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Cutting constituents off from the opportunity to engage in public comment is the ultimate disrespect to students and the public at large. It means many members of the public can't express their views to their elected representatives, which means many important voices go unheard.

For the second time, Montana's Public Service Commission cancelled an open meeting shortly before its scheduled time on Oct. 15. The agency, which is responsible for regulating "the rates and service quality for investor owned electric, natural gas, water, waste-water, and legacy telecommunication compa-

nies," was scheduled to discuss a fee that would make using solar energy more expensive for many Montanans.

UM students and Missoula residents who opposed the fee took time off of classes and work to drive nearly two hours to Helena so they could participate in public comment. They were given no explanation regarding the cancellation.

Regardless of the reasons behind cancelling the meetings, the PSC's move signaled a lack of respect and consideration for constituents' opinions. The public should have ample opportunity to know the time and location of any public meet-

ing. They should also have ample opportunity to reschedule based on any changes. The government's ability to function depends on a robust connection with the public, yet there are still many barriers to participation, especially among students.

According to an annual survey conducted by U.S. News, between 2016 and 2017, fewer than 50% of university students nationwide brought a car to campus. Since nearly all meetings between state government officials are held in Helena, many students may not have a way to travel to them. Those who do often must take time off from their

classes or work, spending a significant amount of money on gas in the process.

When officials cancel an open meeting, they limit the voices they hear about an issue. Student participation in government doesn't just depend on students' efforts to participate. It also depends on the government's willingness to accommodate and respect their participation.

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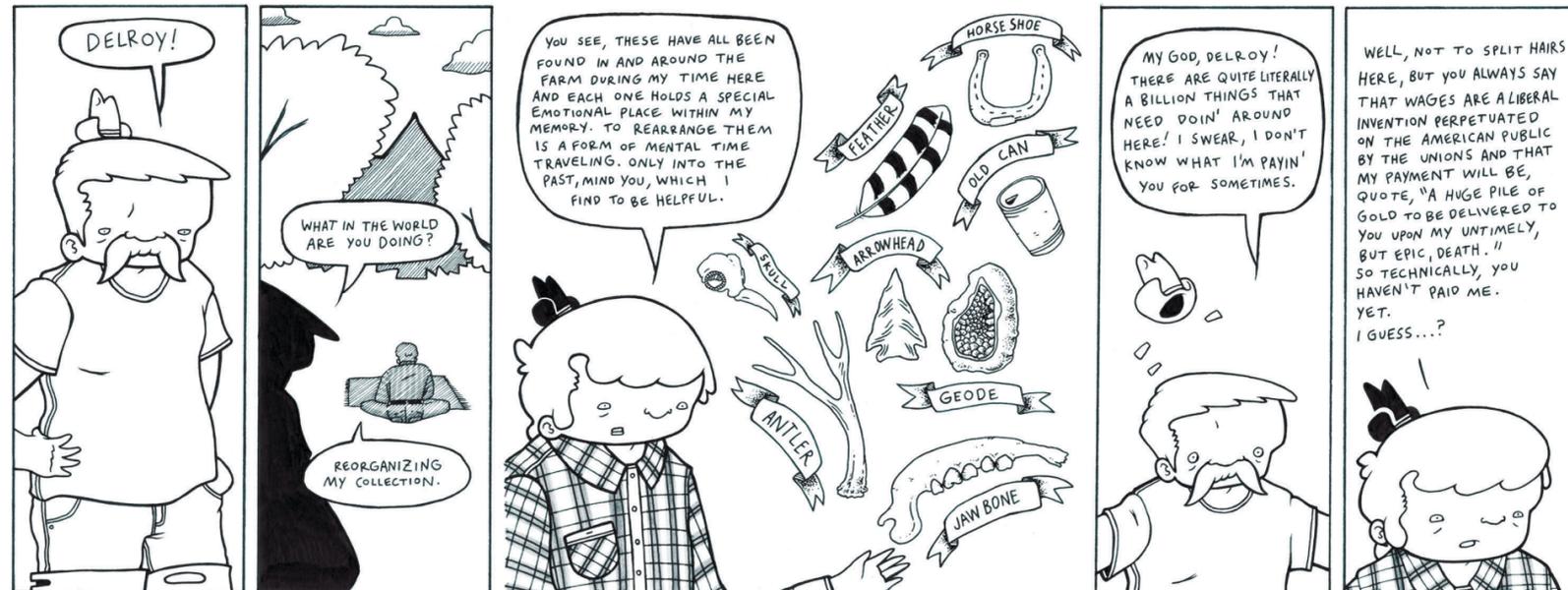
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UM, GRIZ ATHLETICS GETS SUED... AGAIN

A man filed a civil lawsuit against a Griz football player and the University after the football player pleaded guilty in January to a misdemeanor assault, according to the Missoulian. Lorenzo Brown, a defensive end for the Griz, punched the man in the face, knocking out one of his teeth and breaking his upper jaw at a house party last November. The victim, Noah Willison, alleges that he has already paid over \$5,000 in medical bills, despite monthly restitution from the perpetrator. Brown was ordered to pay Willison more than \$27,000 through monthly payments of \$100 over 22 years, but Willison's attorney alleges the victim needs compensation now. Willison is also filing a lawsuit against UM, head football coach Bobby Hauck and Athletic Director Kent Haslam. The student-athlete code of conduct at UM requires that players charged with misdemeanor assault be suspended from a minimum 10% of games, but the Griz roster still includes Brown as a redshirt freshman. (HELENA DORE)

FLAVORED VAPE BAN BLOCKED

A judge in Ravalli County blocked Gov. Steve Bullock's emergency ban of flavored e-cigarette products after three Montana vape shops and one tobacco industry group filed a lawsuit. The shops argued that the 120-day ban, set to start Oct. 22 and be in place until Feb. 19, did not give the public enough warning before the ban was set to go into place and the ban on flavored vape products would harm Montana businesses without any proof

of what is causing pulmonary illnesses. The lawsuit said around 20 shops in Montana could be in danger of closing if the ban went into effect. Bullock's office said the purpose of the ban is for researchers to look into illnesses and deaths linked to e-cigarettes, according to a press release from the Governor's Office from Oct. 8. The Montana Department of Health and Human Services has reported three deaths linked to vaping. The Center for Disease Control has linked vaping to nearly 1,500 pulmonary illness cases and more than 30 deaths nationwide. (SYDNEY AKRIDGE)

MONTANA WOMAN IN NASA'S FIRST ALL-WOMAN SPACE WALK

Christina Koch and Livingston resident Jessica Meir took part in NASA's first all-woman space walk on Oct. 15. The two women fixed a broken part on the International Space Station. Koch and Livingston join 13 other women before them to participate in space walks, according to NASA. The first planned all-female space walk scheduled in March 2019 did not happen because of a spacesuit sizing issue. (SA)

BOMB SCARE AT HELENA SCHOOL

Officials evacuated close to 500 students at Rossiter Elementary School and locked down nearby schools on Oct. 15 after a suspicious object thought to be a homemade explosive device was reported on the playground. Lewis and Clark County police later reported that the object was a plastic water bottle wrapped in tape and was not dangerous. (SA)



Misidentified minors, shattered shields and golf cart capers

OCT. 10: BANNACK PANIC

University of Montana police assisted in issuing an order of restitution after somebody decided to smash the windshield of a car parked in Bannack Court. Along with a criminal mischief charge, the offending shield shatterer must pay for damage to the car. When asked for a motive, UMPD Lt. Giffin said, "Who knows? They're still going to pay for it."

OCT. 11: ROLLER DURPY

The saga between skateboarders and campus police continued this week. After receiving two weeks of calls about inconsiderate skaters around the UC and the Interdisciplinary Science Building, police met up with three "amateurs" at the Gallagher Building. They asked the three, who were not UM students, to take their decks elsewhere.

OCT. 12: GRINDING GEARS

The mobile mayhem continued, with several people commandeering a golf cart parked at the UC. They took the cart on a joyride to the top floor of the campus parking garage, where police soon met them. The group, who also were not students, surrendered the cart and apologized. Police did not press any charges.

OCT. 14: CABLES NOT CUTTING IT

After leaving a bike locked with a cable at the rack near the Music Building, a student returned to find a cut cable and no bike. The owner did have a registration number handy, and it has since been added to a database in case anyone attempts to pawn the stolen bike.

OCT. 15: A CHAIN OF HEART

A bike locked up with a chain near the University Center met a similar fate. Both



chain and cable put up little resistance against bolt cutters. As always, Lt. Giffin said students can buy U-locks from from the Office of Public Safety for \$20 and register their bikes with the University.

OCT. 15: COMBS OVER

Somebody attending the Luke Combs concert at the Adams Center seemed to love country music but hate subtlety. Police halted the "clearly inebriated" concertgoer a little over a half hour into the show. A quick bit of investigating revealed that the person was not only underage, but also possessed a fake ID.

OCT. 18: SECONDHAND SLEUTH

A student in Duniway Hall apparently took all of the negative press surrounding e-cigarettes to heart and switched back to harmless tobacco. After lighting up in the hallway, however, a carcinogenic cloud lingered. Although RAs alerted campus police, they could not locate its source.

OCT. 18: HAPPY FEET

Police rushed to the parking lot near the Mansfield Library in response to somebody blasting loud music and dancing. Upon questioning, police determined that the person had no malicious intentions and was "just feeling very happy." They asked him to turn his music down before letting him continue to boogie.

OCT. 18: PUMPKIN SOMETHIN'

Through whatever means, a pumpkin once again slid its way onto the spire atop University Hall for the 22nd time. During Lt. Giffin's five years with UMPD, he's seen only one arrest for trying to uphold the tradition. He personally takes no issue with a gifted climber spreading a little harmless Halloween havoc, "so long as they don't fall off."

