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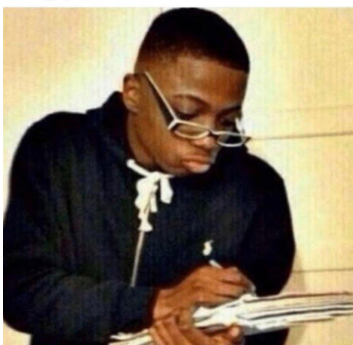
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Livingston's Park High School students perform at Bobcat Stadium during MSU's annual "Spirit of the West" marching band exhibition on Saturday, Oct. 16.

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First guy to eat a poisonous berry: *dies*

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ELECTION EDITION

2021

BY JAXSON BISHOP

This year marks an election year where the people of Bozeman and Belgrade get to decide who represents us and our interests on the city council and the mayoral office. Also included in this year's ballot are a number of local initiatives and levies that would impact the Bozeman, Belgrade and Gallatin Valley communities.

In this edition, the MSU Exponent had the unique opportunity to hear from the candidates running for local office in Bozeman and Belgrade. The offices these candidates are running for are non-partisan, meaning they do not belong to any of the national parties. We interviewed all the candidates in the form of questionnaires. We asked candidates a range of questions so that you, the readers, could be more informed about who is running for office.

MSU's campus, and campuses all over the state and nation, have been bombarded with campaigns

and organizations aiming to register students to vote. Students are part of a demographic that is important to candidates' success in every election.

Voting is an important civic duty, as it allows us to make our voices heard and hold elected officials accountable. According to the Gallatin County Election Department, only 39.17% of registered voters participated in the 2019 Bozeman municipal election.

This year, voting couldn't be easier in Bozeman. Every registered voter was sent a mail-in ballot in Gallatin County to fill out and return for free by mail or drop-off at ballot drop boxes.

It is our hope at the Exponent that you will find this information helpful when filling out your ballot.

The responses featured in this edition are only excerpts of the candidates' full questionnaires. To view their full responses, visit our website, msuexponent.com

You'll find endorsements from the editorial board for Bozeman's mayoral campaign and four-year city commission seats on page 11 of this edition. To hear the editorial board's interviews with each of the candidates for these races, visit this Box folder (no sign-in required): <https://montana.box.com/s/vlwmbtizlgxsabsbcdwnn2a9opekzfs>

Ballots must be delivered to the Gallatin County Election Department or placed in a drop box by 8 p.m. on Election Day. To see drop box locations and have any questions about voting in this year's municipal election answered, visit the Gallatin County Election Office in the Gallatin County Courthouse at 311 W. Main St. or its website at <https://gallatincomt.virtualltownhall.net/election-department>.

Answers Compiled by: Gabe Barnard, Jaxson Bishop, Phoebe Zea, Kylee Rux, Meghan AmRhein and Gallage Ariyaratne.

2021 Bozeman Ballot Measures

BY JESSIE MCCAWE

The 2021 Bozeman ballot contains three ballot measures for the public to vote on that have the opportunity to impact the community but will require raising local property taxes. Each resolution stands on its own, allowing voters to choose which ones are important by supporting all, some or none of them. Listed below are the goals and prices property owners will pay if the measure is voted in.

Fire Station Bond

The Fire Station 2 bond is a \$6.7 million bond that seeks to expand fire and emergency services to the southern part of Bozeman. This bond would allow the City of Bozeman to enter a long-term lease with MSU to expand on university property in order to meet the current needs of the valley, while allowing growth for the projected future. The current Fire Station 2 doesn't have enough space to house both male and female staff, as well as emergency vehicles and equipment. This bond would cost property owners an average of \$18.87 a year.

Community Housing Levy

The housing levy would help provide affordable housing to residents as Bozeman real estate prices continue to climb. This levy would create a dedicated funding stream for affordable housing with a focus on diverse housing opportunities including apartments, townhomes, condominiums, multi-family housing, mobile homes and single-family homes for purchase or rent. Currently, Bozeman does not have funding set aside for this purpose and uses funding from the city's general fund for other public services, which changes annually. This would cost property owners \$33.67 a year.

Recreation Facilities Bond

The recreation facilities bond would provide money to repair and renovate community spaces like Bogert Pool, Bozeman Swim Center and the Lindley Center. These spaces have overdue repairs that have been postponed. This bond would allow for resurfacing and sealing of Bogert Pool, a new filtration and gutter replacement for Bozeman

Swim Center, and upgrades and improvements to the Lindley Center. The purpose of these repairs is to lengthen the life of community spaces so that they can continue to be used and not have to be replaced in the future. This would cost property owners \$6.83 a year.

To view answers to frequently asked questions for each bond, visit <https://www.bozeman.net/city-projects/2021-city-ballot-information>.

BOZEMAN MAYOR

TERRY CUNNINGHAM



- Current City Commissioner and Deputy Mayor
- Former Media Services Manager at RJR Nabisco
- Former VP of Promotional Sales at Turner Broadcasting

What would your top priorities be as Mayor?

Creating the regional partnerships and collaborations necessary to address our most pressing community issues. Whether it's student & workforce housing, increasing our childcare capacity, addressing long-term water needs, building resilient & sustainable neighborhoods, planning for future growth, addressing property tax fatigue, or reacting to climate change, no one institution – by themselves - can achieve the types of comprehensive solutions our community needs.

The cities of Bozeman, Belgrade and Four Corners are all working on these issues separately, as are MSU, the Bozeman School District, Gallatin County, Bozeman Health, area employers and non-profits. For the most part, we are operating in our own silos despite the fact that our independent actions impact one another and we each have talented people working on solutions. By collaborating on these issues, we can achieve far more than we can independently.

I am a trusted partner of the major institutions that should be collaborating more closely, and I can build the types of partnerships that produce real results. My top priorities as Mayor would be all of the items mentioned above, but my approach to them would be on a regional basis as opposed to a city-centric basis.

Why should MSU students vote for you?

Since joining the City Commission in 2018, I have been a strong & consistent advocate for the issues that MSU students care most about, and I've been able to make progress on addressing those issues over the past 4 years. A few examples include: I helped develop the Bozeman Community Housing Action Plan to address our rental and ownership crisis and I've been instrumental in rolling out the plan and its 75 action items. I helped develop Bozeman's Climate Action Plan, the most aggressive carbon reduction goals of any Montana city, and I helped form the Big Sky Energy Collaborative; comprised of Bozeman, Missoula and Helena to negotiate renewable energy agreements with Northwestern Energy.

I initiated a county-wide sensitive land study to protect wildlife habitat, wetlands and riparian areas from future development. I am personally responsible for helping to create or preserve over 300 affordable rental units in Bozeman over the past 2 years. I helped craft Montana Senate Bill 313, which would have lowered property taxes. I led the effort to increase the minimum wage of Bozeman City workers and challenged other local institutions to follow suit. I led the effort to require all city contractors and vendors to abide by the city's Equal Pay policy. I have been leading the effort to ensure the safety of women and girls in our community and study the root causes of gender pay and access disparities. Visit terryforbozeman.com for a comprehensive list of accomplishments.

BRIAN LAMERES



- Certified Public Accountant
- Former Software Application Manager for the City of Bozeman Finance Department
- Community Affordable Housing Board Member

What would your top priorities be as Mayor?

Just like the last two times I ran for Mayor, I'm more about the HOW – the process – rather than the WHAT. I work for the People, so whatever is important to Bozeman is going to be important to me.

Process improvements for me will include things like greater: FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY, TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTABILITY, and all-around BETTER GOVERNMENT.

So, we're going to tackle the obvious housing issue, and stay the course with our Affordable Housing Action plan. We're going to stay the course with our Climate Action Plan.

We are going to find out why some respondents to the Gaps Analysis for Equity Indicators Project survey provided some of the disturbing answers that they did, because discrimination of any kind will not be tolerated in Bozeman.

We're going to be smart about our water shortage.

We're going to place more importance on the voice of the neighbors when it comes to growth and development occurring around them.

And again, whatever priorities the citizens bring to me will become MY priorities.

Why should MSU students vote for you?

MSU students should vote for me because I was once an MSU student, and I can relate to what they're going through. I know how hard it is to be a working student. I know how difficult the housing situation in this town can be, and I've lived in Wagon Wheel Trailer Court a couple different times because that is all that I could afford. (And I did find the people in there to be among the finest I have ever met). I know how hard it is to stay in Bozeman after you graduate without getting a job in your degree right away. Being an MSU Graduate, I will instinctively be a voice for all MSU students and hold their interests dear to my heart – it will come naturally to me having been there myself.

CHRISTOPHER BRIZZOLARA



- MSU Architecture student
- Studies in affordable housing and urban planning
- Snowboarding instructor

What would your top priorities be as Mayor?

\$22 minimum wage, developing and selling 3,300+ new \$50K half-acre single family residential lots to Bozemanites (via my Build Bozeman by Bozeman 2.0 plan), increasing renters rights, grandfathering back property taxes for long time home owners, and developing Bozeman Central Park by burying all our infrastructure, reducing the amount of traffic light intersections, and paving a new Pedestrian and Bike loop that connects downtown with the M trail, modeled off the Italian town Lucca.

Why should MSU students vote for you?

I'm a current student right now! Enough said right?!

