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FEATURE PHOTO

Deadly Details



Greg Lindstrom/Montana Kaimin Natalie Smith etches a design on a piece of wood in the Fine Arts Building Tuesday evening. Next Wednesday, Smith and the rest of her class will use a steamroller and ink to make prints of the cutout designs. The steamroller prints are part of a Day of the Dead celebration.

Engstrom calls for communication

Art therapy remembers lost friend

Alyssa Small Montana Kaimin

University of Montana theater graduate student Kristen Beckmann is trying to make sure her good friend is remembered with some artistic flair.

Beckmann, along with Heather and Barbara Harrison, have started a nonprofit organization in memory of Abigail Harrison, who they said lived her life in a wheelchair and never stopped feeling thankful for her life.

Abby was born with spina bifida, a developmental birth defect where the vertebrae do not completely form, leaving the spinal cord unfused and the affected person with limited physical abilities. But that didn't stop Abby from attending public schools and loving life, her sister Heather said. After suffering a stroke in 2001, Abby joined the United Cerebral Palsy Program of Rhode Island where she began several different types of therapy, including speech, physical and art therapy. Abby began her art therapy with crayons and markers, and eventually moved on to oil painting and working with clay. The therapy was intended to help her regain the skills in her left hand that she had lost in a stroke. Abby's mother Barbara said she definitely saw benefits from the therapy. "She felt confident and happy and excited about art," Barbara said. "She was young and willing to work hard. Being able to hold a brush helped her improve her fine motor skills."

Heidi Groover Montana Kaimin

In his first correspondence as the University of Montana president, Royce Engstrom outlined his plans for better communication and new programs in a campus-wide e-mail Tuesday.

Engstrom plans to establish a "University Council", which will be comprised of a group of students, administrators, faculty, staff and community members that will hold open meetings throughout the semester to "exchange thoughts on issues and opportunities," the e-mail said. Although a meeting schedule

for the council has not been set, some meetings will include "tutorials" on budgets, policies or other facets of campus, Engstrom wrote.

A new program, "The President's Classroom," will invite about 30 campus and community members to attend Saturday morning classes taught by faculty members throughout the year.

"As do all of you, I love learning," Engstrom wrote. "There is an endless list of interesting topics."

He described the events as a "casual classroom with coffee and rolls."

Engstrom will request that each of UM's campuses — Missoula, Western in Dillon, the Missoula College of Technology and the Helena College of Technology — hold a "UM Day." Officials from the other campuses will meet at the host campus to learn about its challenges and offerings.

Beginning this week, Engstrom will post short video messages on his website about challenges or accomplishments at UM each Friday. His office will notify campus each week when the video is online.

"Communication will be a cornerstone of our progress," Engstrom wrote.

Engstrom called his new job "a lifetime honor" and thanked members of the campus community for their encouragement and work.

"This is a time of great excitement for the University," he wrote. "We have much to celebrate and much to do." heidi.groover@umontana.edu

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EDITORIAL

Starby's gets drunk

by Roman Stubbs, Editor

The world's largest coffeehouse wants to help its patrons wake up in the morning, and now they want to help put them to sleep in the evening, too.

Starbucks officially added alcohol to its menu in a new Seattle shop on Tuesday, in an effort to revitalize its image to stockholders and potential customers. It's a sign of economic retooling for an enterprise that makes 70 percent of its revenue before 2 p.m., and even though Starby's is loved and hated in many pockets around America, it's a notable mark of innovation for a hip company that has gone stale. The company is introducing their new cafes as the "future," and it's hard not to interpret their message as not only the reshaping of the Starbucks brand, but also the redefinition of how local coffee houses across the country will do business in the years to come.

But is that what we really believe? That grande-microbrews and venti merlots will find their way into Montana's coffee houses based on Starbucks' model?

I'm not convinced it's the right step, even for an empire that has the spending and shares to invest in such a risk. The company is trying to re-brand with a night scene, at a time when alcohol sales have sharply declined; Nightclub and Bar Magazine released a study last year revealing that beer sales had suffered a 10 percent cut in establishments across six major markets in 2009; wine saw nearly a 30 percent decrease. And to be honest, Starbucks doesn't exactly jump to the front of the list as places to go out to mingle and drink. I'm sure the traffic at a Seattle store is tremendous, even in the afternoons, when people go hip and bring their laptops and books to enjoy some peace and quiet. The idea of adding alcohol seems counterproductive in that environment.

