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Lowry class of 2010 looks to the future

By Mary Granath

As graduation draws nearer, this year's seniors reflect back on their high school career and look to the future to see where their path will lead. It has been a long journey leading up to this point, a journey that has been filled with joyous triumphs and utter defeats. Nevertheless, Lowry's seniors have reached their graduation day and that is something to be proud of.

However, the students have not reached this point by themselves. The senior class advisors, Mrs. Lisa Scott and Mrs. Kristin Flanders have been working tirelessly with the seniors throughout the year and at graduation practice.

"Mrs. Flanders and I have worked really hard and it will all be behind the scenes stuff but we figure if we're organized then when it comes down to the final hour it will all go off without a hitch," stated Scott, "we just want to make sure that seniors are all covered and taken care of and everything's planned... if it's all organized then hopefully all of us will be a lot less stressed."

"It's a little stressful it's scary we're trying to get it all together and make it perfect," said Flanders.

These two women have been a guiding light for the seniors throughout the year and did their best to ensure that each and every senior was able to graduate.

"If I know that a senior was struggling I definitely have a one on one talk with them... we've tried to pull in kids who are struggling maybe towards the end maybe give them a little more encouragement," said Scott.

"This year I think it's been particularly difficult. We've had a couple issues where some kids were a little scared and we were a little nervous that they weren't going to get the credits that they needed. So we really have been promoting checking transcripts... So that's what we were kind of trying to do this year was just make every one a little more aware of their situation," said Flanders.

Graduation will be held at 7:00 PM at the Winnemucca Fairgrounds. There are 191 students in this year's graduating class, four of whom will be giving speeches at the ceremony: Mary Granath, Skylar Estes, Andrew Soderstrom, and Shaylyn Sample.

"I'm really excited to share my ideas about graduation, hopefully everyone else

will enjoy it," said Soderstrom, "it's about what you're going to do in the future... to hold on to your dreams... everyone says that but truthfully no one means it... it sounds really cliché but the speech says it in a different manner."

This year's Valedictorian and Salutatorian are Giovan Cholicco and Courtney Hammond respectively.

"It's an honor, I've worked really hard my entire high school career and it feels great to be recognized for that," said Hammond.

"I'm happy. It was a lot of work to get to this point and it just feels really good," stated Cholicco

Each of the 191 students in the class of 2010 has their own aspirations and unique gifts to use in order to make a difference.

"Reach your potential," stated Flanders as her parting words to seniors, "don't let somebody tell you, 'you can't do it'... it's your dream go for it"

This senior class will be greatly missed, "It's a great group of kids and it makes me sad to see them go," said Scott.

However, the Class of 2010 will live on in the legacy of Albert M. Lowry High School.

Awards and entertainment mark second Assembly of Excellence



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Students fill the New Gym for the Assembly of Excellence.

Miranda Buttram and Mallorie Leal

On May 19, Albert Lowry High School held its third annual Academic Assembly. The theme this year was "I Rock Academically". With the money donated from different people and foundations including the mining foundation the school was able

to supply shirts to all students receiving awards and USB drives for those with a 3.0 G.P.A and up, in addition to the bonds given out. This year there was four separate acts along with 866 awards which were given out.

Anthem, a band comprised of Alex Schumacher on drums, Trevor Belanger playing the guitar, and JD Christiansen playing bass and singing, they began the assembly by playing the national anthem, they then played My Hero by the Foo Fighters. They ended their performance with the school song. The other two acts included the Basque Dancers, and leadership's own rendition of the dance to Beyonce's song Single Ladies.

96 bonds amounting approximately to \$21,800 were given to Lowry student in the Academic Assembly. \$1,000 cashier's check were given to the top two seniors,

they were awarded to Giovan Cholicco and Courtney Hammond. When asked what he was going to do with the money, Giovan said, "I'm going to Disneyland."

Thirteen medallions were given out, one for each of the departments.

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Six Shades of Sexy performing to Beyonce's "Single Ladies".

Excellence



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Basque dancers Mallorie Leal and Mitch Pollock.

C i n t i a Aguilar, Amy Balagna, David Eastman, Jacob Gibson, Mary Granath, Courtney Hammond who received two, Eric Orlando, Chelsea Robinson,

Bernice Sanchez, William Thacker, Lance Thompson, and Andrea Vaca all received medallions in their respective department. Jacob Gibson said, "Receiving this medallion has brought an abundance of jubilation into my life. I was ecstatic to be the recipient of such a gnarly award."

Other awards included awards for perfect and exemplary attendance. Lowry High School had thirteen perfect attendances and ten exemplary attendance awards. Included in those

awards were Whitney Hatifeld and Bernice Sanchez, both juniors, whom both have had perfect attendance the for all three years of their high school career.

In addition \$200 bonds were given to the top ten Senior and Junior students. Including: Shane Bell, Dillon Bryan, Miranda Buttram, Giovan Cholicco, Tyler Cooper, Tyler Cox, Amaya Drake, Jacob Gibson, Mary Granath, Luis Gutierrez, Courtney Hammond, Emelia Legarza, Rebecca

Monroe, Trenton Montero, Anders Pace, Timothy Palmer, Brad Pearce, Alex Schumacher, Rachael Yates, and Pat York. Freshman and Sophomore were also award a \$100 bond for being the top ten students in their grades.

Lowry High school award 41 student for having a 4.0 G.P.A., seven of which were seniors. To see a list of all award recipients look online at www.humboldt.k12.nv.us/lhs/the-brand/.

End of the Year Assembly a success

By Mary Granath

The end of the year assembly was a huge success. The assembly started off with Mr. Byron Jeppsen, the athletic director, recognizing sports teams and individuals who had won state and zone titles. Lowry then said a bittersweet farewell to two teachers who would be retiring: Mr. Steve Sans and Mr. Doug Connor, and two teachers who would be leaving: Mrs. Miranda Santos and Valerie Snijman. Superintendent Mr. Mike Bumgarner read aloud sentimental statements that students and written about Sans and Connor. These two teachers will always be remembered at Lowry for inspiring learning and touching the lives of many students. Sans and Connor were given plaques honoring their years of service



Miranda Buttram • THE BRAND
Steve Sans and Doug Connor receive plaques for their years of service.

and Santos and Snijman were given flowers. The class presidents then participated in a competition to see which class had won class of the year. They tied bandanas around their head and blew up inflatable rock guitars then raced to retrieve the envelope with their point total. Seniors won class of the year and celebrated with a "seniors" chant and the waving of their class banner. The assembly closed with the end of the year slide-show put together by Winnada.

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District educators honored at fourth annual Senior Choice Awards

By Sierra Sherburn

On May 20, the Fourth Annual Humboldt County School District Senior Choice Awards Banquet was held at the Winnemucca Convention Center. The ceremony was sponsored by the

Mining Industry Foundation. Recipients included teachers from the Lowry High School, French Ford Middle School, Grass Valley, Sonoma, Winnemucca Jr. High, McDermitt Combined, and Winnemucca Grammar School.

To receive the award teachers must

be nominated by senior students. After the nominations, the names then go to a committee where they are then decided if the teachers will receive the awards or not. For the teachers to win, their name has to be nominated more than once, and a reasonable explanation for why they deserve it.

When Ron Beck, one of the recipients, was asked how he felt about receiving the award he replied, "It is a great honor to be recognized doing something you like to do and it is even more special when

it comes from the students themselves. It helps to validate if what you are doing matter. It charges me up." This was Beck's third time winning the SCA and he feels lucky every time he is selected.

