Warriors Earn Fourth at State; Arlee OverPowered in Semis

By Anna Baldwin and Shane Gillette
The Arlee Warriors returned as fourth place title holders after the big weekend in Billings. Despite falling short of the championship, the Warriors made history through a strong showing in the State Class C Tournament.

The first team the Warriors faced was the Culbertson Cowboys, previously ranked #1 in the state. In this late Thursday game, the Cowboys came out shooting threes and holding off the Warriors in tough defense. Junior Jesse Pfau drained a three-pointer at the buzzer to end the first quarter with a 22-14 Culbertson lead. During the second quarter, the Warriors narrowed the lead by shutting down the Cowboys’ three-point weapon, Fred Lester, and making some treys of their own. The game went into halftime with Arlee down 34-27.

After the half, the Warriors turned up the heat, cutting their deficit until they tied at 45 and then surged ahead with help from an interception by senior Kody Morigeau, three-pointers by junior Kasey Bridgewater, and free throws after Culbertson pushed us into bonus. With 55 seconds to go in the game, Arlee was up 55-51 when junior Thomas McClure was fouled. He missed the front end of a one-and-one, the

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ECONOMIC EXPLOSION HINGES ON WALKING TRAIL

By Nick Morigeau
At six o’clock on the third of March, while many students were at home doing homework or working at part-time jobs, the new lunch room was nearly half-full with eager and hungry minds. This wasn’t a late night study group; in fact those present weren’t even close to student age. Parents, community members, officials, and the odd Jocko reporter attended this meeting of the Jocko Valley’s Trails Committee.

The meeting began with an introduction by the head of the Trails Committee for Gary Weiner, an official from the National Parks Rivers and Roads Service. Mr. Weiner walked those present through the proposal of building a walking trail through and around Arlee town and its surrounding areas. “A walking trail is a wonderful place for people to get to where they live,” he proclaimed.

The main trail would cover the distance from Oxford Lane, the road accessing Arlee housing and the Junior High, to Powwow Road and along the road up to the Community Center. There will also be a path from Oxford down to the restoration site near the Fish Hatchery and the Jocko River. Unfortunately the section near the river is going to have to wait for awhile. Fortunately there is a very nature friendly reason for the wait. The Jocko Valley Trails Committee has only been in existence for two-to-three years and in that time they

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have become involved with Wetlands and Riparian Habitat and Bull Trout Restoration Plan. The plan involves restoring the Jocko Watershed, and a flood plain for the Jocko River. The source of the Watersheds pollution is in The Upper Clark Fork River Basin. In 1876 several companies began releasing hazardous waste into the basin. Since then the Tribes have been slowly cleaning up what they can with government aid.

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By Roxana P. Bredikhina

Sex, profanity and rock and roll. Sounds scandalous, doesn’t it? Pop culture students began to study a national bestseller novel “Reservation Blues” by Sherman Alexie. The point is in this book there are a lot of inappropriate words and a couple of sex scenes. However, “Reservation Blues” shows the world of the blues and rock musicians accurately. The question is about censorship and its edges.

The greatest and most celebrated novel “The Adventures of Huck- leberry Finn” by a talented and worldwide famous author Mark Twain was banned because of using the racist n-word in some places. Another example is a diary written by Anne Frank, a Jewish girl, who died in the death camp. Before her death she had been writing the diary of her life in ghetto and death camp and suffering of Jewish people during Holocaust. Why is it one of the forbidden books? The reason is “too depressing and sexually charged”.

The last example is most ironic. It is a famous novel about burning books because of censorship and ideology that knowledge is evil. “Fahrenheit 451” by Ray Bradbury has been banned because of smoking, drinking, anti-religion and other serious reasons.

Censorship: To Be or Not To Be?

Parents are worried about the psychological health of their children.

There is a big list of banned books in the United States. Why have they been banned? The general reason is many parents are worried about psychological health of their children. They think that the literature can be propaganda of amoral things like sex, drugs and alcohol for their kids. In two words books in this list can be a big danger for high school students.

