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MISSOULA – Artwork by four Montana State University students will be displayed in “Corpus Callosum,” a visiting art exhibit in the University Center Gallery at the University of Montana. The exhibit is part of the first-ever student artist exchange between the UC Gallery and the Associated Students of MSU Exit Gallery.

“Corpus Callosum” is an interpretation of the word body by artists Daniel Donovan, Christa Carleton, Megan Clark, and Hannah Safford.

An opening reception for the show will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, in the UC Gallery on the second floor of the UC. The exhibit will be displayed through Friday, Oct. 26.

The UC Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the academic year. To learn more, visit http://www.umt.edu/ucg or call Gwen Landquist, UC marketing and art manager, at 406-243-5555 or email gwen.landquist@mso.umt.edu. Other contacts are UC Gallery student co-coordinators Kristina Myer and Sabrina Charlson at 406-243-5564 or ucartgallery@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – The public is invited to learn about how physical activity helps students be more productive during class time, miss fewer days of school and create fewer disruptions at the Summit for Healthy Children from 7:30 a.m. to noon Friday, Oct. 4, at the University of Montana.

The summit, hosted by UM, Missoula County Public Schools and Let’s Move! Missoula, will be held in the University Center Theater and is free and open to the public. Registration is required and can be found online at http://www.mcpsmt.org.

MCPS Superintendent Alex Apostle will kick off the conference, UM Professor Steven Gaskill will deliver a talk titled “Perpetual Motion – Prepared to Learn” and Darla Casteilli of the University of Texas, Austin, will deliver a keynote speech on the connection between physical activity and learning.

This summit is the first of two, and the second will be held in February 2014 with a focus on healthy foods to promote learning. Both summits are extensions of the communitywide work that began with Let’s Move! Missoula’s Childhood Obesity Summit last fall and stems from the work of MCPS Graduation Matters Missoula’s student wellness subcommittee.

The summit is funded by the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation through their SHAPE P-20 grant to improve student success and graduation rates for Missoula students. Additional funding is provided by UM and the Missoula City and County Health Department.

For more information call Missoula City and County Health Department Active Kids/Let’s Move! Missoula Coordinator Mary McCourt at 406-258-3895 or email mmccourt@co.missoula.mt.us.

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MISSOULA – Garage sale vendors and shoppers are invited to the University of Montana’s World’s Largest Garage Sale from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, in the UM Parking Garage.

The garage sale is hosted by the UM Advocates, a campus service organization. It will be held on the first two levels of the parking garage next to the Mansfield Library on the east side of campus.

Vendors can rent two parking spaces for $25 and additional spaces for $10 each. Each parking space is 9 feet by 18 feet. Vendor setup begins at 7:30 a.m.

More than 50 UM Advocates members volunteer for campus functions such as Homecoming and new-student orientation. They host the World’s Largest Garage Sale as a fundraiser every autumn and spring semester. Sales attract nearly 100 sellers and thousands of shoppers.

Vendor registration forms are available online at http://life.umt.edu/umadv/garage-sale.php or at The Source in the University Center.

For more information call UM Advocates Coordinators Shaun Bummer or Merridy Preble at 406-243-5874 or email advocates@mso.umt.edu.

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Contact: Shaun Bummer and Merridy Preble, coordinators, UM Advocates, 406-243-5874, advocates@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA – Mark Leibovich, acclaimed journalist and author of The New York Times and The Washington Post bestselling book “This Town: Two Parties and a Funeral – Plus, Plenty of Valet Parking! – in America’s Gilded Capital,” will deliver a lecture and seminar at the University of Montana on Wednesday, Oct. 9, as part of the UM President’s Lecture Series.

Leibovich’s lecture, “How Self-Service has Replaced Public Service in the Gilded Capital,” will be held at 8 p.m. in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre. His seminar, “The Role of the Media in the National Carnival,” will be held from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m. in Gallagher Business Building Room 123. Both events are free and open to the public.

Leibovich began working at The New York Times in 2006 and was named chief national correspondent for The New York Times Magazine in 2012. He previously has written for The Washington Post, the San Jose Mercury News and the Boston Phoenix. In 2011, he won the National Magazine Award in the profile-writing category for his NYT Magazine article about Politico’s Mike Allen.


This lecture is the annual Stan Kimmitt Lecture on Public Service. The President’s Lecture Series at UM consists of 10 talks on vital topics by distinguished guest speakers throughout the academic year. For more information on the series, visit http://umt.edu/president/events/lectures/ or call UM history Professor Richard Drake at 406-243-2981.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana will launch a T-shirt design contest Wednesday, Oct. 2. The University calls for artists to design a T-shirt that will be printed and sold in The Bookstore at UM.

The designer with the winning submission will be awarded a $500 cash prize, and will earn one of the limited-edition T-shirts. The shirts will be printed only once, and all proceeds from the sale will support future T-shirt design contests.

This past April, UM unveiled its new logo and brand identity. The new visual mark – an outline of the mountains located on the main campus – is known as the M-pulse. The contest calls for artists to create a design using the M-pulse mark. The official mark can be downloaded on the contest’s Web page at http://www.umt.edu/theshirt.

“This is the first time the University has ever hosted a contest like this,” said Mario Schulzke, UM’s assistant vice president for marketing. “Let’s make use of our redesigned logo and create something really cool. A T-shirt should be a great canvas for that.”

The submission deadline is Friday, Oct. 25. Online voting on top designs will begin Monday, Oct. 28, and the winner of the contest will be announced Monday, Nov. 4.

“This is a chance for one great artist to earn graphic design glory,” said Gwen Landquist, UC marketing and art manager. “We have so many great artists right here in Missoula, but we also want UM friends and alumni from outside Missoula to submit their designs.”

The contest rules are:

- Contest is open to everyone.
- One entry per person.
- Submissions must be uploaded online at http://www.umt.edu/theshirt.
- Designs will be printed in one color onto gray T-shirts.

For more information about the contest, visit http://www.umt.edu/theshirt.

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Contact: Gwen Landquist, UM University Center marketing and art manager, 406-243-5555, gwen.landquist@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA – The Gallery of Visual Arts at the University of Montana will exhibit “…without having ended…” Oct. 3-24. The show is a collaborative media and performance installation by UM professors Michael Murphy and Bernadette Sweeney.

The exhibit explores memory, identity, language and loss. Three adjacent gallery spaces juxtapose digital film, audio, live performance and artifact to create a nonlinear experience through which viewers can participate in the construction of memory, narrative and their disintegration. The work is the fourth part of an ongoing interdisciplinary research project on presence and performance.

An opening reception for the exhibit will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, in the Gallery of Visual and Performing Arts on the first floor of the Social Science Building. It is free and open to the public.

