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GOVERNOR APPOINTS MEMBERS TO HUMANITIES COMMITTEE FROM COMMUNITIES ACROSS MONTANA

MISSOULA--

Gov. Marc Racicot appointed two new members and reappointed two previous members from across the state to serve four-year terms on the Montana Committee for the Humanities.

Arla Jeanne Murray of Miles City and Robert A. Poore of Butte are the two new faces on the committee. William W. Bevis of Missoula will serve his second term and Jamie Doggett of White Sulphur Springs will serve her third term.

Murray is a senior flight attendant with Northwest Airlines, but she spends most of her time as a rancher in the Miles City area and a civic leader in local and state affairs. Raised in Montana, she has been a nurse in various cities across the country.

Poore is a civic leader, a cultural activist and a retired attorney known for his support of arts, culture and education. He practiced law with Poore, Roth & Robinson PC for 44 years. He has supported his community by serving on boards of such organizations as the Arts Chateau, the Butte Center for the Performing Arts, the Butte Symphony Orchestra, the Montana Tech Foundation, the St. James Community Hospital and others.

Bevis, an English professor at The University of Montana-Missoula, is known as a scholar and writer of Montana literature. Racicot originally appointed him to the committee in 1992.

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Doggett, a civic leader, was appointed to the committee by Gov. Stan Stephens in 1988. She was reappointed by Racicot in 1992, served as the committee's vice chair that same year and served as the committee's chair from 1993 to 1995.

The Montana Committee for the Humanities is the state's affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The committee has been based at The University of Montana-Missoula since its creation in 1972. MCH provides grants and programs to a variety of Montana organizations in support of public programs in the humanities.

MCH members are Montana citizens representing academic, civic and other interests in the state. The governor appoints four of the 19 members on the committee.

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