Lynn Ludlow, a fourth time winner of the SCA says, "It is overwhelming to know that kids recognize what you do, when we don't think that they are getting it." She was very surprised to earn the award this year, since she is no longer a teacher, but is a counselor now.

The Senior Choice recipients were: John Aberasturi, Andy Anderson, Ron Beck, John Brooks, Lisa Conn, Cera deArrieta, Dolores Detweiler, Michele Doyle, Ron Espinola, James Gilboy, Corrine James, Dorene Kitras, K.C. Kracaw, Kathi Kurelich, Lynn Ludlow, Amorita Maher, Keeli McClintick, Vicki Meissner, Char Owen, Juanita Pardovich, Nancy Plummer, Courtney Rorex, Teri Stein, Mark Westmoreland.



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Lynn Ludlow.

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Ten tips to get yourself in better financial condition

By Megan Griggs



As the times change and the recession continues, it becomes more and more apparent how expensive everything is. I can remember when just five dollars was more than enough to pay for your whole lunch. Now a trip to any fast food restaurant can cost up to seven or eight dollars. As a high school student I will admit that I don't exactly know how to manage my money well.

To us and many of our classmates if there is money in our pockets then there is money to spend. For seniors

especially, we should learn better ways to finance our money.

As I prepare myself to go out into the real world without having mommy and daddy there to slip you a couple bucks here and there, I wonder how I will be able to stay out of the red from month to month. Below are C.A.R.E's top ten financial tips for both high school and college students. Keep in mind that all ten may not pertain or even help you, but they are all good tips to keep in mind

1. Create a budget, one you can stick to and is realistic
2. Open a savings account, this will help keep your funds in check and also safe
3. Look for ways to save mon-

ey, don't feel dorky if you cut out the newspaper coupons it's the smart thing to do.

4. Use cash, a debit card, or checking account instead of a credit card, so if its under \$20 or you can eat it or drink it, use cash
5. Avoid credit card debt, young people especially think that if you just swipe the card and there is no bill right away you won't have to pay, not the case.
6. Pay your bills on time, even if its just paying your friends back for that time they bought you lunch, it's a good habit to get into.
7. Always pay off any debt as soon as possible, just like homework, the faster you get it done the better

off you will be, and the less stress you will have.

8. Minimize your student loan debt, scholarships are important and a job will always help.
9. Stay away from impulse shopping or internet buying, its addictive that you can get online and buy anything with just the push of a button, beware.
10. Just be smart and avoid overspending when you can, most of these tips are common sense just use your head.

So whether you are a freshman or a senior graduating or even if you don't have a job yet, you should keep these tips in mind, and remember that smart spending is smart thinking.

Sparknotes and Cliffsnote: cheating to some but helpful to all

By Camille Lyon



Have you ever been assigned a piece of literature and read it and by the time you reach the end you realize you have not absorbed anything from it? Some lit-

erature can be very obscure and hard to understand, and a great way to completely understand an assigned test is to look up a synopsis of it on an accredited web site. Web sites such as cliffnotes, sparknotes, and pinkmonkey are web sites that students can access if they need assistance with character analysis, synopsis, themes, and much

more.

Even though it is highly helpful, many think is it considered cheating. It is not cheating. You can find other ways to copy and paste in information that you did not find yourself, and that is cheating. Assistance web sites are very helpful, especially when analyzing hard subjects like Shakespeare. These

web sites may be used as cheating if you are using it to obtain the whole story because it was not read first.

Some teachers prefer that you not use these web sites and solely obtain the information yourself. Some students may find this easy to do, but for those who find it harder, the web sites are fantastic.

Celebrities: Heroes or bad examples?

By Emily Bonham



Everyone knows that Hollywood stars, and celebrities go to incredible lengths to look the best. Young girls often look up to these people and want to look that good. When they can't look that good they go to lengths that they wouldn't normally go to. In the last decade male teens are starting to try looking as good as the male celebrities. They go to the same lengths as girl or even worse. The condition when people go to the most extreme is often called anorexia or bulimia. They are both eating disorders that are similar but also have many differences.

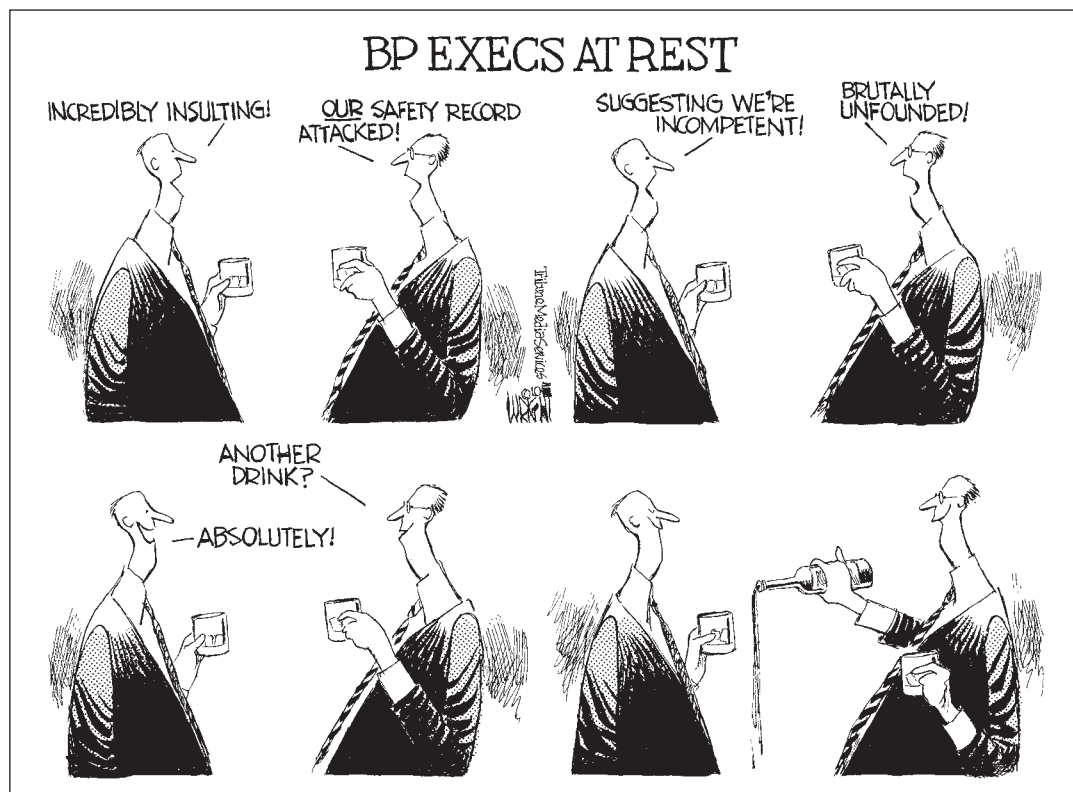
According to midterm.com anorexia is an eating disorder where a person reduces or suppresses their appetite. Often in this disorder they start out as casual dieting but they don't see any results. That leads to not eating or eating barely enough food to keep you alive. They continue this until starva-

tion. Anorexia is like an addiction to a drug, you obsess over not eating until you kill yourself. Other complications caused by this disorder include cardiac arrest, brain atrophy, osteoporosis, and tooth loss.

