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Opinion

Tips, please.

By Michelle Tiecke
of the Pathfinder

As she sat down the ticket, I looked at it, scoffed at the suggested tip amount, and gave her one big hefty dollar! Now, before it is assumed that I am a cheapskate, or that “I don’t understand what it’s like”, let me give you a little back story. As with most college students I wouldn’t consider myself the wealthiest person in the world I mean come on its college! I’m pretty sure it’s a rite of passage to live on a top ramen budget! But I have also worked in restaurants, and have had to earn tips to for a living. Now, why is it you ask that this “server” taking care of me and my wonderful monster children was given what many would deem a terrible tip? I will ask you a better question, why are you asking why to begin with? What is a tip? A tip is nothing more than a gratuity, something that a consumer gives to a waitress, barista, bell boy etc. when a service is rendered and deemed satisfactory. The harsh reality is that these servers, now believe that they are entitled to the tip just for being present. This is not a fact. Speaking for myself, and from my own personal experience serving, tips are earned, not given. Sorry princess, better luck next time! So the sweet hostess welcomes us to what is a very lovely restaurant, the lighting is great, the food is setting the aroma and the stage for what I expect to be a great date night with my girls. Well, like they say, for every bad experience three times the amount of people will hear about it than if it were a good experience. As we are sitting in our booth, carousing our menus our server stops by the table, not a smile on her face or a hint of joy in the tone of her voice as she asked for our drinks. I admit to know that not everyone loves children as I do, but the look of annoyance as my children tried ordering was strike one. She comes back, takes our order, same exact face and scurries on her way to chat with what I believe was a friend in another booth instead of promptly entering our order; strike two. Finally, our food arrives, never asking if we need anything, refills, napkins etc. and that was the last we saw of her until the check arrived; Strike three. Now in the state of Idaho cutting wages is okay for those who are tipped, which I do not believe is okay considering the main concept that tips are nothing more than a gratuity that should not be expected. However, this does not change my mind about how my service is given. I came to the establishment to enjoy a meal, I shouldn’t feel obligated to tip someone who could care less about the one simple instruction in their job description: customer service. So here’s my tip, if you want to make “good” tips! Work on the fundamental secret of treating your customer’s right.

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Local Teacher Self-Publishes Fantasy Novel

by Moriah Hale of The Pathfinder

There are a few ways for writers to get their story published and into the general public. While most are clamoring to be discovered by well-known publishing houses, there are those who become their own publisher, doing away with the middle man.

Nathan Barham is one such writer. His novel, “Fragments: Alora’s Tear, Volume 1” just came out in paperback and ebook format on August 18th. Barham had every intention to go through more traditional channels to get his book published. For about a year, he sent emails and query letters to potential agents in the hopes of snagging someone’s attention. “I wanted to just be the writer,” he said, “and not have to spend the time, I could be writing, selling books.” With no bites, he soon began to feel discouraged and started to question himself and his writing.

Barham didn’t let that stop him though, and he then looked into self-publishing. He did his homework and found he liked the idea. Self-publishing gave him full control on how he wanted his story presented. Through Goodreads, Barham found an editor and cover artist that he felt worked well with his own style.

The editor, Zoe Markham from England, was one, out of a few, that Barham sent his story to for editing. Markham’s returned comments on his manuscript were more helpful to the flow of the story than the others, and Barham jumped at the chance to offer her the job as his editor. With the cover artist, Isis Sousa who lives in Norway, he knew right away that she was the one. “Her artistic style was exactly what I wanted, but I was scared she wouldn’t be available or that the commission price would be way too high. Fortunately, neither were a problem.” Barham worked with Sousa to create his vision for the cover.

The inspiration for Alora’s Tear goes all the way back to high school. Through a greek mythology writing assignment, Barham found the basis for names and places he eventually used in the novel. The name Alora also came from the middle name of a member. “She sat in the row to the right and two seats ahead of me,” said Barham. That girl later became his wife. The rest of the story didn’t come to a more permanent thought until after college. The novel started out as one book almost 800 pages long, but after planning to self-publish, Barham intentions are to expand to six books. He is now in the process of working on the fourth.

