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MISSOULA —

Players on the Montana Grizzlies football team are leading an effort to give back to the community with the seventh annual Griz for Kids Toy Drive on Saturday, Nov. 5, at The University of Montana.

Fans can drop off new, unwrapped toys or cash donations at all entrances to Washington-Grizzly Stadium before the Griz game against Western Oregon University. All gifts are tax-deductible.

Those unable to attend the game can make cash donations at all Missoula Federal Credit Union locations and credit union members can donate online. Cash donations will be used to purchase needed items such as clothing for teens and pre-teens, books and art supplies.

Last year’s drive brought in thousands of toys for western Montana children in need during the holiday season. This year, linebacker Jordan Tripp is in charge of organizing the drive. Tripp hopes to top last year’s event when Griz fans filled three delivery trucks with bags of toys and contributed more than $3,000 in cash donations.

“Griz for Kids is a great cause that allows the community to give to those less fortunate,” Tripp said. “The true gift is that children in need will have a better holiday season because of the fans' generosity.”

The gifts will be distributed to Mountain Home Montana, Head Start/Child Start, Child and Family Services, Youth Homes Inc., Watson Children’s Shelters, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, WORD/Futures Program, A.W.A.R.E and Teen Challenge Montana.

Sponsors of the event include UM and the Montana Grizzlies in partnership with Mountain Broadcasting, Max Media (ABC 23 and FOX 23.1), Missoula Federal Credit Union and Beach Transportation. The event is held in conjunction with 102.5 Mountain FM’s Mountain of Giving Toy Drive.

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MISSOULA –

The Public Policy and Leadership Initiative of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at The University of Montana is now accepting applications for the Pat Williams Scholarships for internships and research awards.

Grants ranging from $500 to $2,000 are available for UM undergraduate and graduate students and will be awarded to projects that fall under the areas of public policy and leadership. Past grants have provided critical assistance for UM students.

"The Pat Williams Scholarship was a tremendous help with my Washington, D.C., internship," said Logan Timmerhoff, who interned at the White House this summer. "A million little costs add up fast; the scholarship allowed me to focus on my internship experience and not worry about how I was going to pay for it."

"The Pat Williams Scholarship gave me the extra support I needed to supplement my education with research in Mexico, a truly invaluable experience," said Emily Gutierrez, a UM undergraduate studying political science.

Recipients will use the grants during the upcoming Wintersession and 2012 spring and summer semesters. Application criteria are available at http://www.umt.edu/mansfield and applications are due Monday, Nov. 28. Awardees will be contacted by Dec. 14, and their names also will be posted on the center’s website.

Grants will be made in two areas:

- **Internships:** Students must already have a specific internship in mind to which the funds would be applied, but can consult with their department or the Mansfield Center for relevant opportunities.

- **Research:** Students must have sufficient background in the discipline of the major to conduct meaningful research and the ability to develop and carry out a research project under the guidance of a faculty mentor. The faculty mentor’s written agreement to work with the student is required.

The Mansfield Center was established in 1983 to honor former Sen. Mike Mansfield’s long and distinguished service. The center hosts programs that embody the core interests and characteristics of Mansfield’s career: ethics in public affairs and modern Asian affairs. It serves as a resource to students and the general community, offering speakers, courses and scholarships.

The Public Policy and Leadership Initiative follows Mansfield’s example by emphasizing the global nature of responsible decision-making, ethical leadership and the skills necessary for considered policy development. This marks the third year the program has granted scholarships. Last year, more than $30,000 was awarded to students in a range of fields.

The Pat Williams Scholarships are made possible by a congressionally appropriated grant administered by the U.S. Department of Education. The funding of these internships and research does not imply endorsement of specific activities by the federal government.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana and Grateful Nation Montana will dedicate a campus memorial to Montana troops who have died in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4.

The Fallen Soldier Memorial, located along historic Memorial Row near the Lindsay Tennis Center on the northeast side of campus, features five larger-than-life bronze statues by Lincoln artist Rick Rowley. The names of the 40 service members from Montana who have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan will be engraved on granite markers surrounding the memorial.

The unveiling is free and open to the public, and a reception will follow in the Phyllis J. Washington Education Center adjacent to the memorial site.

Several invited dignitaries, including Montana’s congressional delegation, five brigadier generals and families of the honored troops, are expected to attend the dedication.

“This Fallen Soldier Memorial will be a grand tribute to the sacrifice of soldiers and the service of all members of our Armed Forces,” said David Bell, Grateful Nation Montana co-founder and a UM alumnus. “It will stand as a source of patriotism and pride for future generations.”

The Fallen Soldier Memorial is a joint project between UM and Grateful Nation Montana. John McCarrick, who taught for several years on the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation, and Bell established Grateful Nation Montana in 2007 to offer college scholarships and support to children of Montana soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan. Participating institutions, including UM, provide tutoring and mentoring to eligible students during high school to help prepare them academically and emotionally to succeed in college.

“This memorial will honor the memory of those Montanans who have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country, while making an important and powerful addition to our campus,” UM President Royce C. Engstrom said. "It’s fittingly placed near our Memorial Row tree grove, which honors those who gave their lives in service during World War I. David Bell’s contribution is a tremendous act of recognition and respect, and I thank him."

The dedication ceremony is part of UM’s Military Reunion, slated for Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 3-6. The inaugural reunion will provide a unique opportunity for UM veterans to reconnect with the University and fellow alumni veterans. It will include the Military Appreciation Day observance at the Grizzlies’ home football game, a pregame tailgate, campus and Missoula tours and a social hosted by Engstrom. More details and a complete schedule are online at http://www.grizalum.org/events/military.


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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Women’s Resource Center will host the annual Take Back the Night march, which begins at 4:15 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, at the Grizzly Bear statue on the UM campus and ends with a rally and reception at 6 p.m. in Caras Park. The event is free and open to the public.

Missoula Take Back the Night is part of a worldwide effort to reclaim the streets in protest of interpersonal violence in our communities.

The march will begin with a silent candlelight vigil recognizing the survivors of interpersonal violence. Candles, signs, march route maps and chants will be provided. Organizers encourage participants to bring their own signs.

The Caras Park event will feature speeches from Jamie Merifield, Missoula Police Department detective; Eilis O’Herlily, Student Assault Resource Center coordinator; and Megan Fitzpatrick, community member and survivor of sexual and domestic violence. SARC advocates also will be standing by to speak with anyone who wishes.

The event will include music from DJ Adelaide; refreshments donated by Black Coffee Roasting Company, Le Petit Outre, Tipu’s Chai, Good Food Store and Costco; and art stations where participants are welcome create expressive paintings and drawings.

For more information about the UM Women’s Resource Center, go to http://www.umt.edu/wcenter. For more information about the Take Back the Night Foundation, go to http://www.takebackthenight.org.

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MISSOULA —


The lecture is in conjunction with the Montana Museum of Art and Culture exhibition "War Torn: The Art of Ben Steele: Paintings and Drawings from the Bataan Death March." The exhibition features oil paintings and drawings by Montana artist, World War II veteran and Bataan Death March survivor Ben Steele, the subject of the Normans’ book. Steele and his wife, Shirley, will attend the lecture and join the authors on stage for questions.

The Steeles donated Ben’s artwork to the MMAC Permanent Collection in 2010.

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

Steele endured starvation, dehydration, hard labor and torture as a survivor of the Bataan Death March and a Japanese prisoner of war for more than three years. 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. His work represents one of the rare firsthand visual accounts of the Bataan Death March.

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.

Support for the exhibit came from an anonymous donor, Humanities Montana, retired Col. Thomas P. Ross, the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UM, the Western Montana Military Officers Association, the Missoulian, and MMAC members Bob Strahs and James and Donna Koch.

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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HAMILTON –

The steering committee for the Bitterroot College Program of The University of Montana will hold its monthly meeting at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, in the Human Resource Council Building Meeting Room, located at 316 N. Third St. in Hamilton.

The BCP steering committee 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 are available 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 currently offers more than 30 UM courses in the Hamilton area.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana has received a five-year, $1.25 million grant to provide in-depth preparation and training for special education teachers in the state.

The grant will fund a collaborative project of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction and the Rural Institute on Disabilities called Training Teachers to Ensure Achievement and Membership for Children and Youth with Low Incidence Disabilities.

It will cover the cost of tuition, books, assistive technology starter kits and stipends for qualifying graduate students while they learn to work with children and youth with various special needs, including those who are deaf, blind, autistic or have physical disabilities.

“We have designed a program that blends online instruction with face-to-face, on-campus coursework during the summer,” said Gail McGregor, research professor at the Rural Institute for Disabilities. “This will allow us to recruit participants from across Montana, impacting schools, students and families statewide.”