Missoula has unique local shops that are driven by coffee and alcohol, places like Liquid Planet that seem to prosper off the mesh of the two. Their presence somewhat dispels Starbucks' inventive idea; but Starbucks has made it clear that, if the experiment is successful, they will push more coffeeliquor cafes across the country, and barring their inability to strong-arm a license in Montana, that could mean Missoula.

I'm not much of a coffee guy, but if I've learned anything about living in Missoula the past four years, it's that people take coffee and alcohol very seriously. This community will always drink, no matter how tough times are. I have absolutely no gripe against what many call "corporate coffee," and quite frankly, if people want to pay for more expensive coffee from a chain like Starbucks, then that's their prerogative. But even if Starbucks is able to capitalize on its experiment in Seattle, and it's able to expand its new cafes across America, it would be foolish not to remember the counter-culture of coffee drinkers who support local java spots in small towns like Missoula, places where it remains unlikely that Starbucks will be able to win drinkers by solely adding alcohol.





Poor, drunk and hungry It's getting chili in here

by Kate Whittle

Humans have many instinctive behaviors designed to perpetuate the species. Sex gets all the press, but just as essential is food. I have a deep-rooted need to feed people, so one of my favorite things ever is having a group of friends over for dinner. (I share this in common with Martha Stewart, but sadly, I do not share her millions of dollars or ruthlessness.) I'm also broke as hell, so I solve this with my super-awesome garam masala chili. A pot of chili pleases just about everybody, and goes really well with beer, making for an excellent evening.

I originally made this because I had all the ingredients for chili, and a ton of garam masala — the Indian spice blend — that I wanted to do something with. Garam masala adds a unique richness and depth to the flavor. It cooks up real fast if you use canned beans, but I'll go over my dry bean method here. It's more cost-effective. Long simmering is the key to the flavor.

Garam Masala Chili

- •1 cup dry kidney beans
- •1 cup black beans
- yellow onion
- jalapenos/green peppers
- •1 16 oz. can tomato sauce
- •2-3 generous tablespoons
- each of: garam masala, chili
- powder, salt, pepper
- •Whatever other random
- spices you enjoy
- •Optional: 1 lb. ground beef or bison

The night before making your chili, rinse your dry beans and put them in a bowl of water to soak overnight. The next day, four to five hours before dinnertime, dice up onions and peppers, and sauté for a

few minutes in a large pot. Add several cups of water and the soaked beans and spices, then put the lid on and simmer for a couple hours. Taste often and be creative with spices — I shake in cinnamon, cloves and cayenne pepper as well. Yes, it takes a while to cook dry beans, but this gives you time to clean the house and make a quick bike trip to the store for beer. When your beans start to get tender, add tomato sauce. If you like, you can also brown some ground beef and chuck it in. By the time your guests come over, your house will smell amazing. I like to set out a little buffet of chili toppings — crackers, cheese or plain whole-fat yogurt (which is tasty and better for you than sour cream). Open a beer and enjoy a lovely dinner with your buddies!

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police blotter

Tetherball Trouble

October 7, 5:06 p.m.

A resident assistant saw students playing tetherball in the Lomasson parking lot and thought they may have been damaging a "Quick Stop" 20-minute parking sign. Instead of stopping to chastise the students, the RA headed to class but called campus police to have them address the situation. Police Captain Gary Taylor said the tetherball players dented the sign a bit but eventually un-dented it. "Obviously they were bored and needed some exercise, so they made their own tetherball court," Taylor said.

Craig Crawler

October 8, 11:00 p.m.

Police responded to a call about an uncooperative, intoxicated male in Craig Hall. When an officer arrived at the dorm, he found the drunken student crawling down the hall military style. The officer introduced himself to the young man but only got a nod in response before the student continued his military crawl. "He probably figured there was more stability with four points of contact on the floor. Might as well just stay on the floor if you're gonna end up there anyways," Taylor said.

Unidentified Undies

October 14, 10:00 a.m.

Someone turned in men's clothing they found outside of Knowles Hall on Thursday. The items included new underwear and undershirts. Officer Taylor didn't want to divulge too much information about the clothing in case multiple people want to claim the undergarments. "Name your size and color and maybe you can claim these clothes," he said. To identify your man-panties, call the Office of Public Safety at 243-6131.

