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From the Editor

I love cards. This time of year lots of people send out holiday cards, which I love, but I think even more important than holiday cards are thank you cards. Thank you cards are appreciated for any gift, and I think they are important.

As the gift giver, it is nice to know that your gift was appreciated, and not just tossed into a pile of other gifts. As the gift receiver it is polite to acknowledge the gift, especially for things that are above and beyond. You never want to make it seem like you expect gifts.

I like to give thank you cards for more than just gifts. If you have a friend, a professor, or anyone who does something nice or help you with something, a thank you card is appropriate.

The bottom line is that whenever someone does something nice for you that they don’t have to do, say thank you. Sometimes simply saying it is sufficient, but when it is a bigger deal or a bigger inconvenience for them, always send a card.

Lindsey Keatts

Opinion

My life in a nutshell

by Jin Choi
of The Pathfinder

As you can see from my picture, I am from Korea. I have worked at the Pathfinder for three years as a student writer. Technically, this is my last issue as a writer for the Pathfinder, because I am going to graduate this winter.

I still can’t believe that I won’t be an LCSC student anymore. I would like to share my college experience with you. First of all, I would like to say thank you to all who are reading this and to my editor who gave me the opportunity to write my story for the newspaper. If someone asks me, “what is the biggest thing you have learned from college life?” I would like to say that I learned responsibility and independence during my college years.

I was living with my family in Korea until junior high, and then I came to America where I attended a private boarding school in Connecticut. I have studied abroad since high school. I remember that I was not a student who had gotten ready to go to another country. I suffered from homesickness every day, and I couldn’t even order what I wanted from a menu, because my English was not good enough to communicate with others.

I tried to stop my studying abroad several times. I felt disconnected from the world around me. However, there were several faculties and teachers who were trying to help me. My dorm parent helped me to wake up every morning to be able to go to school on time. My English as a Second Language teacher helped to teach me English to be able to communicate with others. I don’t think I could have passed any of my classes without their help. Even at my high school graduation, my teachers were the people who gave me a bunch of flowers and a big hug. My parents couldn’t visit to see my celebration, because they were busy.

Because of my high school teachers, I could get admission to LCSC. I was afraid, but I had to say bye to my high school memories, and I became an LCSC student in 2008.

I still can’t forget my very first day of my college life. I had never heard of Idaho before I came here. I was imagining a football team and parties when I was in high school. LCSC was not a place that I considered while in high school. I also had never seen this large of a population of white people before I came to LCSC.

I totally lost interest in school, and I drank every day and every night. However, there were no people to take care of me. There was no person who tried to wake me up in the morning. There were no people who would give me any advice. I was like a bull in a china shop. My grades were so terrible.

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The 30th Annual Festival of Trees
Was A Success!

by Amanda Hindberg
of The Pathfinder

Every year during the week of Thanksgiving, the Nez Perce County Fair Pavilion in Lewiston is transformed to embody the holiday spirit. “What began as a one-day outdoor auction of live Christmas trees has grown to become a week-long festival featuring four diverse events,” said Hailey Feider, who is with the Tri-State Hospital Foundation.

The annual Festival of Trees event supports Tri-State Memorial Hospital. This year, more than $100,000 was raised during the event, with more than 3,500 people enjoying the festivities.

“It all began in the East parking lot of Tri-State Memorial Hospital in 1985,” said Feider. Now, the event has grown and now allows people to experience events during the week. “There’s Family Night for the kids, a special day to honor senior citizens and our community, a fun, vintage fashion show for the ladies, and a gala evening that’s a wonderful kickoff to the holiday season,” Feider said.

Tri-State Memorial Hospital was given the opportunity to purchase a new EEG Machine during our raise the paddle portion of our auction on gala night,” Feider said. There was $30,000 raised, which is the most that has ever been raised.

There are also several local businesses such as banks and supermarkets that sponsor the event. There are “various sponsorship levels, including both monetarily and in-kind donations,” Feider said. The local community does a great job making sure that the event experiences continued success.

If you would like to be involved in the Festival of Trees event next year, volunteers are always welcomed. Contact Hailey Feider with the Tri-State Hospital Foundation if you want more information at 509.751.4556 or at hfeider@tsmh.org.