Barham learned much in the process of writing and eventually publishing his novel. With the experience behind him, his advice for those who love to write and would like to get their work published someday is to, “write everyday, commit to the act every chance that is practical.” If you set up a time after a long day, or whenever you are too busy or tired, you set up for failure. And from his professor, Joy Passanante, “your manuscript isn’t finished until the publisher rips it out of you hands.” There is always going to be something to add or revise, and using that last minute chance to polish your work is not wasted time. Barham was born in Orofino and lived there until his family moved to Clarkston. There he attended Clarkston High school. After graduation he went off to the University of Idaho where he received a bachelor’s in English and a teaching certification.

Now living in Moscow, he writes from his home, supported by his wife and two children. He works as an English teacher at the Genesee Junior-Senior High school. Whether it’s essay structure, a classic literary work, or the occasional impromptu dance routine, he strives to keep students interested in the fun and the fundamentals of the English language.


This Week in Science

Armageddon, not.

By Samantha Gump of the Pathfinder

On Monday Jan. 26, the asteroid 2004 BL86 will becoming within 1.2 million kilometers of Earth, a little over 745,000 miles. While many individuals assume that this is a massive distance, in the grand scheme of the cosmos, it is extremely close.

2004 BL86 is nothing to worry too much about, unless you are an astronomer looking to gather as much information as possible, in a short window of time. What we know about asteroids is very limited as they tend to stay out of our way and cast huge shadows upon themselves, making it difficult for astronomers to study.

We know an incredible amount of information about our solar system. Nonetheless, what we don’t know is significantly more. With the passing of 2004 BL86, scientists will be able to gather information about its make-up and anatomy.

2004 BL86 could give us vital information about the composition of other solar systems. Furthermore, it can also help to teach us ways to prevent future near Earth asteroids from hitting our planet and aid us in the formulation and execution of such methods.

Astronomers will use the Deep Space Satellite Network to bounce microwaves off of the asteroid in order to get an interior and exterior schematic of 2004 BL86.

The best time to get a view is between 8:07pm-8:52pm PT. A simple backyard telescope should suffice and in some cases even a good pair of binoculars. If weather or other circumstances prevent you from seeing this event in your own backyard, you will have the ability to watch a live feed online from 8am PT throughout most of the day, on live.slooh.com.
After opening Frontier Conference action with three grueling road games, the Lewis-Clark State Warriors finally returned home. And the confines of the Activity Center could not have been any friendlier.

Behind Jacob Wiley’s game-high 25 points, and a significant boost from reserves Jamaal Thomas and Gavin Kaufman, the Warriors defeated Carroll College 80-65 on Thursday night in a men’s college basketball showdown.

It was a much-needed victory for the Warriors, who had dropped two of those three aforementioned road games. They are now 2-2 in conference play and 16-4 overall after winning their FC home opener in front of 913 fans.

“Any win in this league is a good win, whether it’s home or away,” LCSC associate head coach Austin Johnson said. “It’s always good to protect home court.”

The Warriors were able to defend their turf primarily because they shot the ball so accurately. They made nearly 54 percent of their 52 field goal attempts. Wiley, who boasts the second highest field goal percentage in the nation, made all but three of his 13 attempts. He also blocked two shots and collected a steal.

“He’s obviously a tough guard because of how long and athletic he is,” Johnson said of the 6-foot-6 sophomore forward. “Plus, he’s a high-motor player who never takes a night off. And that kind of sets the tone for the rest of the team.”

Indeed, an assortment of Warriors made key contributions against the Saints. Thomas, a 6-7 senior forward, finished with 14 points on 4-of-5 shooting while Kaufman, also a senior, went 2-for-4 from behind the arc and finished with 10 points. The classmates were the primary reason the LC State bench

Photo featuring Jacob Wiley, courtesy of Dallas Callahan

outscored the Carroll reserves 26-13.

“Jamaal and Gavin were huge off the bench for us,” LCSC coach Brandon Rinta said. “They came up with some big plays, especially when we needed them.”

Brady Bagby rediscovered his shooting touch as well. After failing to make a basket in LCSC’s last game, an overtime loss at Montana Tech, the senior guard made six shots, including four from the 3-point line, to finish with 18 points. He also collected a game-high three steals.

“Tonight, we had guys step up and make shots,” Johnson said. “That’s really been the difference between winning and losing lately. And making shots could be the difference in this league.”

