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Democrats dominate Latah election

Caroline Nilsson Troy only Republican to win in Latah County.

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ARGONAUT

Unofficial results from the Latah County Election show voters broadly favored Democratic candidates.

Incumbent County Commissioner Tom Lamar beat his opponent, Gabriel Rench, by 5,121 votes.

U.S. Senate Candidate Paulette Jordan won the county by 841 votes, but lost the election statewide to opponent Jim Risch.

Rudy Soto received 104 more votes than Russ Fulcher, his Republican opponent in the House District 1 race.

David Nelson won by 2,767 votes in his District 5 Senate race against Dan Foreman.

While Dulce Kersting-Lark brought in 190 more votes than Republican Brandon Mitchell in Latah County, she lost the State

House Position 5A race by a slim margin.

Caroline Nilsson Troy, the only Republican to win their race in Latah County, won the State House Position 5B race by 1,031 votes.

In the U.S. Presidential Election, Joseph R. Biden took a lead in Latah County, beating incumbent Donald J. Trump by 736 votes.

Amendment HJR4 passed with 12,635 votes in favor.

With all precincts reporting, 20,880 ballots were cast in Latah County, roughly 82% of registered voters.

These numbers do not reflect national or statewide race totals. For more information, visit the Idaho Live Voter Turnout website.

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Latah County Commissioner, won by 5,121 votes



Paulette Jordan
U.S. Senate Candidate, won county by 841 votes but lost state



Rudy Soto
House District 1 Representative, won by 104 votes



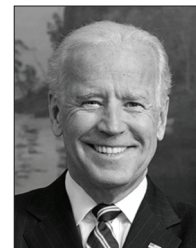
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Dulce Kersting-Lark
State House Position 5A Candidate, won county by 190 votes but lost election



Caroline Nilsson Troy
State House Position 5B Representative, won by 1,031 votes



Joseph R. Biden
U.S. Presidential Candidate, won county by 736 votes but nationwide results not yet available



HJR4 passed 12,635 votes in favor

ASUI

ASUI Senate forum roundup

Candidates shared platforms and opinions on key topics

Cody Roberts
ARGONAUT

The ASUI Senate election is fast approaching for University of Idaho students. Candidates spoke about their platforms and answered questions about topics from enrollment numbers to diversity in a Nov. 2 forum. Here's a roundup of the candidates.

Tanner McClaine

Hometown: Middleton, Idaho
Year: Freshman

Platform focus: Student involvement and academics

McClaine wants to create a reward system for students on campus to "invite students to be more involved on campus through rewarding the most-involved students" and to promote Career Services because "a lot of students get a major, but at the end of the day, they don't know what they're going to do after school."

McClaine said he would seek to increase enrollment by promoting Career Services so potential students are aware of their career chances after attending UI.

McClaine was captain of a mountain biking club in high school, founded a club that allowed him to plan events and fundraisers and was president of DECA, a business club.

Secilia Lopez

Year: Sophomore
Major: Biology

Platform focus: Diversity, civic engagement and student involvement

Lopez said, as part of a minority group, she "know(s) the struggles firsthand." She said she wants to make more dedicated spaces for multicultural students and encourage students to have "difficult conversations regarding diversity."

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High turnout but few lines at Student Recreation Center polls



(Left) Signs point voters toward SRC entrance. (Right) A poll worker guides a voter through registration. Esther David | Argonaut

Lines formed in the morning and afternoon, but voters steadily cycled through.

Esther David
ARGONAUT

Outside the University of Idaho Student Recreation Center yesterday, signs and volunteers directed voters to registration and voting booths. Golf carts shuttled voters to and from the polls through the chilly breeze, a palpable excitement in the air.

Amber Schneider, Center for Volunteerism and Social Action program coordinator, was impressed by the turnout and the energy of the students prepared for the election.

Schneider anticipated lower turnout at the SRC because of absentee ballots. While the turnout is higher than she expected, "there really has not been any lines throughout the day except for early this morning before we opened and around 3:45 p.m." she said.

"I honestly expected less of a line, but I think folks were getting pretty excited to cast their ballots today," Schneider said.

Annie Dalos, a UI student and first-time

voter, was excited to cast her ballot.

"I just wanted since I was old enough to be able to use my right to vote," Dalos said. "I thought it was exciting."

She said, to her, voting is a way to express her interests and what she cares about.

Donovan Rapp, Latah County resident and former UI student, agreed with Dalos. He felt voting in this election was extremely important. He believes there is a cycle of the parties not accurately reflecting voter needs but hopes the youngest generation of voters can break the pattern.

"I just don't think the two parties represent us anymore," Rapp said. "I think it's the same thing over and over again. I think one of the things that our generation will probably push for is moving out of that because it's not working. Voting is supposed to be you representing yourself and what you want in society, and by voting, you're expressing this person will represent me, and that's why it's important."

The SRC voting location is a relatively new addition to Latah County, having opened earlier this year. The SRC has also served as a COVID-19 testing location for UI students and employees.

"We are asking poll workers to wipe

down stations after folks are voting," Schneider said. "We also have socially distant poll booths and registration areas. We are also asking folks to wear masks indoors. Folks are complying with COVID-19 guidelines."

Inside the SRC, pens lay scattered across socially distanced tables, which voters can take after filling out registration forms to minimize germ spreading. The sharp scent of disinfectant pervaded the room.

The Latah County Fairground, another polling location, followed similar guidelines. Thomas Anderson, one poll worker, said absentee ballots were prioritized this year. Voters were instructed to use hand sanitizer and follow social distancing guidelines. Poll workers wiped down pens at the fairgrounds after voters finished using them.

Another poll worker, Linda Dewitt, said adapting to the guidelines was not as difficult as she expected because "we've gotten so used to COVID-19 that preparing for this wasn't that much of a challenge."

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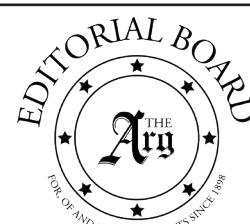
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Vandal Health Education



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UI Recwell

A Crumbs recipe

Crunchy chow mein

Cooking for four on a budget.

Prep time: 20 minutes

Yield: 4 servings



Emily Pearce | Argonaut

Ingredients:

- 1 onion
- 4 cloves garlic
- 2 chives
- 2 carrots
- 2 stalks of celery
- 1 1/2 cup cabbage
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 4 mushrooms
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup bean sprouts
- 2 cups dried chow mein
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- Paprika
- Black pepper
- Chili powder
- 2 chicken breasts

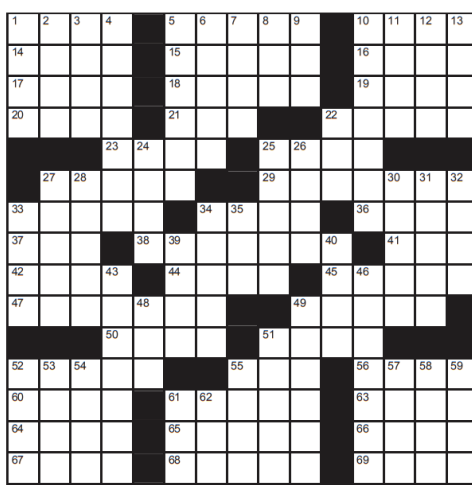
Directions:

1. Mix sugar, water and soy sauce with seasonings and set aside.
2. Slice chicken breast into strips and set aside.
3. Dice vegetables and put in a large mixing bowl to set aside.
4. Take a large pot or wok, add oil and heat until oil shimmers
5. Stir fry chicken until cooked.
6. Add veggies and stir until tender.
7. Add beansprouts and seasoning to taste.
8. Serve in bowl over dry chow mein noodles.

