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Graduating class of 2012

By Brandon Eastman

With the 2011-2012 school year coming to a close, it's the day we've all been waiting for. For our entire lives, we have dreamed of this moment... and it is finally here. We will finally be graduating. We will no longer have to sit in the stands and watch our friends walk across the stage receiving their diplomas; it is finally our turn.

After the busiest year of our high school careers, we can finally be relieved

and somewhat stress free. However, we're not completely in the clear yet. We still have the rest of our lives to worry about, but for now we have no more college applications to fill out; we have no more scholarships to apply for; we have no more graduation announcements to address and send out, and most importantly... we are done with the sleepless nights doing homework that we will probably never use in our entire lives. We are done with staying up until the middle of the night studying for tests and, of course, we are all happy that Shakespeare will no longer be a part of our everyday lives. Well, at least until next year.

This year has been full of unforgettable memories for us seniors, from the beginning of the year at our Senior

Sunrise until now, when we will finally be rewarded for four years of hard work and great accomplishments inside and outside of the classroom.

I will go through a list of a few accomplishments that our entire senior class can look back on and smile: winning he-man and powderpuff during homecoming, winning multiple state championships throughout the year, all the senior class meetings with free pizza, and of course the infamous Senior Prank.

For the very successful senior year we have all had, we must thank our senior class advisors: Marcel Johnson and Christy Bell, and our senior class officers: Candace Comeau and Macie Mavity. They have spent countless hours preparing us for this moment. They

have been busy since the very first day of school planning events for us to participate in, and of course, they get to school at 7:15 every morning to run the Senior Store. A few other things that our class officers have done for us include: asking the county commissioners for money to help pay for graduation, writing "a million thank you cards", and holding a class meeting each month to keep all



Seniors take a break from "studying"./Staff • The Brand

“Being class president has taken up so much time, but it was well worth it.”

~Candace Comeau

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Academic assembly-A night at the Oscars

By Nic Velasquez

Lowry High School's Assembly of Excellence took place on May 5, 2012. As the largest edition of the assembly thus far, students received over 800 awards total. With the theme being changed every year, this year's edition was an Oscar/Hollywood theme. Each student that was to receive an award was forced to submit into

wearing an assembly of excellence t-shirt.

The awards flowed out the entire assembly with short intermissions of multiple cultural dances including Basque and Mexican dances, along with a ballerina type performance.

Awards were given out to the top ten students of each class. The top ten seniors were; Melanie Vance, Bryan Noble, Clarissa Conn, Sean Whitlock, Megan Guild, Andy Martinez, Jessica Rackley, and Dusty Thiede with the top two seniors being Brandon Eastman and Jessica Villarreal who received a check for a thousand dollars. For the juniors it was; Riata Kull, Carli Evatz, Sarah Gillespie, Madi Mitch, Baby Face, Marion House, Cortney Kieser, Matthew Ruehl, Chipindale Pollock, and Michael Billingsley.

Top ten sophomores were; Nate Eldodt, Kelsey Laker, Rachel Sigurdson, Joseba Criswell, Taylor Schwartz, Jasmin Landa, Chris Kitras, Maeve Donovan, Amaya Davis, and Suhani Bhakta. Last but not least, the top ten freshmen were; Sabrina Jensen, Emma Kracaw, Brycen Prokasky, Donovan Brumm, Auri Criddle, Colin Doyle, Chris Tyree, Josh Rose, Thomas Schwartz, and Alyssa Dendary.

There were a handful of presidential fitness awards given out to Alexia Victoria, Alondra Duenas, Cecily Snow, Danielle Ricker, Emma Kracaw, Jocelyn Gutierrez, Mckenzie Maddox, Meg Montero, Sarah Smith, Shannon Munk, Sierra Gleason, and Vicky Mendoza.

A special award was given out to two students as the most inspirational students of the year. Those students were Ramon Heredia and Bernenice Lopez.

Medallions were given out to the most outstanding student in every subject. Kayla Doyle received a medallion for outstanding foreign language, along with Marie Elise-Kitras who also received the social studies one. Overall art went to Anna Mellen. The medallion for business and computers went to Brandon East-



The dancers of Encore Dance Academy./Ron Espinola • The Brand



The Basque dancers performing at the Academic Assembly./Ron Espinola • The Brand

man and he received the science one also. The CTE medallion was given to Quinn Norcutt. Overall English went to Sean Whitlock. The physical education medallion was awarded to Bryan Noble. Hiram Howell received the one for overall music. Overall leadership medallion was awarded to Julia Duffurena.

Four hundred dollar bonds were also given out as the overall students of each subject. The students that received the English awards were Jonathan Landa and Maria-Elise Kitras. The students that received the overall science bonds were Brandon Eastman and Jessica Villarreal. The students that received the math bond were Sean Whitlock and Jessica Villarreal. Overall Agriculture was Ashley Buckingham and Dusty Thiede. Overall art was Emily Swindle. Overall drama award went to Chase Estes. Overall auto technology went to Bryan Noble and Quinn Norcutt.



A view from the stage./Ron Espinola • The Brand



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Jayci Hill performs on stage as a part of the Encore Dancers./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Jovi Garcia and Mark Langston go up to the stage to receive their awards./Ron Espinola • The Brand

Art/CTE hosts third annual showcase

By Harley Long

On May 24 Lowry High School hosted its annual CTE Showcase from 6 to 8 pm. throughout the CTE and art buildings there were works of art ranging from computer graphics to entertainment centers. The wood shop, welding, computer, and horticulture all showed their talents and skills by showing off their projects. The horticulture class was also selling the plants that they have been growing in the green house all year.

Mr. Bernardi's classes have been working all year on wood works and other miscellaneous things for the home. Meyer's students had all of their welding projects on display and were showing demonstrations of how to make certain projects. In the science building Mrs. Scott's classes showed all of their Photoshop skills, scrapbooks, and slide shows they've made this year.

"I liked seeing all the art work that my friends did, especially the head sil-

houettes," said McKenzie Moore.

The Art building was overflowing with art projects from every art teacher here. There were self portraits made from charcoal in Kottke's classroom, along with some her students working on other projects they were in the process of making. Anderson's students were showing how to use the pottery wheel and how to do graphic design samples for the people who were interested. Rorex had all of her sewing classes' aprons, blankets, and other projects they had made



Some of the sidewalk chalk art on display./Harley Long • The Brand

throughout the year hanging in her room and in the CTE building as well.

"The uniqueness of the art that captured their personalities was the best part," said Matt Jones.

The Art club made sidewalk art with chalk; the theme of the chalk art was "iconic". This year the weather held up throughout the night and everyone was able to see their handy work. There was Lego people, Marilyn Monroe pop art,

and Campbell's soup can art just like the one by Andy Warhol.

"The ceramics display was definitely the best! It had all the lights and everything," said Mr. Anderson.



Mark Linnell shows off his welding project./Harley Long • The Brand

Brandon Eastman named Valedictorian

By Madison Waldie

The Valedictorian of a class is the student who has maintained the highest cumulative grade point average throughout high school.

This year, the Valedictorian is a student who has made himself a role model in the classroom, on the court or field, and among his peers and friends as well. Brandon Eastman was a four time Academic All-State player, a state champion in varsity basketball, the managing editor of The Brand, and the President of Lowry's National Honor Society chapter.

The term Valedictorian is derived from the Latin term vale dicere, or 'To say farewell.' On Thursday night, May 31, 2012, Eastman will address his friends, community, teammates,

family, and the Class of 2012 for one last time. He will deliver the commencement speech to the crowd and say good-bye and show his appreciation to all of the people whom he has had an impact on and those who have impacted him. Eastman plans to attend Upper Iowa University in Fayette, Iowa in the fall. He will study Sports Management and Psychology.

"It [Valedictorian] was my goal coming to Lowry as a freshman and to know that my four years of hard work in the classroom has finally paid off is a nice feeling," said Eastman.



2012 Valedictorian Brandon "Beastman" Eastman./ Courtesy • Winnada

Band barbecue a success

By Hayley Goldblatt

On Monday, May 14, the band held its last annual concert/fundraiser.

"It was very successful, there was a big crowd," said Mr. Criddle, when asked if he thought the barbeque was a success.

Rachel French, a swing choir member, said, "I think it went very well. I think everybody did a good job, and it was fun."

Kelton Robbins, another swing choir member and the first trumpet in band, said he thought that the concert went fantastic and that he was happy he got to see a lot of his friends and loved ones there.

Chris Barta, who is a flautist and a singer in choir, said, "It was pretty good, we did pretty

well. A few mistakes, but we still did pretty good."

When they were asked if they wanted to have another concert like this next year, the answer was a resounding yes and Barta added, "We should've had a party."