McGregor and Morgen Alwell, associate professor of curriculum and instruction, will lead the project at UM.

“We are thrilled to receive this award,” Alwell said. “It will allow us to collaborate to provide specialized training for graduate students and teachers in the field and impact the quality of educational services received by children and youth with disabilities in Montana.”

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Folklore Society will host its annual Town and Gown Dance from 8 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5, in the University Center Ballroom. The event is free and open to the public, but donations are appreciated to help cover expenses.

The dance will include a variety of traditional American folk dances but will focus on contra, a form of old English country dancing that traveled through France (where it came to be known as contra) and then to the American colonies, where New Englanders modified it to fit into the long, narrow floor spaces of barns. Two long lines of people dance a series of simple figures, continually moving along the line until each person has danced with everyone else.

A beginners’ workshop will be held at 7:30 p.m. before the main dance begins, and Bev Young will teach and call dances throughout the evening. Wise River Mercantile, a band that specializes in old-time fiddle tunes, jigs and reels, will provide live music. Dress is casual and eclectic.

The Missoula Folklore Society sponsors two contra dances on the first and third Saturdays of each month at Union Hall, located at 208 E. Main St. in Missoula. Every November the UM Folklore Society holds its Town & Gown Dance to get the campus and local community dancing together.

More information is available online at http://missoulafolk.org.

Contact: Vicki Watson, UM environmental studies professor and UM Folklore Society adviser, 406-243-5153, vicki.watson@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA –

Elizabeth Kolbert, one of the nation’s leading science and nature writers and author of The University of Montana’s 2011 First-Year Reading Experience selection, will present the next installment of the President’s Lecture Series at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, in the University Theatre. The lecture will be held in conjunction with Day of Dialogue events at UM.


Kolbert also will present a seminar, “Welcome to the Anthropocene: Living in a Man-Made World,” from 3:40 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. Both events are free and open to the public.

The award-winning “Field Notes from a Catastrophe” grew out of a three-part series Kolbert wrote for The New Yorker magazine, where she has worked as a staff writer since 1999. It breaks down the science and politics of climate change and relays the personal stories of people already feeling its effects.

Kolbert’s work also has appeared in The New York Times Magazine, Vogue, Mother Jones and has been anthologized in “The Best American Science and Nature Writing” and “The Best American Political Writing.” She has won numerous awards for her writing, including the 2010 National Magazine Award in the reviews and criticism category.

More information about the President’s Lecture Series is online at http://umt.edu/president/events/lectures/. More information about UM’s First-Year Reading Experience is available at http://libguides.lib.umt.edu/fyreading. A complete Day of Dialogue schedule is online at http://life.umt.edu/dod/flags.php.

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana Dining Services will participate in Food Day 2011 on Monday, Oct. 24. Food Day is the observance of a growing national movement that seeks to educate people about the current state of the American food system, and inspire them to change their eating habits.

Activities will include special menus, free films and a soup tasting quiz game. Menus in the Food Zoo Dining Room, and Casa Nina and The Patty Shack in the University Center Food Court will highlight items purchased from Montana farmers and ranchers through the UM Farm to College Program.

A selection of free films addressing food production and sustainability issues will play throughout the day in the UC Food Court Commons. The schedule is:

- **11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**: “King Corn” examines the role that the increasing production of corn has had on the society.
- **1-2:30 p.m.**: “Vanishing of the Bees” explores the investigation of possible factors leading to Colony Collapse Disorder.
- **3-4:30 p.m.**: “Fresh” celebrates the nation’s farmers who are moving away from the industrial farm model in favor of more sustainable and healthier agricultural methods.

For more information about Food Day 2011, visit the UDS website at [http://life.umt.edu/dining](http://life.umt.edu/dining).

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MISSOULA —

The University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research has earned three national Awards of Excellence in Publications for the Montana Business Quarterly, the Montana Kids Count Data Book and the Montana Manufacturers Survey.

The awards were presented by the Association for University Business and Economic Research, which recently held a conference in Indianapolis. AUBER is the professional association of business and economic research organizations at public and private universities and consists of 100 leading university-based economic research centers.

Published by BBER, the Montana Business Quarterly is distributed to nearly 2,500 subscribers and includes articles on Montana’s business and economic climate. The Montana Kids Count Data Book is an annual publication of the Montana Kids Count program and is designed for those interested in the status and well-being of Montana’s children and vulnerable families. The Montana Manufacturers Survey informs the public about the status of manufacturing in Montana and is used as an informational tool for businesses throughout the state.

“We’re proud of the quality and effectiveness of our publications,” said BBER Director Patrick Barkey. “It is especially satisfying to see our work recognized on a national stage.”

The Montana Business Quarterly staff includes Shannon Furniss, editor; Christina Henderson, marketing director; and Nate Hegyi, publications assistant. Gwen Landquist was responsible for cover design. The Kids Count Data book was produced by Thale Dillon, Kids Count director, Furniss and Hegyi. The Montana Manufacturers Survey was the responsibility of Charles E. Keegan III, Todd A. Morgan, John Baldride, Furniss and Hegyi.

BBER monitors economic and business conditions in Montana, providing information to individuals, businesses and government agencies across the state.

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MISSOULA –

Missoula’s Sustainable Business Council has named Vicki Watson, a professor in The University of Montana’s Environmental Studies Program, its Sustainability Advocate of the Year.

The award honors Watson for her longtime commitment to various sustainability initiatives. Watson, who has taught environmental studies at UM for nearly 30 years, has been a supporter of SBC and various sustainability organizations. She organized the Sustainability Lecture Series at UM last fall, regularly recruits students to work on green community service projects, and advises students interested in internships with local green organizations and businesses. She also served as the first chair of UM’s Sustainable Campus Committee.

Watson will accept her award during a ceremony at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, at The Loft, located at 119 W. Main St. in Missoula. The ceremony, which also will feature refreshments, a silent auction and a panel discussion with the award winners, is free and open to the public.

Each year, SBC presents awards to recognize outstanding contributions to sustainable practices and the resulting positive effect on the quality of life in Missoula and western Montana. Recipients must have made progress in all three aspects of sustainability: people, planet and profit.

More information is online at http://www.sustainablebusinesscouncil.org/.

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MISSOULA –

A leading expert on international conflicts and post-conflict transitions will speak Wednesday, Oct. 26, at The University of Montana.

Melissa Payson will present “Negotiating With Terrorists? A Firsthand Account of Discussions With Tribal and Religious Leaders in North Waziristan” at 7 p.m. in the University Center Theater. Sponsored by UM’s Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center, the event is free and open to the public.

Payson has spent 18 years working to end conflicts in Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kosovo, Bosnia-Herzegovina and elsewhere. She has spent the past three years talking with local leaders in North Waziristan on the border of Afghanistan and Pakistan, a territory U.S. officials call the epicenter for global terrorism.

In her lecture Payson will discuss the anxieties and fears many tribal leaders in the area express concerning American military actions on the ground, views on ways to overcome current hostilities and workable options for stability and peace.

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MISSOULA –

The Friends of the M Trail and Run Wild Missoula will hold a volunteer M Trail maintenance day Saturday, Oct. 22, on Mount Sentinel.

The event runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and volunteers are welcome to drop in for any amount of time. Crews will build a stair structure at switchback No. 6 on the trail and pull weeds in other areas.

Lunch will be served at noon. Volunteers who plan to attend during the lunch hour are asked to RSVP by calling 410-353-1944.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana’s annual “Can the Cats” food drive competition against Montana State University kicks off Saturday, Nov. 5, and runs through Saturday, Nov. 19.

The winner of the competition – whoever collects the most pounds of food – will be announced during the Nov. 19 Griz-Cat game in Bozeman. The canned food UM collects will benefit the Missoula Food Bank.

Designated canned food boxes for “Can the Cats” will be located in UM residence halls, the University Center, the Mansfield Library, Main Hall, the Davidson Honors College, the Missoula YMCA, Orange Street Food Farm, all Albertsons locations, the Good Food Store, Worden’s Market, the McLeod Avenue Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Swift Building. Karl Tyler Chevrolet, the competition’s major sponsor, also will have a collection box.

Contributions also can be made directly to the Missoula Food Bank during the collection period, but donors must specify that their donations are for “Can the Cats.” Food collected before Nov. 5 will not be counted for the competition.

Volunteers also will collect food and monetary donations at the Nov. 5 home football game at Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

UM’s Office for Civic Engagement, one of the competition’s coordinators, encourages people to donate items such as potatoes, rice and canned vegetables, fruit and tuna. Monetary donations will be converted to pounds, with $1.60 equaling one pound of food.