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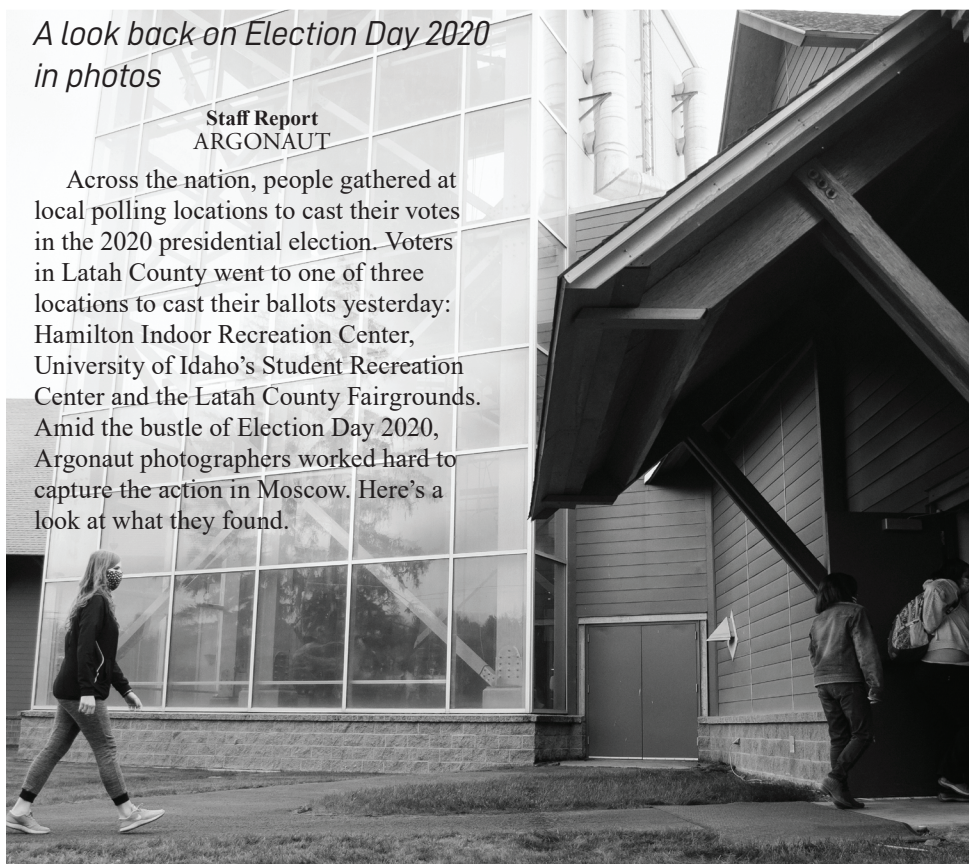
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Election Day in Moscow: A Gallery



A look back on Election Day 2020 in photos

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Across the nation, people gathered at local polling locations to cast their votes in the 2020 presidential election. Voters in Latah County went to one of three locations to cast their ballots yesterday: Hamilton Indoor Recreation Center, University of Idaho's Student Recreation Center and the Latah County Fairgrounds. Amid the bustle of Election Day 2020, Argonaut photographers worked hard to capture the action in Moscow. Here's a look at what they found.

(Top left) A cyclist passes by a sign pointing towards the Student Recreation Center's (SRC) polling area, Nov. 3. (Top right) Voters enter the back of the Student Recreation Center to vote, Nov. 3. (Bottom left) Front entrance to Hamilton Indoor Recreation Center Nov. 3 (Bottom Right) A truck parked near the Latah Community Events Center had signs supporting Dulce, Renee, Nelson and Lamar in the 2020 election Nov. 3

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ASUI

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"It's very difficult for now, in these times, for people to acknowledge clubs, especially for first-years that aren't really aware of the university's organizations and all that it can provide," Lopez said.

She said she would seek to promote these initiatives on social media.

Lopez said she would increase enrollment by promoting what UI has done to stay safe during the COVID-19 pandemic, in case prospective students are nervous about coming to campus.

Lopez was student body president and a member of Future Farmers of America during high school. In college, she has held an e-board position in Alpha, a business club for Latinx communities. Lopez also said she participates in an advocacy and activism club as well as a retention-based club bringing high school students to UI.

Madison Fitzgerald

Hometown: Twin Falls, Idaho

Year: Freshman

Majors: History, political science and international studies

Platform focus: Mental health awareness

"I think the university should implement a class to better educate students on how to be an ally to those who struggle with mental health," Fitzgerald said.

Fitzgerald said this education would consist of "a mandatory class to educate students on where to seek help and how to be an ally with those who struggle with mental health."

Fitzgerald said she would raise enrollment by advertising the university's residence and ranking.

Fitzgerald was president of both her DECA business club chapter and of Rotary Interact, a community service club. She also started the Welding Skills USA club for her high school. Fitzgerald said she was a triplet, so she "knew what it was like to share and compromise."

Zayne Hunter

Year: Junior

Major: Marketing

Platform focus: Price of parking and medical clinic locations

Hunter is planning to advocate for an on-campus medical clinic, but he also has his eye on parking.

"The number one thing that I heard when I was talking to students about what they think should be changed... was how expensive parking passes were," Hunter said. "My main goal in all of this is to lower parking pass prices and maybe even go into adding more parking."

Hunter said he would raise enrollment by starting an advertising campaign targeted at parents about COVID-19 testing results and campus safety precautions. He said he was already running social media campaigns for the

College of Business and Economics about how UI events are fun and safe.

Hunter said he participated in The Gem Boys State, a simulated student government at the state capital. He was also class vice president, class president, event coordinator for student government, National Honors Society chapter president and state officer for the Technology Student Association.

Joseph Tibesar

Hometown: Caldwell, Idaho

Year: Freshman

Major: Management information systems

Platform focus: Promoting campus services and ensuring student support

"When we pay for college, we're not just paying for our classes; we're paying for the services, the tutoring, for the organizations, for everything on campus, and it's our job at ASUI to promote that," Tibesar said.

Tibesar said in order to increase enrollment, the university should advertise its safety.

"I myself almost took a gap-year," Tibesar said. "The reason I didn't was because I saw an email from the university that said we were all going to get tested... That right there is what we need to promote to the students and incoming students."

Tibesar worked in a youth council in Caldwell, which he said gave him experience in lobbying to congressmen and state representatives, as well as vocalizing what the younger population wants and believes.

Peyton Loffer

Hometown: Meridian, Idaho

Year: Freshman

Platform focus: Helping students access resources and be the best they can be

"Mental health for me is a key factor to success..." Loffer said. "We need to make it easier and promote the counseling center a little bit better, because I feel like most kids don't feel like they have the best access to it."

Loffer said to increase enrollment, she would use social media to promote that UI is keeping students safe with free COVID-19 testing and the Healthy Vandal Pledge.

"I think we need to promote that we are on a Hyflex..." Loffer said. "It's really cool that we still have access to classrooms and still have access to our teachers."

Loffer led a few clubs in high school.

"I like to be a leader, and I like to help other people, so I think using that can help me to support the students on campus," Loffer said.

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POLITICS

Psalm Singers plead not guilty

Individuals from anti-mask altercation remain uncharged

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The five people charged with violating the city mask mandates during the Sept. 23 Psalm Sing have all pleaded not guilty to charges, according to Latah County Court records.

Neither of the people allegedly involved in an altercation during the Sept. 26 protest outside the Moscow police station have been given a formal citation yet, according to Mia Bautista, the City of Moscow Attorney.

Sean Bohnet and Rachel Bohnet, who were arrested at the Sept. 23 Psalm Sing, pleaded not guilty to two misdemeanors, resisting or obstructing officers and violating social distancing, isolation or quarantine. Their arraignments were held Oct. 5, and their next pretrial conference is

scheduled for Nov. 10.

Gabriel Rench, who ran against Incumbent Tom Lamar for District 2 County Commissioner, was also arrested during the Sept. 23 Psalm Sing and is being charged with a misdemeanor violation of social distancing, isolation or quarantine. Rench pleaded not guilty on Oct. 27 and has requested a jury trial. His pretrial conference is scheduled for Nov. 10.

Tyler Marines and Jesse Broussard, arrested Sept. 23, pleaded not guilty to misdemeanors of a violation of social distancing, isolation or quarantine. Broussard's arraignment was held Oct. 28 and his pretrial conference is scheduled for Nov. 10. The arraignment for Marines was held Oct. 26 and his pretrial conference is scheduled for Nov. 17.

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ADMINISTRATION

UI leases steam plant

Proceeds expected to be invested in student success initiatives and recruiting new students

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University of Idaho is entering a 50-year lease with Sacryr Plenary Utility Partners Idaho LLC on the steam plant as part of a public-private partnership, according to a news release.