Despite the improved shooting, it still took the Warriors some time to pull away from the Saints. The decisive sequence began near the 12-minute mark of the second half, when the Warriors produced an 18-4 spurt. Throughout the next 10 minutes, LC State turned a five-point lead into a 19-point cushion. Seven Warriors scored during the surge.

“Offensively, we knew what we were supposed to do and guys executed that really well,” Johnson said. “This was probably the best league game we have played so far because tonight we got back to doing the things we are capable of doing.”

At times, that included playing suffocating defense. In addition to holding the Saints to 27-percent shooting from long range, the Warriors also coaxed the visitors from Montana into 16 turnovers, which resulted in 25 points. They also held Zach Taylor, the Saints’ leading scorer and the 13th best scorer in the country, to just four field goals.

“Carroll is a really well-coached team and they have one of the best scorers in the league,” Johnson said. “So overall, our guys did a great job.”

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Students and faculty enjoy game night
by Lillian Ragan
of The Pathfinder

Dr. Louis Sylvester is a game enthusiast. He has a large collection of games, but there’s a catch; none of these games are your mainstream Monopoly or Uno. Besides being the original hipster, Sylvester loves to share his passion for games with the students. He says the reason he runs game night is because he “loves gathering with people to play games”. He also loves video games, but misses the social interaction board games provide. Sylvester has currently amassed a collection of over 1,000 board games, and just continues to add to it.

Thursday, many students met in the SUB to play board games. These game nights were originally started as a Residence Life program to get more dorm students to interact with another. Now, these game nights have grown to include any student who wants a fun activity or break from homework. Sylvester supplies all the games and teaches everyone how to play the new games that he brings; while Residence Life pays for Sodexo to put out delicious treats for everyone to enjoy. While it may seem daunting to try and learn how to play an entirely new game, the atmosphere and people that show up are laid back and all about fun. So if you want to come out and play some fun games and try something different, this Spring semester there will be game nights every other Thursday in the SUB Solarium!

NFL teams share their dirty little secrets
by Taylor Marshall
of The Pathfinder

It’s media week in the NFL. The Patriots and Seahawks have both arrived in Glendale, AZ and the two teams will now take turns sitting in front of the masses of reporters answering every question imaginable. And there’s plenty to talk about this year.

New England is dealing with a ridiculous conflict now known as “deflategate”. The team has been accused of slightly deflating the footballs that were used in their AFC championship game against the Colts. The issue has been blown way out of proportion and the Pats now face penalties after the season.

Anyone watching that game would realize that it wouldn’t have mattered if they had played with a beach ball, the Patriots were clearly the better team and the game was never close. No matter how ridiculous this story is the team will have to stand up in front of everyone and answer the slew of questions that is sure to come.

Seattle on the other hand has a few headlines of their own. Tailback Marshawn Lynch has never been keen on talking to the media and has been fined by the NFL numerous times for not talking. The Seahawk was also recently fined for performing an obscene gesture after scoring a touchdown in the NFC championship game.

Richard Sherman a Seattle cornerback has the loudest mouth in the NFL and will surely have something to say as well.

There will be plenty to talk about this week.

I’m indifferent about this media week leading up to the Super Bowl. It seems like all the focus is put on the scandals and publicity stunts instead of just praising and recognizing these two teams for their great accomplishments this season.

The two teams boast so much talent, toughness and leadership. Richard Sherman and Darrell Revis are the two best corners in the league and will have a chance to prove who’s the best. Rob Gronkowski the New England tight end is the best offensive weapon in the game (sorry Calvin Johnson), and he will be matched up against Earl Thomas and Kam Chancellor the best safety tandem in the game.

Russell Wilson is in his third season in the NFL and will play in his second consecutive Super Bowl. Tom Brady is the greatest postseason quarterback of all time. Brady is the career leader in Super Bowl appearances; postseason TD passes, passing yards and wins. The guy is incredible.

If I could give the reporters some advice I’d say let these bogus allegations and scandals die and ask these players about their season and praise them for their talent and all that they have accomplished.