This Week in Science
Probing Pluto

by Samantha Gump
of The Pathfinder

There is a brand new world that will be available on the New Horizon. Literally. The orbiter New Horizons is beginning to awaken and next year will be scanning Pluto.

When New Horizons was launched Pluto was still considered a planet, nine years ago. This probe will be able to tell us about the ninth planet and hopefully aid us in our quest for more knowledge pertaining to our solar system.

After reaching Pluto New Horizons will have traveled 3 billion miles. Although it is not the furthest a probe has traveled it certainly is a mesmerizing feat.

We are expecting to have data being sent back to arrive in May. Along with this data we are expected to see some amazing photographs of Pluto and its moons, Charon, Hydra, Kerberos, Nix, and Styx.

New Horizons will probe and analyze atmospheric compositions and send the information back to Earth. There is also the possibility that there may be more in Pluto’s region, such as more moons and even other planets.

New Horizons may go further than Pluto, but the intent if for New Horizons is to focus on Pluto and the surrounding area.

If this mission goes well, we may be well on our way to sending a lander, and after that, who knows what we may accomplish.
**Senate Summary: Meeting held December 6th.**

**by Kaleena Chamberlain**

- Vice President of Student Affairs Andy Hanson said that students should be paying more attention to the assessment of the college and program prioritization. Reasons for this include the following as an example, if another staff member is requested for a program the request is filled based on the current assessment of the college and how well it’s doing. It also lets LCSC know how well they are doing, where they need to improve, and how much funding the school and its students receive and the amount of accreditation. The absolute most important is whether or not the students are learning and if they feel like they’re getting the services that they need. As committees are created to get the services that they want, it is requested for a program to be tabled.

- There is consideration and work being done to provide Title IX training and to purchase new dorms that might miss lunch and have no way to purchase something before their next meal. The suggestion came from the residence halls senators, committees and senators who live in the residence halls, including those who live in the dorms that might miss lunch and have no way to purchase something before their next meal.

- All LCSC directors will be submitting unit action plans in the near future stating what they want to do in the next year or five years and what they need to do it.

- Bill 14-F040, concerning the purchasing of a number of seats for the Silverthorne’s “Adopt A Seat” program was tabled.

- ASLCSC is having a meet and greet Wednesday Dec 10 from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM where students can come enjoy a holiday meal. The suggestion came from a similar program in San Diego that has been successful for years and counting.

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**Recipe Review**

**Gingersnaps: a holiday favorite**

**by Lindsey Keatts of The Pathfinder**

1 cup packed brown sugar
¼ cup molasses
1 egg
2 ¼ cup flour
2 tsp baking soda
1 tsp cinnamon
1 tsp ground ginger
½ tsp ground cloves
¼ tsp salt
Granulated Sugar

Heat oven to 375. Combine ingredients except for granulated sugar. Use rounded teaspoon to scoop balls of cookie dough (a melon-baller or small ice cream scoop will also work). Roll dough balls in sugar. Bake 10-12 minutes. Makes 24-36 cookies.

There are many variations on the gingersnap. Some are crunchy, chewy, complicated, or simple, low cal or low fat. This is my favorite by far. These delightful cookies are soft and chewy, with a hint of spice that sets them apart from a lot of cookies. They are a little tart, not too much, but different from the rows of sweets which usually so prevalent around the holiday season. Best yet, these are LOW FAT cookies, but you would never know it from the taste.

This recipe is fast and easy, but from a seasoned baker I have some tips to share with you.
- For best results, use an air bake cookie sheet. If you do not have one, a regular cookie sheet will work fine, but to make it easier line the cookie sheet with parchment paper.
- After you take them out of the oven, let them cool on the cookie sheet for about 2-4 minutes. After that, use a spatula to put them on a wire cooling rack or newspaper to cool.
- I prefer newspaper, because it soaks up a little of the extra grease from the bottom of the cookies. Put a couple of layers on the counter or table, whatever heat resistant surface you want to let your cookies cool on.

These are a favorite at my house. My dad, who insists that he does not like cookies, will stand in the kitchen while I bake and somehow my 30ish cookies dwindle to 18 or so by the time I take out the next thing. Overall, I give these cookies five stars. They are fast and easy, and delicious. Just a warning though, you might want to make a double batch if you plan on them lasting through the day!

