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FOUR YEARS OF DROUGHT

By JESSIE SCHIRRICK AND BRODY GOUCHER

The grocery stores are running out of fresh produce, every faucet in the state has run dry. This summer, instead of going swimming, desert dwellers will have to burrow underground to cool down, westerners evacuating their homes and heading east in search of water. Okay, so it hasn't gotten that bad yet, but these are the kind of conditions the Western United States could be looking at if rainfall continues to decrease at the rate it has. California, the state that has been most affected by the drought, has just implemented very restrictive water conservation laws that go as far as banning restaurants from serving water to customers unless they specifically ask for it. The rest of the country will go down with them as California is responsible for growing half of U.S. fruits, nuts, and vegetables, not to mention several other commodities that contribute to the state's \$46.4 billion agricultural industry. These issues have led to several water right battles between Western states, and especially between Las Vegas and several neighboring cities.

One reason the drought hasn't improved is because of the severe lack of snow this winter. Only 62% of Nevada received its average amount of snowfall while regions like Carson (28%), Truckee river (18%), and Walker river (19%) are severely below their average amount of snowfall for this time of the year. Without the runoff water that the snow packs in the mountains give off, crops will have a poor season and prices at the supermarkets will keep going up. The areas most affected by the drought include Fallon, Lovelock, and Yerington. In these areas, crops aren't the only thing that will suffer; cattle and wild horses as well as other wildlife will have a hard time finding water, especially if the region undergoes its usual breakout of wildfires.

Dr. Douglas Boyle, a professor at University of Nevada, Reno, says that their is no need for immediate concern for everyday people in towns or cities, but that farmers are already suffering.

"The first year of the drought was not particularly damaging to agriculture, but now in our fourth year of drought, things are looking pretty bad. Farmers can't rely on surface water for irrigation because there isn't

much water stored in reservoirs which is causing many farmers to use much smaller portions of their fields in order to conserve water," said Boyle.

If the drought continues then prices will continue to soar in the supermarkets and eventually farms won't have enough water to keep growing crops, so everyone is wondering how long the drought will last and the severity of it. Unfortunately the answers to those questions remain unknown.

"Weather forecasts are only accurate 8 to 10 days in advance and while people have their predictions no one can predict exactly when the drought will end. One possible long term effect of the drought would be



Professor Douglas Boyle./ Courtesy • unr. edu

something like cattle owners having to sell off their cattle to states farther east, which will cause many ranchers to go out of business and force them explore other options," said Boyle.

Farmers are facing huge challenges and there still remain many Nevadans who are completely oblivious to the crisis in their own backyard.

"While farmers and ranchers are feeling the impacts of the drought many everyday people in cities like Las Vegas, Reno, and even small towns like Winnemucca don't even realize that the drought is happening. Cities are required to have a certain amount of year's worth of water stored up and Reno claims it has a eight-year supply of water. The cities and towns that depend on groundwater are not experiencing any negative affects and are actually doing quite well, so it just depends on where you are at and how you use your water whether or not you notice the effects of the drought," explained Boyle.

While Boyle accurately states that there are several locals who are unaffected by the drought there are also several that are.

"One way people will be affected in towns and cities is if they have a taste for locally grown fruits and vegetables then they will have to decide if they want to spend more for locally grown produce or if they want save their money and buy imported produce but sacrifice knowing where their food is made," said Boyle

Boyle makes it clear that farmers and ranchers are taking the heat, and local rancher Guy Tipton can definitely vouch for that.

"My family and I own a ranch just out of town where we have meadow ground. We mostly run cows out on the desert around town and then we are in the

process of growing some alfalfa but we aren't done yet," said Tipton.

Tipton explained how the drought has affected his irrigation methods.

"We use a well to irrigate our alfalfa; well usage hasn't been affected by the drought

yet, but the state is beginning to monitor that more and in the future there's a chance that wells will be curtailed like rivers. As of now I get my full water right no matter what," said Tipton.

A water right is a legal entitlement authorizing water to be diverted from a specified source and put to beneficial, non-wasteful use according to waterboards.gov. Tipton explained that his water once came from the Humboldt river but this has changed because of the drought.

"In '12, '13, and '14 we didn't get any water from the river, we've gotten a little bit but we haven't gotten enough to irrigate since '11 and it actually flooded on its own that year. When there's a drought, the oldest rights come into priority so the people that own those accumulate water. If there's a drought and we don't get water from the river we have to buy feed that we normally would get from the river water for free. This can be very costly. We do however have a couple different insurance deals that cover the cost of buying supplemental feed in the case of a drought, but it's still very tough for everybody and all you can do is hang in there," said Tipton.

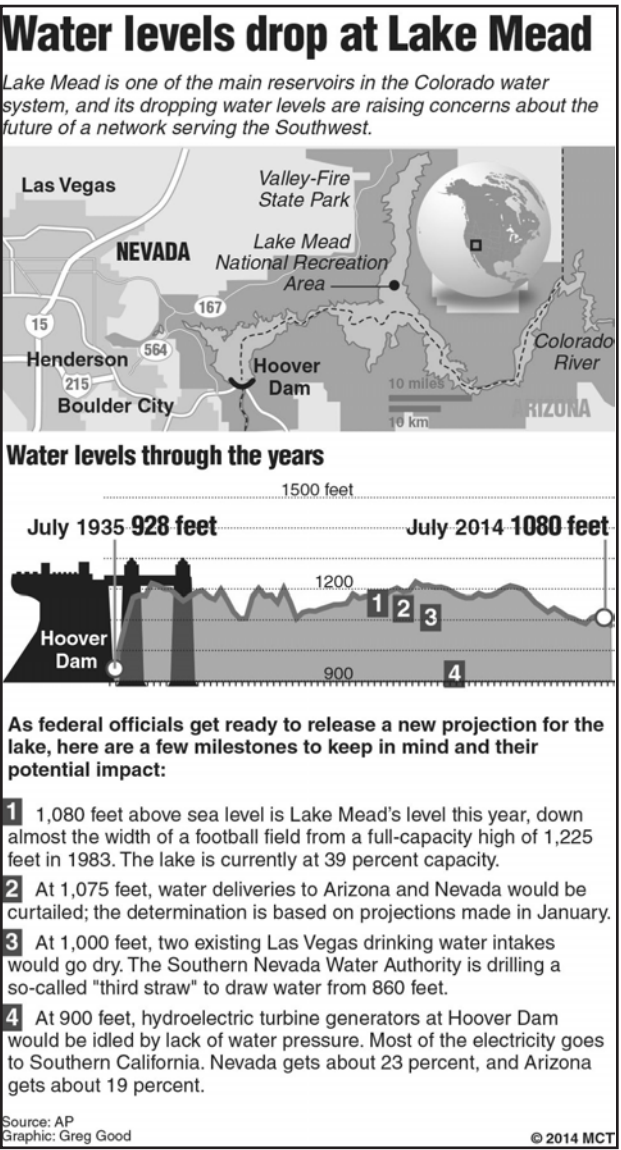
Tipton has had to make several budget cuts because of this lack of water.

"We've had to cut down on the number of cattle because we just couldn't feed them with what we had. We run the remaining cows on the desert, public lands, BLM [Bureau of Land Management]. The cows are in pretty good shape when they come home to the meadows so they get by when they're inside until we can turn them back out again," said Tipton.

Fortunately, because of experience, Tipton has grown accustomed to droughts and other struggles of desert ranching.

"It's tough but we have droughts an awful lot in

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Tips for saving water: How you can help

By WESTON IRONS

In light of the long term drought the West is facing, water may soon become scarce and the west will erupt in a civil war with battles fought over the most plentiful watering holes. On a more serious note, here are some tips on how to conserve water so Nevada does not become the real life representation of every western movie ever made.

Something you can do every day, unless you aren't huge on hygiene, is take shorter showers. Less time under the shower head equals more water saved. I enjoy contemplating every mistake I've ever made during a 30-minute shower just as much as the next guy, but if it's for the greater good of our dry state, I'll find time to cry to myself some other time.

Anyone can and should look up ways to save water. Even if you're not that concerned about the environment, saving water can mean saving money.

Some simple steps you can make:

1. Check faucets and pipes for leaks-A small drip from a worn faucet washer can waste 20 gallons of water per day.
 2. Install water-saving shower heads and low-flow faucet aerators-"Low-flow" means it uses less than 2.5 gallons per minute.
 3. Insulate your water pipes-It's easy and inexpensive to insulate your water pipes with pre-slit foam pipe insulation. You'll get hot water faster plus avoid wasting water while it heats up.
 4. Watering your lawn-Position your sprinklers so water lands on the lawn, not on paved areas. Also, avoid watering on windy days. Water your lawn only when it needs it. Water during the early parts of the day; avoid watering when it's windy.
- Ideas like those above and many more available at <http://eartheasy.com/>. They can help save water as well as lower your water bill.



2016 Presidential hopefuls begin their campaigns

By MARCOS DURAN

The year 2016 looms ever closer, and with that, comes the Presidential elections. People from all over the country are interested to know who will run to be the next President of the United States, and who will replace President Barack Obama when he leaves the Oval Office.

The Republican Party is scrambling to look for a suitable candidate, while the Democratic Party has all but selected its choice. Former First Lady and former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton first ran for the presidency back in 2008, but lost the Democratic nomination to President Obama. She has since then served as Secretary of State under President Obama from 2009 to 2013, and is now the most likely choice to run under the Democratic ticket, even though she has not formally announced that she is seeking office. In recent public opinion polls on who would be the best choice to run for the Democrats, Clinton has been in the lead over Vice President Joe Biden by almost 50 percent. Though her public rating has taken a hit recently over her



Hillary Clinton speaks at a conference for Women./ Karl Mondon • Bay Area News Group/TNS

use of a personal email account over the federal email assigned to her, she is still the most viable candidate. As the most likely Democratic presidential candidate, Clinton has many supporters and critics. Teachers Laura Mercado and Mark Carstensen voiced their opinions on Clinton.



Former Governor Jeb Bush speaks at a conservative conference./ Olivier Douliery • Abaca Press/TNS

“[The Democrats] are right in choosing Hillary as their candidate,” said Mrs. Laura Mercado. “She is very popular with the public, and she is experienced in the government, having been a First Lady and the Secretary of State. The email incident will not tarnish her reputation, seeing as it is something very minor in the world of politics,”

Mr. Mark Carstensen has a similar tone to Mercado’s.

“The Democrats would be very smart in picking [Clinton], seeing how her popularity is on the rise compared to other candidates. She will be a good president if she’s elected. Her policies are more to the middle, so that would please a lot of people. She is not as liberal as the right is painting her. Many say that the email incident will ruin her campaign, but its really just the Republican Party blowing it out of proportion,” said Carstensen.

On the Republican side, there is still no clear

choice, but as of now, one presidential hopeful is standing slightly above the rest, the son and brother of two former U.S. Presidents Jeb Bush. Bush, unlike Clinton, has formally announced the he will indeed be throwing his hat in the ring. However, he does not have a clear cut advantage over the other Republicans who have announced their intentions to run, such as Chris Christie, Ben Carson, and Scott Walker. Tea Partier Ted Cruz and Rand Paul are the only Republican candidates to officially announce their candidacy. Recent polls have shown Bush with a slight advantage, but Scott Walker and Rand Paul are close behind, with only 3 percent separating the potential candidates.

“As of now, Jeb Bush seems like he will be the Republican candidate. His last name could be beneficial or seriously hurt his chances. Having two Bushes in the White House before him doesn’t help either,” said Mercado.

“The Republican Party as of now does not stand a chance against Hillary, but they will still put up a fight with Bush. What is really hurting the Republicans though, is the name recognition and the scandals. When Americans hear the name “Bush”, it is associated with rash and bad decisions. As for the scandals, the email incident with Hillary is nothing compared to what some of their potential candidates have gotten into, like Chris Christie in the bridge scandal.” said Carstensen.

Once both parties have formally selected a candidate in the Primary elections in early 2016, it will be a close race to determine who will lead the nation as the next President of the United States.

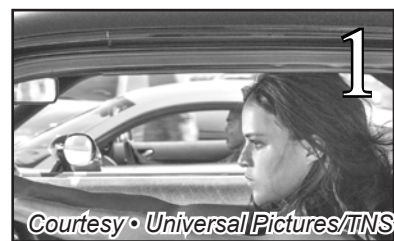


Mr. Mark Carstensen./ Courtesy • Winnada

NEWS

By LIAM GALLUPS

QUIZ



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1. The hit movie “Fast and Furious 7” made how much on its opening weekend?