Hopefully this week will fly by and before we know it we’ll be sitting on our couches stuffing our faces with chips and pizza watching what I think will be one of the best Super Bowls of all time.
It didn’t take long for the Lewis-Clark State College track and field program to start qualifying athletes for nationals as Cody Larson and Nolan Ryan each hit national qualifying marks at the Idaho Collegiate on Friday in the Warriors’ first meet of the year.

Larson, a junior from Boise, Idaho, and Ryan, a sophomore from St. Peters, Mo., each punched their ticket in the 3,000 meters. Larson posted the best time of the day with a personal record of 8:30.93, while Nolan took second at 8:33.45.

The two distance runners highlighted what was a red-letter day for the recently expanded LC State track program.

“It’s hard for me to keep track of how many school records were broken today because there were a lot of them,” said LCSC head coach Mike Collins, now in his 18th year at the helm. “It was a nice first day.”

Freshman sprinter Mattlyn Brouwers set a pair of school records in her debut as a Warrior. She took second in the 200 with a time of 26.44, and fourth in the 400 at 62.04. Fellow freshman Ariel Jensen also set a program best with a time of 2:21.43 in the 800.

On the men’s side, Quaid Blankenship set new standards in the 60 meter dash (7.41) and the 200 (23.49). In the 400, Jesse Styner hit a record time of 52.66, Joel Boozer had a program-best time of 9.01 in the 60 meter hurdles, and Kurtis Bonner set a high jump record of 6-02.75.

“The kids are working hard,” Collins said. “Coach (Cyrus) Hall is doing a fantastic job with the sprinters, jumpers and hurdles and I think that work is really paying off here.”

Hall was hired as the program’s first fulltime assistant coach as part of the program’s expansion plan announced by the college in the summer. The expansion also included the adoption of Lewiston’s Vollmer Bowl as a practice facility, and the enlarging of the roster.

“I’m just real pleased,” said Collins. “I think for our first track meet, with what the college has envisioned and with their support, the future looks bright.”

Pauric McLaughlin and Steven Broadhurst weren’t far off the pace in the 3,000 as they had times of 8:47.12 and 8:49.83, respectively. Collins expects them, and many others, to be in the running for national qualifying marks as the season goes on.

The meet included athletes from the University of Idaho, Central Washington, Eastern Washington, Whitworth, Great Falls, Evergreen State, Spokane CC, and Gonzaga.

Larson pockets weekly Frontier Conference award

Lewis-Clark State College press release

The track season is barely a week old, but Cody Larson is already pocketing awards. The Lewis-Clark State junior received Indoor Track Athlete of the Week honors from the Frontier Conference on Monday.

Despite competing for the first time this season, Larson won both of the events he entered this past weekend. He took first in the 3,000 meters at the Idaho Collegiate on Friday with a time of 8 minutes, 30.93 seconds, marking a personal best. The next day, the Boise, Idaho, native won the mile at the WSU Open with a time of 4:16.05.

Both times meet the national qualifying standard, meaning Larson has already punched his ticket to the NAIA Indoor National Championships. That event takes place March 5-7 in Geneva, Ohio.

While this is Larson’s first weekly award of the young track season, he regularly received kudos from the conference during the cross country season. He won the FC’s Runner of the Week award three times this past fall.

Larson and the Warriors have nearly two weeks off before their next meet, the Cougar Indoor at Washington State University. That two-day meet starts Feb. 6.

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**Professor Profile: Brenda Volk**

Brenda Volk was born in Twin Falls, Idaho. Her father was a marathon runner. “At one time he held the Guinness Book of World Records for jumping jack.” She has one younger sister. Her father was also very health conscious, described as a “health nut”. He independently raised his two daughters and influenced their decision to live a vegetarian life.

Volk is no stranger to grief and hardship. From the young age of two, her parents divorced, and at only five years old, her mother passed away. A few years later, the three moved to Coeur d’Alene, where she considers to be her hometown. Volk grew up on Tubbs Hill in Coeur d’Alene, very close to the resort. “I grew up on one of the few houses on that hill, so I had a wonderful childhood with the Tubbs Hill trails literally out my back door, playing sports at McEuen field, riding my bike to the lake in the summer, running amuck in the resort – mischievously going up and down the elevators, trying to get into the pool. So despite what happened to my mom, I had a very good childhood, attended schools in Coeur d’Alene and graduated from Coeur d’Alene High,” Volk said.