UM takes new measures to prepare for the worst

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Fans attending the Grizzly home games at Washington-Grizzly Stadium for the past few weeks walked past a new feature: bollards—defensive traffic posts—installed to prevent anyone from running a vehicle into the tailgating crowds.

In addition to bollards, which protect an average of 20,000 tailgaters per game, Grizzly Athletics have also implemented a "clear bags" policy for home games, limiting those entering the stadium to plastic bags and purses no bigger than a clutch. Magnetometers at the stadium entrance also became a new screening measure at the start of the football season.

The threat of gun violence in K-12 schools and on college campuses has pushed an overhaul in the University's preparation for the worst.

"It's unfortunate, sure, but I think people understand that it's just part of the world we live in these days," said Lt. Brad Giffin of the University of Montana Police Department.

More than 400 people were shot across 132 college campuses between 2001 and 2016, according to research from the non-profit Citizens Crime Commission of New York City. Montana hasn't seen an active shooter on any campus since 1990, when a Montana State University student shot and killed two others in a dorm room. In July 2019, an MSU employee shut down the entire Bozeman campus after making threats to "end it all" and take anyone with him.

An armed robbery in 2014 locked down UM's campus and half of Missoula while police

tracked down the suspect.

"What we learned from the lockout was that our response times in locking exterior doors to all buildings needed serious improvement. I think it took police two hours to lock up all of the buildings," Emmett said.

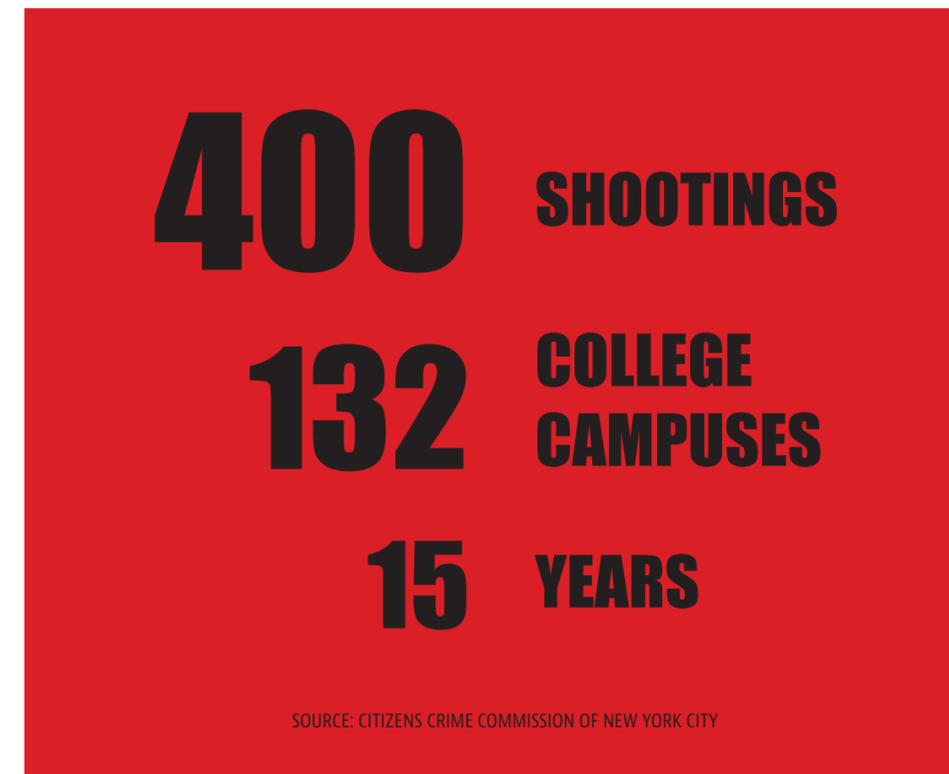
All the residence halls and most of the newer buildings on campus have exterior door Griz Card locks that can be locked automatically in an emergency. Currently, UM safety policy advises all those on campus outside during a lockout to go to the western entrance of the University Center.

Missoula College faced a similar lockdown in 2018, when law enforcement searched for an armed suspect throughout East Missoula.

Giffin has distributed Stop The Bleed kits, purchased through a surplus in workers' compensation funds, to roughly one-third of the buildings on campus. His goal is to ensure that all of them will eventually be supplied with kits for handling trauma, he said. Giffin also began to teach every emergency response team assigned to each building how to properly apply the tourniquet and chest seal that comes with each kit.

"When it comes to planning for campus safety in terms of emergency preparedness, you perform a threat assessment that takes into account the probability and severity of a threat to determine the risk, and plan accordingly," said the UM Safety Program manager Chuck Emmett.

"Preparing for active shooters gets a lot of emphasis in K-12 and higher-ed institutions, since these



incidents have been increasing." For the past four years, Emmett worked to assign an emergency team for each building, and developed classroom emergency procedures for all the major classrooms on campus. They also provided each team with a detailed escape plan for every room in their assigned building.

Emmett and the recently established Campus Preparedness and Response Group, which includes UMPD and members of UM's administration, engaged in an active shooter tabletop exercise this last summer. Other exercises conducted to date included a bomb threat scenario, a winter weather event, and

even a meningitis B outbreak. Nothing affects preparedness more, Emmett said, than practicing our responses to a variety of potential emergencies. Administrators have also begun discussions to update the 17 emergency phones installed throughout campus, and those in the University Villages. The current phones have a push-to-talk system that immediately links to UM police.

Starting November, according to Emmett, talks will begin with the emergency phone company, Code Blue, to possibly install additional emergency phones with video capability, as well as a loudspeaker system for

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broadcasting emergencies. "The loudspeaker system would be ideal. And unlike some campuses threatened by tornadoes or hurricanes, things that we don't really need to worry about here in Missoula, we don't have any kind of civil defense broadcast system to alert us," he said.

According to Giffin, UM hasn't faced any overt threats similar to the threat made at MSU this July or in the five years that he's been with UMPD.

"But it's where a lot of people meet in large groups, and that makes it a target area. Not being prepared would be irresponsible," Giffin said.

Proposed solar energy fee sparks opposition among students

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Students opposed to a proposal that would make it more expensive for Montana residents to use solar energy traveled to Helena on Oct. 15 to voice their concerns, but the Montana Public Service Commission cancelled the meeting an hour before it started.

Justin Kraske, the chief legal counsel for the Montana Public Service Committee, said the meeting was canceled because at least three of the five commissioners were not present. The meeting has been rescheduled for Oct. 22.

NorthWestern Energy has proposed adding an extra rate for new residential customers who opt to use solar energy. One of the main electricity providers in Montana, NorthWestern Energy's proposed charge would require new net-metering customers to pay an extra monthly fee.

Net-metering customers generate their own electricity and can give any surplus energy back to NorthWestern Energy's electric grid. This surplus energy can be repaid in the form of credit on future bills, according to NorthWestern Energy's official webpage.

Currently, net-metering customers only pay about 65% of the costs associated with using NorthWestern's energy grid, the company's website states. The overall costs to keep the grid running are fixed, so customers only pay for the amount of energy they use from the grid. Over time, without the extra demand charge, customers who don't generate their own energy will need to pay more to cover the costs of the grid.

If the proposal passes, NorthWestern would tack on an additional fee for new net-metering customers. For each customer, NorthWestern would multiply the number of kilowatts of energy used during the hours of the month with the highest rate of use by \$8.64.

Before it can be implemented, the proposed fee must be reviewed and approved by Montana's Public Service Committee, which regulates rates and services provided by utility companies. The committee must reach a final deci-



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sion by Dec. 27, 2019. However, the Public Service Committee (PSC) has cancelled the past two open meetings, the latest on Oct. 15, cutting off public comment.

Jan and Harold Hoem helped form Montana Elders for a Livable Tomorrow, or MELT, almost 10 years ago in Missoula to support better environmental conditions for future generations after attending a lecture about sustainability at UM. Jan left Missoula for Helena at 7 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15, so that she and others could participate in public comment about the matter. She said she was notified about the cancellation only an hour before the meeting started, with no explanation.

"Trying to get public participation is what they're supposed to be doing as a PSC," Harold said. "They dropped the ball on the public end of that by doing this. They don't encourage public participation, and it's really unfortunate."

Jan said when people do install clean energy, which is often expensive, one of their motives is knowing that the investment will pay off over time. She said if

NorthWestern Energy starts imposing fees, it's going to make it a longer payback. This, in turn, will make going solar less attractive for people because they will feel like they can't benefit from the long-term payoffs.

"To do something like these demand charges, you are really attacking the people who are trying to get a solar energy industry going and the people that want to use it," Jan said.

UM student Esther Lyon Delsordo met Jan at the climate march in September 2019. Delsordo said she planned on attending the latest meeting, which was cancelled, but had class. Delsordo tried to attend an earlier meeting on Oct. 8, but the PSC cancelled that one as well. Fortunately, she hadn't yet left for Helena.

Delsordo said that having grown up in Missoula, it makes a lot of sense to want to protect the natural world she grew up playing in. She also said that the new demand charge is a way to damage the potential growth of the renewable energy industry.

"This just feels like another way to take away the voice for renewable energy," Delsordo said.

"It's important for Montanans because if politics is not going to work to influence the energy movement here in Montana, then it's going to have to be private people in their own homes and their own neighborhoods, organizing on their own and making the shift to renewables. And if that benefit isn't there, it's going to be hard to do that in the grassroots sort of way."