Ana Davis, Shannon Munk, Kelton Robbins, Chris Barta and Auri Criddle waiting for the concert to begin after finishing dinner./Hayley Goldblatt • The Brand



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Athlete of the Year: Angie Herrera

By Wyatt Lester

 Angie Herrera has been selected as the 2011-2012 Athlete of the Year for her outstanding sports achievements throughout her years at Lowry. Angie is a three sport athlete and an active student involved in many Lowry academic activities, such as National Honor Society. Her athletics career has consisted of being a varsity athlete in every sport since her sophomore year, a state championship in basketball, and all the great memories of being in all the sports. She has played sports since she could practically walk and has tried all sorts of activities since her early years. She started with soccer at the beginning of grade school and has grown to be a three sport athlete all four years of high school. "I've been playing volleyball since I could walk, basketball since about third grade, and softball since fifth grade," said Herrera, "I even played soccer when I was in first grade." Angie has followed in the footsteps of her own family members who were Lowry athletes such as her older sister who played similar sports and her father who participated many years ago. Volleyball is her favorite sport because of its high intensity and the over-



all aspect of fun it brings. Herrera has achieved many feats in her athletic career such as a 1st team All-League award and a state championship trophy in basketball. She is also a state runner up in softball. Herrera's idol in sports has been Michael Jordan because "he's awesome and has the right character as an athlete." Angie likes to just hang out with friends like any other teenage kid and enjoys being competitive in all her activities. She succeeds in all aspects surrounding Lowry sports but she's horrible at badminton for some unknown reason. When asked what she thought some of the Lowry coaches would say about her she said, "I worked really hard at everything I did and I never stopped trying. I put 100% effort and I worked well on a team and listen to directions well." Angie will attend UNR for general studies. She said she has no further plans with any competitive sports and its time to close that chapter. "Its high school yeah, but life goes on. But I hope when I'm gone I'll have left a mark on Lowry and it'll show that I did try and hard work does pay off," said Herrera. Her accomplishments have shown that she will leave Lowry with the character and determination that she has shown in Lowry athletics.

Summer Olympics Preview

By Destiny James

 It is about that time again where all the great athletes from around the world come to participate in the Summer Olympics. This year they will be held in London, England, and the United Kingdom, from July 27-August 12. There will be 200 countries participating in 36 different sports, with a total of 10,000 athletes. According to Yahoo Sports, Team USA will have three stand-out athletes in which they are likely to win a gold medal. Michael Phelps (swimming) has




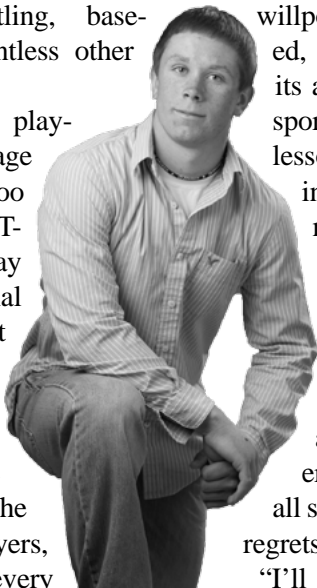
USA Javelin thrower Kara Patterson./Robert Gauthier • Los Angeles Times/MCT

already earned 14 gold medals. Kerri Walsh and Misty May-Treanor (beach volleyball) who have earned two gold medals. The main venue will be Hyde Park, which is the most historical site. In the park alone there will be three different zones, the Olympic Zone, the Central Zone, and the River Zone. Events being held in the Olympic zone will range anywhere from basketball to boxing. In the central zone you will see things from football to archery. The river zone will host events from cycling to water polo. There will be much more to watch including: Archery, Athletics (track, field, marathon, race walk), Badminton, Basketball, Beach Volleyball, Boxing, Canoe Slalom, Canoe Sprint, Cycling-BMX, Cycling-Mountain Bike, Cycling-Road, Cycling-Track, Diving, Equestrian, Fencing, Football (soccer), Gymnastics-Artistic, Gymnastics-Rhythmic, Handball, Hockey, Judo, Modern Pentathlon, Rowing, Sailing, Shooting, Swimming, Synchronized Swimming, Table Tennis, Taekwondo, Tennis, Trampoline, Triathlon, Volleyball, Water Polo, Weightlifting, and Wrestling. Tune into NBC which is the official station for American television coverage of the games to watch.

Athlete of the Year: Jace Billingsley

By Cole Erquiaga

 Jace Billingsley has been playing sports all his life. He has participated in football, wrestling, baseball, and countless other sports in his past years. Billingsley started playing sports at a young age contributing in Buckaroo wrestling, football, and T-ball. His motivation to play sports came from personal interest, the challenge it gives him, and also his family's legacy with sports. Billingsley remembers going up to the high school to watch the wrestlers, football players, basketball players, and every other athlete at Lowry practice or play in games. They became his role models. This year Billingsley won a team and individual state championship in wrestling, he led the football team to the State Semifinals, and helped the baseball team return to the playoffs. Some of his individual accolades include: Player of the Year for football and All-League in baseball Second Team All-State, and Academic All-State. The first become a four time individual state



champion in wrestling, along with the most career wins in Nevada. However, football is his favorite sport because, "it's fun and intense." He said his most challenging sport is wrestling because of conditioning, the willpower it takes to stay motivated, and when you're on the mat its all up to you. When he plays sports he says he can take all the lessons from athletics and put it into his own life to help him make good decisions and stay on track. Some advice Billingsley has for all the younger athletes out there: "No matter what you're going to do, do it to the best of your ability as hard as you can every time so that way when it's all said and done you will have no regrets." "I'll miss all the teammates who always gave 100% for the team and all the coaches who taught me a lot, not only about sports, but also about life." After his last go around of high school sports this year Billingsley's plans are to play college football at Eastern Oregon University.

Where are they going?

By Jolyn Garcia

 <p>Julia Dufurrena chose the College of Southern Idaho to play basketball.</p>	 <p>Jace Billingsley is going to Eastern Oregon University to play football.</p>
 <p>Betsy Guerrero is attending Lassen Community College to play volleyball.</p>	 <p>Johnny Hernandez will try out for baseball at the College of Southern Idaho.</p>
 <p>Gus Duncan is attending Saint Martin's University is Olympia, Washington to play baseball.</p>	 <p>Bryan Noble chose Whitworth University over Linfield to attend and play baseball.</p>
 <p>Taylor Johnson will also be attending Lassen Community College to play softball.</p>	 <p>Madi Gonzalez will be heading to Western Nevada College to play softball.</p>

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Year In Sports

By Justin Albright & Calvin Connors



Football The Lowry football team had one of the most successful seasons in school history. The Bucks started the season off with eight straight wins, as they made it all the way to the state semifinals, sadly losing to Moapa



Lowry football stampedes on to the field./ Justin Albright • The Brand

Valley for the second straight year. The Bucks compiled an impressive record of 9-3. The Bucks had a very solid team this year, as they were led by Jace Billingsley who has one of the top running backs in the state of Nevada. The Bucks also had a very stout defense as teams found it hard to put up points.

Girl's soccer

The girl's soccer team had an outstanding season as they nearly made it to the playoffs, unfortunately, the Bucks couldn't make it all the way to the playoffs as they fell just a little short in the last game of the season. Look for the Bucks to come back stronger than ever next year as they are only losing four players due to graduation. This year's seniors included; Jasmine Cisneros, Sydnie Sundahl, Ashley Lom-



Anna Davis dribbles the ball./Staff • The Brand

bardi, and Kelse Diehl.



Carlos Aguilar hustles to get the ball./Trenton Smith • The Brand

Boys Soccer

The boy's soccer season was filled with highs and lows but didn't exceed expectations as they fell short of playoffs. The Bucks will be reloaded again next season as they only lose three seniors. This year's seniors included; Jose Castaneda, Dusty Thiede, and Jessie Pate. This season was a great experience for the young team as they will have great leaders next season to lead them in the right direction toward a state title.

Cross Country

The men and women of the Lowry High Cross Country team really ran their hearts out this season. The girls and guys had strong runners this season that was also on the squad from the past seasons. The Bucks gained some talented new runners this season that were key components to the team. Even though nobody was able to qualify for state both teams ran well all season and have great talent returning next season.



Runners prepare for the race./Ron Espinola • The Brand

Volleyball

Under first year head coach Bob Rice the Lady Bucks had a lot of talent and experience on their team that took them into playoffs, they also fin-

ished second in league behind the Elko Indians. Lowry played the Fallon Greenwave in the first round of playoffs but fell just short losing the three game series. The Bucks had a great year that was lead by some great seniors who will be missed next season, but as always they will reload with some talented underclassmen.

Girls Golf

The Lady Bucks traveled to Mesquite Nevada and played two great courses, Casa Blanca, and Falcon Ridge. The first day of the state tournament the Bucks teed off on the Casa Blanca Golf Course. Lowry had a positive first day with three of the girls finishing under 100 strokes. Alyssa Dendary, Cortney Kieser, and Casey Kieser had an exceptional first day. The second day the Bucks played at Falcon Ridge, the ladies had somewhat of a better day with the three out of the six girls golfing better on the second day than the first day. The total strokes out of the two days were Alyssa Dendary shooting-188, Julia Dufurrena-210, Tori Echeverria-229, Cortney Kieser-181, Casey Kieser-161, and Olivia Snow-239. The Lady Bucks had a great season due to hard work and great coaching by first year teacher and coach Andrew Meyer.

