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GLENDIVE WOMAN HONORED BY UM FOR SUPPORT, SERVICE

MISSOULA —

Longtime **Glendive** resident Mary B. Harstad will be honored for her many years of support and service to The University of Montana during a ceremony Saturday, Sept. 4, in Missoula.

Harstad will be presented with UM's Community Service Award during the Montana Grizzlies' football season opener at Washington-Grizzly Stadium. She will be unable to make the cross-state trip for the award presentation, but will be represented by her daughter, Kathie Urbanec of Missoula. Representatives of UM's alumni and Grizzly athletic associations will host a Glendive event in Harstad's honor at a later date.

At age 90, Harstad is one of the University's longest and most dedicated supporters. A 1929 graduate of UM, Harstad was a teacher and school librarian in eastern Montana for almost 40 years. She came out of retirement to teach children's literature at Dawson Community College in Glendive in the summer of 1976, returning to the college as a guest lecturer during 1993-95.

Harstad is a life member of the UM Alumni Association and a member and supporter of the Friends of the Mansfield Library. She was a member of the UM Foundation board from its founding in 1951 until 1961. Today, her daughter, Kathie, is the UM Foundation's public relations manager.

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In Glendive Harstad served her community as a member of the Campfire council, a founding member of the Southeastern Montana Association for Retarded Citizens, a hospital volunteer, and promoter of school and community relations.

The Community Service Awards are sponsored by The University of Montana and coordinated by the UM Alumni Association and Grizzly Athletic Association.

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