Melody Hollar is a UM student double majoring in ecosystem sciences and restoration and philosophy and minoring in environmental studies. She wanted to attend the most recent meeting, but was unable to because she had class. She said with the growth of renewable energy, it feels like NorthWestern Energy is preventing people from participating in that growth. She said it's bad for climate change and economic policy in the long run.

"This is, I think, a really strange interaction in Montana values because I feel as though Montana is very much about independence and self-sufficiency, and solar goes perfectly with that," Hollar said.

Pooping for a cause: Ducks find home with UM Dining

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The UM Gardens manager sat in the Food Zoo garden last Tuesday, Oct. 13, and fed a flock of white ducks some mealworms as they quacked contently.

The ducks are female Welsh Harlequins, which are known for the ability to adapt in their environment. Male Harlequins are brown with a greenish head, compared to the creamy white female ducks at the Food Zoo. UM Gardens manager Anastasia Orkwiszewski brought the ducks to UM in the spring of 2018.

"They've really been a great addition to our sustainability and our school agriculture program," Orkwiszewski said.

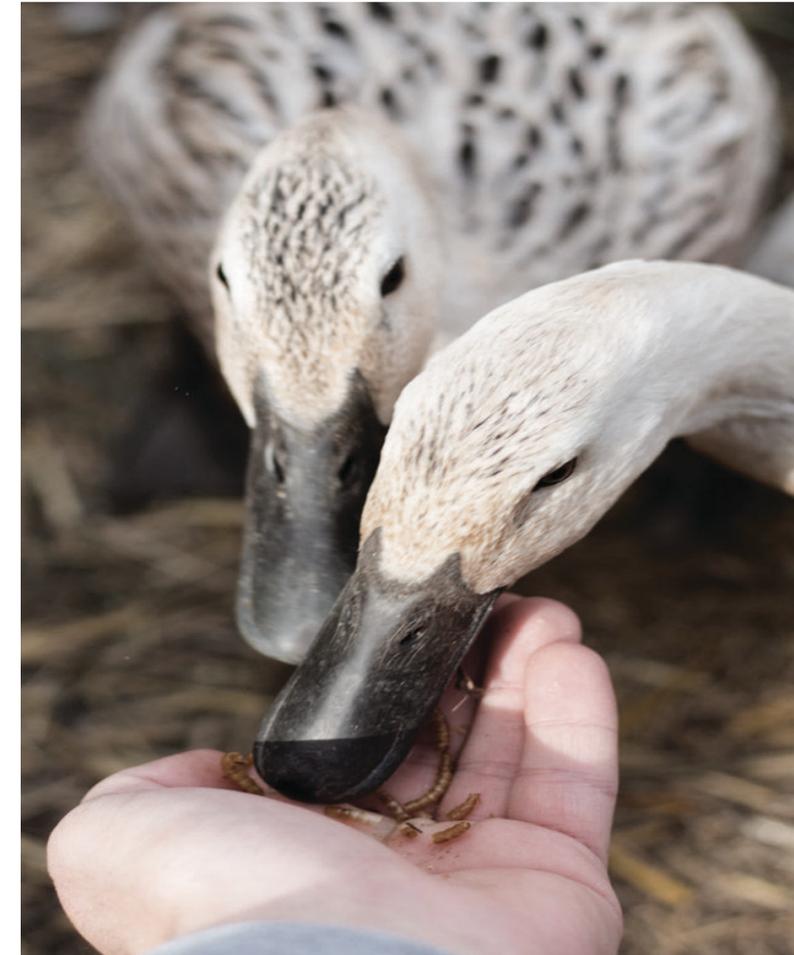
Orkwiszewski raised the ducks since they were ducklings, so naturally she has a strong bond with them. When asked which duck is her favorite, she said, "that's like picking out a favorite child."

The ducks spend summers at the garden by the Iron Griz and winters in the Food Zoo garden. The biggest impact the ducks have on the garden comes from them pooping. The duck poop in the garden becomes natural fertilizer for vegetables. The ducks' old bedding is also used for fertilizer in the garden.

Living in a garden may not seem like an ideal situation for a bird, but Welsh Harlequins can't fly. Orkwiszewski believes they are very spoiled, and she gives them treats every day. She feeds them frozen or expired fruit and vegetables that people can't eat. Orkwiszewski believes that their favorite food is grapes.

The ducks may not be the Houdini of the animal kingdom, but if there is one thing they are good at, it's laying eggs. According to the Livestock Conservatory, Harlequins can lay up to 330 eggs a year, so that leaves UM Dining with a lot of duck eggs.

Chefs at the Iron Griz incorporate duck eggs into specialty dishes, and the Food Zoo also uses the eggs for special events. Last spring, the Food Zoo celebrated the ducks' first birthday and used



The UM Campus Dining ducks eat mealworms out of the hand of UM Gardens manager Anastasia Orkwiszewski. LIAM MCCOLLUM | MONTANA KAIMIN

duck eggs to make creme brulee. City laws and regulations in Missoula state that, "The total number of geese, plus ducks, plus other domestic fowl may not exceed six." Orkwiszewski didn't initially plan to hit the duck capacity. In 2018, she ordered four ducklings, but the hatchery sent two extra ducks as "packing peanuts." She began raising the ducks at her house until they were a few months old.

Once Orkwiszewski moved the ducks to their home in the UM garden,

it was up to local preschoolers to choose their names. UM employees created a pool of names, and the tots selected their favorites. They chose Kiwi, Hazel, Mabel, Etta, Poppy and Duckleberry Finn. Preschools regularly visit the garden on field trips so kids can see the ducks, but there is no age limit for duck visitors. Last year, Orkwiszewski allowed a UM RA from Duniway to bring residents in her hall to the garden for some finals week "duck therapy."

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College students who are interested in meeting the ducks can apply on the UM Dining website for internships and Food Zoo garden volunteer opportunities.

Changes in grad program testing could open doors for more students

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Universities nationwide have selected graduate students based on test scores for decades, but the University of Montana may drop that policy soon. Some graduate programs at UM have considered making the change to better fit the needs of more students.

"It doesn't mean that you're going to be a better student or a worse student just because you get a good score on a standardized test," said Scott Wetzel, an associate professor in the Cellular, Molecular and Microbial Biology (CMMB) graduate program.

According to Wetzel, while there has been talk of dropping the Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) test at UM, a decision hasn't been made yet. He said the test isn't relevant anymore, referring to a study that concluded the GRE only predicts a student's grade point average during their first semester. It does not accurately predict how students will perform in research labs, on their qualifying exam or on their thesis projects, he said.

The GRE is a standardized test, similar to the ACT or SAT, which costs more than \$200 per attempt. Ph.D student Valery Roman-Cruz, studying vaccine development in the CMMB graduate program, said that doing well on a GRE does not reflect intelligence, but wealth and the ability to take tests. Many graduate school applicants can't afford the study courses, books and tutors to help them prepare for the exam.

Undergraduate GPA, letters of recommendation and purpose statements are also required for admission into UM's graduate programs. Because these requirements indicate an applicant's passion and experience, Wetzel said they better determine a student's success.

Removing the GRE isn't the only change the CMMB program is consider-

ing, Wetzel said. The department is also considering changing requirements for the qualifying exam for the doctorate program. Students generally take the exam during their second or third year of grad school.

Right now, students can choose between two exams before they start thesis work. Students can either take a written exam or write an out-of-field grant proposal. Wetzel said students almost never choose the first option, because the questions can be intimidating, and the proposal is a valuable learning experience.

According to Wetzel, CMMB is now considering adding a third option to write an in-field grant proposal. The main difference between out-of-field and in-field proposal is that in an out-of-field proposal, students write about a topic completely outside of their research field. Writing an in-field proposal would allow students to focus on their area of expertise.

Wetzel said a few students came forward requesting the additional admissions option. Roman-Cruz was one of them. She said the problem with an out-of-field proposal is that students have to focus all their effort on a topic that will ultimately be unrelated to their thesis projects for five to six weeks. An in-field proposal can help students become familiar with their research, she said.

Wetzel admitted there is merit to that idea, but working on something outside a student's research interests can be a learning experience of its own. Often times it helps students branch out because there's not often a lot of money for research. Students may need to write a proposal about something they're less familiar with one day, Wetzel said.

"We're trying to sort of reevaluate what's the appropriate thing for us to be doing and what works best for training the students," Wetzel said. "Really that's the goal, is to get students trained to think about hypotheses and experiments."



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UM cheerleader is Rocky in Missoula's 'Rocky Horror Show Live'

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A stadium full of people cheering and screaming. The abandoned Mismo Gymnastics Center. In either environment, Tyler Iverson of the UM Cheer Squad, is just as comfortable.

Iverson's silhouette is tall and muscular. But as he waits to go on the Mismo stage, Iverson is anything but intimidating as he watches the cast of "Rocky Horror Show Live!", his face lights up with a mixture of excitement and concentration. The blue floor bounces with every barefooted step.

Iverson towers above most of his castmates from "Rocky Horror Show Live!" as he jogs around the edge of the gym floor, enters from stage right, and brings to life a certain doctor's creation with flexing muscles.

Iverson darts around the stage throughout the musical number, throwing confused glances at the other characters. He lifts one of the actresses up high enough to hide his face behind her body as he's chased through the scene, although he's far too large to hide behind anyone. His frame and his cropped blonde hair made him an ideal choice for the character.

That might have been why director Reid Reimers called Buck Claesson, the Cheer Squad head coach at UM, to ask if Iverson would be interested in performing the role of Rocky.

Iverson relates to Rocky, which is why he thinks he is the easiest character he could play on the show.

"He's new to everything, but he's also this big muscle man who has no idea what's going on half the time, which is my life," Iverson said. "And he's just confused and he's having fun with it."