Murphy is a professor in the School of Media Arts and Sweeney is an assistant professor in the School of Theatre & Dance. They created “…without having ended…” in collaboration with UM faculty members Mark Shogren, Róisín O’Gorman, Salina Chatlain, Zach Hamersley, Aaron Roos, Hugh Bickley and Dale Sherrard.

The project was sponsored by the dean of the UM College of Visual and Performing Arts with support from the UM Schools of Art, Media Arts, and Theatre & Dance, the School of Drama and Theatre Studies at University College Cork and the Fulbright Foundation.

The exhibit is free and open to the public. For a schedule of daily performances and events visit http://www.withouthavingended.info. The Gallery of Visual Arts is open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with special extended hours until 7 p.m. on Oct. 10, 17 and 24. Monday viewings are by appointment only.

For more information call gallery Director Cathryn Mallory at 406-243-2813 or email gallery.visarts@umontana.edu. More information on the Gallery of Visual Arts is available online at http://www.umt.edu/art.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area will bring the popular “Brain: The World Inside Your Head” exhibit to Stevensville Monday through Wednesday, Oct. 14-16.

Stevensville schoolchildren will participate in guided field trips of the exhibit Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during the school day. On Tuesday night, the community is invited to a free family science night from 5 to 7 p.m. The exhibit will be set up in the lobby of the Stevensville Public Schools 4-8 Building.

Highlights of the exhibit include interactive science activities exploring the wonders of neuroscience, such as an EEG measurement station, a colossal brain and Mind Flex Duel – an activity through which visitors can move a ball using their brain waves.

The spectrUM Discovery Area travels the state with a mobile science center featuring a variety of themed interactive science exhibits. Since 2007, spectrUM has traveled exhibits and educators to more than 20 counties and all seven Montana American Indian reservations.

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

The project is powered by the Jane S. Herman Foundation.

Those who can’t visit the exhibition in Stevensville can visit the spectrUM Discovery Area in its new location at 218 E. Front St. in Missoula. Public hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission costs $3.50 per person.

For more information call spectrUM Outreach Coordinator Hannah Motl at 406-243-4828 or email hannah.motl@umontana.edu. Teachers interested in booking a field trip or having spectrUM come to their school can call 406-728-STEM or visit http://www.spectrum.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana spectrUM Discovery Area will bring the popular “Brain: The World Inside Your Head” exhibit to Corvallis Tuesday through Thursday, Oct. 1-3.

Corvallis schoolchildren will participate in guided field trips of the exhibit during the school day on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. On Thursday night the community is invited to a free family science night from 5 to 7 p.m. The exhibit will be set up in the mini-theater at Corvallis High School.

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UPDATE: “The Price is Right Live!” will take place in a new venue.

MISSOULA – “The Price is Right Live!” show at the University of Montana on Wednesday, Oct. 2, will take place in the Dennison Theater.

The show originally was planned for the Adams Center. All tickets originally purchased for the Adams Center will be honored at the Dennison Theatre. All seating will be general admission at the new venue.

Hosted by UM Productions, the hit interactive stage show will give contestants pulled from the audience the chance to win appliances, vacations and even new cars by playing classic games from television’s longest running and most popular game show. From Plinko to Cliffhangers to the Big Wheel and even the fabulous Showcase, all the favorite games are played just like the TV show.

Tickets are still available at all GrizTix locations, including Worden’s Market, Southgate Mall, The Source in the University Center, the MSO Hub and the Adams Center Box Office. They also are available by calling 406-243-4051, calling 1-888-MONTANA toll-free or visiting http://www.umt.edu/griztix/.

General admission tickets cost $45 plus fees. Student tickets cost $25 and will available at The Source or Adams Center for those with a valid Griz Card.

On Oct. 2, registration for the show kicks off at 4:30 p.m. and “The Price is Right Live!” starts at 7:30 p.m.

Playing to audiences for nearly nine years, “The Price is Right Live!” has given away more than $10 million in cash and prizes and sold more than 1.2 million tickets. If you enjoy the rush of emotions experienced while watching the show on television, just imagine the possibilities if you actually were in the audience watching it live.

“The Price is Right Live!” is produced by FremantleMedia North America and licensed by FremantleMedia International. Additional purchase is not required for contestant registration. Tickets can be sold to legal U.S. residents 18 years or older. Ticket purchase will not increase chances of being selected to play. For complete rules and regulations, including eligibility requirements, visit or call the venue box office. To enter the theater to watch show, a ticket purchase is required.

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Western Montana, Dailies

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Contact: Heather Krebsbach, UM productions marketing coordinator, 406-243-4719; marketing@umproductions.org.
MISSOULA – The Online College Database recently ranked the University of Montana 43rd on its “50 Colleges Advancing Women in STEM” list. UM offers 66 science, technology and math programs, and the 450 women enrolled in them make up 56 percent of STEM students.

The list identifies public, fully accredited higher education institutions that graduate a high number of women in science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields and successfully encourage female students’ participation in a variety of STEM programs. UM is the only Montana university on the list.

“This listing in the top 50 colleges nationwide is a testament to the high quality of our science, mathematics and technology programs at UM, and it is extra special since we do not have undergraduate engineering programs, which are a major factor for many of the other universities on the list,” said UM Provost Perry Brown. “We are proud of the many female students who have chosen to pursue degrees in the STEM fields, and to do it in the challenging programs we have at UM.”

View the full list online at http://www.onlinecollegesdatabase.org/50-colleges-advancing-women-in-stem/. The Online College Database uses demographic information from the Integrated Post-Secondary Education Data System when compiling its rankings. Data includes college majors, enrollment status, financial aid awarded, race, ethnicity, gender and more.

For more information call Brown at 406-243-4689 or email perry.brown@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – In Missoula County, 2.4 percent of high school students drop out each year, limiting their future paychecks and employability.

In an effort to encourage students to graduate and boost their potential, more than 940 freshmen from Missoula County Public Schools will gather Tuesday, Oct. 1, for the third annual Graduation Matters Freshman Rally at the University of Montana.

The event kicks off at 10 a.m. in Washington-Grizzly Stadium. Students will be greeted by dignitaries such as MCPS Superintendent Alex Apostle, UM President Royce Engstrom and UM sociology faculty member Daisy Rooks. Missoula Mayor John Engen will emcee the event, and Denise Juneau, Montana superintendent of public instruction, will be the keynote speaker.

“This event provides our local freshmen with an experience that demonstrates how much Missoula and the entire state of Montana values them and wants them to succeed and graduate,” Apostle said. “If this is the first time some of these freshmen set foot on a university campus, we want that experience to inspire them to graduate and continue with higher education.”

Current UM and MCPS students will speak, and entertainment will include a musical performance and videos on the massive stadium screen.