Bulimia is an eating disorder where the person eats a lot then they will make their self purge or excessively exercise. Like anorexia this disorder is also like an addiction. They love eating all that food then getting rid of it as fast as they can. With this disorder they will over exercise so they can get any calories that they didn't get out of their body from purging. Many people who are bulimic have also been diagnosed with depression or some type of anxiety disorder. Like anorexia there are also treatments for bulimia. One treatment choice is called cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) which includes keep-

ing a diary of thoughts, behaviors, evaluations, and beliefs to help them deal with whatever problem they are facing. The good news is that there is rehabilitation facilities that can help

you get over this disorder. You don't need to have these disorders for your whole life. You can get help and get over the thing that is taking over your life.



Dos and Don'ts: summer vacation

By Mary Granath



Don't plan out the whole summer- Summer is packed with fun times that will keep you busy but make sure you leave a little down time to

rejuvenate.

Do take a road trip- Even if it's only out to Paradise or to Reno. Taking a road trip with your friends will leave you with lasting memories.

Do hang out with your 'school' friends- We all have acquaintances that we tend to only be friends with during the school year and when summer hits the friendship dissipates. Shake things up this summer by giving them a call and hanging out.

Do wear sunscreen- We've all heard it but try to actually put it into practice this summer. Skin cancer rates have rocketed in the past ten years so cover up!

Don't spend all your time with electronics- Trust me, I know what it's like to be in love with your iPod and the TV but don't let that happen this summer. Take just a little time to enjoy the sun and get outdoors.

Don't drive everywhere- We live in a small town and it's easy to get around by simply walking. Do the environment a favor this summer and try to walk more than you drive.

Do get a summer job- Even if it's just a part-time job at least you can be saving up some money. Having a job won't ruin your summer but it will make your future a little more secure.

Do think about next year- If you're going to be a senior start your college essays, if you're going to be a junior start preparing for the hardest year of high school, and if you're going to be a sophomore start networking so you'll have a core group of friends.

Don't be bummed out- If you're parents insist on spending the whole summer here or if they force you to some godforsaken place you hate make the best of where you are. Summer can be fun for anyone, anywhere; you just have to go with the flow.

Everyone should understand rangeland wildfire

By Savannah McDade



Living in the Great Basin, wildfires are a prominent concern every summer and lately there has been a great deal of controversy brewing up between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Livestock Ranchers due to the significant increase of land being burned.

Why is the Great Basin experiencing increasingly harsh fire seasons? Why should Nevadans be concerned? What should be done? An Elko lawyer named Grant Gerber created a campaign called 'Smoked Bear' in order to evoke the importance of finding solutions to wildfire issues.

According to an article printed in the "Elko Daily", Gerber believes that increasing livestock grazing would maintain invasive weeds therefore reducing the amount of wildfires that are

Lyrics of your parents music aren't that different from today's

By Brittany Nielsen



In today's society there are many songs that are dirty and have a lot of violence. When listening to a song people don't really pay attention to the lyrics, they just listen to the beat.

When you are rocking out in your room or watching music videos on MTV, VH1 or FUSE your parents might hear the lyrics to songs like "Take it off" by Ke\$ha or an Eminem song. They tend to get a little on the offensive side about what kind of songs our generation is listens to.

Parents talk about how blunt the songs are and how they are so vulgar and violent. In their day they didn't listen to anything like that. A lot of music today is about partying and illegal activity, but is it so different from other eras?

When you are with your parents you should do the same thing while listening to their kind of music. Pay

destroying the Northern Nevada ecosystem. Gerber's campaign has sparked many arguments, many say that even if the BLM gave ranchers more grazing rights that the livestock would not consume the invasive weeds (such as cheatgrass) because the weeds have no nutritional value.

Some rebut this argument by saying that ranchers should let their livestock graze earlier in the year before the weeds have wizened. Many also contest that livestock are the primary cause for the lack of topsoil and blame livestock for the increase in fires.

I am not a rancher, and I certainly am not an ecologist, therefore I am approaching this topic with an open mind and a lot of research. According to www.dcnr.nv.gov, three significant events have occurred in the Great Basin that resulted in the fire issues that Nevada is experiencing today. One was the introduction of cattle, sheep, and horses which resulted in overgrazing there-

fore decreasing the amount of fires and acres burned. The second reason is that invasive weeds have taken over, and the third reason is that people have not educated themselves and do not realize that wildfires are a natural and essential part of the environment and attempt to completely abolish wildfires, which is very detrimental. Also, because if these issues, rather than a natural wildfire pattern, less fires occur and more acres are burning, "In recent years, nationally there has been less of an increase in the number of wildland fires, but the acreage burned has increased dramatically." (dcnr.nv.gov)

I do not have a solution to the issue, however, people, especially younger generations need to better educate themselves and realize that this is a major issue affecting the habitat. If people do not start stepping up to the plate, the Great Basin will be at major risk of losing the natural, beautiful sagebrush that the territory is known for.

Lyrics of your parents music aren't that different from today's

closer attention to the lyrics of a song and you come to the conclusion that you shouldn't be the only one getting yelled at for listening to vulgar songs. The songs your parents listen to have the same type of content as songs today. Songs from back in the day just came up with clever names for things.

If you have ever listened to "Tube Snake Boogie" by ZZ Top you can figure out what they are talking about. Different Poison songs are just as bad

with dirty suggestions such as "Talk Dirty to Me" or "Sexual Thang". "Pour Some Sugar on Me" is another example of 80's music that beats around the bush.

So the next time you are listening to music and your parents criticize you for thinking it is inappropriate, you should ask them to listen to the lyrics of one of their songs and see what happens, they may be surprised to find some similarities.



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Coach Don Walton secures \$15,000 grant

By Ben Norfolk

Lowry baseball coach Don Walton recently received a \$15,000 grant from the E.L. Cord foundation out of Reno which will be used to replace either the fences going down the foul lines or the backstop.

"When I wrote it, it was for replacement of the fences and the backstop," said Walton. "I got a quote on the fences from Artistic Fence and to replace the fences going down the two foul lines is going to be right at \$16,000. An estimate I made to replace our backstop was around \$11,000."

This is not the first grant that Walton has received.

"Don has done a great job and contributed a lot to the district," said head baseball coach Ron Espinola. "Previously his grants have helped refinish the gym floor, replace the seats in the auditorium and buy a mower and shed for the baseball field."

Espinola would like to raise the backstop by ten feet which would make it 30 feet tall. He would also like to replace the fencing and with protective netting. Doing so would keep more foul balls on the field.

"The netting gives fans a better view of the game and the increased height would create a safer environment for them," said Espinola.

The baseball team has been raising

money through concessions so they can replace the grass on the varsity infield and install sod on the JV field. This will create a better and safer playing surface. In addition, with the realignment of the 3A, the JV field will be used for games next year when Lowry plays host to cross-over games.

The grant must be approved by the HCSD school board.



Courtesy • WINNADA
Don Walton.

The year in Lowry Buckaroo sports in rewind

By Ben Norfolk, Brittany Nielsen, Brooklyn Thomas, and Theresa Thompson

CROSS COUNTRY



Staff • THE BRAND
Alex Schumacher crosses the finish line.

This year, to no surprise, the Lowry Cross Country (CC) teams took yet another state title. This is the boys seventh title in a row and the girls' third. Both teams have nine state titles. The Bucks CC will be losing eight seniors; Ryan Arndt, Trevor Belenagar, Skylar Bleck, Adam Gray, Mark Hamry, Chris Pike, Gabby Roman, and Alex Schumacher. On the other hand the Lady Bucks CC team will be losing only two seniors Ashlee Lee, and Lynnsey Johnson.

FOOTBALL

Lowry Football team went to the playoffs for the first time since 2002.

The Bucks started the season strong with wins of over the Lovelock Mustangs 33-7 and the Battle Mountain Longhorns 35-32.

