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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Paleontology Center will host several events Wednesday, Oct. 12, to celebrate National Fossil Day.

In addition to celebrating the history of ancient life, National Fossil Day promotes public awareness and stewardship of fossils and fosters a greater appreciation of their scientific and educational value.

The celebration begins at 6 p.m. in the first floor atrium of the Clapp Building and is free and open to the public. Guests are invited to gather near the Tyrannosaurus rex exhibit for a reception with food and beverages. Lectures, music, tours, activities for children and more will follow.

The Paleontology Center contains more than 100,000 fossils from Montana, the West and from around the world. Fossils provide a significant record of past and changing life.

“A shell, a fossil bone, a leaf impression or a footprint are like a time machine, allowing us to travel through the ever-changing pageantry of Earth’s deep past, perhaps helping us to grasp the significance of our own place in it,” said Professor George Stanley, director of the Paleontology Center.

More information about National Fossil Day is online at http://www.nature.nps.gov/geology/nationalfossilday or on the UM geosciences department website at http://www.umt.edu/geosciences.

For more information on the Paleontology Center or the upcoming events, call Stanley at 406-243-5693 or Kallie Moore, collections manager at 406-243-5151, or visit the center’s website at http://www.cas.umt.edu/paleontology.

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Local, Western Montana, Campus

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MISSOULA –

Award-winning journalist Dante Chinni, author of “Our Patchwork Nation” and contributor to The Wall Street Journal and “PBS NewsHour,” will share his unique perspective on the state of the electorate and the country as part of a panel discussion at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10, in Skaggs Building Room 117 at The University of Montana.

Chinni will join UM journalism Professor Lee Banville and political science Professor Christopher Muste for the panel discussion, “Election 2012: The View from 12 Americas.” The event is free and open to the public.

The discussion will build from Patchwork Nation, a project of the Jefferson Institute that received a 2009 Knight Batten Award for journalistic innovation. The project used demographic, political and economic data to develop 12 different types of counties in the country. The resulting framework can be viewed online at http://www.patchworknation.org and has been used to report on a variety of issues across the country. Chinni is the director of Patchwork Nation, and Banville is a contributing editor.

Chinni has covered politics and the media for more than 10 years. He has worked as a reporter-researcher at Newsweek and as a senior associate at the Project for Excellence in Journalism. He has written for publications such as The Economist, Columbia Journalism Review and The Washington Post Magazine.

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LB/als

Local

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana-based Montana Public Radio recently received a grant of $145,000 from the Murdock Charitable Trust with a challenge to raise an additional $25,000 in community donations.

The grant will help MTPR fund its Signal Improvement Project, which aims to expand and improve its coverage area in northwestern Montana, upgrade the Missoula studios with new digital networking and production equipment and improve the local Missoula signal.

MTPR General Manager William Marcus said the trust’s support helps the station match federal grant funds to bring Libby its first public radio service, KUFL 90.5 FM, and provide Polson and the Flathead Lake area with improved service.

“We’ve waited a long time to put together the right resources to make this major expansion happen,” Marcus said. “We trust that folks in Libby and Polson will feel more connected through our local news and music programming and will appreciate the excellence of National Public Radio news programming, too.”

The new station serving Polson and the southern end of Flathead Lake, KPJH, 89.5 FM, was named to honor MTPR’s founder, Philip J. Hess, who began KUFM as a student training facility at UM in 1965.

The project will also give the MTPR signal a power boost in the Missoula Valley, increasing translators from 89.9 FM to 91.5 FM. In addition, the main production studio at MTPR’s Missoula facility will be digitally upgraded across the board, replacing equipment that has been in use since the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center at UM opened in 1985. The Murdock Charitable Trust provided a large grant in 1985 that funded construction of the Broadcast Media Center at UM, home to MTPR and KUFM-TV/MontanaPBS.

“The Murdock Charitable Trust was there at the beginning of MTPR, and we’re grateful that they have chosen to continue their support of our public broadcasting services in Montana,” Marcus said.

MTPR will not receive the Murdock Charitable Trust funds until the challenge to raise at least $25,000 in community donations is met. In total the station must raise approximately $100,000 to meet both the trust challenge and the remaining match requirements for federal grants. A year ago, MTPR received $510,000 in grants for the project from the federal Public Telecommunications Facilities Program.

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WM/alw

Western Montana, Libby, Polson

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MISSOULA –

Sonya Germann of Missoula and Katherine Nelson of Lexington, Ky., are The University of Montana's 2011-12 Wyss Scholars for Conservation in the American West.

The Wyss Scholars Program provides financial support to UM students who are committed to careers in Western land conservation through a federal or state land management agency or at a nonprofit in the region. It’s funded through the Wyss Foundation, a private charitable foundation dedicated to land conservation in the intermountain West.

Germann currently is seeking a master's degree in resource conservation from UM's College of Forestry and Conservation. She received bachelor's degrees from UM in liberal studies and wildlife biology in 2001 and 2006, respectively. Much of her undergraduate studies focused on community organizing for human rights and environmental advocacy groups.

Nelson currently is seeking a master's degree in environmental studies at UM. She received her bachelor's degree in global studies from St. Lawrence College in New York in 2006. She has worked for the Eastern Sierra Land Trust in education and outreach and as a wilderness ranger for the Inyo National Forest. Nelson spent the past four years working with projects to study and protect raptors, Canadian cougars, Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep and Texas horned lizards.

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ALS

Hometowns (Missoulian, Lexington Herald-Leader)

092711wyss

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MISSOULA—

Missoula students in grades eight through 12 can increase their math prowess by drawing on the knowledge of University of Montana math experts on campus this academic year.

Missoula Math Circle is an afterschool activity in which topics explored aren’t typically covered in high school math curriculum. Local students in eighth grade and higher will be paired individually with UM Department of Mathematical Sciences graduate students and faculty members who will mentor them on in-depth projects.

Activities are broken into two sessions – fall and spring to correspond with UM semesters – each with six, biweekly meetings. Session one meets every other Thursday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Oct. 6-Dec. 15. The second session also will be every other Thursday afternoon beginning sometime in January and ending in March.

Topics covered during last year’s Math Circle included graph coloring, complex numbers and combinatorics.

For more information about the Missoula Math Circle or to join, register online at http://www.math.umt.edu/mathcircle or email mathcircle@mso.umt.edu.

The courses are made possible by a Dolciani Education Foundation grant through the Mathematics Association of America.

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Local

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MISSOULA —

Green is the new black, and The University of Montana’s School of Extended & Lifelong Learning just donned the latest green accessories: solar panels.

Installed earlier this month, UM’s James E. Todd Building, which houses the school, now has 10 operating solar panels that can produce up to 2,300 watts of power. The building joins the student-run Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology house in the fledgling ranks of UM’s “solar club,” becoming the first auxiliary building on campus to sport solar panels.

“I hope to double the number of panels this coming year and continue to add them until we run out of roof space,” said Joe Gough, SELL facility and conference manager.

Gough worked with UM students Frederick Brokaw, Kirt Dennis, Donovan Mistry and William Pederson to get the project funded through UM’s Kless Revolving Energy Loan Fund, which supports student-initiated energy conservation and renewable energy projects. The Environmental Studies Program and SELL also helped pay for the panels.

The students developed the proposal as a project for an environmental studies service-learning course taught by Professor Robin Saha.

“The students did a tremendous amount of legwork, got a lot of help on and off campus and put together an excellent proposal,” Saha said.

Gough said that in keeping with SELL’s mission statement, the solar panels will serve to “foster inquiry, learning and applied research” via an energy-monitoring system that tracks how much power the system produces throughout the day. The real-time data can be viewed online at http://egaug1188.egaug.es/.

“SELL’s solar project demonstrates that solar works in Missoula,” said Cherie Peacock, UM sustainability coordinator. “It also shows that people care and want to do something to reduce UM’s carbon footprint to meet our Climate Action Plan goals. Nationally, higher education is leading the way with the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment, and UM is toward the front of the pack.”

Gough and the students also worked with other UM faculty and staff to complete the project, including Kevin Krebsbach, associate director of Facility Services, and Roger Mclean, SELL dean. The team contracted with local solar panel companies Solar Plexus and Alter Enterprise to furnish the project.

For more information call Gough at 406-243-6322 or email joe.gough@mso.umt.edu or call Saha at 406-243-6285 or email robin.saha@umontana.edu.

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NOTE TO MEDIA: An opportunity for media to photograph the panels and students, staff and faculty involved in the project is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, on the roof of the Todd Building. Contact Gough for more information.

JG/als

Western Montana

092711solr

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MISSOULA –

Total headcount enrollment at The University of Montana has set another all-time record.

According to the UM Registrar’s Office, autumn semester enrollment stands at 15,669, which is 27 more than the previous record set a year ago.

“Our strong enrollment figures demonstrate that the ongoing need for quality higher education – especially in a down economy – continues unabated,” UM President Royce C. Engstrom said. “Increasingly, people recognize the importance of higher education for their future.”

Most of the increase was at UM’s College of Technology in Missoula and the Bitterroot College Program in Hamilton. Those two entities together saw a headcount enrollment surge of 359.

“The newly available and very popular option for area students to earn an Associate of Arts degree at the College of Technology has been a significant contributing factor to the enrollment increase at UM’s two-year campus,” Engstrom said.

UM saw a drop in full-time equivalent resident students attending UM, but the number of nonresident student FTEs jumped 70.48, and distance-learning FTEs increased 8.05 above autumn semester 2010.

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CBS

Western Montana, Dailies

092711enrl

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HAMILTON –

The steering committee for the Bitterroot College Program of The University of Montana will hold its monthly meeting at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, in the Human Resource Council Building Meeting Room, located at 316 N. 3rd 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 operational, educational planning and fiscal issues. The meeting agenda and supplemental meeting materials will be available Monday, Sept. 26, on the BCP website at http://www.umt.edu/bcp (click on “Meetings” under “Steering Committee”), by calling BCP Director Victoria Clark at 406-375-0100 or by 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. BCP is offering more than 30 UM courses in the Hamilton area during autumn semester 2011.