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Book Review

The Game’s Afoot

by Moriah Hale
of The Pathfinder

In the heart of London, down alleys and streets of cobbled stone, lies the infamous Baker Street, where in the well known apartment of 221 B lives the first ever ‘consulting detective’, Sherlock Holmes and his ever present companion, Doctor John Watson.

“The Complete Adventures and Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes” by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is a facsimile of the original 24 stories from The Strand Magazine. Sherlock hardly needs introduction, but for those who are in the dark, I will not hesitate to elaborate. Written from the perspective of John Watson, these short stores follow the detective work of Sherlock Holmes, whose great mind and deduction skills help the populace of London and, on occasion, Scotland Yard.

Each story begins with a plea of help-Sherlock only takes the most intriguing cases-and ending with his deductions explained as to how he figured out the problem; usually to the fascination of John. There are moments when he is outsmarted by Miss Irene Adler, or The Woman, and Sherlock’s nemesis Jim Moriarty.

Before the release of Sherlock Holmes with Robert Downey Jr. playing the lead, I have to say I was never very much interested in Mr. Doyle’s London. With the splendid acting and the production of the BBC version of the consulting detective, I was pushed over the edge into the fandom of Sherlock Holmes. I would be lying if I said Benedict Cumberbatch had nothing to do with my sudden and permanent role as a fangirl.

That being said, Arthur Conan Doyle’s original work is where it all started, and for those who are ‘Sherlocked”, reading each story is a must. The author created an iconic character, and the stories go into more detail about the lives of Sherlock Holmes and his friend John Watson, that the movies might have sadly left out. Each case is a single story that is easy to read and get through in a short time. I like being able to finish one story and not feel like I have to continue on to the next, even though I usually do. They are fast paced and keep you guessing as to how each case unfolds. After all, who doesn’t like a good mystery?

Want to write for The Pathfinder?

Meetings are Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. upstairs in the SUB room 201
I was looking for a person to take care of me like I had in high school. I thought I was an independent person but I was like a five year old kid. I couldn’t handle this anymore, and I decided to enter the army. I went back to Korea for my military service after 2009 (Korean men have an obligation to serve in the military for two years). I didn’t really want to join the army, but I was thinking that the army might be better place than Lewiston.

At the beginning of my military service during my year as a private, I was so happy with a passive life style. I didn’t need to think about anything but orders. As time went on, I became a sergeant and a leader of the V.P guard team. There was an unforgettable moment, which I remember as the leader. My team messed up a military drill, because my teammates and I had not trained enough. I didn’t pay attention at my job, I realized that my teammates and I couldn’t survive a real life situation.

That was the moment when I learned the meaning of responsibility. Throughout my military experience, I realized what I needed to do after I was discharged. I am the only person who is in charge on my destiny.

I came back to LCSC right after I had been discharged from the army in 2011. I have wanted to be both a journalist and professor in communication. That is the reason why I became a college student. I remembered myself what I needed to do. I decided to work at The Pathfinder as the first step of my career as a journalist.

I also joined LCSC debate club, and I became the first international student who receives a communication scholarship. Through these experiences, I have learned how to be responsible for myself. College life gave me more freedom than high school, but I have had to learn to be more responsible with my freedom. It was a good lesson for my future.

Our future is like a Tetris game. You can’t make something from nothing. There will always be something in your way like a misshapen block. At the end, I would like to say thank you to everyone who has helped me with my “Life blocks”. I don’t know what is going to happen in the future. I will be responsible for anything that I need for my future.

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Theater Review

The Nutcracker

by Moriah Hale
of The Pathfinder

With Christmas fast approaching, the Lewiston Civic Theatre has teamed up with Main Street Dance to bring Tchaikovsky’s “The Nutcracker, a ballet and Celtic performance, to the LC Valley.

Opening night of the well known ballet took place on Dec. 4 with the doors opening at 7 p.m. The Clearwater Pipes and Drums band performed as patrons found their seats, and all other sound was drowned out as the Celtic music filled the theater. At 7:30 p.m. the lights dimmed and the show began.

