

FAVORITE PIZZA JOINT: DOMINO'S

Domino's Pizza is an American pizza restaurant famed for their cheap, affordable pies. Founded in 1960 by two brothers, the joint sought to expand upon the pizza market by making world renowned slices. The most picked toppings are pepperoni, mushrooms, and onions.

FAVORITE SONG: "ALL TOO WELL" BY TAYLOR SWIFT

Directed and written by Taylor Swift, "All Too Well" is a 10 minute heartbreak ballad and short film. The song and video was a perfectly illustrated memory of the sweet beginning and bitter end to an emotionally diverse relationship.

FAVORITE TEXTING ABBREVIATION: "Lol"

FAVORITE DRINK: DUTCH BROS REBEL

Rebel with a Cause: While the teen fan favorite originated in 2021, it helps students survive a gruelling day of academics. A Rebel is a cold drink that consists of a combination of flavored syrups, ice, and a RedBull energy drink. Popular flavors include OG Gummy Bear, Birthday Cake, Tiger's Blood, and Hawaiian.



FAVORITE MOVIE: SPIDERMAN: NO WAY HOME

Roughly 54.4 million people have gone to see the new Spiderman movie. The audience average rating was a 4.8 out of 5 and Rotten Tomatoes gave the movie a 93% rating. Marvel has continued to stun audiences by featuring Tobey Maguire and Andrew Garfield.



FAVORITE FAST FOOD: CHICK-FIL-A

Chick-Fil-A, one of the largest American fast food restaurant chains, advertises their product with a cow mascot, but is famed for their chicken sandwiches. The company operates more than 2,774 restaurants, with six in Colorado Springs. The most ordered item is their signature Chick-Fil-A Breaded Nuggets.



FAVORITE MEME: BERNIE AND HIS MITTENS

Bernie Sanders has found himself in the spotlight again, and not just for the run for presidency. The well known senator of Vermont gave everyone an amusing view on Inauguration Day by wearing a pair of large brown mittens and a cozy winter jacket. The birth of the Bernie in Mittens has led to numerous memes, jokes, skits, t-shirts, fundraisers and other humorous creations.



COOK AT HOME VS EAT OUT

In comparison to 2020, most students prepared food at home more often than eating out in restaurants. This is likely due to homecooked food as it was more accessible and more comforting.



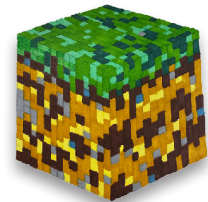
FAVORITE STREAMING SHOW: WANDAVISION

The most popular streaming show, WandaVision, features Wanda Maximoff as she creates an alternate universe where she can live with her deceased partner, Vision, both admired characters of the Avengers series.



FAVORITE DISH: PASTA

Pasta, the eternally cheap, easy to prep, and versatile dish is loved by all ages. During the pandemic, food became inaccessible to many, though pasta provided a safe haven to many hungry souls looking for a warm plate of comfort food.



FAVORITE GAME: MINECRAFT

Minecraft, the blockbuster game that has been around for a little over a century, has managed to stay popular even into the year of 2021. Creators added the new cave update, increasing the game's popularity.

2021 LESSONS

The Mountain News asked members of the Cheyenne community to share their most important lesson of 2021.

“Patience.”

“The Van Der Waals Equation.”

“I should do my homework.”

“It doesn’t matter what I do,
someone’s going to have a problem with it.”

“Procrastinating isn’t worth it.”

“To stand up for myself and
be more confident in who I am to others.”

“Tobey Maguire is the
best Spiderman.”

“I learned that family time
is really important.”

“Don’t ignore red flags.”

“Racial justice is extremely
relevant and important.”

“How to rock climb.”

“Getting rid of social media
is very liberating.”

2022 GOALS

The Mountain News asked members of the Cheyenne community to share their goals to accomplish during 2022.

“Get better grades.”

“Be about 6’4 and join the NBA.”

“Live my best life.”

“Spend quality time with the people
I love and enjoy being around.

I also want to camp and run a lot.”

“To share peace, love, joy, and ease.”

“Focus more on myself
rather than others.”

“Write music and make a movie.”