Joke, joke, joke. But yes, I go to MSU - I'm 29 though... and I already earned a master's degree at la Universita di Roma, in architecture, but am getting my second degree now at MSU and will graduate in 2023. For my thesis, I studied affordable housing and that, as well as classes in urban planning, helped educate and train me to be able to create and write my first proposal, Build Bozeman by Bozeman. This proposal was ignored by the city commission, so I said fudge it, I'm running for mayor and am basing my campaign off Teddy Roosevelt's Bull Moose Party.

FOUR YEAR CITY COMMISSION SEATS

CHRIS COBURN



- Current City Commissioner
- Gallatin City-County Board of Health Member
- Gallatin County COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force Member

Why should MSU students vote for you?

I think MSU students should vote for me because I understand, am connected to, and am impacted by many of the same issues that impact students. I also have a demonstrated track record of showing up for our community. I’ve been a part of teams that have brought about housing solutions for folks experiencing homelessness and teams that have designed shelters for survivors of domestic violence. I’ve contributed to collaboratives that have elevated conversations around, and improved access to, behavioral health care. And I continue to work to ensure that everybody has easy access to COVID-19 vaccines. As a commissioner, I’ll continue to work hard to set us up for the best possible future and do so in a way that brings everyone along.

What issue should young Montanans be most concerned about?

This past legislative session, young Montanans – like myself – saw many of our values mocked and attacked, and witnessed bad legislation advance and become law. We should all be concerned about rising income inequality, attacks on queer folks, climate change inaction, and the ongoing pandemic. We need local leaders who are committed to fighting for the future we deserve – and that’s exactly what I’m excited to do.

What are some steps you would take to help mitigate effects of the quickly increasing population of Gallatin County?

I believe that we should manage growth, not fight against it. We should be guided by our growth plan which, among other things, calls for higher density, diverse neighborhoods, public transit, and multi-modal infrastructure. While implementing our growth plan, we also need to be supporting the services that folks need – like childcare, emergency housing, and behavioral healthcare – so those experiencing the most acute challenges of growth aren’t pushed out of our community.

I-HO POMEROY



- Current City Commissioner
- Small business owner
- Affordable Housing Advisory Board member

Why should MSU students vote for you?

I have almost 8 years experience on the commission. I am a small business owner. I listen, learn and work with others.

What issue should young Montanans be most concerned about?

Housing prices have a big impact right now. Climate change threatens the future.

What are some steps you would take to help mitigate effects of the quickly increasing population of Gallatin County?

Reduce delays in the review process for new developments, simplify the city codes for development, and work with MSU to provide more campus housing.

EMILY TALAGO



- Member of Bozeman Midtown Urban Renewal Board
- Small business owner
- Member of Interneighborhood Council

Emily Talago and Evan Rainey submitted a joint questionnaire. Talago is running for the four year commission term and Rainey is running for the two year commission term. The responses for these two candidates are selected from the same questionnaire.

Why should MSU students vote for you?

We are young, passionate, and care deeply about our community. Emily is a cost burdened homeowner & Evan is a cost burdened renter. Together our views span left, right, and center. But by respectfully challenging each other’s views we’ve discovered the strength of our common ground and our belief in a unified Bozeman. We want to channel that for the public good.

What issue should young Montanans be most concerned about?

The city commission has almost no power over most issues young Montanans should be concerned about. Local government can't force people to flourish, but they certainly affect whether someone even can. Where we can remove barriers, we will.

What are some steps you would take to help mitigate effects of the quickly increasing population of Gallatin County?

Work collaboratively with the county and other municipalities to bring the pace of growth more in line with the pace of growth’s necessitated infrastructure expansion.

TWO YEAR CITY COMMISSION SEATS

EVAN RAINEY



- Economics graduate
- Service sector worker
- Retired member of the Greek military

Emily Talago and Evan Rainey submitted a joint questionnaire. Talago is running for the four year commission term and Rainey is running for the two year commission term. The responses for these two candidates are selected from the same questionnaire.

What would your top priorities be as City Commissioner(s)?

End development incentives that do not actually serve the needs of the community, strip the city’s development code of its inequitable and outdated mass and allow businesses and housing of all types to flourish; rebuild trust by actively, effectively, and meaningfully engaging neighborhoods; prioritize budget for back-logged maintenance over new projects; target support for those at risk of housing displacement.

What plans and policy ideas do you have to help the Bozeman economy recover from the COVID-19 Pandemic?

Prioritize support where it is most needed. Overall Montana’s economy took one of the smallest hits from COVID, however we know that the most vulnerable have benefited from this recovery the least. We will shape our response chiefly towards these groups.

How do you plan to create affordable housing for MSU’s college students and the Bozeman community?

For students, I believe MSU has a responsibility to ensure adequate year-round housing for the students that need it. The city should support the initiative, but with 75% of undergraduates living off campus, ultimately the University needs to lead it. Our zoning overhaul proposals will allow more housing diversity and supply, leading to more affordable units and less rents overall.

JENNIFER MADGIC



- Current Bozeman City Commissioner
- Community Planning Consultant
- Community Food Co-op Board of Directors

What would your top priorities be as City Commissioner(s)?

Working hard to provide equity in access to safe and affordable housing, good jobs, health care, education, the outdoors, transportation and more. Making sure we don’t ruin what we all love about this place while simultaneously ensuring everyone has access to Bozeman’s high quality of life.

What plans and policy ideas do you have to help the Bozeman economy recover from the COVID-19 Pandemic?

We need to support our local economy. Shopping local, supporting our small businesses, and helping those who have been hit hard by the pandemic need to be community priorities. There are many local, state and federal resources out there. I’m committed to making sure we take full advantage of these resources like rental and homeowner assistance funds, help for our tribal governments and small businesses, and unemployment and employee retention programs. Community health needs to be the government's number one responsibility.

How do you plan to create affordable housing for MSU’s college students and the Bozeman community?

We need to continue the tradition of providing affordable housing close to MSU, close to downtown, and close to everyday amenities like grocery stores, coffee shops, small businesses, gyms, yoga studios, schools, day cares, etc. Apartments can’t be our only answer to affordable housing. Promoting a variety of housing types in Bozeman allows more options for lower- and middle-income homeownership. There is not one solution that alone will solve this problem. We need a broad approach to solving our housing crisis, utilizing strategies like low-income tax credits, down payment assistance, community land trusts, employer-assisted housing, zoning reform, and more.

JOEY MORRISON



- Community Organizer with Bozeman United for Racial Justice
- Crisis Worker at the Warming Center and for the Haven and Help Center
- Grassroots Organizer with Sunrise environmental movement

What would your top priorities be as City Commissioner(s)?

Our core platform has been created through hundreds of interviews and conversations with our neighbors and fellow community members about what they struggle with in Bozeman. Affordable housing consistently sits at the top of this list, so creating structures that protect renters and shift our current policies to ones that develop housing that working families can afford will be central to our goals. Climate change is already here, we need to be taking radical steps to prevent its worsening while also preparing our rivers, forests, wetlands, prairies and urban spaces for the inevitable and potentially catastrophic effects of climate change that we will see in the near future. . .

What plans and policy ideas do you have to help the Bozeman economy recover from the COVID-19 Pandemic?

My priority is the health and safety of Bozeman’s community. Compared to much of the country, Bozeman’s economy continues to thrive, but most of us don’t feel like it. The most important way we can keep ensuring that small businesses can keep their doors open is to ensure young people can afford to live here.

How do you plan to create affordable housing for MSU’s college students and the Bozeman community?

In the short term, I want to prioritize the creation of a tenant’s union and tenant’s rights help-line to protect those that are renting, right now. Additionally, I want to create financial incentives for current homeowners to rent their spare bedrooms in an effort to make that option more attractive. If current homeowners, primarily young homeowners, were given incentives that make renting attractive enough, we could generate a considerable amount of new inventory to hold us over for more long-term solutions.

BOZEMAN MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE

MAGDALENA BOWEN

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- Adjunct professor at MSU
- Standing master in Gallatin County District Court
- Former member of the U.S. Nordic Ski Team

In your mind, what is the purpose of a judge elected to the municipal court position?

According to State Law and the Bozeman Municipal Code the duty of a judge elected to municipal court is to hear and determine all suits, actions and prosecutions instituted in the municipal court pursuant to state law and ordinances of the city. Simply put, this judge presides over legal proceedings involving misdemeanor citations that are issued within the Bozeman City limits. The judge’s purpose is to ensure the law is upheld and applied in a fair and impartial way.

What opportunity do you think having a new judge seat offers Bozeman?

A second seat on the municipal court allows for a critical re-evaluation of our local justice system, including an emphasis on addressing institutional barriers, implicit bias, administrative responses and university/city safety priorities. This provides an opportunity to reassess how well we are serving the needs of the community and what can be done to make our courts more efficient and accessible. For instance, if elected I plan to investigate the viability of offering court times available outside traditional working hours to provide greater access to justice for those working eight to five.

Why should MSU students vote for you?

MSU students who vote for me will appear before a judge who understands the social and financial challenges of attending college and being on your own and responsible for the decisions you make - which may have consequences for the rest of your life; I believe holding people accountable for their actions can be an important learning experience and an incentive to engage in future productive behaviors if given a second chance.

COLLEEN HERRINGTON



- Bozeman Municipal Court Judge
- Retired Montana Army National Guard Officer
- Former public defender

In your mind, what is the purpose of a judge elected to the municipal court position?

A Judge’s role is to listen to the facts and apply the law in an objective and fair manner. This is the way I have always worked and will continue to work as Judge. Bozeman Municipal Court oversees all criminal misdemeanors, traffic citations, and civil Orders of Protection within the City Limits of Bozeman, including MSU. In the past ten years as judge, I have learned the importance of being fair, impartial, and an advocate for justice in the criminal system.