- A. \$42.1 million
- B. \$52.1 million
- C. \$107.1 million
- D. \$143 million



2

Jerry Lynn Tolbert wanted on a warrant charging him with battery with a deadly weapon, according to the HCSO, turned himself in where?

- A. Winnemucca
- B. Lovelock
- C. Elko
- D. Las Vegas



3

The US is nearing a deal with which country over nuclear arms and research?

- A. Iraq
- B. Iran
- C. China
- D. Syria



4

The Chicago Cubs sent who to their minor leagues despite outstanding spring training?

- A. Jon Lester
- B. Tsuyoshi Wada
- C. Kris Bryant
- D. Starlin Castro

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LHS student doesn't have cellphone; lives normal life

By JESSIE SCHIRICK

In a story that that was brought to our staff's attention in early March, Madison Lozano, a sophomore at Lowry High School doesn't own a cellphone and functions like a psychologically and emotionally healthy human being, not only that, but Lozano is also a successful student, athlete, employee, and member of society.

"I don't get what the big deal is, my parents just haven't bought me one. I'm sure I'll have one eventually," said a confused Lozano.



Madison Lozano./ Courtesy • Winnada

While Lozano certainly minimizes this remarkable phenomenon, her peers are bewildered to say this least.

"I've been

friends with Madi for a few years now so you can imagine the state of shock I was in when I learned the phone number I had been using to contact her was actually her house phone. I always thought it was kind of strange that I had to ask for her when I called sometimes but I would've never guessed the astounding truth behind it," said Lozano's close friend Matthew Jock.

Jock goes on to explain how much closer they have become since he became aware of this startling fact about Lozano.

"Honestly, I could barely look at her the same way when I first found out. I couldn't help but wonder if there were other even more traumatizing secrets about her, like an unseen birth defect or health condition, but after a few weeks I came to terms with it and our friendship has been better for it," said Jock.



Student receives award for proper grammar

By DANI RICKER

A Lowry student got recognized for using proper grammar while writing.

It has become such a struggle switching between texting your bffs and typing an essay for your English class. However, local student Anthony Miller recently received an award for his precise grammar and diction.

"It's really not that hard to type out 'you' instead of 'u'. I don't even do that while I am texting," said Miller. "I really shouldn't be receiving this award, it's kind of ridiculous."

The English department was astounded.

"It was amazing, he spelled out all of his words and used correct punctuation. He even correctly used a semi-colon!" said his English teacher.



His prize includes a \$500 visa gift card and an all expense-paid trip the Bahamas.

While accepting his award Miller commented, "Really though, why am I getting this?"

He plans on donating his prize money back to the school for new dictionaries, and selling his tickets to the Bahamas to by a new Xbox One, and some "sick shades".



Lowry brings back JV and freshman lettering

By KAITY SAMPLE

After many complaints from parents that the freshman and JV athletes aren't being appreciated as much as the varsity level athletes, the faculty and staff have come to a conclusion and decided to bring back lettering at all levels in athletics.

"The freshman and JV players are intense athletes and deserve recognition. Even if we don't have the money, we are spending the little bit of money we

do have on the underclassmen," said Athletic Director Tim Connors.

Many parents are concerned for their athletes.

"My child feels like they aren't important and that is Lowry's fault. They need something small to show that they have participated and put in just as much time as the varsity athletes," said a distressed parent.

As many opinions are expressed, some students disagree with the schools choice.

"The athletic program is wasting money on a letter that is irrelevant. The underclassmen can wait until they are on a varsity sport to receive a letter. The school can use their money more wisely. They could buy an air conditioner for the gym, or more equipment to help us be better athletes and win more championships," said an upper classmen.

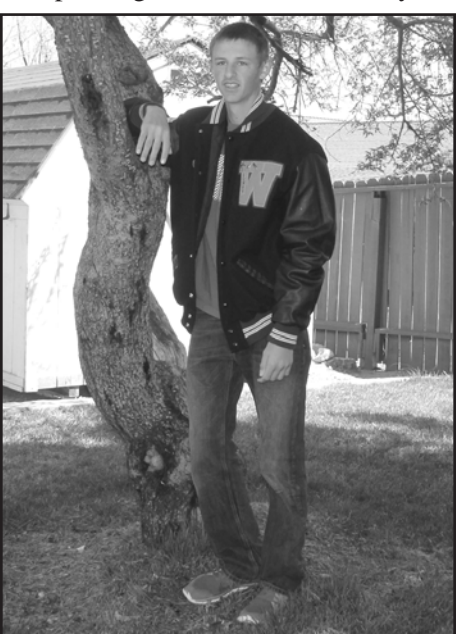
Although some students disagree, many agree with the schools choice.

"I think it's a great way to help keep underclassmen involved. If I wouldn't have received my freshman letter I might've considered quitting. Receiving an award at the end of the season shows that our athletic program appreciates me and encourages me to continue working

for something," said a freshman.

Lowry is hoping to boost the egos of all freshman and sophomore athletes.

After all of the hard work and dedication. Plus everyone wants a JV and freshman letter on their letterman jackets.



Freshman Ren Mattson showing off his freshman letter./Kaity Sample• The Brand



No More Music

By NICK MADDOX

Sadly, a horrific event took place in March at Lowry. As many of you all know, Robert 'Gus' Campbell, usually plays his lovely music through the halls of Lowry. Many people enjoy listening to his funky playlist as they are making their way from class to class.

Unfortunately his speakers broke. The speakers broke on March 4 when Campbell was trying to switch from Eminem's "Rap God" to Beyonce's "Single Ladies" (a generous change in music) and accidentally fell down a flight of stairs.

Although Campbell managed to get up from the fall unharmed, the speakers did not make it.

A devastated student had this to say about the tragedy, "When I heard that Gus fell down that flight of stairs all I could think about was 'are the speakers

okay?" and when my worst fears were confirmed I broke down, ran to my room, and locked myself inside for roughly 3 days. After a week of intensive therapy and listening to Lana Del Rey's 'Summertime Sadness,' on repeat I'm ready to go back out into the public and face Lowry with no music," said Devan LaTray.

Now Lowry students must go for the rest of the year without jamming out on the way to their next class.



Robert Campbell suffers a tragic fall./Nick Maddox• The Brand

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this area so we've learned how to get by on bad years. According to my parents, there hasn't been a drought this bad since the 50's. The current drought technically began in 2000, with a couple non-drought years in '05 and '06, but I'd say '12 was probably the worst year and '13 and '14 were still drought years but not as severe as '12," said Tipton.

The amount of rainfall is an obvious indicator of whether or not an area is experiencing a drought, but there are other factors.

"The government gauges a drought by snow pack, rainfall, and soil mois-



Governor Brian Sandoval standing in what used to be Washoe Lake to announce the formation of the Nevada Drought Forum./ Courtesy • gov.nv.gov

ture, but rainfall is one of the biggest gauges of a drought," said Tipton.

In such dire consequences, ranchers are forced to take precautions.

"We have to look ahead and ensure that we have some extra hay stockpiled on hand. If the drought worsens or persists, there's a chance we might not be able to renew our BLM grazing permit, so then we'd have to bring them to our meadows which don't yield any feed, so we'd have to figure out how to buy hay at a time when it's not in season. If it gets a lot worse we would have to find pasture elsewhere, which is unlikely because the drought is so widespread, so we would end up having to sell a majority of our cows. If that happened we would hold onto that money and use it to try to keep and feed a core group of cows and then we would have to slowly start building our numbers back up as the weather permitted. So we have to plan long term but for the most part we take it day-to-day," said Tipton.

It's a good thing Tipton has made preparations because it doesn't look like conditions are going to improve very much this year.

"Right now it looks like the drought

is going to be of the same severity this year, but the river's probably going to flow worse than last year because the snowpack is lower, about as low as it was in '12. The range land around here is in better shape than it was in '12 so it will be about the same as last year, which is by no means good," said Tipton.

If the drought isn't enough, ranchers are up against several different forces that make doing their job more difficult.

"The BLM and Forest Service have these restrictions and regulations that work against us and they don't have the scientific proof to back it up, these rules are in place for political reasons or because they say that what we do harms the environment. There are already a lot of issues we face and the drought magnifies them that much more," said Tipton.

However, recent actions show the state government is concerned about current conditions. On April 8, Governor Brian Sandoval issued an Executive Order establishing the Nevada Drought Forum.



Low water levels are visible on the rocks around Lake Mead outside of Las Vegas./ Michael Robinson Chavez Los Angeles Times/MCT

"Drought affects all Nevadans and we must work together to ensure a path to sustainability for future generations," said Governor Sandoval in a press release. "The Nevada Drought Forum will bring together some of the best minds in the water science, conservation, government and industry sectors to ensure that Nevada's path forward is clear. The Forum will provide an opportunity for all Nevadans – urban and rural, north and south – to come together to help address this most critical challenge."



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Embracing your natural beauty

By JESSIE SCHIRRICK

I am a survivor of my own self-destruction. I once had long, healthy hair but because of my impulsive, subconscious need to drastically alter my appearance, I bleached it every six weeks for approximately a year until it was so damaged that it literally broke off. I traded my once perfectly healthy hair for a platinum blond fantasy and ended up with nothing but regret. I, of all people, understand the cost of taking our bodies for granted. My lifeless strands of hair served as a metaphor for the harm we do to our bodies in the name of vanity. I served my time; I suffered roughly a year growing my hair out in an effort to restore its former health.

Every time you dye your hair you are polluting it with harsh chemicals when you have perfectly good DNA that provides for just the right color.

The same can be said about tanning. I'm not saying that everyone should douse themselves in sunscreen every time they step outside but they shouldn't

go out of their way to expose themselves to extremely harmful UV rays via tanning beds. A tanning bed is basically an electric coffin; tanning bed users put themselves at a far greater risk of developing melanoma- the deadliest form of skin cancer, and for what? To sport an artificial skin tone that isn't yours? Does it really count if it isn't natural? I don't think so.

In fact, most of the cosmetics industry is a scam, built on a foundation of lies that tell people their appearance doesn't meet an imaginary, unattainable standard.

People need to realize that their natural physical traits are what make them unique and that it is important to feel comfortable in your own skin which isn't possible if you're constantly trying to alter it. In the grand scheme of things, appearance really isn't that important. Tanned skin doesn't earn you good grades, that nose job won't capture the man of your dreams, and you won't achieve instant happiness by dyeing your hair.



Is Snapchat ruining relationships?

By NICK MADDOX

With the new Snapchat update many features were changed and added such as being able to see news from popular media outlets, being able to scan a barcode to add Snapchat friends, and sadly for couples, not being able to see other people's "best friends" (If you did not know already, best friends on Snapchat are people you snap more than anyone else).

One of the many tactics used by couples to see who their significant other is talking to is seeing who their snapchat best friends are.

This has caused many fights among adolescent couples, but they are too immature to realize that if someone other than you is snapchatting your boyfriend or girlfriend, that does not mean they are cheating on you. Odds are they are just sending them a million

pictures of their cat or pictures of the answers to a worksheet.

Now, if they are sending the person you are in a relationship with flirty pictures and texting them on a regular basis then yes, you should probably be concerned.

But Snapchat is not the problem, lying and cheating is.

Also, some people just don't snapchat often, and because of that, people can end up on your best friends list after just one snap.

So just because your man or woman is receiving snaps from some random person named Tiffany or Todd don't freak out, because it might cause an unnecessary fight and make him/her think you are crazy. Also, if you don't trust your partner to stay loyal to you and not develop feelings for another person, then you might want to rethink your relationship.



Legalizing conceal-carry permit on campus would have no effect

By BRODY GOUCHER

Florida is moving a bill forward that would allow anyone to carry a gun on a school campus with a conceal-carry permit. Nevada legislature is also considering the bill, but currently any weapons on campus are illegal.

Putting weapons into students' hands then allowing them to carry them on school campuses could be one of the stupidest things a state could allow. If anyone thinks that putting weapons into the hands of thousands of immature teenagers, they should be put in an insane asylum and locked away. Nothing can really prevent a school shooting from happening because if someone has made up his or her mind to hide a gun, walk up to a school and start shooting, then he or she is going to do it. Having other students with guns could just create a situation where twice as many people are hurt in the crossfire and two guns means twice the amount of bullets and more likely injury or death.