“We are excited to host this fun event at Washington-Grizzly Stadium for the third time,” UM President Royce Engstrom said. “Graduation Matters has strengthened UM ties with Missoula public schools, and we hope the students who attend will make it a personal goal to finish high school and attend college.”

Participating MCPS schools are Big Sky, Hellgate, Sentinel and Seeley-Swan. Students will be bused to the rally, which dovetails with the efforts of Graduation Matters Missoula, a school-community partnership that encourages students to stay in school through graduation. The event also complements UM’s strategic plan, UM 2020: Building a University for the Global Century, which promotes helping K-12 students and assisting them with the transition to college.

All students in Missoula County Public Schools participate in learning experiences that reflect the MCPS 21st Century Model of Change, focused on increasing student engagement, transforming learning environments and supporting early innovators.


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Local, Western Montana

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MISSOULA – Beginning next week Montanans will be able sign up for the health insurance exchange. It will be a welcome opportunity for the 195,000 state residents who do not have health insurance, says Paul Polzin, interim director of the health care industry research program at the University of Montana’s Bureau of Business and Economic Research.

Beginning Tuesday, Oct. 1, Montanans may go online to https://www.healthcare.gov/marketplace/individual/, where they can apply for individual health insurance, with plan coverage beginning Jan. 1, 2014. Polzin expects that more than 350,000 Montanans may change their health insurance as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

The “no-wrong-door approach” to applying for individual health coverage will direct applicants toward the appropriate insurance option such as Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program or private insurance policies sold in the marketplace. An article in the latest Montana Business Quarterly titled “A Preview of Montana’s Health Insurance Marketplace” describes some of the changes that will occur under the exchange. The article was written by written by Gregg Davis and Christina Goe.

“In theory, the health insurance marketplace will enhance competition among health insurers while at the same time offering consumers the ability to make apples-to-apples comparisons of benefit designs, provider networks and limits on cost sharing,” the article says. “It is designed to operate similarly to the dozens of online travel sites that allow users to compare prices based on select criteria such as travel dates, destination and number of travelers.”

Polzin said that the new marketplace may make insurance more affordable because of the economies of scale and competition among insurance providers.

For more information on BBER’s health care industry research, call Polzin at 406-243-5113 or email paul.polzin@business.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana will spray for weeds, work on the M Trail and restore native vegetation on its signature mountain in coming weeks. Volunteers are requested to help with much of the work.

"Mount Sentinel offers some of the most popular hiking areas in Montana," said Marilyn Marler, UM's natural areas specialist. "We hope many of the people who love this mountain will turn out to help us keep it great."

UM staff will begin season weed spraying later this week or next Monday and continue spot spraying noxious weeds as weather allows through the first week of November. Marler said the weeds being treated are leafy spurge, dalmatian toadflax and spotted knapweed, all of which are legally designated as noxious weeds in Montana and therefore must be controlled wherever they grow.

"UM workers will focus on infestations of these plants above the fire road on Mount Sentinel in an effort to restore the mountain to native prairie plant communities and preserve habitat for the birds and other animals that live on the mountain," she said.

The herbicides Tordon 22k and Plateau will be applied from backpack sprayers, and the tank mix will contain a blue dye so that workers and others will know which areas have been sprayed. The M Trail area will not be treated at this time. "We usually do that area in the spring," Marler said.

UM also will host a workday on the M Trail in cooperation with the Montana Conservation Corps on Saturday, Oct. 12. To slow down the massive erosion that is happening just below the M, UM will install a new retaining wall below the north fork of the M and backfill with gravel. Volunteers are requested to help carry large amounts of gravel from the fire road to the M.

Interested people can meet at the bottom of the M Trail at 9 a.m. or hike up to the M later in the day and join in the work. The work should conclude by 2 p.m. Lunch will be provided but bring drinking water and snacks to keep yourself comfortable throughout the day.

"We will work rain or shine, but not if there is lightning," Marler said.

University workers also will spread native grass and wildflower seeds on degraded areas of Mount Sentinel on Saturday, Nov. 2. Volunteers should meet at the M Trail at noon and be prepared for steep and occasional off-trail hiking.

To RSVP for either volunteer event or for more information about Mount Sentinel stewardship, email marilyn.marler@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana today announced a headcount enrollment of 14,525 for fall semester, which exceeds UM projections but remains lower than a year ago.

New-student recruiting yielded 3,418 new students, which is three more than a year ago. UM President Royce Engstrom said the total headcount decline is due primarily to smaller classes of new students and larger graduating classes in the past two years. In response to last year’s lower enrollment, UM launched a series of initiatives to improve outreach to prospective students and their parents.

“The University has made significant changes in the past year on a number of fronts – in the amount of scholarship money we offer and our marketing and recruiting strategies,” Engstrom said. “In addition, we provide more programs than ever to help students succeed.”

Student headcount at Missoula College is 2,467, which is almost identical to last year. Engstrom said this reflects UM’s continued emphasis on the importance of two-year education. The number of Missoula-area high school students concurrently enrolled in college-level courses at UM also has increased significantly from 308 to 441.

Graduate-student enrollment also remains strong at 2,271, which nearly equals last autumn.

In addition, UM’s Office for Student Success reports more freshmen from Montana are better prepared for college-level coursework. This fall, 74 percent of resident freshmen reported taking at least four years of math in high school compared with 69 percent a year ago.

The total UM enrollment of 14,525 translates into an unofficial overall student full-time equivalent of 11,964. An FTE represents 15 undergraduate or 12 graduate credits.

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Local, dailies

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana was named one of America’s 100 Best College Buys by Institutional Research & Evaluation Inc., an independent research and consulting organization that helps recruit and retain students for institutions of higher learning.

UM was the only Montana university to make the list, which was released Sept. 20. The full report is online at http://www.100bestcollegebuys.com.

"It's wonderful to receive this type of acknowledgement from an organization that specializes in student recruitment," UM Provost Perry Brown said. "We know we provide an excellent educational product, but it's nice to hear they think we provide great value as well."

The 23rd Annual National College Survey was conducted between April 1 and July 31. The survey was submitted to 1,452 accredited U.S. colleges and universities offering four-year undergraduate degree programs and facilities for both room and board. About 1,040 institutions responded to the survey.

Those considered for the list must be accredited institutions offering bachelor's degrees, offer residence halls and dining services, have an entering freshman class with GPAs and SAT or ACT scores equal to or above the national average for entering freshmen, and have out-of-state attendance below the national average or not exceeding the national average by more than 10 percent.

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Contact: Perry Brown, UM provost and vice president for academic affairs, 406-243-4689, perry.brown@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA – The University of Montana will host an ongoing free workshop titled “Bridging Dialogue Across Cultures” for students during autumn semester. The workshops will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. every other week.