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NEWS 3

Gearing up for less

UM Outdoors Program offers sweet deals on used gear

Lily Rabil

Montana Kaimin

Skis, kayaks and bikes are included in the random assortment of gear that will be available at the used outdoor gear sale this afternoon.

Jack Christiansen from the University of Montana Outdoor Program said the best deals are probably on skis and kayaks that the program no longer uses. The sale starts at 11 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. The first hour is for program volunteers to shop.

"Anybody who has volunteered three hours of their time gets first dibs," Christiansen said, adding that the real rush begins at noon when students clamber for the best deals.

Gear comes from all over Missoula and Christiansen said they never know what people will bring until the morning of the sale. People can bring in gear from 7 a.m. until the sale begins. Pick up

begins at 5 p.m. and ends at 7 p.m.

Sellers set their own prices for most of the gear, though Christiansen said the Outdoor Program suggests prices.

"We try to cater to college students," he said. "Most kids don't have a lot of money to spend on skis and stuff."

He said the Outdoor Program takes 15 percent of each purchase to put toward new equipment and classes. Christiansen said this year they're hoping to raise enough money for a new mountain bike trailer. He said the current trailer is in pretty bad shape and, just recently, a back light rusted off.

The Outdoor Program tries to do this twice a year — once in the fall and again in the spring. Last year's combined sales raised around \$15,000, said Christiansen. That money went to updating old gear and fund-



Sally Finneran/Montana Kaimin

Alpine skis, boots, and a fleece lay on the floor of the Outdoor Program Tuesday afternoon, priced and ready for the Gear Sale. Most of the gear for the sale is brought in by people who are looking to get rid of old stuff. The Gear Sale will be in the University Center from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. today.

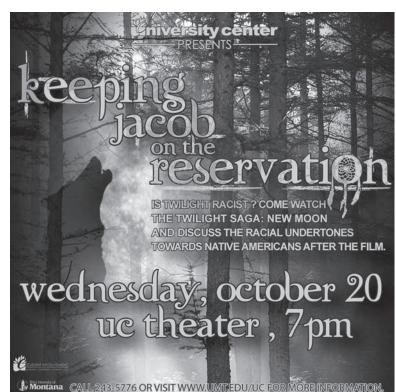
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Usually, the sale brings headlights to kayaks. Chris- important to get there early. tiansen said the best stuff is

offering everything from usually gone by 1 p.m., so it's alyssa.rabil@umontana.edu





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Caras park to hold rail jam

Emerald Gilleran Montana Kaimin

There may not be snow on the ground just yet, but a few snow-worshippers are going to play in some in downtown Missoula this Saturday.

For the first time in Missoula, Caras Park is set for a rail jam extravaganza where about 50 skiers and snowboarders from Idaho and Montana will compete for new skis or a snowboard.

A 5-ft drop-in ramp will lead the riders to the rails where they will have a chance to show their free-style talent. Jammers will be judged on style, technicality and landing. Event coordinator, James Fleege, a marketing student at The University of Montana, thought of the idea for the event and has been working on it for two months.

Fleege said to imagine a ski hill's terrain park, only in a smaller location. Fleege, along with Jayson Mathews, who

helped to set up the event, will make the snow from ice shavings, using Missoula's Glacier Ice Rink's Cat machine.

"It's going to be up in your face," Fleege said. "These guys are going to be throwing themselves on the rails, trying to get their name out there. These are folks that really shine."

Fleege and Mathews said that Bozeman seems to get a lot of attention because of the rail jams that are held there several times a year. Because of this, the two are trying to create awareness of the ski and snowboard community and develop support of the Missoula area terrain for these snow sports.

"Missoula has a wide open field for entertainment," Mathews said. "I'm surprised we haven't had something like this yet, but there's just a lack of support."

Edge of the World skate shop is the jam's only outdoor retailer sponsoring the event. KBGA and Zoo Crew signed on to sponsor as well. Fleege said Snow Bowl doesn't have the resources to provide for an event like this, so he went to Lost Trail Powder Mountain in Idaho for support.

Fleege said he wants more local ski hills and resorts to see that there is a free-style scene in this area so they will incorporate more park terrain. He said kids still have to resort to setting up rails in their yards and in the street to get their park practice.

According to Lost Trail Park Manager and guest judge, Andy Schulz, Lost Trail has been focused on beginner to intermediate freestyle progression since 2004.

