



Film Club Fun by Dezirae Brown

Tuesday, October 26, Film Club Advisor Mr. Tony DeRosa was interviewed on the topic of Film Club. He says that the club is working on creating a light-hearted, comedy, murder-mystery short film.

In the past, the club has watched the film Megamind and began the planning for their murder mystery film. Mr. DeRosa says that their short film will likely be available around Thanksgiving break. In Film Club, there are approximately 14 members with a few "inconsistent" members. There are no members that have officially quit, but there are a few that don't go to Film Club very often, but all are welcome!

In the future, Film Club plans to continue the production of their short films so that the entire school can enjoy them. According to Mr. DeRosa, the goals for Film Club are, "To learn how to

make films while having fun." We look forward to seeing those films!



A Day in Pottery by Elisha M.

I had the privilege of interviewing Mr. Rochi Estes about the pottery club. Mr. Estes teaches everyone in the club how to use the pottery wheel to make ceramics. There are about 17 members in the club at the moment. The club started in 2020, but the idea for it came up in 2019. There are two types of clay used in pottery clubs, stoneware and earthenware. "To give one new skills and hobbies," Mr. Estes said in response to the question of what the club offers.

The purpose of making ceramics is simple but long. There are six steps to bake one piece. The first is to wedge the

clay then you form it. After that, you let it dry out and fire the pieces in the kiln. When you take it out you put three layers of glaze on and fire the pieces again. How exciting!



Quarterback Corey by Andrew Warner

I interviewed a fellow student-athlete and the starting quarterback for the Anaconda Copperheads, #7, Corey Galle. Cory Galle is a sophomore and a two-year starting quarterback. When asked about his overall thoughts or regrets of this past season, he claimed to have no regrets. Galle stated, “We are a young new team and catching stuff, which makes this difficult and more of a challenge, especially compared to our opponents.”

Throughout our interview, Galle had expressed many thoughts and a passion for more people to be as dedicated and committed as him. As a young leader of our football team, Galle would love to see amore overall people joining the football team and becoming committed leaders.

He would also like to see this commitment come from his fellow teammates, stating “I would like to see more work and work ethic coming from the existing team players because it's what we have right now.” Galle would like to wish upon them more post-season work including summer lifting.

When asked about next year's expectations and goals, Galle was very determined about improving as a personal player as well as growing as an overall team and simply just doing better. When questioned about the current coaching staff, he was thrilled to say that he enjoyed who they have even though sometimes a new staff can be rough around the edges. Galle has hopes of staying as a team and coming together.

After our interview, I asked Galle if he had any last words of advice to give to the readers. He said, “I am very proud of our school spirit at the games, but I would like to see more team members and overall school spirit.” Finally, Corey Galle would like to give a big thank you to everyone who helped to support him and his fellow team members!



Sources of Strength by Jamie Brown

On Friday, October 29, 2021, I had the pleasure of interviewing Travis Bailey, a member of Sources of Strength. Sources of Strength is a peer leadership group that is meant to make everyone in Anaconda Junior-Senior High School welcome.

The teacher advisors of Sources of Strength are Kim Stoddard and Stacy Caissey. During the interview, I was informed that Sources of Strength has a goal to meet at least once a month. The goal that this group wants to complete in our school is to make everyone feel included and know that they are not alone. Bailey stated that he wants to help get rid of the social status around our school.

When I was speaking to Travis Bailey, he told me that his favorite thing Sources of Strength has done was “partnering with Erin Gruwell and the Freedom Writers and completing the Freedom Writers workshop has to be one of my favorite things so far.” Bailey also noted, “I like the fact that all the kids in the

group aren’t just random kids or unpopular kids, so when we are meeting, none of that popular or unpopular stuff matters.” Bailey hopes to help change the school for the better.



Copperhead Alliance Club by Evyn Wolke

The Copperhead Alliance is an after school club. Bus rides are provided if you cannot catch a ride. Buses will pick up AJSHS students up to 4:30PM and drop them off at designated areas. This club teaches members how to be okay with their gender or orientation.

Though there are more upsides than downsides, Ms. Conn has associated herself with the members greatly. They have found a safe haven in Ms. Conn’s understanding and being supportive. This is the first LGBTQ+ allies club in Anaconda Junior/Senior High School. She’s been doing an excellent job keeping up the support for our misrepresented students.

Several weeks ago, Anaconda Junior/Senior High School had an important event. The Freedom Writers came to talk to the children. There was an incident previous to the assembly with an LGBTQ+ student. He had a rough time and wasn't attending school. Ms. Conn took that assembly to mention the student. The Freedom Writers agreed to mention his name. They also mentioned that every student was equal, and we all are the same.

When I asked Ms. Conn why she started the club, she had given me an answer that I wasn't expecting. "On the first day of school, I had three students tell me the name of the roster was not their name and asked me to call them something else. Later in the day, I asked a student for their pronouns and they almost cried from excitement that a teacher actually asked them that. I was already hearing of students being called the wrong name, the wrong gender or being isolated due to their sexual orientation. At this point, all I wanted was to support my students. On August 25th (I have the email to prove it), Ms. Loomis asked if any teachers wanted to start an after-school club, and I immediately knew what I had to do. It took some finessing, but within about two weeks we had a way to offer the Copperhead Alliance Club," said Hailey Conn. I don't think people

understand how important she is to this school. She's done an amazing job changing our school.