Orchestral music took over the silence that followed the band’s absence and the audience was faced with Scene I: Christmas Eve. Young Clara, played by Brenna Brady, dances across the stage with her brother Fitz, played by Jen Lathen, as they ’play’ in the snow. Other families soon arrive for the Christmas Eve Party, and the children get a little out of hand, having to be kept in line by their parents.

The story continues with Clara receiving a nutcracker for Christmas, and her brother becoming overly jealous. Later that night, after falling asleep with the Nutcracker by her side, Clara is swept away into a dreamland where the Nutcracker (Tom Church) is alive and battling the evil rats, who are all now life-size.

After defeating the Rat Queen (Jenna Clark), Clara, now played by Gina Marilla, meets the Snow Queen (Molly Petersen), and in The Land of Sweets is entertained by the many residents. At the end, Clara wakes up to find herself back to normal and everything as it was.

The production of this show was mesmerizing. The lack of an actual orchestra was made up for by the talent of the dancers, the choreography, and the costume design. One patron was heard commenting on how excellent the show was and how “amazingly talented” everyone was. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and all gave a round of applause when the curtains closed.

The show was filled with dancers of all ages from ballet and Celtic dance class from the Main Street Dance Studio, owned and operated by Signe’ and Kim Haverfield, who both participated in the show. You can find them at mainstreetdance.org.

The showing of “The Nutcracker” continues through Dec. 14 at the Lewiston Civic Theatre located at 805 Sixth Avenue. Tickets are available at $15 a seat. To make a reservation for the show please call Alaina Swearingen at 208-746-3401 or letboxoffice@gmail.com. You can also go to lctheatre.org for more information.

If you absolutely want to go but can’t afford the price, there are volunteer positions that allow you to see the show for free. Please contact Chuck Irvine at 208-553-9390 if you are interested. The Lewiston Civic Theatre is always looking for volunteers and would welcome your help.
Movie Review
1982 movie, “The Thing” is worth a watch

by Freddie Means
of The Pathfinder

As the movie progresses, the crew’s initially calm demeanor gives way to irrational paranoia, as they begin to accuse one another of not being what they claim or appear to be. The movie does a great job building tension and keeping that tension present throughout, an element seemingly absent from most modern horror movies. Though the movie does utilize some “jump scares,” they are few and far between and “The Thing” never uses them as a crutch. I always felt, in conjunction with a good script, decent actors and good monster design, that atmosphere and tension are crucial to a good horror movie and “The Thing” has all of those elements present.

If you haven’t seen “The Thing” and like horror movies, then this one is a no-brainer. It’s on “IMDB’s Top 250 Movies of All Time” list. Though it sits at 166, it’s worth noting an ‘80s horror movie is placed higher than “Roman Holiday,” “The Battle of Algiers” and “La Haine.” I mean, it sits directly under “Hotel Rwanda.”

It’s a good movie and people have come to recognize that, despite it being a financial and critical failure at release. Really, if you claim to love movies, then you’ve probably already seen this one. If you haven’t, it’s on Netflix and it’s definitely worth a watch.
**Video Game Review**

**“Playable Teaser” is quite enjoyable**

by Freddie Means of *The Pathfinder*

There were rumors floating around for some time that Hideo Kojima ("Metal Gear Solid" series) would be directing the next "Silent Hill" game, but it just assumed that these rumors were untrue, since the internet has a tendency to lie about everything, constantly.

There was one article that had been posted about Kojima inviting several journalists into a motel room to showcase the new "Silent Hill" game, but it was an absolutely absurd article, complete with Kojima appearing from under the bed that they were sitting on. The "Silent Hill" franchise had essentially gone down the toilet since Team Silent had left Konami and development had been handed over to an American team headed by Tomm Huelett.

Since then, we've received some rumors floating of Kojima being involved with the "Silent Hill" series. If "P.T." is proving anything, it's that virtually any project Kojima is attached to will be incredible and that the next entry in the "Silent Hill" series will be leagues ahead of the last few entries in the series.

"P.T." begins with you getting up in a bare room, with a concrete floor. You open the door and are greeted by a fairly innocuous hallway. You progress down the hall, open another door and find yourself in the same room you started in. As you continue playing, you discover that doing small things trigger minor and major shifts in the environment – staying in the hall until the clock reads 12:00, looking at a picture, etc.