"We try to seize every opportunity to promote the growth of the sport in Western Montana," Schulz said. "This event will be a great opportunity to do just that. People are predicting a good, snowy winter, and this will be a great way to kick it off and get them stoked."

For those who want to warm up a bit and take a break from watching the competition, a dance party will take place behind the jam spot, where DJ Coma and KidFraxiom will bump a light, progressive house set, hip hop and dub step sets. Food, drinks and merchandise vendors will be there as well.

The jam starts at 5 p.m. this Saturday. The cost is \$5 to enter and also buys a raffle ticket for a chance to win snow gear.

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Montana Kaimin

Wednesday, October 20, 2010



with Amy Cilimburg by Hannah J. Ryan

Amy Cilimburg is the Bird Conservation and Global Warming program coordinator for Montana Audubon Society. Montana's Audubon Society protects birds and their native habitats. As the program coordinator, Cilimburg watches over grasslands, sagebrush prairies and wetlands, and as the climate changes, her job is not getting any easier.

Q:What birds are threatened in this part of the country?

A: Most bird species of concern live in eastern Montana. The sage grouse is one bird species whose habitat is under immediate threat from grazing, farming, human development, fire, etc. Energy development especially impacts sage grouse habitat. Oil and gas drilling, coal-bed methane extraction and transmission power lines cris-crosses sagebrush habitats ... leading to population decreases across the West. The sage grouse is a great umbrella species. With their protection other species benefit as well, like songbirds.

Q:What makes Missoula such a healthy ecosystem for birds?

A: What's neat about this area is its great riparian habitat, which is land between bodies of water. The Missoula watershed hosts a wealth of species. We work to protect what we have. Here there are both seasonal and migratory bird populations, and we've got to take care of them. Montana is a key corridor for waterfowl and game birds, especially. Animals are constantly moving through here, up to Canada and Alaska, south to Mexico and to the Pacific Coast.

Q:An article called "State of the Birds: 2010 Report on Climate Change" was released in March; what did this report tell us?



A: This piece looked at all different bird species in the United States and their vulnerability to a changing climate. It was a call to action that changes are not going to be seen in a hundred years, but right now. The report showed that birds with coastal habitats are especially at risk due to rising sea levels and are sensitive to human use. There are Montana birds that winter on the coast.

Q:The Montana Audubon features a bird-of-themonth; who has their beak highlighted this month?

A: The Red Crossbill is featured right now on the Montana Audubon website. This guy is a Montana resident year-round and a funny beak that crosses over itself significantly. It's well adapted to cracking open the seeds from trees, like Douglas Fir pinecones. The crossbill is slightly smaller than a robin. The male is a noticeable red-orange color, while the females are a bit more drab. These are birds that you will often see on your birdfeeders, but don't have those out until the bears have all gone into hibernation.

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Bikes delivered to Lubrecht Forest

ABOVE Cyclists pause briefly during their ride up to the Lubrecht Experimental Forest to stretch tight calves and cramped buttocks.

TOP RIGHT Up comes the food cart loaded with veggies, elk burgers and other fixings for the tours communal dinner.

BOTTOM There were relatively few breakdowns over the 66 miles that cyclists covered this weekend. A few blowouts were quickly patched and back in service resulting in a smooth, successful tour. The last hill was the worst. The bikers' lungs were burning, their legs were feeling the same, each pressing their bike pedals down one after the other, after the other, but they were almost there. Cyclists in the seventh leg of the Tour de Montana crested the slope at mile 29 and then coasted down the other side, completing the first day of their overnight trip.

The bikers traveled along the green waters of the Blackfoot River hauling extra bikes made and donated by Missoula's Free Cycles. Arriving at Lubrecht, the experimental forest owned by The University of Montana, the tour reassembled the cycles and stored them for future travels. People working in Lubrecht will use the bikes as alternative transportation around the forest.

That night, camped out below the changing needles of larch trees, the 15 cyclists stretched sore knees beside a cooking-fire

story and photos by Hannah J. Ryan

and swapped tales of bike trips, foreign travel and favorite wines.

The trip boasted an eclectic bunch, including a preschool teacher, an ER doctor, university students and a black lab named Olivia, among others. Most classified themselves as semi-professional biking-devotees.

Having conquered nearly 1,000 feet in elevation the day before, the ride home through the clean, cold October air had everyone whipping down Highway 200.