Through guided activities, group discussions and engagement games, BDAC will prepare students to participate in and foster an inclusive society. Students will engage in dialogue across identities of race, gender, sexual orientation, class, religion and ability.

BDAC is open to all UM students and provides a unique experience to learn about other people’s views, deepen their understanding of diversity and develop positive relationships with members of diverse communities.

The group is led by UM Assistant Professor Lucila Rudge, who originally is from Brazil. Rudge teaches in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction within the Phyllis J. Washington College of Education and Human Sciences and has extensive experience with diverse cultures and intergroup dialogue.

“As a member of a minority culture myself, I feel the need to provide a space where students from diverse cultures can engage in dialogue with each other and share their experiences at UM,” Rudge said.

BDAC will be held in the Phyllis J. Washington Education Center Room 241 on Sept. 26, Oct. 10 and 24, Nov. 7 and 21, and Dec. 5.

For more information call Rudge at 406-243-5415 or email lucila.rudge@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA – The community is invited to join the festivities during the University of Montana’s 2013 Homecoming Week, set for Sept. 29-Oct. 5, with a full schedule of traditional events.

This year’s Homecoming theme – “Up With Montana!” – comes directly from UM’s fight song, penned in 1914, and celebrates both the rich past and rising future of UM.

New this year, UM alumni are invited to join fellow Griz fans at the UMAA-sponsored Alumni Homecoming Tailgate from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, in the River Bowl, located between the Adams Center parking lot and the Clark Fork River. Alumni can drop by before the football game to enjoy food, beverages and prize drawings.

Also new this year, all Homecoming Parade entries will line up along Broadway Street, instead of farther north off Higgins Avenue. Parade participants will receive instructions detailing their specific line-up locations before the parade. The Homecoming Parade begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, and travels south on Higgins to University Avenue. This year’s honorary parade marshal is Kim Latrielle, president and CEO of the Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce.

Homecoming Week kicks off Sunday, Sept. 29, with music and celebration from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Southgate Mall Clock Court, sponsored by Southgate Mall, Missoula’s 102.5 Mountain FM, Liberty Mutual Insurance, UM and the UM Office of Alumni Relations.

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

The public is invited to attend the Homecoming Dinner at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Food Zoo in the Lommasson Center. The cost is $7.45 per person.

The 2013 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients will be honored at an awards program and reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. Friday in the UC Ballroom. The 2013 recipients are Dorothy Bridges, George Dennison, Jim Messina, Milton Parsons and Yoko Takeuchi.

The All-Alumni Social and Dance begins at 7 p.m. Friday at the Holiday Inn Downtown. The Alumni Jazz Band will provide music from 7 to 9 p.m., the UM Marching Band will perform between 9 and 9:30 p.m. and Rob Quist and Great Northern will play from 10 p.m. to midnight, while the Alumni Jazz Band moves to Brooks and Browns, adjacent to the atrium. Admission is free and open to the public.

The Yell Night Pep Rally gets underway at 8 p.m. Friday on the UM Oval, with the lighting of the M at dusk. Join Montana Grizzlies head football coach Mick Delaney and other coaches, players, cheerleaders, the UM Marching Band and Monte around the bonfire and enjoy the fireworks display.

The sixth annual Homecoming Hustle 5K race starts at 9:45 a.m. Saturday at the intersection of Higgins and Broadway, just before the Homecoming Parade.

The Montana Grizzlies take on the Portland State Vikings at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the annual Homecoming football game in Washington-Grizzly Stadium.

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

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MISSOULA – University of Montana Professor and Director of the UM Paleontology Center George Stanley will conduct research at Kumamoto University in Japan during October and November as part of the Japanese Society for the Promotion and Science BRIDGE Fellowship program.

While in Japan, Stanley will continue work on a collaborative research project which will involve field work in Kyushu, the country’s mountainous, southernmost island. He will work with his faculty host at Kumamoto, Tetsuji Onoue, who also is a faculty affiliate with the UM Department of Geosciences and has traveled to Montana for research.

Stanley and Onoue will study ancient limestone rocks that are more than 200 million years old. The limestone makes up a large part of Kyushu and other Japanese islands and contains fossilized remains of ancient sea life.

“We’re trying to figure out where Japan was 200 million years ago,” Stanley said. “It wasn’t where it is now.”

He also will try to determine the sedimentology and ancient ecology of the reef organism.

JSPS fosters the work of scientists from around the world and a major goal of their program is to promote international collaborative research. As part of the Fellowship, Stanley will travel to universities across the country to promote the exchange of science between the U.S. and Japan.

In 1992 and ‘93, Stanley was a UM International Exchange scholar at Kumamoto and he served as the JSPS Fellow to Kyushu University in 1995. The BRIDGE Program allows former JSPS Fellows to return to Japan to renew contacts and develop new areas of research.

Before his first trip to Japan, Stanley chatted with former U.S. Sen. Mike Mansfield, who also had been the longest serving U.S. ambassador to Japan. The men spoke about the country for about 30 minutes during a reception held in Mansfield’s honor, and he assured Stanley that he would enjoy visiting and working in Japan.

“He was right,” Stanley said. “I did.”

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MISSOULA – Missoula College and Bitterroot College of the University of Montana will receive close to $1.4 million and $930,000, respectively, from a $25 million grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Labor. Thirteen Montana two-year and tribal colleges will use the grant to train and prepare workers for jobs in energy and manufacturing industries.

According to John Cech, Montana deputy commissioner of higher education for two-year and community college education, the partnership is one of the largest statewide workforce development initiatives ever.

The energy and manufacturing industries are targeted in the grant because of a recognized gap in the state’s current ability to provide trained workers in those fields, and the significantly growing need for workers in jobs that support the industries.

Missoula College will use the grant to expand its Energy Technology program, increase the capacity to offer Welding Technology courses, expand its noncredit Commercial Driver License (CDL) courses by purchasing newer semitrucks and complete implementation of an Emporium math instructional model, which allows developmental math to be delivered in a laboratory setting.

“We are very thankful to have been included in this important statewide initiative,” said Brad Layton, director of MC’s Energy Technology program. “It will give the Energy Technology program the opportunity to offer more hands-on experiences to our students in our existing fields of study such as solar thermal, wind turbine technology, fuel cell technology and photovoltaics – as well as emerging technologies such as advanced manufacturing with recycled materials and smart-grid tech.”

