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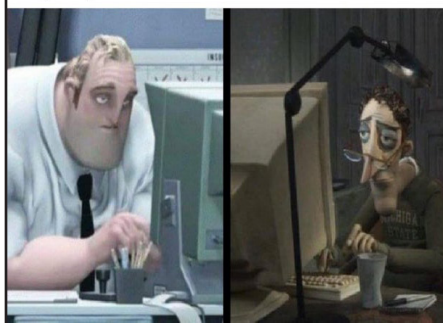


FLASHBULB

Sophomore Hanna Jakab, secretary of MSU's Painting and Drawing Guild, adds a new color to a sidewalk-chalk logo for the club during its kickoff party for the semester. Community portrait drawing and life drawing events will be hosted by the guild throughout the semester, Guild President Meredith Miele said.

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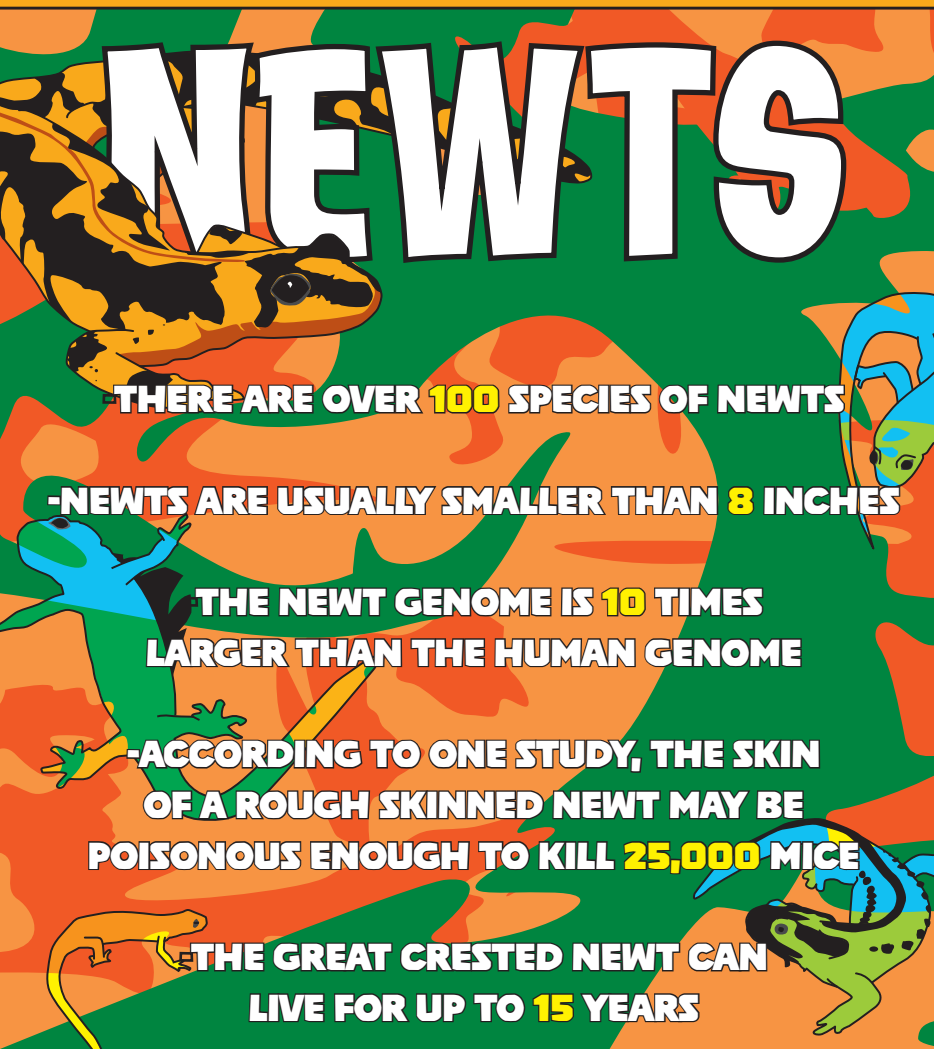
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Bobcat revival

BY JESSICA MCMURTRY

As students make their way back to Bozeman and summer comes to an end, the town is bustling with new and returning Bobcats. The university is in the process of hosting its annual series of events known as MSU Debut to welcome all students back to campus. MSU Debut features around 50 different events when completed. The events run throughout August and September and are geared towards new students.

**"A good way to meet people
and have fun while still being on
campus"**
— **Chloe Silbernagel**

"We are so excited to welcome all students back to campus with a line-up of stellar events," Chris Pruden, adviser of student engagement and leadership in the Office of Student Engagement, told MSU News Service. "There is something for everybody, so I would encourage all students of all classes to have a look at the calendar and join us at one of our events." For a list of all events still upcoming, visit <http://www.montana.edu/msudebut/>.

Last year, most of the flagship events were cancelled or virtual due to COVID-19, making this year's events all the more enticing for new and returning students.

Chloe Silbernagel, a sophomore studying biochemistry, said she enjoyed Catapalooza and characterized the MSU Debut events as "a good way to meet people and have fun while still being on campus."

Classes began on Wednesday, Aug. 25, with a pancake breakfast served in front of Montana Hall. Heather Abramson, a sophomore majoring in math education, expressed her excitement from starting the new semester with free pancakes. Abramson also shared her enthusiasm for American folk duo Jamestown Revival, who performed on the Jobs Hall lawn Saturday, Aug. 28, at 7 p.m. Brooks Taylor, a junior in exercise science, attended the concert. Taylor enjoyed the concert and said it was his favorite MSU Debut event so far.

This year, MSU added adventure excursions to the schedule, including day hikes, whitewater rafting, rock climbing and both camping and backpacking trips. Costs for these events range from \$5-\$15 through the Outdoor Recreation Program building.

College football will also be returning this season. The annual Gold Rush game, against Drake University, will once again be a highlight to the start of the semester for football fans. The game will take place on Saturday, Sept. 11, at 6 p.m. Whether you want to explore the outdoors, cheer on the football team or mix and mingle on campus, there is an MSU Debut event for you!

For a more in-depth description of all MSU Debut events taking place, visit <https://www.montana.edu/news/21378/msu-debut-events-welcome-new-students-help-with-transition-to-college>.



Students relax on the Dobbie Lambert Intramural fields to watch "Wreck-It-Ralph". The event was hosted by the Office of Student Engagement as a part of the university's MSU Debut events.

Photo by Danika Wolf

Welcome home, Bobcats

BY PHOEBE ZEA

While the return to MSU this semester was near normal for many, Residence Life (ResLife) continuously adapted to changing policies and local case spikes of COVID-19. From Saturday, Aug. 21 - Tuesday, Aug. 24, thousands of first-time and returning students participated in this year's "Move-In Weekend." While the weekend of events went smoothly, MSU's ResLife grappled with changing mask mandates and the increasing rates of the more-contagious Delta variant of COVID-19.

MSU took multiple precautions to protect the health of both staff and students this year during move-in. While pre-pandemic move-in happened in just a single day, MSU elected to spread out the homecoming of thousands of on-campus residents over a four-day period in hopes of reducing any possible virus transmission. Students were allotted

two-hour time slots to move their belongings into their respective rooms and were asked to limit the number of accompanying family and friends as best they could.