Boy's Basketball

Looking to build off a state championship game appearance last year, the Bucks had to reload this year's team with a ton of young talent, as they lost the majority of their team to graduation last year. The influx of young talent on



Coach Peters addresses the team during a timeout./Staff • The Brand

this year's boys basketball team had a ton of success as they won the first state championship since 2002. The

boys ended the year with a record of 22-6, 7-3 in league. In the playoffs, the Bucks had to get through Boulder City and faced little trouble as they coasted to a 60-45 win. In the state championship, the Buckaroos faced off against the arch rival, Elko Indians. Elko previously beat the Bucks twice, but the Bucks beat them when it counted as they won the game 52-48. The Bucks have to look to replace four key seniors next year, as Jordan Rinas, Brandon Eastman, Dion Wardell, and Bryan Noble all played their last game for the Bucks.

Wrestling

As usual, the Lowry wrestling team compiled another undefeated season with their fourth straight state cham-



The wrestling team at zone./ Courtesy • Tim Grady

pionship. Jace Billingsley was the first Lowry wrestler to achieve four straight individual state championships. Other than Jace, a ton of other seniors managed to win state, as Fernando Herrera, Gus Duncan, and Ryan Nelson capped off their Lowry careers with individual state championships. The Bucks look to continue their domination as they are only losing six wrestlers on this year's state championship team.

Girls Basketball

The girls had another great season but just falling short of making it to playoffs for the second year in a row. The Lady Bucks had a lot of talent this season that consisted of five seniors who have either been on varsity since their freshmen year, or sophomore year. The girls will have high expectations next season as they will be a young and

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experienced team. The Bucks were led by senior, Julia Dufurrena, who is going to play at the College of Southern-Idaho next year. The Lady Bucks are returning six members from this year's team.



Angie Herrera passing the ball./Staff • The Brand

Baseball

The baseball team had an outstanding year as they finished the year 15-13. The Bucks were able to go the playoffs this year, as they traveled to Fallon, but



Varsity baseball celebrates a win./Courtesy • Lorin Noble

lost the series 1-2. The Bucks had a ton of experience this year as they had six seniors, and six juniors. Look for the Bucks to be a strong contender next year as they are returning the majority of their team.

Boys Golf

First year head coach Andrew Meyer had some great talent that had only one Senior (AJ Ourada) and many underclassmen. It wasn't easy for the boys to qualify week in and week out for only six spots as the Bucks were oozing with talent. Lowry won each league tournament with ease winning by at least 10 strokes. The Bucks finished second last year at state, and two years ago Lowry won the state championship. The Bucks redeemed themselves as they won the 2012 state championship that took place in Boulder City, Nevada.

Softball

After a disappointing season last year the Lady Bucks did not forget the past but focused more on their future. Lowry finished second in league but was placed as the number one seed for the playoffs, where they faced South Tahoe. The Bucks won the first two

games of the series which sent them to the state tournament in Reno. The Bucks started off the state tournament with a close game as they defeated Boulder City 5-4. The Bucks then had to play a Fernley Vaqueros squad, and won in a high scoring game, 13-12. In the second game of the day, The Bucks faced off against a solid Fallon Greenwave team and lost on a walk-off hit, 1-0. The Bucks had a shot at redemption against the Greenwave in the state championship game, but couldn't get their bats going as they lost 10-1.

Swimming



Coach Owens advises his swimmers./Hayley Goldblatt • The Brand

This year's swim team also had a successful year as they had 35 members on the team. There was a lot of good energy on the team as they were all good teammates. The Bucks had

18 members go to zone, but unfortunately no members were able to make it to state. Johana Christensen finished fourth in the 50 meter freestyle as she was the closest Lowry member to make it to state.

Track



Elijah Frei practicing the long jump./Justin Albright • The Brand

The girl's and guy's track teams did not disappoint this season as both teams attending the state track meet in Reno at Damonte Ranch High School. The Bucks always have a select few who qualify for the state meet. The boys qualified in were the 4x200, pole vault, shot put, and discuss. The girls qualified for the 4x200, 4x100, 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, high jump, and pole vault. Raven Black was a top finisher in the high jump as she took third overall in the 3A.

Coach of the year: Taua Cabatbat

By Hayley Goldblatt

This year's Coach of the Year is Coach Cabatbat. Being Coach of the Year means that the coach is being recognized for their hard work he or she has done over the course of the year. Cabatbat is recognized as Coach of the Year for the work he does in the football, track, and PE department. He was picked by athletes who think he deserved to be Coach of the Year.

When Coach Cabatbat was told that he was Coach of the Year, and was asked how did he feel about it, he said, "I don't really know. I've never had such a great honor bestowed upon me, so I don't know how to take it yet."

"He puts us through so much. He's always in a good mood" said Brycen Prokasky, who plays football for Cabatbat.

Rachel Jones, a thrower on track team, said, "I

think coach is really amazing with everybody. He's always willing to spend time one on one, and he knows what he's looking for."

When Cabatbat was asked if he thought he deserved being Coach of the Year, he replied, "No I don't, the kids are the ones that deserve it. They put



Coach Taua Cabatbat motivates his students to work harder./Madison Waldie • The Brand

out the work, put in the time, and all they see are good things come to them."

Cabatbat puts in a lot of time and effort for his throwers for track. Jones said that when she or any of the other throwers are having trouble that he will sit down and help you until you get it. "He's always patient with you, he never gets frustrated and starts yelling at you, and he's always just kind of laid back and calm, and he just sits there and tells you what you need to work on and when you do it he gets really excited. You always feel really great when you did it right because you know that he's going to say something and you're like 'Ok what's he going to say this time.'"

Cabatbat was proud of how well all the sports teams did this year, "Not bad track, not bad football, basketball did pretty good, baseball made it to the playoffs, and volleyball did good. Great, great season for Lowry High Athletics, especially academically, you know? Academic All-States and what not, so yeah they did a good job over all, a good group of kids, that's what I can say."



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SENIOR VOICES

By Hayley Goldblatt

What is your favorite high school memory?



Kayla Doyle:
I liked all the spirit weeks and going to the football games.



Madison Hummer:
Blowing bubbles on the field with friends.

Shannon McClellan:
I like a lot of things, but mostly seeing everyone's bright and beautiful faces every morning.



Taylor Johnson:
When we got to play in front of the packed gym for the Elko basketball games.

Best and worst summer jobs

By Jessie Schirrick



Looking to make some extra green this summer? Do you need some money to fund your warm-weather adventures? There's many good (and bad) ways to bring in the cash this season.

If you're into swimming and being around water, you can be a lifeguard. You can sign up for this at Howard Bode Swimming Pool, or Sage Heights Swimming Pool. Most lifeguard jobs require CPR training or some other kind of Red Cross experience and it probably helps to be on the Lowry swim team.

Lemonade stands are the classic cash cow, but unless you're a cute six year old girl, business might be slow.

Some teens get along by doing yard and farm work, like mowing lawns, taking care of livestock, and planting gardens. So if you're an agricultural fanatic, this is perfect for you. There are many surrounding ranches and farms but be prepared to get your hands dirty.

You may also get a temporary job at one of Winnemucca's local businesses, such as a restaurant or grocery store but be sure to obtain a working permit from the Juvenile Detention Office if you're

under the age of 16.

There are many benefits of having a job.

"It's nice to have your own money and be independent," said Cortni Welch, "I like tips and meeting new people,"



Cortni Welch./Courtesy • Winnada

Alas, there are also some negative aspects of having a job, said Welch, like when customers are rude and not understanding.

If you're an animal lover, another way to get out and make some money is to walk your neighbors' pets or take care of them while the family is away; it's an easy way to pump up your muscles and your bank account.

For people that are great with kids, baby sitting is always an excellent choice, and there is no shortage of parents in need of a trustworthy baby sitter. You can get a baby sitting license after taking a summer class that the local library offers each year.

For those of you whose parents pay for everything your little heart desires, take up smiling and actually enjoying your life.

The most memorable senior moments

By Calvin Connors



There is one memory or moment that separates itself from the rest of senior year, what is your favorite senior memory?



Olivia Snow./Courtesy • Winnada

Olivia Snow- "When we had a barbecue in advisory because who else does that besides Mrs. James' class."

Kayla Doyle- "Becoming close to my class because there's no upperclassmen so we all have to bond together, like during



Kayla Doyle./Courtesy • Winnada

Winterfest when we decorated our hallway."

Jonathan Landa- "The senior prank"

Taylor Johnson- "Painting the W on the mountain with the senior class."



Ryan Kracaw./Courtesy • Winnada

Ryan Kracaw- "The senior prank."

Kade Mader- "Basketball trip to Vegas with Calvin and Dion."

Turrell Jensen- "Meeting Calvin Connors."

Jared Parks- "Stealing Mr. Billingsley's jeep and parking it in Mrs. Watts' driveway."

Cameron Echave- "If I was a senior I wouldn't have such a good



Tyler Duran./Courtesy • Winnada



Jonathan Landa./Courtesy • Winnada

memory."

Tyler Duran- "Watching Cameron run at a car with his pants down."

Melanie Vance- "Watching the boy's basketball team win state."