Teachers that have gone through firearm classes and have learned how to use them properly should be the only people besides law enforcement that can have guns on school property. If teachers did get

permission to carry a firearm then they would have to keep them on their person at all times and not let the students know they have them.

Parents and guardians everywhere trust schools to keep their children safe and letting anyone who has taken a week long class stroll up to a school with a weapon is idiotic. Letting students on college campuses in Nevada carry a weapon could lead to accidental shootings, anyone could also walk behind the student and grab the weapon from their holster and then use it. Young adults from age 18 to at least 21 should not be able to carry a weapon on school property, there are just too many situations that could end badly with a firearm present.

In more recent news, on March 18 a bill was sent to the Nevada Assembly floor that, if passed, would allow college students and adults with a carry-conceal permit to take their firearms onto college campuses however the bill no longer admits weap-

ons onto day cares or any other public schools. The bill is expected to pass the Nevada Assembly and if it does then it will go on to the senate where it will be signed into law or thrown out.

I'm all for gun rights; but is introducing even more firearms to elementary schools, colleges, and high schools really the best solution to stop psychopaths who enjoy seeing other people in pain?



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Musings of an Otaku

By LIAM GALLUPS

Let's talk about stereotypes and how the media uses such things. Stereotypes are oversimplified descriptions or images of a kind of person or trope. We all know what these are, Americans are gun happy, Jews are miserly, terrorists are Muslim, the list goes on and on. It makes one wonder why they exist in the first place. I don't know the reason why, but my best guess is that stereotyping first appeared in political propaganda. This may or may not be true.

Why do we use stereotypes? We use them for humor in some cases. In Japan, Americans are viewed as trigger happy maniacs who are willing to whip out any form of artillery at the slightest provocation. As absurd as this may be, that's the point. Absurdity is a form of comedy, because of how different from the norm it is here in the reality we live in. Here, we consider the south to be as trigger happy. (This probably isn't true. Please do NOT take my word for any of this.) As humans, we often find the unusual and the absurd to be humorous. Those of us who don't may find it offensive, but then again, comedy is subjective anyway. What's funny to one person may not be so to another person.

Stereotypes don't have to apply only to human beings. For example, to use an otaku-based example, the typical anime features characters with big sparkly eyes, upturned noses, small mouths, pointed chins, and outlandishly large hair. There are shows that do really well that break free from this mold, but for some reason, this is the trope. We can go deeper. The typical shonen (boys') series features an emphasis on action, end of the world circumstances, intense fight scenes, the ultimate hero, the strong damsel, overarching story arcs, and a partridge in a pear tree (the pear tree thing is a metaphor). There are shonen series that are quite different from this, but this is the stereotypical norm.

Stereotypes are everywhere, and it's hard to not identify them. However, sometimes stereotypes can go hand-in-hand with racism. Just take Nazi Germany for

example, which promoted negative views of the Jewish people. We can't view people based on the stereotypes alone, but we must try to understand more about them to reach a sense of understanding. We can't fall into the same hole all racist people have for years on end.

Here's a question you may be asking yourself: "Should we abolish ALL stereotypes?" Well, yes and no. While it is true that stereotypes paint an unrealistic picture of different ethnic groups, at the same time, some of them are quite endearing. For instance, one stereotype suggests that Canadians are very polite. Another is that the French are very refined. The Japanese are very honorable is yet another example. These are all positive statements that happen to be stereotypes. So while some tend to be negative, there are just as many positive ones.

Again, most stereotypes are mostly unrealistic. Sure there may be people from all walks of life who may fall into a certain category, but we shouldn't label people for the sake of labeling. There are people who do that in an attempt to put themselves above others. Those people are a little selfish in my opinion.

The media uses stereotypes in entertainment. For instance, one could say that Apu from "The Simpsons" is a stereotypical Indian convenience store clerk. In many respects, that's true. Stereotypes are often used for background characters who don't get too much screen time. There's also Mrs. Wolowitz from "The Big Bang Theory," who fits the bill of stereotypical Jewish mother. While one could

argue that she doesn't have any screen time because only her voice is heard, I find this still counts.

Why are stereotypes used in these situations? Again, these are for comedic purposes, and often don't have much to do with the narrative. This because these are background characters who do not require much depth. Because you usually won't see them too often, it makes sense for them to not have too much character. In order to give them a personality, stereotypes are used to keep it simple and, in many cases, funny.

Are stereotypes getting old? In many respects, apparently not? We still use them in media and when talking about a certain ethnic group. Just remember that stereotypes are not the whole picture and that there is often more to these groups than what the stereotypes let on. I urge you to become educated in how these groups operate and why. Perhaps one day we'll reach a form of cultural understanding.



Spring is both good and bad

By KATIE HILLYER

Spring is on the way. No more snow, so time to put on your sandals and clothes that feel like spring. I am so ready for spring because I like to hang outside. I love to go on walks when it is sunny. We can go swimming and hang out with friends. When spring is in the air it means that Easter is on the way too.

The bad thing about spring is allergies since they are bad to have in the spring. You cannot stop sneezing and your nose can not stop running.

The worst part about spring is

rushing to get those last assignments in and studying for finals. Then saying goodbye to Lowry and friends.

Even though spring has some bad aspects it is still my favorite time of year.

I love spring break because I get to hang out with my friends and family. My friends and I get to watch movies and go swimming. My family and I get to go on road trips to Disneyland and sometimes to Las Vegas to visit family. Hope you have a good spring break this year.



Underage drinking should be legal

By ALEX MANZO

At the age of 18 you are considered an adult according to some standards, but not all of them; you can get married, adopt children, purchase weapons, defend your country, but you cannot purchase alcohol. It's not until the ripe age of 21 that one can legally drink.

About 80 percent of college students drink according to the Washington Post. If the drinking age was lowered to 18, college students who drink would not be at risk of tarnishing their reputation with a citation for Minor In Consumption (MIC). Having a MIC on a record could keep you from getting into certain schools and even hold you back from getting your dream job. 72% of high school students drink, but the age of 18 is when most people start drinking according to the Washington Post.

In many other countries like Mexico, Australia, and Canada, the drinking age is 16 or 18, but why not the United States? The United States spends a large amount of money trying to stop under aged drinking, but it is not effective. Many teens are still going to drink even though they know the consequences of getting caught, just because of the thrill that it gives.

Lowering the drinking age could stop some kids from being peer pressured.



Participate in high school events; sure, why not?

By WESTON IRONS

High school is the final step before entering the real world, becoming an adult, and taking on responsibilities that do not even compare to those of high school. Therefore you need to milk the high school experience for all it's worth. That does not mean being "turnt" 24/7 and creating a bunch of memories you will not even remember, but rather enjoying all the fun Lowry High School has to offer.

Throughout my high school career and after visiting other schools in Nevada, none of those schools or the people there have exceeded Lowry and the students at Lowry. It is hard to imagine spending these four years anywhere else, which brings me to my first point. Lowry has always been dominant in sports despite being considerably smaller than other schools in Nevada. You can always find an exciting and intense competition inside the gym or outside on the fields if you are looking for something to occupy your time. Better yet, participate in high school sports, and have our incredible student body cheer you on. Sports are just one of the many ways you can participate.

Homecoming, Winterfest, and Prom have to be the most eventful times of the school year and you don't want to miss a minute of it. Some of those events include Date Auction Night, the Powderpuff football game, school bonfires, and many more. There also countless dress up days for which you can be unique. During these weeks, the schooling is easier and the good times get even better. Take advantage of this weeks and squeeze out all of the fun that you can.

Lowry also has a number of clubs and extracurricular activities (excluding sports), most of which anyone can join. They include The Brand, Winnada, FFA, FBLA, Skills USA, and the list just goes on and on. I've found that participating in these clubs is a great way to meet new friends, have fun doing something you enjoy doing, not to mention participating in these clubs looks good on a resume. So I would advise checking out a club and seeing if it is something for you.

It is not hard to see that is always something fun going on at Lowry High School, so if you have a little too much free time on your hands, become part of one of the things stated above. Take advantage of these years in high school, because when you walk across that stage at graduation the high school dream is over. You'll cherish the memories you made in high school forever, now it is up to you to create some.

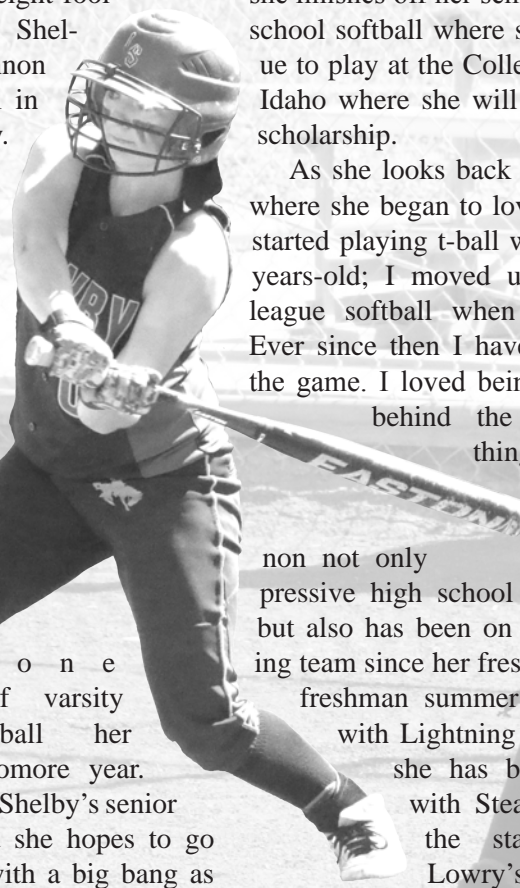




ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE: SHELBY MCKINNON

By Kaity Sample

Don't let her height fool you, because Shelby McKinnon is the strongest girl in Nevada. Literally. McKinnon has won the state weightlifting competition since her freshman year, she has played four years of varsity softball and is a three-time All-League catcher, she has played three years of varsity basketball, and played one year of varsity volleyball her sophomore year. This is Shelby's senior year and she hopes to go out with a big bang as



she finishes off her senior year of high school softball where she will continue to play at the College of Southern Idaho where she will be receiving a scholarship. As she looks back she remembers where she began to love the game. "I started playing t-ball when I was six-years-old; I moved up to play city league softball when I was seven. Ever since then I have always loved the game. I loved being on the field, behind the plate, everything about it," said McKinnon. McKinnon not only has an impressive high school softball career but also has been on an elite traveling team since her freshman year. Her freshman summer she competed with Lightning and since then she has been competing with Stealth Softball as the starting catcher. Lowry's head softball

coach, Ty Lucas, has been someone she can look up to and has believed in her since the beginning. "Lucas is a great coach, he has helped get me where I'm at and was a big part of my recruiting process. At practice we not only work hard but have fun while doing it. I have a lot to thank him for," said McKinnon. Although she has a passion for softball throughout the years she has also been extremely dedicated to her time in the gym and on the court. "I've always been an aggressive athlete and on the basketball court I can let go. Coach (Chelsea Cabatbat) has been my coach for all four years of my high school basketball career. Every time I stepped on the court she pushed me to be better, quicker and to always push myself to the limit. I'm so

grateful for everything she has done for me," said McKinnon. More often than not, Shelby can be spotted headed into the weight room when she isn't on the field or on the court. The past three years Shelby has placed first in squats, cleans, and bench in the annual state lifting competition that takes place in the late spring. McKinnon hopes to continue to keep that record as she prepares for this year's tournament. Despite Shelby's impressive athletic background she is also a good student and hopes to be successful in life. "I want to be successful. Having my college paid for with a scholarship will be nice and I won't have to worry about a lot of student loans. I want a good paying job and a family someday, but as of right now I am focusing on the next step in my future," said McKinnon.