For the first time since the onslaught of the COVID-19 pandemic, all residence halls were filled to capacity. Austin Wyatt, a Resident Advisor (RA) in Hannon Hall and the Quads, spoke to the *Exponent* about some ending and continuing ResLife policies affecting students this fall. One major change that is sure to excite residents is the amendment to the "no-guest policy" that was instated last year in the residence halls. "This year, [the no-guest policy] has been rectified. So you can have guests again, but you can't have up to like 10 people in a room like you could two years ago...but you can have the room total plus two," Wyatt said. "You can facilitate cross-campus connections."

The dining halls in Miller Dining Commons and Rendezvous Dining Pavilion are back to their usual operations as well. While last school year the dining options moved back and forth between take-out only and staff-served meals, food is now self-serve and sit-down dining with friends is allowed.

For the first time in nearly two years, the return to campus this fall was the first taste of a normal school year for many students. "Most of [the on-campus residents] seemed very excited, a lot more so than last year," Wyatt said. RA's are just as excited as residents for the near-normal school year, too. "I'm looking forward to being able to do events again, in-person," Wyatt said. "I have two years worth of ideas in my head, and finally I'm able to use them."

New Streamline routes hit the streets

BY KYLEE RUX

For those who dread driving around the busy streets of Bozeman, fret no longer. Streamline Bus Services recently revamped its offerings to accommodate the growing community. Transportation was one of three major priority areas in the city's equity analysis revealed last month, along with housing and health. The updated services began on Monday, Aug. 16, and introduced bi-directional routes and extended operating times. During its 15 years of service, this is the first time the bus system has undergone a significant change.

"Transportation is commonly one of the top needs and people are continuously asking for new public transportation options," Vanessa Palmer, the transportation program manager at the Human Resource Development Council, told *The Bozeman Daily Chronicle*. "Our old system was a lot of one-way loops that were really great for coverage but weren't really great for the utility of the system."

The changes also consist of a new route, the

brown line, which will connect Gallatin and Bozeman high schools to downtown where riders can transfer to other lines. Most routes are hourly services with two lines running until 10 p.m. Streamline had originally planned to run some routes every half-hour. However, they are holding off until a time later this fall due to staffing challenges.

"I will save money and won't have to stress about driving through Bozeman's busy traffic."
— Brynn Barriger, junior architecture major

"I'm super excited for the new route coming close to my house," said Brynn Barriger, a junior majoring in architecture. "Now, I can be picked up at my stop and 20 minutes later be dropped off right at the SUB. I will save money and won't have to stress about driving through Bozeman's busy traffic."

Streamline will also be expanding its weekend service. Late night service will run from downtown to surrounding areas Thursday, Friday and Saturday night from 8 p.m. - 2:30 a.m.

According to Palmer, the new routes will increase this year's budget to about \$2.3 million. The ability to expand this budget was credited to local partners who increased funding. Among those local partners was ASMSU who approved a raise of \$4.55 in student bus fees this year, making the total fee for each student \$10 per semester.

Visit <https://streamlinebus.com/new-streamline-routes/> to view the updated bus schedule and to see whether a new route is coming to a stop near you. For those who are new riders, make sure to remember to bring a face mask and maintain social distancing.

\$101 million gift announced for College of Nursing

BY GABE BARNARD

The College of Nursing at MSU will receive a \$101 million philanthropic gift from Robyn and Mark Jones, founders of Goosehead Insurance, the university announced during a ceremony Monday. The gift is the largest in U.S history to a university school of nursing, according to MSU, and is meant to support the university in addressing healthcare shortfalls throughout the state.

Of Montana's 56 counties, 52 are classified by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as medically underserved. The gift will be used to help the College of Nursing prepare more students for careers in the state to fill nursing shortages.

"Your College of Nursing is dedicated to its core to serving Montana, and yet we have reached our limit on the number of nurses we can prepare due primarily to spacing constraints," Sarah Shannon, Dean of MSU's College of Nursing, said during the ceremony. "No more. Never again."

Five new nursing education facilities will be funded using the Jones' gift, one on each of MSU's campuses. In addition to the new buildings, five endowed faculty positions will be created within the college, and an endowed scholarship fund will be established. A new certified nurse midwifery program will be created to train nurses for providing services in rural Montana communities.

The number of registered nurses graduating from the college is expected to increase from 256 to 400 annually, and the number of doctoral students graduating as family-practice nurse practitioners and psychiatric-mental health nurse practitioners is expected to double by 2030, according to MSU.

"When they told us that this was happening it absolutely changes every single person in the nursing program and every single person we're gonna be taking care of," Savannah Hansen, a junior in the nursing program, said. "It's a great opportunity."

"I am privileged to know the leadership of many of our healthcare systems in Montana. I am deeply moved by their dedication to quality health care for all. As I have approached many of our hospital leaders in the communities that host one of our nursing campuses, not one of them have hesitated to be a partner, and an enthusiastic partner at that, in this great venture," President Cruzado said. "They got it. From the beginning. From the get-go."

Their enthusiasm and excitement amplified my own about how this gift will transform nursing for Montana."

Robyn Jones said she and her husband, who live in Texas but have a home in Whitefish, MT, consider the state a home.

"We became convinced that our investment in expanding the capacity and capabilities of MSU's nursing school could have a real impact on people who live in the state that we consider home and we feel privileged to be able to make this investment," Jones said.



President Cruzado poses for a photograph with nursing students following the announcement of the gift to the College of Nursing.

PHOTO BY GABE BARNARD

SPORTS

Back to the gridiron

BY MEREDITH TEUBER

It's here. The sound of screaming fans, loud enough to be heard from blocks away. Community members with their Bobcat gear and signs hung in their windows. The COVID-19 pandemic threw things to shambles. Forced to hide like turtles in our shells during quarantine, the question of future normalcy lingered. For the first time since 2019, the entire Bobcat student body can come together to celebrate the return of live football games. The first game of the 2020-21 season is one week away, and the year break brings a new sense of excitement.

It's time for the Bobcats to assemble. With the start of a new school year under our belts, we can all breathe a big sigh of relief. Not only can we celebrate the ability to sit next to our peers in class, we can also prepare ourselves for perhaps the most exciting start to the school year. When the team last played in the 2019 football season, the Bobcats placed fourth overall in the Big Sky Conference, behind Weber State,

Sacramento State and the University of Montana, with a record of 6-2 in conference play. The upcoming season has a lot in store for the Cats, including eight Big Sky Conference games, three out of conference games against Wyoming, Drake (which also happens to be Gold Rush) and San Diego.

The last time Montana State won a conference title was back in 2012. Missing the 2020 season could prove to be a setback for the team, or it may or it may be to the team's benefit providing additional time to develop. Certainly, one thing every Bobcat can be excited about is the annual Brawl of the Wild game that takes place on Saturday, Nov. 20, in Missoula. After the amazing 2019 win of 48-14, Bobcat students and community members crave a win against the Grizzlies. After all, Cats eat Grizzlies for dinner.