What opportunity do you think having a new judge seat offers Bozeman?

While this position is going to full-time, it is not a new judge seat. With the opportunity to become the second elected judge, I will be able to expand the time I spend at court, to grow the VETS Court, and look towards future opportunities to implement additional models of justice and accountability, like a DUI Treatment Court for the citizens of Bozeman.

Why should MSU students vote for you?

I am one of the first judges that most MSU students will experience, whether due to a class obligation or a citation. I have always given students, when in court for a class obligation, the opportunity to ask questions and speak with me. I will continue to provide this opportunity to the students. For those individuals that appear in front of the court for citations, I will continue to treat each individual with respect and dignity and to be fair and impartial to each case.

SHERYL WAMBSGANS



- Owner and co-founder of Bridger Law
- Substitute Judge for Bozeman Municipal Court

In your mind, what is the purpose of a judge elected to the municipal court position?

In Bozeman Municipal Court, the purpose of the judge is to preside over misdemeanor criminal code violations that occur within the city limits of Bozeman, local ordinance violations, and protection orders. The judge must engage all individuals seeking justice, both defendants and victims, in the process of adjudicating offenses and maintain the rule of law.

What opportunity do you think having a new judge seat offers Bozeman?

Better ability to interact better with our community here. We all know that when we get overworked and stressed and out of time (which happens in an overburdened court system) we don’t perform at our best. I’ve seen this dynamic play out and I pledge to give my best to every individual who comes to Municipal Court. Our opportunity with this election is a fresh start on our city court and I think I have the energy and compassion to take over.

Why should MSU students vote for you?

It is time for a new voice in the justice system of this community. I have made a commitment to advocate for my clients over the years and am dedicated and fair minded. I strive to demonstrate respect for the fundamental principles of law, as well as the individuals that I encounter on a daily basis in and out of the courtroom. I have committed my career to serving the people of Bozeman in the legal community and would be honored to continue to serve as a Municipal Court Judge.

BELGRADE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL SEATS

MAYOR

RUSS NELSON



• Current Belgrade Mayor
• Senior Vice President at First Security Bank Montana

What would your top priorities be as Mayor of Belgrade?

- 1. Get the new \$46mm wastewater treatment plant project complete. It is 50% complete. With the growth of Belgrade, we needed to change from a Lagoon system to a Mechanical treatment.
- 2. Belgrade has formed an Urban Renewal District (TIF) for the core business area and the surrounding area of downtown. Taxes on commercial real estate in the district are frozen and any increase from appreciation in value goes to the TIF. This will give us money to make improvements to the downtown area. I look forward to developing and implementing a plan as there will be enough money in the fund to start the next few years.
- 3. There are discussions about a regional water and wastewater system to be in Belgrade that would serve Bozeman and Manhattan and possibly more.

Why should MSU students vote for you?

I am an MSU Grad “81”. I have 18 years’ experience to help two new council members and a new city manager.

ROBERTA FOG IN THE MORNING

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As of press time, Roberta Fog In The Morning had not responded to the Exponent's questionnaire. Responses received after press time are published on our website, msuexponent.com.

- Member of the Crow Tribe
- Belgrade community member

CITY COUNCIL SEATS

MARTHA SELLERS

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- Works in Development for Montana Wilderness School
- Experience with budgeting and fiscal management
- Past employment includes mentoring youth and helping programs organize, grow and address crises

What would your top priorities be as a Belgrade City Council member?

Safe, efficient transportation of all types — car, truck, bus, train, bicycle and on foot. Continuing to provide homeownership opportunities for young families across all socio-economic levels. Encouraging more business growth, especially for small local businesses. Building infrastructure and services at a pace that meets demand.

Why should MSU students vote for you?

I would use a term other than “should” as that’s much too top down, but I would hope students vote for me because the issues I care about are the issues they care about: access and opportunity, safety, affordability and community-building.

How do you plan to create affordable housing for MSU’s college students and the Belgrade community?

Affordable housing in Belgrade is less of an issue than to our east, but I would like to see Belgrade ensure that some portion of new housing is accessible to young families, especially single-parent homes. I believe we all benefit when we support people from all socio-economic levels and help them feel they are an integral part of our community.

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RENAE MATTIMOE

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- Served on the City Council from 2012-2015
- Office manager for auto transport business

KRISTINE MENICUCCI

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- City Council member since 2013, city ward incumbent
- Intermediate school teacher
- Large involvement with the Belgrade Community Library

ERIC REINHARDT

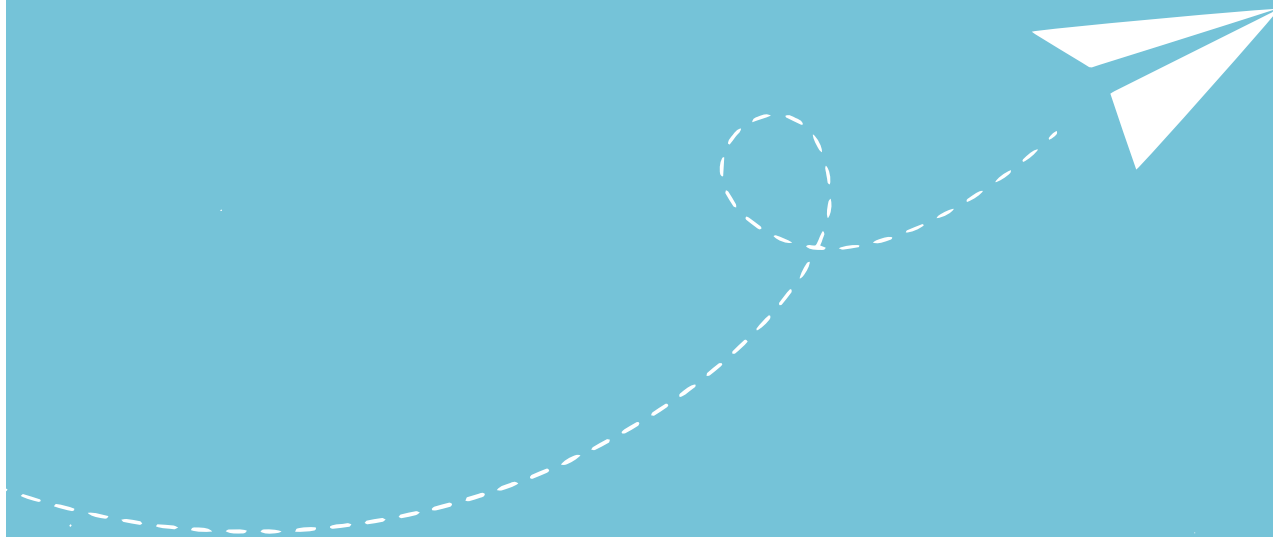
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- Retired law enforcement officer with 27 years of service
- Montana resident for 17 years
- Experience with fiscal management

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THE FUTURE OF BOZEMAN IS UP TO YOU

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STEVE DAINES, UNITED STATES SENATOR



For folks in Bozeman and across the Gallatin Valley, making informed decisions and voting in local elections is increasingly important. Local and statewide officials influence everything from education, to public health and safety, to collecting taxes. That’s why it’s crucial for young Montanans to fulfill their civic duty to vote and be informed on all candidates and issues on the ballot in local and statewide elections.

Young Montanans are the future of our great state and nation—their voices and opinions matter. It’s important to understand what issues impact you, your families and your communities. Being an informed voter gives you the opportunity to support candidates who share your values and your vision for the future. Participating in local elections, however, can extend far beyond just your vote. You can choose to volunteer your time as a poll worker or you can help get folks out to vote for a candidate or cause you believe in.

Whatever your future career plans or long-term goals may be, the decisions you make in current elections will impact you and future generations for years to come. I encourage each and every young

Montanan from Eureka to Ekalaka to be informed, be engaged and to get out and vote in local elections." -- Senator Steve Daines

Daines is a Bozeman native and MSU alumni serving his second term in the United States Senate, representing the state of Montana. He previously served one term in the U.S. House of Representatives as a Republican.

HELEN BRUIL, DEMOCRATIC CAMPUS ORGANIZER



From elementary school social studies to university level political science courses, we hear over and over again the importance of carrying out our civic duty by voting. Then of course, when it actually comes time to vote, all we hear is that our vote doesn’t matter. Votes are set, states are basically open and closed, there’s nothing we can do to change the course of elections.

With a variety of issues on the ballot this election, it’s more important than ever that we step up and vote in local and state elections. At the end of the day, these are the representatives that advocate for our interests on a daily basis – everything from mask mandates to tax policies. Local elections are what build the framework for widespread change.

Some of the issues up on the ballot in the November 2nd election are a fire station bond, a facilities renovation bond, and a community housing levy. In smaller communities, these types of proposals are what provide the opportunities to make real, lasting change. Every election is so much more than filling in a bubble on a form: it’s a cost versus benefit analysis. While the fire station bond would cost property owners an extra \$19 per year, that contribution is giving first responders a more appropriate place to work out of, upgrading to account for a dramatic increase in the size of the population served, making sure that both male and female staff feel comfortable and accommodated, and ensuring that the fire department

has space for all necessary emergency vehicles. However, problems arise when voters don’t look past how much something is going to cost to see the benefit.