Last year’s competition between the two rivals gathered more than 40,000 pounds of food for food banks in Missoula and Bozeman. This year’s goal is 60,000 pounds.

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MISSOULA –

Art students from The University of Montana and community schools will gather outside the University Theatre from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 27, for the annual Day of the Dead Steamroller Print Project.

Using a steamroller as a printing press, artists will create giant relief prints, some as large as 4 feet by 8 feet, to be carried in Missoula’s annual Day of the Dead Parade at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Started in 2001 by students enrolled in printmaking courses at UM, the project has grown into one of the longest-running steamroller print events in the nation and also engages students from local schools and community artists.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana will host two esteemed international experts who will give lectures on Thursday, Nov. 3, and Friday, Nov. 4. All events are free and open to the public.

Emilio Gonzalez Ferrin, professor of Arabic and Islamic thought at the University of Seville in Spain, will present “The Arab Awakening” from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3, in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. Earlier in the day he also will present “Al-Andalus: East in the West” from noon to 1 p.m. in Stone Hall Room 303.

Jonathan Spyer is a journalist, author, researcher and lecturer, specializing in the areas of Israeli strategy, Lebanon and Syria. He will present “The Syrian Uprising: Succeeding or Stagnating?” from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, in Stone Hall Room 303. Spyer also will present “Israel, Iran and the Arab Upheavals: A Strategic Overview of the Middle East” at 7 p.m. that day in University Center Room 330.

Ferrin’s talks are sponsored by UM International Programs, the Department of Sociology and the Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center.

Spyer’s presentations are sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Montana, UM’s International Programs, Liberal Studies Program and the Central and Southwest Asian Studies Center.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana’s Student Assault Resource Center will raise awareness of sexual violence in the community by hosting the Clothesline Project, Monday through Wednesday, Oct. 24-26, in the University Center.

Organizers invite those directly or indirectly affected by sexual violence – which includes rape, relationship violence and stalking – to decorate T-shirts with personal messages and expressions of overcoming violence from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

T-shirts created during the Clothesline Project will be displayed during the Nov. 4 Take Back the Night Rally in Missoula’s Caras Park to illustrate that violence happens everywhere and to help survivors realize they are not alone.

“Of the many barriers that prevent survivors of interpersonal violence from seeking help, stigma and isolation are two of the most powerful,” said Eilis O’Herlihy, SARC coordinator. “Creating a dialogue around these issues is instrumental in creating change and encouraging healing.”

The Clothesline Project is a nationally recognized awareness event that began in 1990 in Massachusetts. SARC is a crisis-intervention and advocacy center located in UM’s Curry Health Center. SARC offers free and confidential services to survivors and their friends, partners and family members. In-person advocacy is available from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and survivors can call 406-243-6559 for services 24 hours a day, seven days a week during the academic year.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana School of Music will present the fourth annual “Pianissimo!” concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, in the UM Music Recital Hall.

With a total of eight pianos on stage, the gala event will feature a wide variety of works and styles for solo piano, piano duet, multiple piano works and more. The pieces will be performed by some of Missoula’s most prominent and distinguished pianists.

The event is open to the public, and tickets cost $20 for adults and $10 for students and seniors. They can be purchased online at http://www.umt.edu/music/tickets/, by calling the UM music department at 406-243-4581 or at the door the night of the event.

Performers include UM faculty members Steven Hesla, Christopher Hahn, Nancy Cooper and Barbara Blegen, as well as Margery Whatley, Dorothy Peterson, Molly Morrison, Charles Kasl, Gary Bowman, Scott Billadeau and Jodi Marshall. UM piano students also will take part in the performances.

A reception hosted by Liquid Planet will follow the concert.

“Pianissimo!” is a benefit concert for the UM Keyboard Society, and proceeds will help piano students attend conferences, fund performance travel, sponsor events and bring in guest artists.

Proceeds also will help with much-needed maintenance and care for UM’s pianos to provide instruments that will attract the best students to the University’s music programs.

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MISSOULA —

The University of Montana School of Business Administration, in partnership with the Learning by Giving Foundation, is now accepting grant proposals from Missoula County nonprofit organizations.

Business students enrolled in the Individual and Corporate Philanthropy course will distribute grants ranging from $2,000 to $10,000 to eligible nonprofits. The total amount of money available through the program is $10,000.

The goal of the course is to provide students with an opportunity to learn about the relationship between nonprofit and for-profit organizations, individual and corporate philanthropy and to take part in a philanthropic experience funded by the Learning by Giving Foundation.

To be eligible, an organization must be a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit that provides services in one or all of the following areas:

- Enriching youth development through prevention and leadership programs.
- Increasing independence for individuals with disabilities.
- Improving pets' lives through preventative services and public awareness.

Proposals are due to the UM Office for Civic Engagement by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8. Students will review the proposals, determine the nonprofits that will receive the funds and hold an awards ceremony Dec. 12.

For more information about the Learning by Giving Foundation or for a complete 2011 request for proposal, go to http://www.dhc.umt.edu/ce/LearningbyGiving.htm.

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MISSOULA –

Massive grizzly bears, insatiable mountain pine beetles and relentless climate change are just a few of the topics on tap for the inaugural Crown of the Continent Symposium on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 21-22, at The University of Montana.

Sponsored by the UM Department of Geography, all events will be held on the third floor of the University Center and are free and open to the public.

The gathering will explore the magnificence of this 13-million-acre ecosystem, which includes Glacier National Park and the surrounding region in both the U.S. and Canada. The symposium will highlight the Crown region’s fascinating history and showcase the many facets of a place that many scientists consider to be the most pristine, intact and diverse landscape in North America.

“The Crown presents a swatch of elevated geography on a colossal scale – immense, vast and dramatic,” said Rick Graetz, a UM faculty member and symposium organizer.

“Here nature mustered many of her greatest powers to create a glorious masterpiece, and this is the place we want to explore with this event.”

The following events are scheduled:

Friday, Oct. 21
6:30 p.m. – Displays ready for viewing.
7 p.m. – “Opening Notes” by Perry Brown, UM provost and vice president for academic affairs, and Sarah Halvorson, UM geography department chair. “This is the Crown of the Continent” by Rick Graetz, UM geography department faculty member and symposium organizer. Graetz will reveal the splendor of the Crown region through his words and photographs.

Saturday, Oct. 22
8:45 a.m. – Opening remarks.
10:15-11:15 a.m. – “The Mountain Pine Bark Beetle” by Peter Kolb, Montana State University extension forestry specialist and associate professor of forest ecology and management at UM.
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – “The Beautiful Blackfoot and Swan Valleys and the Work of The Nature Conservancy” by Caroline Byrd, TNC Western Montana program director.
1:30-2:30 p.m. – “Glaciers of Glacier National Park and a Changing Landscape” by Dan Fagre, a U.S. Geological Survey scientist based in the park. Fagre will use repeat photography to illustrate his lecture.
2:45-3:45 p.m. – A discussion of wilderness in the Crown region and access by vehicles, bikes, horses and hikers by Jennifer Ferenstein of The Wilderness Society and Rick Graetz. The duo will highlight their favorite trails and places for all seasons.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana chapter of the Golden Key International Honour Society and two Missoula bowling alleys, Westside Lanes and Lucky Strike, are sponsoring a fundraiser for breast cancer patient support.

The inaugural event will raise money for the Compassion Fund, which supports breast cancer patients at St. Patrick Hospital’s Montana Cancer Center.

Westside Lanes will host the event from 3 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. In memory of Marsha Howey, 100 percent of the profits from the $3.50 entrance fee will be donated to the Compassion Fund.

The fundraiser will continue from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, at Lucky Strike, where 50 percent of profits will benefit breast cancer patient care.

Join the Golden Key Society and the bowling alleys to raise financial support for breast cancer patients in the Missoula community.

The Golden Key International Honour Society is an organization focused on academics, service and leadership. The UM chapter has more than 300 members. Students with a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher are invited to join the group. Visit http://goldenkey.org for more information.

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MISSOULA –

A recent increase of the student transportation fee at The University of Montana has produced results.

The $4 increase, which went into effect at the start of autumn semester, is used to improve bus service at UM. It allowed the Associated Students of UM Office of Transportation to add a bus at the East Broadway Park-N-Ride, increase night service on Thursdays and add a late-night bus on weekends.

Ridership has increased by 48.8 percent at the East Broadway Park-N-Ride, 162.5 percent on Thursday nights and 54.1 percent on Friday and Saturday nights. After the first six weeks of the semester, UM's bus service has given 86,913 rides.