The first game of the season takes place on Saturday, Sept. 4, against Wyoming, in Laramie, Wyoming. This game, while far away from Bozeman, may hit close to home for MSU head football Coach Brent Vigen. Vigen was recently hired as the Bobcat head

coach, leaving behind his previous job with Wyoming, where he served as offensive coordinator since 2014. While there, Vigen coached Josh Allen, who was the seventh NFL draft pick in 2018 to the Buffalo Bills. Allen maintains his starting role at the Bills, coming up just short of the NFL MVP in 2020. Even though ESPN predicts Wyoming is going to win this first game, they underestimate the Cats and their new coaching knowledge. In just days, football season will begin and a new Bobcat Era can rise. Good luck Cats, see you at Gold Rush!

In order to get tickets to games during the 2021 football season, visit msustudenttickets.com. Once on the website, be sure to make an account using your student number and a password of your choice. Tickets are available on Tuesday, Sept. 7, at noon before the Gold Rush game, but be sure to get your tickets early, they go fast!

Bobcat volleyball digs out series of wins

BY JAXSON BISHOP

The Bobcat volleyball team opened its season this past week facing off against TCU in a preseason exhibition match in Shroyer Gym, followed by a three-match trip to Boise, Idaho. MSU volleyball head coach Daniel Jones and his squad posted two impressive wins on the road trip, vanquishing Dixie State (3-0) and the host, Boise State (3-1). The Cats fell in the tournament opener, 2-3, to Long Beach State.

The opening match against Long Beach State proved to be a heartbreaker as the Cats led 2-0 only to lose three consecutive sets, costing the team the match (25-23, 28-26, 22-25, 18-25, 13-15).

"We have to learn to sustain and maintain our effort," Jones said. "This was too much of a roller-coaster. We need to be able to take care of the easy balls and steal the hard ones. It was a heartbreaking loss, but we'll learn and move forward."

Following the disappointing loss, the Cats went on to win an impressive match against Dixie State, beating the Bison in straight sets (25-18, 25-19, 25-17). The squad dominated the net with 43 kills and four blocks. The team also posted an impressive 13 aces over the course of the three sets. Senior outside hitter Hannah Scott led the way with four aces, followed

by senior setter Allie Lynch with three aces and sophomore outside hitter Kira Thomsen, who notched two aces. Thomsen and Scott were also active at the net, recording 13 and 12 kills, respectively.

"We took care of business against a tough Dixie State team that was playing short-handed," Jones said. "We spun the line-up from our match against Long Beach State getting some of our newcomers playing time. I'll say this a lot this season, but if we want to win a championship it's going to take all 17 athletes."

In the finale, the Cats faced tournament host Boise State, defeating the Broncos three sets to one, (25-16, 25-22, 20-25, 25-14). Again, the Cats were led by a familiar deadly duo of outside hitters Thomsen and Scott. The two outside hitters led the team in kills yet again, with Scott registering an impressive 15 kills and Thomsen racking up 13 kills of her own. This dynamic duo is sure to be an important cog to the team's success as well as the Cats' hope of claiming their first-ever Big Sky Conference Championship.

In his post-match comments, Jones commended his team for their efforts and praised his entire roster of 17 players for contributing to the win. "Everyone turned up," Jones said. "Across the board, we had great contributions from the entire line-up. We talked prior to the match that we needed to play Bobcat volleyball

and not worry who's on the other side of the net. We served tough, put up a big block and really did a nice job digging around it. We executed what was presented to us."

Thomsen was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. In addition to her 13 kills against the Broncos, she recorded 13 digs, four aces and an attack mark of .357.

After a successful weekend in Boise, the Cats turn their attention to a tournament of their own. The Bobcats will host the Bobcat Classic, featuring the Arkansas Razorbacks, the Portland Pilots and the Utah State Aggies. The Cats' tournament will kick off with a match against the Razorbacks, who are predicted to finish ninth in the Southeastern Conference according to a pre-season coaches poll. This match will serve as a test against a team from one of the Power Five conferences, further preparing the Cats for Big Sky Conference play.

All Bobcat Classic matches are free for students with CatCard or can be viewed live on ESPN+. The match against Arkansas is slated to begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2. For other match times and results follow the team on social media @MSUBobcatsVB or visit msubobcats.com.

OUTDOORS

A freshman's guide to fall in Bozeman

BY THOMAS AUSTIN

Fall in Southwest Montana is truly magical. As the weather cools and the cottonwoods shift their leaves from green to gold, I find myself spending as much time outdoors as I possibly can. Recreation opportunities abound in the Bozeman area this time of year and the hardest decision is often picking just one activity for a stunning autumn day. If this is your first fall on campus, figuring out exactly what to do and where to go can be a challenge in itself, especially if you are just getting started in outdoor sports. So, here is my guide to Bozeman's various outdoor adventure opportunities for this fall season.

Hiking:

Hiking is a great place to start your journey into outdoor sports. It requires little gear, no special skills and there are countless trailheads just a short drive from campus. That being said, make sure to wear sturdy shoes and bring plenty of food and water, as well as a rain layer just in case highly variable mountain weather throws you a curveball. The College 'M' Trail is a relatively easy hike within a few minutes of campus and is an absolute must for any new student. For those with their sights on something more ambitious, Sacajawea Peak offers an incredible climb with stunning views both East and West of the Bridger Mountain Range.

Mountain Biking:

Whether you have years of cycling experience or you're just getting started on a mountain bike, Bozeman is the place to be. The Bozeman area has trails for every skill level and every ride distance. Painted Hills Trail – just off of Kagy boulevard about 2 miles southeast of campus – is a great place to start and is mellow enough that it can even be done on a gravel bike. If you're looking for more of a challenge, try Leverich Canyon Trail or make the approximately 30-minute drive to the Copper City Trails near Three Forks, Montana. Mountain bikes and other necessary equipment are available for rent at the Outdoor Recreation building.

Rock Climbing:

While not famous for rock climbing like California or Utah, Montana still offers plenty of opportunities for climbers of all disciplines. Bear Canyon, Hyalite Canyon, Bozeman Pass and Gallatin Canyon are all great places to explore within a short drive from town. If you are new to rock climbing and want to learn the ropes – pun intended – in an indoor environment, Spire Climbing Center is a top-notch indoor climbing facility just down the street from campus. Spire offers lessons for beginning climbers and discounted rates on monthly memberships and day passes for MSU students.

Fly Fishing:

Bozeman is something of a mecca for fly fishing and is home to prominent fly fishing companies such as Simms Fishing Products and Yellow Dog Fly Fishing Adventures. With countless streams and rivers flowing through Southwest Montana, the options are nearly endless for anglers. The Gallatin, East Gallatin, Madison, and Yellowstone Rivers are all wonderful streams with ample public access and all are worth a shot this fall. Fly rods, reels, waders, and boots are available for rent at the Outdoor Recreation building. For flies and specific information about local rivers, stop at one of Bozeman's local fly shops (Montana Troutfitters is my personal favorite). Fishing should be productive on local streams all the way up until Thanksgiving or later.

As fall approaches, make the most of the place you've decided to live for the foreseeable future. Get outside, try something new and bring some friends along, too.



Hyalite Reservoir entices fishermen and hikers alike.



Scenic views accompany hikers on Sacajawea Peak Trail.