“Our two current semitrucks both have close to 1 million miles,” said Missoula College Outreach Director Vida Wilkinson. “This grant will allow MC to purchase newer trucks, so we can offer more courses and meet the ever-growing workforce demands for CDL drivers. According to Bitterroot College Director Victoria Clark, the grant will allow BC to establish meaningful industrial technology training programs in Ravalli County for the first time. New training programs will include CDL, welding and fabrication, manufacturing technician, industrial electronics, industrial maintenance, energy technician and oil and gas fundamentals. Four new faculty members will be hired, more than doubling the current size of the BC staff.

“Bitterroot College UM could not be more thrilled,” Clark said. “The grant will allow the Bitterroot College to meet local manufacturing businesses’ hiring needs and provide skills training for local residents seeking regional employment. This funding should prove a boon for the entire economy of the Bitterroot Valley.”

Commissioner of Higher Education Clayton Christian said there were several state and federal authorities who helped land the job-training grant for Montana. “We appreciate the support we have received from Gov. Steve Bullock and his staff, as well as Montana’s congressional delegation: Sen. Max Baucus, Sen. Jon Tester, and Rep. Steve Daines,” Christian said.

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MISSOULA – A new, five-year, $20.3 million grant announced Sept. 18 from the National Institutes of Health will create a health research network of 13 universities across the West.

Called the Clinical Translational Research Infrastructure Network (CTR-IN), the organization will expand the capacity of partner institutions across seven states to put clinical research into practice to address regional health concerns, including access to care, cancer, obesity, diabetes, and cardiovascular and infectious diseases.

The University of Montana is a member institution. Curtis Noonan, a UM associate professor of epidemiology, directs the CTR-IN Pilot Grants Program.

"CTR-IN provides pilot funding, as well as mentorship and other research support, for investigators at UM," Noonan said. "The Pilot Grants Program is one of the key component activities of the new research network."

In recent months researchers from CTR-IN partner institutions participated in a highly competitive pilot grant application process at 11 eligible institutions. Of the six pilot grants that will be funded in the initial round, two $75,000 awards went to UM researchers.

One of the awardees, Blakely Brown in the Department of Health and Human Performance, will test an after-school nutrition and exercise intervention program. The second investigator, Luke Conway in the Department of Psychology, will study novel strategies to improve the efficacy of motivational interviewing to help people to quit smoking.

Other CTR-IN opportunities that will be made available to UM researchers will include mini-sabbaticals, biostatistical support, mentorship, educational opportunities and linkages to clinical researchers at three medical schools within the Mountain West Research Consortium. The University of Nevada, Las Vegas also will host a virtual clinical translational science center tailored to the needs of the partner institutions.

"The CTR-IN award demonstrates the growth of clinical and translational research at UM and the promise of such research for providing economic benefit to Missoula and the state," said Scott Whittenburg, UM vice president for research and creative scholarship. "The award is further evidence of the strength of the UM College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences, which is consistently near the top of national rankings."

Other faculty members working with CTR-IN at UM are Craig Molgaard in the School of Public Health and Community Sciences, who will contribute education and mentoring activities, and Solomon Harrar of the Department of Mathematical Sciences, who will team with biostatisticians to support pilot grant researchers.

Grant funding comes from the NIH Institutional Development Award (IDeA) Program. IDeA grants are intended to enhance the caliber of scientific faculty at research institutions in historically underfunded IDeA-eligible states, thereby attracting more promising faculty and students. The CTR-IN will further this goal among the partnering universities.

The partner universities are UM; UNLV; the University of Nevada, Reno (through the University of Nevada School of Medicine); the University of Alaska, Anchorage; the University of Alaska, Fairbanks; the University of Hawaii at Manoa; Boise State University; Idaho State University; the University of Idaho; Montana State University; the University of New Mexico; New Mexico State University; and the University of Wyoming.

UNLV will coordinate the grant through its School of Allied Health Sciences. Each of the member institutions will provide administrative, personnel and infrastructure support.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana American Indian Student Services will host the Indigenous Film Series each Wednesday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Sept. 18-Nov. 20, in The Payne Family Native American Center Room 201.

“This semester we will be showing several outstanding documentaries,” said Fredricka Hunter, director of UM AISS. “It is our hope the films will instigate rich dialogue that will lead to better understanding and insight for everyone.”

The film series will kick off with a showing of “Dakota 38,” a film about one man’s vision to help his kin heal from the largest hanging in U.S. history, ordered by President Abraham Lincoln in 1862.

“It’s a powerful and beautiful film,” Hunter said.

The film series is free open to the public. The schedule is:

- Sept 18: “Dakota 38”
- Sept 25: “Broken Rainbow”
- Oct 2: “Video Letters From Prison”
- Oct 9: “Hopi-Songs of the Fourth World”
- Oct 23: “Hearing Radmilla”
- Oct 30: “Praying for the World”
- Nov 6: “For the Rights of All: Ending Jim Crow in Alaska”
- Nov 13: “Broken Treaty at Battle Mountain”
- Nov 20: “Trudell”

For more information visit AISS online at [http://www.life.umt.edu/aiss](http://www.life.umt.edu/aiss), call Hunter at 406-243-6352 or email fredricka.hunter@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – Committed to offering the highest-quality art by world-renowned artists, the Montana Museum of Art & Culture at the University of Montana has assembled two new exhibitions of modernist art by major artists of the 19th and early 20th centuries.

The exhibitions “Figurative Modernists: Picasso, Chagall and Other Masterpieces from a Private Collection” and “Modernist Prints” will be on display in the Meloy and Paxson galleries in the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center from Oct. 3 to Feb. 8. An opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3, in the PAR/TV Center Lobby. The event is free and open to the public.

“Figurative Modernists: Picasso, Chagall and Other Masterpieces from a Private Collection” focuses on the soul-stirring power of the figure. Included are works by Jean Arp, María Blanchard, Marc Chagall, Giorgio De Chirico, Sonia Delaunay, Leon De Smet, Barbara Hepworth, Fernand Léger, André Masson, Jean Metzinger, Pablo Picasso and Georges Rouault. The exhibition examines modernism as an interdisciplinary endeavor that links music, dance, opera, the visual arts and literature.

“Modernist Prints” illustrates the intersection of the visual and literary arts. The exhibition displays selections from the MMAC Permanent Collection with select loans to highlight rare etchings and lithographs by Chagall, Le Corbusier, Aristide Maillol, Henri Matisse, Picasso, Rouault and Jean Signovert, among others. Many of the selections are by modernist artists who worked with famous publishers and authors such as Ambrose Vollard, Fernand Moulot and Henry Kahnweiler to create original artworks for literary publications.

“We bring art of this caliber to UM for students, Montanans and visitors,” said Barbara Koostra, director of the MMAC. “It’s an incredible opportunity to experience world-class art.”

