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Egg hunters hit campus April 19

The University of Montana-Missoula Oval is the place to be Easter weekend for one of the best egg hunts in the nation.

The free egg hunt, hosted by the Easter Bunny, will begin at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 19, in the center of campus.

Last year's Easter Eggstravaganza drew national attention when USA Today ranked the UM event as one of the top 10 egg hunts in the country. The newspaper listed UM third, behind egg hunts at the White House and New York's Central Park.

Children ages 0 to 9 are welcome to participate in the fun. The Oval will be sectioned off into four age groups: 0-3 years, 4-5 years, 6-7 years and 8-9 years. The egg hunters will receive age-appropriate candy and prizes. New to this year's Eggstravaganza will be special gold, silver and maroon eggs with top prizes in each age group.

Student athletes representing all Grizzly sports will be on hand to help youngsters fill their baskets with candy and toys.

The egg hunt is sponsored by UM, Southgate Mall, KECI-TV, A Carousel for Missoula, KMSO Radio, The Bookstore at UM and the Missoulian.

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Missoula fourth-grade teacher wins UM's Shreeve Award



Sue Rowe with some of her Hellgate Elementary students.

When Sue Rowe was summoned to the principal's office at Missoula's Hellgate Elementary School the day before Spring Break, the fourth-grade teacher figured she had done something wrong.

"From the look on (Principal Bruce Whitehead's) face, I thought I was in trouble," Rowe said.

Instead, Whitehead informed Rowe that she was the 2003 recipient of UM's prestigious Maryfrances Shreeve Award - presented annually to an outstanding Montana educator.

"When he told me, I was completely shocked," Rowe said.

But those who know the 20-year teaching veteran were not the least bit shocked that she was selected for the award -- named in honor of Shreeve, a longtime Montana teacher.

"Sue was doing technology in the classroom before technology was cool," said Whitehead, who has served as Hellgate's principal for 22 years. "What makes Sue special is the way she collaborates with other staff members in developing programs. . We have an extraordinary staff here and she's a fine example of our staff."

Rowe's students feel the same way as Whitehead. "She's a really intelligent teacher. She's not too strict, but she's kind of strict," said 10-year-old Morgan Braby. "And she's a really cool teacher who lets kids do work at whatever level they need to."

Rowe, a UM graduate who earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1982 and a master's degree in education in 1989, has spent her entire teaching career at Hellgate Elementary -- a K-8 school known for its progressiveness and cutting-edge technology programs.

As a child, Rowe vowed never to become a teacher -- the profession taken up by her mother, stepfather and sister.

But all that changed at UM, where she started in social work, but soon switched to education.

"Social work was too sad," Rowe said. "I realized teaching was for me after all because I really like kids and I like to be animated."

After six years of teaching first grade and another 14 in fourth grade, Rowe said she has no regrets about her career choice.

"I love this school. It's a great school to work in," she said. "We really can teach in our own manner. We follow the curriculum and teach what's required. But we can do it in our own style."

Rowe, who was a runner-up for the Shreeve award the past two years, will be honored at a banquet in April. She also will receive a \$3,000 cash prize.

But while the cash and recognition are nice, Rowe is quick to state that the real reward in teaching comes from the kids she spends time with every day. "I really enjoy the kids. They are a riot. They smile at you and make you feel really important. That's what I like about teaching."

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Friends of the Library banquet honors two Montana writers

Prominent Montana writers Patricia Goedicke and Janine Benyus will be honored for their contributions to literature during the Friends of the Mansfield Library 40th Annual Spring Banquet on Wednesday, April 16.



Goedicke

The UM event starts at 6 p.m. at Missoula's Holiday Inn Parkside with a no-host social and exhibits. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Banquet tickets are \$25 at the door. For more information, call Jerri Balsam at (406) 243-6800 or e-mail her at jerri@selway.umt.edu.

Goedicke will receive the H.G. Merriam Award for Distinguished Contributions to Montana Literature. An English professor in UM's creative writing program, Goedicke is author of 12 books of poetry -- most recently "As Earth Begins to End," which was listed among the top 10 poetry books by the American Library Association in 2000.

Her "The Tongues We Speak: New and Selected Poems" was named a "Notable Book of the Year" by The New York Times in 1990. She also has contributed to numerous anthologies, conducted many poetry readings and workshops, and received a great deal of awards, including the recent \$3,000 Chad Walsh Poetry Award for her poem "Hole."

Goedicke, a Missoula resident, is the 25th recipient of the award. Previous winners include such distinguished authors as Richard Hugo, A.B. Guthrie, Annick Smith and James Welch. Last year's winners were Rick Bass and Joseph Kinsey Howard.