Iverson is more used to performing athletically than artistically, although some could argue that throwing human beings on top of other human beings is an art form. He's been on high school and collegiate cheerleading teams for nine years, and even performed competitively during his freshman year at UM. Iverson is perfectly suited to the UM football field, where he spends game

days throwing stunts with cheerleaders.

Peyton Croaker, a sophomore studying psychology, is Iverson's primary partner. The stunts they, as well as the rest of the team, throw require balance, practice, and — indispensably — trust in one's partner. But after nine years of cheer, Croaker says Iverson knows both the guys' and girls' technical aspects of the stunts.

"He is like the cheer god," she said.

The team gets closer as the semester goes on. Iverson, Croaker and Ross Coleman, the cheer squad's team captain and one of Iverson's best friends, all refer to being on the cheer squad as a family. They have game and movie nights whenever their schedules allow it. Iverson makes it when he can, but whenever he isn't cheering, working out, working, or studying, he's at rehearsals for "Rocky Horror."

The potential for being falsely stereotyped has come up before. But Iverson said stereotypes like flamboyant male cheerleaders and self-centered female cheerleaders are not at all true at UM. Coleman said when he began cheering in high school alongside Iverson, it felt odd at first. He thought it would be something like "High School Musical," where the guys would have the same job as the girls instead of doing stunts. Although he felt he had to explain what he was doing on the squad to his peers, he quickly realized cheer is just like any other sport, any other team.

Iverson hasn't ever quite felt held down by stereotypes, either on the side of being a male cheerleader or a "quirky" actor in a chaotic play. And he doesn't mind walking around in gold underwear for almost the entire show. He claims he's sung the Barbie theme song in front of an entire basketball stadium. As long as he gets to be himself, at least a little, Iverson is on board. The only thing he isn't sure about is wearing fishnet tights and high heels.

"It's definitely fun and uncomfortable," he said. "But I'm going to do it regardless."

The Rocky Horror Show Live! will be playing at the Wilma on Oct. 25 and 26, at 8 p.m. and midnight. You can buy tickets online today on the Logjam Presents website, logjampresents.com.



University of Montana cheerleader Tyler Iverson plays Dr. Frank-N-Furter's creation, Rocky. LIAM MCCOLLUM | MONTANA KAIMIN

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Does Moog like it? A bird's-eye view of New Music Friday

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Moog is back, baby! Your favorite avian aficionado of all things music is here again to guide you through the perils and pleasures of another week of brand new tunes.

"PANG" BY CAROLINE POLACHEK

The title track off the former Chairlift singer's first solo album starts with a simple keyboard loop, quickly filling with a pulsing drum beat and layered synths. It is, in a word, lovely. But with a single onomatopoeic gasp (think "BANG" but with softer edges), Polachek distills romantic bliss into a burst of breathy emotion. That's the power of good pop.

Does my bird like it? Moog purred like a kitten after each chorus. So... yes?

"HARLEYS IN HAWAII" BY KATY PERRY

In which the California gurl hits the islands. Perry isn't necessarily known for subtlety — this is the woman who wore a hamburger costume to the Met Gala — so this understated guitar-and-bass-heavy love letter to the tropics might come as a surprise to listeners. It's a mid-tempo track made for sunsets and open roads, and also happens to

be one of Perry's better offerings as of late.

Does my bird like it? I'm ordering him a Hawaiian shirt and a tiny pair of shades as we speak. Yes.

"UNLOVE YOU" BY ARMIN VAN BUUREN FEAT. NE-YO

What do you get when you take a stock-standard house beat, piano stabs and a generically inoffensive vocal turn from R&B singer Ne-Yo? "Unlove You," a song so lightweight and nothingy, it evaporates before its brief two-and-a-half minute run. There's nothing aggressively wrong here, which is a special kind of frustrating. Bad songs should be car crashes, damn it.

Does my bird like it? Moog had no reaction whatsoever. I've never seen that bird so quiet. No.

"UNEVENTFUL DAYS" BY BECK

The latest cut from the musician's 14th (!) studio album, "Hyperspace," is a neon-tinted glimpse of post-breakup ennui. Beck, with a little help from uber-producer Pharrell Williams, mashes together spacey synths and syncopated bongos, creating a futuristic lament in the process.

Does my bird like it? Moog took a long,



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hard stare in the mirror after the song's end. The dude is clearly going through it. Yes.

"MAKE IT RIGHT (REMIX)" BY BTS FEAT. LAUV

The mark of a successful boy band track is a tricky blend of earnestness and inoffensive charm, something this 2000s-esque R&B throwback has in spades. "I Like Me Better" crooner

Lauv drops in for this appealing single mix, sounding right at home among the chart-topping K-poppers and Ed Sheeran-penned lyrics.

Does my bird like it? Moog was at this point hanging from his perch, upside-down and motionless. But hey, it seems to have pulled him out of whatever existential crisis that Beck song had him in.

Foals is just okay on 'Everything Not Saved Will Be Lost —Part 2'

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The Oxford band known for its pumped-up indie rock released its sixth album, "Everything Not Saved Will Be Lost — Part 2," and I wanted to love it. As an individual consumer with a penchant for angry apocalypse music, I did. But as a critical listener, it didn't really do anything for me.

The vocal talent of lead singer Yannis Philippakis is undeniable with his almost grating pitch. The rest of the band's work on their respective instruments is fantastic. They're the reason I even consider the band "rock." But in "Part 2," Foals stays in their individual corners too much. They didn't even try to do anything outside of the box they put themselves in.

The album isn't bad by any means. "Like Lightning" and "Into the Surf" both have the right energy to be put into a dysto-

pian soundtrack for a movie about a hodgepodge gang of misfits. But then again, so does most of their music.

"Dreaming Of" is where Foals really soar. Every album has a love song, but this one felt different and unexpected. It's what I'd listen to in the twilight hours with someone I love but shouldn't. This was the only jump from softness to high energy and it was near perfect. It makes me wish the rest of the album reflected the success that was reached on this track.

"Part 2" doesn't have any peaks or valleys that last over a minute. The few times the mood changes are immediately jumped over. And even when the track isn't supposed to be slower, like "Into the Surf," there isn't a change from the general angst of the record.

If Foals wants to stick to being angsty, sick. But there are different roads I was wanting Foals to explore with that. I wanted them to come up for air or dive even deeper, not stay at the same

depth as they have for the last decade.

My biggest issue with the album was "Neptune." Yes, dear readers, this was the 10-minute song. I liked it at the beginning, I really did! But at the five-minute mark I was tapped out. The album isn't long by any means. I could have handled at least three more tracks. But the fact that this 10-minute monstrosity closed the album is ridiculous.

If "Neptune" had been left off the album (or even put at the beginning) I would have loved the record so much more. All the other tracks on their own were solid. "Part 2" lacks effective transitions though, making it sound the same as if you had shuffled it with no apparent reasoning behind the track list.

I will listen to Foals until the day I die. But I will only be listening to a handful of tracks off this album.



We need a gold standard for how much out-of-class effort is required of us

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It's advising season, and with scheduling classes comes scheduling time to study for them. But how much study time are we talking?

Professors recommend for every hour spent in class, you spend three additional hours outside of class for homework and studying. To do the math: if you're taking 12 credits, you should expect 36 hours per week outside of class. If you're taking 15, prepare to spend 45 hours per week.

That sounds like a lot, right? For some classes, it is. UM offers gen eds that require the recommended amount of weekly study time for the whole semester. I took Anthro 101 my freshman year and I probably spent 10 hours total thinking about it, including the time I actually spent in class.

Most upper-division courses (and some unnecessarily hard gen eds — what are you trying to prove, intro-level professors?) will cost you anywhere from 10 to 20 hours per week, depending on your major, and that's if you're being responsible. If you don't spend the time you need to each week, you may find yourself trying to fit 88 hours' worth of study time into two days.

If classes vary so much in terms of time commitment, how are we supposed to budget our schedules when registering for next semester? A lot of students have jobs, families and lives in general to plan around, and that's made no easier when you don't know if Intro to Humanities will take nine hours or 90 minutes of your weekly effort.

If you think you can eyeball the effort required in a class based on the brief descriptions offered — good luck with that. I once took an art history class because it sounded like a fun, easy edition to an otherwise math-heavy semester. It kicked my ass. I barely escaped with a B, and wound up turning to Probability and Linear Equations for an intellectual break.



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Seriously kids, if you take away nothing else from my rant, let it be this: Art of World Civilization II is NOT an easy-A.

We could try asking professors to provide an estimate of required time spent outside of class in their course descriptions, but let's face it: a lot of professors are disconnected with how easy or hard their classes actually are. Those (few) insufferably haughty professors — you know, the ones who brag about how few people pass their classes — will probably suggest you quit your job altogether, forego your hobbies, abandon your family. Your life belongs to Geology 101 now.

So, if we can't trust our professors, and we can't trust our own instincts, who can we trust?

Former students, that's who. I propose we use the average response from our course evaluations. What else is that info for, anyway, other than for the aforementioned asshole professors to use as bragging rights. "My class takes 34 hours of study-time a week." "Oh yeah? Well, my class broke a student's psyche entirely. They had to move back home with their parents."

Students deserve to know as much as possible about their prospective classes, including what kind of work load can be expected, and we might as well use the data we're already collecting.



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'Native' Halloween costumes

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Native Twitter is buzzing about "Native" Halloween costumes and the many issues surrounding the trend.

Although Missoula tends to be very politically correct and many people here are somewhat culturally aware, there are still plenty of people who will wear "Native-inspired" costumes downtown and to parties this year. I would just like to let everyone know that if you wear a costume of this nature, don't be surprised when an actual Native person approaches you to educate you on why your choice of costume was a bad one.