The lease was approved by the Idaho State Board of Education on Monday, the news release stated. The partnership, or P3 agreement, will allow UI to invest in student and research endeavors, UI President C. Scott Green stated in the news release.

"In addition to scholarship support that will improve the go-on rate in Idaho, the transaction creates a concessionaire-paid maintenance plan for our steam plant and utility system that will free up state funding for other projects," Green stated.

Investing the net proceeds from the \$225 million up-front payment is expected to generate \$6 million annually for strategic initiatives, the news release stated. Some of the up-front payment will be used to develop a capital plan, some will be used to retire debt and the

rest will be invested.

The university expects to invest \$3 million in graduate student success and research, \$1 million in recruiting new students and \$2 million in student success initiatives, including scholarships and growing online education, the deal FAQ page stated.

UI will pay Sacryr Plenary Utility Partners Idaho LLC, the concessionaire, utility and operations fees annually, the news release stated.

The university expects the concessionaire to hire all qualified employees of the plant and offer compensation packages vetted by UI Human Resources, the FAQ page stated.

"A P3 is much more complex and mutually beneficial partnership agreement than strict outsourcing," the FAQ website stated. "The university not only brings on a world-class utility operator as a partner that can bring best practices, but also provides a career path for our steam plant employees that the university cannot offer..."

Details on the transaction will be further developed over the coming months, the FAQ website stated.

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POLITICS

Latah republican has no affiliation to the University of Idaho

Independent publication used UI logos and phrases in print edition and on websites

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The Latah republican, an independent publication which listed affiliations with University of Idaho in its Oct. 23 print edition, is not affiliated to UI.

The makeshift newspaper listed three different websites on its frontpage: www.latah.life, www.latah.republican and www.uidaho.life. Each website directs the viewer to websites sparsely related to the content of the print edition. The inclusion of the phrase “uidaho” in one website URL implied an association to the university. However, this is not the case.

Jodi Walker, the director of communications at UI, confirmed the publication has no relation to the university.

“We were not aware of them using ‘uidaho’ in their website URL and are having our legal team try to get the URL removed,” Walker said.

When visiting the website, viewers are greeted by two posts by the moderator: an anonymous article titled “Constitution 101: Sheriff Skiles should arrest Mayor Lambert and Chief Fry” and an announcement of the first print edition of the publication. The UI logo next to the posts redirects the user to UI’s athletics page.

Several key Republican figures were featured in the physical publication, including Mark Herr, the president of the Center for Self-Governance; Gabriel Rench, candidate for District 2 Latah County Commissioner; Lt. Governor Janice McGeachin and Ammon Bundy.

The publication advertised several other Republican candidates for election, such as Brandon Mitchell for Idaho House Seat 5A, Caroline Nilsson Troy for Idaho

House Seat 5B, Dan Foreman for Idaho Senate and James Hartley for Idaho House Seat 5B.

The content appears to consist entirely of conservative opinion pieces. Topics range from the handling of COVID-19, interpretations of the Constitution, thoughts on gun control and the Second Amendment, Black Lives Matter, pro-life policies and a scathing criticism of the LGBTQ+ community.

Kestrel Realty Group, a Moscow realty company, is the only outside advertisement featured in the newspaper. The morning of the publication’s distribution, the business took to Facebook to condemn the Latah republican, stating it misled Kestrel Realty Group.

“We were solicited for an ad in the paper and were led to believe that it was a non-partisan voter informational guide,” Kestrel Realty Group’s Facebook page stated. “It was not. The views expressed do not represent Kestrel.”

Gabriel Rench, who was featured in the paper, held similar confusion and criticism for the publication. He said a woman named Holly approached him under the email publisher@latahrepublican.com for an article feature. Rench was under the impression from Holly’s explanation that he was writing for a voter’s guide, not the type of publication which was printed.

The creators of the Latah republican are unknown and the provided email on its website did not respond to Argonaut staff members for comment. Its websites imply there will be more print editions, but it is not clear when those will be released.

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CAMPUS LIFE

Finishing up Fall 2020: what to expect after Fall Break

Campus will remain open, but hours for buildings and resources may change

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University of Idaho will transition to completely remote instruction after Fall Break. UI officials recommend all students stay home until next semester, but the campus will remain open.

Students are encouraged to stay away from campus until the start of the Spring 2021 semester because students will be traveling, Blaine Eckles, vice provost for student affairs and dean of students, said. Normally, he’s leery when students travel during winter months, but he hopes students will be especially cautious this year.

“We do recognize though that some students may not have a permanent location to return home to,” Eckles said. “We do strongly encourage students, if they travel, to stay away. We don’t have in-person classes after Thanksgiving break, so students can complete all their coursework online.”

On-campus residents should just let their Resident Assistant know if they intend to stay after Fall Break, John Kosh, Auxiliary Services marketing manager said.

“The residence halls and residential dining will still be open,” Kosh said. “Campus itself is not completely shutting down.”

Access to Wi-Fi, student health offerings, the Idaho Student Union Building, the Bruce M. Pitman Center

and other resources will still be available, although hours may change, according to Kosh. Events will periodically be held by Vandals Dining, the Residence Hall Association, the VandalStore and the golf course, regardless of how many people return, Kosh said.

“We are not closing the residence halls,” Eckles said. “The students that live there can still remain living there.”

However, like a normal year, residence halls are closed for Winter Break starting Dec. 19, Eckles said. Students who need to stay over this break can create an agreement with housing to find a solution. Applications for Winter Break housing can be found on the “Apply for Housing” page on the UI website.

Eckles hopes students who stay off-campus after Fall Break will “keep on with their healthy behaviors.”

“Just because you’re away from campus doesn’t mean you shouldn’t engage in healthy decision making,” Eckles said.

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CITY COUNCIL

City Council plans gender neutral bathrooms

Bite-sized news from the Nov. 2 City Council meeting

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Moscow City Council expressed an interest in beginning to implement gender-neutral bathrooms in various city-owned restrooms.

The inspiration for the preliminary plans comes from a growing number of neighboring Pacific Northwest and Idaho cities which have started making the switch. City staff and the Moscow Human Rights Commission conducted research of nearby areas and analyzed existing Moscow restrooms to determine viability.

Boise, Idaho Falls, Meridian, Nampa, Lewiston, Pocatello, Spokane and Pullman have already implemented gender neutral or family bathrooms. Another studied area, Caldwell, had no implementation of either.

The research, presented by Moscow’s Deputy City Supervisor Jen Piffner, indicates 49% of Moscow’s restrooms would only need a sign-change and added lock to become gender neutral. Other restrooms could require reconstruction or further analysis.

Piffner said 16% of Moscow’s restrooms are portable and already gender neutral by default, but 5% of restrooms, including those at Friendship Square, Mountain View Park and the Intermodal Transit Center, would need complete reconstruction or in-depth

planning because they have multiple stalls and pose a safety risk.

Some Moscow restrooms could use a hybrid approach, like those in City Hall, where bathrooms on one floor could be gender neutral while those on another remain gender-specific, Piffner said.

Moscow City Councilor Maureen Laffin questioned the concept of making multi-stall restrooms gender neutral.

“I guess I always I have a question in my own mind about safety,” Laffin said. “Are people being beaten up or whether or not the consumer, the person using the bathroom, feels comfortable going into a multi-stall bathroom. I think there are questions that relate to that before we decide to convert those or create new ones, we have to have a good pulse on what the community and the users really feel about the multi-stall gender neutral bathrooms.”

Moscow City Council unanimously agreed to begin formulating plans to tackle implementation, but questioned where funding for large scale changes would come from. Mayor Bill Lambert said the issue would be processed when presented. He added that once implementation occurs, any prospective bathroom sites can be made gender neutral by default.

Additional details from this meeting can be found on The Argonaut’s website.

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Life Hacks



Things to do on the Palouse this week

Emily Pearce
ARGONAUT

This is the week that we have all been anticipating. Politics may be stressful and for those who need a break, here are things happening on the Palouse this week. Remember to wear a mask and social distance when going to in-person events to keep others and yourself safe.