Janine Benyus of Stevensville will receive the Lud Browman Award, which honors outstanding contributions to scientific writing. She is the author of six books, including "Beastly Behaviors: A Watcher's Guide to How Animals Act and Why." Her latest book, "Biomimicry: Innovation Inspired by Nature," introduces scientists working with nature-based innovations that will change

Benyus

the way we grow food, make materials, harness energy, conduct business and more.

Benyus, who lectures at UM, said she works as a "biologist at the design table," helping designers, engineers and business leaders learn from life's genius. Her next book will explore home as habitat, taking a biological look at human habitat selection, nest building and "What makes us feel at home?"

Previous Lud Browman Award winners include John Craighead, Jack Horner, Dorothy Patent, David Quammen and Dick Manning.

The banquet raises money for The Friends of the Library, an organization that works to ensure up-to-date library holdings for students, researchers and the general public. The group promotes the library; supports temporary library staffing needs; and encourages the donation of books, manuscripts, photographs and other materials to UM.

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UM to host HeartWalk

For the third year running, the UM campus will be the site of the Missoula HeartWalk.

The annual American Heart Association walk, which aims to raise money and awareness to fight heart disease and stroke, begins at 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, on the Mansfield Mall. This year's goal is to raise \$125,000 in the local community. Last year's walk raised more than \$90,000 to fund research and education.

Each year the number of walkers grows, and HeartWalk organizers are hoping the trend continues.

"Most of us know someone -- a family member, a friend or colleague -- whose life has been lost to or changed by heart disease or stroke," said Kimberly Roth, Southgate Mall marketing director and the 2003 HeartWalk chair. "That's what motivates me and other community members to be involved with this effort."

For more than a decade, UM faculty and graduate students have received grants for heart disease and stroke research from the AHA. UM President George Dennison said the University is involved in the HeartWalk as a way to give back to the community and to call attention to the cutting-edge research being conducted by UM scientists.

In the past, Dennison has spearheaded a team of UM administrators to raise more than \$3,000. He and his wife Jane, a heart disease survivor, lead each year's walk.

To find out more, call 542-1025.

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Job Juncture-The Office of Career Services hopes to match students looking for full-time summer work with Missoula employers on- and off-campus at its first Spring Student Job Fair. The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, in the University Center Ballroom and is free to employers and students. Employer parking, as well as reserved tables, snacks and setup assistance will be provided. For more information, call Valerie Marsh at 243-5460.

A Special Event-UM will be the primary site of the Special Olympics Montana State Summer Games on May 21-23. Roughly 3,000 Olympians, coaches and their families are expected to flood Missoula for the games, along with hundreds of volunteers. The theme this year is "Discover the Joy." Missoula will host the games the next three years. Many people and businesses donate their time and resources to make these heartwarming and inspiring games a success. If you would like to get involved, go online to www.specialolympicsmt.org or call Special Olympics Montana at (800) 242-6876.

Author Honors-The Mountains and Plains Booksellers Association honored two members of UM's English faculty with 2003 regional book awards at a banquet last month in Santa Fe, N.M. Adjunct Assistant Professor Judy Blunt won the adult nonfiction award for her book "Breaking Clean," and Assistant Professor Debra Magpie Earling's book "Perma Red" won the adult fiction prize. They received a \$500 prize, and their books will be featured on the back of the MPBA regional catalog, Reading the West. "Breaking Clean" is a series of essays that tell the story of Blunt's coming of age on a remote ranch on the harsh and beautiful prairies of eastern Montana in the 1950s, '60s and '70s, and the wrenching separation from the only life she had ever known. In "Perma Red" Earling tells the story of Louise White Elk, a young woman growing up in perilous circumstances on a reservation and the consequences of her often contradictory desires.

Law Leader-President George Bush has nominated Harry A. Haines to be a judge on the U.S. Tax Court in

Washington, D.C. Haines earned his law degree from the UM School of Law in 1964 and has remained active with the school, previously serving as an adjunct professor. He is now a partner in the Missoula law firm Worden Thane and Haines, where he has worked since 1966. Haines is the first Montanan nominated to the federal tax court. If his nomination is confirmed by the U.S. Senate, Haines will be one of about 19 judges that travel a circuit throughout the United States hearing federal tax cases.

All That Jazz-Top jazz clarinetist and part-time Montana resident Buddy DeFranco will celebrate his 80th birthday at the UM jazz festival named in his honor. The Buddy DeFranco Jazz Festival takes place on campus Friday and Saturday, April 25-26, with 7:30 p.m. concerts planned each evening. The concerts will feature a stellar lineup of jazz musicians, accompanied by local favorites the All-Star Jazz Trio and UM Jazz Band I. On Friday, DeFranco will welcome old friends and fellow jazz masters Butch Miles on drums, Bill Watrous on trombone, Joe Cohn on guitar and Fabrice Zammarchi on clarinet and saxophone. The festival also will feature daytime clinics for more than 500 students from across the region. For concert tickets, call TIC-It-E-Z at (406) 243-4051 in Missoula or (888) 666-8262. More information is available online at www.umt.edu/defrancojazz or by calling (406) 243-5071.