It gets more and more complicated and, frankly, in order to beat it, you'll have to either be extremely lucky or look it up in a walkthrough (I did the latter). It's worth noting that as you progress, the hallway becomes increasingly frightening – the power will go out, an awful "baby thing" (not really sure what to call it) cries out from a bathroom sink and you'll be greeted by a couple of horrifying visitors. Once you figure out all of the puzzles, you're rewarded with the actual teaser for the next Silent Hill game, titled "Silent Hills." (which looks absolutely great).

It would be very easy to argue that the last few entries in the "Silent Hill" series were just cheap rehashes of the games made by Team Silent. What I got from "P.T." wasn’t so much an attempt to recreate the monsters or settings of those games, but an attempt to recapture the feeling of the first few games – it’s really different, but it still feels familiar.

I'm very much looking forward to it. "P.T." is available for free on the PlayStation store. Go try it!

**LCSC volleyball’s Ross named NAIA Scholar-Athlete**

Lewis-Clark State College press release

Senior Kelsey Ross of the Lewis-Clark State College volleyball team was named a 2014 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete on Friday in a release sent by the national office.

In order to be nominated for the honor by an institution’s head coach or sports information director, a student-athlete must maintain a minimum grade-point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale and have achieved a junior academic status.

Ross, a 5-foot-10 right side hitter who is from Cheyenne, Wyo., is majoring in Mathematics.

The transfer from Laramie County Community College was one of 455 volleyball student-athletes to receive the award.

**App Review**

**“Wunderlist” is wonderful!**

by Freddie Means of *The Pathfinder*

Honestly, I am a disorganized mess - I tend to forget assignments, appointments, return dates, etc. If I weren’t able to use a planner or organizer of some sort, I’d probably just fail out of life. Though organizers help, I tend to forget about them, too. As a college student, this is totally unacceptable, so I set about to find an alternative. I bought a whiteboard a while back, which is sitting next to me with “September” written across the top of it, I tried putting my syllabuses into my notebooks, but they always seem to fall out or get misplaced and I wash my hands an awful lot and so writing reminders there tends to just end in academic, social and personal tragedy. Then it dawned on me – I almost never forget my cell phone.

There’s a plethora of cell phone organizer apps and I’ve tried quite a few of them now. Some were free; some weren’t, though I found the interface of most of them annoying, complicated and redundant. There was one, however, that I actually really liked: “Wunderlist” (and it was free). The app lets you set up different lists, which you populate with various tasks and assign them dates. “Wunderlist” then organizes all of your tasks by date and gives you a to-do list for the week. It’s clean, simple and efficient – it’s exactly what I was looking for. It even lets you expand on your tasks by adding notes, alarms and files, which can be linked to a Dropbox account. The app itself can be synced across multiple devices and can even be accessed on a desktop, where you can edit the entries, add files, etc. These lists, files and reminders can even be accessed by a group of friends.

I’ve been extremely happy with “Wunderlist.” I know that it may be strange to act like one organizer app is better than another, since they all essentially do the same thing, but “Wunderlist” sits well above the others. I mean, “Wunderlist” received several “app of the year” awards, which is bizarre because it’s just a planner. It’s user-friendly, free, has device synchronicity (even between Apple, Windows and Android products) and is multifunctional without being cluttered or complicated. You can use “Wunderlist” for shopping lists, laundry reminders, assignments, doctors’ appointments and all of these tasks can be categorized without little effort. You can even set a profile picture for your account (mine is of a very frustrated Kermit the Frog)! If you’re looking for an alternative to a physical planner or don’t have one yet, then check out “Wunderlist.”
Mumps is knocking on our door

by Samantha White
of The Pathfinder

As of a few weeks ago, 10 cases of mumps (all contracted by University of Idaho students) have been confirmed. There are more than 20 other cases being currently investigated, two of those in the Moscow community.

Although there are no confirmed cases at Lewis-Clark State College, or in Lewiston itself, mumps is a more dangerous viral illness than one might realize. Students are encouraged to have their vaccination histories checked and if they haven’t had their two doses of MMR vaccine, to do so when possible. Lewis-Clark State College’s own health center (located in room 205 of the Same Glenn Complex) offers the vaccine. “My goal is preventative medicine,” said Sherry Sweikert-Smith, Student Health Services nurse. “I carry almost every vaccine that’s given.”