PHOTOS BY DANIKA WOLF

LOOKING AHEAD TO A GOLDEN YEAR

Interviews by Phoebe Zea and Gabe Barnard

As the *Exponent* geared up for its first edition, we wanted to hear from leaders on the MSU campus about how they were approaching the school year. We sat down with MSU President Waded Cruzado and Student Body President Norris Blossom before the start of classes to ask about a variety of topics related to the fall semester. The following responses are selected portions of their interviews. To view the full interviews, please visit our website, msuexponent.com.

Q&A with

WADED CRUZADO

What are the events you are most looking forward to this school year?

"Well first of all I'm looking forward to this week, right, when students come back, our move-in weekend, Catapalooza and just the excitement of the first week of classes. It's always filled with anticipation but particularly after a year of not having school in person in normal ways... I'm also looking forward to some of our events that are marked by some of our new buildings. For example, (Friday, October 8, is) the day when we are going to be dedicating our Bobcat Athletic complex. The new home for our football team after all these years, great players that we have had, and now thanks to the generosity of so many donors they will be able to have their own building."

Are there any other general items of interest on your mind that you want students to know about heading into the fall semester?

"We are so proud to have our students back on campus. Let me just tell you how impressed I have been with our students throughout the pandemic, and before, but the pandemic gave us an opportunity for us to come together and to understand how we can operate with a strong sentiment of being a community. How we do this together, how we have a commonality of purposes and goals that we're going to get this done together because it's important for us, right? It's important for us to be together, in-person, on campus. It's important for us to make sure that we take good care of each other, that people don't get sick unnecessarily, and that we help each other realize their dreams."

How does the atmosphere on campus change with students vs. without students?

"The difference is night and day. The students are the life of this campus, they are the energy, the light. It's a totally different feel when students are around and we see them walking and when they're just sitting around studying or talking to each other, it reminds us this is why we exist as a university. As I always like to say when I recite the land-grant mission, we're here to educate the sons and daughters of the working families of America, and having them here is just a great reminder of again our mission and our goals in life and in society."

Have there been any new avenues of growth for the university made apparent through the turbulence of the pandemic? How will the university take advantage of those opportunities?

"I think, for me, the pandemic gave us an incredible opportunity for personal growth. To confront our fears, to go inside ourselves, to see how we cope with adversity, with limitations. To see how resilient we are when our routines are cut off suddenly, abruptly. So I think the pandemic has allowed us an opportunity for personal growth, and quite honestly, for a lot of appreciation about how important our social network is. Our family, our friends, our neighbors... The last thing I will mention is the growth in our academic programs. What fills my heart with joy and satisfaction is that programs like nursing, like pre-med, our programs related with health professions, with education, they are experiencing incredible numbers of applications. So that tells me that our wonderful young people out there, they know that we have incredible needs in our society and they want to do their part."



PRESIDENT CRUZADO LAUGHS DURING AN INTERVIEW WITH EXPONENT STAFF WHEN ASKED ABOUT HER PREDICTION FOR THE SCORE OF THE FOOTBALL TEAM'S GOLD RUSH GAME.

What challenges does the university face this coming school year?

"Like any other university, we need to keep our eye vigilant about first of all our health and safety. COVID is still with us, the delta variant has continued to challenge our assumptions. If you remember last May, June, July, we thought 'Ok, we think we're leaving this pandemic behind' and we were wrong. I think it's important for us to, without being fearful, to remain vigilant about COVID and to do everything we can, that's why we're asking 'please it's important for us we need to wear face masks when we are indoors.' I know, we're

tired, we don't like face masks, but I don't want for us to disagree on things of consequence such as health and life."

MSU's American Indian Hall is planned to open this fall. Can you describe what role this space will serve in the community?

"The purpose of the American Indian Hall is multifaceted. First of all, we need additional classrooms. Secondly, for decades our American Indian students have told us that they wanted a place to be, to engage with their peers. We have had a Native American student center in the basement of Wilson Hall, but remember our American Indian student population has been growing by leaps and bounds. And that space has remained the same, so they were ready to move into a more ample space where they could congregate, where they could be together. But then imagine what a wonderful opportunity it will be for non-indigenous students to be able to take a class in that hall, to be able to appreciate the culture, the artwork, which is going to be fantastic, just to expand our horizons in a new way. Bozeman, the City of Bozeman, the land that we occupy now, was traditionally a place of encounter for many native tribes as they were walking and transporting themselves through the region. What a wonderful metaphor that will be for our American Indian Hall to be that place of encounter for every student at Montana State."

What role will the repurposed Romney Hall serve on campus?

"Here you have one of the hero buildings on campus which is absolutely gorgeous, right? Sitting in the heart of campus, and it was hardly used. It was almost like an obstacle right there, you could not go through, people were walking around it, and when you walked inside in reality we were just using a few offices for faculty members and for classroom space, because it was so severely limiting, we only could teach about 41 students per hour. That was in the past. Now in the future we will be able to teach a thousand students every hour. And in addition to that we will have an opportunity to offer more space for our veteran's center, more space for our math learning center, and more space for our writing center."

Do you have any words of wisdom for freshmen and new students on campus this fall?

"Stay positive. We're gonna get this done. We're Bobcats. That's the word of wisdom is we're Bobcats, we know how to do this, let's work together, let's have a fantastic semester, and go Cats!"

We're looking to give students a glimpse into the day-to-day activities of university officials. What does an average day of your life look like?

"It's a blur, it's very busy. What I think is most interesting is that no two days are exactly alike, and actually not two hours are the same. I have an opportunity to, for example right now, to meet with my wonderful students and then afterwards I need to meet with faculty or with some individuals in the community that need something from Montana State University or talking about the future. Twenty years from now what are we going to be working on? We need to start making those plans now. At the same time sometimes it's just putting out fires, the occasional fire that we always have to say 'well what can I say, this machinery doesn't work' or whatever it is. So it's very varied, very exciting, and I feel blessed to have an opportunity to serve, what can I say. I never get bored and I always go to bed tired so that's always a blessing."

What is your score prediction for the Gold Rush football game?

"31-7, Bobcats."

Q&A with

NORRIS BLOSSOM

So you ran for as MSU president in the middle of the COVID pandemic. What challenges did you face during your campaign and what do you think made you stand out during such a non-traditional election?

"I think one of the biggest challenges was having to do a lot of the campaigning virtually. So, we had a lot of club meetings and Greek Life meetings that we went to that we had to do over zoom, and it's always a little bit more difficult to connect with people on and show your passion over Zoom or Webex as opposed to in person, so that was definitely a challenge for us. But I think there's a lot of ways that we were able to overcome that. I kind of attribute our success to three different things that we did. First of all, I think we worked extremely hard, and I think in student government elections, the person who works the hardest and cares the most will usually win and I think we really put it all on the line. And then we really did some creative endeavors that I think worked really well for us, like a bunch of really bright outfits, we made some massive signs we hung around on campus and just [sic] got really creative with it. But I think the most important thing was the team that we had. We had 20 or so extremely dedicated volunteers that helped us with everything we did. We could not have done it without the team we had, they were immense contributors to everything from our social media to helping us put up yard signs to designing our graphics, being on the mall passing out stuff for us, advocating for us in our club meetings like it was, it was really our team that I think was the biggest help for us so we're extremely thankful for them."

What are your top priorities as president this year?