This tour was a first for UM student Aleks Pitt. She said the group dynamic was incredible, and everyone pitched in to get bikes back on the road when tires popped or spokes went awry.

"It's a neat way to see the country," Pitt said. "And we did it in a way where no fossil fuel was used to get us there."

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SPORTS

FOOTBALL

Around the Big Sky by Troy Warzocha

Sacrameto State (3-3, 2-2 Big Sky) at No. 8 Eastern Washington (5-2, 4-1 Big Sky)

The Hornets travel to take on the Eagles on the now infamous red turf in Cheney, Wash., in an effort to settle the age-old argument of whether it's better to be rested or tested.

Eastern is coming off an emotional come-from-behind victory in which it scored two touchdowns in the final 3:08 to stun the Northern Colorado Bears 35–28.

All-world running back Taiwan Jones led the charge for the Eagles with 168 yards and three scores.

With the win, the Eagles retained their top-10 ranking and kept pace with Montana for the top spot in the Big Sky.

Sacramento State, on the other hand, is coming off a bye week and will try to knock the Eagles off their emotional high.

While the players will undoubtedly be wearing pads and helmets, it's quite possible that a track meet may break out when the top two rushers in the conference go head to head on the red carpet.

Hornet running back Bryan Hilliard's average of 120.3 rushing yards per game is second only to Jones (who averages 122.3 per game). Each player has scored 22 times this season and Hilliard is seeking his sixthstraight 100-yard rushing game

Prediction: Although the Eagles let another team hang around, they still find enough plays to pull out a fourth-straight win. 38-35

Montana State (5-2, 3-1 Big Sky)

This was supposed to be the year the Bears took a step forward and made their first serious push in the Big Sky since joining the conference in 2006.

However, after falling to Eastern Washington in a heartbreaker last weekend, this year is becoming more of the same for the perpetual conference bottom-feeder.

The Bears' lone conference win this season has come against lowly Idaho State and since that triumph, they have been blown out by both Montana and Sacramento State.

It won't get much easier for the Bears when they take on a Montana State team that was embarrassed by Northern Arizona 34–7 in Flagstaff, Ariz., last week.

Before the Bobcats could blink, they were down 28-0 and although defensively they weathered the storm the rest of the way, the same offense that hung 64 points on Sacramento State was only able to muster a single score.

For the first time this season Bobcat redshirt freshman guarterback Denarius McGhee looked green and perplexed by the stingy Lumberjack defense.

107 yards and a touchdown.

While it's easy to pin the loss on a freshman with seven games to his credit, the quarterback didn't get much help from an offensive line that allowed four sacks.

Prediction: A little taste of humility does wonders for the 'Cats in a romp. 34-13

Northern Colorado (2–5, 1–4 Big Sky) at No. 15 Portland State (2–4, 1–2 Big Sky) at Weber State (3-3, 2-2 Big Sky)

With Northern Arizona, Montana State, Eastern Washington and Montana all boasting one conference loss, Weber State is quickly becoming the team that is stuck between the elite and the doormats.

The Wildcats are fresh off an unimpressive 16-13 win over last-place Idaho State.

Weber State senior quarterback Cameron Higgins is still the Wildcats' most potent offensive weapon and can add a few more accolades to his distinguished college resume with a big performance this weekend.

Higgins sits only 49 yards behind former Northern Arizona quarterback Travis Brown for third-place on the Big Sky's all-time passing list and needs only three touchdowns to become the conference's all-time passing touchdown leader.

However, Higgins may find it difficult to break too many records against the suddenly stout Vikings defense.