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Local, Bitterroot media
092311bcpm

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MISSOULA, Mont. –

In an unprecedented event, 920 high school freshmen from five Missoula County public schools will gather at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, on the turf of Washington-Grizzly Stadium at The University of Montana.

The reason? To attend the first-of-its-kind Graduation Matters Missoula Freshman Rally, in which Montana’s governor, Missoula’s mayor, UM’s president, Missoula County’s public schools superintendent, fellow students and educators will encourage students to graduate.

“This is the first time in my 36 years as an educator that I have seen the entire community come together to help high school freshmen recognize the significance of their high school experience,” said Alex Apostle, Missoula County Public Schools superintendent. “We want to impress on our students that the entire state and Missoula community care about them, and that we want them to be successful and graduate.

“We also want students to understand that they will need to do their very best in high school in preparation for whatever they plan to do after graduation,” Apostle said. “We want to support them and inspire them to succeed.”

Gov. Brian Schweitzer, Mayor John Engen, UM President Royce Engstrom, Apostle and other dignitaries will make brief presentations. Students also will be treated to music, videos on the massive stadium screen and an appearance by UM mascot Monte.

Participating MCPS schools are Big Sky, Hellgate, Seeley-Swan, Sentinel and Willard Alternative. Students will be bused to the rally, which organizers intend to hold annually.

“We are excited to host the students on our University campus,” Engstrom said. “We hope that they set the goal for themselves to attend college. I want to applaud the close relationship that the Missoula public schools and UM have developed. We pulled together to create this important educational event designed to focus students on their long-term educational goals.”

The rally dovetails with the efforts of Graduation Matters Missoula, a school-community partnership that encourages students to stay in school through graduation. The event also complements UM’s strategic plan, Building a University for the Global Century, which promotes helping K-12 students and assisting them with the transition to college.

“I am grateful to the University for hosting and collaborating with us regarding this event, and to Mayor Engen, who continually supports our initiatives,” Apostle said. “In the future, we hope to involve parents and the entire community in this celebration of education.”

More than 2,000 Montana students drop out of school every year. High school graduates earn, on average, $143 more per week than students who drop out. Graduation Matters Missoula is serving as a model for the statewide effort, “Graduation Matters Montana.”

More information about Graduation Matters Missoula is online at http://graduationmattersmissoula.com. UM’s strategic plan can be found here: http://www.umt.edu/planningassessmentcontinuum.

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CBS
Local, Western Montana, Dailies
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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Department of Physics and Astronomy will celebrate its 100th anniversary with a research conference, reception and observing night on Friday, Sept. 30.

"It is an honor to think that we are carrying on a tradition of teaching physics and astronomy at UM that has been ongoing for 100 years," said Andrew Ware, department chair. "We are lucky to have a distinguished group of alumni return to UM to tell us about their current work. We are looking forward to celebrating our centennial with our alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends."

The research conference runs from 1:10 to 5:30 p.m. in University Center Rooms 326-327. Presenters, who are all UM alumni, include Hilary Martens, California Institute of Technology graduate student; David Westerly, University of Colorado-Denver assistant professor; Brent Buffington, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory mission specialist; and Ahmed Diallo, Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory scientist.

A reception is scheduled from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Silk Road restaurant, 515 S. Higgins Ave., followed by an open house observing night at the Blue Mountain Observatory beginning at 9 p.m.

The department invites all alumni to attend the event and join in the celebration.

For more information, visit http://www.physics.umt.edu/Celebration100/, call Ware at 243-6221 or email andrew.ware@umontana.edu.

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Local
092311phys

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MISSOULA –

The public is invited to check out taxidermy demonstrations, a flesh-eating beetle colony, unusual specimens on display and more during a free open house from 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 28, at The University of Montana’s Philip L. Wright Zoological Museum.

The museum, located on the second floor of the Health Sciences Building, houses more than 21,000 vertebrate specimens representing species from around the Northern Rocky Mountain region and the world. Its resources are primarily used for research and teaching purposes, and the open house will give the public a rare glimpse of the museum’s extensive collections.

Now part of UM’s Division of Biological Sciences, the museum was established in the 1890s. In 1939 former UM Professor Philip Wright took over the museum and built its collection substantially over the next several decades. The University official named the museum in his honor when he died in 1997.

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MISSOULA –

Members of Missoula’s communities of faith are invited to attend a University community interfaith reception at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, in University Center Room 330.

Local congregations have teamed up with The University of Montana Office of the President, UM International Programs and campus faith groups to sponsor the event.

The event intends to build relationships, respect and understanding among all people in Missoula and western Montana, regardless of their ethnic or religious backgrounds.

“We need to focus on the things we hold in common across our faiths and understand and respect our differences,” said Khaled Huthaily, faculty member at the Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center, adviser to the Muslim Student Association and one of the event organizers.

“In a time of global turmoil and continued conflict that too often pits people of different religions against each other, this event represents a grassroots, Montana-led effort to create bridges of understanding and common purpose,” said the Rev. John Lund of Emmaus Campus Ministries.

UM President Royce Engstrom, Provost Perry Brown, Associate Provost for International Programs Mehrdad Kia, and student and clergy leaders from various faiths will speak at the event. Participants will have table discussions about building a community that is more tolerant of all faiths and backgrounds and also will brainstorm ideas for future interfaith events involving students, faculty and the wider community.

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Local, campus
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MISSOULA –

University of Montana wildlife biology Professor Dave Naugle recently received a 2011 Secretary’s Honor Award from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for his work on the agency’s major sage grouse conservation initiative.

USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack presented the annual award – the department’s most prestigious – to Naugle, his colleague Tim Griffiths and their 33-member team at a ceremony held Sept. 14 in Washington, D.C.

As a USDA science adviser for the agency’s Natural Resources Conservation Service, Naugle helped develop and implement its Sage Grouse Initiative over the past year and a half.

"It’s exciting to watch Dave help the USDA use science to guide farm bill conservation that mutually benefits ranchers and wildlife in Western sagebrush grasslands," said Dan Pletscher, UM Wildlife Biology Program director.

Many factors in recent years, including subdivision and oil and gas development, have led to a decline in the sage grouse population so drastic the bird qualifies for listing as an endangered species. The initiative Naugle helped spearhead aims to conserve core breeding grounds for the highest density of sage grouse while simultaneously helping rural, private landowners make a living – a win-win strategy for agriculture and wildlife, according to Naugle. The initiative targets priority areas for conservation within 186 million acres across 11 Western states with funding from existing farm bill resources.

“The key to success is NRCS’s shared vision of achieving world-class wildlife conservation through sustainable ranching,” Naugle said. “Helping Western ranchers maintain large and intact grazing lands is the best way I know to maintain our wildlife legacy for future generations.”

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Western Montana, dailies

092111usda

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana chemistry Professor Mike DeGrandpre and his partners have been awarded a $926,000 National Science Foundation grant, which will fund placement of carbon dioxide and pH sensors in the perennially ice-covered portion of the Arctic Ocean.

The sensors will be placed on ice-tethered profilers to be deployed by DeGrandpre collaborators John Toole and Rick Krishfield of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Ten CO2 and pH sensors in six locations will be placed just below the ice by drilling holes through the ice.

Data will be transmitted back to Woods Hole in Massachusetts via satellite, where it can be viewed as the sensors drift with the Arctic ice pack. More information on the ITP instruments is online at [http://www.whoi.edu/itp](http://www.whoi.edu/itp).

The ITPs will be part of a larger Arctic Observing Network, in which sensors of all kinds are used to document changes in the Arctic.

“With global warming we are seeing less summer sea ice, and the sea surface is warming and freshening,” DeGrandpre said. “This changing physical environment is altering the carbon cycle in the Arctic Ocean.”

He said it’s unknown whether carbon sources and sinks will change and whether these changes will lead to increased CO2 accumulation in the atmosphere, causing further warming.

The sensors also will study the penetration of human-produced CO2 in the Arctic Ocean, which leads to acidification with potentially fatal consequences for many organisms. The sensors will document changes in the CO2 cycling and ocean acidification in the Arctic during the next three to four years.

The CO2 and pH sensors will be customized for deployment in the Arctic by Missoula’s Sunburst Sensors, a company co-owned by DeGrandpre and spawned by his UM research. The research project also will support development of an exhibit highlighting climate change effects on the oceans at spectrUM Discovery Area, an interactive science center for children in UM’s Skaggs Building.

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CBS

State, select national publications

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana law and journalism schools have rolled out a website focused on providing information and analysis related to the proposed sale of Missoula’s Mountain Water Company to a multinational commodities broker.

The new site is titled “Global Control of Local Water: The Carlyle Group in Missoula, Montana” and can be found online at http://etalnews.org/missoulawater/. The project seeks to “create an objective resource of information for the community regarding this important natural resource question: Who should own municipal water?”

The site currently covers the key players, timeline, news and resources. More aspects of the case will be included as negotiations unfold. Starting immediately, students will begin to address the legal issues before Montana’s Public Service Commission. Issues identified so far include: Missoula’s history of litigation with Mountain Water; the PSC’s authority to demand certain documents from the Carlyle Group; and whether the Clark Fork Coalition may file as an intervenor.

The PSC will hold a hearing at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, at the Missoula Public Library to take public comment on the proposed sale.

For more information on the website, call Ada Montague, UM law student, at 406-599-1067 or email ada.montague@gmail.com; call journalism Assistant Professor Nadia White at 406-243-6720 or email nadia.white@umontana.edu; call law Assistant Professor Michelle Bryan Mudd at 406-243-6753 or email michelle.bryanmudd@umontana.edu.

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NW/js

Local, Western Montana

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BOZEMAN –

The Montana EPSCoR Office will hold its state meeting, “Past, Present and Future,” Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 5-6, at the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman.

The meeting will convene from 1 to 5 p.m. Wednesday and from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday in the museum’s Hagar Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. Attendees will celebrate the accomplishments of EPSCoR during its 30-year history in Montana and look toward the future with descriptions of plans for the next funding cycle.