"We are focused on community, accessibility and sustainability. So, for community, our goal this year is to make sure that every student feels like MSU is a great place for them [and that] they feel welcomed and excited to be on campus. We really want to emphasize trying to reach out to students who are traditionally not as engaged and making sure that we're looking out for every student regardless of their background. So really, just working on that whole community, bringing everyone together."

Next, for accessibility, we want to increase the awareness that students have of student government so that they know what programs we provide, [sic] who we are, so that when they have a need or a desire on campus, they know who to come to and kind of have an idea of what we already do. So just making ourselves easier to access for students so that we can be better public servants. So we're really excited about that accessibility portion."

And then lastly, we are excited to hopefully enhance sustainability on campus. There's kind of two parts of that. The first part is working with partners, like the Office of Sustainability, that already do amazing work on campus and just helping them network and have access to resources to be able to do the amazing job that we know that they will do. And then the next part of that is making sure that our operations in the services that we provide and the events that we put on are sustainable in themselves... we're being a little ambitious with it but I'm confident."

What would you say is the most important project that you're working on right now?

"We are working towards finding a way to centralize resources for students, relating to off campus housing. I think one of the most difficult things that students face right now is trying to navigate the really tough housing market in Bozeman. So we already provide a lot of cool resources for students on that, but they're really scattered about, so [sic] right now we

offer legal services for an extremely cheap price if students have tenant-landlord conflicts, we offer emergency housing, we offer food insecurity help and we have resources to help students find roommates and find housing, but they're all over the place, and we want to find a way to centralize them in one spot so it's really easy for students to find them and to use them because we think it's really important to put students in the best position possible to navigate the really tough Bozeman housing market."



ASMSU PRESIDENT NORRIS BLOSSOM OUTLINES HIS PRIORITIES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR IN AN INTERVIEW WITH EXPONENT STAFF.

Are there three specific things that you want students to know going into fall semester?

"Yes, There's three characteristics that categorized this semester as being full of [sic]. The first one is going to be a semester full of energy. We have the biggest freshman class that MSU has ever seen and freshmen bring so much energy to campus. They attend campus events a ton, they're really just excited to be here. And so I think with that huge class, there's going to be such a buzz around campus. Also, we're able to do a lot of events that we couldn't last year, and I think that being able to return to some of those traditional events has students super excited too. So between all that, it's going to be a semester really full of energy. Next I think it's going to be a semester full of change. We have a ton of new facilities coming online this semester, so Romney Hall, the American Indian Hall, the new Student Memorial [and] Bobcat athletic complex are all opening this semester. In addition to that, the groundbreaking for the Student Wellness Center is happening this semester. So just the, the amount of changing space around campus is going to be incredible. So we're excited for that but it is going to be a semester of change so we want to be, we have to be, dynamic ourselves in adapting to that."

Let's see. Lastly, it's going to be a semester full of opportunity. We see a big window right now where we can really work to improve this campus, so we just want to keep asking the questions of how can we improve inclusion and equity on campus, how can we improve sustainability, how can we improve retail food options on campus, how can we improve student mental health. We're really working on thinking of how can we, as students, use the power that we have to improve this campus. And I think that this semester is full of opportunities for that."

What strategies do you plan to use to communicate with students about new policies on campus?

"We have a couple planned methods that we're going to use for that. The first of which is, we want to use our student radio KGLT. We're going to have a student senator that aggregates all of the cool stuff we're doing from around the office, and then reports the highlights of that to the radio, so students see [sic] a broad overview in that. We're also going to really continue to use social media in describing what we're up to. So we're going to use both our Office of Student Engagement social media, as well as our executive team social media to make that happen. We're branching out into some new social medias[sic] that have not previously been used to try to keep up the time so we're really excited on that front as well. And then lastly, we want to keep attending club meetings and revised meetings to make sure that we're really meeting students where they are naturally and taking that initiative to meet them instead of expecting them to come to us, because that's really important, so try to have a little bit of boots on the ground as well."

What is your favourite part of being a part of ASMSU so far?

"The team. Oh man, We have an incredible team here. I've been so impressed with everyone in the office. Everyone from our front desk staff to our marketing staff to our events, doctoral program directors, just have so much passion and energy for the work that we do. And that really makes a great work environment that's a joy every day to be a part of, so I'm really blessed with the team that I get to work with."

Do you have any words of wisdom for new students on campus this fall?

"I think, get involved as much as you can. There is so many cool things happening around campus, and there's so many opportunities to get involved, there's clubs around campus there's opportunities to research and there's so many people to meet, and we want to make sure that students are getting involved and that's kind of our overall goal is to keep students involved and engaged. So any way that we can provide that service we're happy to but my main recommendation to freshmen would be get involved and it will really make your experience a great one."

What is your score prediction for the Gold Rush football game?

"Alright 70-3. Now let me tell you why. So 10 touchdowns minimum, it's gonna happen quick, but, you know, we're animals on the field but we got some respect for their team so we're gonna let him get a field goal at the end. So feel okay about the experience and we'll come back for round two later, but 70-3 is the prediction on gold."

OPINION

Facing the Pandemic with Masks on and Minds Open

BY GALLAGE ARIYARATNE

Per the facts known about the delta variant, vaccine coverage as of today, different vaccine efficacy rates and prevention strategies associated with the virus, I sternly believe that we should wear masks even after state-wide vaccination rates increase in the United States. Several states have already implemented this strategy.

Data from the American Society of Microbiology indicates that the “delta variant is 40%-60% more transmissible than the previous strains of the virus and almost twice as transmissible as the original Wuhan strain of *SARS-CoV-2*.”

MSU President Waded Cruzado announced on Thursday, Aug. 26, in an email to students that face masks will once again be required in indoor instructional spaces.

Should we require masks again at MSU? Research described in a *Los Angeles Times* opinion editorial by authors Peter K. Enns and Jake Rothschild illustrates “why the answer is YES in many aspects: The unvaccinated are least likely to wear masks.”

Face masks can help slow the spread of the virus and mandatory mask mandates can be removed if everyone who is eligible gets vaccinated. According to the Mayo Clinic’s U.S. COVID-19 vaccine tracker, “nearly half of the U.S. population is fully vaccinated, and almost 70% of adults (and nearly 90% of those 65 and up) have received at least one dose.” Authorities must continue to address the vaccine misinformation and utilize strategies in building confidence towards COVID-19 vaccines. *AP News* reported that France recently introduced new vaccination requirements and COVID-19 vaccination passes and, despite some controversy, a rush for vaccines ensued.

There is no way to sugarcoat the harsh truth: people are going to die. When death is knocking on the door, concerns about legal battles over a mask mandate are irrelevant.

It sounds obvious: take care of your health; it could save your life.

As Enns and Rothschild state in their article “Masks not only help prevent those infected from spreading the virus, they also offer protection to those wearing the mask.” As per MSU Office of Planning and Analysis there was an enrollment of 16,249 students for the Fall of 2020 and a multi-layered approach of both vaccination and updating mask guidance is required for the university in order

to safely resume in-person teaching, learning and working this semester, and to protect these students, faculty and staff.

Our country began with a willingness to make personal sacrifices for the collective good. It’s depicted in the closing line of the Declaration of Independence: “We mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.” Almost two centuries later, John F. Kennedy posed his famous challenge: “Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country.” The United States became great because every generation before us knew that liberty and duty go hand in hand.

