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UM NEWS



May 31, 2011

MISSOULA –

Montana Public Radio reporter Emilie Ritter won second place in the Northwest Excellence in Journalism contest sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists. The awards honor exceptional journalism in Alaska, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

Ritter took second in the Radio Spot News category for coverage of Montana Highway Patrol Trooper David DeLaittre's funeral held in December 2010. She was the only Montana reporter to place in the contest's radio division. More than 2,500 entries from dozens of media organizations throughout the region were reviewed and rated by out-of-state judges.

Montana Public Radio News Director Sally Mauk said she was pleased but not surprised by the award.

"Emilie's sensitive coverage of the trooper's funeral is just one example of the kind of outstanding work she does for MTPR, day in and day out," Mauk said. "We're so proud of this recognition of her excellent reporting."

Ritter's report can be heard online at <http://reporteremilieritter.tumblr.com/post/2140215953/montanas-youngest-highway-patrol-officer-to-ever>.

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UM NEWS



May 26, 2011

MISSOULA —

For the fourth consecutive year, The University of Montana has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll in recognition of thousands of hours student volunteers provide to Missoula.

Presented by the Corporation for National and Community Service, the honor roll is the highest federal government recognition that a university or college can receive for its commitment to service learning and civic engagement. Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors, including scope and innovativeness of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

UM students exceeded expectations for community service during the 2009-10 academic year – the year for which the recognition is based – according to Andrea Vernon, director of UM's Office for Civic Engagement, which oversees service learning and volunteer opportunities. A total of 1,641 students completed 161,246 hours of service. This equates to an economic impact of more than \$2.2 million based on the value of a volunteer hour in Montana as calculated by the Independent Sector.

UM President Royce Engstrom said service learning and civic engagement are high priorities for UM. "Students are putting their education to work to benefit their community," he said. "At the same time, service learning enriches the educational experience."

Volunteers included 1,309 students who participated in one or more of UM's 40 service-learning courses during autumn and spring semesters. Service-learning students logged more than 57,000 hours of community service

The 180 student volunteers in UM's Campus Corps AmeriCorps Program accounted for 93,350 hours of service with local nonprofit organizations. In addition, 152 students volunteered for various extracurricular activities throughout the year, such as Service Saturdays, Alternative Breaks and the popular Can the Cats Food Drive, for a total of 10,634 hours.

Some of Missoula's most pressing needs – hunger, education, health and the environment – were met by students performing service in collaboration with community organizations.

UM's Office for Civic Engagement works to challenge and improve lives with an ethic of service and investment in community. Founded in 1992 as Volunteer Action Services, it is a department of UM's Davidson Honors College and is the University's primary agent of community activism and civic responsibility.

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UM NEWS



May 25, 2011

MISSOULA –

The Western Montana Area Health Education Center will host a one-day professional continuing education program on Friday, June 10, that aims to share practical information about the needs and concerns of service members, veterans and military families and about the military culture from which they come.

The conference, "Citizen Soldier: The Invisible Wounds of War," will provide information about post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury. It is designed for Montana health care professionals who want to expand their perspective and gain a better understanding of how to connect with and help veterans and their families.

Registration costs \$100, which includes lunch and continuing education credits for a wide variety of health care disciplines. Space is limited. The event will take place in Rooms 2 and 3 of the Conference Center at St. Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center, located at 500 W. Broadway in Missoula.

WMT-AHEC, located in the College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences at The University of Montana, is one of four regional centers in the state that connects students to careers, professionals to communities and communities to better health.

"A very high percentage of Montana's veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan seek medical care from civilian practitioners who may have little experience with the military and with the medical problems of combat veterans," said WMT-AHEC Director Larry White. "We are bringing this national program to Montana to help inform our medical community about the unique problems of these very special men and women."

Dr. Michael Marks, the lead psychologist at the Southern Arizona Veterans Administration Healthcare System in Tucson, Ariz., will be the principal conference speaker. Marks directs the system's post-traumatic stress disorder outpatient clinic and developed the Supportive Education for Returning Veterans program at the University of Arizona.

Other speakers include retired Brig. Gen. Hal Stearns; Staff Sgt. Dustin Monroe, a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and Brian Becker, the Operations Enduring Freedom/Operations Iraqi Freedom outreach specialist at the Missoula Vet Center.

A conference brochure with registration information can be downloaded at <http://wmtahec.org>. Registration also is available by calling Annë Linn, WMT-AHEC program coordinator for continuing education, at 406-243-5575.

As of September 2009, mental health problems were the second most common health issue among soldiers who have returned from OEF and OIF. The following is from a report by the Office of the Surgeon General Mental Health Advisory Team: The war in Iraq remains very personal. Over 75 percent of soldiers and Marines surveyed report being in situations where they could be seriously injured or killed; 62 to 66 percent knew someone seriously injured or killed; more than one-third described an event that caused them intense fear, helplessness or horror.

"For the first time in history, 90 percent of soldiers survive their injuries, which brings a great need for a conference with this focus," White said. "While VA facilities do have specialists trained in post-traumatic stress disorder, only 41 to 45 percent of the more than 1 million returning OEF/OIF veterans who are eligible for the services have sought care from the VA. This means that the remaining veterans constitute a silent majority. The civilian health care workforce must come together around this issue. There should be no wrong door to which veterans and their families can come for help."

The AHEC program was developed by Congress in 1971 to recruit, train and retain a health professions workforce committed to underserved populations. The program taps the resources of academic medicine to address local community health needs. WMT-AHEC was established as the third of four regional centers in Montana in 2008. It is closely affiliated with the 13 health professions programs offered by UM and the UM College of Technology.

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UM NEWS



May 25, 2011

MISSOULA –

A University of Montana student has been awarded a \$4,500 NextGeneration Scholarship from the national Nonprofit Leadership Alliance (formerly American Humanics), allowing her to serve a 300-hour internship with an area nonprofit organization.

The award went to Jennifer Brown, a senior in political science and public administration from **Riverside, Calif.** She will serve her internship at the Missoula AIDS Council, assisting with the development and coordination of the organization's first Rockin' Race 5K/10K fundraiser.

The 62-year-old Nonprofit Leadership Alliance is a course of study that equips college students across the country to become skilled professionals and leaders in the nation's nonprofit organizations. UM has been involved with the alliance since 2002. From 2007 to 2011, UM students received 17 NextGeneration scholarships totaling \$76,500.

More information about the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance program and academic awards is available online at <http://www.dhc.umt.edu/oce> or through UM's Office for Civic Engagement, located in Davidson Honors College Room 015.

OCE is a department of UM's Davidson Honors College and serves as a focal point for campus and residents across the state to participate in community work and civic involvement. For more information, call OCE Director Andrea Vernon at 406-243-5159.

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UM NEWS



May 25, 2011

MISSOULA –

Brittany Harris, a 2011 University of Montana graduate with bachelor's degrees in political science and art, won a \$5,000 fellowship from the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi to support her law school program at the University of Washington.

Harris, who is from Silverdale, Wash., intends to specialize in intellectual property law and work with individuals in a variety of fields, including the arts.

She entered UM and the Davidson Honors College with 59 Advanced Placement credits. During her college career, she has served as president of Pi Sigma Alpha Epsilon Mu, the political science honor society, and as a founding member and active leader of the UM Pre-Law Society. She participated in debate and UM study abroad programs to Austria and Italy, helped organize a swing dance club and served as vice president of the South and South East Asian Cultural Organization.

Every year the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi awards 57 fellowships of \$5,000 each and three at \$15,000 each to members entering the first year of graduate or professional study. Each Phi Kappa Phi chapter may select one candidate from among its local applicants to compete for the awards.

For a complete list of the 2011 Phi Kappa Phi Fellowship winners and more information about the program, visit <http://www.phikappaphi.org/Web/Awards/Fellowship.html>.

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UM NEWS



May 25, 2011

MISSOULA –

Last week Montana Public Radio signed on transmitter KUFL at 90.5 FM, bringing NPR, BBC and local MTPR programming to Libby. The station culminates an 11-year effort by Libby residents to bring public radio service to the community.

Libby resident Gwenn Hensler helped spearhead the local effort and said people are pleased. "Good things come to those who wait, and supporters of Libby Public Radio think that their wait has been well worth it," she said.

MTPR is based at The University of Montana in Missoula and features NPR news programs such as "Morning Edition" and "All Things Considered." It also offers the BBC World Service and the award-winning "Montana Evening Edition" newscast.

Entertainment programs include "A Prairie Home Companion," "Wait – Wait Don't Tell Me," and "American Routes." Local programs feature classical and folk music, jazz and the longest-running children's program in public radio, "The Pea Green Boat."

MTPR station manager William Marcus said the expansion into Libby is long overdue.