The top colleges in the US

By Hayley Goldblatt



As the last days of high school trickle by, seniors are starting to think about where to go for a higher education. Some students will chose to stay in-state, or will go to GBC to stay close to home, while others will find their ways to the booming metropolises of Boise, San Francisco, and others across the western United States. According to "US News" most of the best colleges for this year are on the East Coast, including Duke, Harvard, and Yale. Out of the top ten, Cal Tech and Stanford were the only ones on the West Coast, with both of them tying



Dunster House./Courtesy • Jon Chase, Harvard Gazette

for fifth. The rankings are based on factors such the financial resources provided to the students, acceptance rate and graduation rate.

Harvard's, ranked number one by "US News", acceptance rate is about seven percent, and six year graduation rate is about 97%, while Princeton, also ranked number one, has an

acceptance rate of nine percent and six year graduation percentage of 96. These factors, along with others, are why both of these schools are ranked number one in the nation. With tuition prices also on the rise, parents also have to look at how much they will have to pay to send their child to college. For BYU- Provo, it is about 4,500 dollars to attend and for University of California- Berkeley, it's about \$ 11,000 for in-state and \$ 34,000 out-of-state. For Harvard it is about \$39,849 to attend the one of the top schools in the nation for a year. Now for Princeton on the other hand, it is about \$2,000 less than Harvard, making it at about \$37,000 to spend a year at the other top school.

Senior Do's and Don'ts

By Kevin Boyle



Do not listen to Espy. Do not slack off. Do take work seriously.

Do not do the Cha-Cha.

Do get ready for next year by burning this years' supplies.

Do go camping, that's not funny it's just true.

Do not jump the camp fire.

Do not get a job, then get fired.

Do live off your parents until they kick you out.

Do bow to your sensei, Bow To Your Sensei.

Do wear sunscreen, the benefits have been proven by science.

Do move to Canada, then move back after you realize how much it sucks.

Do not take up smoking, and then quit to save money.

Do try not to look stupid at the end of the year slide show.

Do not watch Harry Potter.

Do not trust the Facebook.

Do get to know your parents, you'll miss them when they won't give you any money.

Do stay classy Lowry.

Class of 2012 - Plans for your future...

Cintia Yvette Montero Aguilar	Stay in town, go to college, be working and live on my own, will be studying cosmetology at the same time.	Jovi Nayeli Garcia	transfer to a University. Jovi will be working for Sonoma Industries.
Katelyn Marie Aitken	Get a job and learn how to drive and maybe get a place.	Kimberline Jean Garcia	Part-time barber/cosmetologist, and firefighter.
Ismael Alvarez	Go to UTI.	Stephanie Yaritza Garcia	I'm going to Great Basin College, do my basics there and transfer to UNR.
Nicole Ella Arbonies.....	Attending Utah State University in Logan Utah to study art.	Misty Michelle Garner	Medical School
Samantha Marie Arthur	To make my own business (dog grooming) and become mobile.	Wyatt Sage Gilbert	I want to work for Haliburton. I am considering pursuing an associates degree.
Hernan Avila.....	After graduation I will continue MMA, get a job.	Madison June Gonzalez	Western Nevada College; play softball, get my associates in arts and transfer and become an Elementary teacher!
Rebecca Lynn Barber	I plan to be a weekend warrior for the Air Guard and attend GBC to get my special education license.	Betsy Magana Guerrero.....	Attend Lassen in Susanville, play volleyball for them, study some business, and make the most of my college career!
Marc Bastien St-Onge	Get a summer job and then live in the moment.	Megan Elizabeth Guild	My plans after graduation are to enroll in GBC to take online classes, to get married in June and to go to Disneyland in September.
Patricia Marie Bates	Have an amazing summer! Then go off to UNR and start on my path to become a physical therapist.	Anna Valerie Gutierrez	GBC for my first year, then UNR, then UNLV or other dentistry school.
Mario Alberto Bautista Jr.	Not submitted.	Daniel James Hales.....	Find a job, then go to college.
Itzel Jannet Becerra	Art Institute of San Francisco.	Bret David Hammon	Attend UNR and major in Biology.
Jace Gable Billingsley	Play football at Eastern Oregon University and meet some pretty ladies.	Chelsie Jane Hammond	Attending Eastern Oregon University in the fall.
Kevin Matthew Boyle	Go to the University of Idaho.	Dustin Drake Hatch	Protect Humboldt County, be a law enforcement officer with the Sheriff's office.
Nichole Mariah Brown	Become a photographer and take photography to a whole new level.	Cole Anthony Hatcher	C.S.I. (College of Southern Idaho) to weld and kick butt at Rodeo.
Ashley Olivia Buckingham	Four days after graduation I fly out to Alaska, I will be working at BLM interagency for most of my summer. Then I will be attending GBC in Elko working towards my Associates of Applied Science in Agriculture.	Dulce Concepcio Heredia.....	Go to college, get my basics, then study for interior designer, and also have a modeling career.
Stephanie Lorraine Caffee	I'm going to be the BEST mom in the world!	Ramon Heredia	Work in Diesel mechanics and help my family and own a farm.
Andrea Celeste Calderon Aguilar...	Not submitted.	Jonathan Dominic Hernandez	Work all summer, move to Twin Falls, start school.
Fernando Antonio Cardenas	Going to TMCC.	Natali Munoz Hernandez	Not submitted.
Jacob Alan Carver	2 year mission (location not yet known) followed by College for mechanical engineering.	Angie Gallarzo Herrera	Attend UNR.
Jose Emmanuel Castaneda	Going to a mine or college.	Fernando Herrera	Attend college and pursue further training in MMA.
Pedro Eduardo Castaneda	I plan on going to work at a mine.	Tiffany Ho	Not submitted.
Talia Karina Castaneda	I plan to go to Moscow Idaho and go to the University of Idaho and hopefully be in a sorority.	Robert Hoenck.....	College of Southern Idaho on a Rodeo Scholarship and study welding technologies.
Crystal Marie Chavez	Go to Great Basin and work to get my business degree and a degree in photography.	Konner William Hollon.....	My plans still have not become clear yet, but there are many different paths that I could take. I might be going to University of Idaho.
Zorinthia Childs	Going to Great Basin for core classes, then to a university to major in Forensic Science. Nothing else planned at the moment.	Marion Jean House	I am moving to New York to work and start college.
Johana Tamayo Christensen	Go to UNR and maybe swim on their swim team.	Hiram Elias Howell	Work while attending GBC, Attend UNR to major in music performance and education.
Jasmine Cisneros	I plan to go to GBC for my first year then transfer to UNR for my nursing career.	Madison Blair Hummer	No Set Plans.
Candace Rose Comeau	Studying Criminal Justice in Twin Falls then attend the FBI Academy in West Virginia.	Sidney Jade Jenkins	I'm going to stay and save up money for a year and then leave to Santa Fe for their Arts Program or TMCC for their culinary program. And never come back again!
Clarissa Elaine Conn	Attend law school to become a paralegal and then a lawyer.	Turrell Richard Jensen	Go to college and hopefully move to a bigger city.
Alice Rachelle Cooney	Attend a 4-year college in Utah.	Taylor Paige Johnson	Go to Lassen to play softball.
Winter Breeze Coulter	I'm going into the navy, then I'm going to college to become a nurse.	Matthew Allen Jones	I am going to the University of Reno for college. I will get a side degree in photography and major in something.
Shandra Lee Bond Crowley	Not submitted.	Casey Lynn Kieser	Move to Twin Falls, Idaho in June, get a job and attend school in the Fall.
Staphany Michelle DeLaMora.....	Go into classes for Civil Engineering.	Maria-Elise Kitras	Attend BYU-I and work during the summer.
Kelse Rae Ann Diehl.....	Not submitted.	Daniel James Klassen	Law Enforcement- Winnemucca Police Department.
Ryan David Dins	Work for the mines and possibly go to college for Geology or Electrician.	Kristie Mae Kloeppel	Attend Weber State University in Ogden, Utah and become a preschool teacher.
Katelyn Rae Dixon	Being cool.	Ryan Jeffery Kracaw	Attend Cal Poly under a mathematics degree.
Marisa Alexis Dougherty.....	Go to Great Basin College and continue to work at Raleys!	Allison Ann Lampshire	I plan to go to Idaho State University in Pocatello, ID and have an amazing life.
Kayla Rose Doyle	Attend the University of Nevada Reno and study public relations or education.	Jonathan Landa	Plan to attend U of I for 2 years and pursue a bachelors degree in Civil Engineering and Architectural Engineering then transfer to Cal Poly and receive my degree there. After that I hope to use my degree in the engineering world and become a successful man.
Julia Marie Dufurrena	Attend the college of Southern Idaho.	Angela Ruth Lauschi	Going to college at the school of Tech in Missoula, Montana.
Gus Thomas Duncan V.....	Go to college, have fun, and find a rich, hot, super model blonde to take care of me while I play Xbox.	Mark William Linnell	I am going to Laramie, Wyoming to get my degree as a diesel mechanic. 2012!
Tyler Gabriel Duran.....	I will be staying here to attend GBC and work to gain experience that I will be able to apply to my future goals to become an Engineer.	Ashley Marie Lombardi	Attend Montana State University Billings and become an RN.
Brandon James Eastman	I will attend Upper Iowa University in the fall where I will study sport science and psychology.	Berenice R Lopez	Be a foster mom, go to a cosmetology school and become a barber.
Cameron James Echave	Go to college.	Felipe de Jesus Loya	Go to Great Basin College in Winnemucca for a year until I choose a career.
Chase Stanley Estes	Live a happy life, eh?	Stevie Nicole MacDonald	Stevie will be working at Pizza Hut and living on
Hana Marie Etcheverry	Attend UNR, major in Microbiology and hopefully make Dean's list.		
Sean Leslie Fifield	Army.		
Madeline Marie Flanders	Leave for the Army on June 18th, become an American soldier and leader.		
Gregory Nathaniel Forney	Go to college.		
Wesley Alexander Franklin	Not submitted.		
Luisa Isela Rubio Fregoso	I plan on moving to Arizona and go to a community college there. Then after 2 years I will		