Lowry won its first Homecoming in six years when they overcame the Sparks Railroaders 68-9. On senior night the Bucks played the Dayton Dust Devils and won 19-13. In the last week of the season Lowry traveled to Spring Creek for a must win game and

defeated the Spartans with 38-28. In first round of the playoffs, the Bucks dropped a close game to Fernley 22-19.

Tim Billingsley was chosen as the Northern 3A Coach of the Year.

VOLLEYBALL

Lowry Volleyball had another tough season with a first round lose in zone against the Truckee Wolverines. The Lowry Bucks went 5-10 over all and 2-8 in league. Lowry will be losing seniors Skylar Estes, McKenzie Gray, Shelby Snyder, and Courtney Hammond this year. Lowry will have Betsey Guerrero, Angie Herrera, Alta Smith, Elisa Higbee, Jamie Rose, Julia Dufurrena, and Hanna Etcheverry as their returning players for next years upcoming season.



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Esh Higbee sets the ball for Skylar Estes.

BOYS SOCCER

The varsity boy's soccer record was 500 overall they made the playoffs against Sparks but they lost 8-0. They finished 3 in the league. Anders Paces most memorable moment was winning most of the Lake League Schools. They are losing five seniors to graduation, Noel Garcia, Andy Her-

nandez, Gerardo Covarrubias, Nestor Ruiz, and Alejandro Villagomez.

GOLF GIRLS

The 2009 Lowry girls golf team preformed very admirably this past season. They went down to Boulder City in October for the state championships and took third place. The Lowry girls had six girls place, Cortney Kieser, Casey Kieser, Allison Carlo, Kylee Meckley, Megan Weaver, and Alyssa Parks. The girls will be losing just four golfers, Amy Balagna, Parks, Weaver, and Jordan McClintick.



Staff • THE BRAND
Cortney Kieser watches her approach shot.

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Buckaroo Trivia

By Brooklyn Thomas

Mr. Warren Stotler coached Lowry Varsity Football from 1988-1993.

In 1994 Junior Julie Peters was the first girl to play Lowry JV Football.

The Lowry Baseball, Football and Swim teams have yet taken a Nevada 3A state title.

In '79 Tammy Pollock got the All-State first team in Lowry Basketball for guard her senior year and then came back to coach Lowry girls varsity Basketball for ten years.

In 1999-2003 a set of twins, Kelsey and Katie Engstrom, ran together in track and cross country.

Powder Puff football use to be played with football pads.

In 1965 Humboldt High Buckaroos took 1A state title with an undefeated season.

There are 11 All-American wrestlers in Lowry history including Kelly Pollock, Pat McDade, and Peter Herold.

Mr. Jim Billingsley graduated from Lowry in '73, and returned in '78 to coach many different sports throughout 25 years including Gymnastics, Football, Wrestling, Golf, Softball, and Cross Country. His son, Jace Billingsley plays Football, Baseball, and wrestles. His daughter, Jamie, coaches the JV softball team.

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Boys golf wins first state title since 1986, Dendary is runner-up

By Victoria Fragione and Mary Granath

The Lowry boys golf team continued its season-long domination by claiming the state title last week while competing in Las Vegas. The Bucks have more golf state titles than any other school. However this was their first title since 1986.

"This is our ninth state championship, it's the most out of any school in Nevada. You know golf is kind of a tradition in Winnemucca, it's just been awhile since we've won one," said head coach Chad Peters.

Lowry finished with a score of 834, Virgin Valley finished second with 841, and third place went to Spring Creek with a score of 867.

Although this was Peters' first year coaching the team he was able to bring

home a state title.

"We went to our first couple tournaments and we started winning those so going into state we thought we had a good chance of winning. The South team, Virgin Valley ... was the favorite so we were kind of the underdog. After the first day we were tied and the after the second day we ended up winning by seven," said Peters.

Joey Dendary, who was named MVP for the season in the Northern 3A, placed second in the tournament after losing by one stroke in a one-hole playoff tie-breaker.

"We both hit alright drives and he hit a second shot really close to the pin so I had to go for it. I hit it a little too good and it went over the green into kind of a grass bunker and it was a pretty tough chip."

Dendary remains proud of the over-

all season and his individual performance.

"We went undefeated and added another state title," said Dendary.

As Dendary is a senior this year he will be saying farewell to the Lowry golf program.

"It's going to be hard to fill Joey's shoes... he's our most consistent guy he always shoots around...even par...so filling Joey's shoes is going to be very hard. Someone's going to have to step up," stated Peters.

Gabby Roman is only other senior on the team and will also be leaving. "I love Gabby and I love Joey and they're both good kids and my advice to those guys is just continue doing what they're doing," said Peters, "I have a lot of respect for both of them."



Courtesy CHAD PETERS

The Lowry boys golf team celebrates its state title.

However, Peters continues to anticipate a successful season next year despite losing his two seniors.

"I think we should be able to win the North and make it to state again," said Peters. The Lowry boys golf team looks forward to yet another victorious season next year.

Rewind

BOYS BASKETBALL

The boys Varsity Basketball team went to State at Lawlor Events Center and went up against Virgin Valley and won, in the championship game they played very well against the Sparks Railroaders but lost 53-50. Their final record was 16-11 and in the league they were 9-3.

WRESTLING

Lowry Buckaroo Wrestling team pushed themselves hard to receive another state title, totaling the titles for the school at 12 wins. Lowry finished the season by going to Las Vegas to win the title by a land slide of 226.5 to the next closest being fernley at 141.

Six individual Bucks took home state titles. The bucks next year will shoot for their 3 title in a row, and the 13th title total to put them as the school with the most state championships in wrestling, for all Nevada leagues. The Lowry team will be losing just 10 senior but they will make that up with the 8th graders who are coming to high school.



Courtesy

Wrestlers with the state championship trophy.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lowry Varsity Girls Basketball took the state this year for the first time since 2002 with a 35-34 win in overtime. With leadership of Ashlee Lee, Lynnsey Johnson, Courtney Hammond, and Skylar Estes the girls went 19-7 overall. The team averaged 46.4 points per game. During state semifinal game Lowry dominated Virgin Valley 60-36 to advance in the state game. Lowry Varsity Girls were defeated three times against The Spring Creek Spartans throughout the season, and took their first win against the Spartans to take the state title.

SWIMMING

Lowry had fourteen students who qualified to go to Zone: McKenzie Gray, Alex "AJ" Jackson, Johana Christensen, Jessie Pate, Tori Echeverria, Andrew Stephen, Tysom Shurtliff, Michael Drake, Moriah Avalos, Kinzie McClintick, Amaya Drake, Jillian Pfarr, Olivia Snow, and Carlos Esparza. Stephen qualified for State. During Zone Stephen competed in the boys 100 yard butterfly and the boys 50 yard freestyle placing 2nd and 3rd



Miranda Buttram • THE BRAND
Tysom Shurtliff.

in preliminaries. In the finals, Stephen placed 3rd in the 50 free.

TRACK

The track team had three state champions.

Mateo Echeverria took state in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.48. He won the race by 0.04 seconds.

Tyler Anderson took state in Boys Discus with a throw of 148 feet 9 inches. This throw beat his old personal record of 144 feet. Will Thacker placed third in this event with a throw of 135 feet 2 inches.

Bernice Sanchez won state in the Triple Jump with a jump of 33 feet 7.5 inches.

Will Thacker also took second in the shot put with a throw of 49 feet 5.5 inches.

The entire girls' team placed ninth with 31 points. The whole boys team placed fifth with 73 points.