"We had difficulty securing a license from the (Federal Communications Commission); our application was stalled for more than eight years," Marcus said. "We're grateful that the residents of Libby who contributed to the project more than a decade ago have been so patient through this process. We're delighted that they can hear us in Libby at last."

For more information on MTPR programming, visit <http://www.mtpr.org>.

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UM NEWS



May 24, 2011

MISSOULA –

Popular comedian Daniel Tosh will offer a second show of his “Tosh Tour on Ice” at The University of Montana on Thursday, Aug. 11.

The show begins at 10 p.m. in the University Theatre. Doors open at 9 p.m. (The previously scheduled early show starts at 7 p.m., and doors open at 6 p.m.)

Tickets cost \$45. They are available at all GrixTix locations, online at <http://www.grixtix.com> or by calling 888-MONTANA.

Tosh, host of the successful Comedy Central series “Tosh.0,” was named one of the 10 comics to watch by Daily Variety. He currently is one of the most requested headliners in the country.

His casual style and sharp material have proven to be greatly appreciated by his audiences, young and old. He has quickly evolved into one of the most successful acts, having performed more than 700 shows in his career.

“Tosh Tour on Ice” kicks off in Boston in July and travels to more than 30 cities across the U.S. and Canada. More information is available at <http://DanielTosh.com> or <http://LiveNation.com>.

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UM NEWS



May 20, 2011

MISSOULA –

The Board of Regents approved hiring Donald Blacketter to become the next chancellor of Montana Tech of The University of Montana during its Friday, May 20, meeting at Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell.

Blacketter currently serves as dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Idaho in Moscow. He will start his new job in Butte on June 27.

A community reception welcoming Blacketter to the Butte campus will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 26, in Montana Tech's Copper Lounge.

"Dr. Donald Blacketter's experience as a mechanical engineer and dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Idaho, coupled with his engaging personality, was just the right combination of traits that the search committee felt would serve Montana Tech well as chancellor," said Doug Coe, the Montana Tech dean who chaired the 25-member search committee.

Blacketter will replace Montana Tech Chancellor Frank Gilmore, who served for 13 years. The new chancellor will earn \$197,000 annually, plus the use of the chancellor's house and car.

"We are excited to introduce Dr. Blacketter to Montana higher education and the Montana Tech and Butte communities," UM President Royce C. Engstrom said. "The search process has produced an excellent result, and I look forward to seeing the benefits his leadership will bring to Montana Tech."

Blacketter earned bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of Wyoming. After earning his doctorate, he joined UI in 1989 as a mechanical engineering assistant professor and moved through the ranks to become a full professor in 1997.

He was assistant director for the National Institute for Advanced Transportation Technology from 1998 to 2005, including one year as acting director. In 2005 he was elected chair of UI's Department of Mechanical Engineering, and he accepted appointment as dean of the College of Engineering in December 2008.

Blacketter has been an active researcher for more than 20 years, focusing on solid mechanics and receiving more than \$3.7 million in funding from a variety of sources. He has performed research and published in areas that include composite materials, biomechanics, numerical methods and hybrid vehicles.

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UM NEWS



May 20, 2011

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana recently joined the likes of Duke, Penn State, Purdue and Pepperdine as winners of a 2011 Campus Technology Innovators award. UM's Academic Planner, a homegrown Web application that helps students plot short-term course schedules and develop long-term academic strategies, was deemed one of the 10 best innovations in higher education out of 393 nominees.

The awards are presented annually by Campus Technology magazine, a monthly publication focused on the use of technology in higher education.

Academic Planner provides advanced search tools to help students sift through hundreds of University course offerings and create primary and alternate course schedules. Jon Adams, lead programmer on the project, said the most popular feature of Academic Planner is an interactive visual calendar. Students can simply mouse over search results and see how each course would fit into their schedule.

The first version of Academic Planner was released in 2009. Since then, 12,600 people have logged in and used the tool.

While Academic Planner was developed by UM's Information Technology office, Associate Chief Information Officer Loey Knapp credits more than two dozen people serving on advisory groups for guiding the development and evolution of the tool.

"Having user groups was enormously helpful in the process," Knapp said. "We had outlined what we thought should be versions one, two and three of Academic Planner. Our user groups restructured what should be developed first. They turned out to be right."

The Office for Student Success also played a key role in the development and adoption of Academic Planner, Knapp said.

"They did the project an enormous favor by seeing the value in it and adopting it," she said.

UM Office for Student Success Director Sharon O'Hare said that an early prototype of Academic Planner convinced her that the tool had great potential.

"It allows students to develop a specific pathway for four-year graduation," she said. "And it gives them the ability to play with 'what-if' scenarios and what it would mean to take different paths."

O'Hare's staff used Academic Planner to build about 1,500 preliminary schedules for incoming freshmen last summer and will do the same with incoming students this summer.

A new version of Academic Planner, scheduled for release later this summer, will allow students to share plans and collaborate with faculty advisers in an environment similar to social networking sites.

"Academic Planner can be a focal point in advising where students and advisers can interact," Adams said. "Right now that interaction is via email, but in the next version it will be done via shared space online."

Dan Doyle, co-chair of UM's sociology department, has advised on the new version of Academic Planner. He says the tool is part of an overall effort to systematize advising.

"Academic advising has been done haphazardly across campus, and a student's exposure to advice usually depended on the student's willingness to seek it out," Doyle said. "With a tool like Academic Planner, we can at least start everyone at a base level so students don't find themselves going astray."

Adams, Knapp and O'Hare will present at the 18th Annual Education Technology Conference, which will take place July 25-28 in Boston, and will accept the Campus Technology Innovators award on behalf of UM.

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UM NEWS



May 20, 2011

MISSOULA –

The Montana Museum of Art & Culture at The University of Montana will present "60 Artists, 60 Artworks, 60 Years: Celebrating the Archie Bray Foundation" from June 3 through Sept. 10.

The exhibition, which will be on view in the museum's Meloy and Paxson galleries, pays tribute to the 60th anniversary of the Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts in Helena.

The exhibition's diverse selection of ceramics created by past Bray residents, who include UM faculty and alumni, exemplify the breadth of creative expression generated at the internationally renowned Montana institution. Drawn from MMAC's Permanent Collection and four private Missoula ceramic collections, the exhibition features artists from various periods in the Bray's history.

As its title suggests, the exhibition will include a single artwork by each of 60 artists who epitomize the legacy of the Archie Bray Foundation. Featured are works by contemporary Missoula-based artists Adrian Arleo, Julia Galloway, Trey Hill, Beth Lo, David Pledge and David Regan, as well as works by Frances Senska, Rudy Autio, Peter Voulkos, Branson G. Stevenson, Peter Meloy, David Shaner, Kurt Weiser, Jay Rummel and others.

In addition, MMAC will host a satellite exhibition at UM's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library June 3-Sept. 10 titled "Peter and Henry Meloy: Collaborations." The exhibition will feature functional and sculptural ceramics by the well-known brothers. Peter was a co-founder of the Archie Bray Foundation, and Henry was a New York City abstract expressionist painter. The pieces in the exhibition are on loan from the Henry Meloy Educational Trust.

A memorial for artist and former UM School of Art Chair and Professor Tom Rippon (1954-2010) will be on view June 3-Sept. 10 on the first floor of the University's Main Hall. Rippon, a ceramics virtuoso who studied with Robert Arneson, is known for his imaginative sculptures that embody humor and whimsy, such as "Tree of Art," a 1996 ceramic wall mural that adorns the east side of the University's Performing Arts & Radio/Television Center.

A free public reception with refreshments and live music will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday, June 3, in the PAR/TV Center lobby.

"Ceramic Collectors Summer Celebration," a roundtable discussion with participating collectors, will take place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 29, in the Montana Theatre of the PAR/TV Center. The event is free and open to the public. UM art history and criticism Associate Professor H. Rafael Chacón will speak about the history of ceramics. An outdoor reception with food, beverages and entertainment will follow on the PAR/TV Center patio.

MMAC also will host a "Student Welcome and Ceramic Artist Celebration" at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, for returning UM students and the Bray artists featured in the exhibition. The celebration, which is open to the public, will take place in the PAR/TV Center lobby.

These UM events will be held concurrently with multiple ceramics exhibitions across the state. Activities associated with the Bray anniversary titled "2011: From the Center to the Edge – 60 Years of Creativity and Innovation at the Archie Bray Foundation" will take place June 23-25 in Helena. A complete schedule of anniversary activities and statewide exhibitions is available online at <http://60th.archiebray.org>.

MMAC galleries are located in UM's PAR/TV Center. Gallery hours for the Bray exhibition are from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. Friday.

For more information visit MMAC's website at <http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum> or call 406-243-2019.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: Digital images of select items included in the MMAC exhibition are available by calling 406-243-2019.