EPSCoR, or the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research, is a statewide program for science infrastructure funded by the National Science Foundation.

For a meeting agenda visit http://www.mtnsfepscor.org/news_events/events.cfm. For more information call Martha Peters, Montana NSF EPSCoR managing director, at 406-994-7658 or email mpeters@montana.edu.

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Western Montana, state, dailies

092011espc

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MISSOULA –

Join the festivities at The University of Montana’s 2011 Homecoming, which takes place Sunday through Saturday, Sept. 25-Oct. 1, with a full schedule of traditional events.

This year’s Homecoming theme, “We Are Family,” celebrates how the University’s diverse family of alumni, faculty, students and staff unite the Missoula and Montana communities. In addition to traditional Homecoming events, the Class of 1971 will celebrate its 40th reunion this year.

Homecoming Week kicks off Sunday with music and celebration from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Southgate Mall Clock Court. The event is sponsored by Southgate Mall, 102.5 Mountain FM, UM and the UM Office of Alumni Relations.

The annual Homecoming Art Fair runs from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday in the University Center Atrium.

The Distinguished Alumni awards program and panel discussion will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday in the UC Ballroom and will honor the 2011 recipients: Thomas Dahmer, Jack Shanstrom, J.K. Simmons and Brian Wesbury. A reception will follow and is open to the public.

The All Alumni Social and Dance begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Holiday Inn Downtown at the Park. The Alumni Jazz Band will provide musical entertainment from 7:30 to 10 p.m., with a break to hear the UM Marching Band between 9 and 9:30 p.m. House of Quist will play from 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., while the Alumni Jazz Band moves to the Brooks and Browns restaurant adjacent to the atrium. The event is free and open to the public.

The Yell Night Pep Rally gets under way at 8 p.m. Friday on the UM Oval, with the lighting of the M at dusk. The public is invited to join Montana Grizzlies head football coach Robin Pflugrad and other coaches, players, cheerleaders, the UM Marching Band and mascot Monte around the bonfire.

The third annual Homecoming Hustle 5K race starts at 9:45 a.m. Saturday at the intersection of Higgins and Broadway downtown. The annual Homecoming parade will follow at 10 a.m., traveling south on Higgins to University Avenue. This year’s parade marshals are UM President Royce Engstrom and his wife, Mary. Honorary parade marshals are Montana historian Hal Stearns and retiring Montana Commissioner of Higher Education Sheila Stearns.

The Montana Grizzlies take on the Northern Colorado Bears at 1:05 p.m. Saturday at the annual Homecoming football game in Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

The public is invited to join fellow Griz fans at the Alumni Homecoming TV Tailgate from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Adams Center’s East Auxiliary Gym. Participants can watch the game on a big-screen TV while enjoying food, beverages and prize drawings, including a raffle before kickoff for two sets of two tickets to the Homecoming game. Admission to the TV tailgate is free, and valid ID is required for alcohol purchase.

For a complete schedule of Homecoming events, call the UM Office of Alumni Relations and Alumni Association at 406-243-5211 or visit http://www.grizalum.com.

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JB/als
Western Montana, dailies
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MISSOULA –

Dr. Kelly J. Acton will visit The University of Montana to present a lecture on the achievements of the Indian Health Service’s comprehensive disease management and prevention programs and innovative use of health information technology. The lecture will take place from 12:10 to 1 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, in Skaggs Building Room 169. It is free and open to the public.

The IHS is a federal health system caring for 2 million American Indian/Alaska Natives. Acton is a deputy regional health administrator for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. She will share how IHS innovations have reduced the life-expectancy gap between American Indian/Alaska Natives and whites from eight to five years and also will explain significant improvements in diabetes care.

Her talk will highlight the need for increased funding so that innovative health advancements for American Indian/Alaska Natives can continue, and will illustrate the significant disparities that persist among the population.

Acton’s lecture is hosted by the Skaggs School of Pharmacy and the Native American Center of Excellence. For more information call Idelle Manning at 406-243-4029 or email idelle.manning@mso.umt.edu.

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Local, weeklies, campus, tribal

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana College of Technology will host its first-ever Grizzly football tailgate in conjunction with UM’s Homecoming game starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, near Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

Students from the COT’s Culinary Arts Program will prepare pulled pork for the tailgate, which also will feature beverages, giveaways and a raffle. The event is free and open to the public.

The tailgate also will provide prospective students of any age with more information on the COT’s 35 areas of study, including nursing, energy technology and culinary arts. More than 500 students graduated with two-year degrees from the COT in 2010 and 2011.

The COT offers affordable education and constitutes a vital sector of the Missoula economy through the matriculation of highly skilled labor into the area. The college has seen a boost in enrollment over the past few years as the recession drives many workers to brush up on their skills or pursue new careers.

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ALS

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MISSOULA –

John Dower, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author considered one of the foremost experts on modern Japan and Japanese-U.S. relations, will give the first installment of the 2011-12 President’s Lecture Series on Friday, Sept. 23, at The University of Montana.

Dower will present “Cultures of War: Pearl Harbor/Hiroshima/9-11/Iraq” at 8 p.m. in the University Theatre. Earlier that day Dower will give a seminar titled “Visualizing Cultures: Japan and China in the Modern World” from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123.

Both events are free and open to the public. UM is celebrating the 25th anniversary of the President’s Lecture Series, which was established in 1987 by former UM President James Koch.

Dower’s lecture will draw parallels between the illusion-ridden Japanese high command before Dec. 7, 1941, and the similarly afflicted Bush administration after Sept. 11, 2001. Dower also will compare the postwar occupations to explain why American policies worked in Japan but in Iraq have become a byword for fiasco.

Dower is the author of several books, including his most recent, “Cultures of War: Pearl Harbor/Hiroshima/9-11/Iraq,” upon which his lecture is based. The book was a finalist for the 2010 National Book Award and the Los Angeles Times Book Prize. “Cultures of War” examines what these four events reveal about the failures of intelligence, wars of choice, strategic miscalculation, faith-based secular thinking, the targeting of noncombatants and the allure of mass destruction.

Dower received his bachelor’s degree in American studies from Amherst College in 1959 and a doctorate in history and Far Eastern languages from Harvard University in 1972. He joined the history faculty at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1991, where he served as the Henry R. Luce Professor of International Cooperation, the Elting E. Morison Professor of History and the Ford International Professor of History. Dower recently became a professor emeritus of history at MIT. He previously taught at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and the University of California, San Diego.

More information about the President’s Lecture Series is online at http://umt.edu/president/events/lectures/.

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MISSOULA –

Six University of Montana students and recent grads will travel to the likes of Argentina, Bahrain, Nepal and countries in between as recipients of Fulbright U.S. Student scholarships for the 2011-12 academic year.

UM's 2011-12 Fulbright Scholars, hometowns, their areas of study and exchange destinations are:

- Loretta Baker; Northridge, Calif.; environmental studies; Argentina
- Zachary Carlsen; Stillwater, Minn.; English as a foreign language; Turkey
- Jerilynn Jackson; Eatonville, Wash.; English as a foreign language; Turkey
- Doron Nadler, Missoula, creative writing, Israel
- Alexander Smith, Minneapolis, forestry, Nepal
- Ashleen Williams; Snohomish, Wash.; English as a foreign language; Bahrain

The Fulbright Program is the nation’s leading international exchange program, operating in more than 155 countries. It is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields.

The campus Fulbright committee encourages students to apply for upcoming Fulbright awards. Interested students should call German Professor Liz Ametsbichler, campus Fulbright adviser, at 406-243-5001 or email liz.ametsbichler@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA —

G.I. Jobs, a magazine for military personnel transitioning into civilian life, has designated The University of Montana as a “Military Friendly School.”

The 2012 Military Friendly Schools list honors the top 20 percent of colleges, universities and trade schools that are doing the most to embrace America’s military service members and veterans as students.

In its effort to help student-veterans find the right school, G.I. Jobs created its first-ever survey of student-veterans. Their feedback provides prospective military students with insight into the student-veteran experience at a particular institution based on peer reviews from current students.

The 1,518 colleges, universities and trade schools on the list prioritize the recruitment of students with military experience. The magazine says these schools make the grade by offering scholarships and discounts, veterans’ clubs, full-time staff, military credit and other services to those who have served.

The survey ranks schools with a plus or minus on several factors, ranging from scholarship offers to opportunities to socialize. UM scored well on most criteria, including offers of scholarships to military students and veterans, tuition discounts, providing in-state tuition without residency requirements, no penalties for military students called to active duty and availability of evening and weekend classes. UM also earned a plus for its veteran-specific website.

In addition, UM received positive marks for having an office of Veterans Education and Transition Services and a full-time coordinator who provides service and support to veterans, spouses, dependents and survivors.

UM currently has 680 military and veteran students enrolled.

VETS coordinator Justin Raap helps military service members and veterans navigate the systems from GI Bills to Vocational Rehabilitation to the Yellow Ribbon Program, ensuring they maximize their rightful benefits.

Raap also assists service members and veterans with access to community services, such as the Missoula Vet Center, the Veterans Affairs Office and the VA Missoula Clinic.

“The University is making great strides in its support of our student-veterans,” Raap said. “Our continued support of the VA Yellow Ribbon Program, a veteran-specific website and the newly opened VETS office are just a few of the recent steps we’ve taken as an institution to ensure veteran success on our campus.”

The 2012 list of Military Friendly Schools was compiled through extensive research and a data-driven survey of more than 8,000 schools nationwide. Methodology, criteria and weighting for the list were developed with the assistance of an academic advisory board consisting of educators from schools across the country. A full list of board members can be found at http://militaryfriendlyschools.com/Article/advisory-board.

A full story and detailed list of Military Friendly Schools will be highlighted in the annual “Guide to Military Friendly Schools” and on a poster, both of which will be distributed to hundreds of thousands of active and former military personnel in early October.

The newly redesigned website at http://www.militaryfriendlyschools.com features the list, interactive tools and search functionality to assist military veterans with their school decisions.

Service members and veterans also can meet individual student-veterans from various schools virtually on the site to learn more about personal school decisions and the transition from the military to an academic environment.