As I hope you all know, Native Americans have a sore history, despite being on our own lands and cultural homes. Not being properly represented is a major issue, and having our voices heard is a constant uphill battle. On issues that pertain to how we are perceived in the media, our pleas for understanding consistently fall on deaf ears. We are often stifled with "Get over it," "That was so long ago, none of you actually experienced that," or my absolute favorite when it comes to "Native" costumes: "We're honoring your culture!"

I would like to publicly call bullshit. You are not honoring us in any capacity whatsoever. Wearing fake beads and feathers in a stereotypical fashion made to match Plains tribes (because no, not all Indians wore beads, feathers, rode horses and lived in teepees), is not honoring us. What you are doing is perpetuating, supporting and endorsing Native American stereotypes that lead to many issues that rage against Native people.

One of these very present and pressing issues is sexual violence and assault against Native American women. According to the National Congress of American Indians' Research Center, 61% of Native women have experienced assault in their lifetime (three out of five), compared to 51% of white women, and 52% of African American women. Of those assaults, 63% will be at the hands of non-Native offenders.

In the time of #MeToo we are finally having a conversation about sexual assault and violence against women. I would like to clar-



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ify that I am in no way saying that our pain is worse than pain felt by non-Native assault survivors. However, popular adult Halloween site Yandy will take down a costume depicting a sexy "Handmaid's Tale" character that was deemed "inappropriate" and "a symbol of women's oppression" by mainstream society. Yet, this site continues to sell more than 40 different "Native American" costumes all with sexual connotations: You can't tell me there

isn't an obvious difference. When you fetishize a group of people this much, eventually you stop thinking of them as human beings. They become objects meant to be taken for whatever means you feel will best fulfill your needs — be it land, labor or pleasure. Nearly all of the "Native" Halloween costumes out there are heavily sexualized. When non-Natives see this, it implies that Native women represent sex and sex only. This even-

tually leads to high rates of rape and sexual assault, an issue that is finally coming to light with the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women movement.

With the entire country talking about sexual assault, harassment and misconduct, I would like to allow Native women a seat at the table. Our voices and stories matter. We need allies now more than ever, and it starts with your choice of costume.

The stars want you to treat your boo

VIRGO (AUG. 23 - SEPT. 22)

Virgo, you're like a sweet little marshmallow. Cuddle up and make some s'mores with your bae. Or you could have them make one for you. You're cute enough they'll want to do it.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23 - OCT. 22)

Go check out a haunted house — Preferably a really scary one. Just make sure the person you bring is okay with you jumping into their arms when the boogeyman comes out. No shame in being afraid or sleeping with the lights on.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23 - NOV. 21)

We know how much you love to obsess over your exes. Maybe instead of tormenting yourself looking at your old flame's Twitter, focus on the only thing that really matters with your new, CASUAL fling: football and tailgating. Go Griz!

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22 - DEC. 21)

Let's face it, you're a romantic at heart, even though you try to act tough. Take someone you really love on a ride to look at the changing leaves up in the mountains. And while you're at it, talk about your feelings. Let it all out. Trust us, they want to know you.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22 - JAN. 19)

We know how much you love to be practical. We're not going to suggest something without a super obvious purpose. Make a pie with your honey and then bring it to a neighbor. Or eat it yourself, we won't judge. It's the thought that counts, right?

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20 - FEB. 18)

You love being creative, right? Go carve some pumpkins! Let your significant other be your muse, or carve something scary like your GPA.

Get all that energy out. Throw pumpkin guts. Live your dream.

PISCES (FEB. 19 - MARCH 20)

Stargazing is in your future. Nothing quite says "romance" like being cuddled up in the back of someone's truck or laying out on a blanket in a park. Daydream about what life could look like for you and the love of your life in 50 years.

ARIES (MARCH 21 - APRIL 19)

The date for you and your boo? Corn maze, baby. Get lost and protect each other from reanimated scarecrows and killer crows. It might seem spooky, but that's okay, because we know you can take on anything. After all, you're kind of the scariest one there.

TAURUS (APRIL 20 - MAY 20)

Not many signs are as persistent as you. That's why apple picking is the perfect date. Yes, it's a lot of work, but totally worth it for the cute pics and homemade apple cobbler. Also, everyone looks good climbing a ladder. Think of all the Insta pics.

GEMINI (MAY 21 - JUNE 20)

Look, Gemini, we're not saying you're scary. But if you're watching a scary movie marathon and secretly relate to some of the villains, we won't judge. Just don't tell your date when you vibe with Norman Bates. That's definitely therapist information.

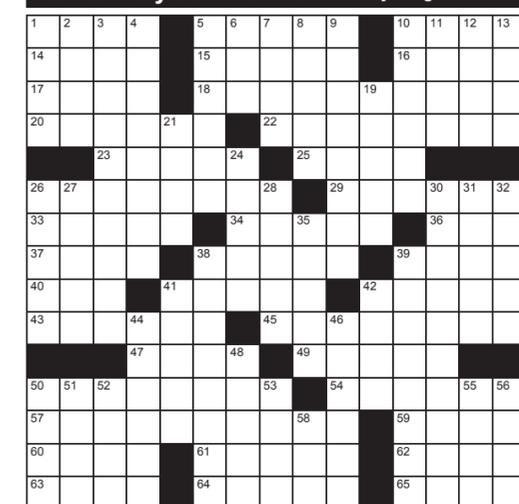
CANCER (JUNE 21 - JULY 22)

You get the pinnacle of fall dates. You guessed it: pumpkin patch. Need we say more?

LEO (JULY 23 - AUG. 22)

A hayride is the perfect opportunity to show your casual fling you're interested in them. Think about it: screaming children, hay in your clothes, freezing hands. That kind of patience and dedication will show you're worth cuffing.

The Weekly Crossword by Margie E. Burke



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Nightstand item
 - 5 Drinking aid
 - 10 Did some laps
 - 14 Aspire maker
 - 15 Hunt illegally
 - 16 Worker's pay
 - 17 Fill to excess
 - 18 Not appreciative
 - 20 Little laugh
 - 22 Located
 - 23 Pigeon's perch
 - 25 Financial worry
 - 26 Marvel superhero team
 - 29 Virgins of Ancient Rome
 - 33 Like some divorces
 - 34 Mars explorer
 - 36 Wish otherwise
 - 37 Succulent plant
 - 38 Kind of panel
 - 39 Latest thing
 - 40 Grand total
 - 41 Arbor Day month
 - 42 Feature of old slot machines
 - 43 Nose-wrinkling
 - 45 UPS parcel, e.g.
 - 47 Sea lettuce
 - 49 Shocking weapon
 - 50 Bare-bones
 - 54 Bagpiper's wear
 - 57 It may give you a rush
 - 59 Paddock papa
 - 60 State of mind
 - 61 Place for a perm
 - 62 Aardvark fare
 - 63 Conclusion starter
 - 64 Bull's sound
 - 65 For fear that
- DOWN**
- 1 Hold up
 - 2 Exotic berry
 - 3 Spirited
 - 4 False front
 - 5 Plant having milky juice
 - 6 Freight weight
 - 7 Cleaning cloths
 - 8 Bitter
 - 9 "_____ you say..."
 - 10 Gym wear
 - 11 Float on the breeze
 - 12 Chills and fever
 - 13 Blend together
 - 19 Root veggie
 - 21 Nervously irritable
 - 24 Typo, eg.
 - 26 Store up
 - 27 Soft palate
 - 28 Well-made
 - 30 Popular flooring tile
 - 31 Hole-boring tool
 - 32 Distrustful
 - 35 Parking pro
 - 38 Handheld telescope
 - 39 1990 film, "_____ of Fortune"
 - 41 Poker phrase
 - 42 Simpson sibling
 - 44 City on the Rio Grande
 - 46 Type of fingerprint
 - 48 Edgar _____ Poe
 - 50 Newborn's need
 - 51 Anagram for "door"
 - 52 Throat trouble
 - 53 Missile housing
 - 55 Graphic _____
 - 56 Twiggy digs
 - 58 Swe. neighbor

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

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Finding home

UM soccer coach's journey to U.S. citizenship



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It was a hot day in late spring 2017, and after driving for an hour in Los Angeles traffic, AC blasting, Chris Citowicki took a wrong turn onto a toll road. He had no money for the toll, and his thoughts were racing, trying to figure out what he was going to do.

Then his phone rang. After being stuck in traffic, a call from his aunt was not the distraction he needed — knowing what calls from his aunt entail. She was calling to tell Citowicki that he NEEDED to be doing something.

He answered.

“Listen, I’m on the wrong road here. I got other things to focus on right now,” Citowicki told her.

But his aunt, Maggie, was panicked. Non-citizens, she said, are being deported — including people from European countries. She was stressing the possibility of this happening to him.

She said they could decide not to renew his green card, and without US citizenship, he could be separated from his family.

Citowicki responded with, “Okay, sure.”

That phone call from his aunt while in traffic initiated him taking his first step toward becoming a U.S. citizen. He sat at his computer in an Ontario, California airport to begin what he had imagined to be a long process. However, it took him about 10 minutes to set up his account online, the first step to becoming a U.S. citizen.

Citowicki’s application to become a citizen did not come without hardships, but it was comparably easier than what other immigrants have experienced in the United States.

Obtaining citizenship has become harder for all immigrants under President Trump and his administration, according to Shahid Haque, an immigration lawyer and founder of Border Crossing Law Firm in Helena.

In fact, during President Trump’s first year in office, there was an increase of petitions filed to become citizens, but the number of people who were actually granted citizenship decreased by more than 40,000, according to the 2017 Yearbook of Immigration Statistics.