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UM NEWS



May 18, 2011

HAMILTON –

The steering committee for the Bitterroot College Program of The University of Montana will hold its monthly meeting at 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 25, at the Human Resource Council Building Meeting Room, located at 316 N. Third St. in Hamilton.

The BCP steering committee is a public board and welcomes members of the public to observe and participate at its meetings.

Agenda topics will include the discussion of the BCP five-year Strategic Plan Draft and discussion of current operational and fiscal issues. The meeting agenda and supplemental meeting materials, including the Strategic Plan Draft, will be available Friday, May 20, on the BCP website at <http://www.umt.edu/bcp> (click on "Meetings" under "Steering Committee"), by calling BCP Interim Director Victoria Clark at 406-375-0100 or emailing victoria.clark@umontana.edu.

The BCP steering committee is a collaborative group composed of Ravalli County stakeholders, UM officials and state higher education representatives. The committee is charged with planning an entity to provide responsive and sustainable adult and higher education opportunities to Ravalli County residents. It now offers 21 UM and COT courses in the Hamilton area.

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UM NEWS



May 18, 2011

MISSOULA —

A University of Montana doctoral student will use a fellowship to study effects of climate change on food webs – specifically for white-tailed jackrabbits and pronghorns – in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

Stefan Ekernas, the 2011 recipient of the Boyd Evison Graduate Fellowship, is pursuing a doctorate in wildlife biology from UM. The prestigious fellowship provides tuition assistance and a yearly stipend to cover travel and field research costs in and around Grand Teton National Park.

Ekernas' research will focus on both food webs and climate change as he seeks to investigate species interactions within and beyond protected areas. He and his team will explore the relationships among white-tailed jackrabbits, wolves, coyotes and pronghorn.

A key member of the food web, jackrabbits largely have disappeared from Grand Teton National Park, even though they were once described as abundant. To investigate the impacts of climate change on food webs, Ekernas will look at the relationships between decrease in snowpack and jackrabbit population.

When completed, Ekernas will make his findings available to Grand Teton and the public. He also intends to give public lectures as his research progresses.

Ekernas earned a master's degree in organismal biology and ecology from UM in 2010. He received a master's degree in conservation biology from Columbia University in 2005 and a bachelor's degree in government from Dartmouth College in 2001.

The Evison Fellowship, established in memory of Boyd Evison after his death in 2002, honors the man for extensive service with the National Park Service and in post-retirement work as executive director for the Grand Teton Association, a nonprofit dedicated to helping the park in myriad ways.

The fellowship invites highly motivated graduate students to conduct research in Grand Teton National Park and throughout the Greater Yellowstone Area, supporting study leading to a master's or doctoral degree in biosciences, geosciences or social sciences.

To inquire about applying for a Boyd Evison Graduate Fellowship or to donate funds to the program, call Jan Lynch, executive director of the Grand Teton Association, at 307-739-3406. Interested people also can write Jan Lynch, Grand Teton Association, P.O. Box 170, Moose, WY 83012.

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UM NEWS



May 18, 2011

MISSOULA –

Newly released data from the 2010 census report show seasonal housing grew about 14,000 units between 2000 and 2010, an increase of 59 percent, according to a University of Montana researcher. Five counties – Flathead, Madison, Lake, Gallatin and Lincoln – accounted for more than half of the increase.

Jim Sylvester, an economist at UM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research, said the numbers confirm what windshield surveys of popular tourist destinations indicated: Vacation homes are a major part of several Montana communities, and the numbers have increased. However, most growth occurred before the recession. Sales of vacation homes have been nearly nonexistent the past couple of years.

Flathead County seasonal housing increased 83 percent from 3,570 in 2000 to 6,542 in 2010, an increase of 2,972 vacation homes. Sylvester said most of this growth occurred along the shores of Whitefish and Flathead lakes. The 6,542 seasonal housing units account for nearly 14 percent of all housing in Flathead County.

Madison County vacation homes grew 1,755 units from 1,144 in 2000 to 2,899 in 2010, a whopping 153 percent increase. Madison County is the home of much of the developed area around Big Sky and Moonlight Basin ski resorts. More than 40 percent of the housing in Madison County is for seasonal use.

Lake County seasonal vacant units increased by 1,273, a 47 percent increase over 2000. Nearly all the growth was near Flathead Lake. Nearly a quarter of housing in Lake County is for seasonal use.

Gallatin County grew 1,071 units, a 61 percent increase. Most of this growth occurred in the Gallatin Canyon near Big Sky. Only 6.6 percent of housing in Gallatin County is for seasonal use.

Seasonal vacant units more than doubled in Lincoln County from 821 in 2000 to 1,719 in 2010. Seasonal housing in Lincoln County is scattered among the many lakes and streams in the county.

Other areas in Montana also experienced growth in seasonal vacant housing but at levels far below the five just discussed, Sylvester said. Seasonal vacant housing makes up large proportions of housing in Granite (42 percent), Carbon (21 percent) and Meagher (33 percent) counties. All three counties are areas where outdoor recreation is a substantial part of the lifestyle.

The U.S. Census Bureau collects data on housing units during each decennial census. Data is collected on renter- versus owner-occupied housing. Vacant units also are counted. Each vacancy is assigned a type code with seasonal vacant units (owner-occupied vacation homes) attracting the most attention from policymakers, Sylvester said.

For more information call UM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research at [406-243-5113](tel:406-243-5113) or the U.S. Census Bureau at <http://www.census.gov>.

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UM NEWS



May 18, 2011

MISSOULA –

The new dean of the College of Forestry and Conservation at The University of Montana is a familiar face.

UM has hired Jim Burchfield, the interim forestry dean, to replace Perry Brown, who was named UM interim provost and vice president for academic affairs last October. Burchfield has worked on campus 15 years.

"It's a great honor to be selected as dean of the College of Forestry and Conservation, as its outstanding record of research and innovative instruction have made it one of the nation's finest academic programs in conservation and the sustainable management of our shared natural heritage," Burchfield said. "It is with great humility that I enter into this position, and I pledge to respect the traditions of excellence and inclusivity that make the college a willing and supportive partner to the people of Montana."

A 14-member search committee led by Chris Comer, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, started the hunt for a new forestry dean last December. Four finalists interviewed on campus for the job, and Burchfield was selected from that group.

The new dean is excited to lose the interim tag and take on his next position.

"I intend to increase student participation in applied problem-solving to ensure they have the knowledge and skills to meet the profound environmental challenges we face as a society," Burchfield said. "I also will encourage and develop the integrated research program conducted by our energetic faculty to bring the highest quality science to the forefront of our public deliberations on resource management."

Burchfield came to UM in 1996 as an adjunct associate forestry professor and director of the Bolle Center for People and Forests. He was promoted to associate dean of the forestry school in 2003. He served as interim dean from July 2008 to June 2010 and was again named interim dean in October 2010.

"Jim has been an incredible asset to UM," Brown said. "He has the drive and the right mix of talents and experience to lead the College of Forestry and Conservation into a bright future."

Before joining UM, Burchfield worked 11 years with the U.S. Forest Service, serving as a silviculturist, timber-sale planner, policy analyst and social science staff co-leader. He also was a faculty member for seven years with the School of Natural Resources at the University of Michigan.

Burchfield earned his undergraduate degree in forest management from the University of Michigan, his master's in silviculture from the University of Washington and his doctorate in natural resources from the University of Michigan. After college he was a Peace Corps volunteer in Guatemala from 1973 to 1977.

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UM NEWS



May 18, 2011

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana and the Missoula Music Teachers Association will plant a tree to honor longtime music Professor Gerald Doty at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 19, on the south side of the UM Music Building.

Doty, who celebrated his 101st birthday last October, joined the UM music faculty in 1958. He is most remembered for his love of teaching via the Suzuki string method, which he first brought to Missoula after studying with its founder, Japanese violinist Shinichi Suzuki.

Doty has been an active member of the Missoula Music Teachers Association for more than 50 years. Members of the group gave Doty the elm tree to be planted Thursday when they celebrated his 100th birthday with him in 2009.

Doty also served on the String Orchestra of the Rockies board of directors for many years and helped found the Montana String Quartet in 1958. He's played the roles of concertmaster, principal second violinist, principal violist and first oboe with the Missoula Civic Orchestra, now known as the Missoula Symphony Orchestra. He also was active in the Holy Spirit Episcopal Parish. He and his wife continue to reside in the South Hills neighborhood of Missoula.

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UM NEWS



May 17, 2011

MISSOULA –

“Backroads of Montana” premiered in 1991 with a visit to the tiny town of Virgelle on the Missouri River just northwest of Fort Benton. A local couple was running the Virgelle Ferry, and the Virgelle Mercantile welcomed visitors with a cozy bed and breakfast.

Today the Virgelle Ferry still runs, although with different, ever-friendly folks operating the crossing, and the mercantile will still book you a room. Meanwhile, “Backroads of Montana” has traveled thousands of miles to visit other people and places across Montana. The popular series will mark its 20th year at 8 p.m. Monday, May 23, with a new program on MontanaPBS that travels from Harlowton to Huntley.