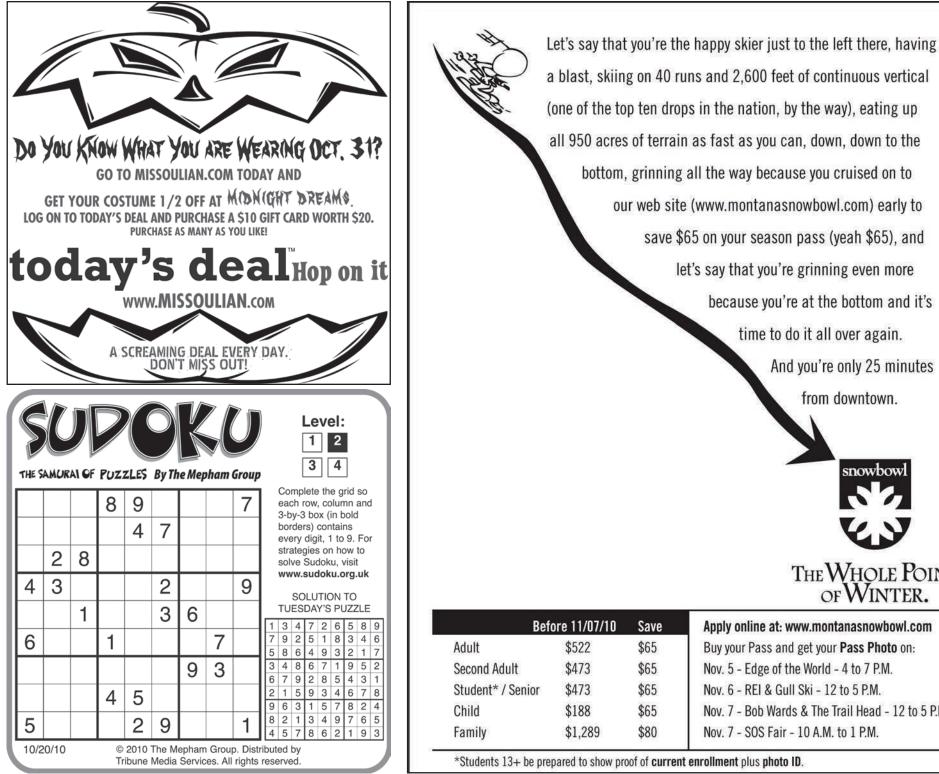
Since the start of conference play, the Vikings have shaved nearly 100 yards off their average allowed per game and came agonizingly close to beating the Grizzlies last week in Hillsboro, Ore.

The Vikings lost a heartbreaker, 23-21, after Mon-McGhee completed only 14 of 30 pass attempts for tana kicker Brody McKnight drilled a 25-yard field goal as time expired to deny the upset bid.

> The Wildcats are playing down to their opponents while the Vikings continue to elevate their game under first-year coach Nigel Burton.

> Prediction: The Vikings finally get their first signature victory in the Burton era. 27-17

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SPORTS 7

VOLLEYBALL Volleyball team looks for a Quick recovery

Troy Warzocha Montana Kaimin

Though picked to finish at the top of the Big Sky this season, the Grizzly vollevball team is still learning that being the favorite isn't all it's cracked up to be.

"I definitely think that every team goes into playing us and gives us their best game," said junior middle blocker Brittany Quick. "I don't think that we've played anybody yet that we felt like haven't given us their best shot."

With a grueling, non-conference schedule completed and eight conference matches left to go, the battered and bruised Grizzlies (5-3 in conference, 9-10 overall) still find themselves tenuously holding onto one of the conference's four playoff spots.

Having endured offensive struggles, a six-match losing streak and the growing pains that come with the injection of four true freshmen into key positions, the Grizzlies have won seven of their last 10 matches and are on a roll as they hit the road to take on the Montana State Bobcats (3-5, 10-1) on Friday.

"We've started to be more consistent in our play and we really started playing together and getting used to each other," said junior outside hitter Amy Roberts. "Lately, we've been able to go through a couple games and start playing really well together."

After falling to conference leader Northern Colorado nearly two weeks ago, the Grizzlies took advantage of their only home match in October by sweeping Sacramento State last weekend in a match that wasn't as close as the 25-17, 25-22, 25-22 score line would indicate.

Quick set the pace for the Grizzlies with a dominant offensive and defensive performance against the Hornets.

The Richland, Wash. native had

10 kills on .667 hitting and supplied a match-high four blocks.

So far this season, Quick has been the Grizzlies' most accurate hitter and has formed a devastating blocking rotation with senior middle blocker Jaimie Thibeault.

"I think that we both communicate really well during the games," Quick said. "It's really nice to have Jaimie there, for sure."

Quick and Thibeault have established themselves as two of the best blockers in the conference, and in the process, forged the top blocking brigade in the Big Sky.

Quick's effectiveness will be called on again this weekend when the Grizzlies look to sweep the season series against the surprising Bobcats. After claiming only four conference victories in a span of four years, Montana State is having one of its best seasons in recent memory.

Last month, the Grizzlies cruised to a three-set victory to open homecoming weekend and re-establish their dominance over the 'Cats.