To find out more about support for and service to veterans and service members interested in attending UM, call the VETS office at 406-243-2744 or email veterans@mso.umt.edu.
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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will host events Friday, Sept. 23, to celebrate American Indian Heritage Day.

The day will begin with a 7 a.m. Sunrise Ceremony by Arleen Adams in the Story Telling Area outside The Payne Family Native American Center. A teepee rising will follow at 8:30 a.m. on the Oval.

A student open forum with UM President Royce Engstrom is at 11:15 a.m. at the Bonnie HeavyRunner Memorial Gathering Place in the Native American Center, followed by the American Indian Day Proclamation by Engstrom at noon. UM graduate student Kevin Kicking Woman will be the master of ceremonies, while entertainment will feature a flute and traditional dance performance from Josh Avery and a jingle dress dance performance by Shawnee Skunkcap.

The Food Zoo will offer an indigenous menu starting at noon, and traditional Native American games will be played on the Oval at 1 p.m. A student art show will run from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Native American Center classrooms.

Journalism Assistant Professor Jason Begay will give a presentation at 2 p.m. in Room 105 of the Native American Center.

The public is invited to attend all events, which are free except for the meal in the Food Zoo.

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MISSOULA –

The Fall 2011 Brown Bag Lecture Series hosted by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at The University of Montana will begin Tuesday, Sept. 20, with a presentation by Arielle Rittersmith, adjunct faculty member in the UM Department of Anthropology.

Rittersmith will present “Chinese Medicine and Managing Its Cultural Heritage: Biopolitics in Singapore” from noon to 1 p.m. in the Mansfield Center Conference Room, located on the fourth floor of the Mansfield Library.

All lectures in the series are free and open to the public.

Other lectures in the series will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in the Mansfield Conference Room. Following is the series schedule:

- **Tuesday, Sept. 27**: “Agroecology and the Right to Food” by Miguel Altieri, University of California, Berkeley, Department of Environmental Science Policy and Management.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 4**: “The Benefits for Students Participating in Short-Term Study Abroad Courses” by Keith Bosak, assistant professor of Nature-Based Tourism and Recreation, Department of Society and Conservation, UM College of Forestry and Conservation.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 1**: “Reflections on Development and Migration in Mexico After 12 Years of Study Abroad Programs” by Paul Haber, professor, UM Department of Political Science, and Emily Gutierrez, political science student.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 15**: “Glimmers of Hope in Burma (Myanmar): The Noontime News from Naypyidaw” by Steve Levine, UM research faculty associate.
- **Tuesday, Nov. 29**: “Education and the ‘Economic Miracle’: Information Controls and China’s Quest to Create World Class Universities” by Terry Weidner, director, Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at UM.

For more information about the series, visit the Mansfield Center website at [http://www.umt.edu/mansfield](http://www.umt.edu/mansfield) or call 406-243-2988.

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MISSOULA –

Stand-up comedian Brian Regan will bring his sarcastic, self-deprecating humor to The University of Montana when he performs live at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2, in the University Theatre.

Tickets cost $39.50, plus applicable fees, and will go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16, at all GrizTix outlets, online at http://www.griztix.com and http://livenation.com, or by calling 888-MONTANA.

Regan has released several comedy albums, including “Brian Regan Live” and “All By Myself.” He’s also been featured in several Comedy Central specials, including “The Epitome of Hyperbole” and “Brian Regan Standing Up.” His UM show is a production of Live Nation.

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MISSOULA –

Legendary musician and songwriter Leon Russell will perform live in concert at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, in the University Theatre at The University of Montana.

Advance reserved tickets cost $29.50, plus applicable fees, and will go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16, at all GrizTix locations, online at http://www.griztix.com or by calling 888-MONTANA. Day-of-show reserved tickets cost $32.

Russell, who’s played with the likes of George Harrison, B.B. King, Eric Clapton and Bob Dylan, is known for arranging pop classics of the 1960s, including “River Deep, Mountain High,” “Mr. Tambourine Man,” “This Diamond Ring” and “A Taste of Honey.” His UM performance is a production of Jade Presents.

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana students, faculty and staff are invited to the second annual Tech Fair from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, at the University Center Atrium.

Departments from across campus will be available to demonstrate and talk about technology applications, services and support. Several vendors, including Adobe, Apple, Dell, Microsoft and Verizon Wireless, will also have tables at the fair. Attendees can register for dozens of prizes by visiting at least five of the 28 Tech Fair exhibitors.

This year’s fair will feature a unique musical event at noon in the UC when UM music Professor Charles Nichols will conduct the Mountain Electroacoustic Laptop Ensemble playing an original composition on laptops, iPads and iPods.

For more information visit http://www.umt.edu/techfair.

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MISSOULA –

Twenty Chinese natural resource professionals have arrived in Montana in a two-way exchange program under the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of State and organized by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center of The University of Montana.

The program sends Americans to China and brings Chinese citizens to the U.S., with the goal of increasing understanding of natural resource issues and one another.

During the month of September, the visiting Chinese environmental professionals from Beijing, Guizhou, Chongqing and Chengdu will travel to Glacier National Park, Helena and the Flathead Indian Reservation to develop their understanding of environmental issues in Montana that parallel issues in their provinces. Members of the U.S. delegation are arranging visits with local businesses, nongovernmental organizations and state officials. They’ll attend the UM Homecoming game and other cultural activities.

The Montana program will culminate in a public reception at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Stensrud Building, located at 314 N. First St. W. in Missoula. Join the group to hear about common natural resource issues shared between the two countries, personal observations from the delegates and the next opportunity for Montanans to travel to Asia on a different program theme. Refreshments will be served.

In June 2011 an American delegation traveled to China for three weeks. The delegation of accomplished, young natural resource professionals, which included eight members from Montana, represented a range of professions such as business, government, NGOs and the media. With stops in Beijing and throughout Guizhou province, the group visited historical and cultural sites, met with various organizations and participated in workshops with the Guizhou Environmental Protection Bureau on provincial issues.

The group then divided into five teams to visit different sites throughout the province to study specific issues in their areas of interest. The teams explored topics of relevance to Montana, including environmental outreach activities among indigenous communities, water supply and treatment issues, and community involvement in protecting land.

"What stood out to our delegation was not so much our differences – though there were plenty of those – but how much we actually share," said Suhan Chen, program co-director.

For more information call 406-243-2988 or visit http://www.umt.edu/mansfield.

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MISSOULA –

“The Montana Monologs,” a series of pieces culled from the oral histories of Montana ranch women, will hit the stage of the Roxy Theater at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 23-24, and Sept. 30-Oct. 1.

Written and produced by playwright and University of Montana staff member Wendy Woollett, “The Montana Monologs” will feature three monologs: “Bole,” adapted from the late Dorothy O’Neil’s life on the O’Neil ranch in Choteau, performed by Ellen Wade; “Epiphany,” based on the late Lynn Wolfe’s life on the Burnt Fork Creek Ranch in Stevensville, performed by Deborah Goslin; and “7UP,” based on Missoulian Pat Shepard’s experiences on the 7UP Ranch in St. Ignatius, performed by Gretchen Spiess, the show’s director. Musician Paul Kelley’s original score will accompany the acts.

Tickets cost $15 in advance, $18 at the door, and $10 for students and seniors. To reserve tickets call River’s Mist Art Gallery at 406-777-0520.

The performance is sponsored by Lolo’s Dunrovin Ranch. A Matthew Hansen Endowment from UM’s Wilderness Institute provided funding for “Bole.”

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MISSOULA –

Four outstanding University of Montana graduates will receive 2011 Distinguished Alumni Awards during Homecoming weekend festivities, Sept. 30 – Oct. 1. The awards are the highest honor presented by the UM Alumni Association.

This year’s distinguished alumni are Thomas Dahmer of Hong Kong, Jack Shanstrom of Billings, J.K. Simmons of Hollywood, Calif., and Brian Wesbury of Wheaton, Ill.

A wildlife biologist with more than 28 years of experience, including 25 years in Asia, Dahmer earned his bachelor’s degree in wildlife biology from UM in 1973 and his master’s in 1978. He is founder and managing director of Ecosystems Ltd., an ecological consulting firm that helps guide conservation and development in a number of countries, including China, Taiwan, Vietnam and Indonesia.


Shanstrom is a federal judge with the U.S. District Court of Montana in Billings. He earned three degrees from UM: a B.A. in law in 1956, an L.L.B. [now a J.D.] in 1957 and a B.A. in business administration in 1957. Shanstrom then served three years as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General Corps. He began his private law practice in Livingston in 1960 and in 1965 went on to become a district court judge for Park County.

In 1983 he became a federal magistrate judge for the U.S. District Court. President George H.W. Bush nominated Shanstrom to the U.S. District Court of Montana in 1990. He served as chief judge of the court from 1996 to 2001, when he assumed senior status. In 2008 Shanstrom received the Yellowstone Area Bar Association’s Lifetime Achievement Award and has been honored by the State Bar of Montana for 50 years of service.

Simmons earned a music degree at UM in 1978 and went on to become one of the most recognizable TV and film actors today. He began his acting career in musical theater roles with the Missoula Children’s Theatre and the Bigfork Summer Playhouse and worked as a stage and television actor in Seattle and New York before landing his long-running role as Dr. Emil Skoda, psychiatrist on the television series “Law & Order.”

Simmons has appeared in dozens of TV shows, commercials and films, including “Oz,” “Spider-Man,” “Juno” and “Burn After Reading.” He currently portrays Assistant Police Chief Will Pope in “The Closer” on TNT. Simmons previously was honored at UM’s 2002 Odyssey of the Stars, a gala produced by UM’s College of Visual and Performing Arts. A strong supporter of UM and of the arts throughout Montana, Simmons returns to Bigfork each year for an annual softball game he helped start in 1980.