The monthly country dance at the Wrangler Bar in Grass Range is the setting for a story by producer John Twiggs. On the third Sunday each month folks from all over central Montana converge on the bar to dance and socialize. Area musicians form jam-session bands, and the crowd spins around the dance floor for hours, stopping only briefly to socialize or eat a bite of homemade beans, pulled pork and potato salad.

Another old-fashioned tradition is kept alive in the Huntley area just east of Billings, where the Huntley Project Museum puts on an authentic, steam-powered threshing bee each August. Producer Gus Chambers found that hot boilers – and a boiling sun – keep the volunteers hopping to get the wheat separated from the chaff. When it’s done there’s corn-on-the-cob for everyone.

Chambers also visited the Harlo Theatre in Harlowton. The movie theater was falling apart before a group of high school kids, aided by a devoted teacher and his wife, fixed it up in 2000. Today the theater provides business training for the high school students, and all proceeds go into scholarship funds they receive when they graduate.

Producer Ray Ekness followed up on a huge collection of Montana picture postcards donated by the late George Svoboda to the Northern Rockies Heritage Center in Missoula. At more than 20,000 cards, it’s believed to be the largest picture postcard collection featuring one state.

The Archie Bray Foundation in Helena served as the location for host segments with William Marcus. Viewers get a tour of the expansive grounds, once a brick and tile factory, and Marcus got a private lesson in pottery making.

“Backroads of Montana” is supported by grants from the Greater Montana Foundation, which encourages discussion of issues and trends of importance to Montana, the Montana Office of Tourism and The University of Montana.

The series is a production of KUFM-TV/MontanaPBS at UM. MontanaPBS is a collaborative statewide service of KUSM-TV at Montana State University-Bozeman and KUFM-TV at UM. Check local listings for channel information.

For background information on “Backroads of Montana,” visit <http://www.umt.edu/montanans01/backroads.html>.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Photos for the new episode are available at <http://www.montanapbs.org/BackroadsofMontana/episode134/pressroom/>. High-resolution photos and graphics, program logo and crew shots are available at <http://www.montanapbs.org/BackroadsofMontana/pressroom/>.

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UM NEWS



May 17, 2011

MISSOULA –

Popular comedian Daniel Tosh will bring his “Tosh Tour on Ice” to The University of Montana on Thursday, Aug. 11.

The show begins at 7 p.m. in the University Theatre. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Tickets cost \$45. They will be available Friday, May 20, at all GrixTix locations, online at <http://www.grixtix.com> or by calling 888-MONTANA.

Tosh, host of the successful Comedy Central series “Tosh.0,” was named one of the 10 comics to watch by Daily Variety. He currently is one of the most requested headliners in the country.

His casual style and sharp material have proven to be greatly appreciated by his audiences, young and old. He has quickly evolved into one of the most successful acts, having performed more than 700 shows in his career.

“Tosh Tour on Ice” kicks off in Boston in July and travels to more than 30 cities across the U.S. and Canada. More information is available at <http://DanielTosh.com> or <http://LiveNation.com>.

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UM NEWS



May 16, 2011

MISSOULA –

Montana's next generation of entrepreneurs took home more than \$30,000 in prize money during The University of Montana's 22nd annual John Ruffatto Business Plan Competition, hosted May 12 by the UM School of Business Administration.

This year's competition winners are UM students John Beltrone and Emese Vitalis, who impressed judges and the public alike with CreativiTea, an epicurean custom blend tea retailer. The company will be based in Missoula and will sell direct to the consumer via the Internet and social media sites.

The CreativiTea team also took the prize for best elevator pitch, an award that recognizes the team's ability to explain the plan in three minutes. Collectively the team won prize money totaling \$9,000.

The \$4,000 second-place prize in the competition went to UM student Robert Reum and BackdropDepot.com, a company that will sell specialty backdrops to small venues and individual musical performers.

Dance of the Sun, a plan submitted by students from Montana State University-Billings, took the \$2,000 third-place award. The plan outlined a business that would market native art, beginning with artists from the Crow reservation.

The lifestyle division for smaller businesses was dominated by Bahia, a Brazilian-theme restaurant plan developed by UM student Tom Snyder. Snyder also was honored with the Passion, Poise and Charisma award and the People's Choice award. Collectively Bahia and Snyder won \$5,000.

Other awards of \$1,000 were presented to Good Times, runner up in the lifestyle division, and to Zerosion and Greg Sietz, who won in the environmental and social responsibility division for his erosion-control project.

All prize money and funds needed to support the annual competition are raised through generous private contributions. Fifty-four businesses supported the event this year with cash and in-kind contributions.

UM's Montana Academy of Distinguished Entrepreneurs recognizes the importance of entrepreneurship and works through the University to bring entrepreneurial experience to the classroom. MADE also conducts an educational seminar series and presents the Pioneer in Industry awards, which celebrate business leaders' commitment to Montana.

Visit <http://www.business.umt.edu/degreesprograms/MADE.aspx> for more information about MADE.

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UM NEWS



May 16, 2011

MISSOULA –

Seamus the border collie may look like your typical curious dog when spotted sniffing all over Mount Sentinel, but he's actually on an important mission: ferreting out the invasive weed dyer's woad from Missoula's popular landmark.

The public and media are invited to watch Seamus in action at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 17, when the nonprofit organization Working Dogs for Conservation pairs up with The University of Montana and the Montana Native Plant Society to host a demonstration project at the base of Mount Sentinel.

For more than 15 years, UM and MNPS have coordinated community weed pulls to control dyer's woad on the mountainside. Because the weed often grows amid other shrubs and grasses, staff and volunteers spend the majority of their time trying to spot it. However, with Seamus on the job, the groups hope they will be able to eradicate the invasive species from the mountain completely.

WDC is a Montana-based nonprofit organization that helps save endangered species and habitats by integrating detection dog teams with research, management and conservation initiatives. The specially trained detection dogs, many of which – including Seamus – were boisterous castaways in shelters before they were selected for the WDC crew, are taught to sniff out targets of conservation interest, such DNA-rich feces of endangered animals or live invasive plants.

MNPS also invites volunteers to help with three weed pulls starting at 6:30 p.m., following the demonstration. Volunteers should be prepared to hike at least two miles on steep, awkward terrain in any kind of weather.

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UM NEWS



May 13, 2011

MISSOULA –

Missoulians looking to indulge in the rich flavors of Impressionist-era France have a chance to score such an experience by purchasing a raffle ticket to win dinner for two at “An Evening in Giverny: Dinner at Monet’s Table,” presented by master chef Ray Risho.

Raffle tickets are on sale now, and proceeds will benefit the Osher Institute of Lifelong Learning at The University of Montana (MOLLI). Tickets cost \$10 and will be available until May 31 at Worden’s Market and Deli, The Silk Road, Loopy Knit/Crochet and the MOLLI office, located in the James E. Todd Building on campus.

MOLLI will sell 1,000 tickets, and a drawing will be held June 1 to award four winners two seats each at the dinner, slated for 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 15, at the gardens of Susie and Ray Risho. Winners will be notified via phone and listed on the MOLLI website at <http://www.umt.edu/molli>.

Ray Risho, owner of the former Perugia restaurant and a MOLLI instructor, will prepare a five-course dinner featuring cuisine and wines of late 19th-century France. The menu will reflect a modest interpretation of Claude Monet’s family traditions, based on the cooking journal of the legendary Impressionist painter and menus from popular Parisian cafes of the period. Kim Lugthart and John and Sue Talbot also will host.

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UM NEWS



May 13, 2011

MISSOULA –

Human performance researcher Matthew Bundle, whose research indicates that the artificial limbs of a world-class sprinter give him a major advantage over able-bodied athletes, will join The University of Montana faculty this fall.

Bundle will serve as an assistant professor in the Department of Health and Human Performance, part of UM's Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences. He comes to UM from the University of Wyoming, where he was an assistant professor in the College of Health Sciences and director of the university's Biomechanics Laboratory.

A team of scientists made headlines in 2008 when their findings helped overturn an International Association of Athletics Federations ban on 400-meter sprinter and Paralympic champion Oscar Pistorius, a double-amputee from South Africa who runs on carbon-fiber lower-limb prostheses. Pistorius continues to compete against some of the best able-bodied athletes in the world.

Bundle and his colleague Peter Weyand have argued that their testing identified new advantages for Pistorius and that if his artificial limbs performed as biological limbs do, his time would be 10 seconds slower over a 400-meter race. Bundle and Weyand have continued to make headlines with their studies on the extremes of human gait and speed.

"We are elated over Matt's decision to join our faculty," said Roberta Evans, dean of the College of Education and Human Sciences.