At the same time, the number of deportations by ICE increased by over 15,000, according to the 2017 ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations Report.

Also in Trump’s first year in office, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program would be repealed, and President Trump instituted an executive order that stopped travel to the U.S. for six Muslim majority countries, as well as all refugees for 120 days.

“You are facing an agency that is looking to deny your case if they can,” Haque said, “and are happy to deny your case if they can.”

Citowicki says it usually takes about 24 hours for most things to set in after hearing them, and so 24 hours later, far from the toll road, he really thought about what his aunt had told him. She had a point.

A year and a half after that phone call, on Sept. 25, Citowicki, Montana Grizzlies’ head soccer coach, became a U.S. citizen at a federal courthouse in Great Falls. He attended the ceremony

with his wife, Aryn, and two kids, Vivia, 5, and Sebastian, 3.

However, for him and his family, little would change after the ceremony. He would continue to live in the U.S., as he had for half of his life prior to becoming a citizen. The ceremony was emotional for the family, but also long and anticlimactic. Their son found a comfortable spot to sleep on the floor to pass the time.

Citowicki’s route to citizenship is something both him and his wife are grateful for. They recognize the fear mongering started by a U.S. administration that has tightened immigration policies and deported, detained and denied immigrants from certain countries.

“We went through this process with privilege,” Aryn said.

“Yeah, we were very lucky,” Citowicki added.

Citowicki was born in Poland, approximately 5,000 miles away from Missoula, in 1983, at a time when the communist government was being challenged by protesters. They had placed the country into martial law, instituting curfews and rations of food and supplies. According to Citowicki, it went as far as diaper rationing, difficult for his parents who were trying to raise him.

To live a better life, Citowicki’s parents fled with him, then 2 years old, to live in a refugee camp for a year in Italy. While there, he received a kiss from Pope John Paul II; even today, he credits this as a reason why he has been so blessed throughout his life.

“I wouldn’t be where I am today if it wasn’t for the country of Italy saying, ‘Of course. Come here,’” Citowicki said.

After a year in Italy, Citowicki’s family moved to South Africa for 5 years during the time of apartheid, legislation passed in 1950 that discriminated and segregated the non-white population until 1994. The country still deals with racism today. His parents wanted to find a permanent home, one away from conflict.

Seven-year-old Citowicki and his parents went to the Canadian consulate in Johannesburg, South Africa to make arrangements to move to Canada. Upon arrival, they were told that the consulate was closed for lunch, to stop by in an hour to fill out paperwork, according to Citowicki.

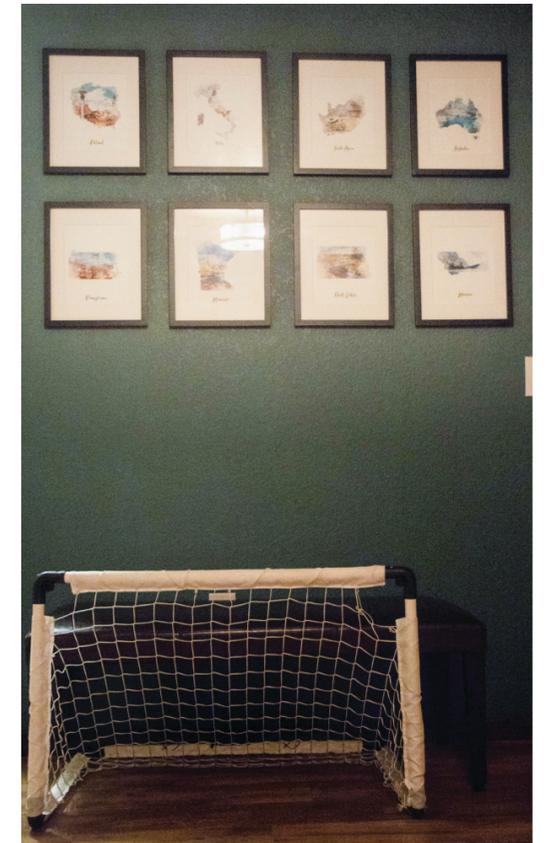
But the Citowicki family did not wait the suggested hour. They weren’t going to wait any longer. Instead, they walked across the street to the Australian consulate, where they began the paperwork to move to Australia. According to Citowicki, he became an Australian citizen because of a lunch break.

“I could have been a Canadian hockey player, which is my other favorite sport, but hey, that’s fine,” Citowicki said.

Citowicki spent the next 11 years in Australia, living in both Darwin and Canberra. He developed a passion for soccer and started playing professionally for Burns FC at the age of 16.

According to Citowicki, he blew his chance to further his professional career by under-performing in front of a scout. So he decided to go play overseas as well as get an education.

“I just left wanting to try and figure out my life,” Citowicki said.



TOP: Drawings of all of the states and countries where Citowicki has lived hang above a soccer goal in his home in Missoula.

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BOTTOM: Pope John Paul II holds two-year-old Citowicki’s face in Italy, 1985, where the Citowicki family lived as refugees for a year.

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Citowicki gained citizenship at a federal court house in Great Falls on Sept. 25. His wife, Aryn; daughter, Vivia; and son, Sebastian attended what Aryn said was an emotional ceremony. CONTRIBUTED | CHRIS CITOWICKI



Citowicki looks through a scrapbook of photos from his youth in Poland and Australia with his daughter Vivia at his home in Missoula on Oct 15. Citowicki often goes years without seeing his relatives living in foreign countries. COLTON ROTHWELL | MONTANA KAIMIN

The flight from Canberra to Sydney, Australia was emotional for the 18-year-old; he was leaving his home.

His idea was to go to the U.S. for four years and come back. But to this day, 18 years after leaving Australia, Citowicki has not been back home. He has occasionally seen his mother and brother since coming to the U.S., but he has not seen his father since leaving for the U.S. due to travel difficulties. He said he plans on seeing his dad again for the first time in 18 years this Thanksgiving, if everything works out.

He attended Lock Haven University, a small Division II school in Pennsylvania, which had three international students already on the team. He was unfamiliar with NCAA guidelines, and after only one preseason game, his eligibility was taken away.

To compete in NCAA-affiliated college athletics, athletes' amateur status is reviewed and athletes are then issued an amateurism certification. Because Citowicki received payment while playing professionally in Australia, he was denied a certification and, consequently, the ability to play collegiate soccer in the U.S.

According to him, this was the end of his playing days. Citowicki had a decision to stay at Lock Haven and continue his education, or return home to Australia. He decided to stay.

Meanwhile, his old head coach at Lock Haven, Rob Eaton,

left the university and started a new club team in the area. He repeatedly called Citowicki to ask him to come help with practices. According to Citowicki, he kept saying no until Eaton offered him \$50 to come to practice and run a training session.

"I wasn't going to say no to money," Citowicki said, "I'll come out and run a session for you and get out of here. I'll take your money."

He was driving home from the first practice in his '91-soft top Jeep Wrangler when he thought, "This is awesome." Citowicki loved every single second of coaching, and right then he knew it was what he was going to do with his life.

He got his first head coaching job in Minnesota, where he strived to be as successful as legendary hockey coach Herb Brooks, after watching the movie "Miracle on Ice." While in Minnesota, he earned his graduate degree in sports administration, met his wife, Aryn, at a bar and saw the birth of his two children, Sebastian and Vivia.

Over the course of the next 15 years, Citowicki took a variety of college and club team coaching jobs that moved him from Pennsylvania to Minnesota and then to North Dakota, before coming to Missoula.

As an assistant coach at North Dakota, he traveled to Missoula to compete against the Grizzlies. He still remembers flying across Montana, closing in on Missoula, and the way the

mountains catching his attention. When he stepped off the plane, he called his wife.

"He called me from the plane the second they landed and he was like 'It's so beautiful here. It's amazing. You have to see it. We have to come here someday,'" Aryn said.

All that time, Citowicki was able to remain in the United States on a student visa while working on his undergraduate and graduate degrees. He was starting an application for a work visa when he got married and was able to apply for a green card.

A green card has to be renewed within two years after acquiring one through marriage and allows a person to work and live permanently in the U.S. However, green card recipients still do not receive certain rights that U.S. citizens receive, and green cards are not always renewed.

He was unsure of his chances of attaining a work visa, a visa a non-citizen can apply for to be able to live and work in the U.S. To be granted a work visa, your occupation is reviewed to see if it is in the interest of the U.S. Citowicki was applying as a soccer coach, which he said is not at the top of the list when it comes to U.S. interest.

And Citowicki had known people who'd encountered problems obtaining their work visa. As head coach of the soccer team at Shattuck St. Mary's, a school in Minnesota, Citowicki's assistant coach was a Brazilian woman on a work visa. The U.S. did not renew that visa, and she had to go back to Brazil.

Citowicki was able to attain his green card through marriage. The process was scary, according to Citowicki and his wife.

"What if my green card runs out and they just don't want to renew it, then what?" Citowicki said.

The night before the couple was going in for their interview to attain a green card for Citowicki, Aryn went into surgery for a ruptured ovarian cyst "the size of a lemon." He had to reschedule his interview.

"That was the moment when we were like, 'Oh my gosh, did we just screw this whole thing up?'" Aryn said.

According to Haque, marrying a U.S. citizen is one of the easier pathways to attain a green card and become a U.S. citizen. However, applicants are put through interviews that scrutinize the legitimacy of the marriage throughout the process.

When the interview finally took place, he and his wife were separated into different rooms. Citowicki recalls being nervous and unsure of the birth dates of his wife and two kids.

"Oh, my God I hope our answers match on each side," Citowicki said.