Let’s take a closer look at books from the list.

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Cowboys rebounded the ball and took it to their end where Thomas gained revenge by swatting a three-point effort. Senior Kyle Felsman was fouled next and missed the first of a one-and-one. The Cowboys moved ahead with a three-pointer to bring the score to within one. At 27 seconds to go, Kasey dropped two more points for an Arlee lead 57-54. Culbertson answered with a bucket for 57-54. At 10 seconds, Thomas was fouled and made both for the 59-56 Arlee win. There win was fueled by great play, and the fans cheer. “It helps to have our fans with us, because it’s good to see so much support and it gets you pumped up to hear all of the fans screaming at the top of their lungs!” commented Kyle.

This upset brought the Warriors to the semifinals the next evening against the Power Pirates. This promised to be a good matchup, with the teams trading leads throughout the first three quarters. The first half saw threes by Kasey, Kyle, and junior Trae Burland. The most dramatic event of the half occurred when Kody committed a personal foul on Travis Somerfeld, who responded with foul language and was T’ed up. Power made one of two free throws for the personal foul, and Kyle made one of two for the technical. The game went into halftime with Power in the lead at 24-21.

Third quarter found Arlee trailing in buckets and rebounds. At the buzzer the Pirates made a three-point shot to end that quarter 41-33. A comeback attempt by the Warriors during the fourth proved too little, too late, as the final score of 59-48 ended Warrior hopes for the championship.

The Next game for the Warriors was just as big as the rest of them so far in the state tournament. Their next opponent was the familiar Drummond Trojans. The Warriors haven’t met with the Trojans yet this year even though they ended up with first at divisional and the Warriors ended up second. This game could prove who the best in the west is. The Warriors started off the game hot with a 10 point lead at the end of the first quarter. The Warriors wanted to show the scrappy Trojans that they deserved the first place divisional plaque. The second quarter didn’t play out very differently. The Warriors were up six points at half.

The Trojans must have received a motivational speech at halftime, because they didn’t let the Warriors run away from them. The Trojans started draining three pointers to catch Arlee. But Arlee never let them catch up with good play from Seniors Kody Morigeau, and Kyle Felsman. Kyle got hurt in the third quarter, but wasn’t hurt bad enough to get put out of the game. Kody Morigeau ended up with a double-double, twelve points and ten rebounds.

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- Kyle Felsman

Senior, John Sansavere, passes the ball to junior, Jesse Pfau.
MontCAS Test Week at Arlee

By Molly BigSam

For over the last three days the sophomore class has been involved in taking the MontCAS test.

The Montana Comprehensive Assessment System test or MontCAS is a test that is made up of other standardized test such as the Iowa Basics Test and Progress toward Standards (PTS) Assessment Test. There are three parts to the MontCAS test, math, reading and science. Each part has questions that will test the students’ knowledge in each subject. The results of the tests will not go against the individual students but will in fact help to understand the schools teaching and learning process.

At the beginning of the week the sophomores were separated into two groups and placed in a classroom where they would take their test. Then for three hours during the mornings that class room is where they would remain.

During high school the sophomore class is the only class that is supposed to take the MontCAS but a lot of students are required to take different standardized tests in other grades. Starting in the 6th grade student are required to start taking these standardized test so the students have already a good idea of how the test will be when they start.

Junior Maria Pablo recalls her experience in taking the MontCAS last year, “Other than the math portion I thought it was really easy” stated Maria.

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“The Warriors came out hot with a couple of threes by Kasey, and and-one’s by Kyle.”

“The Warriors ended up winning 59 to 55.

The Warriors proved they were worthy of playing at state, and were ready to play for 3rd and 4th. What made this match up even more interesting was they were playing an even more familiar foe. They had to play Culbertson the team they had an amazing comeback against. Culbertson wanted this game very badly, because they wanted revenge. The Warriors weren’t going to give it to them very easily though.

The Warriors beat them once and knew they could do it again. The Warriors started off the game on the right track, using their team well. They were down 10 to 7 at the end of the first, but played good defense, and had good ball movement. The second quarter was rough for Arlee getting out-
he had it and the ball went right through his hands.