“At practice we not only work hard but have fun while doing it.”
~Shelby McKinnon



ATHLETE OF THE ISSUE: DONOVAN BRUMM

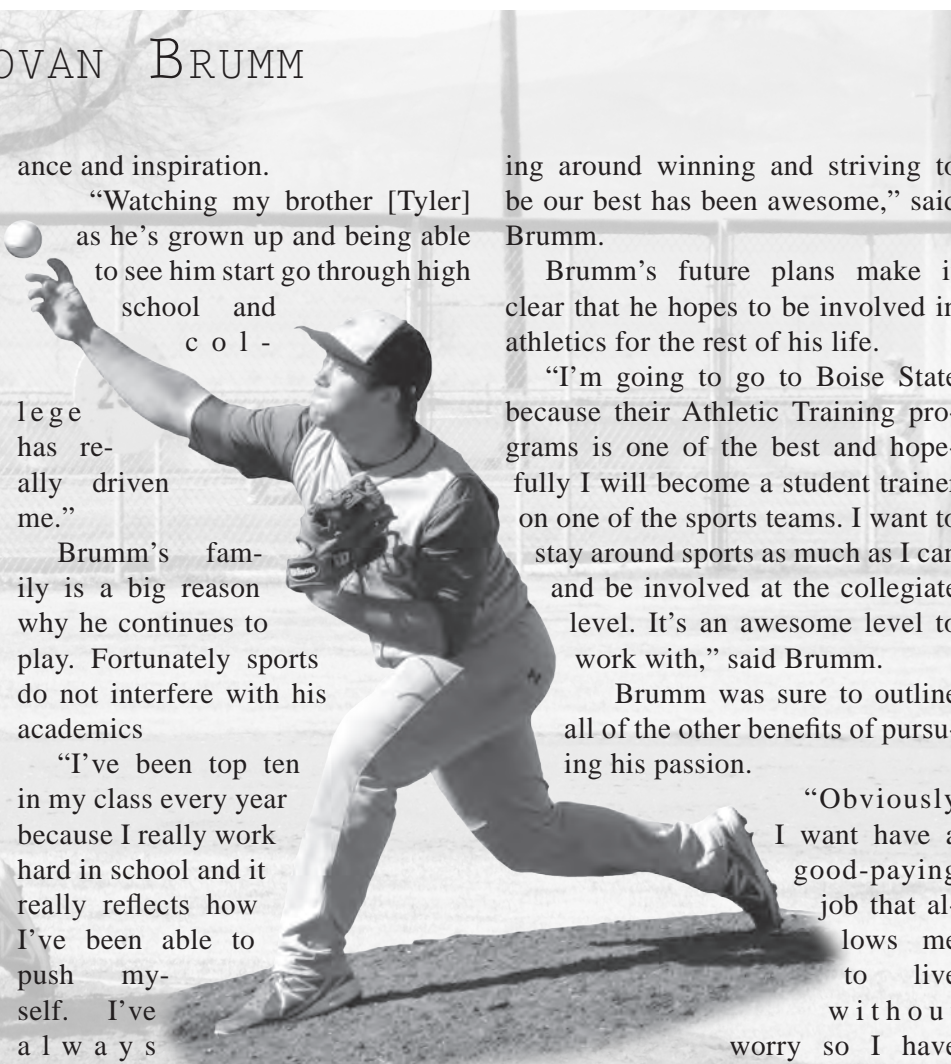
By James Dunyon

This issue's top athlete is a hard-working, athletic young man who succeeds in the classroom and on the field. This young man is Donovan "Donnie" Brumm. Brumm plays football in the fall and in the spring he plays baseball. Brumm has also wrestled in the past, but no matter what sport he does, he performs his absolute best all the time. Currently Brumm is playing baseball and shows his talent pitching but his main position is catcher. Brumm loves to play sports because it keeps him active, which is important to him. He also plays sports because he gets to hang out with his friends and do something he loves to do. "My brother Tyler who is a sophomore at University of Utah, and my Mom and Dad are very supportive of me and my sports. They always try to come to my games no matter how far away they may be," said Brumm. Not only is his family supportive, they're who got him involved in athletics in the first place.

"Ever since I was little my parents drove me to be the best I can be by striving to do well in school and work hard in sports." Due to the fact that Brumm got involved in athletics at a very young age, he shares many cherished memories with past and current team mates. "Back in Little League I was on an All-star team and we made it to state that year by playing Fernley and winning by a walk off," said Brumm. He also has a few not-so-cherished memories. "My Sophomore year we went down to Faith [Lutheran] for football and ended up losing by two touchdowns and then they went on to win the state championship." Brumm doesn't let failures bring him down and he is always looking for ways to improve. "Maybe I could work more in the off season for other sports and be more well-rounded as an athlete." Brumm is fortunate to have a brother from whom he derives guid-

ance and inspiration. "Watching my brother [Tyler] as he's grown up and being able to see him start go through high school and college has really driven me." Brumm's family is a big reason why he continues to play. Fortunately sports do not interfere with his academics "I've been top ten in my class every year because I really work hard in school and it really reflects how I've been able to push myself. I've always been successful in high school sports; we've always had winning teams as far as every sport I've played in. We haven't been able to win that state championship, but always be-

ing around winning and striving to be our best has been awesome," said Brumm. Brumm's future plans make it clear that he hopes to be involved in athletics for the rest of his life. "I'm going to go to Boise State because their Athletic Training programs is one of the best and hopefully I will become a student trainer on one of the sports teams. I want to stay around sports as much as I can and be involved at the collegiate level. It's an awesome level to work with," said Brumm. Brumm was sure to outline all of the other benefits of pursuing his passion. "Obviously I want have a good-paying job that allows me to live without worry so I have the drive to get a job where I can have fun, do what I love, and be successful all at the same time," said Brumm. Jessie Schirrick contributed to this story



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Undeclared swim team gets back in the pool against South Tahoe on April 17

By NAKIYA FLORES

The 2015 swim team started out strong in their first meet against Incline in Reno. With a hard week of practice, everyone worked for their position to be on Lowry's swim

team. Starting out the season strong as a team is important; Lowry's swim team has been working hard for two weeks to destroy Incline, Aqua five, South Tahoe, Fernley, Fallon, Sage Ridge/Sparks and Truckee.

"South Tahoe and Truckee are our biggest competition because they have good coaches, we can't afford to have any disqualifications or false starts," said coach Mike Owens.

A great thing about swim team is that both boys and girls work together to swim for a win. Everyone gets along with one another and everyone has one thing in mind, they

all love to swim.

Luckily, Owens has some sound advice to offer to swimmers, "Never give up in the pool, and be successful during school and always work hard."

The most recent swim meet was against Fernley. Lowry pulled off with another win for both the boys and the girls.

Lowry will compete against Incline and South Tahoe on April 17 and 24. Lowry swim will be competing against Sage Ridge/Sparks, Fallon/North Tahoe, and Truckee on April 24. After that there will be regionals on May 8 and 9 in Carson. State will be in Carson on May 16.



Ian Maher in a godlike state./Weston Irons • The Brand



Leo Avila swims a freestyle stroke./Weston Irons • The Brand



Nick Maddox swims during practice./Weston Irons • The Brand

JV softball falls to 6-4 in league play

By STAFF

On Saturday April 11, the JV softball team lost to Fallon in a double header 9-4, 10-6. The Bucks went into this game knowing they had tough competition, as their varsity team is the reigning state champs.

"It was a tough game, probably the toughest game we've seen in League and ever will see," said freshman shortstop Bai-

ley Sapien.

The Lady Bucks had one inning in both games that they let Fallon score multiple runs.

"We had that one inning where we let down, other than that we gave them a good run for their money," added Sapien.

So far this season the Buckaroos are 6-4 in league play. With only three weekends left they hope to capture as many wins as possible.

"Fernley is going to be a good game. There's a couple adjustments we

need to make. We need to be more aggressive in the box and on base," said Kaity Sample.

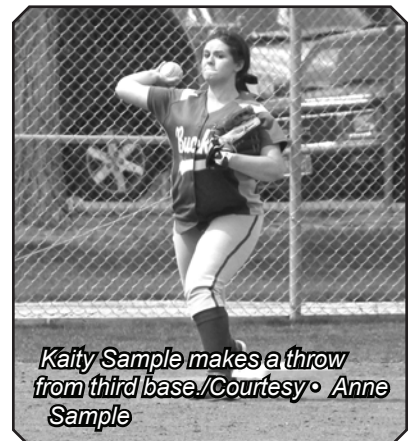
The Lady Bucks will continue to work in their next home game against Lovelock to prepare for Fernley.



Tiana Herrera swings at a pitch./Courtesy • Anne Sample

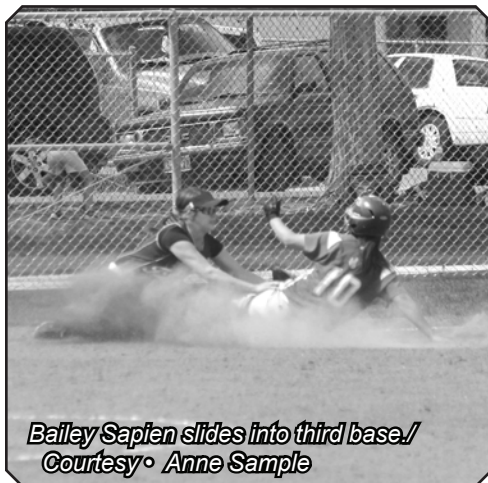


Jacy Urain tries to lay down a bunt./Courtesy • Anne Sample



Kaity Sample makes a throw from third base./Courtesy • Anne Sample

Varsity Softball Standings		
School Name	W-L	Pct.
Fernley	12-1	.923
Fallon	12-2	.857
Lowry	12-3	.800
Elko	10-7	.588
Sparks	8-7	.533
Spring Creek	6-8	.429
South Tahoe	3-13	.188
Truckee	2-11	.154
Dayton	0-13	0



Bailey Sapien slides into third base./Courtesy • Anne Sample

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Softball drops two but stays in the playoff hunt

By WESTON IRONS



Alyssa Dendary delivers a pitch./Weston Irons • The Brand



Kylie Sappington records an out./Weston Irons • The Brand



Maddi Rose gets a hit./Weston Irons • The Brand



Kyliee McLellan makes a catch./Weston Irons • The Brand

The Varsity Softball team came into the weekend sitting on the top of the league and were in good shape to play Fallon, a team that wasn't too far behind them. After the first day, things were looking up for the Bucks as they won the first game of the series by a score of 9-3. Unfortunately during the second day, the games got away from the Buckaroos and they were defeated by Fallon by scores of 9-6 and 11-5.

The league standings now look a

little different as Fernley sits in first, Fallon in second, and both teams are followed closely by Lowry in third. But now the Bucks are poised and ready to retake the first place spot with their remaining games, some of which include a series against Fernley.

Shortstop Kylee McClellan is confident the team can take away a lot from this weekend and learn from it.

"We are a very competitive when we show up to play. We are a strong team defensively as well as offen-

sively. The games this weekend were a big test for us and we just need to string together a few things. We have the ability to go so far this season and I'm very confident in our team," said McClellan.

Freshman outfielder Alyssa Kuskie had similar opinions as fellow teammate McClellan on the games over the weekend.

"We started the first game really well our bats were going and our defense was solid. The other two games

we had a few defensive errors and a couple bad innings. We were only getting a few good hits here and there, and that killed us! But overall we played well and we will be ready to beat Fallon when we see them again," said Kuskie.

The season continues with a series against Truckee in their territory on April 17 and April 18. The Bucks hope to rebound against the Wolverines and will be working hard at practice in the meantime.



Struggles continue for baseball

By AIMEE BRANDON

Lowry's baseball team's season is off to a rough start. They are currently 5-14 overall. Last weekend the Buckaroos hosted Fallon Greenwave for a three-game series and their luck didn't change.

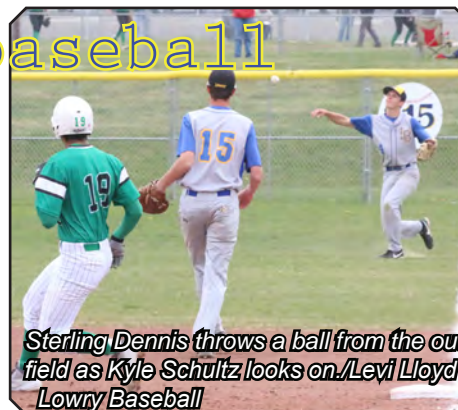
On Friday, April 10, the boys lost 8-4. Then on Saturday, April 11, they had another loss, 9-1. Later that day they had yet another loss, 27-6. Despite their losses, every game helps a team improve and that is exactly what Lowry baseball is doing.

"We had a couple of good and bad spots

in the games this weekend we did good at hitting and fielding the ball at some points and had some trouble doing those things too. We need to put together a good full game where we can do everything good and then we will learn from that and try and do that the rest of the season," said Sterling Dennis.