Votes for Women: Outdoor Exhibit

Take a walking tour of

VOTES FOR WOMEN
A Portrait of Persistence



Time: 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Date: Nov. 2—8

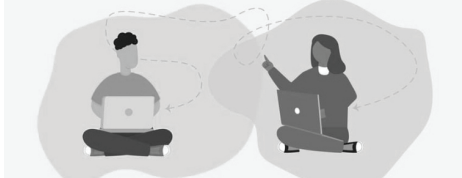
Place: Downtown Moscow

Price: Free

Celebrating the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage, the Latah County Historical Society will host its educational exhibit in downtown Moscow. Displayed in storefronts between First Street and Sixth Street, businesses have generously participated in this event. The outdoor exhibit can be viewed throughout November and will commemorate suffrage.

Real Talk Thursdays

Workshops with mental health professionals
Every Thursday from Oct 1 - Nov 19



I Need My Space! The Stress of Staying at Home

Time: 12:30-1 p.m.

Date: Nov. 5

Place: Online event

Price: Free

Has quarantine driven you crazy recently? Is the stress of family, roommates and the semester kept you mad? Then this Real Talk Thursday will be up your alley. Going over issues like living at home and spending extra time in solitude can benefit interpersonal relationships. They will be discussing how to tackle these problems in a healthy, mature way.

Bar Bingo

Time: 6:30-9 p.m.

Date: Nov. 5

Place: Eagles Lodge Moscow

Price: \$1 per card and \$2 per blackout

Check out the Eagles Lodge Moscow bar and play a relaxing game of bingo. Taking lots of breaks in between games, get to know other people who take pleasure in playing the game. Bingo cards are \$1 and blackout cards are \$2, and winners get small rewards. Proceeds will go toward helping their Aerie and Auxiliary.

Laser Tag

Time: 7 -10 p.m.

Date: Nov. 6

Place: Kibbie Dome

Price: Free for students

Strap on your gear and get ready for a match, or two, of laser tag. Grab a couple of friends and come to the Kibbie Dome for a blast. Vandal Entertainment has lined up the perfect course for laser tag enthusiasts and thrill chasers. Students only need to bring their Vandal Card to play.

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Moscow Co-Op hosts weekend fundraisers



(Left) A table is set up at the Democracy Dogs event for the League of Women Voters. (Top) Elias Doubousianos hands a "Democracy Dog" to Caitlin Suire. (Bottom) A sign for wearing masks is displayed at the Democracy Dogs event.

Cody Roberts | Argonaut

Moscow Co-Op trying to offer a sense of community with fundraisers

Teren Kowatsch
ARGONAUT

The Moscow Co-Op recently hosted a fundraiser called People Helping People. In cooperation with Moscow Alehouse, due to the latter's annual fundraising, people canceled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. During the fundraiser, there was a trick-or-treat event in which COVID-19 procedures were implemented and non-GMO candy was offered to children participating in the event. People could also donate food items to help families in need.

The proceeds from the fundraiser went to the Sojourners' Alliance program. The program, according to their mission statement, is a non-profit organization trying to tackle

homelessness, hunger and poverty, while offering case management and providing safe living environments for those in need.

Following the People Helping People event on Halloween – Moscow Co-Op hosted its Democracy Dog event on Nov. 2. The event took inspiration from a famous Australian tradition on voting days – some grills and cookouts take place near poll locations. The idea came from an Australian Co-Op employee, according to the Co-Op Marketing Manager Steve Corda. The Co-Op offered a signature style of bratwurst sausages and drink specials at the event with the proceeds going to the local chapter of the League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political group that encourages informed and active government participation.

The Co-Op elected to have the fundraiser to promote democracy.

"Democracy is one of our core values," Corda said. "We've made steps recently to reinforce our core values with democracy

being one of them."

Corda and the Co-Op want to bring the sense of community back that they've missed in Moscow.

"With COVID-19, we've missed our community," Corda said. "We wanted to host an event that can bring the sense of community back to Moscow and shows we're all neighbors, especially this close to the election."

The Co-Op Democracy Dog event is one they hope to have every 2-4 years for state and general elections, Corda said.

"It goes back to wanting a sense of unity in the community," Corda said. "Everyone and everything has felt so divided lately so going back to that sense of neighborhood and community is really something we wanted to accomplish."

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ART

UI Strings faculty member releases children's book

Encouraging the arts through biographical storytelling

Katarina Hockema
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University of Idaho Strings faculty member Diane Worthey released her second children's picture book, "In One Ear and Out the Other: Antonia Brico and Her Amazingly Musical Life" on Oct. 6 with Penny Candy Books.

The book is Worthey's second work with Penny Candy Books after 2019's "Hedy and Her Amazing Invention." Her current title encourages children's interest and pursuit of the arts and holds a message of dedication and perseverance through telling and illustrating the story of Antonia Brico, a conductor who broke barriers for women in professional music careers by being the first woman to conduct the Berlin and New York Philharmonic orchestras.

"Diane Worthey has been teaching the violin and viola to all ages of student for the past 30 years," the UI webpage on biographies of Strings faculty stated. "For the last 18 years, she has taught a studio of Suzuki

violin/viola students in Pullman, WA."

Worthey's inspiration for the book is derived from her personal experience playing under Antonia Brico as a student in the Brico Symphony, now known as the Denver Philharmonic, and from that experience, her eventual interest in the composer as she increasingly learned about her accomplishments.

Although Worthey's book holds a feminist tone that encourages young women and girls to pursue their passions in the arts, due to the subject being a woman who was often barred from musical career opportunities due to her gender, it is also applicable to a general young audience of any gender, race, sexuality, gender identity or ethnicity/nationality for any subject of interest or passion.

"The theme of the book... can be applied to any naysayer thing that someone does," Worthey said. "It doesn't have to be only about music... it doesn't have to be only about being a girl versus a boy."

Diane was inspired to write her book after noticing a very small amount of material focused on the arts that were targeted towards children's audiences in local libraries. Writing is a novel passion of

hers that is supplemented by her experience and career in music as a violin and viola instructor, as both mediums require extensive revision and critique.

"It was sort of a mission of mine to try to write a book about the arts and, of course, music is what I know," Worthey said. "I found that the mechanics of writing and music are very similar."

Worthey worked closely with BookPeople of Moscow for use of space for critiques and other publication preparation, as well as their involvement with distributing the book at a local, small business in Moscow. She applied many themes of her book to her journey of publication.

"Follow Antonia Brico's lead by not listening to naysayers... pursue your dreams, whatever those are, with passion and perseverance and grit," Worthey said "That's what she taught me."

The new book is currently available at BookPeople of Moscow, as well as Amazon.com.

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(Left) Student Alumni Relations Board member monitoring the candy booth Oct. 30. (Right) The entrance to the Six Feet Trick or Treat event Oct. 30

CAMPUS LIFE

Kim Stager | Argonaut

Celebrating Halloween During COVID-19

Halloween may look different this year, but it doesn't mean children and adults can't have fun.

Kim Stager
ARGONAUT

Packaged candy slid down a chute from the upper floors into the open hands and bags of children and adults at Hays Hall, starting the Halloween weekend.

Alumni, staff, faculty and friends could attend the outdoor Six Feet Trick or Treat event from 4-6 p.m. and current students could attend between 7-9 p.m. Joe Vandal made an appearance at the event for photos from 5-6 p.m. at the community event and 7-8 p.m. at the student event.

Jake Milleson, president of the Student Alumni Relations Board, said they originally planned to do one event from 12-5 p.m. for everyone on Oct. 30. They decided to have separate events that are special for the students with scarier decorations and spread out the traffic flow.

The Spring Easter Egg hunt for the community and students was canceled due to COVID-19, so they decided to do a Halloween event to get people involved.

Hays Hall, located on 1212 Blake Ave., was the perfect location away from the road with a beautiful courtyard and building for the event. Katie Dahlinger, UI Marketing and Communication manager for the Office of Alumni Relations, brought up the event idea to try and offer the community members and students some normalcy during COVID-19 Halloween.

The drain tile pipe chute started on the ADA accessible first-floor roof where an alumni relations member would slide down a handful of mini-sized candies into a person's hand or goodie bag on the ground level, depending on the person's preference. And to keep things sanitary, the chute end was placed on the ground floor was placed on a table.

People could not choose their candy, but staff members made sure those with allergies were accommodated.

Markers on the sidewalk, signs and alumni staff regulated the event to make sure people were adhering to the CDC guidelines. An hour between the community and student event allowed the staff to clean off the table and other items.