Volk waited one year after graduating from high school to attend college. As an avid tennis player in high school, she knew she wanted to play in college. “I had an opportunity to play tennis for Idaho State, but wanted to be closer to home, so I chose LCSC because of its size, academic reputation and because of the legendary Kai Fong (LCSC tennis coach),” Volk said.

At LCSC, it was Volk’s English 102 professor who influenced her to explore creating writing and pursue a degree in English Arts Publishing. “He even helped me secure an internship at Viking Penguin, the book publisher, in New York City. And after that internship, I had a job offer at Viking.” Although it was a job at the very bottom, she realized that it was only a starting point and that she could only go up from there.

It was when Volk came back to LCSC for her last year that “creative writing instructors like Claire Davis nudged me toward an MFA in creative writing.” Later, she went to St. Mary’s College of California in San Francisco and achieved an MFA in fiction writing. Most recently, Volk received a Master’s in Educational Technology (MET) degree from Boise State University. Volk said, “Looking back, it’s amazing how big of an impact my LCSC instructors had on my life; I can easily say that I wouldn’t be where I am today had I not attended LCSC.”

Volk taught classes on the LCSC campus from 2003-2008, and now teaches solely online courses. “What I miss about teaching on campus is the stroll from Spalding Hall across campus, the stop at the espresso stand, the chit-chat with students and colleagues along the way.”

Volk especially enjoys the online course setting because it has “opened educational doorways to students who would be unable to earn a degree in the traditional way.” She is truly impressed with what every student has to endure to receive an education and obtain a degree. There are single parents, full-time workers, and more. “I’m happy that my online classes serve as doorways that can make it possible.”

Teaching online courses have also helped Volk’s life tremendously. After the first week of classes in January 2008, she received the news that her father had passed away in a car accident in Texas. Ever since, she has taught online. “Teaching helped me through a period of tremendous grief. Online teaching is always changing, and Volk said it is improving every year. “With my Master’s in Educational Technology, my goal is to make my online classes some of the best that LCSC offers.”

In her free time, Volk likes to play games such as Settlers of Catan – “sounds nerdy, but I heard that the offensive line on the Green Bay Packers is addicted to the game!” She also has dogs that she likes to spoil, and goes to garage sales and antique shops looking for interesting items.

I asked Volk if she had any advice for LCSC students about anything, and she said, “my mantra is: growth not grades.” Yes, grades are important, but do they really matter after you get out of school? “Are grades more important than the ability to write a cover letter? I encourage students to focus on becoming content experts in their own disciplines and, if their schedule permits, to take courses designed to help improve their writing and speaking skills.” Grades are important to a college career, but not so much in the real world.

Volk makes trips to LCSC about twice every semester, more if she is able. “I wish I had a teleporter!”

Volk is always ready and willing to answer any questions that you may have. She is very helpful and her classes are very enjoyable. If you can, definitely look into taking one of her online classes. It will be worth it!

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**LCSC announces 2014 fall semester Honor Roll**

Lewis-Clark State College press release

943 students achieved Honor Roll status during the fall 2014 semester at Lewis-Clark State College. The college announced that 448 students made the President’s List and 495 made the Dean’s List for the semester.

To qualify for the President’s List, students must have at least a 3.75 Grade Point Average for the semester and take at least 12 graded credits in level 100 or above classes. The Dean’s List uses the same requirements, but students must have a 3.25 - 3.749 GPA.

Note: Idaho, Washington, and Oregon are listed first among the states. The remaining states are listed in alphabetical order, followed by countries outside of the United States. Hometowns listed are provided by the students under the permanent address on their registration forms. The complete list of students can be found at http://www.lcsc.edu/news/2015/01/23/lcsc-announces-2014-fall-semester-honor-roll

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**Warrior women move up in Top 25**

Lewis-Clark State College press release

After surviving a tough road test over the weekend, the Lewis-Clark State College women’s basketball team moved up to No. 13 when the national office released the NAIA Division I Coaches’ Top 25 Poll on Tuesday.

The Warriors, who tied for 14th in the rankings a week ago and have appeared in every poll this season, received 146 points from voters. They are coming off a one-point win at Montana Tech on Saturday, which bumped their record to 16-3 overall and 2-1 in the Frontier Conference.