BASEBALL

The Lowry baseball team returned to the playoffs for the first time in a year but fell just one game short of the state tournament with a loss to the Dayton Dust Devils. This season the Bucks finished 18-13 over all.

This season the Bucks had six extra inning games and six walk-offs to win games. The Bucks never gave up they played hard every inning, they came

through when they needed it.

After being swept by Truckee the Bucks needed to swept Sparks to get into the playoffs. In the zone playoffs against the Dayton Dust Devils, Lowry won game one in extra innings 9-8. The Bucks lost in the next two games to end the season.



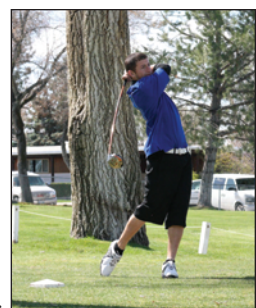
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Anthony Chojnacki.

BOYS GOLF

The Lowry Boys Golf team became state champions. In the state tournament Joey Dendary took second with a score of 150 for and lost in a one-hole playoff to Allan Nousiainen from Truckee.

The golf team has been ranked first in the 3A all this season. Dillion Bryan placed eighth at state (163), Cole Erquiga tied for ninth (168), Louis Roman tied for 13th (175), Dean Vetter placed 16th (178), and Chris Dendary placed 26th (189). The team finished with a score of 834.



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Gabby Roman.

Athlete of the Year: David Eastman

By Brooklyn Thomas

Lowry's Athlete of the Year, David Eastman, has been chosen for his devotion to athletics. He has participated in three sports for three years at Lowry.

Eastman has played in football, basketball, and baseball at Lowry.

He was born on February 8, 1992 in Elko NV. Eastman moved many times before finding a home in Winnemucca.

"I lived in Battle Mountain for six months then we moved to Winnemucca until I was five and then we moved to Round Mountain where I met my good friends Terrell and Col-lin Messerly.

Then we moved to Alaska for Five years and then we moved back here," said Eastman.

Eastman got involved in sports at a young age.

"I remember going to tournaments, my dad was playing in them for basketball when I was really young and

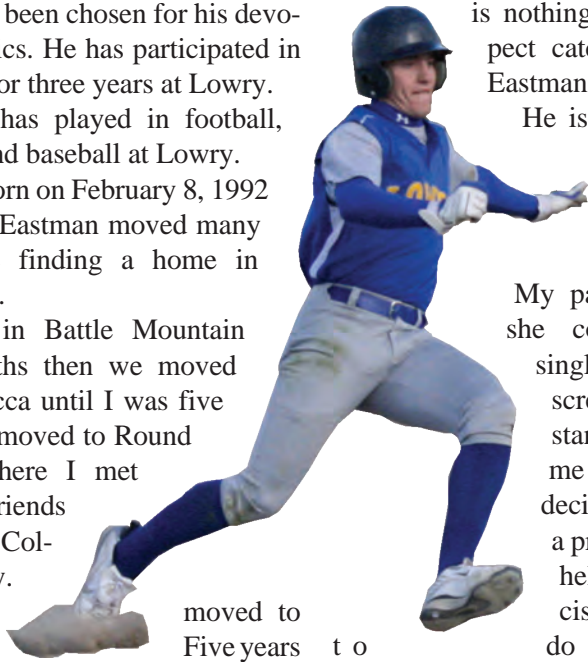
watching him. When we moved to Round Mountain I played every sport I possibly could because there is nothing else to do. Expect catch lizards," said Eastman.

He is driven by more than simply wanting to be the best...his family.

My parents, my mom she comes to every single game; she's screaming in the stands. She supports me with whatever I decide. My dad he is a pretty wise guy, he helps me make decisions about what to do and what not to do.

He is the reason I am playing college basketball," said Eastman.

In the fall, Eastman will continue his athletic career at Upper Iowa University in Fayette, IA. He will be the point guard for the Peacocks, a Division 2 college.



Athlete of the Year: Lynnsey Johnson

By Emily Bonham

Lynnsey Johnson was born in Reno, Nevada on May 12, 1992. She is the oldest of three sisters.

Johnson played softball and basketball all four years of high school. She also played soccer her sophomore year and ran cross country her senior year. She won state titles in cross country and basketball. Johnson just tried a little bit of everything until she found her favorite sports.

Johnson said, "softball is my favorite sport because I got on varsity my freshman year and just continued playing it."

She said her mom has inspired her to continue softball because her mom also received scholarships for softball. She has been on varsity softball for all four years of high school.

"My dad pushed me to be better as my coach when I was little," she said.

Lynnsey plans to further her education at Lassen Community College in Susanville, CA. She plans to major in elementary education. While at Lassen she will be playing basketball and softball. After Lassen she intends to transfer to a university.

As she shares her middle name with the former stadium of the New York Mets (Shea), she is a fan. She is also a diehard fan of the Chicago Cubs.

Her family has been supportive of her athletic endeavors. They typically spend more time at fields and gyms than at home.

"My family is outgoing, were always doing something with sports or just as a family," Johnson said.

"Sports made me keep my grades up, I'm not a student-athlete I'm an athlete-student," she said.



Why are some sports so superfluously superstitious?

By Mary Granth

Many people maintain superstitions in all areas of life. However, one area in which superstitions run rampant is in sports. Just ask the Lowry High School baseball team who buried their lucky bat two feet underneath the field at the close of their season. "We buried it because the bat has been around a very long time," said catcher Mitch Pollock, "Every time someone would go and use the bat they would do good with it."

Pollock said having the bat buried under the field will make everyone feel confident when they step up to the plate, stating that it's "kind of a mind game."

Pollock has other superstitions as well. "I have two sets of batting gloves with me at all times because if I'm not hitting well with the pair I have on I'll switch."

Pitcher Bryan Noble has his own superstitions as well. "For a pitcher there's one I believe somewhat in, where the game ball, it's the pitcher's and no one else is suppose to touch it ...before the first pitch."

The baseball team isn't the only Lowry team with superstitions however; the softball team also has some weird quirks such as not stepping on the foul lines. "Once they're done you don't want to step on them until the game starts. We think if you step on them it will bring you bad luck," said first baseman Lynnsey Johnson.

Some sport superstitions have been passed down from generation to generation. Such as not washing socks in be-

tween games, wearing the same pair of shorts, or using the same number each year.

Many major league teams have superstitions as well. Perhaps the most famous of which is the "curse of the Bambino" the Red Sox experienced from 1918 to 2004 during which time they were unable to win the world series supposedly because they had traded Babe Ruth the Yankees.

The Cubs have also been experienc-

ing a similar curse called the Billy Goat curse. According to legend the owner of local tavern was asked to leave Wrigley Field because his goat's stench was bothering other fans. The tavern owner stated that the Cubs would never win another World Series and curse hold firm. The Cubs haven't been to a World Series since 1945.

However, the real question is: are superstitions legitimate or are they psychological?

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The Senior Buckaroo Roundup

By Theresa Thompson

Brandon Eldodt



"My friends and I do stunts. Like tying Kiefer to the back of a car on a scooter and driving that car very fast."

What makes you happy?

Unicorns butterflies, stuff of that nature.

Have you ever lived anywhere else?

Yeah in Albuquerque, New Mexico until I was about six then we moved here.

Who is your favorite teacher and why?

Mrs. Doyle or Mrs. James just because I can talk to them not only about school but other things and they won't judge me. They help me

out in everything.

Role models?

My mom is one of my role models because she is really hard-working, and really dedicated to everything. If you say your cold she'd take her shirt off her back and give it to you, she's just that kind of person.