There was no food or drinks offered or any other activities at this event to

adhere to COVID-19 protocols. Alumni relations hope to offer these things in the future if the event is successful this year. Seth Vieux, COVID-19 project manager, signed off on the event and said it fit with the Stage 3 protocols that Gov. Brad Little announced would go into effect in Idaho on Monday, Oct. 26.

"(The Student Alumni Relation Board) hope that it's a big success and hope that it's possibly something that we can do into the future but maybe with a little less restrictions next year," Milleson said. "We'll (continue to) work with the current recommendations and guidelines set by university, public, state and national health."

For the past three years, UI has hosted a Vandals vs. Bengals Food Fight event. UI and ISU are tied with this year determining the tiebreaker. A box was placed at the beginning of the trick or treat event near the road so those with non-perishable items to donate could drop them off. This month-long instead of week-long homecoming event ended on Oct. 31.

Marie Duncan, director of Alumni Programs & Operations, said this event is partnered with the Idaho Food Bank that distributes the food to students on campus.

She hoped putting a box out for the donations at the trick or treat event would bring awareness and give community members a chance to donate if they couldn't during Homecoming Week.

"We'll see the turnout and the interest in it, but I think we have the perfect building for (trick or treating), the perfect location with a parking lot close by so people don't have to walk too far into campus to be a part of it," Duncan said. "I hope it's something that I'm talking about in 10 years saying, 'we started it because of COVID-19, but it grew legs and it kept getting better and better.'"

Milleson and Duncan encouraged people to incorporate cloth masks into the costume, trick or treat indoors with family or places with well-regulated COVID-19 protocols, carve pumpkins and take hikes to enjoy the fall weather before it snows again.

The Vandals vs. Bengal Food Fight competition results are on the Student Alumni Relation Board and office's social media sites.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

Mindfulness sessions encourage mental health

Virtual meditation sessions promote mental wellness

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The University of Idaho has several resources available to students that promote the discussion and practice of mental health. One of these resources is "drop-in mindfulness" sessions held every Wednesday from 12-12:20 p.m. through Zoom, hosted by Jamie Derrick, an associate clinical professor in the Department of Psychology and Communication Studies.

These sessions are free and available to anyone of any level of experience to attend, even if they are not currently a student at UI. Participants are led through an open practice of guided meditation sessions that vary week to week, depending on the current social climate. Derrick has incorporated COVID-19 concerns into her teachings and practice, as several participants have experienced stress related to the pandemic.

As well, the Wednesday, Nov. 4 session focused on the aftermath of the 2020 election, according to Derrick.

"So much of what I'm doing now is really supporting people to handle the heightened stress and the sense of disconnection," Derrick said. "The practices are almost all about finding ease and relaxation. We're not pulling up any deep things, we're just really taking care of ourselves."

Derrick's sessions typically consist of an opening "settle-in" of participants, a general exercise or open practice and a conclusive exercise to encourage participants to retain the ease and relaxation of the session throughout the rest of their day. Derrick encourages individuals who are considering

mindfulness to explore it, join the sessions and be aware of the expectations set for themselves regarding their involvement in practice.

"Don't push too hard," Derrick said. "Allow space for fun and rest and whatever distractions that are wholesome and helpful. Self-compassion is really

important—to try to suspend self-judgment or judgment of other people."

Outside of scheduled "drop-in" sessions, Derrick has also led mindfulness training workshops for groups and organizations on campus. Michaela Lafontaine, chapter president of Gamma Beta Phi at UI, is a senior secondary education major who has taken Derrick's classes, attended her mindfulness sessions and has applied her teachings to her personal life and her sorority.

"It's 20 minutes once a week and can be really impactful towards a lot of different aspects of your life," Lafontaine said. "I think it's one of our best resources on campus because it's so accessible and so impactful."

During the period of increased COVID-19 cases among UI Greek chapters, Lafontaine introduced mindfulness techniques to her sorority to cope with the isolation period and encourage mental wellness during a time of stress and uncertainty.

"I think it has been really beneficial to me personally and even just to the chapter, in general, to be able to acknowledge (that) this is not a normal experience,"

Lafontaine said. "It's helped our mindset and morale to be able to have those tools available to us and know that 'no, we don't have to perfectly know how to attack this, but there are ways to get there.'"

Other mental health resources on campus include the Counseling and Testing Center, (208-885-6716) located in Mary Forney Hall, room 306, VandalHealth, (208-885-6693) located at 831 Ash St. with access on the west side of the Student Health Building and Jamie Derrick herself, who leads scheduled group mindfulness training for classes and living groups on campus. She can be reached at jamiederrick@uidaho.edu. For immediate crisis assistance, contact the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 800-273-8255 or the Idaho Suicide Prevention Hotline at 208-398-4357.

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Sports



Tre Walker sets himself in position against Penn State

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FOOTBALL

Vandal football back in the Kibbie Dome

Team completed their first full contact practice

Armin Mesinovic
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The University of Idaho football team has gone from a combination of workouts and practices since school has begun. The Vandals participated in their first full-contact practice this fall on Oct. 17 as they edge closer to the beginning of the spring season.

The team was used to practicing on the SprinTurf but this was their first full-contact practice back inside the Kibbie Dome.

"I thought it was great," Paul Petrino, UI football head coach, said. "I thought we had good intensity. We saw some good tackling, saw guys flying around."

"It brought that football atmosphere back," Tre Walker, junior linebacker said. "Living that same experience again, the same time last season we were playing games and having practices. It kind of made me forget about quarantine and focus on playing football."

The practice offered the team a chance to fully compete again, and it was followed by a highlight package. It also gave the players an opportunity to work out some kinks and rust that followed them after not being able to practice with full pads for several months.

"We've been around each other for a long time now without being able to hit somebody, so it was definitely fun to finally be able to hit each other," Walker said. "We had a lot of energy, a lot of passion on both sides of the ball, so it's definitely a good time for us to hit somebody else right now because we're tired of hitting each other. It was definitely a little rusty but with a few more practices and workouts, we'll work those out."

Walker also saw snaps at running back during the practice and confirmed that he will be a

two-way player this season. Walker will be the first two-way player for the Vandals since Saints linebacker Kaden Elliss. Elliss played LB and tight end for the Vandals back in the 2017 and 2018 seasons. Walker played running back and LB in high school so the option to play both sides of the ball isn't new to him.

"I was a running back all my life until my senior year in high school," Walker said. "It is definitely something I was comfortable with, and the position is something that I have been playing. I just wanted to get back and help the team however I can."

As Walker will be playing both positions this season, stamina can play a big factor in his production on the field throughout

the game. Walker is comfortable that keeping his energy high throughout the game won't be an issue.

"My conditioning is even better, and I try to keep my body in top shape," Walker said. "My main priority is not letting my body slip away and just staying in shape. I've been playing for a long time, throughout high school, and now I've seen it's something that's going to be fun and not something that'll be too tiring. I like being in the game, being on the field and controlling the

game, and that's what I'll do."

The Vandals are approaching the end of fall camp and are close to finishing their 15 fall practices as they'll return to the field in the spring to begin their football season.

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Tre Walker standing at a game against Wyoming in 2019

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BASKETBALL

Natalie Klinker works hard on and off the court



Senior forward Natalie Klinker prepares to shoot a free throw against Southern Utah on Feb. 29 in Memorial Gym

Saydee Brass | Argonaut

Klinker looks to become a leader this season

Armin Mesinovic
ARGONAUT

The University of Idaho women's basketball team finished off last season with a push to the Big Sky Women's Basketball Championship final and clinched a 22-9 record with the best defense in the conference. The defense was supplemented with help from senior forward Natalie Klinker as she will play in her final season as a Vandal in December.

Natalie joined the Vandals as a freshman in 2017 and has steadily improved as she enters her senior year.

"One thing that has never changed since the day she has walked in here is her energy and work ethic is off the charts," Jon Newlee, women's basketball head coach, said. "I've never had a kid work harder than she has these past four years. She leaves it all on the floor... you never have to doubt how hard Natalie Klinker will work for you."