George Washington emphasized, “every post is honorable in which a man can serve his country.”

When we wear a mask and get the vaccine, we are serving our country and our fellow citizens.

Americans have agreed to vaccinations in order to eradicate diseases since George Washington mandated the smallpox inoculation for his troops. The ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court in 1905 supported vaccine mandates by saying, “Upon the principle of self-defense, of paramount necessity, a

community has the right to protect itself against an epidemic of disease which threatens the safety of its members.”

Until federal vaccination goals are achieved and vaccination rates are boosted, implementing policies like the federal rule that everyone wear masks at transportation conveyances used for international, interstate or intrastate transportation should be mandatory. According to *The Washington Post*, as of Aug. 26, 2021, more than 633,000 people have died from COVID-19 in the United States and more than 38,404,000 cases have been reported. In order to prevent more infections, MSU should continue with the ongoing mask mandate and implement a vaccination mandate for all students and faculty.

Apart from mask mandates the best way to be protected against COVID-19 and emerging variants is to complete your vaccination series.

We’re all going through this together. The virus threatens everyone.



Champ the Bobcat encourages passersby to don a mask via poster in the SUB. MSU implemented a mask requirement for all indoor instructional spaces on campus on Thursday, Aug. 26, 2021.

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Hot Temperatures and Dwindling, Dry Rivers

BY RILEY FERRÉ

The western United States is experiencing a record-breaking drought. The drought, combined with extreme summer heat, is resulting in unusually low river flows and negative impacts on surrounding landscapes. According to an article in *The Washington Post* titled, “Reservoirs are drying up as consequences of the Western drought worsen.” Lake Mead, the largest reservoir in the nation, is at “its lowest level since the lake filled after the construction of the Hoover dam in the 1930s.” Due to the condition of the Western U.S., water restrictions are necessary to ensure safe water at the household level and the long-term health of our planet.

Droughts are caused by less-than-normal precipitation and warm temperatures. High temperatures cause winter snowpack to melt rapidly and increase evaporation of water from soils and vegetation. The West is hotter and drier than other parts of the country, and droughts have been experienced throughout history. Although, “scientists say that climate change, in the form of warming temperatures and shifts in precipitation, is making the situation worse,” according to a *New York Times* article titled, “The Western Drought Is Bad. Here’s What You Should Know About It.” Working as a river guide on the Snake and Lower Salmon rivers this summer provided me with a front row seat to these specific impacts of climate change. River flows were at the lowest levels some of the senior guides have ever seen, threatening late season trips. We saw an increase in dead fish floating down the river due to hot water temperatures, which decrease the amount of oxygen dissolved in the water for fish to breathe.

Water use restrictions are necessary. Farmers and ranchers rely on an abundant amount of water to produce crops and livestock. A shift to more sustainable approaches is imperative. According

"Due to the condition of the western United States, water restrictions are necessary to ensure safe water at the household level and the long-term health of our planet"

to *The Washington Post* article, “Shallow wells are drying up as farms draw more heavily on groundwater; one Central Valley community has already run dry and is importing bottled water for basic needs.” Adopting sustainable water use methods could include the implementation of drip irrigation systems and a shift away from the traditional ditch/dam approach. An article titled, “Smart Water Use on Your Farm or Ranch,” published by

the Sustainable Agriculture Network, states, “The widely used ditch or dam method, however, directs water unimpeded onto fields and pastures, with an estimated 60% lost to seepage and evaporation.” The use of above ground gated pipes is a great alternative to the use of ditches, as they are less expensive, easy to use and control water flow with holes covered by slide gates.

In order to ensure the health of our rivers and ecosystems, and the availability of water to communities and commercial operations water must be used more conservatively. Ecosystems are being harmed, wildfires are raging and “human-caused warming has intensified what would have been an ordinary dry period in the Southwest into a potential ‘megadrought,’” according to *The Washington Post*. Water is imperative to all life, and we must treat it as such.



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CULTURE

The must do's at MSU

BY MEGHAN AMRHEIN

As everyone gets settled into their dorms, works through their busy class schedule and figures out that syllabus week actually means a lot more homework than expected, planning what to do with your actual free time can be more of a chore than an event. So if you're a freshman or a first-year student at MSU with absolutely no clue how to navigate Bozeman, have no fear - here are some of the best spots to visit before your first semester comes to an end.

If you're on a budget:

• **The Rec Center:** Visit MSU's very own bowling and billiards area. Located in the basement of the SUB, you can easily play two or three games without spending more than \$10, making it the perfect place for a fun night out.

• **The Procrastinator Theatre:** Also hiding away in the SUB, the Pro offers a wide selection of movies for under \$2. MSU often finds brand new releases right out of the theatre to show, so if you don't want to spend \$12 at the Regal, you know where to go.

If you're a food connoisseur:

• **Taco Montes:** This is either a hit or miss for most people, but since it's my article, I feel obligated to include one of my favorite food places. With a bunch of flavor combinations to choose from, you can get a tasty meal for fairly cheap and without having to do much commuting since it's located right off campus on College Street.

• **Backcountry Burger Bar:** Although it's a bit more expensive than other places in town, you won't want to miss out on this one. With everything from impossible burgers to poutine, you're sure to find something delicious on the menu.

• **Tarantino's Pizza:** Here you can buy pizza by the slice (and they're pretty big slices). They rotate their flavors every day, so you can get something different every time you go, or even stick to the simple, albeit classic, pepperoni slice.



Students enjoy a game of billiards in the SUB Rec Center during the Rec Center Rumble MSU Debut event on Wednesday, Sept. 1.
Photo by Michael Kilkuts

If you want to work out but you don't want to "work out":

• **JumpTime Bozeman:** Just past Four Corners, JumpTime Bozeman is the perfect place to spend an afternoon with friends. According to the internet, you can burn up to 1,000 calories an hour on a trampoline. Plus, you can get there by bus if you don't have a car!

• **Spire Climbing and Fitness:** If you enjoy climbing and are a little upset that the climbing gym on campus is closed this year (I know I am), try the next best option. Spire is within walking distance from campus and has around 12,000 square feet of climbing.

If you're the creative type:

• **Arts On Fire:** If you're longing to scratch that creative itch, this paint-your-own-pottery place is a great place to do it. With hundreds of paint colors and pottery to choose from, the combinations are endless.

• **The Emerson Center for Arts and Culture:** take a stroll through the Emerson to get a good taste of what Bozeman arts has to offer. With a rotating art exhibit and a wide variety of talent, it never fails to excite.

Obviously, there's plenty more to do around town - honorable mentions include Montana Ale Works (some of the best food in town), Bozeman Hot Springs (though, make sure to get there early) and the College M Trail (a classic). So what are you waiting for? Get out there and adventure!

New (school) year, new me

BY ETHAN CUMBY

Greetings and welcome to the 2021-22 school year. It has been an interesting time to be a student during a pandemic but, as most of you have likely noticed by now things do seem to be slowly returning to normal.