What are your post Graduate plans?

I'm going to go to the University of Utah in Salt Lake City with three of friends, Jake, Terrell, and Alex. I'm also rooming with Terrell.

Hannah Sampson



"Enjoy [high school] don't be stupid and get good grades."

Favorite class?

Anatomy because I want to be a vet and it prepares me for that.

Hobbies?

Swim, snowboard, hanging with friends

Most important thing?

My dog because she is a princess.

What scares you?

Graduating because I don't know if I'm ready to be on my own.

The best thing that has happened in high

school?

Having a lot of friends

Most embarrassing moment?

I had black ink on my forehead and libby said You have black stuff on your forehead. But I had to pass out workbooks then I tripped over Reeds crutches and dropped all the books on Zacks chips and crushed them and everybody was just laughing at me.

One thing you want to do in life?

Bungee jump

Jake Maga



"I've never had an embarrassing moment."

Do you have any siblings?

Yeah. Brad, Chet, Kennedy Megan and Lauran.

Hobbies?

I go to church sometimes.

Advice about high school?

It goes really fast so work hard and don't waste a second of it.

Do you have any pet peeves?

Yeah, I hate stupid people. People that do stu-

pid things or say stupid things just really bother me.

Have you traveled anywhere?

Yeah I went to Cancun, Hawaii, Greenland, and Alaska.

Most important thing in your life and why?

My family because they'll support me no matter what. If I didn't have my family I wouldn't have a lot.

What do you fear?

I don't have any fears.

Senior Voices: What are you doing this summer? By Brooklyn Thomas

Mia Davis



"I am going to working and Hanging out with my friends and family."

Sara Alyssa Mecham



"I am going to Utah and going to work with my aunt, and finish packing."

Reid Schwartz



"I'm Work, figure out my housing plan, get moved up to where I'm stay get all that stuff lined out."

Terrell Messerly



"Working, and drinking water, and more working."

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2010 graduating class plans and goals for the future

Sahul Acosta-Grijalva Pima County College in Tucson Arizona.

William Aguiar-Not submitted.

Marissa Alanis-Going to Europe, then Mesa State, in Grand Junction, CO.

Jacob Albright-UNR.

Christian Alcaraz-Army.

Maira Alvarenga-GBC in Elko.

Adam Anderson-Applying at WACA in Reno.

Tyler Anderson-Get me one of those fancy jobs.

Ryan Arndt-GBC in Elko.

Sammy Arno-Not submitted.

Joshua Ashby-I am going to have fun!

Nicos Avalos-Going into the Air Force to become either a fighter pilot or a musician.

Amy Balagna-UNR, where I hope to double major in art and speech pathology, and be the illustrator for the Nevada Sagebrush.

Ryan Ballard-Going to GBC to get smart.

Lane Barton-Going to TMCC to gets me uh uh fancy edumacation.

Trevor Belanger-Santa Clara University in Santa Clara, CA.

Karl Berensten-Montana State University, going through Air Force R.O.T.C. to become an officer and pilot in the Air Force and I will have a degree in Business Management

Chance Billows-Navy Submarine Electronics

Field: Nuclear Missile Mechanic.

Skylyr Bleck-The Army to be an EOD specialist.

Sydney Borchert-I'm going to Europe.

Jacob Brennan-Not submitted.

Ashley Brookins-Not submitted.

Brenda Caracoza-Not submitted.

Noemi Cardenas-Attending GBC for RN Nursing.

Blaine Case-Doing the Borrichs scholarship program in Elko for electrical.

Danielita Chavez-GBC in Winnemucca for secondary teaching.

Rachel Chavez-Travel around until I find something I like.

Giovan Cholico-UNR then going on to medical school to become a pediatric oncologist.

Caleb Christensen-Not submitted.

James Christison-UNR to major in music.

Thomas Collins-Not submitted.

Amy Contreras-Get a job at a mine.

Tyler Cooper-University of Arizona to study biochemistry and eventually med school.

Gerardo Covarrubias-UNR, Civil Engineering.

Corbin Crouch-I am going to Feather River Community College in Quincy, CA.

Luis Cruz-TMCC and work in Truckee.

Ryan Cushman-Not submitted.

Hailey Daley-Paul Mitchell school for cosmetology in Reno.

Candace Davidson-I am going to RCC in Oregon.

Jessica Davis-GBC and getting my nursing degree.

Mai-Hesa Davis-GBC in Winnemucca.

Cassandra Deaver-Moving to CO and eating bacon.

Joseph Dendary-UNR next

fall.

Ashley Dennis-I am moving to Marina, CA to work for a year and then go to college.

Serrina Doucette-Moving to Alaska for college.

Amaya Drake-UNR.

Ryan Dufurrena-Either TMCC or SOCC.

David Eastman-Playing basketball at Upper Iowa University in Fayette, IA.

Mateo Echeverria-Boise State University.

Brandon Eldodt-University of Utah majoring in awesomeness.

Skylar Estes-UNR next fall.

Alberto Estrada-GBC in Elko.

Adriana Fernandez-I plan on working through the summer, then go to GBC in the fall.

Erik Fernandez-Enlist in the military.

Kristen Fisher-Truckee Meadows Community College in Reno to study Culinary Arts.

Jose Garcia-Going straight to work.

Jovi Garcia-Not submitted.

Noel Garcia-UNR.

Juan Garcia Diaz-UNR to be a Civil Engineer.

Kali Gerhard GBC-in Elko.

Elizabeth Gleixner-Going to serve in the U.S. Army.

Adilene Gomez-GBC in Elko.

Tyler Gomez-Amass an evil bunny army, take over the world, do at least 100 things that are impossible to do and then disappear into a large cloud of glitter.

Oscar Gonzalez-GBC in Winnemucca for a year and then transfer to the University of Aspen, CO.

Mary Granath-Seattle University in Washington.

Jackson Gratwohl-UNR.

Adam Gray-UNR.

Mckenzie Gray-Boise State, playing in the marching band, and majoring in music/business.

Megan Griggs-Esthetics, massage therapy, Reno.

Taylor Gruey-UNR.

Jeremy Guercio-Art Institute in Phoenix.

Abbey Haaglund-Moving to Reno and TMCC.

Courtney Hammond-The Honors Program at Westminster College in Salt Lake City.

Mark Hamry-Not submitted.

Christian Hansen-GBC in Elko.

Shelby Hansen-Going to Utah to start my life!

Kaylee Harrison-GBC.

Zachery Haught-Not submitted.

Tyrell Henriod-Being lazy and working

Schylar Herley-Going to Colorado to train to be a firefighter.

Andy Hernandez-UNR.

Dalia Hernandez-GBC in Elko.

Jonathan Hernandez-

Jose Herrera-Elko, NV GBC, business and diesel mechanics.

Jennica Herrera-Cassar-Will probably leave town but keep designing decks for a skate team.

Jayna Hill-UNR.

Adrian Hull-I am enlisted in the United States Army.

Annie Isaak-The Rhema Bible Training College in Broken Arrow, OK.

Evan Jacobsen-Considering the Military.

Jerry Jakich-GBC going into Radiology Technology.

Lynnsey Johnson-Lassen Community College in Susanville, CA.

Nicole Johnson-GBC.

Suzi Jones-UNR.

Wesley Jones-Going to college at TMCC.

Vanessa Juanes-GBC and get my basics.

Cameron Keele-GBC and getting a job

Sarah Kelsey-Oklahoma State University.

Mark Kenison-GBC in Elko.

2010 graduating class plans and goals for the future

Michelle Klegseth-GBC to become a pre-school teacher.