Making informed decisions is the backbone of a functional society, and I don’t think this is demonstrated anywhere better than at the polls. People show up ready to vote straight down-ballot, some don’t take the time to understand the complexity of the issues, and many Americans don’t take advantage of their freedom (one might say obligation) to vote at all! While there are many reasons people have for not voting (refusing to choose a “lesser evil”, government skeptics, and those who believe politics “aren’t their thing”, for example), voting is really one of the best ways to step up and take responsibility for the condition of your life, your state, and your country. Voting has never been more important, with ballot issues concerning land and wildlife protection, religion, and educational liberties cropping up more and more.

Overall, I believe that our civic duties extend well beyond voting. Our civic duty is to make informed decisions, using all available knowledge and resources, about what is truly best for our country and our community. With that kind of mindset, the unification we dream of could become a reality.

Bruil was an organizer for Cats for Bullock, and is a pre-business major.

EDITORIAL BOARD ENDORSEMENTS

For students who are still on the edge about who to vote for, or looking to better understand each candidate's merits, the Exponent's editorial board convened to discuss and endorse a candidate from the Bozeman mayoral race and four-year city commission race. The editorial board interviewed each candidate before discussing and voting on their particular race. This monthly editorial column represents the consensus opinion of the Exponent editorial board and serves as the paper's official position on pertinent topics. The Exponent editorial board recently reformed for this edition and will continue to gather to discuss important topics. Throughout the semester, issues will be brought forth at monthly meetings and discussed before a consensus is voted on at the following meeting.

The board values public input and topic suggestions, and invites readers to attend our public comment during the first 15 minutes of our monthly board meeting. Next meeting: Monday, Nov. 1 at 6:30 p.m. in SUB 366.

The board currently has two open seats for MSU students. Those interested should contact Gabe Barnard, our editor-in-chief, at Exponenteditor@montana.edu.

To listen to the full recordings of the candidate interviews, visit this Box folder: <https://montana.box.com/s/vhlmbtizlgxsabsbcdwnn2a9opekzfz>

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COMMUNITY HOUSING LEVY

Bozeman is bursting at the seams with a rapidly growing population, a dilemma forcing MSU students to navigate an increasingly impenetrable housing market that makes it difficult to afford living and studying in Bozeman. The city is in need of a solution that establishes and protects opportunities for renting affordable housing in Bozeman, not only to steward a future here for young community members but also to make living accessible for all current community members.

We had the opportunity to hear a robust array of potential solutions to the housing crisis from the candidates competing for your vote. From the city purchasing lots for housing development to a complete overhaul of Bozeman's development code to incentivizing the development of more rental housing, there was no shortage

of directions for the city commission to take. We're confident that students will see this issue prioritized by all of the current candidates.

The way we see it, the Community Housing Levy provides a necessary foundation for the commission to implement any — ideally many — of the ideas on the table. At an estimated cost of \$33.67 per year to homeowners, the levy would raise a dedicated revenue stream of roughly \$1 million annually for affordable housing measures and projects in the city. The depth and urgency of the housing crisis warrant new funding options outside of the city's general fund, options delivered by this levy.

MAYOR: TERRY CUNNINGHAM

Bozeman should be in for a tight race across the board on Tuesday, Nov. 2, as excellent candidates compete for multiple open city commission seats. The mayor's race is no exception, with current commissioner Terry Cunningham and former finance department employee and long-time city advocate Brian LaMeres vying for the seat with MSU architecture student Chris Brizzolara. The elected candidate will serve as deputy mayor for two years before stepping into the mayor position.

Brizzolara hints at a fresh approach for the city commission, advocating for the city to buy land for affordable housing developments in line with a series of proposals he developed through his experience

in architecture. A student himself, Brizzolara aims to confront housing and water crises and bolster employment opportunities through the lens of a young Bozemanite.

When it comes to city finances, LaMeres cashes in on more than two decades of experience working in Bozeman's finance department and on city boards. This gives him a keen eye for responsible fiscal decisions and a mindset oriented toward allocating appropriate funding within the city's existing budget to address local issues without increasing taxes. He has an ecstatic energy for prioritizing the needs of the public over personal politics in city hall.

Ultimately, the strong alignment of Cunningham's commission track record with student priorities such as

housing, diversity and sustainability earned him the vote of the editorial board. During his current commission tenure, Cunningham has worked with fellow commissioners and local organizations to develop Bozeman's comprehensive Climate Plan, Community Housing Action Plan and Inclusive City Plan. His agenda targets a 5-7% rental vacancy rate to incentivize competition for students renting housing in Bozeman, and he has a demonstrated record of working to raise wages in Bozeman, a crucial step in making living expenses surmountable for students. We see this record as a strong indicator that students will be pleased with results provided by Cunningham in the mayor position.

FOUR-YEAR CITY COMMISSIONER SEATS: EMILY TALAGO

Right now Bozeman is facing new and unique challenges that require a fresh perspective on the City Commission and city government. Emily Talago meets these requirements.

Talago would bring that new perspective to the composition of the City Commission. She knows firsthand the struggles of renters and the low income residents. She works with community groups that support at risk individuals and has made it known she is invested in the Bozeman community.

As a property owner, small business owner and member of the Midtown Urban Renewal Board and Interneighborhood Council, Talago knows the struggles of the younger people, working class and renters of Bozeman. As a younger individual, Talago is 34-years old, she would bring a much needed and fresh perspective to City Hall. These new perspectives will be useful as Bozeman tackles multiple crises like

affordable housing and water.

Talago also is wise fiscally, making sure money is spent well and in the right way. She aims to make sure the budgeting process is transparent so Bozemanites know how their taxpayer dollars are being spent.

In regard to affordable housing, she aims to simplify the building codes of Bozeman. This would grant more freedoms to individuals and builders to construct housing for more people.

Regardless of who you plan to vote for, all MSU students and members of the Bozeman community are encouraged to make their voices heard by voting in the upcoming local election on Tuesday, Nov. 2.

I-HO POMEROY

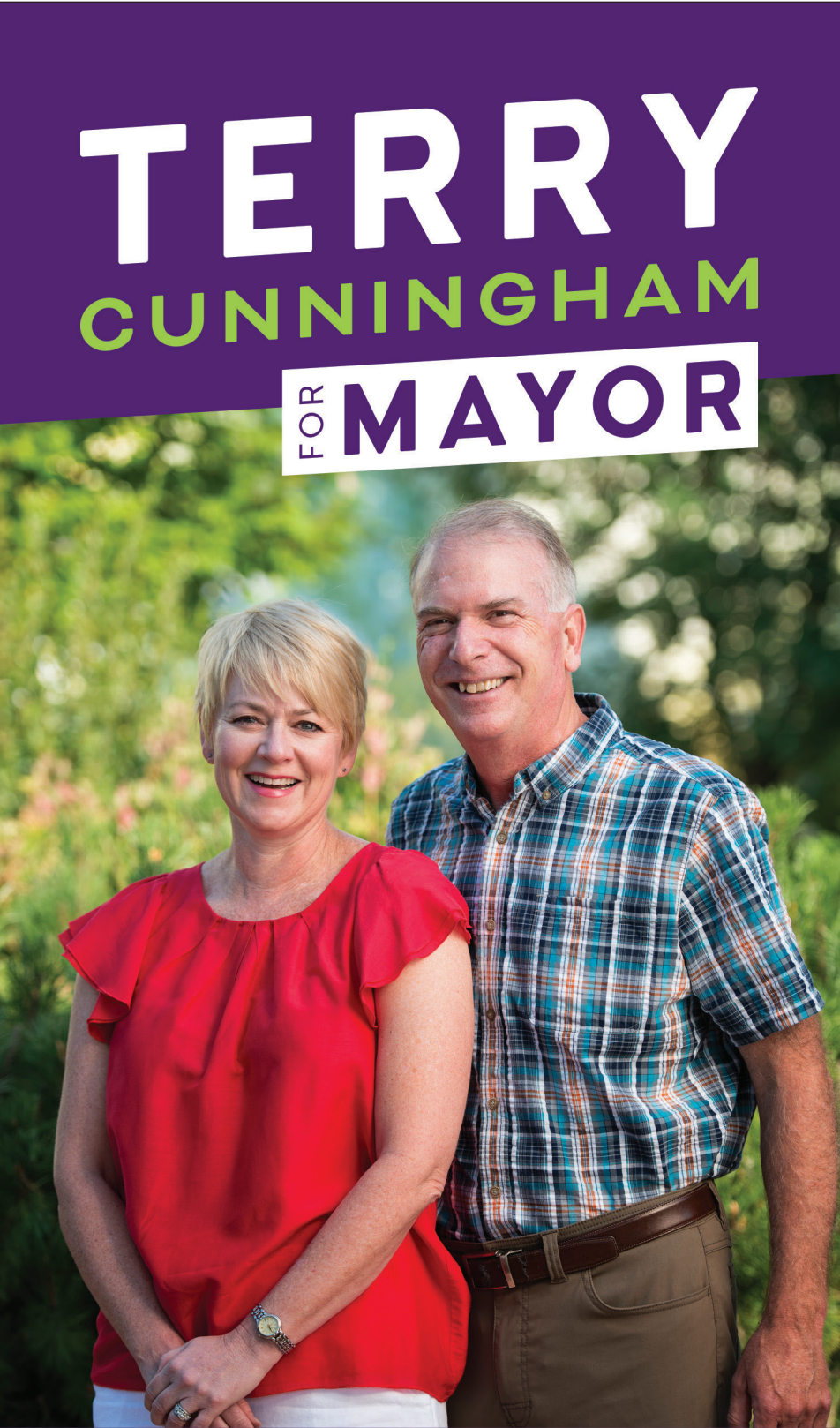
On November 2, Bozeman has an important decision to make. With housing becoming more expensive and the effects of climate change beginning to impact the city directly, the choice for city commission has never been more crucial. Vying for the two open seats are Chris Coburn, who was appointed earlier this year to fill an open seat, I-Ho Pomeroy, running for a third term on the commission, and Emily Talago, looking to win her first term as a city commissioner. The two winning candidates will serve four years on the Bozeman City Commission.