Wesbury received a B.A. in economics from UM in 1982. A chief economist at First Trust Advisors, a financial services firm based in Wheaton, Ill., Wesbury is one of the nation’s top economic forecasters. A frequent commentator on Fox, Bloomberg, CNBC and BNN Canada Television, he serves as economics editor of The American Spectator and contributes to Barron’s, Investor’s Business Daily, Forbes, U.S. News and World Report and the editorial page of The Wall Street Journal.

Wesbury was named the No. 1 economic forecaster in the United States by The Wall Street Journal in 2001 and one of the nation’s top 10 forecasters by USA Today in 2004. He has written two books: “The Era of New Wealth: How Investors Can Profit from the Five Economic Trends Shaping the Future” and “It’s Not as Bad as You Think: Why Capitalism Trumps Fear and the Economy Will Thrive.”

The public is invited to attend a panel discussion featuring all four Distinguished Alumni Award recipients on Sept. 30 at 5:30 p.m. in the UC Ballroom on The University of Montana campus. An awards ceremony and reception will follow.

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Contact: Susan Cuff, associate director, UM Office of Alumni Relations and Alumni Association, 406-243-5211, susan.cuff@umontana.edu.
The University of Montana recently was faced with two unfortunate student incidents – one involving an accidental, nonlethal shooting on Aug. 29 and another involving inappropriate behavior at our Sept. 10 home football game. A few people have inquired about these student code of conduct issues, so I wanted to update the campus.

Please be assured that an internal process is under way to assess potential penalties for those students involved, which are in addition to the charges the Missoula Police Department filed against them. And in accordance with the UM Student Conduct Code (http://life.umt.edu/vpsa/documents/StudentConductCode1.pdf), all these matters will be resolved in a manner that ensures student privacy, which is protected by federal and state laws. As in the past, UM will issue not issue public statements about any penalties for violations of the Student Conduct Code, and all Student Conduct Code discipline will be handled internally.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will discuss its partnership with Knights Apparel, a licensed manufacturer of Griz products and creator of the Alta Gracia brand, during a panel presentation from 10:50 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 16, in Law Building Room 101. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Joe Bozich, founder and CEO of Knights Apparel, the largest supplier of college apparel in the U.S., will present "Corporate Social Responsibility: Alta Gracia – Changing Lives One Shirt at a Time." Alta Gracia is the only apparel brand in the world manufactured in a factory that pays workers a living wage.

Scott Nova, executive director of the Worker Rights Consortium, and Liz Kennedy, vice president for corporate and social responsibility at The Collegiate Licensing Company, will join Bozich for the presentation. Panelists will share their different angles on corporate social responsibility and the University’s role in helping them succeed. The panel will take questions at the end of the presentation.

The three representatives also will participate in discussions throughout the day with University officials, ASUM representatives and members of Students for Economic and Social Justice.

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MISSOULA –

Applications are now available for entry into this year’s University of Montana Homecoming Parade, to take place Oct. 1 in Missoula. Last year’s parade featured a total of 128 entries.

This year’s Homecoming theme, “We Are Family,” celebrates how the University’s diverse family of faculty, students and staff sustains, strengthens and unites our Missoula and Montana community.

Applications are available online at http://www.grizalum.com or by calling 406-243-5211 or toll-free at 1-877-862-5867. Applications may also be picked up in person at the Missoula Chamber of Commerce, 825 E. Front St., or at the Office of Alumni Relations and Alumni Association, Brantly Hall 115, The University of Montana.

Applications, accompanied by a $30 entry fee, are due by 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23. For more information, contact parade co-coordinator Danielle O’Leary at 406-243-4019 or email danielle.oleary@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana recently received a five-year, $9.9 million grant from the National Center for Research Resources, an entity of the National Institutes of Health, to fund research on physiological processes and diseases from the standpoint of atomic structure, chemistry and physics.

The grant will fund research conducted at UM’s Center for Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics, which is made up of faculty from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, the Division of Biological Sciences and the Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences. The grant also recognizes the Center for Biomolecular Structure and Dynamics as an NIH Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE). UM’s center is one of only four new COBRE centers in the country funded this year.

“This award increases the opportunity for research and training at The University of Montana by providing salaries for junior investigators and their support staff, as well as funds for essential cutting-edge technology,” said Dr. Barbara Alving, National Center for Research Resources director.

Insights gained from the research will inspire new therapeutic approaches to drug resistance, heart disease, behavioral disorders and viral diseases, said Stephen Sprang, UM program director of the NIH COBRE grant.

It will fund the specific research of four UM faculty members:

- Klara Briknarova will use advanced spectroscopic methods to understand how viruses employ specialized proteins to invade human cells.

- Xi Chu will use quantum mechanical methods to learn how physiologically critical enzymes use metal ions to catalyze reactions.

- Valeriy Smirnov will use state-of-the-art biochemical methods to understand the catalytic mechanism of an enzyme that uses iron to convert the common amino acid tryptophan into serotonin, an important neurotransmitter.

- Erica Woodahl will use biochemical and spectroscopic methods to understand how certain transporter proteins alter the therapeutic effect of drugs and how this information can be used to improve drug development.

“The most important immediate impact of COBRE funding will be to accelerate the research of four talented young investigators on this campus and to provide resources to help UM recruit first-rate faculty at the forefront of biophysical and biomedical research,” Sprang said.

By providing support for common core facilities at UM, COBRE funds also will enhance scientific collaborations with UM’s Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience and the Center for Environmental Health Sciences, both of which also have been awarded funding as COBRE centers.

NIH is a national medical research agency that includes 27 institutes and centers and is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NIH is the primary federal agency conducting and supporting basic, clinical and translational medical research and investigates the causes, treatments and cures for common and rare diseases. Its National Center for Research Resources provides laboratory scientists and clinical researchers with the resources and training they need to understand, detect, treat and prevent a wide range of diseases.

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MISSOULA –

Enjoy an evening of fine food and beverages as well as silent and live auctions Friday, Sept. 23, at the Writers’ Fall Opus, a fundraiser for The University of Montana Creative Writing Program.

The third annual event will be held from 6:30 to 10 p.m. in the Governor’s Room of the Florence Building, located in downtown Missoula. Hosts will be Kevin Head and Charlie Brown.

Tickets for the event cost $35 or $60 per couple and can be purchased at the door. Attendees must be 21 or older. To RSVP, call Karin Schalm at 406-243-5267 or email karin.schalm@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana’s Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center invites the campus community to explore issues important to the region during its autumn semester Brown Bag Lecture Series.

The series kicks off from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 16, in Stone Hall Room 303 with “The State of Contemporary Art in Iran Today” by Reza Ismailnia, director of the University of Tehran Art Gallery.

The schedule for the rest of the series follows. Presentations will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in Stone Hall Room 303 unless otherwise noted.

- **Monday, Oct. 3, University Center Theater:** “Contemporary Film Production in Israel.” Dani Menkin, visiting professor from Israel.
- **Thursday, Oct. 6:** “Tajikistan in 20 Years: Challenges and Achievements.” Abdujabbor Shirinov, ambassador to the U.S. from Tajikistan.
- **Thursday, Oct. 13:** “Dancing on the Middle Ground of the Balkans.” Charlene Campbell, Rocky Mountain Ballet Theater.
- **Thursday, Oct. 27:** “High Asia and Higher Education: Building a Development University.” Chad Dear, social science research coordinator, University of Central Asia.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 9:** “Reflections of Third International Forum on Asia and Middle East.” Anthropology faculty members Samir Bitar and Khaled Huthaily, Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center.

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**Contact:** UM Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center, 406-243-2235.
MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will host a panel discussion featuring tribal leaders from across Big Sky Country on Friday, Sept. 16.

The event will be held at 4 p.m. in the Bonnie HeavyRunner Gathering Place of the new Payne Family Native American Center. The public is welcome to attend.

The panel is part of a Sept. 15-17 series of meetings for UM and tribal administrators to get acquainted and discuss ways to increase ties between the various institutions – especially in regard to furthering research and promoting economic growth and development on reservations in the state.

While in Missoula, tribal leaders will attend a dinner at the home of UM President Royce Engstrom on Thursday before a full slate of meetings on Friday. On Saturday they will attend the President’s Pre-game Brunch and the football game at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

For more information, call UM’s Department of Native American Studies at 406-243-5831.

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MISSOULA —

The annual Missoula Heart Walk benefitting the American Heart Association just picked up the pace. For the first time since its inception in Missoula 16 years ago, the Heart Walk will feature both a three-mile walk and a 5K run Saturday, Sept. 24, at The University of Montana.

Dubbed the Heart Run, the timed event will begin and end on the UM Oval, with stretches of the Kim Williams Trail in between. Prizes will be awarded for each of the seven age divisions and for the overall winners in the men’s and women’s fields. The race fee is $20, and participants can register at http://www.missoulaheartwalk.org.

The fundraiser will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., with festivities starting at 10:15 a.m. on the Oval with a ceremony to introduce heart disease survivors and remember those who have passed away because of it. The 5K run will start at 11:10 a.m., followed by the walk at 11:15 a.m.

Teams are forming now and are soliciting donations to support the education and research efforts of the American Heart Association, a nonprofit that promotes heart-healthy lifestyles while raising awareness of the No. 1 and No. 3 killers in America: cardiovascular disease and stroke. This year’s goal is $150,000. No fundraising minimum is required to take part in the walk or run, and registration is open until the day of the event.

UM also plans to sweeten the deal through their Heart Walk incentive program. Prizes for the three teams that raise the highest dollar amounts include President Royce Engstrom’s gift of sky box tickets to a UM basketball game, five-day campus parking passes donated by the Office of Public Safety and gift certificates to The Bookstore at UM. The top three individual walkers or runners who raise the highest dollar amounts also will enjoy prizes such as a tuition scholarship for UMOnline courses donated by UM’s School of Extended & Lifelong Learning, an annual family membership to spectrUM and Griz basketball tickets donated by Grizzly Athletics.

The Heart Walk festivities will also include a Kids’ Zone with an interactive science center designed and sponsored by spectrUM, heart health information and refreshments. Grizzly student-athletes, the UM Dance Team and UM mascot Monte will provide entertainment and enthusiasm at the event.