Chancie Larrabee-College and get into tattooing.

Mallorie Leal-TMCC in Reno.

Ashlee Lee-the UNR.

Desirae Lemm-Joined the Army, leaving June 8, 2010 for basic training in Oklahoma.

John Lesley-Not submitted.

Joseph Lester-Going to Reno to attend TMCC.

Daniel Lockaby-Not submitted.

Sarah Lohr-Not submitted.

Antonio Lopez-Getting a full time job and GBC.

Cecilia Lopez-I'm planning to attend GBC.

Monica Lopez-Not submitted.

Chelsea Lujan-I want to work and put myself through college for social work.

Camille Lyon-UNR.

Quinn Mader-Rodeoing for Blue Mountain in Pendleton, OR.

Kiefer Maestrejuan-Uncecided.

Jake Maga-University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

Annavel Magana-GBC and raising my baby boy.

Eddie Magana-Uncecided.

Richard Magana-College and live a successful life.

Jordan Martin-WyoTech in June.

Estevan Martinez-I am going to the Marines.

Teasha Martinez-College majoring in art.

Jordan McClintick-Boise State University.

Tamora McCrea-Not submitted.

Sara Mecham-Moving to Reno to attend Marinello School of Beauty.

Adriana Mendoza-International Academy of Beauty School.

Joel Mendoza-College to become a mechanic.

Ariana Mentaberry-Reno bound, TMCC!

Gabriel Mercado-Not submitted.

Terrell Messerly-University of Utah.

Melissa Miller-GBC locally (woohoo!)

Christina Miners-Working with Newmont, moving to Washington in the fall.

Rebecca Monroe-Double majoring in writing and illustration at BSU.

Trenten Montero-New Mexico State and rodeoing.

Lisset Mora-GBC in Winnemucca and Elko.

Daisy Morfin-GBC and to get my degree in Criminal Justice.

Silver Nichols-Staying here and going to GBC for a few years, then UNR.

Brittany Nielsen-I am going to Boise for Massage Therapy.

Ben Norfolk-I plan on working for a year then get into Wild Life Biology.

Eric Orlando-GBC for two years to start a career as an X-Ray Tech and then BSU for a music major.

Chase Orr-GBC.

Abel Ortega-Rivera GBC in Winnemucca or Elko.

Timothy Palmer-I am majoring in Chemical Engineering at UNR.

Alyssa Parks-UNR.

Bradley Pearce-Psychology at UNR.

Christopher Pike-University of Idaho in Moscow, ID.

Julissa Pulido-UNR.

Salvador Pulido-GBC in Elko.

Hunter Quilici-GBC to get a Bachelors degree in Biology and Wild Life Management.

Jose Ramirez-GBC in Elko.

Patrick Rehberg-Join the army.

Justin Rice-UNR.

Javier Rivera-UNR.

Chelsea Robison-TMCC for Culinary Arts.

Louis Roman-The Golf Academy in Phoenix.

Rachel Romo-

Nestor Ruiz-GBC in Elko.

Justin Ryan-Work with the possibility of tech school.

Shalyn Sample-College of Southern Idaho.

Hannah Sampson-I want to become a veterinarian.

Alex Schumacher-Grabbing a biomedical engineering degree at the University of Utah.

Reid Schwartz-Going into construction.

Stephanie Shelley-UNR.

Adrianna Silva-

Krista Smith-Not submitted.

Shelby Snyder-Gold digging.

Andrew Soderstrom-Finish college and pursue a career in storyline for video games.

Jordan Songer-United States Army.

Nicolas Spriet-Not submitted.

Thomas Stephen-I'm going to become a paramedic.

Rachael

Studebaker-University of Idaho in Moscow, ID, studying interior design, dance, and Spanish.

Alex Stursa-Working at Hycroft.

Vanessa Tafoya-Take a year off from school and work.

Zebidiah Teichert-Not submitted.

Brooke Thomas-California in hopes of becoming a cosmetologist.

Shelton Thomason-Going straight into fulltime work as a mechanic.

Lance Thompson-College to study Agriculture Science and Business Management.

Jessica Schumacher-Southwestern Oregon Community College in Coos Bay, OR to major in Fire Science

Colton Tolbert-Making

money, winning the lottery.

Paeden Underwood-Southwestern Oregon Community College.

Andrea Vaca-I am going to get my basics here at GBC

Ryan VanDerVeen-GBC in Winnemucca.

Brittani VanWeerd-Staying in town and getting my general education classes done at GBC.

Mary Vassar-Working my first year for college tuition then going to school the following year.

Alejandro Villagomez-Santa Fe University, NM.

Lacy Villarreal-Not submitted.

Robyn Wadleigh-Truckee Meadows CC to become a pediatric dental hygienist.

Tiffany Watterson-University of Utah in Salt

Lake City.

Megan Weaver-GBC in Winnemucca.

Daniel Westfall-Uncecided.

Cody White-Not submitted.

Ross Woolever-Not submitted.

Dackota York-UNR.

Juan Zepeda-Destined for greatness.

Justice Department has launched inquiry into digital music pricing, sources say

By Alex Pham, Los Angeles Times, (MCT)

LOS ANGELES _ The Justice Department has started a preliminary inquiry related to the pricing and promotion of digital music by Apple Inc. and Amazon.com Inc., according to sources familiar with the discussions.

All four music labels _ EMI Music, Sony Music Entertainment, Universal Music Group and Warner Music Group _ were contacted by Justice Department officials several weeks ago, sources said.

Investigators had asked about the labels' participation in Amazon's

Daily Deal, which gives discounts on albums and songs a day before the music is released widely in stores and other music sites. Specifically, Justice Department representatives wanted details on whether Apple leaned on the labels to discourage them from participating in Amazon's program, sources said.

Billboard magazine had reported on the imbroglio between Apple and Amazon on March 4 in an article titled "Apple Agonistes." The New York Times on Tuesday afternoon first reported on the Justice Department examination.

Sources stressed that the inquiry

appeared to be in the early stages. Neither Amazon nor Apple immediately responded to e-mails requesting state-

ments. A Justice Department spokeswoman could not be reached for comment.