Evans credited UM Provost Perry Brown, Vice President for Finance Robert Durringer and Vice President for Research and Development Dan Dwyer for bringing Bundle to UM and for their plan to invest in his biomechanics laboratory on campus.

"This decision ensures his vital research and teaching will combine with that of other high-caliber exercise scientists and athletic-training professors here, so UM can become one of the greatest universities in the nation for this unique field of study," Evans said.

Bundle received a bachelor's degree from Harvard College in 1996 and a doctorate from UM in 2005. His main research interests include biomechanics, neuromuscular physiology and motor control. He has been an invited speaker at international scientific conferences, offered coaching and clinical seminars for the USA Track and Field Association and the American Academy of Orthotics and Prosthetics, published articles in top scientific journals and secured a patent for a method of assessing the metabolic basis of physical fitness.

One of Bundle's first studies at UM will be a collaboration with specialists at Walter Reed Army Medical Center to help wounded soldiers pursue active lifestyles by experimenting with and enhancing the performance of high-quality artificial limbs.

"The Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Health Sciences and the Department of Health and Human Performance are fortunate to attract Dr. Bundle to UM to join our outstanding faculty and programs," said Scott Richter, HHP associate professor and department chair. "We look forward to him sharing his expertise in biomechanics with our students and are excited about his current outstanding research record and future potential."

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UM NEWS



May 12, 2011

MISSOULA –

University of Montana President Royce Engstrom has announced that a former associate dean and his wife have committed \$3 million to the UM College of Forestry and Conservation. Joel and Patricia Meier of Denver have included a provision in their wills to fund an endowed chair in the Parks, Tourism and Recreation Management program.

“The Patricia and Joel Meier Wildland Recreation Management Chair will allow us to attract a leader in what is already a nationally renowned program at UM,” Engstrom said. “We are grateful for Joel and Patti Meier’s generosity. It certainly will help UM better serve students and the world.”

The UM Parks, Tourism and Recreation Management program prepares students for careers with land management agencies, nonprofits and nature-based tourism or for graduate studies in related areas.

“Patti and I loved the University, as well as Missoula’s geographic location and Montana’s great outdoors,” Joel Meier said. “My faculty colleagues were very supportive, mentored me, and helped me grow professionally. Also, I greatly enjoyed working with my students who were preparing for future careers in managing outdoor recreation opportunities and our nation’s magnificent natural resources. Now Patti and I want to give back to the institution and a program that has meant so much to us.”

Meier joined the UM faculty in 1970 and became a professor emeritus after 24 years of service. Originally, recreation management was part of the College of Education and Human Sciences. The program moved to the School of Forestry, and Meier served as its chair. He later was associate dean of the School of Forestry, which is now the UM College of Forestry and Conservation.

Meier left UM to chair the Department of Recreation and Park Administration at Indiana University. The Meiers retired in Denver. Joel Meier will give the Commencement address for the College of Forestry and Conservation on Saturday, May 14.

“The college’s leadership in recreation resource management started when Joel was a member of our faculty 20 years ago,” said James Burchfield, interim dean of the College of Forestry and Conservation. “This generous gift will ensure our students can actively engage with the best faculty in the best environment to learn how to protect and enjoy our natural legacy.”

Since 1980, more than 700 individuals have included UM in their wills. In addition to endowed professorships and chairs, bequests have supported scholarships, buildings and specific UM programs.

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UM NEWS



May 12, 2011

MISSOULA –

Four students studying Russian at The University of Montana have won awards in the American Council of Teachers of Russian National Post-Secondary Russian Essay Contest.

The UM award winners are:

- Lance Young, a senior from Kalispell: third-place Bronze Medal for Non-Heritage Learners, Level 3. Young majors in geography with minors in Russian and mountain studies.
- Emma Difort, a junior from Missoula: third-place Bronze Medal for Heritage Learners, Level 2. Difort majors in medical technology and Russian.
- Yuri Difort, a junior from Missoula: honorable mention for Heritage Learners, Level 2. Difort majors in Russian, international business and management information systems.
- Joseph Dysthe, a freshman from Sheridan, Wyo.: honorable mention for Non-Heritage Learners, Level 1. Dysthe majors in wildland restoration.

This year 1,139 students from 59 universities and colleges across the nation participated in the contest. Students from institutions such as Yale, Princeton and Columbia submitted essays. Each essay was ranked by three judges in Russia, and then the results were tabulated.

“We are very proud of these students in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, who have brought UM national attention for both the quality of our students and the quality of foreign language instruction here,” said Assistant Professor Clint Walker, who teaches Russian at the University.

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UM NEWS



May 12, 2011

MISSOULA —

The University of Montana's spectrUM Discovery Area will bring its popular "The Brain: A World Inside Your Head" exhibition to Polson next week.

Students in the Polson School District will participate in guided field trips of the exhibition Tuesday through Friday, May 17-20, at Linderman Elementary School.

"The Brain" features interactive science exhibits and activities exploring the wonders of neuroscience, including an EEG measurement station, a colossal brain and an activity in which visitors can move a ball using their brain waves. The exhibit will be free and open for the public to explore from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 17.

SpectrUM travels the state with a mobile science center featuring various interactive science exhibitions, including "Hands on Health" and "The Brain." Since 2007 spectrUM has visited dozens of counties and reservations across the state, including some of Montana's most remote communities.

"We travel hands-on science around the state, transforming gymnasiums and cafeterias into powerful science learning centers that help inspire Montana's next generation of scientists, health care providers, engineers and visionaries," said Holly Truitt, spectrUM director.

SpectrUM's visit to Polson is sponsored by the Polson Elementary Parent Teacher Organization, the Polson Indian Education Parent Committee and the UM Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience. Neuroscientists and staff from CSFN collaborated with spectrUM on the design and development of the popular exhibition.

SpectrUM Discovery Area in Missoula is located in Skaggs Building Room 166 on the UM campus. It's open to the public Thursdays from 3:30 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 per person.

Teachers who would like to arrange class field trips to spectrUM, which cost \$3.50 per student, can call 406-243-4828. To arrange for spectrUM to visit a school or organization, go to <http://www.spectrum.umt.edu> or call 406-243-4828.

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UM NEWS



May 12, 2011

MISSOULA –

Pending Board of Regents approval, Montana Tech of The University of Montana has its next chancellor.

UM President Royce C. Engstrom, guided by a 25-member Montana Tech search committee, has selected Donald Blackketter for the chancellorship in Butte. Blackketter currently serves as dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Idaho in Moscow.

“As people who grew up in Bozeman, my wife and I are excited by this opportunity to return to Montana,” Blackketter said. “With its clear institutional emphasis on engineering, science, business, health, informational sciences, liberal studies and technology, Montana Tech is positioned to continue to be an educational leader and to become nationally recognized as a leading research institution.

“My wife, Vicki, and I are excited to begin partnering with faculty, staff, students, alumni and Tech friends in helping Montana Tech achieve these goals,” he said.

Led by Doug Coe, a dean and search committee chair, Montana Tech started its chancellor search in December. Blackketter was selected from among four finalists and will start his new job June 27, replacing Montana Tech Chancellor Frank Gilmore, who served for 13 years.

Blackketter will earn \$197,000 annually, plus the use of the president’s house and car.

“We had four exceptional finalists to choose from, including a strong internal candidate,” Engstrom said. “Dr. Blackketter will make an excellent chancellor, and I could not be more pleased by the outcome of the search. I look forward to a bright future for Montana Tech under his leadership.”

Engstrom will recommend the Montana Board of Regents hire Blackketter at its May 19 meeting at Flathead Valley Community College in Kalispell.

Blackketter earned bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of Wyoming. After earning his doctorate, he joined UI in 1989 as a mechanical engineering assistant professor and moved through the ranks to become a full professor in 1997.

He was assistant director for the National Institute for Advanced Transportation Technology from 1998 to 2005, including one year as acting director. In 2005 he was elected chair of UI’s Department of Mechanical Engineering, and he accepted appointment as dean of the College of Engineering in December 2008.

Blackketter has been an active researcher for more than 20 years, focusing on solid mechanics and receiving more than \$3.7 million in funding from a variety of sources. He has performed research and published in areas that include composite materials, biomechanics, numerical methods and hybrid vehicles.

The Blackketter family has three grown children: Riley and wife, Meghan; Britni and husband, Jonathon; and Shadd and his wife, Heather.

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UM NEWS



May 11, 2011

MISSOULA –

For those who can't attend in person, The University of Montana will offer live online video of its 114th Commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 14, in Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

Video streaming will begin at 8:15 a.m., and the ceremony starts at 10 a.m. The video may be accessed at <http://umt.edu/commencement>.

Several campus classrooms will display the video live during Commencement. They are the North Underground Lecture Hall, Urey Lecture Hall, Clapp Building Room 131, Chemistry Building Room 123, Liberal Arts Building Room 11, Social Science Building Rooms 352 and 356, and McGill Hall Room 210.