The MMR vaccine is a combination vaccine for measles, mumps and rubella. The vaccine prevents mumps from reaching a critical condition, though it does not necessarily protect from obtaining the illness itself.

Not every case is severe but left untreated, which is highly possible considering its cold-like symptoms, mumps can lead to deafness, meningitis, and testicular inflammation. Its symptoms include: swollen glands, headache, tiredness, fever and loss of appetite.

Symptoms can appear up to 25 days after contracting mumps, and it can be spread before one knows they are sick. It is spread through droplets—sneezing, coughing, spitting and even touching the same surface as someone else can infect someone. In order to check one’s vaccination history, students can go to the link listed below:

http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/easy-to-read/adult.html
Almost anyone that grows up in the Pacific Northwest and is a fan of baseball can help but root for the Seattle Mariners. They are the closest team to our state, unless you want to root for the Colorado Rockies or the various California clubs. One thing has always been true about the Mariners, they are the lovable loser, and that’s not a good thing.

They are a franchise that has never won a world series and has not been to the playoffs in 13 years. Their best season was in 1995 when the team featured a slew of future hall-of-fame players including Ken Griffey Jr., Edgar Martinez, Alex Rodriguez, and Randy Johnson.

That team was remembered for making it to the playoffs and beating the Yankees in the first round on Edgar’s famous double down the left field line that sent Griffey bounding around the bases and sliding into home plate to win the game. That sent the M’s to the American League Championship series. However they lost the next series and that was it.

In 2001 the Mariners were retooled with great talent once again with a club that had 8 allstars on their roster. Featuring Ichiro (the America League MVP and rookie of the year that season), Brett Bone, Mike Cameron and Edgar Martinez who all drove in over a hundred runs in 2001, and John Olerud who had one of the sweetest swings in baseball. The M’s were loaded on offense and backed by great pitching.

Those ’01 Mariners ended up tying the Major League Baseball record with 116 regular season wins, beat the Cleveland Indians in the first round and moved on to play the Yankees in the championship series. Seattle lost to the Yanks in five games and still has not won a World Series title.

The future looks bright though, last season the Ms’ made a huge splash signing Robinson Cano along with closer Fernando Rodney and first baseman Logan Morrison. The club improved drastically and won 87 games and finished one game out of a playoff spot.

Last season the pitching staff and defense were marvelous led by the best bullpen ERA (earned run average) in the majors. They also featured a dominant one-two punch with Felix Hernandez, Hisashi Iwakuma at the top of their rotation. Offensively Kyle Seager and Robinson Cano led the way and both were allstars. It was a solid season, and one that hopefully shows a glimpse into the future and what is to come.

2015 Season Outlook

The M’s have been below average for several years now and this means they’ve gotten great draft picks and good young talent. Players like Seager, Dustin Ackley, Mike Zunino, James Paxton and Taiwan Walker have all developed and look ready to be everyday big league players.

The team made another big move this offseason signing Nelson Cruz who led the majors in home runs last year. But, in my opinion they need to make another move such as trading for a right fielder like Matt Kemp, Justin Upton, or the Rockies Carlos Gonzalez and I believe they will. The only downside to the trade is they would have to give away Taiwan Walker their talented young right-hander. If they do make a move the projected 2015 lineup would look something like this:

**Batting Order**
- CF Austin Jackson
- LF Dustin Ackley
- 2B Robinson Cano
- DH Nelson Cruz
- RF Upton, Kemp or Gonzalez
- 3B Kyle Seager
- C Mike Zunino
- 1B Logan Morrison
- SS Brad Miller or Chris Taylor

**Pitching Staff**
1. Felix Hernandez
2. Hisashi Iwakuma
3. James Paxton
4. Danny Hultzen
5. Roenis Elias

That lineup looks dominant with a great mix of power, speed and contact hitting. Cano, Cruz, Seager, Morrison and whichever one of those right fielders they acquire could pace the offense and allow their young high potential hitters Jackson, Zunino and Ackley to hit in low-pressure lineup spots.