For more information or to register, call the American Heart Association at 406-829-3377, email missoula.walk@heart.org or visit http://www.missoulaheartwalk.org.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana’s Farm to College Program will host the second annual “Fall Feastival: Celebrating Montana’s Food Cycle” from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, on the Oval.

The culmination of a year’s planning and collaboration with 24 Montana food producers, the large-scale harvest feast will provide UM students, faculty and staff a holistic view of the state’s agricultural cycle. Local farmers, ranchers and food producers will provide about 99 percent of the menu items. Preparations to grow and raise the food for the feast began in April.

UM’s own Shane Clouse and Stomping Ground will provide musical entertainment during the festivities.

UM students with resident meal plans can purchase dinner at the Feastival for $3.25 using their Griz Cards. The cost for those with a Premium Plus Dining Plan is $7.45. Faculty, staff and all others 13 and older can buy dinner for $9.95. The cost for children is $8.75 for ages 6-12 and $3 for ages 2-5.

“The goal of this meal is to celebrate the success of the UM Farm to College Program and to raise public and student awareness about the time and effort required to produce the food we eat each day,” said Mark LoParco, director of University Dining Services.

To sustainably complete the food cycle, all pre- and post-consumer waste materials generated by the Feastival, including food, plates and napkins, will be pulped and processed into soil-enhancing planting material within 48 hours. The soil-ready material will provide the starting point for the next growing cycle.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana College of Technology will hold free college prep classes for qualified veterans through the Montana Veterans Upward Bound program.

Classes in math, basic computer skills and writing will take place Monday through Thursday, Sept. 19-Nov. 10, at the COT campus, located at 909 South Ave. W. in Missoula. Class start times range from 4 to 6 p.m. and end no later than 7:30 p.m.

Orientation will take place from 5:15 to 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, in the COT Dining Room. A graduation ceremony will be held Thursday, Nov. 10.

For more information or to enroll, call 877-356-VETS or visit http://www.vubmt.com.

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MISSOULA —

Richard Littlebear, president and interim dean of cultural affairs at Chief Dull Knife College on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation, will discuss why he champions Native languages on Thursday, Sept. 15, at The University of Montana.

Littlebear will present “The Challenges of Native American Bilingualism in the American Education System” at 4 p.m. in Law Building Room 101. Sponsored by the UM President’s Office, the lecture is part of the Native American Studies Stott Lecture Series.

Littlebear was born on the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation and grew up in Busby. He holds degrees from Bethel College in Kansas and Montana State University. He earned his doctorate in education from Boston University in 1994.

He considers learning to read and write the Cheyenne language his greatest academic achievement, and he encourages the continual oral, written and reading usage of all indigenous languages.

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana dance Professor Karen Kaufman will present “Movement as a Metaphor: Building School Dance Programs” at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, in the University Center North Ballroom. Kaufmann’s presentation is the first installment of the Provost’s Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series at UM.

Kaufmann spearheads dance integration programs in K-12 schools, and her lecture/slideshow will address the successes, challenges and life lessons experienced while advocating for dance in education.

Kaufmann has worked in the field of dance education for more than 30 years as a teacher, choreographer, performer and author. Her courses frequently include service-learning experiences and emphasize inclusivity of the greater community. Her choreography integrates dance with academic curriculum and has been performed throughout the Northwest.

She also is a frequent presenter at national conferences in dance education. In 2001 Kaufmann received the Montana Individual Artist Award for her lifelong service in dance education, and was awarded the UM Faculty Service Award in 2005. Most recently, she was honored with the 2011 National Dance Association’s Scholar/Artist Award.

For more information call the Office of the Provost at 406-243-4689, email provost@umontana.edu or go online to http://www.umt.edu/provost.

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MISSOULA –

William J. Novak, professor at the University of Michigan Law School, will present “The Constitution and the Myth of the Weak American State” at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, in Gallagher Business Building Room 123 at The University of Montana.

The event is UM’s Constitution Day Lecture, held each year to commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17, 1787. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Novak, an award-winning legal scholar and historian, joined the University of Michigan Law School faculty in 2009. He previously was an associate professor of history at the University of Chicago, where he helped found the Human Rights and the Law, Letters and Society programs. He also directed the university’s Center for Comparative Legal History. A specialist on the legal, political and intellectual history of the United States, Novak earned his doctorate in the history of American civilization from Brandeis University in 1991.


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MISSOULA –

The Montana Repertory Theatre’s Educational Outreach Tour will bring the one-man show “Writing Wild: The Adventures of Jack London” to more than 50 communities across Montana.

The 50-minute play, written by UM staff member Jay Kettering, stars Montana Rep veteran actor Cody Hyslop as Jack London and some of the most famous characters from London’s stories: Buck the Dog, French Frank, White Fang and more. It is directed by Teresa Waldorf, educational outreach coordinator at Montana Rep.

The presentation follows the Montana Rep’s Educational Outreach Tour tradition of bringing staged adaptations of works by acclaimed writers to Montana’s communities. Workshops also are planned.

The tour’s schedule (subject to change) is:

- Friday, Sept. 9: Missoula, Masquer Theatre
- Saturday, Sept. 10: Missoula, Masquer Theatre
- Monday, Sept. 12: Box Elder, Stone Child College
- Tuesday, Sept. 13: Malta, Malta High School
- Tuesday, Sept. 13: Glasgow, Glasgow High School
- Wednesday, Sept. 14: Glasgow, Glasgow High School (workshop)
- Thursday, Sept. 15: Poplar, Poplar High School
- Friday, Sept. 16: Lambert, Lambert High School
- Monday, Sept. 19: Plentywood, Plentywood High School
- Tuesday, Sept. 20: Sidney, Sidney High School
- Wednesday, Sept. 21: Sidney, Sidney Middle School
- Wednesday, Sept. 21: Savage, Savage High School
- Thursday, Sept. 22: Wibaux, Wibaux High School
- Friday, Sept. 23: Glendive, Dawson Community College Student Center
- Sunday, Sept. 25: Miles City, Miles City Public Library
- Monday, Sept. 26: Lewistown, Fergus County High School
- Tuesday, Sept. 27: Rosebud, Rosebud schools
- Wednesday, Sept. 28: Broadus, Broadus school
- Thursday, Sept. 29: Colstrip, Colstrip High School
- Friday, Sept. 30: Lame Deer, Chief Dull Knife College
- Monday, Oct. 3: Belgrade, Belgrade High School
- Tuesday, Oct. 4: Billings, Billings Parmly Library
- Thursday, Oct. 6: Red Lodge, Red Lodge High School
- Friday, Oct. 7: Livingston, Sleeping Giant Middle School
- Monday, Oct. 10: White Sulphur Springs, White Sulphur Springs High School
- Tuesday, Oct. 11: Boulder, Jefferson High School
- Wednesday, Oct. 12: Twin Bridges, Twin Bridges High School
- Thursday, Oct. 13: Butte, Webster Garfield Alternative High School
- Friday, Oct. 14: Helena, Project for Alternative Learning
- Monday, Oct. 17: Drummond, Drummond High School
- Tuesday, Oct. 18: Philipsburg, Philipsburg High School
- Wednesday, Oct. 19: Potomac, Potomac Middle School
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Thursday, Oct. 20: Pablo, Salish Kootenai College
- Friday, Oct. 21: Kalispell, Flathead Valley Community College
- Monday, Oct. 24: Browning, De La Salle Blackfeet Middle School
- Tuesday, Oct. 25: Power, Power schools
- Wednesday, Oct. 26: Choteau, Choteau High School
- Thursday, Oct. 27: Great Falls, Great Falls Public Library
- Thursday, Oct. 27: Paris Gibson Alternative High School
- Friday, Oct. 28: Judith Gap, Judith Gap High School
- Monday, Oct. 31: Troy, Troy High School
- Tuesday, Nov. 1: Eureka, Lincoln County High School
- Wednesday, Nov. 2: Noxon, Noxon schools
- Thursday, Nov. 3: Thompson Falls, Thompson Falls High School
- Friday, Nov. 4: Plains, Plains High School
- Monday, Nov. 7: Darby, Darby High School
- Tuesday, Nov. 8: Seeley Lake, Seeley-Swan High School
- Wednesday, Nov. 9: Missoula, Hellgate Middle School
- Thursday, Nov. 10: Victor, Victor High School
- Friday, Nov. 11: Missoula, Big Sky High School
- Monday, Nov. 14: Missoula, Willard Alternative High School

For more information call Teresa Waldorf at 406-243-2854 or go online to http://www.montanarep.org.

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MISSOULA—

Missoula eighth-grade and high school students and teachers interested in multiplying their mathematics knowledge are invited to participate in Math Day activities this month at The University of Montana.

The Department of Mathematics will observe the day on Friday, Sept. 23, with free, daylong workshops on various topics, a career panel and lunch, all held in the Gallagher Business Building. Students can come on their own or with their teachers. For the first time this year, workshops specifically for teachers will be featured.

Some questions to be explored include:

- How do Google Maps and other navigation systems find the shortest routes?
- What is the mathematics behind the game of SET?
- What is infinity plus 1?
- How can we make and break codes using mathematics?
- Can I use math to tune my guitar?
- Can I tell if a knot is a knot without unknotted it?
- How is playing games and solving puzzles mathematics?

Jenny McNulty, UM math professor and event co-organizer, said the workshops offer hands-on activities, not lectures, so inquiry-based exploration and group-problem solving will be emphasized.

Registration is requested by Friday, Sept. 16, so organizers can be sure they have enough food for the event. For more information or to register, visit http://www.math.umt.edu/mathcircle or email mathcircle@mso.umt.edu.

The event is made possible by a Dolciani grant from the Mathematics Association of America.

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MISSOULA –

The most famous Little League team from the state of Montana will be honored in the Garden City on Saturday, Sept. 10, at The University of Montana Grizzlies’ 2011 home opener against the Cal Poly Mustangs.

All 12 players from the Billings All-Star team, as well as the team’s managers and head coach will be introduced at midfield of Washington-Grizzly Stadium during the break between the first and second quarters of this Saturday’s game, which starts at 1:05 p.m.