Several events will accompany the exhibitions, including:

- **Thursday, Oct. 3:** MMAC Curator of Art Brandon Reintjes will teach a six-week course through the Montana Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at UM focusing on the development of modernist art movements such as surrealism, fauvism, constructivism, cubism and expressionism. The first class will be held Oct. 3.
- **Monday, Nov. 4:** UM art history and criticism Professor H. Rafael Chacón will present a talk titled "The Centrality of the Figure in Early Modern Art" at 7 p.m. in the PAR-TV Center Masquer Theatre.
- **Monday, Nov. 18:** Stephanie D’Alessandro, the Gary C. and Frances Comer curator of modern art at the Art Institute of Chicago, will present a President’s Lecture Series lecture titled “Picasso, Matisse and the 1913 Armory Show in Chicago” at 8 p.m. in the University Center Ballroom.
- **Tuesday, Dec. 3:** Chacón will offer a tour of the exhibition in the Meloy Gallery at 5:10 p.m. in the PAR/TV Center.
- **Saturday, Dec. 21:** Reintjes will offer a tour of the exhibitions in the Meloy and Paxson galleries at 12:10 p.m. in the PAR/TV Center.

Registration for the six-week MOLLI course is available online at [http://umt.edu/ce/plus50/registration.php](http://umt.edu/ce/plus50/registration.php). All lectures are free and open to the public. Participation for both gallery tours is limited to 28 people. To RSVP for a tour, call MMAC at 406-243-2019.

The MMAC’s hours during the academic year are noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday. The museum is open to the public with a suggested $5 donation.

For more information call 406-243-2019 or visit [http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum](http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum).

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**Note to media:** Digital images from the exhibitions are available. Call Shawn Whitworth at 406-243-2019 or email shawn.whitworth@mso.umt.edu to request images.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana University Players will present the third annual 23-and-a-Half-Hour Play Festival at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 22, in McGill Hall Room 210. The event is free and open to the public.

Five writers will receive their subject matter on Saturday, Sept. 21. They will have a few hours to develop a script before handing it over to five directors and 10 actors, who will begin a marathon of rehearsals, culminating in five performances on Sunday.

University Players is a student-run, student-directed theater troupe. Sponsored by the UM School of Theatre & Dance, the University Players produce an annual Ten-Minute Play Festival, stage readings and improvisational performances throughout the school year.

For more information call University Players Artistic Director Stephen Alan Seder at 406-208-1708 or email stephen.seder@umconnect.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – University of Montana Professor Beth Lo was one of four American artists paid a commission of $3,000 to create a ceramic piece of art for a major Korean art exhibit. Lo’s work will be featured in the “Main Exhibition” of the Seventh Geonggi International Ceramic Biennale 2013. She will travel to Korea Sept. 25 to attend the exhibition and to deliver a gallery talk on her work on Oct. 2.

The 2013 exhibition theme is community, and Lo’s new work, “Breath,” features mixed media, water, electricity and lighting.

“I wanted to create an image which involved a lot of figures, a sea of humanity, a community of people that ‘swim’ through life,” Lo said of her work. “I have used the image of the child for many years in my work, representing innocence and potential. I wanted to challenge myself to use other media in this piece, and so included light, motion and sound elements.”

Korea’s Gyeonggi Province has become a mecca of international ceramic development. The biennale event aims to set a new paradigm in developing the world’s contemporary ceramics.

“I felt extremely honored and excited when I found out I was nominated and then selected for the exhibition,” Lo said. “Not only is this a prestigious exhibition to be a part of, but it also gives me an opportunity to see the Ceramics Center in Gyeonggi – sometimes called Disneyland for ceramists – and to travel all over Korea to see traditional ceramics.”

After Korea, Lo will travel to Shanghai for a four-day visit, for which she received a University research grant. She will investigate themes of family and culture in her work as she visits her ancestral home of Wu Zhen, where her family members were famous wok makers.

For more information on the biennale, visit http://www.kocef.org/eng/03_biennale/2012/01_01.asp.

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**Photo cutline:** “Breath”
MISSOULA -- The University of Montana choral music department is a dynamic and vibrant community of individuals from colleges across campus. No fewer than 14 states and four countries are represented among the UM choirs. This diversity speaks to one of the core tenets of the UM choral music department: collaboration. All three choral ensembles – the University Choir, the Women’s Choir and the Chamber Chorale – owe a great deal of their recent successes to the numerous collaborative projects in which they have each participated.

The 2012-13 season included a joint performance between the combined choirs and the UM Symphony Orchestra, a performance which also included the exceptional talents of UM’s very own voice faculty Anne Basinski, Kimberly James, David Cody and College of Visual and Performing Arts Dean Stephen Kalm. Last November the UM Chamber Chorale took part in the Missoula area AA High School Choir Festival. This event included the participation from five Montana high school choirs and special guest Geoffrey Boers from the University of Washington School of Music. In February, the Chamber Chorale again collaborated with the UM Symphonic Wind Ensemble at the National Association for Music Educators All-Northwest conference performance in Portland, Ore. Later that spring the choral ensembles continued their collaborative efforts by singing in performances which included the Missoula County Public Schools Eighth Grade Girls Honor Choir, Sentinel High School’s Spartainnaires, and a raft of UM music faculty including violinist Margaret Baldridge and pianist Christopher Hahn.

The upcoming 2013-14 UM choral music concert season will continue to build on these cooperative endeavors. In November, the combined UM choirs will present a joint performance entitled “The Passing of the Year.” The following month the University Choir will join forces with volunteer singers from the greater Missoula area and members of the Missoula Symphony Orchestra in the annual fundraiser performance of George Frideric Händel’s “Messiah,” which benefits the UM School of Music and the Missoula International Choral Festival, itself a wonderfully collaborative organization.

Next April, the Chamber Chorale will participate in one of the most exciting projects to date for the UM choral department when they travel to Illinois and take part in a performance in one of the grandest concert halls in the country: Chicago’s own Orchestra Hall in Symphony Center. The group was selected by taped audition to present as part of the “Debut Series” on April 1. The UM singers are certainly excited about their high-profile performance.

“It’s an amazing opportunity for all of us,” said Elin Peterson, a music education major and three-year choir member. “Traveling with Chamber Chorale in the past has, I feel, proven to really bring us together as an ensemble. I think Chicago will bring the group to new levels of excellence.”

After presenting their own portion of the performance, the Chamber Chorale will sing alongside the Manhattan Chorale, a professional choral ensemble from New York, providing some of the students a glimpse into what their lives might be like after graduation. UM tenor Ben Fox is particularly interested in that aspect of the performance.

“Many of us in this choir are looking forward to careers as professional musicians and trips like this give us an idea of what our lives could be like,” Fox said.