I believe we are all able to change the world. One step at a time. She had also shared with me a story, not of why she started the Copperhead Alliance here, but why she had the passion of starting it. "Four years ago, my best friend, who happens to be gay, asked me what I would do if a student asked me to start a Gendered-Sexualities Alliance (GSA), and I truly had no idea what I would do. At that point I had never had a classroom since I was still in college. In the first three years of teaching, my school didn't have after-school clubs, so it wasn't an option. However, I saw firsthand what happens when a teacher has a strong bond with their students. I realized I would do everything I possibly could to support my students. In these three years, I forgot about the question my friend asked, but everything came flooding back on the first day of school this year," said Ms. Conn. We are happy to have Ms. Conn at our school!

Anaconda Cheerleaders by Lindsay Trainor

On October 28, 2021 I got the honor of



interviewing Lacie LaBoy, a junior at Anaconda Junior/Senior High School. I interviewed her on the topic of the high school cheer squad, coached by Jessica Merkley and Jamie Foy. Lacie states, "My favorite thing about cheer is that everyone on the squad gets along and they participate in what we are getting taught." Lacie's favorite thing to do as a cheerleader is stunting. She has been cheering since the eighth grade.

One thing Lacie wishes was different about the squad is their uniforms. She shared that they can be uncomfortable at times. One thing she wants people to know about the sport is that it is fun and more people should join. Almost anyone can join varsity as long as they are a sophomore or older. Lacie's favorite cheer is a cheer called "Bananas." The captains of the cheer squad are Gracey Klanecky (senior) and Rylee Klemann (senior). We look forward to the

cheerleaders getting everyone engaged at games!

Copperhead Football Player by Nathan Gallagher

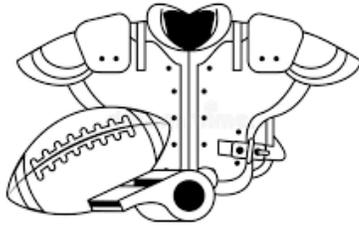


November 2, 2021, I interviewed Bridger Johnston, a member of the Anaconda High School football team. Johnston is also an active member of the Anaconda High cheer team. When asked if the team has potential to improve next year, Johnston said, "Yes, there are a lot of people moving up to varsity from jv." Johnston is on the defensive line and is pretty skillful in his position.

Johnston also said he looks forward to becoming a leader next year on the team. When asked why there weren't more seniors on the team, Johnston said the majority of them just didn't jump to the opportunity. A majority of the Anaconda football team are sophomores just like Bridger. Once they move up to senior class, it will mostly be made up of seniors.

When asked what sport he likes more between cheer and football, Bridger

replied, "Football because there are more guys on the team." Currently, he is the only guy on the cheer squad. Bridger also said the most difficult team they had to play was Florence as they are the number one team in the division. We look forward to next football season!



Interview of Football Coach Riley Schell by Christopher Clark

When asked how the football season went Coach Riley replied, "Obviously not winning a Varsity game was a difficult part of this season, but I think our younger players had a lot of chances to develop and get game experience. With a young team this year I think the season went about as well as it could."

Coach announced that the football players returning this year need to make sure they are physically prepared for a successful season by August. Doing basketball or wrestling this winter and track this spring is very important for the team. Schell's biggest fear is always a kid getting injured. "Referees have a job to do, it's my job to coach. I think they did their job to the best of their ability."

When asked who's a reliable teammate Riley complimented Cory Galle, who had 1,167 yds passing and 3 TDs. Gabe who had 567 yds receiving and 3 TDs. "Nate Blodnick I think had a great season on both sides of the ball for our team." Instead of signalling in the plays we've had Cory running back and forth, when asked why Coach explained, "We want to explain to Cory as much as we can what we want to happen during the play this season." It was discussed over a way to hold players accountable for the workouts in the offseason.

When asked what the strengths of the team were he replied "I feel that the kids who do everything the right way, in-season and off-season, are the strengths of the team." We need all kids who want to play football in Anaconda to follow their leadership. The team was asked to work on their speed, strength, toughness, physicality and football knowledge.

The players that get on the field on Friday nights are the kids the coach believes have the physical ability and mental fortitude to help the team win. Not everyone on the team is ready for Varsity games, that's why there is JV. Our plays will be similar to last season, however positions are never set even

throughout the season. The best players play.

The varsity football team for 2022 will be participating in the weightlifting club starting January from 6:30pm to 7:30pm Monday through Thursday.



“IGOR” Review by Rowdy Barber

Part 1

On May 17, 2019 Tyler the Creator released the album “IGOR”. The critically acclaimed concept album revolves around one of Tyler's many characters “Igor” and a man he had been seeing. But, the man also likes a woman, and Igor’s love interest has to decide who to be with between Igor and the girl. The album is split into three parts. The first part is about Igor falling in love with the man.

The first song “IGORS THEME” is the perfect introduction to the album. The instrumental is amazing and the feature from “Lil Uzi Vert” is very good. The song is perfect through and through. The album then goes into the most

popular song on the album “EARQUAKE”.

Again, also a perfect song. The song is about Igor's love interest contemplating leaving him for the girl. The chorus is incredibly catchy with very clever wordplay. The feature from rapper “Playboi Carti” is very good even though it gets made fun of, and the music video is pretty funny too. Then, the next song is called “I THINK”. It’s about how much Igor loves the man.

Once again this song has a very catchy chorus with a good 80’s pop inspired instrumental that will get stuck in your head forever. Then, the interlude “EXACTLY WHAT YOU RUN FROM YOU END UP CHASING” between “I THINK” and “RUNNING OUT OF TIME” could possibly be alluding to the part of Tyler’s career when he was in “Odd Future”. Tune in next time for part 2!



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