More than 3,000 graduates and degree candidates have been invited to participate in Commencement. This year's speaker is renowned television journalist and author Tom Brokaw. He will receive an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from UM, as will Bernard Osher, the founder and treasurer of the Bernard Osher Foundation, which seeks to improve the quality of life through support of higher education and the arts.

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UM NEWS



May 11, 2011

MISSOULA –

Those planning to attend University of Montana Commencement ceremonies at Washington-Grizzly Stadium on Saturday, May 14, should be aware of two street closures that may cause delays.

Campus Drive will be closed from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The closure will run from the east side of the stadium to Maurice Avenue. The decision to close the street was made to provide greater safety for pedestrians during Commencement.

Sections of Arthur Avenue on the northwest side of campus also will be closed because of a water main improvement project. A clearly marked detour guides drivers around the closed sections.

The best routes to campus Saturday will be Sixth Street, University Avenue and Beckwith Avenue. A campus map and other Commencement information are online at <http://www.umt.edu/registrar/students/GraduationInfo1.aspx>.

Lot W near the stadium is reserved for attendees with mobility issues. Lot P near the Adams Center will be available for early arrivals, but that lot will be closed when full.

"People should allow a little more driving time when they come to campus that morning," UM police Chief Jim Lemcke said. "Their best bet would be to access campus from Beckwith. Last year we had plenty of available parking on that side of campus."

Shuttles to and from campus will run from 7:25 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday from Park-N-Ride lots located on South Avenue at the Lewis and Clark Transfer Center near Dornblaser Field and at 1122 E. Broadway St. near the wind turbine.

UM's 114th graduation will start at 10 a.m. People attending should be seated by 9:30 a.m. Veteran journalist Tom Brokaw will be the Commencement speaker, and both he and noted philanthropist Bernard Osher will receive honorary doctorates. Following the main Commencement ceremony, attendees will disperse to various campus locations for individual departmental and college ceremonies.

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UM NEWS



May 10, 2011

MISSOULA –

“Connecting the (406),” a documentary by University of Montana radio-television students, will premiere at 7 p.m. Friday, May 13, in the University Center Theater. The event is free and open to the public.

The documentary examines how the Internet has and is shaping Montana. It uncovers the subtle yet powerful Web that connects Big Sky Country. Viewers will see Montana through the eyes of Internet ranchers, online daters and gateway guardians.

The broadcast premiere of “Connecting the (406)” will take place at 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 24, on MontanaPBS.

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UM NEWS



May 10, 2011

MISSOULA —

The University of Montana College of Technology will offer a three-part series on Microsoft Windows Server 2008 during a noncredit Network Administrator Academy.

The series prepares information technology professionals for the Microsoft Certified Technology Specialist credential, the cornerstone of Server 2008 certification. Prospective students should have a working familiarity with Microsoft Windows Servers.

The summer 2011 session, Active Directory Configuration, runs from 3 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, June 15-July 27. The cost is \$995 and includes textbooks and all course materials. The deadline for registration and payment is Wednesday, June 1.

Network Infrastructure will be the topic of the autumn 2011 session that runs from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 21-Dec. 7. This session also costs \$995, and that is payable at registration, which ends Sept. 1.

Dates for the spring 2012 session, Applications Infrastructures, are yet to come.

Dianne Burke, a UM faculty member and Microsoft Certified Systems engineer, will teach the classes.

For more information or to register, call Mary Opitz of the COT Outreach Program at 406-243-7812 or email mary.opitz@umontana.edu. Registration forms can be found on the COT website at <http://www.cte.umt.edu/outreach/>.

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UM NEWS



May 10, 2011

MISSOULA-

The University of Montana College of Arts and Sciences has recognized two faculty members for their teaching excellence and dedication to students.

Duncan Campbell, associate professor of psychology, and Nathaniel Levtow, associate professor of liberal studies, each will receive a Helen and Winston Cox Educational Excellence Award during UM Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 14.

The awards, given annually since 1996, go to nontenured faculty members and are based on superior contributions to the education of UM students.

According to students, Campbell is an outstanding teacher who “balances rigor and intellectual stimulation with a caring and supportive environment.” Colleagues say he is an innovative teacher who uses the latest research in the classroom. He is known for his dedication outside the classroom where he supervises research projects, assists students in obtaining scholarships and provides quality mentoring.

Students describe Levtow as a teacher who is professional but also approachable, available and helpful. They say his classes focus on critical thinking, and he teaches his students how to analyze texts in an engaging manner. A colleague noted that Levtow “manages to enthral students who have little background in the area and stimulate discussion.”

In addition to cash awards, Campbell and Levtow will receive stipends to purchase scholarly materials of their choice for UM's Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library.

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UM NEWS



May 09, 2011

MISSOULA –

The seventh annual Air Toxics Under the Big Sky high school science symposium will take place at The University of Montana's North Underground Lecture Hall from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 17.

The event showcases student research projects focusing on indoor air quality issues and represents an important regional gathering for K-12 students, educators and community groups interested in raising public awareness about environmental health issues.

The symposium will feature oral presentations and posters prepared by students to communicate their research findings to the public. It is the culminating event for high school students who participate in the Air Toxics Under the Big Sky education and outreach program, which provides access to UM mentors and to the curriculum and technology needed to design the research projects.

More than 200 high school students and teachers from Montana, Idaho and Alaska participated in the symposium last year.

This year's symposium will welcome pre-high school students who are visiting the UM campus for a day of academic and social engagement during the third annual Gifted Education Student Conference, sponsored by Missoula County Public Schools.

Major funding for Air Toxics Under the Big Sky is provided by the Toyota USA Foundation, the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and the National Center for Research Resources, which is part of the National Institutes of Health.

More information is online at http://www.umt.edu/cehs/Education/K-12_Education/Air_Toxics_Under_the_Big_Sky/.

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UM NEWS



May 09, 2011

MISSOULA –

Families in the Missoula area can build and launch rockets, balance a ball on a Bernoulli blower, experiment with a gravity well and more when spectrUM Discovery Area offers free admission to the public from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, May 14, in conjunction with Commencement at The University of Montana.

The featured exhibition that day will be "Motion," and participants can explore the science of flight and motion through activities that also include a turntable and flight simulator.

SpectrUM is located in Skaggs Building Room 166 on the UM campus. It's open to the public Thursdays from 3:30 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission typically is \$3.50 per person.

Teachers who would like to arrange class field trips to spectrUM, which cost \$3.50 per student, can call 406-243-4828. To arrange for spectrUM to visit a school or organization, go online to <http://www.spectrum.umt.edu> or call 406-243-4828.

For more information call spectrUM Director Holly Truitt at 406-243-4872 or email holly.truitt@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



May 06, 2011

MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Office for Civic Engagement and Campus Corps, an AmeriCorps program offered through OCE, will host a cookout and potluck in recognition of AmeriCorps Week from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 19, in the Greenough Park shelter. The family-friendly event is open to all local AmeriCorps members, alumni and supporters.

Parking is available in the lot off Monroe Street, and burgers, hot dogs, buns and utensils will be provided. Guests are asked to bring a dish to share. Information on AmeriCorps programs in Montana and other opportunities to get involved will be available, and members will share information and experiences about their prospective programs.

The OCE requests those planning to attend the potluck RSVP by calling Katie Koga at 406-243-5531 or emailing katie.koga@mso.umt.edu. The OCE is seeking donations and volunteers for the event. Contact Koga for more information.

The OCE is a department of the Davidson Honors College. It was founded as Volunteer Action Services at UM in 1992 and serves as the University's primary agent of community activism and civic responsibility.

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UM NEWS



May 06, 2011

MISSOULA—

The Montana Monologs, a collection of ranch women's stories told through individual monologs, will be presented at the Stevensville Playhouse during Memorial Day weekend.

The monologs were written by playwright Wendy Woollett, a University of Montana administrative associate in the Department of Geosciences. Musician Paul Kelley of the Frederico Brothers will offer old-time, contemporary and original scores for the production.

The performances begin at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 27-28, followed by a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday, May 29. Reservations may be made by calling River's Mist Art Gallery at 406-777-0520. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door.

The production features the monologs "Epiphany," from Stevensville's late Lynn Wolfe's life, played by Deborah Goslin; "7UP," from the life of Pat Shepard of St. Ignatius, played by Gretchen Spiess; and the new "Bole," from the late Dorothy O'Neil's life in Choteau, played by Ellen Wade.

The Montana Monologs premiered in 2007 at the Dunrovin Ranch in Lolo and are culled from the histories of Montana ranch women. Three of Woollett's interviews with ranch women and their subsequent oral histories were financed by a Matthew Hansen endowment from UM's Wilderness Institute.