The choir will also get to work with internationally recognized conductor Craig Arnold. Arnold, who is the conductor of the Manhattan Chorale, will lead the UM choir and the Manhattan Chorale in a combined performance of several choral works at the conclusion of the concert.
For many of the singers the thought of performing in such a prestigious hall is both nerve-wracking and exhilarating.

“It’s a really great opportunity for all of us to be able to sing in such a renowned place,” said junior Caitlin Wallace. “This choir has really grown as an ensemble in recent years, and this experience will allow us to show how much we’ve improved as a group.”

Not only will this be a tremendous performing opportunity for the choir, but it will be an outstanding learning and cultural experience for the UM students. While in Chicago, the singers will have the opportunity to take in musical and artistic experiences from the host of top-notch professional arts organizations throughout the city.

Upon returning to Missoula, the Chamber Chorale will present music from both their “Debut Series” performance as well as music performed in collaboration with the Manhattan Chorale during their final concert of the season on Monday, April 21, in the Music Recital Hall at UM.

Contact: David Edmonds, director of UM choral activities, 406-243-6889, david.edmonds@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA – The University of Montana recently was awarded a National Science Foundation grant of nearly $500,000 to support a project to improve the University's cyberinfrastructure.

The project will fund the procurement of high speed bandwidth for several key buildings housing active, big-data research projects. The upgrade will greatly enhance the ability of researchers to actively participate in their fields, work in collaboration with other researchers at the national and international level, and broaden the impact of UM research efforts.

The two-year Campus Cyberinfrastructure-Network Infrastructure and Engineering Program project is under the guidance of Loey Knapp, Jeffrey Good, Anna Klene, John McCutcheon and Rebecca Bendick.

Specific areas enhanced by the project will include research of animal-microbial symbioses, mountain pine beetle-induced changes in forest infrastructure and hydrology and subsequent impact on fire management, and geodynamics research in relation to earthquakes in the developing world.

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MISSOULA – In honor of national Banned Books Week Sept. 23-27, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Library at the University of Montana will post a series of videos featuring UM faculty, administrators and staff sharing their favorite banned books to its website.

The videos, produced by UM graduate student and School of Media Arts Adjunct Instructor Tom Stagg, introduce students to people who work on campus and the books they cherish. In the videos, UM employees speak from the heart about books they love and that have influenced them, and why students should read banned books.

A new video will be posted to the Mansfield Library website at http://www.lib.umt.edu each day of the week. Each video is about five minutes long, and books featured this year include “Looking for Alaska” by John Green, “Call of the Wild” by Jack London and “Where the Sidewalk Ends” by Shel Silverstein. Speakers are UM President Royce Engstrom, faculty members and staff from the admissions and advising offices.

“We hope this project serves as a catalyst for discussions between members of the campus community,” said Julie Biando Edwards, associate professor, ethnic studies librarian and diversity coordinator for the Mansfield Library. “We’re particularly excited that this project might prompt questions from students and that it might encourage them to reflect on their own favorite books.”

Banned Books Week provides an opportunity for UM students and faculty members to talk about the books that are important to them, and about what freedom of inquiry and freedom of access really mean. The annual week of recognition is sponsored by several organizations, including the American Library Association, American Society of Journalists and Authors and the National Council of Teachers of English.

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MISSOULA – Irish musicians and founders of Ancient Music Ireland Simon O’Dwyer and Maria Cullen O’Dwyer will kick off the 2013-14 University of Montana President’s Lecture Series with a lecture titled “3,000 Years of Ancient Ireland’s Music and Instruments” at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, in the George and Jane Dennison Theatre on campus. They also will conduct a master class with the UM School of Music at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, in the Music Recital Hall. Both events are free and open to the public.

Simon and Maria study and reconstruct ancient Irish musical instruments, particularly for the period from 4200 B.C. to A.D. 1000. They trace the distant origins of Ireland’s world-renowned musical traditions to this seminal period in the country’s history.

The surprisingly sophisticated and complex instruments of ancient times reflect many changes in the history of Irish culture. For example, the exceptionally large number of Irish metal horns that survive from prehistoric times, representing 40 percent of the world total, indicates the importance placed on music in ancient Ireland for ritual ceremonies and the inauguration of kings. The earliest Irish legends contain many references to the instruments and music that the people of Ireland loved and celebrated.

Simon has composed and registered many pieces for bronze horn, Iron Age trumpet, and early medieval horns and bodhrán. In addition to her own research and bodhrán performances, Maria has created a large library of archival material on ancient Irish music, including photographs and video materials, as well as university lectures and papers presented at academic conferences. Their book “Prehistoric Music of Ireland” is a major contribution to the scholarly literature in this field.

The President’s Lecture Series at UM consists of 10 talks on vital topics by distinguished guest speakers throughout the academic year. For more information on the series, visit http://umt.edu/president/events/lectures/ or call UM history Professor Richard Drake at 406-243-2981.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana plans to create a new Cyber Innovation Laboratory in collaboration with state technology companies. The new facility will train students in cybersecurity and using so-called “big data” to search for patterns that solve real-world problems using massive datasets.

The lab initially will be outfitted using donations from Montana technology companies. The state’s entire U.S. congressional delegation has voiced support for the UM initiative.

Curricula will be designed for use with the lab, and UM officials envision new certificate and degree offerings involving cybersecurity, big data and assurance, which involves safety, security and compliance.

“The Cyber Innovation Laboratory at UM will be a place where students are given real-world experience and learn the technical skills that employees require in this dynamic and growing industry,” UM President Royce Engstrom said.

The lab will train students in vulnerability assessment, in which they are taught how to identify weaknesses in information systems. In an isolated, secure laboratory, students will learn how hackers penetrate computer systems in order to help companies better protect themselves from hostile data breaches. Students also will study digital forensic analysis, studying evidence from data breaches to better track down hackers.

“This announcement couldn’t have come at a better time,” U.S. Sen. Max Baucus said. “Just at leaders from the world’s largest technology companies are ascending on Montana for our Economic Development Summit, UM’s Cyber Lab shows the world that Montana will have the skilled workforce necessary to lead the way on cybersecurity and big data.”

UM Provost Perry Brown said the four major components of big data are analytics, infrastructure, cybersecurity and mobility. He said UM researchers such as Regents Professor Steve Running already use massive datasets from environmental satellites to study ecological and climate changes across the globe, and big data are used frequently in political and business analyses.

“The Cyber Lab at UM is an exciting example of how we can build a world-class cyber and big data educational program right here in Montana,” said U.S. Rep. Steve Daines, who serves on the House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Cybersecurity. “After helping a Bozeman-based cloud computing company grow and create jobs, I know firsthand that Montana already hosts a vibrant technology and cyber industry.

“We want innovators to know that Montana is ready for their business – that we have the infrastructure, labor pool and other qualities that make our state an ideal headquarters,” Daines said. “This program at UM will help ensure that we produce a top-notch labor pool to serve those businesses and help Montana’s technology sector grow.”