For more information call Nancy Wilson, ASUM Office of Transportation director, at 406-243-4599 or email nancy.wilson@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA –

University of Montana President Royce Engstrom, former UM President George Dennison and Montana Commissioner of Higher Education Sheila Stearns will gather for a panel discussion about transitions in leadership at 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Holiday Inn Downtown at the Park in Missoula. The talk is free and open to the public.

The panel will reflect on UM’s recent transition in leadership and on how to properly accomplish a transfer of power at a major university. The event, hosted by Leadership Montana, will be moderated by Montana Board of Regents Chair Clayton Christian.

The discussion serves as the kickoff for a two-day conference for alumni of the Leadership Montana program.

Leadership Montana is a statewide collaboration of community, business, nonprofit and higher education leaders. At the heart of Leadership Montana is a nine-month program of personal and trustee leadership development and business and policy education. Forty participants for each class are screened and selected to ensure diversity and commitment.

The program is conducted in seven locations across the state beginning in September and concluding with graduation in May. Ultimately, Leadership Montana members form a bond and create a powerful network of energy, talent and leadership for the state. Since 2005 Leadership Montana has graduated more than 300 participants from 57 Montana communities.

For more information call Chris Newbold, Leadership Montana alumnus, at 406-360-8111 or email cnewbold@alpsnet.com

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana’s sixth annual Day of Dialogue is slated for Thursday, Oct. 27, at the University Center.

The free daylong symposium brings campus and community members together for presentations, performances, workshops and exhibits that encourage dialogue about diversity.

Participants can explore topics such as race, gender, ethnicity, ability/disability, religion, sexual orientation, class, social hierarchy and privilege. Day of Dialogue events are created by UM students, faculty, staff and community members.

Day of Dialogue events will kick off with the Post-Racial Comedy Tour at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 26, in the University Center Ballroom. The Post-Racial Comedy Tour features comedians Christian Lander, the creator of the pop culture phenomenon "Stuff White People Like," and Elon James White, the award-winning creator of “This Week in Blackness.” Each comedian will give a separate talk from their perspectives and then join together on stage to answer audience questions. The show is free and open to the public. Members of the campus community can learn more and join the discussion about the tour by logging onto UMOnline with their NetIDs.

Thursday’s events will begin at 9:10 a.m. with opening remarks from UM President Royce Engstrom and ASUM President Jen Gursky in the University Center South Atrium. Participants then can select from more than 18 free educational sessions that begin at 9:40 and 11:10 a.m. and 1:10 and 2:40 p.m. on the third floor of the University Center. A featured session centered on confronting climate justice will be held at noon in the University Center Theater. President Engstrom also will host an open forum from 4 to 5 p.m. in UC Rooms 332-333.

In conjunction with Day of Dialogue events, UM’s President’s Lecture Series and the First-Year Reading Experience will present “‘On Field Notes from a Catastrophe’: An Evening with Elizabeth Kolbert” at 8 p.m. in the University Theatre.

A complete schedule of events is online at http://www.umt.edu/dayofdialogue.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Physical Therapy Student Association will offer 20- and 40-minute massages during campus fundraising clinics in October and November.

Clinics will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, Oct. 24-27, Oct. 31-Nov. 3, Nov. 7-10 and Nov. 14-17, in Skaggs Building Room 129. Massages cost $12 for 20 minutes and $20 for 40 minutes.

Proceeds will help UM physical therapy students attend local and national educational and research conferences.

Appointments are required and can be made by calling 406-243-4753.

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MISSOULA –

Conductor James Smart and The University of Montana’s Symphonic Wind Ensemble will perform “Winged Messengers” live in concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, in the University Theatre.

The nature-themed performance will feature a piece titled “Chickadee Symphony,” composed by Kalispell’s Craig Naylor, which was inspired by the many vocalizations of the chickadee. A short introductory lecture to the piece will feature authentic chickadee calls, followed by the orchestra’s musical representation of them.

“It’s a unique cross-fertilization of science and music,” said UM biology Professor Erick Greene, who specializes in bioacoustics, the study of how animals use sounds to communicate with one another. “Dr. Naylor has taken many different kinds of chickadee sounds and developed very complex and beautiful musical ideas.”

Research published by Greene and his colleagues on chickadee alarm calls inspired the third movement of Naylor’s symphony, “Danger.” Naylor, who began his career in biology but soon found a passion for music, composed the symphony based on hours of research on chickadee biology and vocalizations.

Both Naylor and Greene will be on hand for the performance and will present the lecture before “Chickadee Symphony,” which also will feature a presentation with live great horned and northern pygmy owls – two of the chickadee’s most feared predators – by Kate Davis of Raptors of the Rockies. Greene will discuss the biology and vocal behavior of chickadees, Naylor will talk about the musical aspects of his piece, and Smart will play short snippets from the symphony to help the audience listen for specific chickadee motifs.

Tickets to the performance cost $11 for general admission, $6 for seniors and $5 for students. They’re available at the UMArts Box Office in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center, by calling 406-243-4581 or online at http://www.ummusic.org.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Diversity Advisory Council offers grants of up to $1,000 to help student groups host events and activities that promote various diversity causes.

Grant proposals must be written by UM students. Events must promote and enrich diversity and impact both the campus and Missoula community. Student groups who submit proposals must have sought and received partial funding from other sources. Two or more student groups may collaborate for a proposed diversity event.

Student groups most likely to receive funding educate and celebrate ethnicity and culture; enhance the link between language and culture; raise awareness of ability issues; broaden perspectives about gender, identity and orientation; offer new perspectives and world views; and invite other students and community members to view, engage and participate in both education and celebratory events and activities.

Proposals will be reviewed by a Diversity Advisory Council committee, and recipients and nonrecipients will be notified as quickly as possible.

The deadline to submit proposals is Friday, Dec. 16, and grants awarded must be used before July 1, 2012.

Students may submit proposals online at http://life.umt.edu/diversity/minigrant.php. For more information call Mary Groom Hall at 406-243-2851 or email hallmg@mso.umt.edu.

Contact: Juana Alcala, UM Diversity Advisory Council member, 406-243-2049, jalcala@mso.umt.edu; Mary Groom Hall, DAC member, 406-243-2851, hallmg@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA--

The University of Montana will host a deans' panel from 4 to 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14, in the University Center Theater as part of Family Weekend 2011, which takes place Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14-15.

Free and open to the public, the panel will provide an insider's view into what is new and innovative in academic life at the University. Participants will gain insights during a facilitated question-and-answer session.

Following the panel from 5-6 p.m., the deans will invite participants back to their respective buildings for various "college session" experiences, such as lectures on timely and interesting topics, hands-on lab activities and behind-the-scenes tours.

Family Weekend is open to current UM students and their families, and most of the events offered are free. A complete schedule is available at http://www.umt.edu/urelations/outreach/family.aspx.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Allies Program has announced it will hold its autumn semester training sessions from 9 a.m. to noon Friday, Oct. 21, in the University Center South Ballroom and from 1 to 4 p.m. Friday, Nov. 4, in UC Rooms 330-331.

All trainings are free and open to UM faculty, staff and administrators. Registration is required and is available by calling Adrianne Donald at 406-243-6029 or emailing adonald@mso.umt.edu.

The UM Allies promote a campus environment that is inclusive and supportive of all individuals, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression. A main goal of the program is to identify and nurture safe people and places to support members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex communities at UM.

More information is available online at http://www.umt.edu/umallies.

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MISSOULA –

Nominations are now being accepted for The University of Montana’s Robert T. Pantzer Presidential Humanitarian Award, presented each year to a person from the University or state who has substantially contributed to making campus a more open and humane learning environment.

The award honors Pantzer, UM president from 1966 to 1974, whose open-door policy was a hallmark of his administration. Pantzer also provided outstanding leadership in the preservation of unfettered academic inquiry and expression.

The Pantzer Award Committee seeks nominations of individuals who have demonstrated similar characteristics. Nominations should include the nominee’s resume and a statement describing how the individual fits the criteria. Previous nominations may be reactivated by request and by providing any additional or updated information.

The nomination deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 18. The award will be presented at UM’s Charter Day ceremonies Feb. 16, 2012.

Nominations should be mailed to Pantzer Award Committee Chair, Office of the Provost, The University of Montana, 32 Campus Drive, Missoula, MT 59812, or faxed to 406-243-5937.

More information about the call for nominations is online at http://www.umt.edu/provost/PantzerAward.aspx.

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MISSOULA –

The Montana World Trade Center at The University of Montana recently received a $298,814 grant to support its National Export Initiative Support Project, a private-public partnership intended to help Montana businesses increase exports of quality products and services to worldwide markets.