One of the first things you'll notice as we make our way through the first semester is that classes are a little bit closer to how they were two years ago. Granted, there is still a mask mandate in effect at the moment and it is recommended that you take safety precautions so you don't get sick, but the fact that we are beginning to see big changes is a good sign for things to come if we continue this trend. With issues such as mental health problems and poor learning environments, the return to normalcy was starting to feel very necessary. According to the Kaiser Family Foundation, "about four in 10 adults in the U.S. have

reported symptoms of anxiety or depressive disorder," which is up from one in 10 in 2019. This is largely due to spikes of working from home and going long periods of time without seeing friends and family. Make sure to check out <https://www.montana.edu/counseling/> if you need to talk to someone.

Another huge thing to look forward to this semester, that I'm sure everyone is excited to see again, is events. While we did have some events last year, they were fairly few and far between, not to mention usually over a Zoom call. This year, however, that way of doing events is already reverting back to normal! Within the first few weeks alone we are already seeing a whole list of fun things happening on campus. These of course include, but aren't limited to, Catapalooza, a gathering of various clubs and businesses, Rockin' the 'M' and Service Saturdays. And that was all within the first week. For the upperclass-

men, these familiar events are probably a breath of fresh air, and for the new students, it's something to look forward to.

Although, it will be interesting to see how MSU continues to stay on top of things with the delta variant. With slackened COVID-19 restrictions, problems like hygiene come up. The desks are no longer being wiped off after every class, many of the plexiglass shields are coming down and masks are only required in classroom settings. So will the guidelines we're following now even be worth it in the long run? It will be interesting to see. But for now, we have some semblance of normal life again.

It's honestly amazing that we have been able to come this close to living normally again, even if we still have a long way to go. That being said, if we can continue encouraging a culture of personal safety I have little to no doubt that we will soon be continuing our normal lives once again.

Severe drought hits Montana

BY FINLEY PANNO SHEPARD

This summer, I spent my time working in prairie streams sampling fish, amphibians and reptiles in eastern Montana. Most of my time was spent hiking into a drainage, where a stream was supposed to be, and instead seeing cracked, solid dirt. If you spent the summer in Montana, you may have noticed the exceptionally dry weather, and consequential wildfires across the state. According to the National Integrated Drought Information System, 98.7% of Montana is

experiencing a severe drought. The system labels this stage as "D2," and defines it as, "Hay and crop yields are low; hay quality is poor; subsoil moisture is non-existent. Fire count and danger are high; air quality is poor, with dust and smoke. Livestock ponds are low or dry; water quality is monitored; wells are stressed." Even worse than D2 is D3, extreme drought, and D4, exceptional drought. 73% of Montana is labeled as D3, and 13.8% is considered D4.

Montana has a long history with drought. The state's worst period was in the 1930s, when the whole West and Midwest experienced major D4 conditions, leading to the moniker, "Dust Bowl." Since the U.S Drought Monitor began operation in 2000, the longest recorded drought in Montana (D1-D4) was 307 weeks, from May 2000 to March 2006. In 2017, Montana experienced another intense drought, in which 25% of Montana land was categorized as D4. Although worse droughts have hit Montana, scientists, politicians and local activists fear that drought conditions, and subsequent wildfires will exponentially increase as global temperatures rise.

To prevent more wildfires, the state of Montana uses fire bans. Fire bans are formally known as fire restrictions and there are three stages of fire restriction. According to Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, stage 1 includes a ban on all campfires and smoking cigarettes in any type of flammable environment. Stage 2 includes the restrictions of stage 1, while also

banning off road use of motorized vehicles, as well as a curfew on the use of internal combustion engines, torches and explosives. The final stage is closure, which is defined by the state each time the closure stage is reached. Gallatin County and surrounding areas implemented stage 1 or 2 fire bans for most of the summer. The fire ban was recently rescinded, and nearby counties are expected to follow suit, according to a press release from the county commission.

Here in Bozeman, you may also have noticed residents tapping into the environmentally-minded culture of Bozeman to conserve water resources. Lawn signs sprouted up around town or in parks with information on the drought in Bozeman. These are a part of the Water Smart Bozeman campaign, a way to help citizens better understand where Bozeman's water is coming from, that there's a limited supply of it and most importantly how to help preserve the water we do have. Taking measures such as installing low flush toilets, creating more "water wise" landscaping and planting drought-tolerant shrubs are all measures the city of Bozeman implemented over the summer.

If you want to help out Montana, its natural environment and the many creatures that inhabit it, respect fire restrictions and do your part to stay updated on the problems. For more information, visit <https://www.bozeman.net/government/water-conservation>.



A yard sign displayed at the University Village apartment complex displays water conservation information.
Photo by Gabe Barnard

SEPTEMBER 2-8

Want your event featured here? Email event info to us at ExponentEntertainment@montana.edu one week in advance.

CALENDAR

THU 2

BIKE RIDE BOOGIE
Outdoor Rec Center @ 3:30 p.m.
Shimmy, dance and pedal your way through an introductory, guided eight-mile bike tour of Bozeman's connected bike routes. This is an opportunity to make friends on two wheels while exploring your new home! Helmets are required, and bikes will be provided if needed. RSVP on CatsConnect.

BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL
Shroyer Gym @ 7 p.m.
Bobcats sports are back! The volleyball team sets off with a tournament in Shroyer Gym. The first game will be against Arkansas at 7 p.m. and is also streaming on ESPN+ for those that can't make it. Make sure to bring your CatCard!

FRI 3

BUMBLEWOOD THICKET FAIRY VILLAGE
Glen Lake Rotary Park @ 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Located amid the winding, wooded paths of the Glen Lake Rotary Park, the Fairy Village will contain twenty different fairy homes and establishments created by local artists. This is a self-guided experience offered for free in partnership with Gallatin Valley Land Trust and Bozeman Parks and Recreation

MONTANA SHAKESPEARE IN THE PARK
Family Grad Housing @ 3:30 p.m.
Make sure to catch Montana Shakespeare in the Park's final Bozeman performance. They will be performing Shakespeare's "Cymbaline," a typical Shakespearean love story.

SAT 4

FARMERS' MARKET
Gallatin County Fairgrounds @ 9 a.m. -12p.m.
Don't miss out on the second to last summer Farmers' Market of the year. With local vendors, food, crafts and more, the Gallatin Valley Farmers' Market is designed to support home-based and local businesses.

BOBCAT FOOTBALL
Mountain West Network @ 2 p.m.

Football is starting up with an away game in Laramie, Wyoming against the University of Wyoming. Tune in to Mountain West Network to cheer on the Bobcats.

MURDERS, MADAMS AND MEDIUMS
EXTREME HISTORY PROJECT @ 7 P.M.

From horrific murders to notorious madams and mediums communicating with the spirit world, Bozeman's darker history comes to light in a walking tour designed to send a shiver up your spine.

SUN 5

DAILY CONFUSED CONCERT
BOZEMAN HOT SPRINGS @ 7 P.M.
Get your soak on with a full set of Daily Confused, an original Alternative, Garage and Ski Rock band making music in Bozeman Montana since 2018.

MON 6

LABOR DAY
Enjoy the day off Bobcats! Stay safe.

HARVEST MONDAY
TOWNE'S HARVEST GARDEN @ 10 A.M.
Join the crew at Towne's Harvest Garden to help with harvest for their weekly CSA. This is a valuable opportunity to meet people who are boots on the ground farming every day! Come and share stories while you learn the ins and outs of small-scale organic veggie farming.