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her own after she graduates.		Nevada Dept. of Wildlife in the Winnemucca district.
Kade Douglas Mader	U.S.M.C. Go Big Or Go Home!!	
Daniel Michael Mahon	Go to school for cinematography and communications then travel the world working for Discovery Channel.	Arronna Lynn Ranklin
Sara Elizabeth Marah	Nursing.	Daniel Louis Raynor
Angel Andres Martinez	Not submitted.	Work for a mine for a few weeks then go explore the world and go visit my brother and cousin at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.
Ivan Martinez	Going to Lassen Community College in California.	Charlene Rose Ricker
Sonya Brianna Martinez	Moving to Arizona to go to Beauty School and Barber School. And getting married.	Corey Damon Riddle
Macie Ashtyn Mavity	Attend Boise State, major in Elementary Education, and teach somewhere.	I'm going to stay in Winnemucca and try to get my Pro card for motocross.
Shannon Ashley McClellan	To become a superhero and save the world, and maybe become a history teacher.	Traijen Rios
Kinzie Quinn McClintick.....	Go to the Grad Party!	Jordan Lee Rinas
Heather BreeAnn McElvain	Attend the college of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls and become a successful nurse for the ICU.	Attend UNR, major in Education and become an athletic director.
Mikayla Lynn Mecham	Going to GBC for a year or two and then maybe transfer to UNR and major in business.	Christina Kay Roberds
Anna Marie Mellen	Going to Cinema Makeup School in Hollywood across the street from Universal Studios. Majoring in Makeup, Special Effects and Prop-making.	Edgar Daniel Rodriguez
Manuel Miguel Mendoza	Join Marines.	Daniel Leon Romo
Allen Michael Mezenen	Not submitted.	Attend TMCC and pursue my mechanic's in automotive.
Amanda Kay Miles	Not submitted.	Ryan Sean Ross
Colton Jordan Milholland	Rockstar!!	Ricardo Ruiz Solis
Kimberly Ann Miller	Not submitted.	I want to work for at least 1 year to save money so I can attend GBC in Winnemucca or move to Sacramento and attend UTI to work on Autocustoms and mechanics.
Nicholas Skyler Miller	Yolo!	Tony John Sadler
Cristina Veronica Montanez	I want to go to college to become a nursing assistant.	Military Marine Corp. The Few The Proud The Marines.
Daniel Allen Morton	Becoming a mechanic.	Hailey Fawn Samms
Colton McCay Neary	Montana Tech to get B.S. Biochemistry degree to help pursue my future to become a pharmacist.	Teresa Sappington
Matthew Ryan Nelson	Going to GBC for Newmont with the MTC scholarship to be an electrician.	Not submitted.
Ryan Nicholson	When I grow up I wanna be famous, I wanna be a star plus #1 dad.	Teresa Sappington
Brandi Lavon Nielsen	Take classes at GBC.	Phillip John Sauers
Alexander Jeffery Nimmick.....	Attend Montana State University Bozeman or attend Saint Martins University in Washington to study Business Management.	Immediately after graduation I plan on sleeping in. Then after sleeping in, doing something with my life.
Bryan Andrew Noble	Attend Whitworth University to get an Engineering degree and play baseball.	Derek James Schaffner
Quinn Joseph Norcutt	Attend Boise State, start my own welding and fabrication shop, own a racecar and be a Skills USA national champion.	Party like a rockstar! Then meet a beautiful, young rich woman and make her my wife, so I can slack off and enjoy this crazy ride we call life.
Juan Mata Ochoa	Rest, get a job, go to college, find a better job, find a honey, get married have some babies, raise some children, support some children, get old, die.	Joseph William Schmidt
Alexander Ernest Ordaz	Save up enough money to move to Vegas; work on graphic design and be a wizard.	Mikayla Lynn Sevy
Austin James Ourada	I intend on going to UNR, having fun, and working for 4 more years then just working 40 hours a week for the rest of my life until I die or retire then die.	Robyn Michelle Shafer
Breanna Danielle Padilla	I plan to attend the College of Southern Idaho to pursue my associates degree in dance.	Go to Boise State and get my degree to be a Pharmacist.
Benjamin Paniagua	Just get a job and keep sleeping...	Amanda Lee Shanahan
Jared Wayne Parks	UNR, major in Criminal Justice and International Affairs, then go to law school and become an international lawyer.	Work at the Grayson Ranch, attend GBC for accounting and Agribusiness. Stay in the Muck!!
Jessica Lynn Partee	University of Wyoming. Double-major in Animal Science/ prevet option for small animal surgery and business management.	Sateana Lea Shemp
DeeAnna Marie Pasquale	I will be going to Casa Grande, AZ to Central Arizona College on rodeo scholarships and to study Business Communications.	Stay in Winnemucca and attend GBC for Criminal Justice.
Jessie Augustus Pate	GBC for two years then do the S.E.A.L. program and be a sniper. After go to the Art Institute of Portland in Photography and Digital Media.	Heather Cari Smith
Adriana Perez	Staying in Winnemucca and going to Great Basin College.	Not submitted.
Keyra Ann Perez	Moving to California and going to college.	Olivia Hales Snow
Jillian Parichart Pfarr	University of Portland, going into the nursing program; minor in theatre.	Drive home and get ready for the grad party!
Victor Daniel Pinero	Go to GBC to get my college basic classes done, then go to UNR to study Geology.	Sydney Lynn Sundahl
Charles Edward Poole	Hopefully enter the medical field and make my parents proud for I can do all things through Him, He strengthens me.	TMCC to be a Radiation Therapist Technician.
Jessica Marlene Rackley	I am attending Montana State University this fall for Environmental and National Resources. For the Summer I have an internship with the	Alexis Cathryn Sutfin
		To become the next Donald Trump.
		Kyle James Swets
		Moving to Iowa and am going to work construction.
		Emily Margaret Swindle
		I plan to attend college, to further my education and to help me succeed in getting a job.
		John Donald Thacker
		Over the summer I plan on riding a lot of colts and making some money, then improving my horse training by going and riding with some of the top guys in the world.
		Dusty Jean Thiede
		I am joining the United State's Marine Core as an infantryman.
		Theresa Nicole Thompson
		UNLV.
		Jacob Lee Tobler
		UNITED STATES NAVY.
		Isabel Aurelia Valdez
		Get a job, then probably move to Elko and register for Great Basin College.
		Micah Emanuel Van Dreumel
		United States Marine Corps. M.O.S.: 0311 Rifleman.
		Rodney Cole Van Komen
		Plans not submitted.
		Melanie Loren Vance
		Attend Gonzaga University to pursue a degree in Nursing and enjoy life to the fullest extent.
		Nicolas Hunter Velasquez
		OPEN MYEYES.
		Jessica K, Ann Villarreal
		Great Basin College, maybe transfer to Vegas or Arizona, study pediatrics or optometry or special education.
		Jessica LeAnn Wadley
		Work during summer, UNR college in the fall.
		Bryant Wadsworth
		Work at C.B. Browns until I save enough money for college.
		Lukas Allen Walla
		Not submitted.
		Dion Mark Wardell
		Not submitted.
		William Joel Welch-Garnett
		Engineer after the military.
		Robert Cody White
		To work at Humboldt Human Development Services
		Sean Melvin Whitlock.....
		Go to college and study Chemical Engineering. Then marry Rebecca Mary Mastin!
		Matthew Nakem Williams
		College then nursing.
		Anthony Thomas Ybarra
		I'm going to go to Arizona and go into the boiler-maker Union and get rich and buy a house.
		Chace Raymond Young
		Associates degree in electrical system via the MTC scholarship from Barrick and work at Turquoise Ridge.
		Desiree Lynn Ziemer.....
		Not submitted.

Senior Buckaroo Round Up

By Marc Esquivel

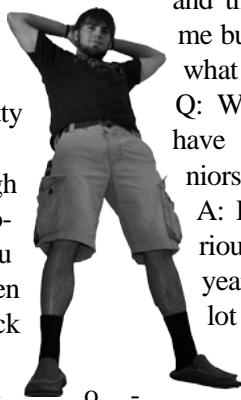
Gus Duncan

Q: What are your thoughts on your high school career coming to an end?

A: It makes me feel good, graduating high school isn't something everybody can do, so that's pretty special.

Q: What high school memory makes you laugh when you look back at it?

A: My sophomore year during Winterfest we had "Sports Day" and the wrestling team decided it would be great to have "Singlet Day" and we pulled that off well. We got a couple of looks from the girls, we got a few numbers that day, it was a



good day.