Brian Shettler echoed those sentiments.

"We did not have any very strong points throughout the entire weekend. We had times when we had great pitch, defense, and offense, but we could not keep any one area very strong. The weakest point of our game this weekend was our mind-set and intensity we didn't play a complete thought the weekend," said Shettler.



Sterling Dennis throws a ball from the outfield as Kyle Schultz looks on./Levi Lloyd • Lowry Baseball



Jake Barnes delivers a pitch./Levi Lloyd • Lowry Baseball



Cameron Okuma gets hit by a pitch./Levi Lloyd • Lowry Baseball



Trey Marriott dives for a foul ball./Levi Lloyd • Lowry Baseball

However, Shettler is hopeful the team can turn its fortunes around.

"My expectations for the remainder of the season is to play the rest of the series with complete game with our team working together with intensity and end on a good run," said Shettler.

Coach Ron Espinola thinks the team needs consistency.

"There have been flashes of brilliance of how we can actually play. Unfortunately we have been too inconsistent and we need to fix that to compete," said Espinola.

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JV baseball to host Truckee Saturday

By KAITY SAMPLE

JV baseball is well under way as their season has only three more weeks left. This past weekend they dropped a two game series to Fallon 9-7, 11-1. They are now 4-9 in league.

So far this season the Bucks have battled as each weekend they fight for a win in the series. They have gone 0-2 with Elko, 1-1 with Wells, 1-1 with Dayton, 0-3 with South Tahoe, and 0-2 with Fallon.

Sophomore catcher Kyle Young knows the team can perform but realizes it is going to take some more hard work.

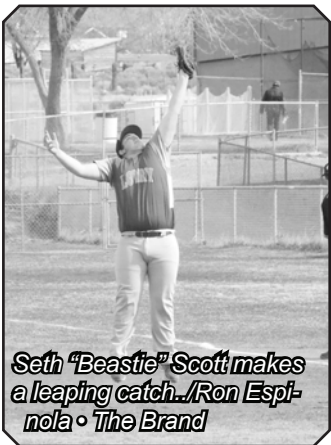
“We played decent but we need to work on the little things so we can win these close games. The first game was great, we just couldn’t string hits together and in the second game their defense was in the right places and made tough plays. As far as the season goes, I think and give the rest of the teams a run for their money,” said Young.

Fellow sophomore Michael Rangel agrees with Young and believes the team can win this big upcoming games as long as they get some things in check.

“We have a good team, we just have to sharpen up as a unit. Individually, we bring unique attributes to the table, we



Nico Espinola slides safely back to first./Ron Espinola • The Brand

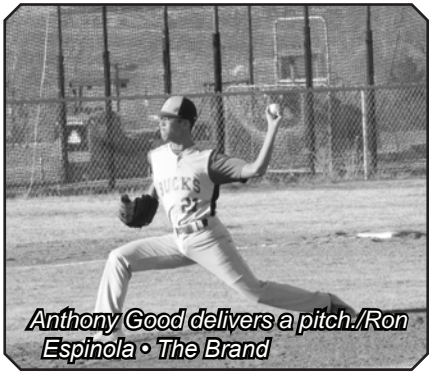


Seth “Beastie” Scott makes a leaping catch./Ron Espinola • The Brand

just have to find a way to interweave this qualities to form a real team. The first game, we were down 4-0 in the first inning and we battled back. But after a few errors and scoreless innings, we lost. The second game we quite literally dropped the ball. We missed routine fly balls and simple things so we were ten-runned. If we learn to buffer out these small mistakes, we will win these last few games,” concluded Rangel.

The Bucks still have to face off Lovelock, Truckee, Spring Creek, and Fernley.

On Tuesday, April 14, the team is hoping to come together and beat Lovelock as they go head-to-head on their home field.



Anthony Good delivers a pitch./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Kyle Young gets a hit./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Pick ‘em with Brody and Weston

By BRODY GOUCHER AND WESTON IRONS

NBA: ATLANTA@CHICAGO, APR. 15
Brody: This is definitely going to be a heated game, the Hawks have been on a mission this year and are clearly the best team in the Eastern Conference. I see the Hawks winning this one 115 to 109. Kyle Korver is second to only Stephan Curry when it comes to 3-point shooting and he spreads the floor

in the league rivaled only by the Warriors and the Warriors are in a different conference so they are not much of a rival. Jeff Teague is on the top of his game this season and having Kyle Korver and Paul Millsap to pass to is certainly a plus. Teague also has no problem gettin’ buckets as well.

MANCHESTER UNITED@CHELSEA, APR. 18

Brody: These two teams could be the best two teams in the Premier League right now but I think Manchester United is going to take this one 2 to 1. Robin Van Persie and Wayne Rooney are one of the best tandems in the league and together I think they will be able to exploit Chelsea’s defense. Also Michael Carrick has been playing great this year and I think he will be the x-factor down the stretch.

Weston: It will be a close contest, but Chelsea will continue to be dominant this season and take the three points against Manchester United. Their star striker, Diego Costa, is at the top of his game with 18 goals and counting. Also fueled by a tough defense and the impenetrable wall that is Thibaut Courtois in between the sticks, Chelsea will be tough to score against. Manchester United sits three places behind Chelsea and will desperately need this win but that will be very difficult to overcome the firepower that Chelsea has to offer.

MLB: REDS @ CARDINALS, APR. 19 ON ESPN

Brody: The Reds haven’t always

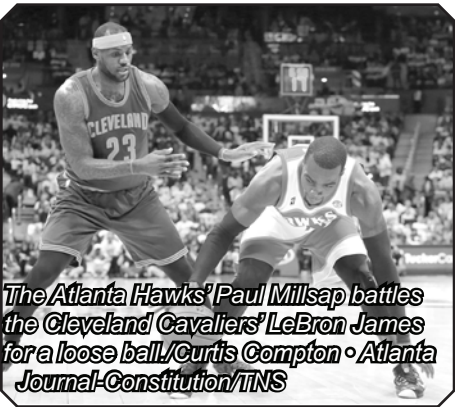


Juan Mata takes a free kick./Courtesy Ronnie Macdonald/flickr

been the best in the past but I believe that this could possibly be their year. Cincinnati looked really good in Spring Training and it definitely has showed with their fantastic start to the season with a three game sweep over the Pirates. The Reds have an all around good roster so it is hard to choose one that stands out. Take my word for it, the Reds are due for a good year.

Weston: I’m taking the Cards to win this game as well as the three game series. St. Louis are a very consistent team and can easily contend with the best teams in the MLB. The Cardinals have a phenomenal defense and a just as good offense to put some runs on the board. Their powerful offense features both Matt Holliday and Jason Heyward, both of which you will be hearing a lot about this season. Their pitching staff isn’t too shabby also, as Adam Wainwright looks to be very promising again this season.

Previous Picks:
Spurs@Clippers: Clippers won 119-115
Barcelona@Man City: Barcelona won 2-1
Kings@Sharks: Kings won 2-1



The Atlanta Hawks’ Paul Millsap battles the Cleveland Cavaliers’ LeBron James for a loose ball./Curtis Compton • Atlanta Journal-Constitution/TNS

better than anyone which allows the deadly combination of Al Horford and Paul Millsap to wreck havoc in the post. The Bulls should put up a good fight but their rotation is awkward with them having three capable big men in Pau Gasol, Carlos Boozer, and Taj Gibson. Gibson or Boozer are usually sat in the final minutes of the game and without Gibsons defensive presents, I don’t see the Bulls keeping up with the Hawks in crunch time.

Weston: I’m with Brody on this one. Atlanta is currently one of the best teams



On Deck

By BRODY GOUCHER

What is one of the biggest problems facing professional sports right now? Tanking, which is the practice of losing games on purpose in order to get a high draft pick or to get better play off seeding.

Basketball is the main sport that is affected by tanking, several teams this year including the 76’ers and the Knicks are believed to be throwing away their seasons in order to get a better chance at the number one pick of next year’s draft. Tanking is ruining the competitiveness of basketball and making it less fun to watch, not to mention it’s making other organizations that are actually trying to win have less of a chance to get a top five-pick in the draft.

There is no definitive way to prove if a team is tanking which is why it would be hard for the NBA to punish the 76’ers or the Knicks, but the fans could step up and stop going to the games or buying their merchandise to send a clear message that purposely losing games is pathetic and NBA teams that do it are cop outs. The Knicks as an organization are the laughing stock of the NBA. They have the biggest payroll in the NBA and one of the best scorers in the game (Carmelo Anthony,) but yet here they are still a mediocre team that finds themselves tanking because their ownership, coaches, and players have no integrity or sense of competitiveness.

The 76’ers are a different story, I don’t think they are actually tanking; they simply do not have the talent on their roster to play against any good team, but give them credit for actually trying and not taking the easy way out like the Knicks.

Believe it or not, pro sports are not the only sports affected by tanking, the practice is even seeping into high school games. Two Tennessee high schools (Smryna and Riverdale) were thrown out of the playoffs for trying to tank because neither of the teams wanted to play the number one seeded team, Blackman. Both teams were fined 1,500 dollars and both will be placed on probation next year.

The bad example set by players and coaches in professional leagues is now trickling down into sports everywhere and if firm punishments are not handed out for tanking then it will continue to get worse.



Aroldis Chapman of the Cincinnati Reds pitches./Jim McIsaac • Newsday/MCT



Boys golf looks to make late season comeback

By WESTON IRONS

“The best shot on the golf course is the next one.” -Ben Hogan.

That is the quote that the golfers live by and the one that inspires them to be the best they can be. After nearly a month long hiatus from competition and a tough but rewarding couple weeks of practice, the boys golf team will finally be back on the green in a tournament on April 15 at Elko and

will play on Spring Creek’s course the following day.

Thus far, the season has not been exactly up to par as the team is currently 5th in the league and is having a hard time catching a break. But this small slump is due for a change as the team is prepped and ready to make a comeback in the league.

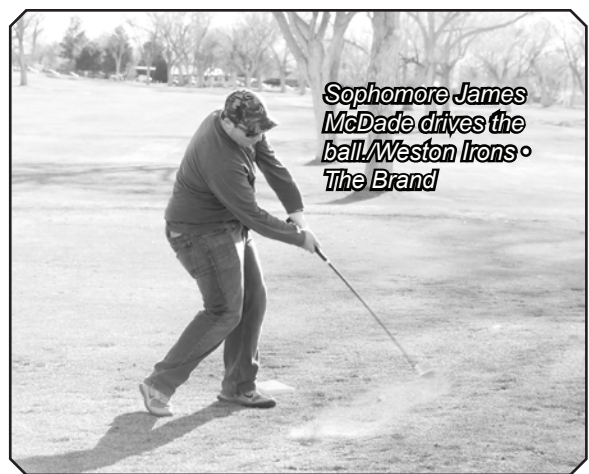
This year’s team features many new freshmen golfers who are enthusiastic about becoming better golfers and helping the team as much as they can, experienced seniors who have won a couple of state championships themselves, as well as everything in between. The team has already showed they can compete with the best are pumped to start dominating in the league.

Top golfer, senior Andy Mendoza, believes very much in his team and is confident they have what it takes to win some of these important

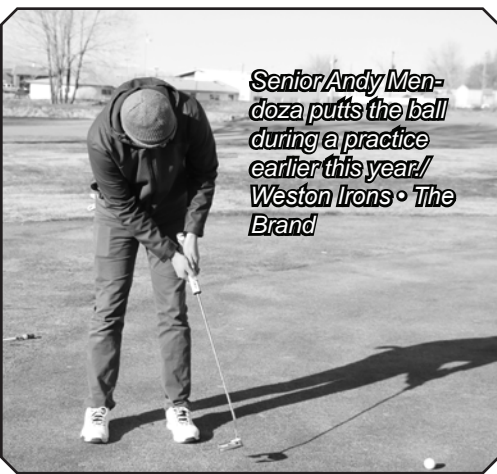
upcoming tournaments.

“As of right now, we as a team are helping to make each other better and better as time goes by. We are struggling to make a comeback; we are currently in 5th place as a team and will be heading into Elko and Spring Creek this week to have a shot at the top 3 and a place to go to state. Individually we can go throw out good score. We just need the 4th or 5th man to come in with good scores. I believe that we will make a good run for it as we have an advantage at good course management,” concluded Mendoza.