Klinker had the opportunity to play with her sister, UI graduate Lizzy Klinker, last season for the first time and their chemistry took off immediately as they oftentimes would lead the Vandals to a victory. Since Lizzy graduated last spring, Natalie is left without her sister for her final season. Natalie led the team in rebounds and led the Big Sky Conference with 3.1 offensive rebounds per game as the Klinker sisters led the Vandals to a 22-9 (15-5 BSC) record.

"Liz and I were really close," Natalie said. "It was really tough leading up to the summer, and the fact of coming back and not having her here. But one thing that has helped me through it is just how close I am with my teammates, and they're kind of like my sisters in a sense."

The Vandals are fairly young this season with only a few senior leaders. Natalie looks to take more of a leadership role as a captain that Lizzy and UI graduate Isabelle Hadden had last season.

"I think she's going to take a big role on the team and already has," Newlee said. "She came to me when everybody came back in August and said 'Coach, I've been doing a lot of thinking, and I really want to be a leader for these young players and keep everything going here in our culture and our family atmosphere.' I think she's done a great job with that as she always rallies the team at practice and making sure everybody's taken care of on and off the floor."

Natalie and her teammates face new challenges this season as they will go through weekly COVID-19 testing, schedule changes and uncertainty throughout the season. The Vandals schedule begins on Dec. 3 against Sacramento State and will end on March 5 against Montana on Senior Day. Differences in the schedule include playing the same team twice in a week throughout the season.

"There's a lot of difference with getting tested weekly and three times a week when in season, but I think it will also be different playing the same team twice over a weekend," Natalie said. "When you play somebody at the start of the season and then you play somebody at the end of the season, you're a totally different team. Not completely, but you have changed your team so it'll be weird playing the same team twice in a weekend but I think that it's just going to take a lot more focus."

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BASKETBALL

The Vandals bring in top talent from Australia

Hunter-Jack Madden joins the Vandals after a season as a Developmental Player

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The University of Idaho men's basketball team added a new freshman to the team in April. The new freshman is six-foot-one guard Hunter-Jack Madden.

Madden played for Shore School in Sydney, Australia in high school, and last year he played as a Developmental Player for the Sydney Kings. A Developmental Player is a player that is associated with a professional team in order to improve their skills, but they do not play professionally. Madden's decision to come play in Moscow for the Vandals was influenced by the UI men's basketball coaching staff.

"The coaching staff were very upfront, and they gave me an opportunity," Madden said. "A lot of Australians have come to the Big Sky and had success, so I wanted to have the same opportunity."

The decision to bring in Madden was heavily influenced by his offensive playmaking ability and the energy that carried him. UI Men's Basketball Head Coach Zac Claus and his staff started recruiting Madden in Australia after Doug Novsek, UI men's basketball associate head coach, had a previous relationship with the Sydney Kings as a member of their coaching staff.

"We became very intrigued with his offensive ability of being able to handle the ball and shoot it, knowing what he had gone through last year as a Developmental Player," Claus said. "Having the chance to talk to one of the Kings' assistant coaches and the GM about (Madden), and ultimately getting to know him as a person has been great. He's a wonderful addition to our program."

Madden is adjusting to life in Moscow since it's the first time he has been away from home and his family. Madden has begun practices with his teammates as he starts to familiarize himself with the playbook and the team.

"One of the guys that has been helping me out a lot is Damen, just helping me out with plays and getting comfortable," Madden said. "Because you watch film every day, or every day I can, it's been easy to fit into the team with the coaches' help."

In his senior year of high school, Madden led his team in scoring, rebounding and assists with 24.7 points, 8.1 rebounds and 4.5 assists per game. His performance led to Madden getting selected to the All-Australian Schoolboys Team. Because of his performance in high school, Madden got the opportunity to play as a Developmental Player for the Sydney Kings.

"It was a great experience, after I finished high school I went on a week and a half road trip around Australia with the team," Madden said. "They let me come on as a Developmental Player, and I got to work with guys like Andrew Bogut and Xavier Cooks. Those were crazy experiences but I got so much better. I learned how to carry myself as a professional in the way I act. I'm taking more care about rolling and stretching after practice and eating a variety of foods. These were all things I hadn't thought about before when I was playing."

Madden said he would have never gotten as far as he has without his family. He credits his grandparents and his mother for helping to motivate him to make it this far.

"My grandpa is definitely my number one fan when it comes to basketball, but my mother and grandma just want me to get an education, and that's what they care the most about," Madden said. "All of them are my role models, and they're the reason why I'm here in Moscow."

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BASKETBALL

2020-21 Big Sky women's basketball preview

Power rankings for women's basketball

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#1 Idaho Vandals

The Idaho Vandals are one of the top teams in the conference defensively as their offense continues to improve. Losing senior captains Isabelle Hadden and Lizzy Klinker to graduation will play a factor in how the Vandals play this season but adding veteran recruits Gabi Harrington from Montana and Rylee Alexander from Pratt Community College adds depth to the team. Offensive leader Gina Marxen and rebound leader Natalie Klinker will lead the team to a strong defense as the Vandals ranked first in defense in the Big Sky last season.

#2 Montana State

Montana State finished first in the Big Sky last season with a 19-1 record in the conference. Sophomore guard Darian White played lights out last season as she arguably had the best freshman season in Montana State women's basketball history with 394 points, 150 rebounds, 104 assists and 76 steals. White looks to continue that dominance this season as Montana State will continue to be one of the best teams in the Big Sky.

#3 Montana

Montana finished fourth in the Big Sky last season but is a well-rounded team. This season they're surrounded by a young team with six freshmen but with still a fair amount of veteran players as well. They look to remain in the top half of the conference this season.

#4 Idaho State

Idaho State finished third in the Big Sky but will look to fight Montana for the number three spot. They were one win better than Montana last season so the fight for the third spot will be heavily contested between these two teams.

#5 Portland State

Portland State had a fairly young team last season and with more experience going into this season they will look to be in the fifth spot. They surprised many in the Big Sky Women's Basketball Tournament with their near upset performance, putting up a close game against Idaho.

#6 Northern Arizona

Northern Arizona will be a good team going into the season with Jacey Bailey putting up great numbers

POWER RANKINGS

1. **Idaho**
2. **Montana State**
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5. **Portland State**
6. **Northern Arizona**
7. **Sacramento State**
8. **Southern Utah**
9. **Northern Colorado**
10. **Eastern Washington**
11. **Weber State**

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shooting from beyond the arc. They played well in conference games last season and will look to continue that performance by being an excellent three-point shooting team. Northern Arizona overcame Montana in the Big Sky Women's Basketball Tournament and put up a good fight against Montana State so expect them to do well this season.

#7 Sacramento State

Sacramento State will look to get off to a hot start this season as they could upset Idaho in the season opener but it will be difficult for them to get things going against a strong and defensive team. They struggled in the Big Sky last season with only six wins but will look to change as the season approaches.

#8 Southern Utah

Southern Utah will most likely struggle this season compared to last season with their star player Rebecca Cardenas unable to return as their offensive leader. The team is actively looking for a new offensive leader for this season.

#9 Northern Colorado

Northern Colorado struggled against top teams in the Big Sky, and that trend is likely to continue as they will look to find a solution to win big games this season. Alisha Davis will be a key player on the team to be an offensive scorer as the team will look to her to make plays.

#10 Eastern Washington

Eastern Washington struggled last season to get things going with a very young core, and that will follow them this season. The young core will need more time to grow and improve as the season goes on.

#11 Weber State

Weber State will continue to struggle like they did last season as the wins will be difficult to get against other teams in the conference. With only two wins in the conference last season, it'll be hard to get things going against other top teams.

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BASKETBALL

2020-21 power rankings for men's basketball picks

A look at how each men's basketball team in the Big Sky might look going into the season

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#1 Montana

Montana has been a very solid team the past few years, and that won't change going into this season as I expect them to finish first. Montana were Big Sky champions back in 2019 and finished third last season. They've got a solid group of players that know how to score efficiently and are coached well.

#2 Eastern Washington

Eastern Washington finished last season winning the Big Sky regular season title, and that will look to continue as they will remain one of the best teams in the conference. Eastern Washington has added four new freshmen but the veteran leaders Jacob Davison and Kim Aiken Jr. will continue to lead the team. Sophomore Elliss Magnuson put up a great performance as a freshman last season, and his growth will continue going into this season.