On the defensive side of the ball Hernandez is one of the top 5 best pitchers in baseball and Iwakuma is top 15 if not top 10. Paxton and Hultzen are amazing talents and two of the most prized young arms in the game. Elias pitched well in spots last year and could be a very solid young pitcher, if the young arms can put together solid seasons to compliment Iwakuma and Hernandez this could be a dominant staff.

Baseball’s winter meetings begin December 8th when owners and player agents will meet to discuss trades and free agent signings. Expect the Mariners to try and add a big name outfielder. If they do this team could be deadly.

Some experts have said the Mariners are a World Series dark horse. While a World Series ring would be amazing, I’m hoping to simply make the playoffs but obviously would love to see a championship.

It’s been too long since we’ve seen a postseason game in beautiful Safeco field. At this point its all speculation but the teams collection of talent is unquestioned. Here’s to hoping the Mariners can make something special happen this year.

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**LCSC harriers finish season ranked in top 10**

*Lewis-Clark State College press release*

For the second consecutive year, both of Lewis-Clark State College’s cross country teams finished the season ranked in the top 10. The Warrior women landed at No. 2 when the NAIA released the postseason edition of the Coaches’ Top 25 Poll on Wednesday, while the LCSC men were 10th.

The final rankings match each squad’s result from the national meet, which took place at Rim Rock Farm in Lawrence, Kan., nearly two weeks ago.

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**Sports Commentary**

by Taylor Marshall

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Lewis-Clark State survived a buzzer-beater, overtime and an injury to its best player to pocket a 72-65 triumph over Whitman College on Saturday in a nonconference women's basketball tussle.

The 15th-ranked Warriors outscored the Missionaries 11-4 in the extra session to bump their record to 11-1. They have won seven in a row, although this is just the second victory during that streak that did not come by double figures.

Overtime became necessary after Whitman, the national runner-up in the NCAA Division III ranks a season ago, rallied from an eight-point deficit in the final four minutes of regulation. The Missionaries forced the extra period when Hailey McDonald made her only shot of the game, bouncing in a 3-pointer from the corner as time expired to knot the score at 61-all.

"You think they have the momentum after that," LCSC coach Brian Orr said. "But we played really well and with a lot of confidence. Looking in my players' eyes, I had no doubt that we would be OK."

LC State dominated overtime despite losing senior Tanis Fuller. The Warriors' leading scorer and rebounder left the game in the final minutes of regulation with what appeared to be a concussion. She did not return.

Fuller did pass a postgame battery of tests to receive a clean bill of health. She also still managed to finish with a game-high 22 points, 17 of which came after halftime, and a team-leading eight rebounds. She has scored in double figures every game this season.

Sophomore guards Brooke Litalien and Caelyn Orlandi picked up the slack after Fuller left the game, combining for 10 points, including eight in overtime. Litalien finished the game 3-for-5 from the 3-point line for 11 points, while Orlandi made a season-high four treys en route to 18 points.

"That was just a great college basketball game," Orr said. "Both teams battled the whole game and it was close the entire way."

The game featured eight ties and three lead changes. LCSC never led by more than nine points, while Whitman's biggest advantage was just four.

The deciding factor in this evenly matched showdown: the Warriors' long-range marksmanship. They made 10 of their 18 attempts from behind the arc while the Missionaries went just 3-for-11.

"The difference in the game was the long ball," Orr said. "Every 3 turned out to be huge."

Following a back-and-forth first half, which ended with LCSC up 26-25, the Warriors tried to pull away on multiple occasions in the second period. Fuller, for instance, drilled three buckets in the first seven minutes following halftime to give her squad a 37-29 lead.

The Missionaries sliced that deficit in half, but the Warriors responded by pushing their advantage to nine with less than 10 minutes to play following a Natahnee Spencer 3-pointer, one of two in the game for the sophomore from Lapwai, Idaho.

Whitman then answered with a 9-2 burst to pull within 46-44. But the Warriors scored 10 of the next 14 points, building an eight-point margin with 3:50 to play. Fuller punctuated the salvo with her final bucket of the night, making a short jumper while fighting off a foul.

The Warriors, however, could not keep Whitman (4-3) from copping together one final rally. The Missionaries, paced by Hailey Ann Maeda's 21 points, closed out regulation with a 13-5 spurt.