This is a very important week of golf for the team but they are very confident and will not give up without a fight. The boys golf team will be playing in Winnemucca on Thursday, April 23, against South Tahoe, Sparks and a third team.



Sophomore James McDade drives the ball/Weston Irons • The Brand

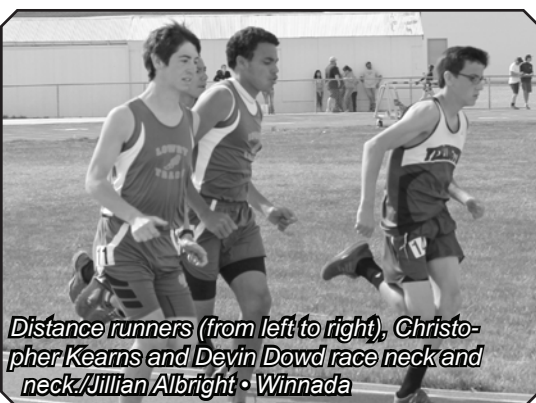


Senior Andy Mendoza puts the ball during a practice earlier this year/Weston Irons • The Brand



Freshman Seth Duncan hits the ball off of the fairway/Weston Irons • The Brand

Track to host home meet May 2



Distance runners (from left to right), Christopher Kearns and Devin Dowd race neck and neck/Jillian Albright • Winnada



Kobe Fitzpatrick competes in the pole vault/Jillian Albright • Winnada



Kelvin Meza hands off the baton to Alan Mayorga during the 4x100 relay/Jillian Albright • Winnada



Kenadee Jeppsen jumps during the long jump event/Jillian Albright • Winnada



Madison Montero clears the pole during the pole vaulting event/Jillian Albright • Winnada



A Lowry runner clears a hurdle/Jillian Albright • Winnada



Mikeas Somers launches the shot put/Jillian Albright • Winnada



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Spring Fling culminates with Sadie Hawkins dance

By KAITY SAMPLE

Recently Lowry held a Spring Fling Week in honor of spring sports with the theme “Battle of the Sexes”.

On Monday the ladies wore lovely blouses and the guys wore their best flannel shirts for floral/plaid day. Tuesday called for girls in scarves and guys in ties.

Wednesday’s chilly snowfall was quite fitting beanies vs. bows. That night the sophomore class held an exciting dodgeball tournament.

That night the sophomore class held a dodgeball tournament. The Average Joes played Urnotmydad in the championship game with the The Average Joes coming out on top even though The Editors had the best uniforms.

On Thursday the weather allowed for girls to wear skirts and guys to sport slacks, which also coincided quite well Senior Exit Interviews.

On Friday of Sadie’s the dress up day was pink versus blue, there was an assembly at which the spring sports teams were announced and the boys and girls battled it out one last time in a competitive scavenger hunt; Trase Bell represented the boys and Megan Villareal represented the

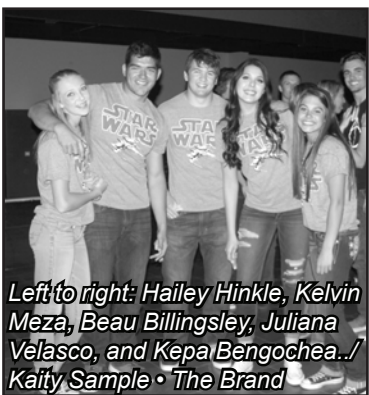
girls. The person who found the most objects the quickest in the crowd was the winner, and the boys won the competition by one point.

The winner of the Sadie Hawkins dance proposal competition was announced at the assembly as well and the winner was Caitlynn Cooper for her softball-inspired proposal to her boyfriend, Sterling Dennis. The couple took home a \$50 gift card to The Martin and two Spare Time Bowling passes.

On Saturday, the Sadie Hawkins dance wrapped up the entire week as all of the couples in their matching outfits danced the night away.



A group takes a moment for a picture./Kaity Sample • The Brand



Left to right: Hailey Hinkle, Kelvin Meza, Beau Billingsley, Juliana Velasco, and Kepa Bengochea./Kaity Sample • The Brand



The dance floor./Kaity Sample • The Brand



Branden Locke and Mayte Castellanos./Kaity Sample • The Brand



Gamernut: Spring gaming releases

By LIAM GALLUPS

HEYO EVERYBODY! Sorry about the yelling, I’m just so EXCITED for spring! We got a few games to cover before E3 (the Electronic Entertainment Exposition) happens in June so I guess it’s time I get to the point and tell you loyal gamers what’s coming. Ready? LET’S GO!

Fans of classic first-person shooter franchise “Wolfenstein” have much to, ahem... howl about on May 5. “Wolfenstein: The Old Blood” will be available then for PS4, Xbox One, and PC. This action adventure game takes place at the infamous Castle Wolfenstein, where players will help William “B.J.” Blazkowicz steal the coordinates to the compound of General Wilhelm “Deathshead” Strasse. Also, it seems that an ancient evil is rearing its ugly head. Those looking for a Nazi shooting fix now can download “Super Wolfenstein HD” for free on their PCs. This is a hilarious recreation of “Wolfenstein 3D” featuring wacky physics, and was

created for the “Indies vs PewDiePie” game jam. Check it out for a gut busting good time.

Looking to get back to the hey-day of classic “MegaMan”? The series creator, Keiji Inafune, is delivering a spiritual successor called “Mighty No. 9”, available for download on PC, 3DS, PS3, PS4, PS Vita, Xbox 360, Xbox One, and Wii U. That’s right, all of them. This crowd-funded masterpiece features classic running and gunning gameplay, new superpowers, an engaging storyline, multiplayer, an animated series coming soon, and SO MUCH MORE! This is a game that is high on my anticipation list for its callback to classic games of yore.

“Final Fantasy X/X-2 HD Remaster” is coming, and fans of the acclaimed JRPG (Japanese Role playing game) series should rejoice. On PS4 come May 12, players can play this HD remastered edition of the popular game. It features the same story, characters, gameplay, but also a

graphical and audio overhaul. There is also new ways to play, including a system where you can command NPC (non player character) monsters as party members. Definitely worth a pick up on Next Gen consoles.

Fans of Shonen Jump anime like “Dragon Ball”, “Naruto”, “One Piece”, “Bleach”, and “Fist of the North Star” will get an amazing love letter this summer with a fighting game called “J-Stars Victory VS+” on PS3, PS4, and PS Vita. This game combines characters from the series above and other Shonen Jump series, and pits them against each other in madcap action packed battles. This release comes with an arcade mode you can play with your friends. Pick this up if you’re a fighting game fan or an anime aficionado (such as myself).

Like movies? Well here’s a movie based on a video game. Sometime in mid 2015, “Ratchet and Clank” will be coming to the big screen. This movie recounts the tale told in the

first game, as well as adding a couple of extra details. The adventures of the iconic “Lombax” and his robot companion will feature the entire voice cast from the original series as well as sound assets from the games themselves. Check this movie out as a sort of animated celebration of the popular playstation game.

This is all I got for you guys right now. This is quite a bit to look forward to and I hope you are also looking forward to these titles too. So, until next time loyal gamer, this has been your local Gamernut. Sayonara.



Artwork for the upcoming “Mighty No. 9”./Courtesy • facebook.com/officialmighty9



A screenshot of “Wolfenstein”./ Courtesy • wolfenstein.com



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Jessie's Journal

By JESSIE SCHIRRICK

I always try to be careful about the lyrics that I tweet on Twitter. People read too much into that stuff.

Jessie's guide to eating fruit at the right temperatures: basically every fruit besides bananas should stay in the fridge for a tastier snack.

Tortillas are so mild that I could eat them all day everyday.

There is no funnier insult than "Poopy-head". I got the giggles just typing that.

In a state of utter boredom I recently found myself googling the words "nail biting" and was surprised at what I came up with. Nail biting is thought to be an addiction, a symptom of anxiety, or sometimes even a form of self mutilation, meaning they are in the same category as wrist cutting. Isn't that awful? Maybe you should get your finger out of your mouth and try and figure out what's really going on inside. One of the suggested methods of stopping this habit was to apply a bitter-tasting polish to your nails, but maybe shake it up a bit by applying maple syrup to your nails so instead of biting them you can just lick on them with gusto.

I completely resent babies- their utter lack of responsibility, the way they cry at restaurants, the way they're allowed to be naked in public.

I don't understand why biting and pulling hair is considered "dirty fighting". After all, it is more effective and painful than throwing punches.

It is important to expose yourself to new ways of life and different kinds of people, but sometimes those ways of life and people are just weird and unusual so that's unpleasant.

Don't contradict what I say in an adjacent school newspaper article. It's annoying and hurts my feelings:(



Heard in the Halls

By Dani Ricker

There's nothing I love more than walking into a school bathroom first thing in the morning or after lunch and eating some girl's perfume. "Hey, smell me. Did I spray enough?" Well considering I can taste it, I'm sure you're good to go. Thank you for the asthma attack.

"Is my eyeliner black enough?" Nah girl, how about you add another seven layers? I can still see some eyelid.

If I were in a position that I could come up with the names for various colors of eyeliner "my heart black" would most definitely be one. No more of this "black black" business. "My heart" is the darkest shade out there.

"Behati Prinsloo is perfection. Like, everything about her is beautiful."

Every time I see a Victoria's Secret model I get really sad. Not because I'm jealous or anything, but because I'm pretty sure none of them will ever know



Performer of the Issue: Auri Criddle

By KAITY SAMPLE

Auri Criddle is involved in many activities at Lowry High school. She plays varsity volleyball, sings with choir, plays in jazz band, runs track, and is an artist in her free time.

Criddle is a senior, and a very talented one as she was selected for the Performer of the Issue. Criddle recently went to Vegas to perform at schools and had many stops along the way. She has also been featured in the Art Showcase. Criddle is not only talented in many ways but also excels in the classroom.



Auri Criddle plays the saxophone at a band concert./ Nick Maddox • The Brand

"Auri is an exceptional student in the classroom. She comes to class everyday eager to learn. Auri is one of those students that is willing to get up in front of the class and present newly learned information. She absorbs information like a sponge," said her Ap Biology teacher Mrs. Doyle.

Criddle has recently brought her creativity to life by designing the Ap Bio shirts.

Criddle states that both her parents have been extremely supportive throughout the years.

"My parents have been there for me, I look up to them," said Criddle, "They support me through everything and are there to watch me in almost every event I am in."

Criddle has many things she partakes in but equally loves them all.

"I love art and singing both. Art has just come naturally to me, and with the great art teachers I've had over the years they have critiqued me to make my art and drawings improve," said Criddle.



Auri Criddle working on a sketch./Kaity Sample • The Brand



Prom preview

By AIMEE BRANDON

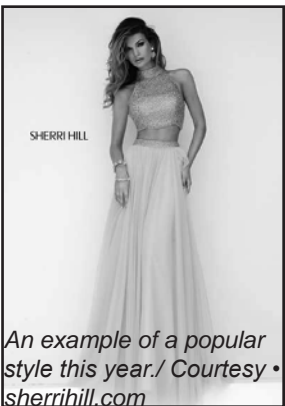
The time has come to prepare for Prom. This year the Juniors (Class of 2016) have decided on the theme Arabian Nights. Prom this year will take place May 2, at the Convention Center. Seniors and Juniors are anticipating prom night with enthusiasm.

"I excited to get my giggy on at prom," said David Anderson.

The price for tickets is \$65 for couples and \$50 for singles. Any non-Lowry students attending must have everything filled out before

they can buy tickets, and the brochures must be signed by parents previous to purchasing tickets. If you are a couple you both need to be there to buy tickets. For more information and for non-Lowry permission slips see Mrs. Alexis Mattson.

So the day of the ball is coming up and what will you wear? Well guys, the style is the same, a tux, but the styles are changing for the ladies. The dress that seems to be in is a crop top with a high waisted skirt.



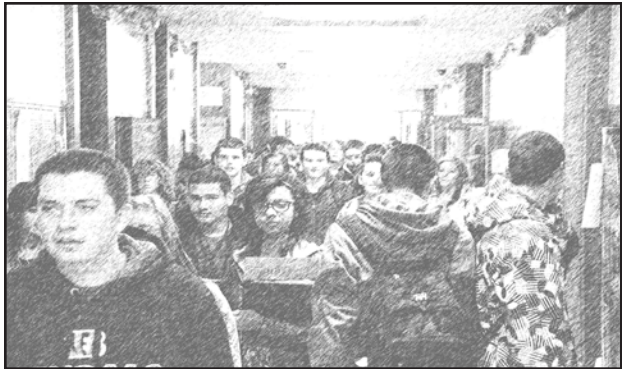
An example of a popular style this year./ Courtesy • sherrihill.com

the joy of eating half a dozen donuts in one sitting. There's just something so satisfying about it, and they will never experience it.