“To be kinder.”

“Learn more guitar songs.”

“Buy a ferret.”

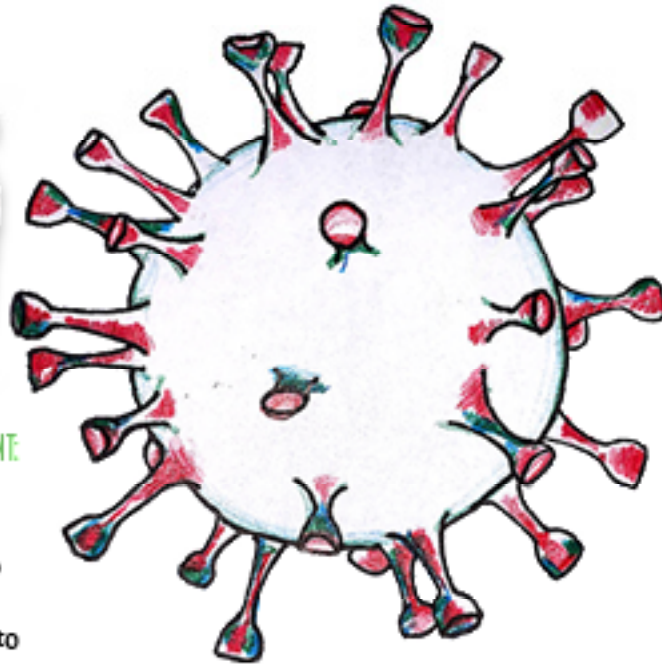
“Attend more concerts
and hike a ton of mountains!”

“Build my savings account.”



MOST IMPORTANT TECH ADVANCEMENT: THE COVID-19 VACCINE

Advancing for decades, the technology used to manufacture and study vaccines has been explosive, especially in regards to the COVID-19 pandemic.



MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL ISSUE: THE COVID-19 VIRUS

COVID-19 was not just a virus -- its impact on the world and debates on how to handle and treat it has become the most significant political issue in 2021. After long periods of lockdowns and reformations as a result of the virus, finding a consensus on how or whether we should 'return to our lives' has become the latest debate.



MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON OF THE YEAR: PRESIDENT JOE BIDEN

Joseph (Joe) Biden was elected as the 46th President of the United States. A member of the Democratic party, he served as the 47th Vice President of the United States under former President Barack Obama from 2009 to 2017.



MOST IMPORTANT NATIONAL NEWS STORY: THE CAPITAL RIOTS

The Capital Riots on January 6, during which groups of people stormed the capital in the name of righting what they believed to be a stolen election. In the process of storming the Capital, rioters assaulted police officers, vandalized public property, and sought to assault various lawmakers.



FAVORITE SOCIAL MEDIA: SNAPCHAT

Snapchat is an instant messaging app lauded for its communication capabilities with friends and family. Pictures and messages are available for a short period of time before they become unreachable. With 96 million daily active users, Snapchat remains on the top 10 list of the most popular apps.



BIGGEST CELEBRITY NEWS STORY: KIM KARDASHIAN AND KANYE WEST

Kim Kardashian and Kanye West, America's biggest celebrities, divorced in 2021. Despite their timely and affectionate relationship, the power couple split after 7 years of marriage. But they both remain close friends and great coparents.



FAVORITE PRODUCT: APPLE IPHONE 13

An innovation of the century, beating even the recent iPhone 12, Apple released their iPhone 13. The new device has stunning new cameras, improved battery life, and an updated processor.



FAVORITE PODCAST: THE JOE ROGAN EXPERIENCE

As of late 2021, Joe Rogan's podcast has become popular with 11 million listeners downloading each episode. This podcast, also known as, The Joe Rogan Experience, brings Rogan and his friends to host long form conversations with many guest speakers. Many doctors and physicians have referred to Joe Rogan as a menace to public health, and are criticizing Spotify for the misinformation that he has posted in his episodes.

2021 BY THE NUMBERS

Enriched with culture and COVID-19, 2021 put into perspective the lives of millions of people. The Mountain News sought to define this mind boggling year with a student survey of the Cheyenne community. Students revealed their favorites for 2021.