Q: What do you regret about your high school career?

A: Being lazy my freshman year. I almost failed and that's really screwed me but I was a freshman, what do you expect?

Q: What advice do you have for upcoming seniors?

A: Don't take it as serious. It's your senior year and you've got a lot to do with it, you've only got a couple months left of high school so you might as well live it up. YOLO.

Q: What's one last thing you'd like to say to Lowry?

A: Go Red Sox.

Q: What advice do you have for upcoming freshmen?

A: Wait your turn.

Jonathon Landa

Q: What are your thoughts on your high school career coming to an end?

A: It's crazy to think that 12 years of my life have passed by, and that I'm losing friends because I'm moving on. But it's a good thing to get out and explore the world and become successful.

Q: What are your plans for after high school?

A: My plans are to attend University of Idaho, get my associate's degree, and then transfer to Cal Poli where I'll get my bachelor's degree in civil engineering and use my degree to further my skills and ultimately own my own engineering firm.

Q: How have you liked

Lowry?

A: Lowry's pretty great. The teachers here have encouraged me and inspired me to be a better person and I'm going to miss that a lot.

Q: Last words for Lowry?

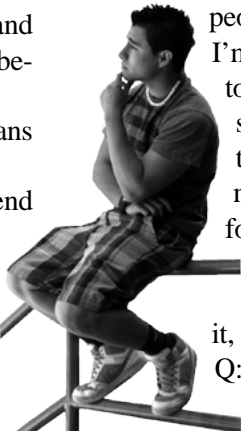
A: I have four days, I really don't care what people think.

I'm going to do the stupidest things in my last four days starting, wait for it, NOW.

Q: What's one of your

memorable things you've done in high school?

A: Sports, and winning Winterfest King with Winterfest Queen Betsy.



Candace Comeau

Q: How does it make you feel to know that your high school career is coming to an end?

A: Stressed and overwhelmed because you have so much to do in so little time, but I'm also excited for college and stuff.

Q: What high school memory makes you laugh when you look back at it?

A: Winning Homecoming Queen was pretty cool.

Q: Is there anything you regret doing in your four years at Lowry?

A: Definitely not paying attention in class.

Q: What advice do you have for upcoming seniors?

A: Pay attention, get ev-

everything done way ahead of time, and don't procrastinate.

Q: What teacher has had a big impact on you in high school?

A: Kristy Bell, because she's my senior class advisor and I'm always with her, and she's really funny. And she gives me wedgies.

Q: What advice do you have for upcoming freshmen?

A: Be yourself, don't regret anything, and take chances.

Q: What's one last thing you'd like to say to Lowry?

A: Stay classy, Lowry High School.

Q: What's your favorite high school memory?

A: My junior year, because my cousin was a senior and the class of 2011 was really cool.



Summer 2012: Let's do this

By Madison Waldie



“No more pencils. No more books. No more teacher's dirty looks.”

It's almost here, our three months of freedom. We look forward to summer for the 180 days that we are in school. If we aren't reminiscing about the warm weather, days on the lake, extra hours at work, long nights, and vacations, we spend time planning for the next summer and the one after that.

As the school year comes to a close and activities like prom, the academic assembly, and yearbook signing are over; we have a whole summer ahead of us. Summer is a time to relax, have fun, earn money, and physically and mentally prepare ourselves for the next year. We live in the Great Basin and when we open our eyes and look around our home at all of the locations, natural beauty, and space around us there is potential for many activities that will keep us busy all summer long.

School is out for the summer, and we only have 108 days of this 'freedom' until it is time to head back to the hallways again. Even for most seniors, the end of the summer is already right around the corner as planning for their dorm, courses, and college activities has already begun. With that, we have to make this summer one that we will remember for years to come. Surround yourself with friends and family, have a good time, be safe, and make memories.

Plan an activity: It could be

something as small as a fire-pit with s'mores or a bon-fire barbecue. What ever you decide, make sure that you are getting together with friends over the summer. Just as some of the math, history, and English lessons fade away and are forgotten in the summer months, friendships can diminish as well. Just because there is no hallway for you and your friends to gather in, doesn't mean you have to wait until next August to see them again.

Go on an adventure: Within four hours of Winnemucca we have Rye-Patch, Tahoe, Pyramid, the Truckee River, and the Snake River; as well as many other bodies of water. Take a day or two and go explore, float, boat, raft, swim, and fish. You never know what you might find in the great outdoors. Remember to always take a friend, and wear your life jacket.

Have some fun: Got to the water-park, an amusement park, a concert, or another recreational activity. In Reno, just two hours away, there is a swing, a rock climbing wall, a go-kart track, and many arcades. If you sit at home all summer, you're bound to get bored and then you will look forward to returning to school, and that's not a good thing.

Work: Stay busy and make money? Sounds like a win-win situation to me. High school can be expensive and it is nice to not have to rely on your parents for everything. Make some of your own money, and spend it however you want.

Whatever activities you choose to fill your long, hot, summer days, remember to be safe and use plenty of

the seniors up to date on what's going on around the school.

Comeau said, "Being class president has taken up so much time, but it was well worth it." She also said that, "overall the participation by seniors has been good. We had a lot of people for Winterfest hallway decorating and we have the most people that come to our meetings out of all four classes."

The graduation ceremony will be taking place on May 31 at 7 PM at the Winnemucca Events Center. The



Seniors at a pep assembly./ Staff • The Brand

graduating class of 2012 will include approximately 180 seniors. During the ceremony, a few speeches

will be given by our classmates: Candace Comeau, Jillian Pfarr, and



Betsy Guerrero, Jordan Rinas, Eastman and Angie Herrera./Staff • The Brand

There will be no music performance this year by the band or choir.

We have been preparing for this day our entire lives, and it is finally here. It is finally our time to be recognized for our accomplishments. It is finally our time to walk across that stage. It is finally our time to say good-bye to Lowry High School and all the good memories. It is finally our time to go out into the real world on whatever path we have chosen. It is finally our time.

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Break the mold and remember forgotten friends

By Jolyn Garcia



Most high schools are separated into social groups. Among these groups are the jocks, the brains, punks, the trouble-makers and the misfits. The way these groups act toward each other could make one think that they are as different as a cat is from a dog. This is only partially true.

There once was a time when these groups did not exist. That time is also known as elementary school. If you were in the same grade and class as someone else, you were considered

friends. Young children are known to be honest and accepting. This is probably the reason why these social groups did not exist at this time. As we grew up we began to notice major differences in our peers. As our interests differed, we segregated ourselves into groups, forgetting the friendships we had once had.

By the time we reach high school we are already set in our social status and only associate ourselves with certain people. I don't understand why it would be such a crime to just walk away from the letterman's jackets, if only for a moment, and talk to someone with brightly colored hair and skinny jeans. Why doesn't someone step off of the smoker's corner and into the study circle, even

if it is just to say "hey"?

The students in the movie "The Breakfast Club" were forced to write an essay about who they are. They put it in simple terms: "What do you care? You see us as you want to see us, in the simplest terms, in the most convenient definitions. You see us as: a brain, an athlete, a basket case, princess, and a criminal."

We are not that different from one another. Many of us are trying to get passing grades and stay awake during the history lecture. Why do we have to make the days we have here such a struggle with the social standings lingering all around us? Forget where you are, just for a moment, and try to think, "How many friends have I forgotten about?"

Pointless crusades

By Kevin Boyle



Our society has copious amounts of cultural wars that are fought on a daily basis. Wars on drugs and bullying just to name some, have taken the blame for problems that we see with our society. We see school shooters and civil disorder and we try to find an answer to fix them. But is it possible that war is not the answer?

The war on drugs is by far the most pointless crusade in the nation today. While drugs are bad for our society, they are not the real problem, drug abuse is. How often do you see someone with a stable heroin habit? Instead of locking them up, it may prove more beneficial to them and society to help them get over their problem. Treatment is better than punishment when it comes to drugs. So what is the point of punishing those with a serious problem?

The first time the U.S. tried to instigate laws against drugs was in the late 1920s. The sale of alcohol was banned and that sparked the most infamous criminal organization. Simply put, substances that people want will find their way whether they are legal or not.

While drugs are an age old issue there are new escape goats such as the bullying epidemic. Apparently kids are bullied at school; this problem has risen out of thin air. Adults just don't seem to recall this issue when they were kids, maybe because it wasn't. Maybe we see school shooting on the television and think bullying caused this. The simple truth is there is no known correlation between shooter and bullying; the only known thing is they are male and socially awkward. The truth is we don't know as much as we think we do and when we jump to conclusions we waste time and money. Yes, bullying should be stopped but there is no way it can be, it is human nature.

Both of these campaigns are results of rash thinking. I'll offer a third case involving Yellowstone National Park in the mid 1930s park rangers mistakenly thought the elk population was endangered. So they killed off the wolf population, which led the elk population to skyrocket and over grassing killed the elk and other herbivores. Pretty soon the entire ecosystem was destroyed due to a mistaken believe that the elk were endangered.

Generally those who act first are least informed. We should spend less time acting and more time thinking. For every action we take we affect everyone else. So we should ask ourselves is war the answer?