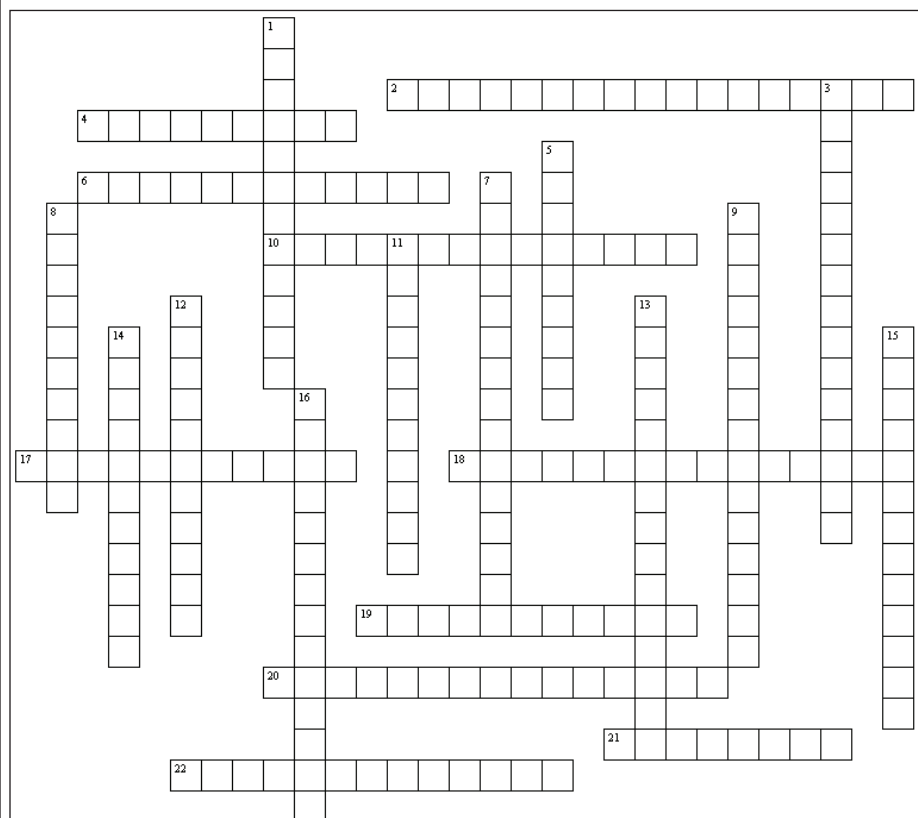
Senior Crossword by Mary Granath

ACROSS

- 2 Homecoming Queen.
- 4 VP of the Art Club.
- 6 The two 6' 6" Seniors of the Varsity Basketball Team (First names only).
- 10 Prom King.
- 17 Senior Class President.
- 18 Captains of the Baseball Team (First names only).
- 19 Golf State runner-up.
- 20 Treasurer of NHS.
- 21 4 time XC State Champ, winner of 3A XC Zone.
- 22 FFA buff who won all the Ag. Scholarships.

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- 5 Senior Advisor for one year.
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- 8 Senior Class VP.
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- 11 State Wrestling Champ at 152 pounds.
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Senior Chelsea Robison, leading the way for future artists

By Savannah McDade

Senior Chelsea Robison has proceeded to inspire future art students by creating beautiful artwork and exemplifying hard work and dedication. Robison said that her favorite aspect of art is stepping back after long hours of hard work and realizing that she created artwork.

Robison currently enjoys doing acrylics and portraits and her favorite project is her Chuck Close portrait, "it won best in show at the Humboldt County Art Show and I'm pretty proud

of that", said Robison.

Although Robison is a talented art student she admits that every once in a while she finds herself in a moratorium, "If I have a hard time, I kind of sit back and listen to music and sit there and think about what Chelsea Robison working on an art project.



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I want to do... music motivates me". She also encourages other students to take art classes, "even if you're not good at it, it's a good way to express yourself", said Robison.

Robison has been involved in art since elementary school and is planning on attending Truckee Meadows Com-

munity College and eventually the University of Nevada Reno in hopes of pursuing a degree in art.

Mr. Andy Anderson of the Lowry art department said, "Chelsea has never failed to go above and beyond the required content of an art lesson. She does that with every art project." Anderson continued saying, "I think if she uses her talents and abilities the right way, it can take her a long way."

Robison's Chuck Close portrait was on display at the Art and CTE Showcase which took place on May 27 at Lowry High School.

Lowry hosts the second annual Art and CTE showcase for public

By Miranda Buttram

On May 27, the 2nd annual Art and CTE showcase was held at Lowry High School from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Student artworks were hung throughout the art building, while demos such as ceramics and portrait drawing were occurring.

In the art building art from Mrs. Courtney Rorex, Mr. Andrew Anderson, and Ms. Irene Kottke's students was on display. In addition, the greenhouse was open and selling plants to the public, and woodwork and metalwork was on display in the Career

Technology building. Art Club members, FFA members and other students helped work during the show, doing everything from setting up, cleaning up, and watching the students' art.

The rain storms didn't discourage the art students from working on and fixing their chalk art. Seniors Rebecca Monroe and Chris Hansen worked during the showcase to fix their own sidewalk chalk.

"We had high aspirations for the project, for what it would look like, we wanted to see it completed," said Rebecca Monroe.

In the Career Technology building, projects from Mr. Luca Bernardi's classes were on display. They ranged from entertainment centers to play houses for children. Many of the items were also available for sale.

FFA members were selling plants that they had grown in the schools greenhouse under the supervision of Mrs. Rebecca Hill. Students also use the greenhouse to grow plants native to the desert.

Mr. Cory Coles' welding students also had their the projects

on display. Some items, such as trailers, took months for the students to complete.

Students were also doing demonstrations for the public. In Rorex' room, Jordan Doyle and Jaren Cornwall, two ceramic students, were throwing pots on the wheel, while others painted their projects, inspired by the artist Peter Max. Students such as Mariah Johnson and Eric Orlando were working on their own graphic design projects during the showcase too.

Outside Carlos Esparza and Shelby Wells were oil painting while Cheyenne Stillwell used chalk pastels to depict a scene of mountains. When asked why he chose to oil paint at the showcase, Esparza said, "Why did I chose to oil paint? That's like asking the Pope why he's Catholic."

"It's great," Brendan Kilcourse said about the showcase, "It's a lot of fun we have some good art here, and I'm enjoying it. There seems to be a lot more this year and the student demonstrations have been pretty good. My favorite part of the showcase would have to be the demos. It's cool, you get to watch them and how they do it."

People's favorite part varied from

the demos as Kilcourse said to the drawings which Tyler Cooper enjoyed.

"I like all the drawings, the regular drawings, like there was an



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Avatar picture, and all the self portraits," said Cooper.

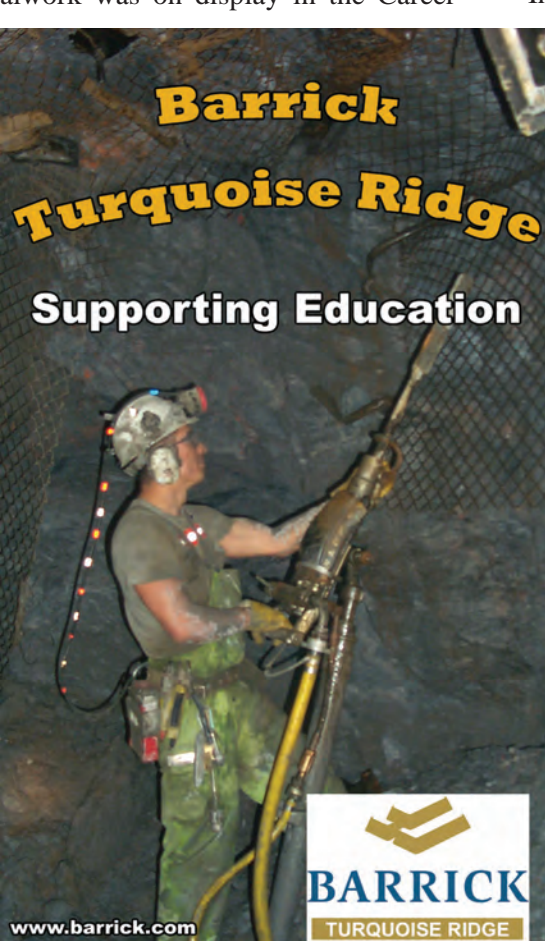
Anderson also thought this year's showcase was a hit. When asked why they created the showcase he said, "There was a lot of artwork going home that was never getting seen. The showcase allowed us to display more artworks."

With the dozens of people who came to view the artwork, the purpose of the showcase was reached. More high school artwork was shown than was capable during student art month.

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7. The Blind Side (Warner)
8. The New Daughter (Anchor Bay)
9. The Messenger (Oscilloscope)
10. The Lovely Bones (Paramount)



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Building Trades' projects.



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Carlos Esparza and Cheyenne Stillwell.