The Warriors were devastated; Culbertson got the ball back down by 2, and Kasey drove the ball down the court to find senior John Sansavere open in the corner. John tried to move with the ball before netting a 3 point shot. Arlee shot 50% (8-16) from downtown. They saw the road of another comeback attempt, and wanted very badly. There was a big obstacle in their way though. That obstacle was the three pointers by Fred Lester.

The Warriors found themselves down by 6 again with a minute to go but our man behind the arc, Kasey (BUBBA) Bridgewater nailed another three who ended up with 17 points. Culbertson answered with a fade away jumper, but Kyle put up a basket and got fouled. He made his free throw to be down by 2. The Warriors got the ball back down by 2, and Kasey drove the ball down the court to find senior John Sansavere open in the corner. John tried to move with the ball before he had it and the ball went right through his hands.

The Warriors were devastated; Culbertson got the ball back and ran the clock out. The Warriors season was an awe-some defeat for Arlee. Playing 15 years without going to state, is something that makes a team special. Also going 24-2 throughout the season before state is something to be proud of. The teams hopes were ful-filled with a fourth place finish, but it seemed like their season was short-handed. “I’m happy with the 4th place because we made it that far, but it would have been nice to come home with a trophy,” added Kyle. A fourth place finish was great, but it seemed like the Warriors could have accomplished more.

Arlee came home with lots of things to be proud of, even though they didn’t get a trophy. They came home with a great story, an all state player (Kyle Felsman), and 2 all conference players (Kasey, Kyle). The top four teams at class C state were all close. If they all played each other it would be a different story on a different day. But on Saturday it was Big Sandy that came out with the Class C State Championship. The 09-10 season of the Arlee Warriors was great, and won’t be forgotten anytime soon. Kyle Felsman describes the season as “the most fun senior season I could have asked for!”

Junior Jesse Pfau reenergizing with some cool water during a time out.

Senior John Sansavere takes a breath during a break in the game against Power.
The Big City of Billings has a Nature Side Too

By Tabitha-Anne Earling

The Pictograph Cave State Park is located in Billings and consists of 3 caves along the “continuation of the sandstone cliff line” according to the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks website (FWP). Pictograph, Middle, and Ghost are the names of the caves, the Pictograph being the largest. The name of the park is obvious, but before choosing the final name it now has, it was also called Hieroglyphic Caves, Inscription Caves, and Indian Caves.

Pictograph State Park that lies on 22 acres is visitor friendly. According to FWP, over 10,000 people came to see the caves and its surroundings from 1938 to 1941. The Park has a trail that travels up to the Ghost and Pictograph caves. However, the middle cave is obscured.

There are 3 drawings that are in the caves that seem to be humans with bear characteristics. This is one of the many pictographs in the caves. Another is the shield-bearing warrior pictograph which is the large, circular shield held by a warrior figure. The shield covers most of the warrior’s body, leaving only the head, arms, and legs visible, according to the information signs at the visitor center in the park. There were over 30,000 artifacts that were removed from the caves. There are approximately 106 pictographs in the caves as well.

Ms. Anna Baldwin, her kids Abby and Austin, senior Tabitha-Anne Earling, and junior Maria Pablo took a trip to see the famous Park. “It was nice to get outside and walk around. Nice to see a side of Billings that didn’t have an oil refinery as a back drop,” Ms. Baldwin mentioned.

“The scenery was pretty,” Maria began. “But I did learn that I shouldn’t hike when there’s snow on the ground.”

The two little explorers that were most excited on the trip had a few things to add about the caves as well. “In the Ghost Cave, they looked like big boulders were going to fall down,” 7 years old Abby revealed. 5 years old Austin explains his favorite part about the caves were the drawings. “I liked the rifles. I also liked the little guy [drawn] in the cave.”

Ms. Baldwin added, “I was surprised that the paintings weren’t more visible.” Tabby brought fourth one last thing about the caves, “I thought it was cool because I’ve never been to a cave before.”