The grant was part of $618,814 awarded by the U.S. Commerce Department’s Economic Development Administration to boost job-creating exports in Montana.

“Nothing is more important to the United States’ and Montana’s economic future than accelerated export growth,” said Arnie Sherman, Montana World Trade Center executive director. “Led by small business, Montana’s economy produces world-class products and services. We are gratified that the administration has validated what Montana has to contribute to the region’s economic recovery and future vitality.”

The mission of the National Export Initiative Support Project is to accelerate the transformation of Montana companies into internationally recognized, export-orientated, market-focused and innovation-driven businesses, resulting in improved economic prosperity.

The project will act as a catalyst to help meet the goals of the National Export Initiative and double Montana exports to reach $3 billion by 2015. The project will focus on a collaborative approach to export services and will advance trade opportunities through education, mentorship, coaching and support services. It also will increase access to global markets, improve efficiency in freight and decrease logistics costs. The program looks to boost the number of higher-wage jobs in the state while also increasing revenue for Montana businesses.

“These vital EDA investments will ease the way for Montana companies to grow and create new jobs by encouraging participation in the global marketplace,” said John Fernandez, U.S. assistant secretary of commerce for economic development.

In addition to the National Export Initiative Support Project, $320,000 was awarded to the Northern Express Transportation Authority of Shelby to help build a critical rail spur to serve the Shelby Intermodal Hub, which will allow pea and lentil producers along Montana’s Hi-Line to move their products directly to the West Coast for export. It also will advance delivery of U.S. oilfield products into the rapidly growing Canadian oil sands and oilfield markets.

More information about the Montana World Trade Center and global-trade resources is online at http://www.mwtc.org/.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana has completed an environmental analysis of the proposed Biomass Steam Plant to be constructed on the Missoula campus. This detailed analysis was required by the Montana University System Board of Regents as a requirement before construction of the plant could commence.

UM President Royce Engstrom, the approving official for the EA, has concluded that the proposed biomass fueled steam plant “does not significantly affect the human environment.” Engstrom gave final approval to the 284-page EA on Oct. 4.

The full analysis is online at http://umt.edu/biomassplant.

Approval of the environmental analysis completes the two pre-construction conditions required by the Board of Regents at their May meeting. These conditions were the issuance of an Air Quality Permit by the Missoula City-County Health Department and the completion of an EA as outlined in the Montana Environmental Policy Act.

For additional information call Tom Javins, UM associate director of engineering and utilities, at 406-243-2127.

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MISSOULA –

Company recruiters from local, regional and national employers will be on campus to meet with University of Montana students and alumni during the seventh annual Health Professions Career Fair from noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, in the University Center Ballroom.

The fair is sponsored by the UM Office of Career Services and is free for all students and alumni. The event will provide recruiting opportunities for those pursuing careers in speech-language pathology, social work, pharmacy, physical therapy, nursing, medical assisting, respiratory care, radiological technology, surgical technology and other health-related fields.

Employers can register online at http://www.umt.edu/career/fairs.htm. Students and alumni also can log onto the website to view a complete schedule and see which companies are attending.

Through their Griz eRecruiting account, students and alumni also can sign up for on-campus interviews that will be held in conjunction with the fair from 3 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20. Participants must sign up for an interview slot online. Students can register online for free, while alumni can call the Office of Career Services at 406-243-6150 to set up an account.

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MISSOULA –

Karen Coates, a freelance journalist who spent more than a dozen years reporting from Southeast Asia, will deliver The University of Montana’s T. Anthony Pollner Lecture at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, in the University Center Theater.

Coates, the 2011 Pollner Distinguished Professor in UM’s School of Journalism, will present “This Way More Better: Finding Inspiration in this Messy New World of Journalism.” Coates and her husband, photojournalist Jeremy Redfern, have reported stories from across Asia, focusing on food, the environment, health and social issues. She is the author of several books, including the forthcoming “Eternal Harvest: The Legacy of American Bombs in Laos,” and “Cambodia Now: Life in the Wake of War.”

Coates will recount some of the most fascinating people she has met in her career, including the Burmese dissident who was jailed and tortured but asked her to write about his country because he could not. Another man, who lived in a village where the primary source of income is collecting scrap metal left from unexploded American bombs, asked her to “tell the Americans” what she learned about the villagers who die when the bombs explode.

The T. Anthony Pollner professorship was created in 2001 in memory of Anthony Pollner, a UM journalism alumnus who died two years after graduation. A distinguished journalist is in residence at the school each fall and teaches a course, advises the student newspaper and delivers the Pollner lecture. Coates is the 11th Pollner professor.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana’s Natural Resources Conflict Resolution Program will host an annual open house on Wednesday, Oct. 19. This year’s event will feature a keynote address by author K.J. Joy at 4:30 p.m. in The Payne Family Native American Center Room 103.


Joy is a senior fellow with the Society for Promoting Participative Ecosystem Management, and he currently coordinates the work of the Forum for Policy Dialogue on Water Conflicts in India. He has been an activist with the toilers’ movement in South Maharashtra, India, and has published in the areas of grassroots water management, drought and drought proofing, watershed-based development, water conflicts and people’s movements in India.

Joy will be on campus for three days to meet with students and faculty and also will give two additional talks.

The Department of Geography is hosting Joy’s presentation of “Life, Livelihoods, Ecosystems and Culture: Entitlements and Allocation of Water for Competing Uses in India” at 3:40 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 18, in Stone Hall Room 217.

In partnership with the Environmental Law Group, he also will present a 50-minute brown bag seminar, “Water Sector Reforms in India: The Impact of Liberalization, Privatization and Globalization on Water Justice,” at noon Wednesday, Oct. 19, in the Mansfield Center Conference Room.

UM’s NRCR Program is the only graduate-level certificate program in North America specifically designed to provide students a working knowledge of the theory and practice of collaboration, consensus building and conflict resolution as they apply to natural resources and the environment.

The NRCR Program and the annual open house are sponsored by the Office of the Provost, School of Law, School of Business Administration, College of Forestry and Conservation and College of Arts and Sciences.

For more information call Stephan Edwards at 406-243-4415 or email stephan.edwards@umontana.edu.
MISSOULA –

The University of Montana chapter of the Alpha Phi sorority will host its annual Red Dress Gala and Casino Night at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Montana Harley Davidson Mezzanine, located at 5106 E. Harrier Blvd. in Missoula.

The event will feature casino games and prizes, a silent auction, drinks and appetizers and is a fundraiser for the Alpha Phi Foundation, which supports women's cardiac care research. Tickets purchased in advance cost $45 each, $70 per couple and $25 for UM students. They're available by calling Lauren Woody, Alpha Phi’s vice president of marketing, at 503-956-1628, or by emailing chi.vpmarketing.alphaphi@gmail.com.

Attendees are asked to wear formal red attire or red accents to raise awareness of heart disease, the No. 1 killer of women in the United States.

“Heart disease takes the lives of more women in the country than any other disease each year, yet so many don’t even know they’re at risk,” Woody said. “Alpha Phi is committed to raising awareness and money for cardiac care research, and we think this will be a fun event for the Missoula community.”

Alpha Phi International Fraternity was founded at Syracuse University in 1872 as one of the first Greek societies for women. Alpha Phi is dedicated to promoting sisterhood, cultivating leadership, encouraging intellectual curiosity and advocating service. The organization is comprised of more than 150 collegiate chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada. Chi chapter of Alpha Phi was established at UM in 1918.

The Alpha Phi Foundation is the sorority’s philanthropic and educational partner. Through contributions from chapters, individual members and friends, the foundation supports women’s cardiac health and other charitable and educational projects.

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MISSOULA –

“Irish Christmas in America,” a popular show celebrating the customs, lore and traditions of Christmas in Ireland through music, song and dance, is coming to The University of Montana on Wednesday, Nov. 30.

The performance, which serves as a fundraiser for UM’s Irish Studies program, begins at 7 p.m. in the University Theatre. Tickets cost $25 if purchased in advance or $30 at the door. They are available at all GrixTix locations, Rockin Rudy’s, online at http://www.griztix.com or by calling 888-MONTANA.

The tour also will make stops in Butte and Bozeman. Butte’s show is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 29, at the Motherlode Theatre, and tickets are available at the Motherlode or Granite Mountain Bank. Bozeman’s performance is at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, at Hope Lutheran Church, and tickets are on sale at Cactus Records.

“I believe that having an Irish element to our Christmas celebrations here in Montana can only enrich the holiday season for everybody,” said Traolach O’Riordain, UM Irish Studies director. “It’s a hauntingly beautiful production that has received widespread acclaim from Irish communities throughout the United States.”