The Frontier Conference boasts five teams, the most of any league, in the Top 25. Westminster climbed one spot to No. 4 while Montana State-Northern, Carroll College and Great Falls are ranked 10th, 21st and 22nd, respectively. LC State and those four schools have a combined 74-15 record so far this season.

Freed-Hardeman of Tennessee maintained its grip on the top spot, collecting nine of 10 available first-place votes and 250 points overall. Defending national champion Oklahoma City came in second after tallying the other first-place vote and 242 points.

After opening Frontier Conference action with three consecutive road games, the Warriors return home for a pair of games this week. They host Carroll College on Thursday before playing Rocky Mountain on Saturday. Both games tip at 5:30 p.m. and will air on 950 KOZE-AM.
Rock n’ Roll Retrospective coming to Center for Arts & History

by Kaleena Chamberlin
of The Pathfinder

Every semester K-12 students nominate an instructor for the Outstanding Educator Award. The award was created to recognize individuals for their contributions to education, individuals who have provided outstanding service through their dedication, creativity, initiative, service and inspiration. For the Fall of 2014 award student Isaac Beale nominated Shawn Bowman.

Bowman has been teaching music for 36 years for Asotin High Middle School and Asotin High School. His teaching duties include jazz band, high school band, high school choir, 4th general music, 5th band, guitar and middle school band. He is also in charge of the pep band and marching band.

“I was totally surprised the night of the concert when I received the award,” said Bowman, “I am honored and pleased that a student would take the time to nominate me. Asotin is a great place to teach. I raised three children here with my wife Kathy and they all got a great education.”

Bowman has also been in the LCSC jazz band since 1987. Previously under the direction of William Perconti the band has been a nine-time winner of the Open Division of the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival. The band, comprised of both students and community members performs regionally for schools and community events.

“I believe that you never stop learning from others, which is why you keep trying to improve your musical abilities,” said Bowman, “There are a lot of great musicians that are in the jazz band, or have been in the group. Learning from them is like being a sponge and absorbing their knowledge.”

This semester he will be co-teaching the LCSC jazz band with Joel Pals, claiming that they not only make a great team but get to continue playing in the band as well.

This semester the jazz band will be performing in the Silverthorne Theater’s reopening play, The 1940’s Radio Show. Exact date and times are to be announced.

Video Game Review

“Far Cry 4 delivers a big bang”

by Freddie Means
of The Pathfinder

There aren’t too many games where you get to put plastic explosives onto an elephant and then use it to attack a despot’s mountainside military base.

If you want to ramp it up, you could even consider using bait alongside the explosive elephant to attract a variety of vicious man-eating beasts. If you don’t feel like getting creative though, you can probably just set everything on fire (that seems to work okay) or just shoot and sneak your way through (which works fine, too).

The options available to the player throughout “Far Cry 4” are definitely its greatest strength. Instead of blowing everything up (which is great fun), you can work your way through a mission with just a bow and a knife. Not only does “Far Cry 4” allow you to choose how you want to play through a mission, but it even lets you choose your approach - instead of going through the front door with a truck, you can take a small helicopter to a hill overlooking the base and quietly use your sniper rifle. Thankfully, these options really shine with its gameplay, which are practically identical to “Far Cry 3” – driving is simple, shooting feels good and implementing the various gameplay options is a walk in the park (especially when one takes full advantage of the level perks within the game).

“Far Cry 4” has a fairly lengthy campaign - I finished it after about 3 days of playing. The game’s setup is similar to any open world game: there are various missions on a large, explorable map and you can pick them as they come along or you can just drive around and explore (getting into shenanigans along the way). Alongside the main campaign, there are several side missions and various collection type quests. I’d say that the single player alone makes the purchase worthwhile, since there’s a decent amount of content in the game and exploring Kyrat, the fictional country that the game takes place in, is certainly worth it.

I didn’t play the competitive multiplayer too much during my time with “Far Cry 4,” but I thought that it was enjoyable, though it certainly isn’t a replacement for “Battlefield” or “Call of Duty.” The cooperative multiplayer was quite fun though. Getting into shenanigans in “Far Cry 4” is a great time and it’s even better with a friend - not only can you use the exploding elephant, but you can have two! If you are lonely and console-less, then you have my condolences.

