their grade. Friday consisted of showing off school spirit by wearing blue and gold and going to the basketball games after school. There was also an assembly held on Friday which had us all eager to go. The assembly consisted of performances from the cheerleaders. While the dance team did a dance

that consisted of all of the decades. Leadership made sure everyone was entertained by preparing a musical chairs game and making sure all of the students felt included.

All of the students were excited to go to the dance. Some were just grateful to



Ava Zebroski and Roberto Lopez after their win of Winterfest Queen and King./ Hayden Case • The Brand



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Through the Decades

be there.

"It was so much fun. Thank you to the senior class for putting on the best dance I've been to," said Kayleigh Marshall.

Others planned out the night with friends so they could have a great night.

"My friends and I all got together to get ready and then go get pictures taken," said Victoria Salgado.

Others found the dance as a safe place to spend the evening.



A group of students on 90s day./ Ariana Perez • The Brand



Paris Collins, Sarah Arrien, and Austin Formby in their checkerboard outfits./ Nadia Novi • The Brand

dance let me hang out with my friends in an environment where I wasn't judged," said Makenna Fabor.

The dance was on Saturday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. in the New Gym. Students were excited to see what

"The was in store for this year's dance. As well as having the opportunity to dress up if they choose to. The night consisted of listening to music from all of the decades dancing with friends and making memories that they will never forget.



Ms. Topholm, Kelly Zhelayev, and Danielle Scott play cornhole./ Ally Green • The Brand



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Shakespeare in English Class?

By Rosie Chavez

Mr. Brett Westmoreland's sophomore English classes are performing Shakespeare's play Macbeth instead of reading out of old textbooks.

Why would an English class do theater you may ask, "Shakespeare is meant to be experienced; it is not simply meant to be read," said Westmoreland. "Students better understand by interacting with the script scenes and working on meaning-making."

Other English II classes such as Mr. Jeff Setzer's class are watching the play, reading it, and having discussions as they go on.

Westmoreland's sophomore English classes are creating and getting a deeper understanding of Macbeth.

"By lifting the play from the pages [of the textbooks], they are able to live in the world of Macbeth and Shakespeare," said Westmoreland.

reland. "They are doing phenomenal with this unit. Rather than dread Shakespeare, they are excited and engaged with the lessons. Students have been enjoying Shakespeare so much that they are working on the play at home and even asking if they can take the book home to work on their parts."

Westmoreland is showing up time and time again with his creative skills in his English classes.

"The students gave me the idea to bring Macbeth to life," said Westmoreland. "They have expressed their concerns and frustrations with Shakespeare and have given me feedback to meet their needs. Our class is constructed as a place of education through collaboration. Through



Juaquin Zamora, Dawn Myers, and Alan Barajas rehearse their script in preparation for their performance./ Destiny Medicine Cloud • The Brand

collaboration between student and teacher, we decided to construct the world of Macbeth rather than just read Macbeth."



Juaquin Zamora, Mikayla Dossey, and Trenton Mullis read off the script in their English./ Destiny Medicine Cloud • The Brand



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