Undeterred, LCSC quickly regained control of the game, scoring the first five points of overtime. Orlandi and Litalien both drained 3-pointers during OT.

Despite surrendering a late second-half lead, Orr was pleased with his squad's defensive effort. The Warriors held the Missionaries to 33-percent shooting and allowed their leading scoring, Heather Johns, to notch just 10 points on 5-of-13 shooting.

"Our defense in the second half was as good as it's been all year," Orr said.

The Warriors return to action Friday, Dec. 12, when they host the LC State Classic. That three-day tournament features games against Simpson University and Eastern Oregon.

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**Tripple Chocolate Pie**

by Lindsey Keatts of The Pathfinder

- 1 large box (the 6 serving box) chocolate instant pudding mix
- 1 Oreo pie crust
- 2 ½ cups milk
- 1 tub cool whip

In a large mixing bowl, combine the pudding mix and milk. Beat well. Pour a little over half of this mixture into the Oreo pie crust. To the remaining pudding mix add about ½ of the tub of cool whip (or ¼ if you bought the giant sized tub). Fold the whipped cream in until well mixed, but do not use electric mixer. You do not want to over mix this part. When it is well mixed pour it on top of the other pudding in your pie crust. Then, spread the remaining whipped cream over top. Refrigerate.

This is the easiest pie I have ever made. Total prep time is maybe 5-8 minutes. This pie is very sweet, so bring your chocolate cravings here! Everyone loves it. For a more enhanced presentation you can sprinkle chocolate curls or mini chocolate chips over top.

This recipe has a lot of easy ways to modify it, but here are some tips from the pro:

- This is best with the OREO pie crust, but you can use any. You can make your own pie crust, or use the dough you get in the store, or a graham cracker crust, or anything you like. However, in my experience the chocolate flavored graham cracker crust is not anywhere near as good as the OREO crust.

- There is usually a bit of extra mousse (the pudding/whipped cream mixture) left over, so either come hungry or have some little bowls around that you can pour leftovers into for snacking later.

- You can use any variations of pudding you like. I use JELL-O brand, but you can use any brand. You can use chocolate or chocolate fudge or sugar free or the kind that you cook. Anything you prefer, I prefer quick and easy.

Overall, 5 stars for this recipe. Fast, easy, cheap, and loved by all who love chocolate. Perfect for any party or last minute potlucks. However, it is REALLY SWEET so it will be too sweet for some people. Switching out with a different pie crust can help that issue.
### Campus Calendar

**Sponsored by your Student Government, ASLCSC**

Submit your club event information to: ashmedia@we.cscc.edu

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### Abbreviation Key

**Clubs and Organizations**
- ASLCSC - Associated Students of Lewis-Clark State College
- WEB - Warrior Entertainment Board
- RHA - Residence Hall Association
- BSO - Business Student Organization
- IPO - International Programs
- ISNA - Idaho Student Nurse’s Association
- AHS - Ambassador Honor Society
- SOSW - Student Organizations for Social Workers
- GSA - Gender-Sexuality Alliance
- BPA - Business Professionals of America

**Buildings**
- SUB - Student Union Building
- SUB Sol South - SUB Solatium South
- SAC - Sacajawea Hall
- SGC - Sam Glenn Complex
- TJIH - Thomas Jefferson Hall
- MLH - Meriwether Lewis Hall
- Music - on the corner of 8th st & 11th ave
- PTamkinwaaq - on the corner opposite the Music Building on 8th street and 11th ave
- RCC - River City Church

### Word on the Street

*By Freddie Means*

**What are your new years resolutions?**

**Skyler Badertscher**
- Major: Diesel Mechanic
- Year: Freshman
- “I want to raise my GPA next semester.”

**Nickeita Greer**
- Major: Radiology
- Year: Freshman
- “Get through the school year without stressing out too much. I am a stresser.”

**Cody Richmond**
- Major: Business
- Year: Freshman
- “I’m going to try to watch less Netflix.”

**Alisha Edminson**
- Major: Social Work
- Year: Freshman
- “Go to the gym and get A’s in all of my classes because I need a 3.5 GPA.”

**Kayla Kegley**
- Major: Social Work
- Year: Freshman
- “I want to make myself do more happy things.”