Both Citowicki and his wife agreed that waiting for the green card approval was the most stressful part of becoming a citizen. Those seeking citizenship must have a green card for five years prior to the citizenship process, according to Haque.

After having a green card for more than five years and meeting all other qualifications, it should take 10 1/2 to 16 1/2 months at Helena to become a citizen after filing your paperwork according to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Citowicki had renewed his green card once before and would have had to renew it again in 2022 if he didn't become a citizen. Luckily, he did.



Citowicki watches the Griz soccer team prepare for a corner-kick drill during the team's final practice before its matchup with Sacramento State. CLAIRE SHINNER | MONTANA KAIMIN

Many immigrants today have trouble obtaining a green card to set themselves up to become a citizen. According to Haque, it is not easy for immigrants to attain citizenship in the U.S. right now, and it's even harder for refugees.

Refugees are people seeking asylum in another country because they have been displaced by possible persecution, war, or natural disaster in their own country. They have to register with the U.N. outside of their country to become a refugee, according to Soft Landing Missoula's website.

According to Haque, it is difficult to prove that you are even a refugee in order to seek asylum, let alone start the process to become a permanent resident after you are given asylum.

Immigrants are like Citowicki: people choosing to enter a country on their own accords. They enter the U.S. through a visa that defines the amount of time you are allowed to stay.

Visas, green cards and citizenship all result in a lot of paperwork and headaches for applicants. One small misstep, one missing document, and your case could be denied. That is why, Haque said, an attorney is helpful, though not necessary.

Citowicki said he and his wife spent \$5,000 to \$6,000 on attorney fees to become a citizen, most of which was spent in the process of getting a green card.

In the end, from taking the first step at an Ontario, California Airport to the ceremony at Great Falls, Citowicki's process to becoming a citizen took a year and a half.

His personal views on immigration are molded from his experiences growing up — living in a refugee camp as a child, bouncing around the world to find a home.

"People need to be given opportunities to start their lives

again if they are coming from a place that isn't treating them well," Citowicki said, "and America gives you the opportunity to do that. It's what this country has been doing forever."

Since the day he became a citizen, Citowicki and his team have been undefeated: having won or tied every game since Sept. 25. Griz Soccer is ranked first in the Big Sky Conference this season. Last season, he coached the team to win the Big Sky Conference championship and enter the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2011.

On Sept. 27, the entire Montana Grizzlies soccer team stood, each lined up with their right hands placed over their hearts. "The Star-Spangled Banner" played throughout the indoor field, loud and echoing throughout the dome and into the ears of the people in attendance.

For the Grizzlies head coach, there was something unfamiliar about this familiar event. As he listened, hand over his own heart, captured by game-day emotions, he realized just how different this seemingly typical moment was for him.

"Oh crap, this is my first time listening to the national anthem as an American," Citowicki said.

Citowicki's journey to becoming a citizen has ended at a tan house in a suburb in Missoula, where he currently lives. He said he is grateful to attain the American Dream cliché, a house with a white picket fence, a wife, a dog and two kids.

"I've been lucky enough to live in a lot of places and traveled a lot, and I've never felt this at home anywhere," Citowicki said.

FIRED UM COACH'S LAWSUIT UPDATE

Mark Plakorus was fired in 2017 as head coach of the Montana Grizzlies women's soccer team after texting escort services on a University-issued cell phone in Las Vegas. Plakorus sued the University of Montana for defamation and breach of contract on May 1, 2019.

He alleges that the University of Montana defamed him by releasing complaints of sexual misconduct that were found to be without merit and breached his contract by releasing certain employment information to media outlets.

Citowicki became head coach last season, 2018, following Plakorus' seven seasons as head coach of the soccer team.

The University of Montana's lawyers motioned for dismissal of the case, citing Plakorus' failure to go through the complaint procedures set out in his contract before filing the lawsuit. Plakorus' lawyer argues that the courts have jurisdiction to hear both sides.

As of Tuesday, Oct. 15, Judge John Larson is still weighing UM's motion to dismiss the lawsuit.

A longtime player-coach duo shows a promising future for UM volleyball

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Allison Lawrence coached freshman Elsa Godwin when Godwin was just 11. Even then, Lawrence could tell that Godwin was talented. Now, Lawrence is her head coach at UM.

"There was something about her that really stood out to me, even at that age," Lawrence said. "I thought to myself that this little kid could make it at the next level."

After coaching the club team for a few years, Lawrence's husband took over the job. Lawrence then was UM's assistant coach from 2010 to 2016. She was hired to be Montana's head volleyball coach in 2017 after being an assistant coach for six years. Lawrence is originally from Alta Loma, California. She played for Oregon State in college, where she ended up in the top five in the school's all-time kills list. Since becoming the head coach, Lawrence led the Griz to their first Big Sky Tournament appearance since 2014.

Once old enough to play high school volleyball, Godwin and her teammate, Sarina Moreno, both attended Sentinel High School in Missoula, winning two Class AA State Volleyball titles in 2016 and 2017.

Two of Godwin's cousins played collegiate golf at UM, but she never doubted her love for volleyball. "I have never been into golf," she said. "I got introduced into volleyball when I was young as [A] friend and I found out I was good at it and I loved it."

Both Moreno and Godwin committed to play volleyball at UM. Godwin knew she wanted to go to UM having played under Lawrence before. She also likes how close to home the University is.

Godwin redshirted for a year to focus on adapting to her new life at UM. Godwin was one of the three freshmen who redshirted in 2019. This year is Godwin's first year competing for the Griz, and she has already shown her potential. "She's added layers to

her game every year and every match that I've known her," Lawrence said.

Godwin had a career-high 11 kills against Idaho State on Oct. 19, which was the most kills any player on either team had. At one point in the season, Godwin led the Big Sky Conference in aces. She also leads UM in total aces.

"I was not expecting to be No. 1 in the conference for aces," Godwin said. "It boosted my confidence and it was good to know it helped the team too."

In 2018, the Griz won 10 games and qualified for the Big Sky Tournament. Five seniors graduated from UM, leaving a huge hole in the roster that has been filled by freshmen this year.

This year there are six freshmen and three redshirt freshmen. Only three upperclassmen on the squad.

The Griz have started conference play with a record of 1-7 and their overall record is 2-17. Only four of UM's next 11 matches will be played at home this season.

Godwin believes that the more the young team wins and loses together, the better it will get. "This year is kind of a building year for us, but I think knowing we are going to play with each other for the next three to four years is going to build a lot of chemistry," she said.

During UM's first 13 games, the team was only able to win four sets. In the last five games alone, it won seven sets. Two of those winning sets came on the road against Northern Arizona University, who the Griz nearly beat. Northern Arizona was ranked No. 1 in the Big Sky Conference preseason coaches' poll.

"The key for us is to fix those few moments that are breaking down," said Lawrence. "We're 2 points away in a lot of these sets." UM still has ten conference games, so there is plenty of time for the team to fix the problems that Lawrence sees.

UM's next volleyball game will be against Sacramento State in Sacramento on Oct. 24.



University of Montana redshirt freshman Elsa Godwin celebrates a point for Griz Volleyball in its 0-3 loss to the Idaho State Vandals, Oct. 17. Godwin leads the Big Sky Conference in kills. HUNTER WIGGINS | MONTANA KAIMIN

Warehouse raves, tea trades and artsy faves

Wednesday 23

MANSFIELD DIALOGUE: HONG KONG'S CIVIL SOCIETY UPRISING

To say the people of Hong Kong are experiencing some turmoil is an understatement. But to get the bigger picture, it really helps to put everything into context. Academic Mark L. Sheldon of the Chinese University of Hong Kong will guide you through his experiences during his 40-year residency and analyze the civil uprising we see in the daily news. Explore Hong Kong's democratic social movements and learn more about the tenuous relationship between the United States and China. 12 to 12:50 p.m. Mansfield Library Theta Rho Room.

Thursday 24

THINGS THAT SUCK: CREATIVE IDEATION

The world is a big place, and let's be honest, a lot of it sucks. Vent your frustrations about everything from poorly designed products to climate change at the Innovation Factory on the second floor of the University Center. Most importantly, this event provides the opportunity to come up with real-world solutions to all things sucky. Be the change you want to see in the world! 4 p.m.

TRULY FERMENTED: PUERH AND THE HORSE TEA TRADE ROUTE

Puerh — that is, an aged tea from the Yunnan region of China — has a storied history worth discovering. Follow its journey from its roots on the Horse Tea Trade Route to present-day quaffing. Hey, maybe taste a blend or two to see for yourself why this fermented beauty is so beloved. Lake Missoula Tea Co. 6:15 to 7 p.m. Free.

Friday 25

"WOMEN AND CHANGES"

UM's Jazz Program brings Patty Darling of Lawrence University to campus to show students just how exciting jazz can be. The award-winning composer teams up with the UM Jazz Ensemble, Jazz Band and Lab Jazz Band for a special performance of her concert, "Women and Changes." This celebration of female artists features choreography by Bare Bait Dance director Joy French

and will highlight some special guests, too. Don't miss it. Dennison Theatre. 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at griztix.com

ART SWING AT MISSOULA ART MUSEUM

Get your artsy-fartsy on with a tour of the Missoula Art Museum galleries, live music and some face-to-face time with exhibiting artists like Lillian Pitt, Barbara Weissberger, Ellen Garvens and Ken Little. Not enough for you? There will be hors d'oeuvres and a bar, uncultured swine. \$5 with student ID. Free for members. 5 to 8 p.m.

"THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW LIVE!"