I bite my tongue

By Taylor LaTray



The unspoken words of teenagers. Are they best left spoken, or rather safely hidden behind the taunting lips of adolescents? There is at least one thing even the most outspoken of people has to say, but will never mention.

"I do not speak the full truth only because of the courtesy I have for people. I don't often lie, not even to get myself out of trouble. The truth should not always be told for nice reasons and you don't want to be involved in bad situations. I do often lie to please people though," said Beau Billingsley.

Why do we not say these things we strive so badly to just let loose? It could be plenty of reasons, each person has a different reason for their unspoken truths. Whether it be fear, loss, anxiety, friendship, insecurities or protection. For some wildly unknown reason, everyone hides something. Everyone keeps their foot in their mouth.

"To the extent that you entertain lies and deceit, you are held prisoner in a world cut off from reality. The truth you hide from yourself, prevents you from growth and fulfillment. The truth you hide from others, keeps you distantly apart. The truth shines a bright light on life, so you can clearly see the way to go.

Success, achievement, happiness, joy, fellowship, and fulfillment, thrive in the warm and nurturing light of the truth. Honesty is the most direct path to wherever you want to go. Truth and honesty are often difficult, yet never more difficult, in the end, than deceit. To think otherwise, is to deceive even yourself. Hiding in the shadows of falsehood, makes it impossible to move forward. That the truth is moral and ethical, is no secret. Yet truth is also practical, efficient, and effective in every worthy pursuit, something well known by those who enjoy lasting success. Live in the bright, empowering light. Embrace the truth. It always serves you best," said best, in a famous quote by Ralph Marston.

You don't need to speak what's on your mind every second of the day, nor that every word you says needs to be the truth, sarcasm is funny, and at times brightens someone's day. Although, sometimes teenagers lie to the extent where it's become a normal thing and at one point it will tear their lives apart.

"I do not always say what I have to out of pure respect for people. Mainly if they are an authority figure then I don't say anything. But, I basically say everything on my mind," said Jeremiah Mastrejaun. "There are people that I honestly do not like, but I act like I do only because I have to interact with them and you can't survive hating everyone."

We learn to lie to stay out of trouble and get away

with sneaky actions when we are small. The more humans lie, the more dependant they become on the concept of lying. It is a rush of energy for some people. The truth can't always please a crowd and sometimes people can no longer hold in what they have to say. So, they speak to words they've been dying to say and are alarmed to receive a not so pleasing response back. This response in some cases can spread to rumors, break ups, and loss. The truth can hurt emotionally, but lies will damage more.

"There's nothing I won't tell you. I hide nothing. I will normally tell someone the straight up cold-hearted truth. I believe that lying is pointless and more people should tell the truth no matter how harsh, except when your rear-end is on the line; then lying is completely acceptable," said Alec Mayo. "I will lie about little stuff to keep me and my friends out of trouble. Although some 'friends' I actually don't like, and I quite often hint at it too. YOLO."

The most known situations in which a person hides something or holds back what they want to say is in relationships. Whether in friendships, family relationships, or with a significant other... There's something you don't know. Someone is keeping their foot in their mouth, and it needs to come out. Even if a person has nothing to hide and they ultimately don't care if they're secrets are known, they still keep some secrets for a comforting feeling of privacy.

Dropping out; the good, the bad, and the uneducated

By Wyatt Lester



School...It's the free education that takes a mere 13 years to complete. Once you complete high school and receive your diploma you can get any entry level job with the proof of graduation. If you've done well you can maybe go to college and have a more successful future. It's all straight forward and as simple as the system can make it. But there will always be those who can't complete this task; the ones that may have to dropout.

High school dropouts are all around us. I'm not saying it's common and you should do it, but there's someone we've all heard of that has dropped out for various reasons, such as needing to work to provide money for the family, lack of interest, or some other reason. You may think it's a great reason to drop out and move in with your 25-year old boyfriend, but that's not really smart.

A 2009 study from The National Center for Educational Statistics on high school drop out rates looked at the percentage of 16 to 24-year olds who were not enrolled and haven't received their high school diploma or GED. The results showed the dropout rate has declined from 14% in 1980 to 8% in 2009 and continues to drop. Pun intended.

Students should not drop out and the idea of it is pointless, but there can sometimes be exceptions. If you absolutely have to drop out to work to keep your family fed and pay for the house, then that's fine. Or maybe you've had a kid while in high school. Well then try to obtain your GED later on so you can support your child.

In the end, is it worth it to drop out or stay in school for a better future? You know the facts, so you decide.

Open Your Eyes: Get educated

By Brandon Eastman



Recently there have been many arguments regarding the fact that college athletes are only required to attend college for one year before they are eligible to enter a professional sporting draft. It happens in every sport, but I will be focusing solely on the issues this causes within the NCAA basketball world. I have several concerns regarding this issue.

First of all, college sports have more of a sense of community and family than professional sports. College sports are all about building a program, where you have experienced players who can provide assistance with the younger players. However, because these players are able to leave after one year for the NBA, this is not happening. There are so many “one-and-done” universities across the country. All the top high school recruits choose to go to the same pool of colleges because they know which schools get the most media attention and that’s where they will get exposure. Duke and Kentucky have been known for this the past couple of years. That means, these schools have to recruit a handful of new players every single year because their ‘Fab Freshman’ leave for the NBA.

My next complaint is the age of the players when they enter the NBA. If you only go to one year of college and then enter the NBA draft, you are either 19 or 20 years old. That is not even close to the maturity and experience level that is necessary to compete at the high intensity level on a daily basis. Also, at that age, you might think you’re the best thing since sliced bread, but when you get into playing games, the older, more experienced players will put you in your place. Your game just isn’t as good as you think it is when you’re competing against Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, Dwyane Wade, and Kevin Durant. Then you get into the older players, who are past their prime, but still compete at high level because they are so much smarter than everyone, like Tim Duncan and Steve Nash.

Finally, I have always been taught that getting an education is important. It doesn’t matter if I want to work at a fast-food restaurant for the rest of my life, I will need a fall back plan if that doesn’t work out. The only way to have a fall back plan is to have a college education. To translate this into the basketball world, I will speculate about injuries. If a player leaves school after a year to play in the NBA, and they suffer a career-ending injury early in their young career, what are they supposed to do now? Sure, they could try to make it on the salary they made while they were playing, but young players don’t always make the best money and they only have one year of a college education under their belt. They’re going to need to return to school to get a degree before they can go back out into the real world because they didn’t finish it while they had a chance.

I think that the NCAA should require athletes to use all four years of eligibility and receive a college degree before they are allowed to leave for a professional league. This should apply to all college sports, not just basketball.

YOLO: You obviously lack objectives

By Madison Waldie



According to rapper, Drake, ‘The Motto’ for people to live their lives by is, YOLO, or you only live once. Recently people have been taking this catchy acronym to a whole new level. Their excuse for using illicit drugs and consuming massive amounts of alcohol is YOLO. Unprotected, unsafe sex, sharing needles, driving recklessly, and living an ‘invincible’ lifestyle is all justified by those four meaningless letters, YOLO.

If young people were using YOLO as an excuse to live a more fulfilling life that would be one thing, but unfortunately YOLO is being used to explain and make sense of the opposite. Deciding to donate to good causes, be more considerate towards others, and always striving

to be the best you can be, those are ways to live a rewarding life and say, ‘YOLO.’

What do you think would happen if every teenage person in our nation lived these unsafe and unstable lifestyles? This generation would not be prepared for the future that they hold. It might sound cliché or over-used, but our generation is responsible for the next two generations. We hold the future of the United States in our hands.

Sadly, many people have fallen into the tight fist of rappers like Lil’ Wayne, Drake, and Soulja Boy. These men have said things like, “**** the FBI and the Army troops,” and “I don’t do too many [drugs]. I just smoke weed and drink. It’s not about the bad high; it’s just about the acne: Cocaine makes your face break out. I’m a pretty boy,” in their songs and interviews.

Listening to these artists’ music and enjoying it is fine, if you can enjoy it, but trying to live the lifestyle that is portrayed is un-

safe and dangerous. No one realizes that a life full of ‘Purple Drank’ is not going to end well.

If people like Mother Teresa and Oprah were on our iPods instead of this inane nonsense that beats through the subwoofers in our cars, I know that people would think about their lives and actions differently, but that isn’t realistic. Until Oprah drops her first motivational mix-tape, the line between what happens in the studio and reality needs to be established. The line that establishes the difference between hard-work and determination leading to success and not drugs and alcohol.

It is one thing to have fun and live in the moment, but once it becomes unsafe and a threat to your well-being and lives around you, it’s not okay. No one is invincible, and if you are going to say YOLO, say it in the correct way. Don’t use it as an excuse to throw your life away, but as a reminder that you do only live once, so don’t screw it up.

Get ready to pay more for your students loans

By Justin Albright



College - One of the most exciting and expensive times of your life. Yet, as fun as college may be, it’s also one of the most, if not the most expensive time of your life. For those of you who already believe that college is expensive, the cost of the Stafford student loan could possibly double in expenses in the next year for approximately 7.4 million students. Better buckle down on all those scholarships seniors.