As Bozeman and the rest of Montana emerge from the COVID-19 Pandemic, Coburn offers strong insight with his experience on the Gallatin County Board of Health and working within the Bozeman healthcare system. Coburn also seeks to address the affordable housing crisis in Bozeman by encouraging density within new and existing neighborhoods to ensure that more quality affordable houses can be built.

Talago, running in tandem with Evan Rainey who is seeking the two year seat, looks to overhaul the city zoning codes into a more simple and workable

version to help lower the costs of housing in Bozeman. She also seeks to ensure that the money Bozeman receives from the Federal Government's stimulus program is used responsibly and effectively, while also committing to not raising taxes on small businesses to assist the owners of these businesses.

As a small business owner in Bozeman for 30 years, I-Ho Pomeroy knows firsthand the issues facing both workers and employers and has a strong connection with the City. Her extensive experience and dedication to the city of Bozeman earned her the endorsement of the Exponent's editorial board. During her time on the city commission, Bozeman has made serious progress on affordable housing and environmental policies. Her priorities include conserving Bozeman's water sources, building affordable housing while keeping the city walkable and preserving the natural and recreational spaces in Bozeman. In discussion with the editorial board, Pomeroy also explored implementing a sales or gas tax in Bozeman as a way to gain funding through tourism. These priorities show that students can bank on new directions combined with a solid record in casting a vote for Pomeroy.



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NEWS

Indigenous Peoples' Day art display lights up Peets Hill

BY GUS YEAGER

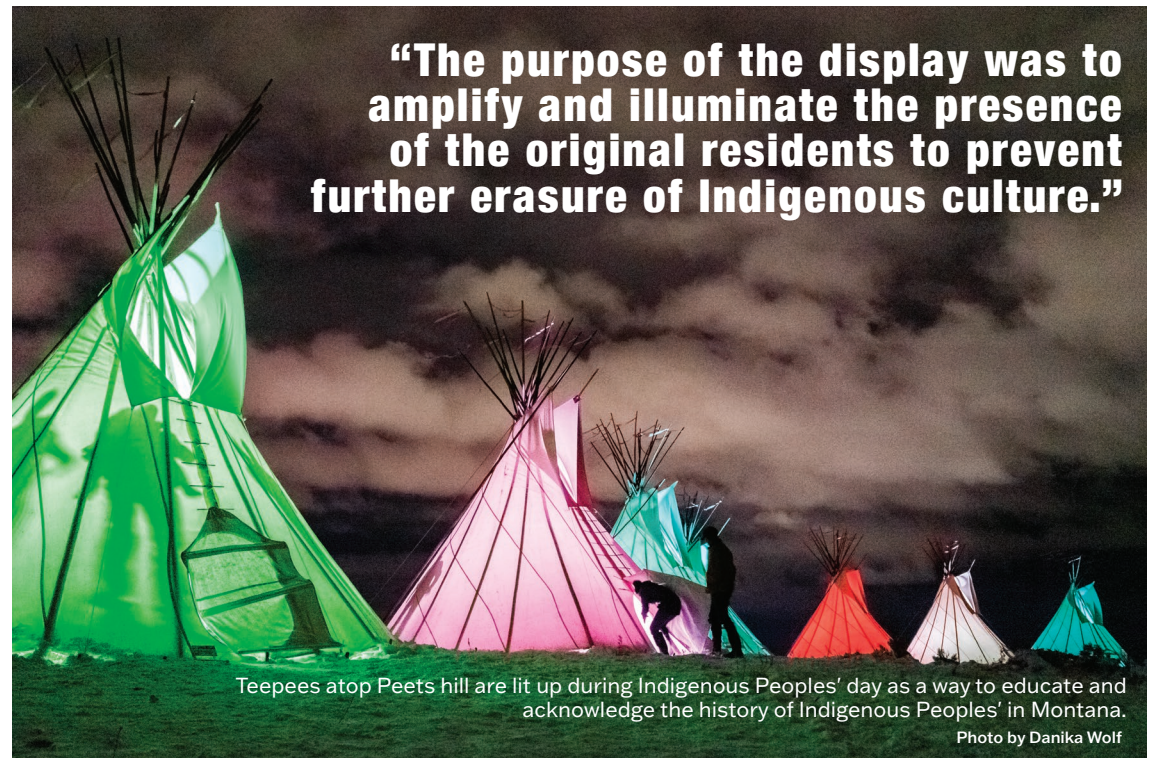
As the sun reaches the crest of Peets Hill, beginning its final stage of descent toward the horizon, seven teepees topping the hill were illuminated, bathing the grassy slope in a vibrant array of colors. This was the scene that awaited those who made the trek up Peets Hill during the days surrounding Indigenous Peoples' Day from Monday, Oct. 18, to Monday, Oct. 19.

The teepees were an art installation by Mountain Time Arts, a local art organization with a mission to "enliven our relationships to the history, culture and environment of the Rocky Mountain West," according to its website.

The purpose of the display was to "amplify and illuminate the presence of the original residents to prevent further erasure of Indigenous culture."

One teepee was lit for every one of the seven tribal nations in Montana, each with a different color. The lighting of the teepees was one element of Bozeman's recent push to further acknowledge and educate those about the land's history, as it pertains to the history of Indigenous people living in the area. MSU has been a part of this effort with the recent opening of the American Indian Hall, as well as increased efforts to recognize the land and resources used by the university.

The lighting of the teepees represents only a small portion of the ongoing endeavor to shed light on the history of indigenous people in the area. While it is certainly one of the more readily visible elements of this campaign, it signals an ongoing shift in the general attitude in regards to the need to further Native American representation.



Local ski films premier in Bozeman

BY JESSICA MCMURTRY

The ski film industry is booming with an abundance of premiers from Bozeman based ski crews. These production teams, such as The Montana Bandits and Entourage, showcased their newest films around town for locals to enjoy. The Montana Bandits kicked off the film premiere season with their debut film, "The Good, The Bad and the Bandits" on Sept. 25 at Bogert Park. Entourage followed with its showing of "YAKTV" on Oct. 1 at the Rialto to an elated crowd.

Benshi Creative premiered "Mixtape" on Friday, Oct. 15, at the Rialto, and the Carnage crew followed with "Wasted Potential" on Saturday, Oct. 16, at the Emerson. Each film emphasized the ongoing stoke for skiing, all in their own unique ways.

MSU students flock to Bozeman, not only for the books but for the slopes as well. These four ski crews, have for the most part, originated from MSU students. "It's really cool, there's always new crews coming in and out from different places to the college. So we all kind of come

together and we have the same love for skiing and focus on that throughout the winter," Sidney Simard, member of Entourage, said.

The development of new ski crews and additional productions creates an exciting atmosphere, including high energy excitement for sharing a passion with others. "We all know each other, and we all support each other because we share the same love for skiing," Simard said. "We all share the common goal of encouraging more people to do something that's really cool, so I don't think it's super competitive but it is definitely to a certain extent."

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MSU hosts grand opening of American Indian Hall

BY MEGHAN AMRHEIN

Saturday, Oct. 16, marked a dream come true for MSU, a long-awaited one at that. At noon, the doors to the American Indian Hall finally opened, and the public got to see the culmination of a process that lasted more than a decade.

What started as a handful of drawings brought to the office of President Emeritus Geoff Gamble in 2004 quickly became a plan for a thriving community building available to all Indigenous People at MSU. However, funding the building proved to be much more difficult than expected, and it wasn't until after 2010 when Waded Cruzado began her term as president that the \$20 million fundraising goal was met. "It became clear to me that I had an important mission to fulfill in furthering Montana State's promise," Cruzado said.

The grand opening ceremony featured many speakers including Gamble and Cruzado, alongside Bryan Newland, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs for the U.S Department of the Interior, Montana Senator Jon Tester and MUS Board of Regents Chairman Casey Lozar.

Dennis Sun Rhodes, the man who presented the drawings to Gamble all those years ago, also gave a speech through teary eyes. "We dreamt about this place," Sun Rhodes said. "We came full circle to many people's dreams."

Sun Rhodes went on to describe the importance of the feather featured on the east side of the building. "The eagle is a major element in our culture, and what it did was that it dropped a feather as it flew by," he explained. "And this one came to Montana State."

The building, which is the most sustainable in the state of Montana with a LEED Platinum Level 4 certification, hopes to foster a community among Native students. The American Indian Hall will be the new home of the American Indian Center, which was previously housed in the basement of Wilson Hall. Since cooking is such an important part of Native cultures, a full kitchen was installed for cooking classes and events. A drum room also sits at the west end of the building. The small room features wood from the trees cut down during landscaping and slabs of rock brought in from eight tribal regions. The rest of the building is fitted with classrooms, study areas and even a meeting room for the Council of Elders, a group assembled during Gamble's presidency to further mentorship opportunities for American Indian students.