Produced by Oisin Mac Diarmada of the award-winning Irish group Téada, “Irish Christmas in America” features top Irish musicians, singers and dancers in an engaging performance rich in history, humor and boundless energy. The 2011 tour features special guests Lumiere and Séamus Begley.

Lumiere, a vocal duo comprising Eilís Kennedy and Pauline Scanlon, is one of the most talked-about acts to emerge from Ireland in recent times. Begley is well-known for his old-style Irish singing and accordion prowess.

The family-friendly performance incorporates Irish ballads, holiday carols, lively fiddle tunes and thrilling Irish dancing. Narration brings to life ancient customs and stories, while evocative photography provides a backdrop of rich historical context.

The event is sponsored by Friends of Irish Studies, Granite Mountain Bank, Bennett Law Office and Imagine Ireland.

For more information call Clair Leonard, Friends of Irish Studies, at 406-274-0051 or email leonardsmt@msn.com.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana has launched a new master’s and doctoral degree program in systems ecology. The state Board of Regents unanimously approved the new degree offerings during its September meeting.

Systems ecology studies ecological science at large-landscape and regional scales. The discipline also looks at human-mediated landscape transformations, as well as environmental and cultural systems.

Professor Ric Hauer with UM's Flathead Lake Biological Station played a lead role in creating the new Systems Ecology Graduate Program, which will be offered by both the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Forestry and Conservation. It will be administered by the Division of Biological Sciences.

Many UM colleges and departments will collaborate on the program, as will the Ecology and Environmental Sciences graduate program at Montana State University.

"UM has made significant and purposeful strategic investment during the past two decades in faculty who pursue environmental and ecosystem science in their research and teaching, so we are uniquely prepared to offer these degrees," Hauer said. "The program will create a focal point for the discipline, enhance the graduate educational experience, facilitate research collaboration and promote graduate student training for future employment."

Current graduate students of faculty involved in the development of the degrees will enter the program immediately. Recruitment of new graduate students to UM and the SE program will begin this winter, with students starting their program in fall 2012.

He said many faculty members and their graduate students are interested in tackling ecological science at large-landscape scales. They also want interdisciplinary approaches to resolving nagging ecological questions and problems.

"This will improve recruitment and retention of students and faculty," Hauer said. "It also should enhance collaboration in faculty research at UM, other universities and professionals in federal, state and tribal agencies."

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MISSOULA –

Campus Drive at the north end of Washington-Grizzly Stadium will be closed to all traffic from 7:30 a.m. to noon Sunday, Oct. 9.

The closure is necessary to replace a vent pipe on the stadium. All University of Montana campus buildings and parking lots will be accessible via Beckwith Avenue during the closure.

For more information, call Brian Kerns, UM Facilities engineer, at 406-241-6664.

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MISSOULA –

The Payne Family Native American Center at The University of Montana has received LEED Platinum status, the highest level of certification awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council for achieving sustainable building standards.

The center is the first building on campus to achieve LEED Platinum certification, and a certification ceremony is tentatively scheduled for November.

“The Payne Family Native American Center was the first building for which UM pursued LEED certification,” said campus architect Jameel Chaudhry. “The fact that we were able to achieve Platinum status shows the commitment UM has toward our campus sustainability goals.”

LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is the nation’s preeminent program for the design, construction and operation of high-performance green buildings. Certification is based on dozens of criteria, such as efficient energy, water and material use; indoor environmental quality; and sustainable site selection. All new buildings constructed on campus are required to achieve at least a LEED Silver rating, the third-highest level.

The center needed to tally 52 out of a possible 69 points to earn Platinum status, and it scored 54. The building scored a perfect 10 in the optimum energy performance category, indicating energy savings of 42 percent over that of a standard building.

Green features of the Native American Center that helped it reach the Platinum level include its east-facing, canted roof with a central oculus and slotted skylight, which provide natural light to the majority of the building; high-efficiency fixtures such as low-flow faucets, showers and toilets; a groundwater-based cooling system; and high-efficiency air filters that minimize dust.

The structure also received points for the selection of a sustainable site on campus: Only one tree was removed (and later salvaged and used in the floor of the building’s Bonnie HeavyRunner Gathering Place), and no additional parking was needed to accommodate it. Even the native Montana grasses and shrubbery planted around the center required no permanent irrigation system to thrive.

When completed in 2010, The Payne Family Native American Center was the first building of its kind on any university campus in the nation. It houses UM’s Department of Native American Studies, American Indian Student Services and related campus programming under one roof.

Designed by Crow architect Daniel Glenn and A&E Architects of Missoula, the center is steeped in traditional Native American symbolism, which includes deep reverence for the environment. Dredged from the Blackfoot River after the Milltown Dam was removed, the 12 poles encircling the Bonnie HeavyRunner Gathering Place, which represent Montana’s 12 tribes, are just one example. Following the Native building principle of doing no harm to the Earth was a goal from the beginning and easily lent itself to following LEED standards, Chaudhry said.

“The faculty, staff and students in the Native American Studies department feel strongly that it is important for us to be stewards of the environment,” said Dave Beck, department chair. “It is special to us that this beautifully designed building, located in a prominent place on campus – and also located on traditional Salish lands – can serve as a symbol of the University’s commitment to sustainability.”

The U.S. Green Building Council, based in Washington, D.C., is committed to a prosperous and sustainable future through the construction of cost-efficient, energy-saving green buildings. Composed of 80 local affiliates and more than 18,000 member companies and organizations, the council is a driving force in the U.S. construction industry and a leader in promoting sustainable building standards.

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MISSOULA -

The federal Administration for Children and Families recently announced that the National Native Children’s Trauma Center at The University of Montana and its partners have won a $3.2 million grant to apply cutting-edge research to the problems of child abuse and neglect in Indian Country. The award is one of five such grants in the nation.

The work will benefit at least three reservations in Montana during the next three years, bring pilot programs to three more reservations elsewhere in the nation and ultimately serve as a model for similar work throughout Indian Country.

“This award will allow us to forge key partnerships that will fundamentally change how agencies and institutions serve the deserving children in these communities,” says James Caringi, co-principal investigator and professor at UM’s School of Social Work. “Research nationwide has assembled vast knowledge about identifying and treating childhood trauma resulting from abuse and neglect. This grant allows us to effectively deploy this knowledge in communities that need it.”

The center at UM has been a pivotal player in the National Child Traumatic Stress Network for eight years, helping compile evidence directed at the effects of abuse and neglect on children. Until now, the center’s work has been concentrated in schools, delivering evidence-based interventions for problems rooted in trauma such as alcohol and drug abuse, delinquency and teen suicide. The new grant, however, will allow that focus to expand by moving beyond schools to involve child and protective service workers, parents, extended families and foster parents.

NNCTC will provide these key players with background training in the latest epidemiological and psychological findings that indicate child abuse and neglect lie at the root of the nation’s most important social problems.

“One landmark study, for instance, demonstrated that the effects of child maltreatment often last well into adulthood and are a direct cause of major health problems like obesity, heart disease and lung disease,” says Rick van den Pol, the project’s other co-principal investigator and director of UM’s Institute for Educational Research and Service. “We must intervene because abused children, on average, die 20 years earlier than the rest of us, according to one study.”

National research, however, also has developed a proven list of low-cost and effective interventions that allow recovery and resilience. NNCTC will train in these methods and ensure systems of delivery are in place and functioning during the grant’s first three years.

Finally, the work will train child welfare workers in recognizing and treating secondary traumatic stress, the burnout and compassion fatigue that can plague caregivers who face these problems daily.

All of this work will rest on a series of key partnerships and collaborations, including with the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs, state welfare and education agencies and tribal government on reservations that agree to participate. For this major project, NNCTC also has partnered with the Butler Institute for Children and Families at the University of Denver’s School of Social Work and has assembled an advisory council of national experts to support implementation and oversight of the project.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Office for Civic Engagement is teaming up with Pull Together Now! and Seedlings of Change to host four guest speakers who will share their experiences in creating a sustainable world during the International Speakers Forum from 6 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, in University Center Rooms 326-327. The event is free and open to the public.

Speakers include Annika Dopping, a well-known and popular environmental journalist, filmmaker and author in Sweden; Lars Larsson, an engineer, inventor and researcher in sustainable traditions who will present on his water project with the Maasai in Tanzania; Kelly Franklin, founder of Sustainable Smiles, who will talk about her work with youth in Thailand, Cambodia and Austria; and Mike Robertson, a community organizer who will share his experience in dealing with the complexities of balancing sustainability with economic survival using British Columbia’s Cheslatta Carrier Nation as a case study.