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NOTE: A photo is available by emailing Woollett at wendy.woollett@umontana.edu. Photo caption: From left to right: Deborah Goslin, actress; Gretchen Spiess, actress (on the cab of the truck); Wendy Woollett, writer; Paul Kelley, musician; and Ellen Wade, actress, at the O'Neil Ranch in Choteau. (Photo by Robyn Wade)

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UM NEWS



May 05, 2011

MISSOULA –

The 88-page spring 2011 issue of the Crown of the Continent e-magazine has been released and can be found online at <http://issuu.com/crownofthecontinent/docs/spring2011>.

Articles in this issue include “Glacier National Park’s First 10 Years,” “Guardians of the Park,” “A Theory on Triple Peak” and “Flathead Lake Cherries.”

The region called the Crown of the Continent encompasses Glacier National Park and spans the Continental Divide from the Elk River headwaters and Crowsnest Pass in Canada to Rogers Pass and the Blackfoot River drainage in Montana.

The University of Montana launched the Crown of the Continent Initiative to provide an educational catalyst for collaboration between UM and Glacier National park. The initiative continues to grow and now includes many groups, organizations, agencies and institutions beyond the park in Montana, Alberta and British Columbia.

The initiative publishes three color-filled e-magazines each year, allowing people to get up-to-date information about issues driving decisions and research in the Crown. The magazines cover everything from the physical and historical geography of the Crown to interesting scientific research on the region’s wildlife, climate, rivers, glaciers and more.

To receive other Crown of the Continent Initiative updates, e-mail umcrown@umontana.edu. The Crown of the Continent website is at <http://crown.umt.edu>. Current and past issues of the e-magazine are available in PDF format on the website under “publications.”

For more information, email Rick Graetz or Jerry Fetz, initiative co-directors, at umcrown@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



May 05, 2011

MISSOULA –

People interested in bird watching can now view live video of two osprey nests on the Clark Fork and Bitterroot rivers.

Hosted by the Department of Geosciences at The University of Montana, the video is online at <http://www.umt.edu/geosciences/faculty/langner/Osprey>. The Project Osprey team studies the day-to-day lives of the birds through the video, which also is streaming in the lobby of the Riverside Health Care Center.

Graduate student Molly Staats' thesis is on how mercury moves through the food chain in the greater Clark Fork River Basin, and one of the missing links she was trying to close were the pieces, size and amount of fish that osprey chicks in the area consume. Therefore, Heiko Langner, the director of UM's Environmental Biogeochemistry Laboratory, asked last year if they could set up a camera near one of the osprey nests at the Riverside Health Care Center.

The health care center gladly accepted, and the research team set up the first camera, donated by Raptors of the Rockies, near the Clark Fork River.

"It was a great success for our scientific purpose," Langner said. Through their studies they've so far learned that mercury is a top contaminant affecting wildlife in the Clark Fork River Basin, and it's been moved up on the list of contaminants addressed through river cleanup.

They've also learned that the largest source of mercury in the watershed is in Flint Creek, entering the Clark Fork River near Drummond, now targeted as an important cleanup area.

The project evolved further than anyone initially expected and has taken on a life of its own. The health care center liked the camera so much that they donated a new one and built a large pole for it to stand on, and Raptors of the Rockies upgraded the health care center's lobby laptop to a large HD-TV screen. The initial camera was moved to a nest on the Dunrovin Guest Ranch on the Bitterroot River, and live video from both cameras can now be watched on the Internet.

Project Osprey is headed by Langner and biology professor Erick Greene and supported by the Raptor View Research Institute. Staats will present her thesis May 6, but she will be succeeded by other students who will continue to use osprey data from the cameras.

For more information call Langner at 406-243-6553 or email heiko.langner@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



May 04, 2011

MISSOULA —

The University of Montana School of Business Administration will honor three alumni for outstanding career achievements at the 64th Annual Donor Recognition and Scholarship Awards Banquet this month.

The three alumni are Deer Lodge native Douglas P. Beighle, Plentywood native Bill Knick and Missoula resident Bjorn Nabozney.

Beighle received a bachelor's degree at UM in 1954 and then went on to earn a juris doctor degree from the University in 1958. He retired from Boeing as a senior vice president and chief administrative officer in 1997.

Beighle served on a number of business boards and also chaired the Washington Supreme Court's Commission on Justice, Efficiency and Accountability and the Washington State Blue Ribbon Commission on Transportation. In 2001 he was honored as Citizen of the Year by the Seattle-King County Municipal League.

In 1995 he and his wife, Gwen, who has since passed away, were named UM Distinguished Alumni – the first couple to be so honored.

Beighle and his two brothers established an endowed scholarship with the UM Foundation in 1996 for students from Deer Lodge. He has four children and nine grandchildren. He and his wife, Kathleen Pierce, live in Seattle.

Knick, UM class of 1974, began his career at Pacific Steel & Recycling in 1974 as a Recycling Warehouse manager trainee. His career with Pacific progressed, and he retired as corporate executive vice president in 2009.

Knick's commitment to civic engagement has been evident in his service as president of the Idaho Gate Rotary Club in Pocatello, chair of the Great Falls Development Authority and chair of the UM School of Business Administration Business Advisory Council. He also has served as a member of the Pocatello Regional Development Authority Board of Directors, Great Falls Rotary Club and High Plains Development Authority Board of Directors.

Knick and his wife, Cherrie, split their time between Montana and Arizona. They have three grown children, all of whom live in Montana.

Nabozney, UM Class of 1993, co-founded Big Sky Brewing Company of Missoula, using a business plan he developed as a student with the help of University faculty mentors. The brewery produced its first batch of beer in 1995 and has grown to become the 37th largest American craft brewery.

Nabozney frequently is a guest lecturer in graduate level entrepreneurship classes at the School of Business Administration and also presents to students at Ball State University, Washington and Lee University and other Montana University System campuses.

He resides in Missoula with his wife, Tammy, a 1996 UM graduate, and their children, Gunnar and Joren.

UM's School of Business Administration is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International, the most rigorous accrediting body for business degree programs. The school's faculty includes renowned scholars recognized for pioneering contributions to their field. Graduates continue a strong tradition of leadership at the highest level in entrepreneurial ventures and leading corporations.

The school offers undergraduate programs in accounting, finance, international business, management, management information systems and marketing; graduate programs in management and accounting; and certificate programs in entrepreneurship and entertainment management. Experiential learning opportunities prepare students to address real-world business problems and deliver value to their employers in today's global economy.

For more information visit <http://www.business.umt.edu>.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Photos of the alumni receiving the awards are available by calling Tammy Yedinak at 406-243-6195 or by emailing tammy.yedinak@business.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



May 04, 2011

MISSOULA –

Three years ago, The University of Montana created the Department of Communicative Sciences and Disorders in the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences, bringing back a program at UM that had been cut during the 1980s as a cost-saving measure.

The department began teaching undergraduate students during autumn semester 2008 and students in the graduate program in 2009, with the goal to help them get the required degrees to become licensed speech-language pathologists.

Twenty-two students will reach that goal at UM's 114th Commencement ceremonies Saturday, May 14. Their master's degrees in communicative sciences and disorders will allow them to work as professionals in the areas of speech and language pathology in Montana.

"There is a critical need for speech and language pathologists to work in many settings, including schools, hospitals and public and private clinics," said Rick van den Pol, director of UM's Institute of Educational Research and Service. "Speech and language pathologists work with people experiencing challenges with communication across the life span."

The Montana Speech Language and Hearing Association will host a reception for the graduates Thursday, May 12. Montana Sen. David Wanzenried, who was instrumental at the legislative level in the program's approval, will attend the event, along with Roberta Evans, dean of UM's Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences, and Tim Harris, director of Special Education in the Office of Public Instruction. Many area speech and language pathologists and audiologists also will attend.

For more information call UM Assistant Professor Lucy Hart Paulson at 406-243-2376 or email lucy.hartpaulson@mso.umt.edu.

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UM NEWS



May 04, 2011

MISSOULA –

The Montana Broadcast Association and the Greater Montana Foundation announced two student productions from the Radio-Television Department in the School of Journalism at The University of Montana as finalists for the 2011 “EB” Awards. “Montana Journal: Patrolling the Big Sky” is nominated for non-commercial television program of the year, and “Profiles in Diversity” for non-commercial radio program of the year.

Seniors in the Radio-Television Department produced the half-hour Montana Journal program, which aired on MontanaPBS and highlights the challenges and thrills of being a highway patrol officer in Montana. Adjunct professor Kagan Yochim, a producer and director at MontanaPBS, taught the class and supervised the student team.

“Profiles in Diversity,” produced by juniors and seniors in Associate Professor Denise Dowling’s advanced audio course, aired on KBGA College Radio this spring. The program comprised rich and diverse personality profiles of Missoulians.