"We dreamt about this place...we came full circle to many people's dreams." -Dennis Sun Rhodes



"This year has been 60 years in the making," Cruzado said as she closed out the ceremony. "Our perseverance, our obstination for some, yielded true and paid dividends... (this building) is a testament to what can be done when we unite in the vision of a better and brighter future."

SPORTS

Montana State XC dazzles at pre-nationals view

BY MEREDITH TEUBER

Is your fridge running? If it's not that's okay — the Montana State cross country team is. The season started with a great run for both the men's and women's cross country teams. At the MSU Cross Country Classic, the men placed second out of four, and the women finished in third out of five teams. Both teams also competed against the Griz at the Montana Invitational, with the women finishing in first place. After the Montana Invitational, according to the Montana State Athletics page, Montana State's cross country program director, Lyle Weese commented "I'm excited about our teams having a chance to go up against a field at this level."

Weese spoke before the Florida State Invitational/Pre-National Invitational on Friday, Oct. 15. Having the cross country teams participate in some high level competition seems to spark the excitement about more potential wins to come. At the FSU Invitational/Pre-National Invitational, the men's team placed 12th overall out of the 40 teams, and the women took 28th. Even if this was not the outcome the team had expected, they took it in stride.

Last year the Exponent had the opportunity to speak to junior Duncan Hamilton and reported on sophomore Camila Noe. This past weekend at the FSU Invitational, both paced their respective teams. Noe placed 14th overall while Hamilton finished 12th. Last season, Hamilton was the fastest finishing Bobcat at the Big Sky Cross Country Championship in over 18 years. At the end of the month, Hamilton will likely have the chance to repeat this exciting event and perhaps return to the NCAA Championships.

Both teams have three events to go before finishing up the season. They'll compete at the Big Sky Conference Championships on Friday, Oct. 29, in Oregon, the NCAA Mountain Region Championships on Friday, Nov. 12, in Utah, and on Saturday, Nov. 20, at the NCAA Championships in Tallahassee, Florida. As the team prepares for its next event, community members and students can give runners extra motivation by demonstrating excitement for cross country success. Now I was really looking forward to adding a running pun at the end of this article, but it somehow ran away from me. Either way, good luck to our men's and women's cross country teams and may the course be with you.

Cats win in Ogden, improve to 6-1

BY THOMAS AUSTIN

Bobcat football traveled to Ogden, Utah, on Friday, Oct. 15, for a highly anticipated matchup against Weber State. The Weber State Wildcats found the end-zone early in the game, but MSU would tie the score by the end of the first quarter and keep the game even until halftime. In the second half, the Bobcat defense suffocated Weber State, allowing no points and minimal yardage. Two second-half field goals were all the Cats needed to secure a 13-7 victory and extend MSU's winning streak to six games. The Bobcats' only loss so far this season was at the hands of Wyoming in week one.

Senior defensive end Daniel Hardy had three sacks that accounted for 26 yards lost for Weber State's offense in Friday's game. Hardy leads the Cats' defense this year with eight sacks through seven games, but he emphasized the importance of his teammates' efforts to create opportunities to put pressure on opposing quarterbacks. "I never try to look at it as just me," Hardy said. "I can't do my job without everybody else." The Bobcats' defense has been phenomenal this season, allowing just 10.57 points per game, while Head Coach Brent Vigen's offense scores about 34 points each game on average.

On offense, MSU's running game took the bulk of the workload. The Cats' only touchdown was taken in on the ground by junior quarterback Matthew McKay, and rushing accounted for 146 of Montana State's 222 total yards on offense. Junior running back Isaiah Ifanse led the Bobcats' rushing effort, picking up 83 yards on 25 carries.

Thirteen points were enough to beat Weber State on Friday, but it will likely take more to win against the best teams in the Big Sky Conference. "I think we're more capable on offense — production wise — than we showed," Vigen said. "But [Weber State] is a good team, too. That's a good defense." At the end of the day, Vigen's job is to win and he'll take a win any way he can get it. "We gotta keep improving offensively — there's no question about it — but I know we're a team that can win by leaning on it's defense, too," Vigen said.

Saturday, Oct. 23, the Bobcats face Idaho State at home. The Bengals are 1-5 so far this season but they have the ability to beat stronger teams, as seen in their victory over UC Davis in week six. The Cats are tied for first in the Big Sky Conference and are ranked eighth in the FCS. The Cats have four regular season games left, including matchups against second ranked Eastern Washington and, of course, Montana. Both of these games will be on the road and the Cats will need to bring their absolute best to return home victorious.

Kickoff is at 1 p.m. this Saturday, Oct. 23, in Bobcat Stadium.

Montana State volleyball proves its Blue and Gold spirit

BY LIAM GRAY

The Montana State volleyball team dominated Sacramento State on the court Thursday, Oct. 14. The first set was a tense exchange. The score remained close, and both teams were playing very well. The set finally ended 25-22 with senior outside hitter Hannah Scott acing the final point, barely tipping the ball over the net. The second set started hot, with Scott proving herself again with a spectacular dive and roll to keep the ball in play. Despite great effort, Sacramento won the second set, tying up the match.

The intense energy of the MSU team was apparent throughout the game. Cheering and dancing, the players watching from the bench motivated their team throughout the entire match.

From the start of the third set, it was obvious the Cats were the dominant team. The Cats gained a quick 10 point lead and held it to the end, winning 25-14. The fourth set was just like the third, ending with a score of 25-13. The Cats won the match 3-1 (25-22, 23-25, 25-14, 25-13).

Scott continued to be a standout player. She is a leader on the court and tallied 19 points, more than any player that night. On top of that, she tallied up four aces.

Another stand out player was sophomore outside hitter Kira Thomsen. Thomsen always seemed to have her game face on. "Kira wanted the ball and when she gets that look in her eye, very few can stop that," Head Coach Daniel Jones said. She scored 18.5 points, and that was only part of her contribution to the team. Her quick reaction time and fast feet saved many spikes from Sacramento. She ended up with 18 digs in the match.

The volleyball team had another match on Saturday against Portland State. Unfortunately, the Cats didn't get the desired outcome, losing 1-3 (32-34, 25-17, 27-25, 17-25). "As hard as it

is to lose that match, I truly believe we are right where we need to be. Portland State showed us where we need to improve to win a Big Sky championship," Jones said.

Thomsen scored 15 kills, leading the team. Scott recorded 13. Both athletes had great plays keeping Montana State in the match. Senior libero Libby Christensen had 19 digs.

The Cats will hit the road to take on Northern Arizona in Flagstaff on Thursday, Oct. 21, followed by a match at Southern Utah on Saturday, Oct. 23.



Middle blocker Jordan Radick hits the ball against the Portland Vikings during the Cats' game on Saturday, Oct. 16.

Photo by Sam Negen



PIGSKIN PICK 'EMS

BY EXPONENT SPORTS STAFF:

THOMAS AUSTIN, MEREDITH TEUBER, JAXSON BISHOP & LIAM GRAY

WEEK 8

This weekly series offers a dive into some of the biggest games of college football around the country. Follow along as the Exponent 'experts' offer our analysis of the upcoming weekend's slate of games, featuring some of the most storied NCAA football programs alongside the weekly Cats' game. Don't be afraid to pull up in the comments and tell us when we drop the ball, we don't bite.

RECORD:

Thomas: 12-6 (3-0)

Meredith: 14-4 (3-0)

Jaxson: 13-5 (3-0)

Liam: 3-0 (3-0)

Idaho State (1-5) @ No.8 Montana State (6-1)

**Saturday, October 23 @ 1:00
p.m. in Bobcat Stadium**

THOMAS

This weekend's matchup is a trap game. Idaho State is 1-5, but if the Cats overlook the Bengals like UC Davis did, they'll be in for a surprise. As long as MSU is able to keep its focus against a far less-talented squad in Idaho State, this game should be an easy win for a Bobcat team that's been eating up its Big Sky opponents this season. If not, lookout.

Score: Bobcats 49 - Bengals 14.

MEREDITH

Not only is this game going to be extremely exciting because we can see the Cats prevail again, but the stadium will also be packed in cotton candy pink. Idaho State recently lost to Portland State, a team the Bobcats handled easily earlier in the season. The Bobcats have kept their strong defensive line and the offense will continue to work its way down the field.

Bobcats 35 - Bengals 14.

JAXSON

The Cats' defense continues to dominate. In their most recent game, the Bobcats only allowed 172 yards after the Wildcats marched down the field for 97 yards on their first drive. The offense did not churn out big numbers as they have in weeks past, only producing 222 yards of total offense. But, against a struggling Idaho State team who has given up a whopping 172 points against, Matt McKay and company will light up the Bobcat scoreboard yet again.

Cats win 45-10.

LIAM

Idaho State has been struggling this season, and with the amount of momentum the Cats' have, they might be able to run the score up this week. Hopefully, some of the second string players will get to show off their skills. Occasionally teams get overconfident when the records are this different. However, with the Cats playing on home turf, I am sure they will be sharp and play well.

The Cats' will crush Idaho State 42 - 14.

No.10 OREGON (5-1) @ UCLA (5-2)

Saturday, Oct. 23 @ 1:30 p.m. on ABC

THOMAS

The showdown between the top dogs in the Pac-12 is going down this weekend at the Rose Bowl and Oregon is easily the better team. The Ducks' upside is huge — they beat Ohio State in week two — but they consistently play down to their competition and put themselves in dangerous situations. That's not a winning formula. Oregon will falter again and the team's remaining sliver of hope for a National title will melt in the California sun.