The speakers will share their unique perspectives on common challenges and visit with the audience about finding solutions through collaboration. Following the presentations, Dopping will moderate an open discussion on creating a sustainable world.

Organizers request participants RSVP to pulltogethernow@gmail.com. For more information call Lisa Smith at 406-210-4830 or Eveline Smith at 406-239-6256.

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MISSOULA –

Donald Ryan, archeologist and faculty fellow at Pacific Lutheran University, will present a two-day Egyptology Workshop at The University of Montana on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 15-16. The workshop will be held in Gallagher Business Building Room 106 and is free and open to the public.

The Saturday morning session from 9 a.m. to noon will include “An Introduction to Egyptology” and “Survey of Ancient Egyptian History.” The Saturday afternoon session from 1:30 to 5 p.m. will cover “Daily Life in Ancient Egypt” and “Egyptian Language and Writing.”

The Sunday session from 1 to 4:30 p.m. will explore “Views of the Afterlife” and “Great Discoveries in Egyptian Archaeology.”

Ryan’s areas of research interest include Egyptian archaeology, Polynesian archaeology, the history of archaeology, the history of exploration, ancient languages and scripts and experimental archaeology. His research in Egypt includes excavations in the Valley of the Kings, where he investigated the long-neglected undecorated tombs in the royal cemetery.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana Environmental Law Group will host the seventh annual Bulls, Blues and Brews benefit and silent auction at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at the Missoula Children’s Theatre.

Admission is $10. Attendees must be 21 or older, and IDs will be checked at the door. The Discount Quartet will provide live music. The silent auction will feature donations from dozens of local stores, restaurants, community members, professors and students.

“This event is a great opportunity to interact with our outstanding law students and Missoula-area conservationists while supporting worthy causes,” said Jack Tuholske, UM School of Law professor and environmental litigator.

This year’s event will raise funds for the Northern Plains Resource Council and the Environmental Legal Education Network. Northern Plains is a nonprofit family agriculture and conservation group that organizes Montanans to protect water quality, family farms and ranches, and the state’s unique quality of life. The Environmental Legal Education Network works to enhance connections between law practitioners and law students.

“Northern Plains’ goal of promoting better stewardship of our lands reflects the Environmental Law Group’s mission to preserve and protect Montana’s waters, lands and wildlife, and we are thrilled to donate this year’s proceeds to them,” said Talasi Brooks, ELG’s vice president. “The Environmental Legal Education Network plays an important role of linking law students from UM with environmental lawyers in the community through different events, panels and receptions, and we are happy that a portion of the proceeds can benefit ELEN, as well.”

Bulls, Blues and Brews is held each year to promote putting Montana’s laws to work to protect the state’s environment. The Environmental Law Group is a UM student organization founded for the purpose of raising environmental consciousness within the legal community.

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The Big Sky Brain Project, a collaboration between The University of Montana’s Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience and spectrUM Discovery Area, recently received a five-year, $1.3 million grant from the National Institutes of Health.

The grant, awarded by the NIH’s National Institute on Drug Abuse, will fund a neuroscience learning center called the Brainzone that will feature four hands-on exhibits, a computer lab and a working laboratory aimed at increasing science literacy and interest among K-12 students.

UM will work with the Exploratorium in San Francisco to develop the Brainzone, which will be housed in a future spectrUM location off campus set to open in the fall of 2013. The Brainzone also will be incorporated into spectrUM’s mobile science center that travels to schools across Montana, including many in rural and tribal regions.

Michael Kavanaugh, director of the Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience, worked with Holly Truitt, spectrUM director, to secure the grant. Kavanaugh said the project is a result of a long-term partnership between the Center for Structural Neuroscience and spectrUM. The two also are collaborating with other local organizations, including Missoula County Public Schools and Community Medical Center, to bring the Brainzone learning experience to thousands of K-12 students in Montana and around the country.

“One of the unique goals of the project is to expose kids to ‘real life’ neuroscience research and teach about career opportunities in the fields of science, technology and medicine,” Kavanaugh said. “So in addition to the world-class exhibits, we will host a working laboratory with the involvement of UM faculty, including neuroscientist Sarah Certel and clinical neurologist Tom Swanson.”

Eight institutions across the country received NIDA grants to develop innovative neuroscience education programs for K-12 students and teachers. Recent U.S. Department of Education reports show that the nation’s eighth-graders score lower than students from nine other countries in science knowledge and skills, an issue NIDA hopes to combat by awarding the grants.

“Creative strategies are needed to ensure that the United States maintains its competitiveness in the scientific field,” said Dr. Nora Volkow, NIDA director. “Since neuroscience cuts across many different disciplines and can help in understanding all kinds of behavior, it is the ideal vehicle for capturing people’s interest and engaging them in science at any age.”

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MISSOULA –

Three College of Forestry and Conservation professors at The University of Montana were awarded a $1.1 million U.S. Department of Agriculture grant as part of a research team investigating how to turn forest biomass into an alternative energy feedstock.

The project, part of the U.S. Forest Service’s Biomass Research and Development Initiative, involves four universities, four Forest Service units and six private companies. UM forestry faculty members Woodam Chung, Christopher Keyes and Tyron Venn each will work on a component of the project over the next four years.

“This research will really help energy providers and the public make important decisions about how and where to efficiently use biomass as an alternative to fossil fuels,” Keyes said.

Chung develops spatial models to show where biomass feedstock is located, the various land management objectives across ownerships and the best transportation network for getting the feedstock to a processing facility. Existing work focuses on where and how much biomass exists. He also will develop estimates of biomass flows under alternative economic and supply chain scenarios.

Keyes will conduct a long-term study on the effect of biomass harvest for overall forest productivity. He will revisit a 1974 biomass research program at Montana’s Coram Experimental Forest that investigated the impacts of biomass harvesting on forest fuels, stand regeneration and soil properties. He’ll revive those old study plots to determine the long-term effects of biomass harvesting.

Venn studies the economics of deploying woody gasification technology at sawmills to produce biofuels and bioproducts. He and other researchers also will assess fossil fuel and renewable energy preferences of western Montana residents and their willingness to accept harvest of biomass for renewable energy generation.

The Rocky Mountain Research Station of the U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture and UM are partners in a biomass research project funded through the Biomass Research and Development Initiative and will help increase the availability of alternative renewable fuels and bio-based products to diversify the nation’s energy resources. Funding is provided through USDA’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture and the Department of Energy’s Biomass Program. This project will develop an integrated approach to investigate biomass feedstock production, logistics, conversion, distribution and end use centered on using advanced conversion technologies at existing forest industry facilities.

UM recently completed a feasibility study to build, operate and maintain a biomass-fueled combined heat and power plant on its Missoula campus. This research initiative will provide data and recommendations for that and other future biomass operations.

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Gov. Brian Schweitzer announced today that the Montana University System has received a $20 million, five-year grant from the National Science Foundation to strengthen the state’s science and engineering workforce with a program that will reach into campuses and communities across the state.

“This is going to help Montana train our own scientists and engineers who will work on issues dear to our state and who will be tomorrow’s entrepreneurs creating high-tech jobs right here under the Big Sky,” Schweitzer said.

The governor’s office was instrumental in securing $3.5 million in matching funds for the grant, the largest ever received by the Montana NSF Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR).

“This grant shows that we know how to work together in Montana to get things done. Our entire university system got on board to make this happen and the whole state will benefit,” Schweitzer said.

Officially called a Research Infrastructure Improvement Track-1 Program Award, the new grant is the highest level grant awarded by NSF EPSCoR, and competition among states for the funding is fierce.

Clayton Christian, chairman of the Montana Board of Regents, praised the teamwork of Montana State University, The University of Montana, the governor’s office, and the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. “This was a very competitive process,” Christian said. “It shows how higher education can deliver for Montana when we work together with a focus on success.”

Mark Young, professor of plant sciences and plant pathology at MSU, is the Montana EPSCoR program director, but Montana EPSCoR is administered through the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education and serves every university, college and research institution in Montana. Montana was one of the five states that joined NSF EPSCoR when the program began in 1980. Montana is now one of 27 participating states.

EPSCoR is funded by the NSF and other federal agencies to help scientists and engineers in rural states become nationally competitive and to assist states in building their infrastructure. NSF EPSCoR also builds state and federal partnerships that use science and engineering to create new jobs and improve rural economies.

“We are very proud to show the citizens of Montana, and the rest of the country, that we can work together to help create a better, stronger state,” said MSU President Waded Cruzado.

“The development of competitive research capacity for the state and the opportunities this will provide for students on all our campuses is immense,” said UM President Royce Engstrom. “This demonstrates how the university system can drive vital research and, ultimately, job creation for the betterment of everyone in our great state.”