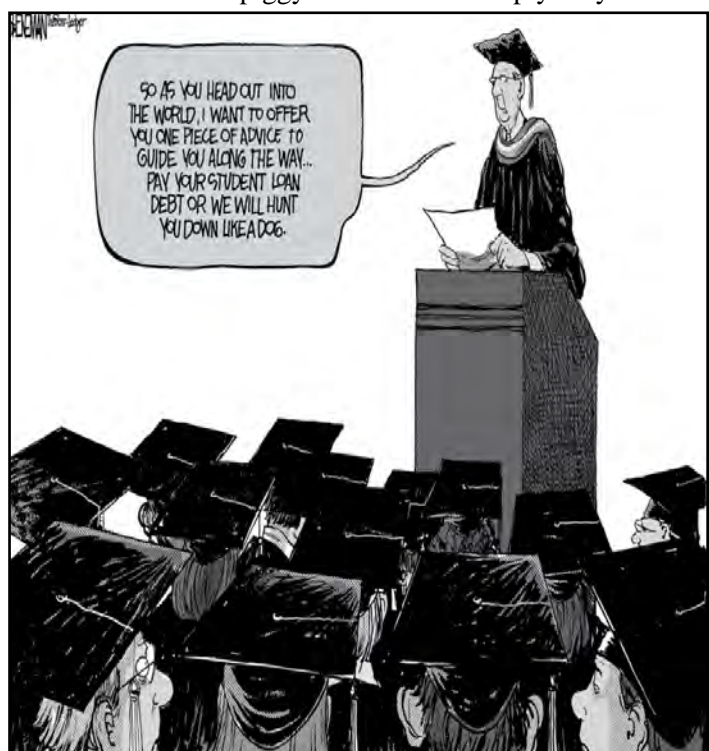
Usually, the interest rate on the Stafford Student loan is 3.4% but unless the government doesn’t act fast, the interest rate will double to 6.8% by July 1. Crazy enough, both presidential candidates agree that something needs to be done about this. Unless Congress steps in and does something about, you seniors better be prepared to empty your wallets this upcoming year. The house republicans have been under pressure from President Obama to set a vote for July 1.

President Obama is critical on the increase, as he is constantly putting pressure on the Republicans to halt the increase. Democrats and Republicans both agree that the student loan increase is wrong but they can’t agree on an acceptable price. The president is going to several colleges and talk shows to try and let

the nation know that he is trying to do something about it.

On May 8, according to CBS news Senate Republicans blocked a bill intended to extend low the low interest rates for student loans. In a 52-45 vote, the Republican Senators blocked further work on the “Stop the Student Loan Interest Rate Hike Act of 2012,” which was a democrat sponsored

So you seniors that are planning to go to college better hope that congress passes a deal, or else your wallets and piggy banks will be empty very soon.



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Senior Dedications

By Taylor LaTray

 It's nothing new that every year we lose a large group of people we've become attached to. It never becomes easier for these students to graduate and normally leave their friends behind, nor is it easier for the other students of Lowry to say their goodbyes. We all have at least one senior whom we don't want to go. This is a written goodbye to those who will venture out on a new life, forever in our hearts, this is our message to you.

To Jace Billingsley "It Was a Good



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Day" From Alec Mayo
To Bret Hammon
"God Gave Me You"
From Kelsey Killpack
To Keyra Perez
"Computer Love" From
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"You are My Sunshine"
From Savannah Ingram
To Heather Mcelvain
"Call Me Maybe" From
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Shaver
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"Space
Bound" From Justin Al-
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To Matt Jones "You're
Beautiful" From Turrell
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To Kim Garcia "Sing"
From Jolyn Garcia



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To Bryan Noble "Mr.
Roboto" From Tyler
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To Kade Mader "One
Time" From Savannah
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To Nic Velasquez "E.T."
From Kelvin Meza

To Quinn Norcutt
"Mudd Diggers" From
Jeremiah Mastrejuan

To Sean Whitlock "Smile" Rick
Baker

To Ryan Kracaw "Stuntin' like Mu-
fasa" From Beau Billingsley


To Chase Estes "Momma's Boy"
From Sienna Beal



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Marc's favorite summer songs

By Marc Esquivel

 As the school year SLOWLY creeps its way to the end and the thrills of summer are right around the corner, some people may be looking for some inspiration to get them into the summer spirit that we all enjoy so much. Look no further because here is a list of songs that are sure to put you in that laid back, take it easy, have some fun summer mood:

"All Summer Long" by Kid Rock – "It's the simple things in life like when and where." This song's "Sweet Home Alabama" feel and summer vibe makes it a great song to listen to while chilling out on the lake enjoying the company of great friends.

"California Love" by Tupac – "California knows how to party," simple as that. Sweet rhythm and party-hardy lyrics make it a great song to get loose to when the temperature goes up.

"Summer Nights" by Lil Rob – "Summer days just sitting around but when the sun goes down, I'll be ready to party." Ain't nothing like them summer nights. This feel good song talks about how every high school kid wants to spend his summer, kicking it all day and hanging out all night.

"Summer Breeze" by Seals and Crofts – "Sweet days of summer, the jasmine's in bloom. July is dressed up, and playing her tune." This 1972 hit has one of the most relaxing, care free feels a song about summer can have, and who doesn't like a "no worries" type of summer?

"Electric Feel" by MGMT – Although this song has no reference to summer in it at all, MGMT made one of the funkiest songs of the decade. It's fun to dance to, fun to relax to, and overall is great for all occasions.


"The Joker" by Steve Miller Band – "I'm a picker, I'm a grinner, I'm a lover, and I'm a sinner. I play my music in the sun." The Steve Miller Band has made some classic songs in their time and "The Joker" is no different. Overall, it's great song to ride around and sing along to with a group of friends on a hot summer day.

"Knee Deep" by Zac Brown Band ft. Jimmy Buffet – "Wishin' I was knee deep in the water somewhere, got the

blue sky breeze and it don't seem fair the only worry in the world is 'the tide gonna reach my chair?'" Zac Brown Band makes a lot of feel good music and "Knee Deep" is a tribute to summer. Fishing and hanging out by the lake have got to be the two most relaxing activities during the summer and that's what

"Knee Deep" is all about.


"Can't Stop" by Red Hot Chili Peppers – The Red Hot Chili Peppers are a SoCal band, so of course they make some great summertime music. "Can't Stop," along with plenty of other RHCP songs give off that summer vibe and are all around just great songs.



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Artist of the Year: Anna Mellen

By Jolyn Garcia

Senior, Anna Mellen, began her art career by taking Art I during her freshman year. Mellen took this class “for the humanitarian credit. But I enjoyed it and found my niche.”

Her art teacher, Andy Anderson, chose her to be artist of the year because “She’s risen above the other students in her enthusiasm for art. Also for her eagerness to study art in college and because her dedication to go above and beyond on every single assignment. No other student has done that. She just Chuck Norris’s it.”

Mellen has taken an art class all four years that she has attended Lowry High School. After taking two years of basic art, Anna chose to take Advanced Art for her last two years.

When asked what her favorite medium is, Mellen replied, “Clay, I’m a sculptor. Clay is easy to work with and you need skill to do it. You can’t just throw it together and end up with something.”

Anderson added, “She is especially talented in ceramics. Anna is what we call a well-rounded artist.”

On May 16, Anna Mellen received a medallion for being the overall art student of the year. When asked of her thoughts on winning this award Mellen says,

“It surprises me. It validates my hard work. It makes me happy that my art has influenced people.”

~Mr. Anderson



Above: Anna Mellen works diligently to complete an assignment for the Art and CTE showcase./Madison Waldie • The Brand



Above: Mellen displaying her mobile./Madison Waldie • The Brand

Left: Mellen displaying one of her pieces of artwork./Madison Waldie • The Brand



Right: Anna working hard on her showcase assignment./Madison Waldie • The Brand

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Jessie's Journal

By Jessie Shirrick

I recently learned to how to sleep with my eyes open. T'was a rather frightening experience to have. I had a dream while I was looking at a TV, and I was awake by a loud noise.

I can bend one leg and the other one too.

What if somebody was really smart but nobody or anybody knew.

I think the last month of school should be discontinued; because I haven't done any of my school work due to the fact that I no longer care about my grades.

Prom was awesome. There was people dancing around and stuff.

My birthday is soon. I want to be gifted some shoe laces. I'm going to have a birthday party, but you aren't invited. You can watch it happen from your mom's house but she won't be

home, for she is invited.

There really is no purpose of life, you study and get good grades, so you can go to college and pay to study, and then you get a job and you get money and then you spend your money on stuff, and then you have a bunch of stuff, and then you have a family, and you spend money on your family. Then you die, and none of the studying, or money, or stuff matters anyway. So you've done all this for nothing, congratulations.

That awkward moment when you realize that you're reading a newspaper.

This year has gone by really fast, you may almost say that it has gone by too fast, but probably not.

Memory loss is killer.

This edition of Jessie's Journal is dedicated to Melanie Vance- coworker, beekeeper, and Arch Nemesis. I bid you farewell as you journey into the unknown territory of Spokane. Until we meet again.

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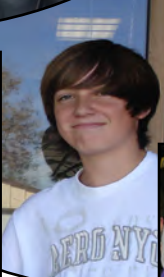
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