The trip was made possible thanks to North Star/Neptune Aviation of Missoula which is donating two airplanes and the pilots to fly the players, managers and head coach to Missoula on Saturday. Edwards Jet Service of Billings is also providing assistance.

The Big Sky All-Stars of Billings became not only the first-ever squad from Montana to advance to the Little League World Series on Aug. 27th, but they went on to accomplish the unthinkable – playing California for the United States Championship in Williamsport, Penn. Unfortunately, the result was an 11-2 loss to Huntington Beach, Calif., in the single-elimination title game, which was aired live on national television.

Ironically the talented team from Billings had defeated the Huntington Beach squad 1-0 three days earlier in the tourney semifinal round. California rebounded to defeat a local favorite from Pennsylvania the next night in a loser-out game – setting up a rematch versus the Billings All-Stars in a winner-take-all United States championship game.

After eliminating the Billings All-Stars, the California team went on for a dramatic win, defeating Hamamatsu City of Japan 2-1 the next day for the Little League World Series Championship.

Montana began Little League World Series play with a 6-4 win over South Dakota. That was followed by a 3-1 victory over Louisiana, then the one-run decision (1-0) over California.

The Billings All-Stars defeated Bend South Little League of Bend, Ore., in the championship game of the Northwest Regional on Aug. 13. That game was played in San Bernardino, Calif.

The Big Sky All-Stars finished with an overall record of was 20-2.

The 12 players on the Montana team are:

- Ben Askelson: pitcher/catcher
- Jet Campbell: second base
- Sean Jones: third base/pitcher
- Connor Kieckbusch: second base/outfielder
- Pearce Kurth: first base/pitcher
- Ian Leatherberry: third base/second base
- Brock MacDonald: outfielder/pitcher
- Andy Maehl: outfielder/catcher
Cole McKenzie: pitcher/shortstop
Dawson Smith: first base/outfielder
Gabe Sulser: outfielder
Patrick Zimmer, shortstop/pitcher

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MISSOULA—

Renowned experts in forestry law and policy will converge at The University of Montana for the 34th Public Land Law Conference Wednesday through Friday, Sept. 14-16.

“Strengthening Our Roots: Forest Law and Policy in a Changing World” will focus on emerging issues in forest law and policy. Conference sessions, which are free and open to the public, will be held at the University Center and begin with an opening keynote address at 7 p.m. Sept. 14 in the UC Theater.

That speaker will be Charles Wilkinson, Distinguished University Professor at the University of Colorado Law School, who has authored 13 books, including the standard law texts in public land law and Indian law. His most recent book, "The People Are Dancing Again: The History of the Siletz Tribe of Western Oregon," will be sold at the event, and Wilkinson will be available to sign copies.

Organized by the student-run UM Public Land and Resources Law Review, the conference brings more than two dozen forest law and policy experts from throughout the United States to campus to discuss issues such as forest regulation history, new planning rules, American Indian use rights, collaborative forest conservation, forest law and the media, climate change, and the economy.

Other featured experts include Jack Ward Thomas, former chief of the U.S. Forest Service and retired Boone and Crockett Professor of Wildlife Biology at UM; William Rodgers, law professor at the University of Washington; and Jane Cottrell, Forest Service Region One Deputy Forest Supervisor.

“We are thrilled about this conference line up,” said Matt Pugh, conference co-editor. “Many believe it is the best gathering of experts ever featured at this conference.”

Conference co-editor Dave Whisenand promises anyone interested in forest policy is in for a treat. “If you live anywhere close to Missoula and have an interest in forest management, it is worth your drive,” he said.

Panel discussions get under way at 8 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 15, run all day and conclude at noon on Friday, Sept. 16.

For more information about the Public Land Law Conference, including events and individual speakers, visit the Public Land and Resources Law Review website at http://publiclandlawreview.com or contact Whisenand at 651-216-1085 or davewhisenand@gmail.com or Pugh at 406-253-8984 or mattpugh@gmail.com.

Ten Continuing Legal Education Credits are available for practicing attorneys who attend the conference. They can register at the door or contact one of the editors in advance to pre-register.

The Public Land and Resources Law Review is published by a board of student editors at the UM School of Law. It features both professional and student-written articles exploring a broad range of current issues in public land and resource law, environmental law and federal Indian law.

The publication encourages those interested in public land and resources law, environmental law and federal Indian law to publish the results of their work and research, express their ideas and further discussion and research in these areas. The first Public Land Law Conference was held in 1978, and traditionally it has been organized around a particular legal issue.

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HAMILTON—

Residents of the Bitterroot Valley and beyond are invited to bounce business ideas off some of the industry’s best minds during a seminar in Hamilton next month.

“The Sunflower MATRIX: Introducing a New Model for Business Success” will feature an afternoon and early evening of business strategy discussions, question-and-answer sessions and mentoring led by three expert panelists. Sponsored by the Bitterroot College Program of The University of Montana, the event will run from 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at the Hamilton Performing Arts Center.

Victoria Clark, director of the Bitterroot College Program, said the seminar is for people who have a business idea, want to know how to launch a business or are wondering how to improve on a business that already exists.

Panelists are Rob Ryan, founding CEO of Ascend Communications, a company that grew to 5,000 employees and sold to AT&T for a record amount; Joe Graziano, former CFO of Apple Computers Inc. and a retired Silicon Valley financial executive; and Dan Floyd, a business development and implementation strategist and founder/co-founder of VSLI Technology, CASI and Coastal Inns of Distinction.

Each panelist will present an afternoon session and combine for an evening panel.

- 3:30-4:30 p.m.: “Your Business Idea and Implementation,” presentation and question-and-answer session by Floyd.
- 4:30-5 p.m.: Intermission, concessions available.
- 5-7 p.m.: “Putting Your Business Idea to the Test.” Ryan, Graziano and Floyd provide on-the-spot feedback to audience members on their business ideas, as well as troubleshoot issues with existing businesses. Audience members interested in participating may fill out questionnaires during intermission; business ideas and issues are then selected at random from the pool of questionnaires.

The seminar costs $75 if guests register on or before Friday, Sept. 23, after which the fee increases to $100. Those interested in attending only the “Putting Your Business to the Test” panel discussion may register at any time for $50.

All seminar proceeds benefit the Bitterroot College Program.

To register visit http://www.umt.edu/bcp/sunflower.aspx or call 406-375-0100.

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MISSOULA –

Heavy metal band Five Finger Death Punch will perform live in concert at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24, in the Adams Center at The University of Montana.

General admission tickets cost $29.75, plus applicable fees, and go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 9, at The Source in the University Center, online at http://www.griztix.com or by calling 888-MONTANA.

Five Finger Death Punch has toured with the likes of Korn, Atreyu, Slipknot and Disturbed. The band recently released their first single, “Under and Over It,” from their forthcoming album, “American Capitalist.” Metal bands All That Remains, Hatebreed and Rev Theory will open for Five Finger Death Punch. The concert is a Knitting Factory Presents production.

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana Regents Professor Emeritus Fred Allendorf recently received the American Fisheries Society’s 2011 Award of Excellence.

The award, one of the organization’s most prestigious, is presented for original and outstanding contributions to fisheries and aquatic biology. Allendorf, who still teaches in UM’s Division of Biological Sciences, was chosen in recognition of his contributions to fisheries science in applying genetic principles to conservation and management.

In a letter recommending Allendorf for the award, Michael Hansen, head of the Department of Biological Sciences at Aarhus University in Denmark, said, “Allendorf is the person who has been most influential in defining the tremendously important field of conservation genetics by integrating analysis of genetic markers with cutting-edge population genetics theory and developing novel concepts and both practical and theoretical frameworks.”

William E. Ricker received the first Award of Excellence in 1969. The award consists of a bronze medal and a certificate mounted in a plaque. It was presented to Allendorf at the society’s annual meeting Sept. 5 in Seattle.

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MISSOULA —

As a survivor of the Bataan Death March and a Japanese prisoner of war for more than three years, Montana artist Ben Steele’s work provides some of the most haunting images of World War II. A new exhibition opening Friday, Sept. 23, at the Montana Museum of Art & Culture at The University of Montana features oil paintings and drawings donated by Steele and his wife, Shirley, in 2010.

Steele endured years of starvation, dehydration, hard labor and torture as a prisoner of war. In late 1942, while hospitalized with a nearly lethal combination of dysentery, pneumonia, malaria, blood poisoning and beriberi, Steele began drawing scenes depicting the Japanese invasion of the Philippines, the capture of American and Filipino POWs and the degradation and cruelty to which prisoners were subjected.

The bulk of the drawings Steele created as a POW were destroyed in the war. Only two originals remain, created on the back of stolen Japanese military ledgers. Steele, with a near photographic memory, re-created most of his POW art during his recovery at Baxter Hospital in Spokane, Wash., and while studying art at the Cleveland Art Institute from 1947 to 1950. Steele later received teaching credentials from Kent State University and earned a Master of Art from the University of Denver.

“We are deeply grateful to Ben and Shirley for their generous gift,” said Barbara Koostra, MMAC director. “It is a vital part of Montana’s cultural heritage.”

A native Montanan who grew up on a ranch outside of Roundup, Steele attributes art making to his survival, recovery and process of forgiveness after the war. Ultimately, Steele’s message is that of peace.

Steele and his wife will attend the opening reception for the exhibition from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23, in the lobby of UM’s Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. The event will feature refreshments and live music by Cosmopolitan Caravan, a WWII-era big band featuring solo vocalist John Semmons. A presentation by the UM ROTC Color Guard will start at 6:30 p.m., followed by remarks from UM President Royce Engstrom.

The event will be held in conjunction with an installment of UM’s President’s Lecture Series by WWII historian and MIT Ford International Professor of History John Dower. The lecture, “The Cultures of War: Pearl Harbor/Hiroshima/9/11/Iraq,” will take place at 8 p.m. Sept. 23 in the University Theatre.

Both events are free and open to the public.


Several other events held in conjunction with the exhibit are listed below.