The grant will allow the hiring of at least 12 new science and engineering faculty members across the state. The grant will support undergraduate and graduate student research. It will set up a math mentoring system where Native American students in tribal colleges will help students in tribal high schools make the transition to higher education. It will involve interactions with Montana businesses, especially resource-based companies that may have special needs or interests. It will involve social scientists who will examine issues, especially as they relate to science and engineering. Education and outreach will be an important component of the grant.

Overall, programs funded by the grant will be to improve the science and engineering infrastructure in Montana. Infrastructure in this case refers to people, ideas and research equipment.

“Instruments come and go, but people are what drive the research infrastructure in any state,” Christian said.

Examples of previous Montana NSF EPSCoR successes include:

- Between 2001-2007, EPSCoR awarded 106 Phase 0 and Phase 1.5 Small Business and Innovative Research (SBIR) proposals. These awards, of $3,000 to $5,000 assisted small businesses in leveraging larger funding, such as SBIR Phase I or II or partnerships with researchers.
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- More recently (2007-2011), EPSCoR supported the Montana Technology Innovation Partnership which helped small businesses successfully apply for 90 SBIR awards totaling more than $24 million.
- More than $22 million in external funding has been brought into the state by 23 new faculty hired under the most recent award (2007-2011).
- Seven new tribal college faculty members have been hired.
- Since 2007, 107 tribal college students participated in EPSCoR research projects.
- Since 2001, a total of 258 graduate students have received support.
- Since 2001, a total of 1,344 undergraduate students have received support.
- Since 2001, a total of 87 new faculty have been hired across the state.

Young, the Montana EPSCoR program director, works with the Montana University System Science and Technology Advisory Committee (MUS-STAC), whose members come from MSU, UM, the governor’s office, state legislators and the business community across Montana. The MUS-STAC is led by Deputy Commissioner Sylvia Moore in the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education.

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MISSOULA –

The second of three autumn semester Natural Resources and Environmental Policy Forum lectures at The University of Montana begins at noon on Thursday, Oct. 13, in Law Building Room 101.

Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes’ Natural Resources Specialist Germaine White will speak on “Bull Trout’s Gift: Bull Trout, Tribal People, and the Jocko River.” All forum series events are free and open to the public.

During the past decade, the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have undertaken a large-scale watershed restoration project to benefit bull trout in the Jocko River drainage.

To spotlight the ecological and cultural importance of bull trout, the Salish and Pend d’Oreille tribes have created an illustrated storybook, “Bull Trout’s Gift”; a field journal, “Snqeymintn”; an interactive DVD, “Explore the River: Bull Trout, Tribal People and the Jocko River”; and a curriculum, “Explore the River: Integrated Multimedia Curriculum Framed by the Cultural Values of the Salish and Pend d’Oreille People.”

White will describe how these education projects relate to and support traditional cultural values such as reciprocity, respect, listening and elders and how these values and traditional ways of knowing inform the tribes’ restoration work.

One final forum event will be presented this fall at noon in Room 101 of the Law Building:

- Friday, Nov. 18: “Regulating Greenhouse Gases: Where We Stand and Where We’re Heading,” an interactive discussion with Michael Gerrard, Columbia Law School.

Professor Gerrard also will present the UM Department of History Hampton Lecture on Nov. 18.

The forum series is convened by the Center for Natural Resources and Environmental Policy in cooperation with the UM College of Forestry and Conservation, School of Law, Bolle Center for People and Forests, Resource Conservation Program, Department of Geography, Environmental Studies Program, the Department of History/H.D. Hampton Lecture Series and the Indian Land Tenure Foundation.

For more information call Sarah Bates at 406-207-9071 or email sarah@cnrep.org. The forum schedule is online at http://www.cnrep.org (click on “Upcoming Events.”)

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana and its Bureau of Business and Economic Research will receive $500,000 during the next five years to conduct logging-use studies in the Pacific Northwest.

The project is part of a $40 million grant awarded to the Northwest Advanced Renewables Alliance, a group trying to make wood-based jet fuel and petrochemical substitutes economically viable. Headquartered at Washington State University in Pullman, NARA includes a broad consortium of scientists from universities, government laboratories and private industry.

“I am honored and excited to be invited to participate in this project,” said Todd Morgan, BBER director of forest products and manufacturing research. “We will learn a great deal about the regional viability and sustainability of a woody-biomass fuel industry, and I’m glad UM will play a role in gathering and sharing that knowledge.”

U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the five-year NARA grant, as well as another $40 million grant going to the University of Washington, Sept. 28 at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. Vilsack said the $80 million investment will advance the nation’s biofuels industry toward developing regional, renewable energy markets, generating rural jobs and decreasing America’s dependence on foreign oil.

Morgan directs BBER’s Forest Industry Research Program, which will conduct the logging-use studies in Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. This NARA research will help quantify and describe the characteristics of wood residue left in the forest or on the log landing as a byproduct of commercial timber harvest.

BBER’s forest researchers have conducted similar studies for the U.S. Forest Service in Montana during 2002, California during 2004 and Idaho during 2008 and 2011. Updating and expanding the geographic scope of these measurements will provide a more complete picture of how much unused woody material is generated during timber harvesting activities under various market conditions, in different forest types and under various regulatory policies – all of which affect the availability of woody biomass in the northwestern U.S.

Morgan’s program has worked closely with the Forest Service’s Forest Inventory and Analysis Program for decades. The NARA project will integrate FIA information with BBER data on harvest and industry trends, as well as social, economic and ecological factors that impact development and sustainability of woody biomass as a renewable energy alternative for the Pacific Northwest.

In Montana, Morgan will work closely with Peter Kolb, a professor with Montana State University Extension Forestry, and Craig Rawlings, president and CEO of the Missoula-based Forest Business Network.


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MISSOULA –

Renowned moral philosopher Cora Diamond will present the next installment of the President’s Lecture Series at The University of Montana at 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10, in the University Theatre.

“The Problem of Impiety: Is Anything off Limits for Us?” will take a historical approach to the question, discussing the issues of suicide, inoculation, treatment of the dead and animals and other controversial issues to determine if human reason by itself is ever equal to resolving moral dilemmas. The talk also will serve as UM’s annual Henry Bugbee Lecture in Philosophy.

Diamond will present a seminar, “Iris Murdoch off the Map, or Taking Empiricism back from the Empiricists,” from 3:40 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. Both events are free and open to the public.

Diamond is an expert on philosophers Ludwig Wittgenstein and Gottlob Frege and also specializes in the philosophy of language, moral and political philosophy, and philosophy and literature. She has published several works, including “Intention and Intentionality” and “The Realistic Spirit: Wittgenstein, Philosophy, and the Mind.”

Diamond earned a bachelor’s degree from Swarthmore College in 1957 and completed her graduate work at the University of Oxford in 1961. She taught at several colleges before landing at the University of Virginia in 1971, where she remained until she retired in 2002. During her tenure at UVA, she served as the William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Philosophy, professor of law, dean of the graduate school and chair of the philosophy department.

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

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MISSOULA –

The Montana Bioscience Alliance will host its annual meeting and reception at The University of Montana on Sunday and Monday, Oct. 9-10.

The reception begins at 5:30 p.m. Sunday in The Payne Family Native American Center’s Bonnie HeavyRunner Gathering Place.

The annual meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday in University Center Rooms 332-333. Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m., and lunch will be provided.

Both events are free and open to the public.

The Montana Bioscience Alliance serves as a hub for Montana’s biotechnology companies, entrepreneurs, laboratories, hospitals, clinics and universities to commercialize, grow and sustain globally competitive bioscience companies – ultimately to create high-quality jobs and economic opportunities in Montana.

According to Sharon Peterson, MBA executive director, the Montana bioscience industry is vibrant and growing. To date there are 196 establishments providing 1,727 jobs with an average annual wage of $49,500.

To participate in either event RSVP to sharonpeterson@bresnan.net.

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MISSOULA –

The University of Montana and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana are teaming up to bring the Wake Up Your Life Missoula health fair to the Adams Center from 12 to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8. It’s free and open to participants of all ages.

The fair will showcase more than 60 local businesses and nonprofit organizations that offer activities promoting healthy lifestyles and opportunities to give back to the community. Participants can learn about simple, yet fun, ways to be more active and discover how to get involved in their communities, which helps improve overall well-being, studies show.

Wake Up Your Life Missoula will include demonstrations from local health clubs, dance schools and martial arts clubs, and popular Montana band The Clintons will play sets throughout the day. The fair also will feature spectrUM Discovery Area’s popular “Hands on Health” exhibit.

More information is available online at http://wellwithbluemt.com.

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