TRIVIA NIGHT
Bacchus Pub @ 7 p.m.
Try and beat the Exponent team (we've gotten pretty good) at Bacchus Pub every Monday for trivia. First place wins a \$25 gift card, and other prizes are handed out for the funniest answers.

TUE 7

GOLD RUSH TICKETS AVAILABLE
MSU Ticket Office @ Noon
Get your tickets to the first home football game for the 2021 season. Tickets will go up on msustudenttickets.com promptly at noon, so don't miss out!

OUTDOOR YOGA
Lindley Park @ 12:30 p.m.
As a part of the Tails and Tales Summer Reading Program, there will be a free movement series outside at lunchtime in Lindley Park. Join Terra Grace in this fun community Yoga event.

WED 8

ADULT SCIENCE + ART CLASS
Museum of the Rockies @ 5:30 p.m

Learn the basics of observational drawing by studying the most dynamic dinosaur around – Tyrannosaurus rex! Expert local artist Loretta Domaszewski will lead participants through beginner sketching techniques to create a one-of-a-kind drawing. Email programs@montana.edu to register.

SINGO
SUB Ballroom A @ 7 p.m.
MSU Debut will be hosting Singo, which is just like traditional bingo but with songs instead of numbers. There will be prizes and snacks.

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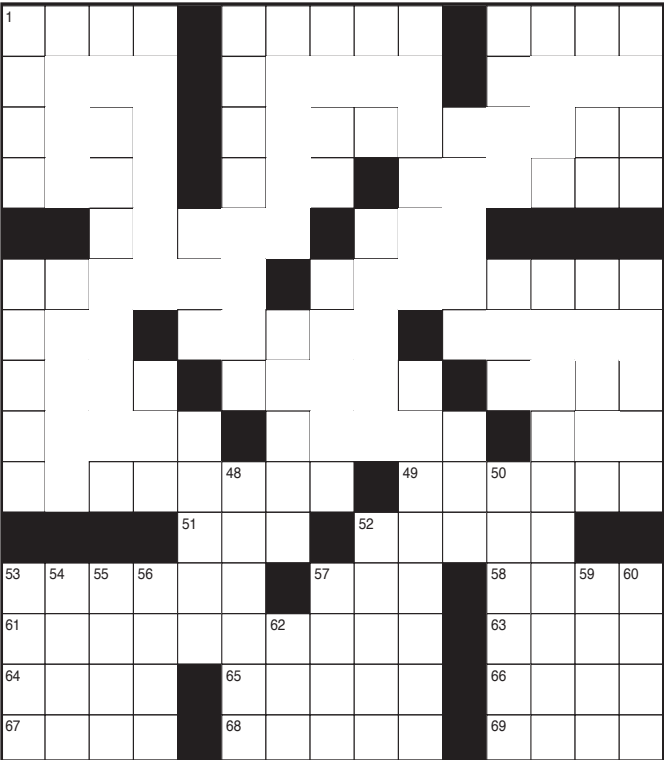
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- 1. Goopy mass
- 5. Noncommittal response
- 10. Letters on a centurion's flag
- 14. "Youse guys" alternative
- 15. " ____ to Pieces" (Patsy Cline hit)
- 16. Idol
- 17. Disneyland attraction
- 18. Relax
- 20. Sketched
- 21. IV measurements
- 22. Presentation graphics
- 23. Narrow spot
- 25. My, in Madrid
- 26. ____ part (behave appropriately)
- 28. Dines after 8 p.m., perhaps
- 33. Big ____ (Outkast rapper)
- 34. Hypoallergenic skin care brand
- 36. Actress DeGeneres
- 37. Hair parter
- 39. "The Wizard of Oz" producer Mervyn
- 41. "Sixteen Candles" character Long Duk ____
- 42. Uncool person
- 44. "Not ____" ("Sure thing!")
- 46. The "good" cholesterol
- 47. Tangles up
- 49. Lubricate
- 51. Today in Tijuana
- 52. Capital of Morocco
- 53. Scheduling break
- 57. Badge owner
- 58. Dispersed
- 61. She played Kevin's sister on "The Wonder Years"
- 63. Too, too cute
- 64. Give money to
- 65. Trademarked symbols
- 66. Pencil filler that's really graphite
- 67. Understands
- 68. Lucky numero
- 69. Boats similar to Noah's

Down

- 1. Longest-serving senator in U.S. history
- 2. Lion's den
- 3. Long ago
- 4. Let one get away
- 5. Maverick's last name in "Top Gun"
- 6. "I never forget ____"
- 7. Gabs
- 8. Wheat, in France
- 9. Evoke
- 10. ____ butter (skin moisturizer)
- 11. Fall fruit
- 12. P-U link
- 13. Orbison, et al.
- 19. Some persons
- 24. " ____-ching!"
- 25. City leader
- 26. Opening letters
- 27. Possess jointly with another
- 28. Noted Tombstone family
- 29. Law prof's degree
- 30. Honolulu landmark
- 31. Takes care of
- 32. Author Madeline L' ____
- 35. ____-mouthed
- 38. Famed Franklin
- 40. Downward dog, for example
- 43. Religion founded in Persia in 1863
- 45. Online chat abbreviation
- 48. Kings and queens
- 50. Oscar de la Hoya's birthplace
- 52. C-3PO or R2-D2
- 53. Punch in the gut responses
- 54. Chimney passage
- 55. Dandy's partner
- 56. Movie buff's collection
- 57. Canary home
- 59. Anemic
- 60. Beatty and Sparks
- 62. "How ____ love thee? Let me..."

Alternative names for your grandmother

- Me good ol' granny
- Nana nana boo boo
- Your highness
- Porkchop
- G-dawg
- Duchess of doilies
- Alt-mother
- Birthgiver²
- Phi Gamma Delta
- Ninny
- Phyllis
- Mammy
- G-Ma P
- OG Birther
- Meemaw
- Granjan
- Ma-swizzle
- Mother Teresa
- Gizmo
- Grapefruit
- Greater Mother
- Greatest Mother
- Grand Central Station
- The mother of my mother
- Slightly chewy saltine
- Mothest

- The best Diet Coke drinker in all the land
- Rootin' tootin' Ruth
- Granola

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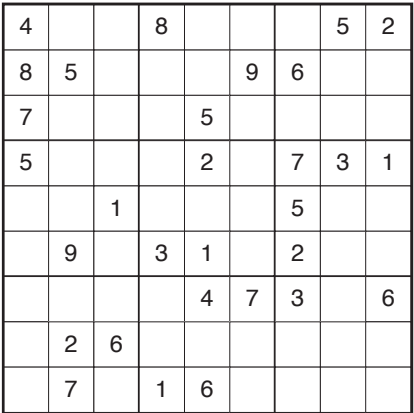
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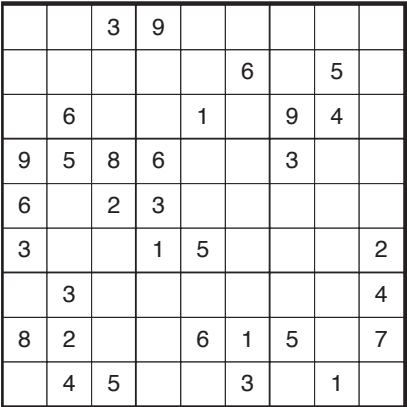
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