That and the fact that I'm incredibly jealous of their everything.

"If you expect me to look good for school today, you've got another thing coming."

If you expect anyone to actually care how you look, you've got another thing coming. No one ex-



pects anything from you, sit down and be quiet.

"If you like crispy bacon we just can't be friends."

Fine, I didn't want to be your friend anyway. We all know chewy bacon people can't be trusted.

"If you can dodge a wrench, you can dodge a dodgeball."

Sometimes I get super angry walking in between classes because people misquote great movies and that just really hurts my heart. Get it right, por favor.

"Ulchh. Coffee is so gross."

No, no. You're wrong. Coffee is a gift straight from our Lord and Savior. And our good friends down in Ethiopia, where the coffee plant was discovered way back when in the 11th century. #funfact.

Knock, knock. Who's there? Disco. Disco who? Disconnected.

Get it? Because this is the end.

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Who Knows You Best With Kelsea Perkinson?

By Alex Manzo



Cheyenna Wolicki (Friend)

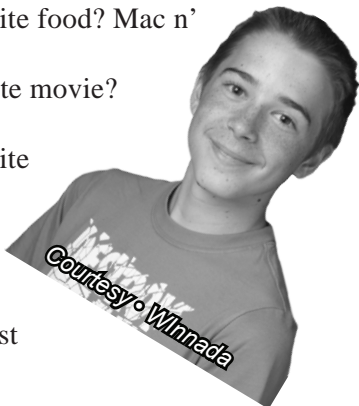
1. What is Kelsea’s favorite color? Teal.
2. What is Kelsea’s favorite dessert? Ice cream.
3. When is Kelsea’s birthday? March 31st.
4. What does Kelsea do for fun? Swim.
5. What color are Kelsea’s eyes? Hazel.
6. What is Kelsea’s favorite food? Spaghetti.
7. What is Kelsea’s favorite movie? “Captain America”.
8. What is Kelsea’s favorite TV show? “The Walking Dead”.
9. What is Kelsea’s favorite drink? Chocolate milk.
10. What are Kelsea’s most afraid of? The dark.



Courtesy • Winnada

Nathan Perkinson (Brother)

1. What is Kelsea’s favorite color? Blue.
2. What is Kelsea’s favorite dessert? Ice cream.
3. When is Kelsea’s birthday? March 31st.
4. What does Kelsea do for fun? Drive her jeep.
5. What color are Kelsea’s eyes? Green.
6. What is Kelsea’s favorite food? Mac n’ cheese.
7. What is Kelsea’s favorite movie? “Avenger.”
8. What is Kelsea’s favorite tv show? Marvel.
9. What is Kelsea’s favorite drink? Chocolate milk.
10. What are Kelsea’s most afraid of? I don’t know.



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Dani’s Diary

By Dani Ricker

Never think before you tweet. Also, tweet sad lyrics that make people think you’re depressed and hate life so you’ll get lots of attention.

Never refrigerate fruit. It gets too cold and then hurts your teeth when you bite into it. Except bananas. Always refrigerate bananas.

Don’t use insults like “poopyhead”. It’s lame and immature.

Life hack for painting your nails; don’t use bitter tasting nail polish because it will taste bad when you bite your nails. Biting your nails is a fun habit and you shouldn’t let gross-tasting nail polish infringe on that.

Babies are the cutest. I hate when people complain about them acting up in public. Just let them live their cute, little carefree lives, okay? Geez.

Don’t bite or pull hair when fighting. People taste gross and pulling away with a handful of someone else’s hair is vile.

Don’t expose yourself to new ways of life. Hide in your bedroom and watch Netflix. The world is a scary place and fear is not something you need in your life.

Exercise your right of free speech and contradict things people say in your school newspaper. Its not at all annoying, and even if it does hurt someone’s feelings you got a good kick out of it, so who really cares?



Spring Fashion

By Alex Manzo

This year’s spring fashion is a little bit on the odd side. Normally spring is all about floral prints and bright colors. This year you’ll mostly be seeing bra tops, organza dresses, fringe tops, and jazzed up school uniforms and work wear. That might sound like an odd combination, but let’s face it, the high end fashion designer, Marc Jacobs, is all about it this Spring, with button-downed dresses with a collared top.

Bright colors will still be seen but not in the cutest ways. A few new shoe trends



An organza dress from the runway./ Courtsey • flickr

have hit the market, but most people laugh when they see the bright multi colored sneakers with decorative jewelry to go on the laces hit the runway during Fashion Week. We can forget about the China-inspired rubber shoes that Forever 21 is now selling.

That’s what people may be wearing in bigger more populated cities, but most people, like me do not want to wear things like that around all day. To me, spring clothes consist of a cute colorful shirt, capris, and a pair of sandals or maybe even a maxi skirt with a jean jacket.



TRAVELING TO SIX FLAGS

By Nakiya Flores

There are many places in the world to explore, but there is one place in particular that is very worthy of a visit. Six Flags in Valencia, California. Six Flags is an amazing theme park with delicious food and amazing rides such as the Wicked, Green Lantern, Superman, etc.

A trip to Six Flags is a great opportunity to enjoy the sun and ride all of the roller coasters.

Another amazing thing about this theme park is the delicious carnival food. They have plenty of different snacks such as chicken tenders, popcorn, chili cheese dogs, chips, cheeseburgers and much more. Not to mention the theme park also includes several different retail stores and kiosks for anything



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from picking up a couple souvenirs or caricature drawings.

It doesn’t end there though, there is always a different event to attend like hypnotism or a Justice League Meet and Greet.

Walking around all day can be very exhausting so when guests get hot and tired, Six Flags also has a water park. Getting into the water would be a great way to end the day and enjoy the sun.

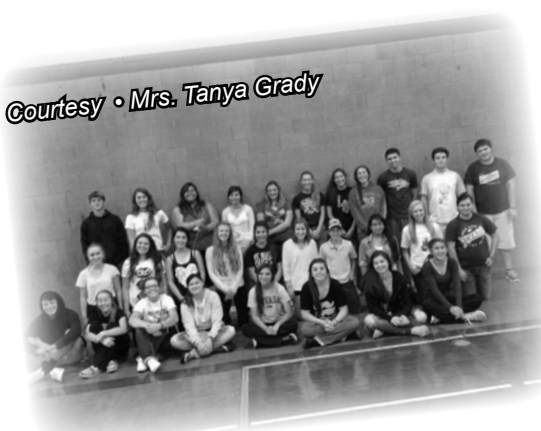
What’s even better is the the theme park is pretty affordable, online single-day tickets are as low as \$44.99 and online season passes are only \$74.99. There are even two hotels located so close to the park that there is a shuttle service to take guests to and from as they please.

Lowry Then and Now

By Alex Manzo

On the right, is the Lowry Leadership class of 1990. On the left, is this years Leadership class which consists of 29 students.

Courtesy • Mrs. Tanya Grady



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FBLA members getting ready for state competition

BY AIMEE BRANDON

Ever wonder who will be your boss someday? Well look no further than the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA).

“FBLA is a great opportunity. You get to meet a lot of really cool people, have many awesome experiences, travel, and learn skills that will open doors in the future,” said Sabrina Jensen.

The mission of FBLA is to bring together business and education. It can teach students leadership and business skills, introduce them to career possibilities, and allows the interaction of students who live on either sides of the country.

“FBLA has opened my eyes to all the opportunities out there, which will be beneficial for the future. Also the people that are in FBLA with me make it ten times better,” said Tiana Herrera.



Elise Rose./Courtesy • Winnada

People participate in FBLA for a number of reasons. Overall it is a good look into a career in business.

“I joined FBLA my freshman year because Mrs. [Lisa] Scott thought it would be helpful because a lot of events in FBLA involve what we do

in Yearbook. And, looking back, it was a really great decision because of all the skills I have acquired in just two years, all of the different events I have got to experience and because of all the people I’ve had the chance to meet,” said Amaya Herrera.

There is also something to the business formal dress code and intellectual skills.

“Personally, I do FBLA for the experience in the world of business. That, and I just really like to present stuff and sound legit,” said Brycen Prokasky.

In April, Lowry’s FBLA members are traveling to Las Vegas for the FBLA State competition.

“I’m excited for state this year because of the events I’m participating in and just because of all the people that are going to state this year,” said Amaya Herrera.

There they will compete in events they have been preparing for all year like Desktop Publishing and Public Speaking. Prior to State they will have taken tests based on their events such as Business Math, Business Law, and Cyber Security.

“I have some pretty high expectations for state this year, we’ve been gearing up and were ready to go show Vegas how we handle business up here in the ‘Mucc. I also think that we have plenty of members who placed in the top five in events last year coming back as returners, so we have plenty of experience on our side,” said Prokasky.

Lowry’s FBLA is looking good this year and they have their eye on the prize, Nationals. Lowry sent eight students to Nationals last year which was held in Nashville, Tennessee. This year it will be taking place in the Silver State, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Last year Lowry sent many of students to Nationals in Nashville, Tennessee.

“I loved nationals. I met a lot of great people and learned a lot of things in the workshops I attended,” said Elise Rose.

Lowry student and FBLA participant Tiana Herrera looks back on last year’s Nationals and is excited for this year.

“Nationals was a lot of fun. All the people that we went with were great, especially the moms. Nationals taught me how to get out of my comfort zone, and a lot of responsibility skills. This year will be challenging because I’m participating in some new events, but I’m excited,” said Tiana Herrera.



Sabrina Jensen./Courtesy • Winnada



Quick and easy recipes anyone can make

BY NICK MADDOX

Being a high school student is hard enough as it is, and not only do we have to go to school but also sports and other extracurricular activities. Since our teenage lives are full of numerous responsibilities we have to throw out some things that are not so important in our daily lives but healthy eating should remain a part of your busy schedule. In order to eat food you have to prepare food.

Let’s be honest, making a meal is difficult and time consuming. If you are looking for the easy way out of cooking yourself a meal you could go to a fast food restaurant, but that’s not very cost efficient or healthy. You might gain a few pounds and then one thing leads to another and poof, you

need a new wardrobe. So here are some delicious and simple recipes that aren’t time consuming and won’t break your bank.

First recipe, Scrambled eggs in a microwave. 2 minutes to prepare (wherethecookiesare.com)

Ingredients:

- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 2 tablespoons shredded cheese
- Salt, pepper, and/or and other herbs you choose to use

Directions: Coat a 12 oz. microwave safe coffee mug or any sort of dish with cooking spray. Then add the eggs and milk into the container you chose and beat till blended (if you don’t know what beating is, because

you’re an amateur cook, it just means a more intense form of mixing while introducing air into the mixture). Microwave the mixture on high for 45 seconds; stir. Microwave until eggs are almost set, 30 to 45 seconds longer. Top that bad boy with cheese and seasonings. Boom, you’re ready to enjoy your scrambled eggs, you culinary genius.

Here’s a second recipe because the first one just wasn’t too much of a challenge for you and you want to make your mama proud with your natural cooking skills you learned from a school newspaper.

Number two, The walking taco (a taco in a bag). (allrecipes.com) 2 minutes to prepare (unless you’re cooking the ground beef then you’re talking about 5 minutes.)

Ingredients:

- A bag of your favorite flavor of Doritos/Fritos
- 1 cup Ground Beef
- Shredded lettuce
- Cheese
- Diced tomatoes (don’t cut yourself if you decide to take on this task)



Scrambled eggs./Courtesy • Tom Ipri/ wikimedia.org

- Salsa and/or sour cream

Directions: Cook the cup of ground beef in a skillet Open bag of Doritos/Fritos and add all the desired ingredients. Hold the bag closed and shake that bag like a Polaroid picture. Then, grab yourself a fork and enjoy a quick and easy meal that you made all by yourself. Congratulations.

Here’s a recipe for an easy breakfast meal, banana pancakes. 10 minutes to prepare. Ingredients: 1 banana 2 eggs Directions: Mash the banana real good with a fork until it has the consistency of pudding. Mix in the eggs until there are no whites showing. Pour the batter onto a greased frying pan and flip when it starts to bubble, which should happen pretty quickly. Enjoy!