UCLA 32 - Oregon 27.

MEREDITH

Going into this weekend, Oregon is a slight underdog to UCLA. Ranked at #10, it is a slight shocker to see Oregon is not a favorite even though they beat #5 Ohio State. While Oregon has lost, most of their wins have been a little more convincing than UCLA. I say that even though UCLA is a predicted winner, the Ducks will end up on top. I say that even though UCLA is a predicted winner, the Ducks will end up on top.

Oregon 31 - UCLA 24.

JAXSON

This matchup pits two of the most storied college football teams from the Pac-12 against each other on national television. If the Ducks and the Pac-12 Conference hope to have a team in the College Football Championship, this is a must win game for Oregon. The Ducks have struggled in their past two games but I see Oregon traveling to Los Angeles and downing UCLA. Behind a powerful run game and the smothering backfield tandem of C.J. Verdell and Travis Dye, Oregon will leave Rose Bowl Stadium with the win.

Ducks soar over the Bruins, 21-10.

LIAM

Besides the Cats' Game, this will be the most exciting football game this week. UCLA star quarterback Thompson-Robinson has had a shoulder injury since playing Stanford Saturday, Sept. 25. He recovered and played a great game last week against Washington. He will be eager to put on another excellent performance against the Ducks. Since the Ducks have suffered many injuries this season I can't predict they will win.

UCLA will be victorious, 38-24.

USC (3-3) @ No.13 Notre Dame

Saturday, Oct. 23 @ 5:30 p.m. on NBC

THOMAS

Notre Dame is ranked 13th in the nation going into its game against USC, but the Fighting Irish may be one of the best teams in the nation. Their only loss this season was to No. 2 ranked Cincinnati, while the Trojans have lost two out of their last three games, including a 45-27 drubbing at the hands of Oregon State. Notre Dame will win easily and restate their case for a Top-10 ranking.

Score: Fighting Irish 52 - Trojans 24.

MEREDITH

Notre Dame has been a competitive team this season. They crushed Wisconsin, and after their loss they were able to pull it together and beat Virginia Tech. USC has struggled some this season. They have potential, but they also have a defense that seems like they let go when things get rough. The Fighting Irish take this one.

Notre Dame 45 - USC 31.

JAXSON

Week eight features one of the best college football rivalries as the Trojans travel to South Bend, Indiana to take on the Fighting Irish. USC has struggled this season, but that does not take away from the talent the team has. The Trojan offense is capable of putting up impressive marks, scoring 193 points across all competitions, and with a weak Irish defense, I see USC going on the road and showing that the Pac-12 shouldn't be overlooked.

Trojans raid South Bend and win 35-27.

LIAM

USC versus Notre Dame is a classic rivalry. The matchup to watch in this game is Notre Dame safety Kyle Hamilton against USC wide receiver Drake London. Both players are predicted to be first-round draft picks. The Irish are always a good team, but with USC well-rested from coming off a bye week, I am excited to see what happens.

Notre Dame will pull off the win against USC 27 - 24.

OPINION

Redistricting Reimagined

BY BRADY BREMER

Every 10 years, with the release of new population census data, states are responsible for redrawing their congressional and state legislative districts. This is to ensure that the populations within each district are distributed equally and to preserve communities with similar political interests. However, in recent redistricting processes, especially the one currently happening nationwide, the debate over gerrymandering pops back into the minds of many Americans.

Gerrymandering as defined by Merriam-Webster is “the practice of dividing or arranging a territorial unit into election districts in a way that gives one political party an unfair advantage in elections.” Of course, gerrymandering isn’t quite this simple, as there are several districts that may look gerrymandered. One of these is Illinois’ fourth district, which often headlines as a prime example of gerrymandering, despite existing as a Hispanic-majority district so that the Hispanic community of Illinois is ensured equal representation and can send a representative to congress. Districts like Texas’ second district, however, intentionally work around and split minority communities so that the representatives of that district are more likely to be Republican.

Gerrymandering is an inherently anti-democratic strategy that, in the current political atmosphere, both parties utilize to attempt to maintain as many seats in Congress as possible. This means the House of Representatives currently isn’t and will likely remain unrepresentative of the will of the people nationwide. In order to protect our nation and its institutions, it’s time to put an end to partisan gerrymandering.

There are a number of bills introduced by legislators that would achieve this goal, such as the For The People Act introduced by Rep. John Sarbanes (D-MD) or the Redistricting Reform Act introduced by Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-MN). Both of these bills would ban gerrymandering at a federal level. This idea has received pushback by many as it could be seen as a federal overstep on a state’s rights. However, Congress has made overarching rules about how states are to seat representatives in the past, banning multi-member districts in 1967, and banning gerrymandering would fall in the same vein of laws as this.

With the American political landscape becoming increasingly polarized and toxic, Congress should act to take steps to prevent a full meltdown. By banning gerrymandering and ensuring that every single American is represented fairly and equally in congress, we can ensure a better and more equitable system to help restore and rebuild a more sustainable American politics.

Walking With A Purpose

BY RILEY FERRÉ

When you picture a bustling city, what images pop into your mind? I suspect the majority of these thoughts include cars. Yellow taxis lining sidewalks, elevated highways full of automobiles zooming by, freeways congested with glaring tail lights and pedestrians standing at crosswalks waiting for a safe time to cross the street. Our cities have been built for cars continuously adjusted to compensate for an increased demand for cars. Developing “walkable” cities and neighborhoods should be prioritized to contribute to the health of the population and planet.

Citizens of the United States have become increasingly reliant on cars, resulting in individuals and cities falling into automobile dependency. Todd Litman, the founder and executive director of the Victoria Transport Policy Institute, discusses important factors in the cycle. Litman highlights many factors contributing to this concept, including the idea that dispersed development patterns lead to an increase in vehicle ownership, which leads to automobile oriented transport planning. To some planners, it makes sense to expand roads and increase parking requirements if the demand for cars is estimated to grow. However, Litman states in an article titled “Breaking the Cycle of Automobile Dependency” that “The downsides, such as reduced travel options..., more dispersed destinations ..., and the additional costs that result, are often overlooked in planning analysis.”

A “walkable” area includes a variety of factors. In an article published by Forbes titled “Walk This Way: Why Pedestrians Hold The Key To Sustainable Cities”, Professor Billie Giles-Corti states that people are more likely to walk in cities that offer three specific attributes: Connected street networks, easy access destinations and levels of density high enough to support high quality public transport and local services. In short, pedestrians are prioritized in “walkable” cities.

There are a number of benefits associated with placing pedestrians over cars. Walking is an extremely healthy mode of transportation. Developing “walkable” cities would also be more time efficient. Denser neighborhoods would decrease the time one individual spends commuting.

In 2019, 29% of our country’s greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions were accounted for by transportation, making this sector the largest contributor of U.S. GHG emissions. Therefore, less driving would result in a decrease in emissions, critical to the health of the environment. Finally, shifting away from focusing on automobiles would be safer overall. Laurie Winkless, author of the Forbes article, writes, “From the poor air quality that results from vehicle exhaust emissions and tire wear, to driver, cyclist and pedestrian road deaths and noise pollution, having so many people reliant on their cars disadvantages everyone.” From 2010 to 2019, the number of people killed by drivers while walking in the U.S. increased by 45%. These deaths can and should be prevented.

How do we do this? How do we make such a drastic shift in urban developments? In new areas yet to be constructed, levels of density must be optimized. This would include deviating away from building large housing developments outside of city centers far away from amenities, services and work spaces. In areas that are already established, it would be important to repurpose activity centers. Professor Billie Giles-Corti explains this idea, stating, “So instead of having a big shopping center, repurpose some of that infrastructure for housing, sports facilities and other amenities.” Green spaces such as parks could be added to provide nice places to walk and contribute to the health of the environment, and cities could adopt traffic calming measures. This would include creating spaces where pedestrians and motorized vehicles would be able to operate in harmony. More vegetation would be included, as well as lower speed limits and high-quality sidewalks.

Cars have their purpose and have enabled humans to accomplish amazing feats and experience life changing journeys. However, it is simply not sustainable to keep accommodating cars when an alternate option is available. Imagine how peaceful it would be if city centers consisted of beautiful pathways filled only with the noise of shoe soles on the ground. Prioritizing pedestrians is the key to sustainability in our nations’ cities.

CULTURE

Books & Beans: coffee shops for studying this fall



MSU student Jack Giesen enjoys a beverage while studying in Wild Joe's Coffee Spot.
Photo by Sam Negen

BY ANGELA CATEORA

With midterms already upon us, and finals week closer than we'd like to think, the need for a study sanctuary looms larger every day. There are so many factors that go into finding the perfect spot, and it can be difficult to find the time to pick out your perfect study locale. As a seasoned coffee-shop-studier, I feel I have some sort of authority on the amenities shops around Bozeman offer. Each shop listed here will be analyzed on five criteria: 1) "The Cost of Existence" (How much does a standard 16oz latte cost?), 2) Outlets (What's the power situation like), 3) The Vibe (What's it like in there? Will there be distractions like open mic nights or rowdy Bible Study groups?), 4) Hours (How late can I be there, how late can I order a coffee without judgement) and finally 5) Honorable Mentions (What makes this place unique?). Without further ado:

Wild Joe's Coffee Spot ★★★★★

Wild Joe's is located on Main Street across from the Ellen Theater. Because of its location, parking can be a pain, but it's worth it sometimes just for the reward of browsing Main's shops after you're done with your work. A 16oz latte costs \$4.75, and Wild Joe's' menu includes lots of delicious specials, my favorite being the Scorched Earth Mocha. Is open until 6:00 p.m., which offers great flexibility during the day, but cuts evening study sessions a little short. The space can get quite loud during peak hours, so if you need complete silence, I would not necessarily recommend this spot. The outlet situation is pretty good at Wild Joe's, by my estimation only a couple tables have no outlet access.