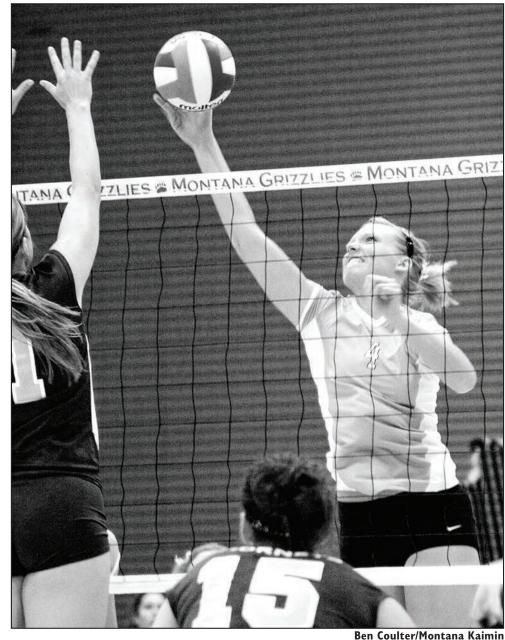
In that game, Quick tallied 10 kills, hit .562 and led all participants with seven blocks.

Defensively, the Grizzlies held the Bobcats to .085 hitting, out-blocked Montana State 10-4 and are looking for a repeat performance this weekend.

"We've got to come ready to play," Roberts said. "Every single person has got to be on top of their game."

If the Grizzlies manage to subdue the Bobcats on Friday, they will keep pace with conference leaders Portland State and Northern Colorado. Both teams are currently two games ahead of Montana and dealt the Grizzlies two of their three losses in conference play.

However, with half a season left to go, Quick knows that if the Grizzlies



UM middle blocker Brittany Quick scores one of ten kills against Sacramento State in the West Auxillary Gym Saturday night.

continue to focus on each opponent and take care of business, the playoff picture will ultimately figure itself out.

"For coach [Jerry] Wagner, one of his pet peeves is looking ahead," Quick said.

"Come the end of the year, as long as we took care of each game one-by-one, then we should be in the spot we were planning on being at all along."

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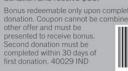
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"Abby was so vibrant and so full of life, and she was a beautiful artist on top of that," Beckmann said.

Beckmann met Heather at college in New York, and said the Harrisons became like her second family. She would go with Heather to the Harrison home in Rhode Island for holidays, and that's how she grew close with Abby.

"She was a total stitch," she said. "She always had a crush on this nurse or that cooking teacher. I loved teasing her about her crushes the same way I did my own sisters."

When Abby died in March of 2009 at the age of 26, Beckmann, Heather and Barbara began

thinking about raising money for art therapy programs because they are often cut. "They are seen as excessive," Barbara said. So began the Abigail Harrison Foundation for the Adaptive Arts.

"At times it's been difficult running this, because it's a constant reminder that Abby's gone," Barbara said. "But it's been great to try and help these programs that helped Abby."

The women all agree it's been rough starting the program and getting the word out to people who might decide to donate.

"The hardest part about starting an organization is we have to spend money to make money," Heather said. "We're still very much in the infantile stages."

Despite the difficulties, the foundation just finished its first

official fundraiser - a collaborative effort with the Boys and Girls Club in Cumberland, R.I. The two nonprofits raced plastic ducks that had been purchased by donors in the Blackstone River in Cumberland. The owner of the duck that won the race received a \$2,500 cash prize. Abby's legacy sold 800 ducks, accumulating \$2,000 for the foundation. Now the women are trying to decide what to do with the money.

According to Heather, they're hoping to partner with the UCP program of Cumberland for a mosaic project, in which people will donate a tile and the people in the art therapy program will design and create the mosaic.

Aside from the women reaching out to the UCP program of Cumberland, the foundation has attracted little attention from other organizations. But this hasn't put a damper on their plans.

"All of us have connections," Heather said. "With Kristen in Missoula and my family in Rhode Island and me in New York, I'm hoping we'll be able to spread the word nationwide. Kristen is such a driving force in this, and I think together we're going to make this happen."

While Beckmann admitted it is difficult to run a nonprofit while she is still in school, she said she is confident that they will be able to reach more people and accept more donations now that they have a website, www. abbyslegacy.org.

"We're just trying to keep art therapy alive - and not just alive, but vibrant as well," Beckmann said.

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