#3 Northern Colorado

Northern Colorado was runner-up for the regular-season title last season, and they will continue to

perform well going into this season. Last season, their high-powered offense of three-point shooting and getting to the basket looks to continue with Bodie Hume leading the way for Northern Colorado this season after leading scorer Jonah Radebaugh graduated last spring.

#4 Northern Arizona

Expect Northern Arizona to be performing well with top scorer Cameron Shelton leading the team once again. The loss of Bernie Andre and Brooks DeBisschop will play a factor, but other players on the team will fill that void as Northern Arizona is larger than many of the teams in the conference.

#5 Portland State

Portland State will finish in the middle of the Big Sky standings going into this season as they're a veteran team with most of the team full of graduate students and seniors. They have the experience to gain an edge over some of the other teams in the conference that have younger talent. However, with the loss of many of their top scorers from last season, time will tell how they perform this season at a top level.

#6 Montana State

Montana State will have to look towards Jubrile Belo as a leader on the floor after Harald Frey's departure. Frey led the

team in points last season with Belo following right behind him. Montana State has a young core that they'll have to integrate more in order to see success early on in the season.

#7 Southern Utah

Southern Utah will have a challenge this season as Cameron Oluyitan graduation has left the team without their best scorer and three-point shooter. John Knight III will take over as the leader for the team as he finished second in scoring for the team last season. The team is filled with veterans looking to make a big push for the top five seeds in the Big Sky.

#8 Idaho

Idaho finished last in the Big Sky last season and fell out of the first round to Southern Utah, but they put up a good fight to make Southern Utah work for the win. The graduation of the team leader and top scorer Trevon Allen raises many questions for how Idaho will compete this year, but with Zac Claus named as the official head coach and plenty of young talent to build around, Idaho has a good chance of improving from last season.

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Opinion

MUSIC

Timing for holiday tunes

A definitive answer to the beginning of Christmas music



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Christmas music is a topic that's so divisive and anger inducing that I risk being mobbed at The Hub by muttering a few simple words—when can we listen to Christmas music? There are many schools of thought on this, and I'm going to walk you through all of them and reveal my own definitive holiday music schedule.

The first time a reasonable person would consider listening to Christmas music would be during the first snowfall of the year. This happened during late October for Idaho this year. Regrettably, the snow mostly disappeared by the end of the month, so that cozy holiday feeling quickly dissipated. This wonderfully reasonable method feels like the most natural way to start your holiday season.

The only downside is, depending on where you live, the snow could come too early or not at all. Alaska, for instance, could have its first snowfall as early as September, and even a Christmas lover like me wouldn't consider September the right time for snazzy Christmas tunes. On the opposite side of the coin you have places like California, where the snow could wait until after December or not show up at all. Minimal snow for the holidays is one of the reasons I actively protest California.

The next possible date to start your Christmas listenin' would be Nov. 1. With Halloween decorations being taken down, why not put up your tree full of decor and start the tunes? It's very convenient. What could possibly be wrong with it? Well a little something called Thanksgiving of course. We must remember to respect the season of Thanksgiving. Not because of its spotty history, but because it's always a good reminder to take the time to give thanks for what we have. Too often Thanksgiving is passed over for Christmas, and I'm not going to stand for it.

The next option would be to start the Christmas "tune-age" the day after Thanksgiving. With no other underappreciated holidays in the way, you can begin the holiday season guilt free with no distractions. Some purists would rather wait until Dec. 1 to begin the holiday jams, but this approach is too extreme for anyone. The post-Thanksgiving strategy also dramatically shortens your personal Christmas season.

So, with all the options laid out in front of us, when do I recommend you start your Christmas music? For any normal year, I would recommend starting the tunes after Halloween with a moratorium during Thanksgiving week, out of respect. On Black Friday the groove is back in action with "tune-age" out the wazoo.

But as we all know, this has been anything but normal. With COVID-19 in the mix Halloween was effectively canceled for many. Given the lack of a ghoulish holiday I recommend we push the date to the first sticky snowfall, within reason of course. Keep the moratorium Thanksgiving week and you have a definitive 2020 Christmas music schedule.

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POLITICS

Democracy Takes Patience

We are eager about the election results, but things take time

Editorial Board
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This year marks an unprecedented time, full of surprises, confounds and historical events. And as much of a ride 2020 has been, an election year tops it off. As eager as we are to receive results that will solidify our future, we must be patient and know these ballots take time.

In Latah county alone, 20,880 ballots have been counted, estimating to roughly 82% of registered voters, according to Idaho Live Voter Turnout's website.

Voters had the option to cast their ballots via mail, sending absentee ballots or dropping them off at the polls.

However, these absentee ballots complicate vote tallies, using different counting methods than in-person voting. As a flood of mail ballots arrive, they are sorted by hand versus an instant scanner, and cannot be tallied until election day. The New York Times predicts ballots will be processed, stretching into Wednesday and Thursday. Absentee ballots have always been accessible, but they have become a popular voting option during the pandemic nationwide. Voters who may not feel comfortable voting in-person can

send their ballots in with less risk of contracting the virus.

Voting by mail may also be perceived as controversial, and President Donald Trump has touted election fraud as results remain undetermined. The election isn't over yet and can't be called because absentee ballots make a huge difference in results. Compared to

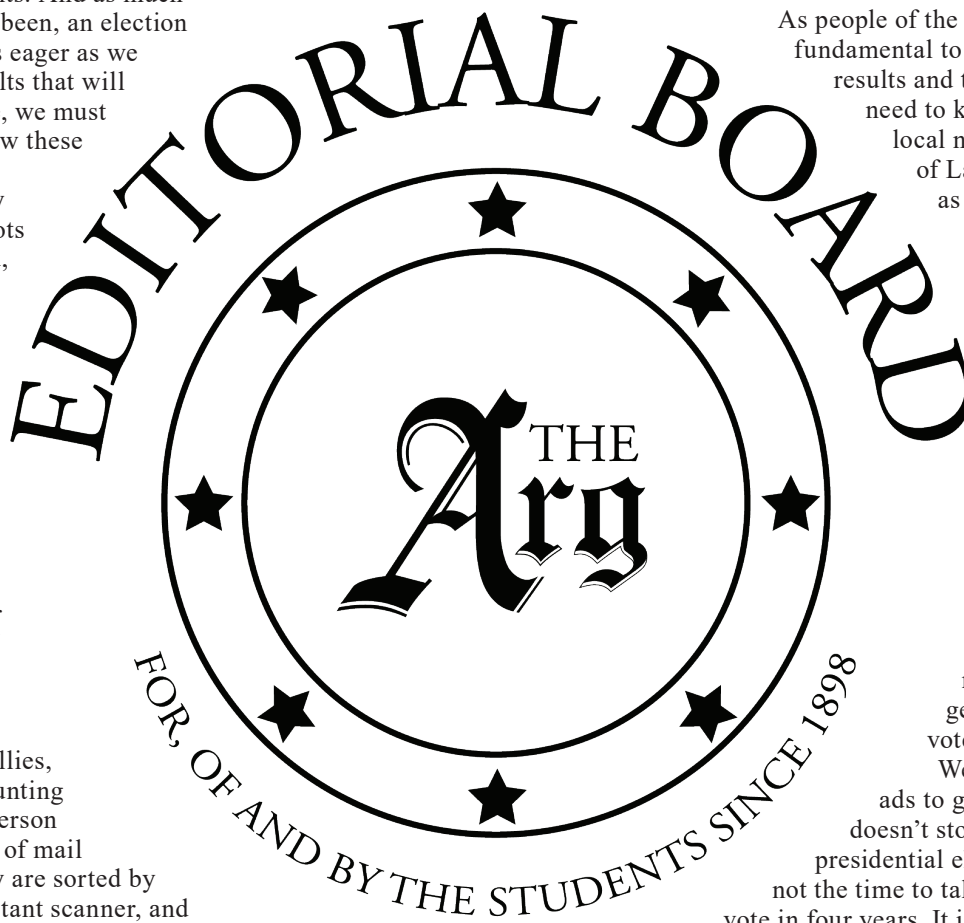
We are all anticipating results of who will be the next president, but local policies are just as important.