Leadership Quality-Dawn Payne, a student at UM's College of Technology, has been awarded the fall 2002 Outstanding Student Leader Award from the UM Center for Leadership Development. Payne lives in Missoula and is earning an associate of arts degree. She was one of a dozen outstanding students nominated by UM faculty and staff members for the award, which honors a student who exhibits strong ethics, creative leadership and outstanding service to the University community. She was selected for developing a COT leadership organization and working closely with the Associated Students of UM, the University's student government organization. Payne received a tuition waiver for spring semester, and her name will be engraved on a plaque in UM's University Center.

Spring Art-Two spring exhibits at UM-Missoula will showcase 19th century Japanese prints and contemporary works by a Montana artist. "Geisha, Good Wives and Bad Wives" will be shown in the Paxson Gallery and "Dana Boussard: A Celebration" in the Meloy Gallery through Saturday, May 10. Both galleries are in the Montana Museum of Art and Culture, located in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. The shows are free and open to the public. In her exhibit, Boussard presents new works on paper and textile that explore recurring themes familiar to western Montanans, particularly the

relationship of people to animals and the land. In "Geisha, Good Wives and Bad Wives," David Earhart, MMAC's director of programs and publications, explores the interconnections of woodblock-printed artwork and books in depicting the ideal of female beauty as Japan confronts modernization in the 19th century.

Lewis and Clark Art-UM's Montana Museum of Art and Culture will mark the beginning of the Lewis and Clark bicentennial with two related exhibits, "Centennial and Bicentennial: Lewis and Clark in Perspective." The exhibits open May 16 and run through Sept. 6, with an opening reception set for May 28 in conjunction with UM's "Confluence of Cultures" conference, which will offer American Indian perspectives on Lewis and Clark. The exhibits will feature western artists who have depicted the Corps of Discovery, including Edgar Paxson and his "Sacagawea" and Ralph DeCamp and his "Gates of the Mountain." Contemporary artists will offer perspectives often tinged with humor and irony.

Campus Construction-A portion of UM's Campus Drive will be closed to through traffic for the next five months during construction of the new north-end seats in Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Vehicle traffic on the UM thoroughfare will be blocked off between the stadium's northeast corner by the labor shop and the northwest corner near the parking compound. Signs will direct vehicle traffic away from the road closure. The closure is effective until Sept. 1, while an additional 4,000 stadium seats are under construction.

Mansfield Manager-Administrator C. Wesley Snyder has been named interim director of UM's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center. President George Dennison said a national search is in progress for a permanent director of the Mansfield Center, and one should be in place by July 1. The Mansfield Center provides courses, seminars, public lectures, conferences and cultural events regarding Asian studies and ethics in public affairs. Snyder joined UM in 1998 as an education professor and later became associate dean of development and applied research for the School of Continuing Education. He previously served as interim director of UM's Office of International Programs.

Bargain Bricks-Be a part of UM history and support its future with a Centennial Circle Brick. The bricks encircle the grizzly bear statue on the Oval and are engraved with names of special people like you, current or future UM students, family members, friends or anyone else you would like to honor. If you place your \$150 brick order by April 25, your brick will be on the Oval by Commencement. Your money will help fund University

promotional projects. Call University Relations at 243-4520 for more information or to place an order.

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University offers Educators' Career Fair May 4-5

Representatives from more than 100 school districts will be on the UM campus Monday and Tuesday, May 4-5, to take part in the annual Educators' Career Fair.

The fair offers educators an opportunity to check out job prospects in the fields of school teaching, counseling and administration.

School districts taking part in the fair are expected to have more than 1,500 different employment opportunities available.

Events begin Sunday, May 4, in the Adams Center with more than 50 school districts conducting 20-minute information sessions between 1 and 5 p.m. A 30-minute strategy session will be held at 5 p.m. to give job seekers advice on how to get the most out of the career fair.

From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, May 5, in the Adams Center, participating school districts will staff information tables and conduct interviews. Representatives from school districts in Montana, Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Texas, Washington and Wyoming will be on hand. Last year's fair attracted more than 150 school districts from 17 states.

The registration fee for candidates to attend the fair is \$25 if paid before Friday, April 18. A \$5 late fee will be added after the registration deadline. For more information, check out the Office of Career Services Web site at www.umt.edu/career/ecf.htm.

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