Ghost Town Coffee Roasters ★★☆☆

Ghost Town is, in my opinion, the best cup of coffee in town. Ringing in at \$5 for a 16oz latte, this spot is at the upper end of the price range. While the coffee is great, both Ghost Town locations are not that conducive to studying. The Bridger Center Drive location is spacious, but is just too far out of the way for my taste. The Olive Street location is far closer, but the space inside is very small, with limited seating and not too many outlets. The space is all floor to ceiling windows, so it gets a bit sauna-like in there in the afternoons. Both locations close at 5 p.m., which may be good for daytime studiers, but again cuts evenings short.

Cold Smoke Coffeehouse ★★★★★

Cold Smoke is a quasi-local chain that is a real contender for my favorite study spot. There truly is always a wild conversation to eavesdrop on (for example: AA Sponsor meetings or heated Bible Study discussions), and there are outlets practically at every table. After noon their breakfast burritos are discounted, and let me just tell you, there are few things better than a discounted panini-ed breakfast burrito to prime your brain for maximum knowledge absorption. A 16oz latte costs \$4.25, they are open until 7 p.m. (though closed on Sundays) and with abundant high-backed booths at both the 19th Street location and the Huffine location, there are few places better to hunker in for some high intensity studying.

International Coffee Traders ★★★★★

International has been, I'm sure, part of most MSU students' studying experiences. In my opinion, the coffee is not that good, clocking in at \$4.00, but the proximity to campus really can't be beat. Outlets are not abundant, and you often have to hang around for a while waiting for a table during peak hours. During the warmer months it gets almost unbearably hot inside due to the giant windows, but in the winter it is nice and cozy. The plants add a lovely atmosphere, and they offer some pretty delicious breakfast sandwiches. International is open until 7 p.m. every day.

Maleeya Knows His Gun becomes new Miss Indian MSU

BY FINLEY PANNO SHEPARD

In the past few weeks, the Native American Studies Department, American Indian Council and the American Indian/Alaska Native Student Success Center have been overwhelmingly busy, planning events for Indigenous People's Day, American Indian Heritage Day, MSU Homecoming and the grand opening of the American Indian Hall. A special moment among the exciting chaos was the annual election of a new Miss Indian MSU. Typically, Miss Indian MSU has a tenure of one year, and passes their crown to an individually chosen predecessor at the annual MSU Powwow. With the postponement of in-person Powwows due to COVID-19, the election process took place through video submissions. This year, Tavia Torralba, Cheyenne Whiteman and Maleeya Knows His Gun submitted self-nomination videos, discussing their identities, values and goals.

After an online vote, Knows His Gun, a sophomore studying nursing, won the election and has begun taking on the responsibilities of being Miss Indian MSU. In her first major public appearance as Miss Indian MSU, Knows His Gun was part of the American Indian Council's parade float during the Homecoming parade down Main Street. "It was very cold, but it was very fun! It was engaging, I would stop and people would talk to me, we would converse back and forth. I was a little scared, but I also had a lot of adrenaline because of all the people I was seeing."

Knows His Gun has been busy since being elected; not only having a central part in the Homecoming parade, but also the Lighting of the Teepees on Peets Hill for Indigenous Peoples Day and, most recently, the opening of the American Indian Hall. While Knows His

Gun explained the grand opening, she could not stop smiling, "It exceeded my expectations. I am so excited to actually move in there. It was amazing to hear the words from President Cruzado and other administrators, but I especially valued hearing the students speak, and the experience of letting our voices be heard about this building and expressing how much of home this is going to be for us." Knows his Gun, a dancer since she could walk, danced in the opening procession, and was among the first people to enter the new building.

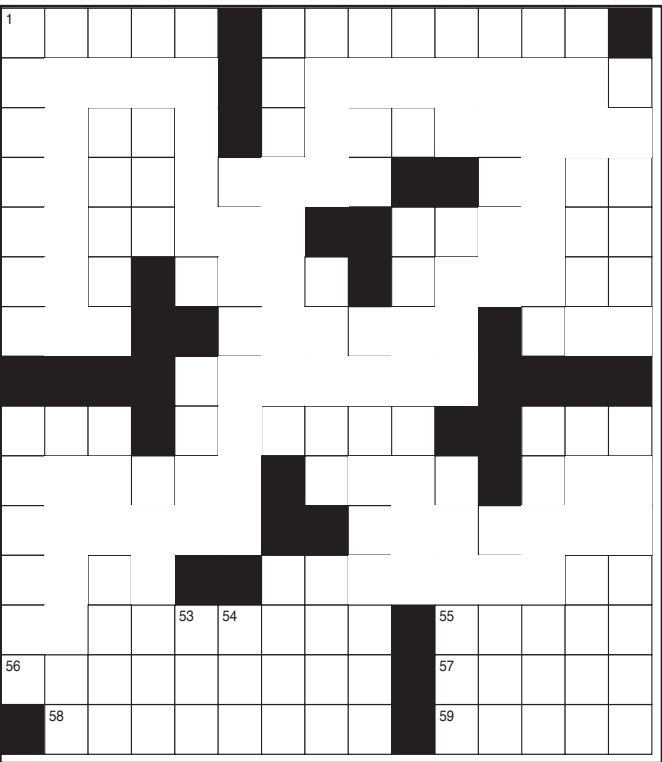
She is excited to help grow the Native community at MSU during her tenure as Miss Indian MSU. "I'm getting the feel for it. I'm younger than the previous Miss Indian MSUs, but maybe it will spice it up a bit," she said. Knows His Gun does not handle her new title lightly, "What [being Miss MSU means to me] is definitely a place for me to advocate for my people, for myself, for MSU. Getting to spread the word and helping educate others on Native topics and the things we go through, such as MMIP (Missing and Murdered Indigenous People) and Every Child Matters," she said. As a previous Powwow Princess, Knows His Gun understands the importance of Miss Indian MSU to the Native youth community. "Being a role model for the reservation kids back home is important because there is a stigma that we are not smart enough for higher education; so encouraging those kids to come and pursue college education is a part of what I want to do," she said.

While discussing her future as Miss Indian MSU, Knows His Gun could not stop smiling, nor could she mask expressing the immense excitement she felt with this opportunity to inspire people and encourage greatness within Native communities.

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15. 305 and 786, e.g.
17. "Let ____ Cake" (1933 Gershwin musical)
18. Before long
19. Not drawn, as a gun
21. "The Censor" of ancient Rome
22. Piled carelessly
23. Band together
25. Chablis, for one
26. Keystone State city
28. 1962 Wayne film
29. Cockney's noggin
30. Theatrical parodies
32. "The Gray Lady" (abbr.)
33. Driver's ID
34. Miss Piggy's "me"
37. Spinners hit "____ Kind (Love Affair)"
38. Mason's brick carrier
41. Baseball segment
43. Bitter squabble
45. Loan abbr.
46. Gals
47. Loner
49. Natural burn remedy
50. Has an effect
52. Egyptian Queen
55. Aminos, e.g.
56. Irish Protestants
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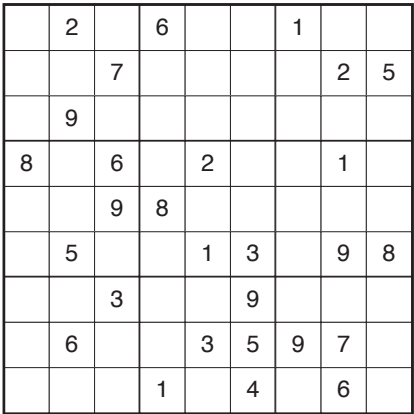
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2. Cleaning compound
3. Reykjavik's nation
4. Dog strap
5. Seat for two or more
6. Wig
7. Ocean eagle
8. Scan
9. Mother, in British colloquialism
10. Sphere starter
11. Rum Tum Tugger, for one
12. Creative guy
13. Time period
16. "Don't!"
20. Pair of studs, e.g.
23. Word books
24. Alleviate
27. "The ____ St. Agnes"
31. Without emotion
33. Unassisted
34. Alyssa of "Who's the Boss?"
35. Ready for an engagement
36. To the extent that, with "as"
38. Hispaniola resident
39. Chose, as an action
40. Chest of drawers
42. "____ difference" ("It's all the same to me")
44. Break off
48. Large prefix
50. Drew Carey's eyeshadowed nemesis
51. Coast-to-coast hwy.
53. Mil. unit
54. Hue holiday

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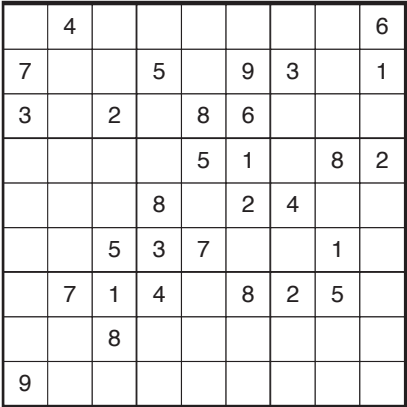
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