Local policies may seem small compared to all that is happening, but it can change how taxes are directed to different funding, who represents our county and support of small businesses that make up Moscow's economy. The way our county is run is essential and determined by the voter's voices.

As people of the Palouse, it is fundamental to watch local results and turnouts. We need to keep our focus local not only as people of Latah County but as people of Idaho. Voter turnout has surprised the nation and the energy should be kept throughout future elections. According to Voice of America, the record voter turnout was expected among millennial and generation z voters.

We've all seen ads to go vote, and it doesn't stop at only the presidential election. Now is not the time to take a break and vote in four years. It isn't a one-time thing. Being active locally is the best way to share how we feel our county should be ran and to be confident in our state's abilities.

-Editorial Board



Nov. 3 counted ballots, 7,331 ballots were tallied, according to Latah County Clerk, Auditor and Recorder Henrianna Westburg, compared to the day of. Though dispute about the election remains up in the air, we must remember to keep other things on our radar, like local policies.

POLITICS

Trump reached a new low with his new day of remembrance

The proclamation pushes a hateful, un-American narrative



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President Donald Trump declared Nov. 1 a National Day of Remembrance for Americans Killed by Illegal Aliens. It is one of the most disgraceful acts Trump has done to date.

The declaration, issued on Oct. 30, stated "We solemnly stand with their families — our Angel Families — who have endured what no American family should ever have to suffer. Today, we recommit to ensuring that those responsible for these tragedies face justice, while taking every action to prevent these horrific acts from occurring in our nation."

Trump went on to announce full support for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (among other border agencies and law enforcement) in the proclamation, who have reportedly lost thousands of immigrant children. Furthermore, Nov. 1 is the start

of Dias de Los Muertos—a pivotal, traditional Mexican holiday which celebrates the deceased. Trump's proclamation aligning with the start of Dias de Los Muertos seems certainly intentional. And without a doubt cruel and distasteful.

This so-called "day of remembrance" is fueled by a hatred that builds the backing of Trump's campaigning and presidency. It makes me disgusted to be American. It makes me disgusted to be even slightly affiliated with a man who perpetuates a narrative which is blatantly false or wildly exaggerated.

There were just over 1,600 Americans killed by illegal aliens in 2018, according to an ICE report. The previous year, they reported less than 1,600. That seems like a high number, right? Allow me to make a few comparisons.

There were about 1,000 fatal police shootings in 2018, according to Statsita. There were 957 Hispanic murders, 2,925 Black murders, 3,315 white murders, 1,921 female murders and 4,639 male murders all in 2018, according to the FBI. And the largest number of all, Trump has murdered over 200,000 Americans through his administration's handling of COVID-19.

The number of Americans killed by illegal aliens is not a drastic number when compared to others. Trump knows

this, whether he'll publicly admit it or not. Installing the day of remembrance is not justified by moral judgement and empathy. Its installation is racist and xenophobic.

The only thing accomplished by this act was appeasing the group of hateful supporters who rode on Trump's "build the wall" campaign promise. The only group of people who approve this act continue to believe an illegal immigrant narrative which is inhumane and entirely misconstrued. Anyone who cosigns this day of remembrance needs a less than gentle reminder that America is built on a genocide. A genocide of Native Americans committed by European aliens.

I think this proclamation comes at a perfect time to summarize Trump's presidency. A presidency full of hatred and needless divide. A presidency inspired by cult mentality. A presidency ridden with inaccurate information and plenty of falsehoods. The most distasteful presidency America has ever had.

I condemn the creation of this day of remembrance. Hopefully it is removed one day, and the narrative evaporates. I will patiently wait for that day.

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DIVERSITY

Fighting racism in the wilderness

Going beyond a statement in the CNR



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Last Monday evening, I joined a virtual meeting of the Fish and Wildlife Sciences Department of the College of Natural Resources to talk about inclusion. As our country grapples with a long-overdue conversation about systemic racism, I am proud of my department for releasing a statement on the importance of diversity and equity.

I am prouder still of the students and faculty who demanded that this statement come with action to back up its words. We desperately need change, and the statement, while a good start, is not going to reverse nearly 80 years of history and

create an inclusive department on its own.

As colleges go, the CNR is not particularly diverse and the Fish and Wildlife Sciences Department reflects that larger trend. Most of my major-related classes have been taught by white men. My classes rarely include students of color, and I have never been in a CNR class taught by a person of color.

The diversity and equity meeting itself was attended almost exclusively by white women. I believe this is better than not having a meeting at all, but it shows how far we have to go toward true inclusivity.

As a department, there are some little changes we can make to create a more inclusive community: including non-Christian religious holidays on the academic calendar, inviting BIPOC guest lecturers to graduate courses, and ensuring safe accommodations for LGBTQ+ students on field trips are a few examples of actions we discussed at the meeting.

However, we all knew there are deeper-rooted problems. It's great to invite people of color to give a guest lecture, but how

do we radically change the culture so that they feel comfortable working and living here over a longer time period?

Even as a white woman, I had my reservations about moving to Northern Idaho for college. When I decided to study at UI, I remember my grandfather rolled his eyes and said, "stay away from skinheads." If I felt nervous about the white supremacist presence in this part of the country, then how can anyone expect to attract people of color to study here, much less accept long-term faculty positions here?

It's hard enough for a person of color to feel safe living in Northern Idaho, much less conducting natural resources field work in remote locations. This is an expectation for most researchers in the CNR. As a student researcher, I have spent the last two summers working in the Clearwater National Forest and on Coeur d'Alene Lake.

It is a sign of privilege that I can trek through the national forest alone without worrying about being harassed. It is a sign of privilege that I associate the City

of Coeur d'Alene with a beautiful lake rather than a compound inhabited by white supremacist terrorists.

The Aryan Nation bunkers were converted into a peace park less than 20 years ago. This is not ancient history, this is our recent past. We need to put in the work every day to make amends for that time, to show that those domestic terrorists don't represent the Idaho we want to live in. We need to work for an Idaho where our beautiful natural settings are accessible and safe for all Americans.

Today, the Fish and Wildlife Department is just beginning to address the work that needs to be done to create an equitable and diverse academic environment. For my part, I am proud of their initiative, supportive of their words and committed to making sure they act in accordance with the inclusivity objectives they have set.

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GUEST VOICE

Reviving finances at UI

Strong FY20 results show UI on path to financial sustainability



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GUEST VOICE

Gem State residents can be proud of their land-grant institution, the University of Idaho.

Despite challenges in the past year, the university community has stepped up in a big way to reverse budget deficits and keep enrollment stable amid a once-in-a-generation pandemic.

After back-to-back years of \$20 million losses, the university's audited

financial results show a small operating surplus of approximately \$900,000 for the fiscal year that ended June 30.

By paying close attention to spending and putting the university first, the operating losses of 2018 (\$21 million) and 2019 (\$19 million) were reversed in 2020. This result is particularly impressive considering the financial impact of COVID-19 on operations. Year after year, improvements were widespread, coming from nearly all university operations across the state. In short, we not only did what was asked of us for this year, we exceeded it, evaluating every expenditure for the good of the university, the state and our tax paying citizens.

We also met another \$8 million in savings through separation and retirement programs, disrupted the negative trend in

our unrestricted net position by more than \$4 million and made positive changes to our retirement liability to the tune of \$14 million.

That hard work is also reflected in the efforts to maintain an in-person learning environment for our students. We didn't wait for students to feel sick before testing them. We have tested all Moscow-based students – at least twice – isolated positive cases, quarantined close contacts and made sure our classrooms are as safe as possible. The number of active positive cases has fluctuated but stayed low – an average 1-1.5% of the total faculty, staff and student population.

Early indicators of enrollment were looking exceptional. A 16% increase in applications and 14% increase in acceptances had the university well on its

way to an enrollment increase. With the arrival of COVID-19, we ended up with a 3% decline in full-time enrollment. While not what was hoped for, the decline is manageable as it relates to our budget.

We are in a much better place than a year ago, even in the wake of a pandemic. We can now turn our efforts to recruiting the Fall 2021 class, touting our place in the top 6% of all public universities in the nation and recognition as the No. 1 Best Value public university in the West by U.S. News and World.

We are a university on the rise. Thanks to the solid financial foundation built by our entire Vandal family over the past year, we are positioned to come out of this pandemic even stronger.

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