Though “Far Cry 4” bears a striking resemblance to “Far Cry 3,” it still feels fresh and fun. Though one could dismiss “Far Cry 4” as a rehashing, there is enough new content to stop the game from feeling stale. Hopefully the next installment in the series will feature a new engine, setting change or something because I probably won’t be singing the same tune if this is the case for the next “Far Cry” game. I’d recommend “Far Cry 4” to anyone who enjoys shooters and open world games. If you played and enjoyed “Far Cry 3,” then this one is a no-brainer.

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Carroll buzzer-beater spoils LCSC comeback

Lewis-Clark State College press release

With 14 seconds left, Warrior sophomore Caelyn Orlandi traveled the length of the floor to score and tie the game, but Carroll College’s Bailey Snelling did the very same thing on the next play, hitting a short jumper at the buzzer to topple the 13th-ranked Lewis-Clark State College women’s basketball team, 60-58, on Thursday night at the Activity Center.

The loss, in what was the Warriors’ first Frontier Conference game at home, brings LCSC to 16-4 overall and 2-2 in league play. No. 21 Carroll improves to 12-6 and 3-2.

“We worked on late-game situations all week long,” said LCSC head coach Brian Orr, “and certainly somebody driving the length of the floor on us at the end wasn’t one of our strategies, so that’s disappointing how it finished in the end.”

The final shot, which bounced around on the rim some before falling in, spoiled the Warriors’ comeback from a 12-point deficit, 46-34, midway through the second half.

LC State, led by 17 points from Tanis Fuller and 15 from Orlandi, outscored the Saints 19-11 over the final eight minutes, but came up one shot – or stop – short.

“You’ve got to give Carroll a lot of credit,” Orr said. “I thought they had a good game plan and they stuck with it. Us, the second half especially, we just went through a drought. This is a game of makes and if you’re not making open shots, it’s really hard, especially against a good team.”

Carroll was led by senior Kalee Junkermier who hit 5-of-10 attempts from the outside en route to 22 points. Baylee Watson added 16 points and Snelling had 10.

“One of the things we know is that (Snelling) is the go-to,” said Orr. “At the end of the game, Snelling is going to make the play. Our plan was to stop her by doubling her and not let her make the play, but we couldn’t get anything done. She went by us and we didn’t have a chance to double.”

Both teams shot 40 percent from the field, but Carroll hit 8-of-22 attempts from 3-point territory while the Warriors made just 4-of-13 shots from that range.

The Warriors were able to force the Saints into 13 turnovers though and this resulted in a 16-5 advantage in points off of miscues.

“I thought our defense was OK, but they got the ball inside and just buried us in deep,” Orr said. “And then when we did get a stop-down there, it was almost like fool’s good because we couldn’t get a rebound. Their effort on the offensive boards the last few minutes was the difference.”

Carroll finished with 12 offensive rebounds and led 37-31 in rebounding overall. LCSC’s McKenzie Haslet led the game with nine boards and also had two blocks.

The Warriors led 19-3 in points off the bench as guards Natahnee Spencer and Kelli Rice added nine and five points, respectively. Rice also contributed a season-high four steals.

The game stayed close throughout the first half, with Carroll holding a narrow 30-27 lead at the break. It wasn’t until a second half shooting drought that the visiting team began to pull away.

“It’s a disappointing loss, but I liked how we hung in there and fought back and gave ourselves a chance at the end,” said Orr. “We just have to put this one behind us right now and get ready for the next one.”

LC State track finds more success on the Palouse

Lewis-Clark State College press release

A pair of LC State runners, Pauric McLaughlin and Nolan Ryan, reached the provisional qualifying standard for nationals in the mile on Saturday. McLaughlin finished fifth at 4:21.28 while Ryan, who also punched a ticket to nationals in the 3K the day before, placed sixth with a time of 4:21.36.

Rachel Cundy, who attained All-American status during the cross country season, was the lone Warrior woman to achieve an automatic qualifying mark for nationals on Saturday. The sophomore won the 3,000 meters with a time of 10:24.68.