Only two finalists are named in each category for the “EB” Awards, and student work competes against professional broadcast programs. The awards are named in honor of pioneer Montana broadcaster Edmund B. “EB” Craney and given annually at the MBA Convention slated for June 25-26 in Big Sky.

For more information, call the School of Journalism at 406-243-4001.

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UM NEWS



May 03, 2011

MISSOULA—

More than 3,000 graduates and degree candidates are invited to participate in the 114th Commencement ceremonies at The University of Montana on Saturday, May 14.

Events kick off with a free continental breakfast from 7 to 8:30 a.m. in the University Center Atrium hosted by UM President Royce Engstrom for graduates and their families.

The general ceremony for UM's professional schools, the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Technology will begin at 10 a.m. in Washington-Grizzly Stadium. The stadium opens at 8 a.m. Guests should be seated in the westside seating area by 9:30 a.m. No tickets are required.

Students will meet at 8:45 a.m. on the UM Oval to line up for the general ceremony and should look for signs to locate their departments. Faculty members, students and the platform party will begin a formal march from the Oval to Washington-Grizzly Stadium at 9:30 a.m.

UM will present Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees to Tom Brokaw, one of the most trusted and respected figures in broadcast journalism, and Bernard Osher, founder and treasurer of the Bernard Osher Foundation, which seeks to improve quality of life through support of higher education and the arts. Brokaw also will be the Commencement speaker.

Following the general Commencement ceremony, attendees will disperse to various campus locations for individual departmental and college ceremonies. Individual ceremonies for the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Technology begin at noon. Individual ceremonies for professional schools begin at 2 p.m.

Commencement weekend concludes with the ROTC Commissioning at 4 p.m. on the Schreiber Gymnasium west lawn.

Shuttles to and from campus will run from 7:25 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday from Park-N-Ride lots located on South Avenue at the Lewis and Clark Transfer Center near Dornblaser Stadium and at 1122 E. Broadway near the wind turbine.

More details about UM Commencement events, shuttle schedules and maps are on the Registrar's Office website at <http://www.umt.edu/registrar/students/GraduationInfo1.aspx>.

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UM NEWS



May 03, 2011

MISSOULA –

Artwork created by nurses at St. Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center will be on display from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, May 6, in the Broadway Building Foyer, located at 500 W. Broadway St. in Missoula. This event is free and open to the public.

The First Friday event, sponsored by The Learning Center at St. Pat's and the Institute of Medicine and Humanities, also will feature refreshments, craft activities and live music by Darah Fogarty. It serves as the kickoff for National Nurses Week, Friday through Thursday, May 6-12.

"Nursing is an art, and our nurses are artists," said the Learning Center's Maurika Wells. "The Nurses' Art Gallery is a great way to highlight our nursing staff as creative individuals who do beautiful works outside of the hospital as well as while working with our patients. Hosting First Friday at St. Patrick Hospital also is a great way to bring art, joy and humanity to the hospital setting."

The Learning Center is St. Patrick Hospital's centralized education department with a mission to inspire excellent patient care, staff development and community well-being through learning and innovation. The **Institute of Medicine and Humanities** is a joint program of The University of Montana and St. Patrick Hospital and Health Sciences Center that aims to integrate the expertise, insights and approaches of the humanities into broad human and community health issues.

For more information call Megan Twohig, IMH program coordinator, at 406-243-4576, or email mtwohig@saintpatrick.org.

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UM NEWS



May 03, 2011

MISSOULA –

Faculty members from The University of Montana's Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center will speak Wednesday, May 4, at UM about the recent killing of Osama bin Laden.

"Death of Osama bin Laden and its Impact on U.S. Foreign Policy in the Islamic World" will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the University Center Theater. The event is free and open to the public.

Presenters will discuss the role of Pakistan, the impact on the war on terrorism and U.S. military efforts in Afghanistan against the Taliban. UM Associate Provost for International Programs Mehrdad Kia will lead the discussions.

For more information call Brian Lofink of the Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center at 406-243-2299 or email brian.lofink@umontana.edu.

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UM NEWS



May 02, 2011

MISSOULA –

University of Montana students are encouraged to apply for Fulbright grants for international study and research and English teaching assistantships abroad.

The Institute of International Education, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board, has announced the launch of the 2012-13 U.S. Student Program competition. The program awards more than 1,500 grants annually and currently operates in more than 140 countries. Fulbright English teaching assistantships now are available to more than 50 countries.

The grants generally provide funding for round-trip travel, maintenance for one academic year, health and accident coverage, and full or partial tuition.

Applicants to the Fulbright program must be U.S. citizens at the time of application and hold a bachelor's degree or the equivalent by the beginning of the grant. In the creative and performing arts, four years of professional training or experience meets this basic eligibility requirement.

Students currently enrolled at UM should call Professor Liz Ametsbichler, UM Fulbright program adviser, at 406-243-5001 or email elizabeth.ametsbichler@umontana.edu for information.

UM students wishing to apply must submit applications electronically and in hard copy by Monday, Sept. 26, to meet the UM campus deadline. Interested students are encouraged to begin the application process in late spring or early summer and should call or e-mail Ametsbichler or visit the Fulbright website at <http://www.fulbrightonline.org> for more details.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program does not require applicants to be currently enrolled in a college or university. The program also encourages applications from young professionals interested in an international experience.

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UM NEWS



May 02, 2011

MISSOULA —

A University of Montana student who rounds up fellow students and partners them with local nonprofits that need help has been honored by Campus Compact as a Newman Civic Fellow.

Annemiek Wilson, described as “an incredibly engaged student both on campus and in the Missoula community,” received the award, named in honor of Frank Newman, a founder of Campus Compact. Wilson, a native of Forest Grove, Ore., is among the inaugural group of 135 students from 30 states to win the award.

A junior majoring in broadcast journalism and minoring in history, Wilson is active with the UM Office for Civic Engagement, where she serves as the volunteer and events coordinator. Her work has increased the ability for dozens of nonprofit organizations to provide services to the most vulnerable Missoula citizens.

In addition Wilson serves as the student volunteer coordinator for UM’s Service Saturdays, is president of the Volunteers in Action student group, assists with the Rotaract club and teaches at a YMCA soccer camp.

Campus Compact is a national coalition of more than 1,100 colleges and university presidents, representing some 6 million students, who are committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education to improve community life and to educate students for civic and social responsibility.

Through the Newman Civic Fellow Awards, college and university presidents acknowledge students with the ability and motivation to create lasting change in their local communities.

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UM NEWS



May 02, 2011

MISSOULA –

Montana's nursing home population decreased by nearly 20 percent between 2000 and 2010, which is surprising since the state's population is growing older, according to a University of Montana researcher.

As Montana's population ages, it seems as if the number of Montana residents living in nursing homes would increase, said Jim Sylvester, an economist at UM's Bureau of Business and Economic Research. However, the nursing home population declined from 6,470 to 5,200, according to the 2010 census.

The nursing home decline can be explained by the fact that older people now have more options for housing, Sylvester said. Instead of moving into nursing homes, older Montanans may choose to live in housing communities that have apartments, rooms with limited care, Alzheimer's units and skilled nursing units – often in the same building.

For the 2010 census, these housing communities were classified as housing units instead of group quarters, the category that represents those living in nursing homes, he said.

In addition, many rural community medical clinics have both a medical and long-term care facility. The U.S. Census Bureau definitions do not take this into account when deciding whether a facility fits into the group quarters category, Sylvester said.

Group quarters are places where people live or stay in a group living arrangement, which are owned or managed by organizations that provide housing and/or services for the residents. Group quarters are broken into two categories: institutional and noninstitutional. Institutional group quarters include nursing homes and correctional facilities, while noninstitutional group quarters include college dorms, group homes, military barracks and Hutterite colonies.

The latest census data reveal that the Montana group quarters population grew from 24,762 in 2000 to 28,849 in 2010, a 16.6 percent increase.

"Group quarters data are important in that the people who reside in them usually have different demographic characteristics from the household population," Sylvester said. "For example, nursing homes house the elderly; college dorms are full of young people."

From 2000 to 2010, the state's institutional population declined by 1.2 percent, a difference of 139 persons. While the nursing home population declined, the prison population grew 54 percent from 4,124 to 6,358.

During the same period, noninstitutional group quarters increased from 12,624 to 16,920 persons, a 33 percent increase. The college dorm population increased 18 percent, and other noninstitutional populations increased 50 percent.

"The larger student population in college dorms reflects the larger number of college-age young people in the general population," Sylvester said. "The increase in other noninstitutional group quarters is primarily due to growth in small group homes throughout the state and Hutterite colonies in eastern Montana."

For more information call the UM Bureau of Business and Economic Research at 406-243-5113 or visit the U.S. Census Bureau website at <http://www.census.gov>. Jim Sylvester is Montana's representative to the U.S. Census Bureau's Federal-State Cooperative for Population Estimates.

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