- **7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, Montana Theatre**: Lecture by Michael and Elizabeth Norman, authors of the 2009 New York Times best-seller “Tears in the Darkness: The Story of the Bataan Death March and Its Aftermath” about Steele. The lecture will feature the artist as a special guest.
- **5:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, Montana Theatre**: “War Poetry: Poetry is in the Pity,” a lecture by Lisa Simon, UM English professor. The lecture, held in honor of Veterans Day, is an installment of the Humanities Montana Speakers Bureau program.
- **7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, Masquer Theatre**: Lecture and film, “The Tragedy of Bataan” by Jan Thompson, associate professor at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and president of the Descendants Group Auxiliary of the American Defenders of Bataan & Corregidor. The event is co-sponsored by the Broadcast Media Center.

Steele also is the subject of two courses offered through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UM. James V. Koch, president emeritus of UM and Old Dominion University, will teach a course titled WWII in the Pacific from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, Oct. 13-Nov. 17. Herbert Swick and Keith Hardin will teach a MOLLI short course titled Surviving Bataan: The Art of Ben Steele from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Fridays, Oct. 14-28. Steele will make a special visit during the final class. More information on MOLLI courses is available online at [http://umt.edu/ce/plus50/](http://umt.edu/ce/plus50/).

Support for the exhibit came from an anonymous donor, Humanities Montana, retired Col. Thomas P. Ross, MOLLI, the Western Montana Military Officers Association, the Missoulian, and MMAC members Koch and his wife, Donna, and Bob Strahs.
MMAC's fall hours are noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday. For more information call 406-243-2019 or go online to http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum.

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

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MISSOULA –

The Associated Students of The University of Montana will offer several opportunities for students and community members to get informed and involved in politics during “Join the Revolution: An Invitation to Get Involved” Monday through Saturday, Sept. 12-17.

Events will kick off with a panel titled “Politics, Money, Education: What Students Should Know” at 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 12, in the University Center Theater. The panel will feature state Superintendent of Public Instruction Denise Juneau, Montana Commissioner of Higher Education Sheila Stearns, UM President Royce Engstrom and state Senate Minority Leader Carol Williams. Former ASUM President Ashleen Williams will moderate the panel, which will cover topics such as the most recent legislative session, funding for the Montana University System and academic standards for Montana students.

Other “Join the Revolution” events are:

- **5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 13, UC Theater**: Missoula City Council candidate forum. Candidates will discuss community issues concerning students, such as occupancy standards and a proposed “social host” ordinance.

- **6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, UC 326-327**: Weekly ASUM Senate meeting. Former state Senate Majority Leader Fred Thomas will discuss how his involvement in student government helped prepare him for leadership at the state level.

- **10 a.m.-2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 15, UC Atrium/Mansfield Mall**: Get Involved Political Fair. More than 50 student groups, nonprofit organizations and agencies will provide information and register participants to vote.

- **10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 17, Washington-Grizzly Stadium**: Griz Vote! Student volunteers organized by ASUM will help students register to vote before and during the football game against Eastern Washington.

For more information on “Join the Revolution: An Invitation to Get Involved,” call ASUM President Jenifer Gursky at 406-243-3172, email asum.president@mso.umt.edu or go online to [http://life.umt.edu/asum/events/Revolution.php](http://life.umt.edu/asum/events/Revolution.php).

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MISSOULA —

The 10th Annual University Community Ice Cream Social to welcome new and returning students to The University of Montana and Missoula neighborhoods will be held from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18.

The street party will take place on the 400 block of University Avenue. The event features live music from the Andrea Harsell & Aaron Anderson Experience and much mingling. UM President Royce Engstrom and Missoula Mayor John Engen will attend. UM mascot Monte also will make an appearance.

Participants can visit with their neighbors, browse informational tables and win door prizes. There will be free ice cream for all.

The event, held since 2002, was created by an informal group called the Thoughtful Neighbors to celebrate the diversity that UM students bring to the Missoula community. Thoughtful Neighbors is an evolving mix of University neighborhood homeowners and residents, UM students and administrators, the UM Foundation and UM Alumni Association, and members of several charitable and service organizations.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana has transitioned to a new open-source learning management system called Moodle.

The transition from Blackboard to Moodle came after a state of Montana requirement to review the University’s learning management system. The decision to change systems was made after polling the needs of the campus community and surveying the experiences of other institutions. During the assessment, faculty and students expressed preferences for particular features offered by Moodle.

The transition began last spring, and initial feedback from faculty has indicated a preference for Moodle over Blackboard.

"Any major system transition like this requires collaboration between faculty, students and administrators and pushes us beyond our normal routines and comfort levels," said Roger Maclean, School of Extended & Lifelong Learning dean. "In this case, all parties involved have exceeded our needs and expectations and made this a very successful conversion."

"We’ve been impressed by the substantial efforts the faculty has made in figuring out the new system and redesigning their online courses," said Robert Squires, UM’s interim director of instructional design. "The focus is now shifting to how we can best leverage the enhanced functionality to provide the highest quality educational experiences for UM students."

The UMOnline team and the Learning Management System Advisory Committee are available to help faculty and instructors become familiar with the new system as they rebuild their spring 2012 courses.

Workshops, online tutorials for faculty and students, IT short courses, tip sheets and step-by-step video guides will continue to be offered this fall. Technical support is now offered on the mountain campus by dedicated UM personnel and is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding University holidays. Resources and a schedule of training dates can be found online at [http://umonline.umt.edu/default.aspx](http://umonline.umt.edu/default.aspx).

The Learning Management System Advisory Committee is comprised of the following individuals who serve as the point person for their respective departments:

- Jesse Munro, College of Arts and Sciences
- Libby Covelli, College of Forestry and Conservation
- Stacey Gordon, School of Law
- David Firth, School of Business Administration
- Danielle Wozniak, College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences
- Linda Eagleheart, College of Technology
- Lisa Blank, College of Education and Human Sciences
- Ray Fanning, School of Journalism
- Rick Hughes, College of Visual and Performing Arts, committee chair
- Laure Pengelly Drake, Davidson Honors College

For information on workshops or for access to online support, visit the “Moodle workshops” link at [http://umonline.umt.edu](http://umonline.umt.edu). For specific questions call Squires at 406-243-6056 or email robert.squires@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

Matthew Daley, a former deputy assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific affairs, will deliver a lecture titled “China’s New Assertiveness in Southeast Asia: The Case of Burma” at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 6, in Todd Building Room 204 at The University of Montana. The presentation is free and open to the public.

Daley, a past president of the United States Association of Southeast Asian Nations Business Council, will discuss some of the recent developments in Myanmar (formerly known as Burma), with a focus on a possible opening of political space for politicians and civil society. He also will describe China’s increasingly close relationship with Myanmar, a country whose leadership the U.S. has condemned; factors that shaped America’s policy with Myanmar; and Obama administration efforts to expand room for maneuvers for both the U.S. and opposition forces within Myanmar.

China’s growing assertiveness in the international arena has gained attention in American media and throughout Asia. Critics cite the Copenhagen climate change negotiations, China’s stance at the Doha Economic Summit and security issues in the South China Sea as examples.

The presentation is sponsored by the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, Nargis Library Recovery, World Affairs Council of Montana, UM School of Extended and Lifelong Learning and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UM.

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MISSOULA –

Montana’s own Wylie & the Wild West will perform Friday, Oct. 7, at The University of Montana.

The evening of great western music starts at 8 p.m. in the historic University Theatre and is presented by University Theatre Productions.

Tickets cost $16 in advance or $18 at the door, with children 14 and younger admitted free of charge. Tickets are available at all GrizTix locations, by calling 888-MONTANA or online at http://www.griztix.com.

Wylie & the Wild West have performed more than 45 times at the Grand Ole Opry. The group also has played some of the world’s greatest stages during the past 20 years, including the Kennedy Center and Lincoln Center. Appearances also include the National Cowboy Poetry Festival and the National Folk Festival in Butte from 2009 to 2011.

Lead singer Wylie Gustafson did the original yodel for Yahoo commercials and is the author of “How to Yodel: Lessons to Tickle Your Tonsils.”

For more information call University Theatre Director Thomas Webster at 406-243-2853.

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana researchers are teaming up with K-12 teachers of the Montana Geographic Alliance to develop and test middle school curriculum designed to illuminate cultural and environmental changes in North America while simultaneously teaching students cyber-based skills.

The National Science Foundation recently funded the project with a $250,000 grant from its Cyberinfrastructure Training, Education, Advancement and Mentoring for Our 21st Century Workforce program. The grant was awarded to Heather Almquist, faculty affiliate in UM’s Department of Geography; Sarah Halvorson, UM associate professor of geography, and Lisa Blank, UM professor of curriculum and instruction.

The curriculum aims to provide middle school classrooms with an authentic, user-centered and collaborative learning experience. Students will collect paleoecological, paleoclimate and archeological records and combine them with Native American oral histories to develop a picture of past geographic conditions where no written record exists.

Using historical data, students will compare information from independent sources and various cultural perspectives to develop a robust understanding of natural- and human-induced changes on the landscape.

Students will learn to use cyber-based tools to conduct scholarly research, collaborate effectively with peers and communicate professionally with their intended audience. The project aims to be a model for introducing higher level cyber-based skills to middle school students. These skills typically are not employed until college, despite a number of studies that illustrate younger students are very capable of acquiring them.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will offer a presentation for international students and scholars titled “Know Your Rights” from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 7, in the University Center Theater. The event is organized by UM and the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the District of Montana.

The session will cover civil rights issues, the criminal justice system and police procedures for various types of offenses. Participants also will learn about the kind of legal services available on campus.

UM Legal Counsel David Aronofsky will lead a panel discussion during the event. Other panelists will include:

- Tara Elliott, U.S. Department of Justice
- Jodi Bard, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
- Gary Henricks, Missoula City Attorney’s Office
- Curt Trowbridge, Missoula Police Department
- Anne Hamilton, UM Legal Services for Students

International students and scholars are encouraged to attend the event, which also is open to the public. For more information call UM Foreign Student and Scholar Services at 406-243-2226.

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