“I feel really good about how we performed, especially for our first meet,” Collins said. “Honestly, I’m a little surprised at how well we ran because we’re just getting back into the swing of things. They’re only going to get better, but this is a great start.”

A day after she set school records in the 200 and 400, sprinter Matilyn Brouwers set another record, this time in the 60 meters. The freshman from Pierce, Idaho, crossed the line in 8.26 seconds, the 17th-fastest time of the preliminary round.

Fellow freshmen Miranda Hendren and Ariel Jensen also set new LCSC standards in their respective events. Hendren ran the 60-meter hurdles in 10.52 seconds, while Jensen tallied a time of 1:40.71 in the 600, finishing fourth. Jensen also set a program best in the 800 the day before.

A team comprised of Brouwers, Ashlie Renfru, Katrina Nolan and Sophie Bush set a school record in the 4x400-meter relay. The Warriors registered a time of 4:12.49, smashing the old mark by nearly 12 seconds and placing third among eight teams.

The Warriors now have two weeks off before their next meet, which will also take place on the Palouse. They will compete in the Cougar Indoor, a two-day meet at Washington State University that starts Feb. 6.
Lewis-Clark State tames Battlin’ Bears in overtime

Lewis-Clark State College
press release

The Lewis-Clark State College women’s basketball team’s first four league games were nail-biters and its fifth contest, a home tilt against Rocky Mountain College on Saturday night, was no different. The 13th-ranked Warriors overcame the Battlin’ Bears 67-59 in overtime.

“We found a way to win this one and it was critical,” LCSC head coach Brian Orr said. “If we don’t win this one we’re tied for sixth (in the league standings).”

The Warriors are now 17-4 overall and stand fifth in the Frontier Conference with a record of 3-2. Their first four league contests were decided by two points or less.

The season-high crowd of 1,124 on Saturday probably thought it was going to be an easy win for the Warriors after watching the home team rule the first half and build a 32-18 lead by the break. The Bears shot 43 percent from the field in the second half though and plowed their way back into the game.

With just over a minute left in regulation, Kelli Rice hit a pair of double-bonus free throws to put LCSC on top 54-52, but Rocky answered in its final possession with Whitney Mitchell gathering on offensive rebound off her own shot and putting it back up off the backboard to tie it at 54-54 with only a couple seconds to go.

Tanis Fuller opened overtime with a lay-in off a steal by Natahnee Spencer and a pass from Kelli Rice to put the Warriors up and they never looked back. One possession later, Caelyn Orlandi drained a 3-pointer on a kickout pass from McKenzie Heaslet and this put LC up 59-54.

LCSC closed out the game by making its last six free throws. It was 20-for-25 at the foul line on the night.

“We made free throws when we needed to and found a way to win,” said Orr. “I was really proud of Kelli Rice. She did some great things out there — key steals, couple key baskets.”

Rice finished with 11 points, four rebounds, and three assists. Fuller led the game with 19 points and 10 rebounds, Orlandi had 16 points and four rebounds, and Heaslet added nine points, four boards, and three blocks.

The Warriors’ defense was a difference maker as it forced Rocky into 24 turnovers and came away with 13 steals. Spencer, who had seven points and seven rebounds, led the game with four swipes, while Fuller and Orlandi had three apiece.

Overall, LCSC outshot the Bears 34 to 31 percent. Neither team shot well from the outside as Rocky was 5-for-17 and LC State was 4-for-20.

“This Rocky team is very good defensively,” said Orr. “You can compare them to anyone in our league and they’re just as good or better.”

Led by 13 rebounds by Tenika Capouch, Rocky Mountain (9-8, 2-4) had a 52-44 rebounding advantage. Mitchell led the team with 14 points and four assists.

The Warriors return to the road for a Thursday game against Montana Western in Dillon, Mont., and then a showdown with No. 4 Westminster in Salt Lake City, Utah, on Saturday. Saturday’s game will mark the midway point of the conference schedule.

LCSC men’s tennis opens season with win over Willamette

Lewis-Clark State College
press release

The Lewis-Clark State College men’s tennis team opened its 2015 campaign with an 8-1 win over Willamette University on Friday.

The Warriors, who finished last season ranked No. 23 in the nation, took two of three doubles matches and then swept the singles without surrendering a single set.
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