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Buckaroo Round Up: Couples By Nick Maddox

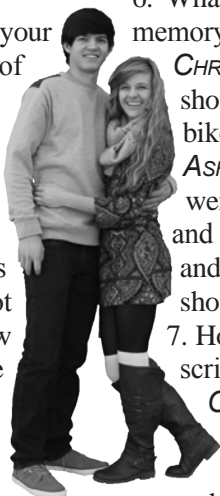
Kayla Owen and Devon Morris

1. Where did you guys meet?
DEVON: Little park above French Ford.
KAYLA: At this little park (don't know the name).
 2. What was your first impression of each other?
DEVON: I thought she was shy but kinda cute.
KAYLA: I thought he was super cute.
 3. What did you guys do for your first date?
DEVON: We went to the basketball games then dinner.
KAYLA: We went to the basketball games and went to dinner afterwards.
 4. What is your favorite thing about each other?
DEVON: How she has always been here for me and doesn't judge me.
KAYLA: My favorite thing about him is that I can be my crazy dorky self around him, and he won't judge me, he joins in and is just as dorky (if not more).
 5. If you could change one thing about your partner what would you change?
DEVON: I wouldn't change anything besides living closer.
KAYLA: I can honestly say I wouldn't change anything about him in my eyes he's perfect just the way he is.
 6. What is your favorite memory of your partner?
DEVON: If I had to pick it would have been a picnic in the back of my truck at the sand dunes.
KAYLA: My favorite memory is when we had a picnic in the back of his truck, and star gazed and just talked and laughed all night.
 7. How would you describe your partner?
DEVON: Shy, but most definitely caring and loving.
KAYLA: Adorable, loving, protective, amazing!! Honestly he's everything and anything I've ever wanted in a guy so describing him as perfect is an understatement.



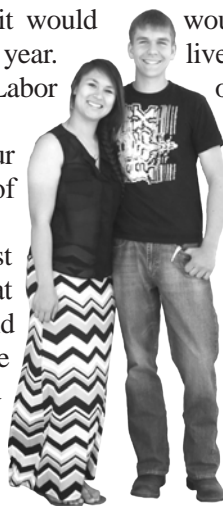
Ashley Barron and Christian Riddle

1. Where did you guys meet?
CHRISTIAN: Junior high.
ASHLEE: We met at the junior high.
 2. What was your first impression of each other?
CHRISTIAN: She was a hot ball of hotness.
ASHLEE: My first impression was he was super hot then I got to know him even more and realized he is really super hot.
 3. What did you guys do for your first date?
CHRISTIAN: Movie night at her casa.
ASHLEE: We went to my house and watched transformers.
 4. What is your favorite thing about each other?
CHRISTIAN: Absolutely everything.
ASHLEE: My favorite thing about Christian was he was a sk8r boy.
 5. If you could change one thing about your partner what would you change?
CHRISTIAN: She is the biscuits and gravy so changing something about her would take off that gravy know what I'm sayin.
ASHLEE: The color of his car. Jk.
 6. What is your favorite memory of your partner?
CHRISTIAN: Meteor shower out at the dirt-bike track.
ASHLEE: When we went to the racetrack and laid on a jump and watched a meteor shower.
 7. How would you describe your partner?
CHRISTIAN: PERFECTION.
ASHLEE: I would describe Christian as a really cool, amazing, sweet guy that I wish everyone got to know better.
 8. How did you ask your partner out?
CHRISTIAN: In person but she messaged me first on facebook and that's how we started talking.
ASHLEE: I didn't ask him out, he asked me.
 9. Who wears the pants in the relationship?
CHRISTIAN: I say both of us cause we both take charge in different ways which is dope.
ASHLEE: He wears the pants and I wear the skirts.



Chaslynn McCalister and Brian Kelly

1. Where did you guys meet?
BRIAN: We kind of knew who each other since we were little, but it would be at the fair last year.
CHASLYNN: The Labor Day fair.
 2. What was your first impression of each other?
BRIAN: She just kept looking at me and I could just tell she liked me, and of course since she's really pretty I liked her.
CHASLYNN: He was really cute and funny.
 3. What did you guys do for your first date?
BRIAN: We went to lunch/ early dinner at the Winnemucca Inn.
CHASLYNN: He took me to dinner and I think we went stargazing afterwards.
 4. What is your favorite thing about each other?
BRIAN: How she always makes me happy.
CHASLYNN: I love how sweet and dorky he can be and he can always make me laugh!
 5. If you could change one thing about your partner what would you change?
BRIAN: Have us be in the same grade so we wouldn't have to live away from each other.
CHASLYNN: Nothing!
 6. What is your favorite memory of your partner?
BRIAN: When we were sitting down watching the tractor pulls at the fair and we started holding hands.
CHASLYNN: All the times we go stargazing and can't find the moon.
 7. How would you describe your partner?
BRIAN: Really nice, long black hair, pretty brown eyes, and very pretty.
CHASLYNN: Brian is funny, sweet, adorable, and I think I'm really lucky to have him in my life.
 10. Who wears the pants in the relationship?
BRIAN: Probably me, just because I normally pick where we're going or what we're going to do.
CHASLYNN: I wear the pants in this relationship.



Winnemucca FFA Chapter takes state by storm

By JESSIE SCHIRICK

The Winnemucca FFA Chapter travelled to Reno to compete in Nevada's FFA state convention March 17-20. At the convention, members compete in their events for a first place title and a chance to go to nationals in the Fall, but those aren't the only awards that are given. There are many chapter awards, individual proficiency awards, and state degrees that FFA members work hard for all year.

This year Michael Venzor brought home the Chapter Treasurer's Book Award, Kylie Lewis won the Chapter Secretary's Book Award, Mackenzie Gordon received the gold for her Diversified Ag. Proficiency, Blake Duncan received gold for his Sheep Production Proficiency, and Sarah Smith received gold for her Beef Production Proficiency.

Sarah Smith, Kylie Lewis, Shauna Smith, Hayley Hall, Mackenzie Gordon, and Brittany Partee all received their State Degrees.

The Winnemucca FFA Chapter also placed first for a

spot at nationals in Horse Judging.

The Winnemucca FFA Chapter will proudly be represented by Blake Duncan as he takes on the Nevada state presidency 2015-2016. His duties will require him to travel to ag. programs at high schools all throughout Nevada and promote FFA. He will also lead his officer team in organizing all of the leadership events and conventions that take place in the Nevada FFA 2015-2016 year. Duncan also was the recipient of the \$1000 Ag. Credit Scholarship.



Members of Lowry FFA./ Courtesy

Choir and band send seven to state

By NAKIYA FLORES

Seven talented choir and band students were picked to go to Las Vegas April 16-18 on the UNLV campus to perform. This is not an easy feat, and the students will be challenged even more as they will be scored based on their singing, scales, and several other factors. The talented students that are going to state are Shannon Munk, Matthew Munk, Andy Rodrigues, Chanse McAllister, Eddie Sanchez, and Tanner Ames.

"It is fun to see how they im-

prove the first to day the last day," said band teacher Paul Criddle.

Being part of Lowry band and choir is challenging because the students have to learn how to read different notes, learn how to play different instruments, and know new songs well enough to perform them in front of a huge audience, or in this case, a strict panel of judges.

"I love the musical experience and getting the privilege to sing with some amazing singers," said Shannon Munk.



The guitar class shows their skills./ Nick Maddox • The Brand



The band playing at a recent concert./Nick Maddox • The Brand



A look at next year's school leaders

BY AIMEE BRANDON



Omar Guerrero./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Maddie Mayo./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Kylie Hilbish./Ron Espinola • The Brand



Nate Nelson./Ron Espinola • The Brand

It's crazy to know we're already thinking about next year. About a month ago students heard speeches from multiple candidates running for a class or student body office. Maybe who you voted for didn't get elected, but let's see who is going to be running the school next year.

Going into the election each of the candidates had their own reasons for running.

"I ran for office because it's something I've always had my mind set on, I knew I wanted to be Student Body President," said Madison Mayo.

"I ran for an office because I want to make my classes senior year the most memorable year they've had and to make graduation super cool," said Maclyn Crnkovich.

"I ran for office because I have always wanted to get involved with student government and I wanted to put my ideas into action," said Madison Montero.

The Freshman class officers are President Erin Acosta, Vice President Julianne Montero, and Secretary-Treasurer Brooke Hansen.

The Sophomore class officers are President Maddie Riley, Vice President Brayden Jensen, and Secretary-Treasurer Sylvie Prokasky.

The Junior class officers are President Madison Montero, Vice President Annaleise Gabica, and Secretary-Treasurer Olivia Silva.

The Senior class officers are President Kailynn Yetter, Vice President Maclyn Crnkovich, and Secretary-Treasurer Natalie Ellifritz.

Student body officers are President Madison Mayo, Vice President Kylie Hilbish, Secretary Nate Nelson, Treasurer Omar Guerrero, and Historian Megan Villarreal.

The goals between all the officers are fairly similar. To involve everyone, create more school spirit, and make the school a generally better place. Here are some of the ideas for next year from the student body president.

"Next year is my senior year, so I want to make it the best and want everyone to experience what they've all been waiting three long years for. I want to improve school spirit and unity for sure. But a big thing for me is I want to increase involvement and awareness in our community and create a stronger connection between Lowry and Winnemucca as a whole" said Mayo.

Senior class president, Crnkovich has similar thoughts concerning the senior year for the Class of 2016.

"Next year for Lowry my goal is to

make not only my senior year better for all my classmates, but to make Lowry a better school as a whole and promoting school spirit as much as I can," said Crnkovich.

Junior Class officers Montero and Gabica both have great ideas to bring to the table next year as they put their heads together.

"Next year I plan to unite our class more than ever before and work to break down social stereotypes. I think that everyone should have the chance to become more involved with our school and express their class spirit," said Montero.

"As far as the next school year is concerned, I plan on hosting an amazing prom and preparing my class for our senior year, both financially and experience-wise. I hope to improve the unity among my class next year and involve students that aren't normally involved," said Gabica.

Student body V.P., Hilbish, does a great job summing up everything that has been said.

"Next year's student body and I definitely want to make next year unforgettable. We want to get the students more involved so we're going to try to have more assemblies and dances and such. I think next year will be one for the books honestly," said Hilbish.



Lowry Voices: Where is your favorite place to visit, and why?

BY NAKIYA FLORES



"Phoenix, Arizona because it's my hometown and it never snows."

Bridgette Bradley

"Bakersfield, California. It's really warm and big, I'm from there and I'm a city girl."

Gabby Lopez



"Tucson, Arizona because it's warm and I have family down there."

Melanie Rynearson

"I would have to say Alaska because it's beautiful and it has so much wildlife."

Hannah Dowding.



What did you do for Spring Break?

BY NICK MADDOX



Camryn Maher and Madi Lozano at lovely Ocean Beach in San Francisco./Courtesy • Instagram

Spring Break is a great time of the year for all students whether in college or high school to get a week off from the wretched American school system and if you go to Lowry a week off from Brody Goucher.

Many people all over the country do various activities during Spring Break such as Netflix, partying, working at their job, going on vacation, or

all of the above.

Here are two of your peers and what they did over Spring Break.

For Cheyenna Wolicki, she spent her spring break with her friends, working, adventuring, and catching up on "Lost".

"Well, I worked a lot and that wasn't very fun. But, you gotta pay your bills you know. I also, went with my friends to horse canyon and found a really neat waterfall and took many pictures up there. Then, I accompanied Maddie Mayo to Reno to experience her dying her hair for the first time. Then, I also spent spring break by watching two seasons of 'Lost', which is a big deal because there are a lot of episodes in a season of 'Lost'. I also caught up on my sleep, so that's good."

Camryn Mayher spent her spring break out of Nevada in San Francisco and Utah.

"I went to San Francisco for five days with Art Club and it was really



Cheyenna Wolicki and Maddie Mayo stumbled upon a wild WATERFALL./ Courtesy • Instagram

cool and saw a lot of interesting and beautiful artwork. One of the days though our car got broken into and another one did too, and it was hard core too, they broke the windows and stole my camera and some of the other people's stuff. After that I went to Utah and I visited my friend Christine and spent time with my family and then I came home, and school was the next day."