The campiest Halloween staple is back, so grab your fishnets and prepare to get freaky. Whether you're a virgin or know every line by heart, "The Rocky Horror Show" is theater at its wildest, rowdiest and (dare we say it) naughtiest. We know you're trembling with anticipation. Performances at 7 and 11 p.m. \$34 to \$44 in advance available at logjampresents.com

Saturday 26

DISCO BLOODBATH WAREHOUSE HALLOWEEN

BFK Presents are going all out for this year's Disco Bloodbath, a raucous event any self-respecting electronic music fan would be sorry to miss. This year's party is absolutely enormous, with 45,000 square feet of both indoor and outdoor spaces. Get the real warehouse party experience with theatrical and visual effects, top-notch lighting and more than 30 talented performers here to blow your mind. 2901 Brooks Street. 18+. Tickets range from \$15 to \$75 for VIP access. 6 p.m. to 3 a.m.

ENCHANTED FOREST

Looking for something a little less ravey? Stop by Free Cycles for an evening of interactive art and performances. Listen to local singer-songwriters, hear some spoken word poetry and watch a belly dance or two. Enchanted Forest is a fundraiser for Turning the Wheel Missoula, a non-profit dedicated to teaching self-care, self-expression and body-based life skills. \$15 tickets available at universe.com (search "Enchanted Forest"). 6 to 10 p.m.

Sunday 27

BIRDWATCHING AT BROWN'S LAKE

Hey, bird fans! Join Five Valleys Audubon on a day trip to

Brown's Lake and take in the gorgeous sights. Loons, scoters and other various waterfowl frequent the site. Make sure you bring your handy binoculars to get the best views. 8:45 a.m. UM Adams Center Parking Lot P.

THIRD ANNUAL SKELETON SKEDADDLE 1K/5K

"Move for your bones" at UM Physical Therapy's third annual 1K/5K event. Runners, joggers, walkers and everyone in between are welcome to get fit this Halloween season. Race winners — and those with the best costumes — will be awarded prizes. The Oval. 1K starts at 2:15 p.m. and costs \$20. 5K starts at 3 p.m. and costs \$30. Register at runsignup.com/skeletonskeddadle5k

Monday 28

GETTING MORE OUT OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Face it: social media is here to stay. Let UM's own professor of journalism Lee Banville show you how to rein its powers for good and not evil. The founding editor of PBS NewsHour's digital and social media wing will outline how to get the most out of one of modern life's most prevalent tech. Make social media work for you, not the other way around. This workshop consists of two parts, the second following on Nov. 4. \$140. 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Don Anderson Hall, room 101.

Tuesday 29

HAUNTED CAMPUS TOUR

The University is, like, kinda old. And you know how much ghosts like to hang around old things being spooky. Take a guided tour through campus' most haunted hot spots and scratch that supernatural itch. Payne Family Native American Center fire pit. 7 to 10 p.m.

"BUNDYVILLE" PODCAST Q&A WITH LEAH SOTTILE

Journalist Leah Sottile's "Bundyville" podcast explores the gripping story of religious ideology and extremist violence through the Bundy family, most known for armed confrontations with the government in both Nevada and Oregon. This is your chance to dig deep and learn what it takes to make a successful podcast focused on intense subject matter. Free. Don Anderson Hall, room 101. 7 to 8 p.m. RSVP at montana-medialab.com



The University of Montana soccer team cheers and congratulates injured goal-scorer Rita Lang after its Oct. 4 win over Weber State University. CLAIRE SHINNER | MONTANA KAIMIN

UM Soccer finds its stride after tough nonconference schedule

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Despite a challenging start to the season, the Griz soccer team is ranked No. 1 in the Big Sky and is heading toward the conference tournament.

The UM soccer team battled it out with Sacramento State last Friday at South Campus Stadium. The game ended in a 0-0 tie after going into two overtimes.

Last Sunday, the Griz took on Portland State in Missoula. UM had its best scoring

performance of the season, racking up four goals and winning the game 4-0. This game gave UM its sixth win of the season.

After the Portland State game, Montana still hasn't lost a game to a conference opponent this season. In its first seven conference games, the Griz have won five and tied two.

Alexa Coyle and Claire Howard are leading the team this season. Coyle, a junior forward, has topped the Griz in scores. Howard, a goalkeeper, has also been able to keep the Griz atop the Big Sky Conference. Howard has only allowed one goal

in conference play so far, against Idaho State on Oct. 6, and the Griz won that game 2-1. Howard also hit 25 career shutouts in the game against Portland State. Howard's 25 shutouts are a school record.

Including three preseason games, the Griz have played some soccer powerhouses. The Griz travelled to Pullman, Washington, to take on Washington State in their third game this season. They lost 0-6. Washington State has won 10 games this year and is currently fourth in the PAC-12.

The team played seven of its first games

on the road and took on the University of California Berkeley while away. The Griz lost that game 0-1. The first win of the season didn't come for UM until the team played Cal Poly and won 1-0.

UM's next conference game will be against Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colorado. The team will then travel to play Eastern Washington for its final conference game.

Once conference play has been wrapped up, the Griz are set to play in the Big Sky Conference Tournament, which they won last year.

Learn to Curl highlights the scarcity of ice time in Missoula

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Despite limited ice time, the Missoula Curling Club attracted dozens of new team members to Glacier Ice Rink on Oct. 12 to learn how to curl, in preparation for the winter leagues beginning in November.

Barry Bollenbacher, the Missoula Curling Club president, has been part of the club since its founding in 2011, when the club had almost 100 members. As of 2019, there are over 200 members in the club.

The Missoula Curling Club has expanded its club to three seasons a year, with two divisions each season. In addition, the club hosts an annual tournament called "The Bonspiel," which attracts teams from around the country to play in Missoula in early April.

Curling originated in 16th century Scotland, where teams played on frozen ponds. According to the U.S. Olympic Committee, there are 25,000 curlers dispersed throughout over 188 curling clubs across the U.S. The game is played with two teams launching 44-pound stones across the ice and attempting to guide them into a bulls-eye target. Each team tries to knock the other team's stone out of play while keeping their own stones in the target zone. After each round, the number of points is added up and offset with the other team's. The team with the most points after the 10 rounds of curling wins the match.

"It's a great sport that is social and fun," said Bollenbacher. "You can play from age 10 to 90."

Even with hundreds of members and multiple curling leagues, the Missoula Curling Club only has the opportunity to compete between 9 p.m. and midnight on Saturday nights on a single ice sheet.

Despite limited ice time, Bollenbacher is happy with the club. "Every year we have more new people," he said. "Hopefully we will have our own place in the future."

Missoula only has one ice rink in town, the Glacier Ice Rink. There are only two ice sheets, one inside and the other outside. Meredith Stewart, a curling club board



An aspiring curler prepares to launch a stone down the ice. EMMA SMITH | MONTANA KAIMIN

member, explained that the curling leagues almost exclusively use the outdoor facility. Glacier Ice Rink is owned by the Missoula Area Youth Hockey Association, a non-profit focused on community and youth development through winter sports.

"Missoula is a very winter-oriented town," Stewart said. "Ice time has been tough because of the competition from other sports like hockey and figure skating."

Stewart explained that before the last two seasons, teams had to wait until 12:30 a.m. to play, and random changes in the schedule sometimes left teams without a game for up to six weeks.

Though the curling club now has a dedicated ice time on Saturday nights, only about 80 of the 200 members can participate each week, which Stewart said created a time crunch for teams to play. "We have to give a lot of teams bye weeks," said Stewart.

Bollenbacher added that many of the teams are given alternates in or-

der to fit all the curling members in the leagues. There is a team of nurses from St. Patrick Hospital with 12 members, according to Bollenbacher. A traditional curling team has four people.

The Missoula Curling Club created a self-survey in 2017 to find the best

solution to further expand the group. Of non-members polled, 72% said that they would join the curling club if there was better, more dedicated ice time.

"To grow more from 200 members, there needs to be another ice sheet in Missoula," said Bollenbacher.



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Ghost Carrot Fest farewell

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Local music lovers young and old gathered at the first night of the fourth and final installment of Ghost Carrot Music and Arts Fest at the Veterans of Foreign War Post 209 (VFW) bar in downtown Missoula on Oct. 19, for funky music about bugs and dogs who know their owners are high.

The festival, organized by Joshua Bacha of Ghost Carrot Records, went out with a bang. Bands from across North America drew crowds large enough to fill the VFW. With the PBR flowing and the music bumping, moshing was inevitable.

The festival featured bands like Calgary-based "36?" who played songs like "I Think My Dog Knows I'm High," from the group's new album, "Milk Mountain." The experimental group, led by Taylor Co-

chrane, had the crowd swaying and head banging simultaneously.

Another hit was Salt Lake-based psychedelic band Discographik, which played songs from "Arthropoda," an album entirely about bugs. Kaden Hendron, lead singer of the group, hopped into the crowd, cowboy hat and all, during the second song of the set.

The second night of Ghost Carrot Music and Arts Fest took place the following evening, Oct. 20, at Clyde Coffee on Higgins street near downtown Missoula.

The scene at the coffee shop was quieter, and festgoers were treated to a cozy atmosphere with a heavier emphasis on the visual artists.

Ghost Carrot is paired with Bacha's other Missoula festival, Psych Fest, which took place during the summers. Since Bacha is moving to Oregon, this festival will be his last in Missoula.

TOP RIGHT: Taylor Cochrane of the Calgary band "36?" runs a set of cables in front of the kick drum at Clyde Coffee for the second night of the Ghost Carrot Records Fest, Oct. 20.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Chloe Behan checks the levels of her guitar moments before performing at Clyde Coffee.

BOTTOM LEFT: Kaden Hendron of the band Discographik belts out a note at the first night of Ghost Carrot Music and Arts Fest 2019 at the VFW 209 bar in downtown Missoula on Oct. 19.