Brown said this new effort represents a logical outgrowth of UM’s commitment to technology educational and research programs. Working in collaboration with the IBM’s Academic Initiative, the University already boasts a national, first-of-its-kind undergraduate course in stream computing, allowing students to learn real-time analytical skills in mathematics, computer science and business process optimization. UM also recently received a National Science Foundation grant of nearly $500,000 to improve the University’s cyberinfrastructure.

In addition, UM’s Department of Mathematical Sciences will offer a big data analytics course this semester, and Missoula College faculty members are developing a proposal for a cybersecurity certificate.

“As businesses continue to push technologies to new heights, Montana needs well-trained men and women who are capable of doing the jobs of the 21st century,” U.S. Sen. John Tester said. “All Montanans will benefit from this lab and UM’s foresight as we grow our state’s computer science industry together.”

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana will host a full slate of events on Friday, Sept. 27, to celebrate American Indian Heritage Day. All events are free and open to the public, except for the lunch in the Food Zoo.

The schedule is:

- **7 a.m.:** Sunrise Ceremony, led by Patrick Weaselhead, in the Storytelling Area outside The Payne Family Native American Center.
- **8 a.m.:** Light refreshments, Payne Center.
- **9 a.m.:** M Trail hike sponsored by the Missoula Indian Center.
- **9 a.m.:** Teepee rising with UM and Missoula County Public Schools students, the Oval.
- **11 a.m.-2 p.m.:** Student Club/Organization Information and Craft Tables: Bonnie HeavyRunner Gathering Place, Payne Center.
- **11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m.:** Soup Friday sponsored by the Office of the President, Payne Center Student Lounge.
- **Noon:** President’s proclamation, featuring an opening prayer led by UM student Naatosi Fish, a proclamation by UM President Royce Engstrom and traditional dancing and drumming, Payne Center.
- **Noon:** The Food Zoo will offer an indigenous menu. Open only to the UM community, regular prices apply, Lommasson Center.
- **12:30-12:45 p.m.:** Presentation by the Missoula Indian Center, Payne Center.
- **12:45-1 p.m.:** Bonnie “Sim-Sin” HeavyRunner Memorial Teepee Race, American Indian student groups will compete for prize money to see who can erect a teepee the fastest, the Oval.
- **1-2 p.m.:** UM College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences Assistant Professor Annie Belcourt will host a presentation on digital storytelling, Payne Center.

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MISSOULA – University of Montana President Royce Engstrom will kick off his “We are Montana” tour of the state on Monday, Sept. 23. Engstrom and other senior UM leaders will travel to four eastern Montana cities in four days to meet with and listen to legislators, educators, alumni, students and community members.

“We see the boundaries of the University as the entire state of Montana, and I’m excited for the opportunity to better understand what matters to the people and communities of this region,” Engstrom said. “I want to hear what’s on their minds, as well as share the story of our students, faculty and alumni.”

The tour will start in Miles City and continue to Glendive, Sidney and Glasgow. In each town the University will host a community event that is free and open to the public. The community event schedule follows:

- **Miles City**: 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23, Miles City Town and Country Club
- **Glendive**: 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, Yellowstone River Inn
- **Sidney**: 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, Sidney Country Club
- **Glasgow**: 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, Cottonwood Inn

The events will offer community members a chance to meet with Engstrom, connect with alumni and friends and learn more about UM. Door prizes and light refreshments will be offered.

UM’s Improving Health Among Rural Montanans, or IPHARM, will be at the Glendive community event. IPHARM is a traveling health-screening program designed to provide wellness checks to rural Montanans who may be unable to access health care. At the same time, UM health professions students gain experience screening and counseling patients. IPHARM students will provide free blood pressure and bone-density screenings for members of the Glendive community.

Other highlights from the UM tour include:

- Visit to Custer High School from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 23;
- Visit to Miles Community College campus from 8 to 8:45 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24;
- Visit to Dawson Community College campus from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Tuesday;
- Visit to Dawson County High School from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday;
- Visit to Sidney High School from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25;
- Visit to Glasgow High School from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26.

The eastern Montana stop is the first of the president’s “We are Montana” tour. He is scheduled to visit 13 other cities across Montana through the fall, winter and spring, traveling a total of 3,500 miles.

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**Note to the media:** Members of the media are invited to attend the community events, and interviews with Engstrom may be arranged in advance by calling Kate Stober, communications coordinator, at 406-243-2419 or by emailing kate.stober@umontana.edu.

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Eastern Montana media: Miles City, Glendive, Sidney, Glasgow, Terry, Billings

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana’s School of Business Administration will host a live simulcast of the 2013 Montana Economic Development Summit taking place in Butte on Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 16-17. The simulcast will feature the event’s keynote addresses, which run from 8 a.m. to noon each day in Gallagher Business Building Room 104. The simulcast is free and open to the public.

Organized by Sen. Max Baucus, the Montana Economic Development Summit will take place on the Montana Tech campus in Butte and will feature keynote speakers from Boeing Co., Delta Air Lines Inc., Facebook, FedEx Corp., Ford Motor Co., Oracle Corp., Hewlett-Packard Co. and other global businesses. The goal of the summit is to boost trade opportunities for Montana and create new jobs in the Treasure State.

“Our best and our brightest, like UM’s business school students, shouldn’t have to leave our state to find good-paying jobs,” Baucus said. “That’s what our jobs summits are all about. I’m thrilled to know folks in Missoula will be joining the conversation and helping us come up with Montana solutions for Montana jobs by watching the summit live from UM’s campus.”

Sheryl Sandberg, chief operations officer for Facebook, is the keynote speaker slated to present from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Monday. Sandberg is the author of the bestselling book “Lean In” and challenges women to aspire to more leadership roles globally.

After the Missoula simulcast concludes, in Butte panel sessions populate the summit’s afternoon agenda. Joe Fanguy, president of MonTEC and director of UM’s technology transfer, will be a panelist from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday during a session titled “Cultivating a Startup Ecosystem.”

Three past winners of UM’s Annual John Ruffatto Business Plan Competition will give live presentations during the panel discussion, “Venture Capital in Big Sky Country,” which will be held from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. Monday.

Amie Sherman, executive director of the Montana World Trade Center, will participate on a panel, “Doing Business in Canada,” from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. Monday.

UM Associate Professor of management Michael Braun will participate on a panel, “Ensuring Long-Term Success in a Family-Run Business,” from 4 to 5:15 p.m. Monday.

UM Associate Professor of forest biometrics Dave Affleck will speak as part of the “Seeing the Market for the Trees: Wood Products in Montana” panel from 4 to 5:15 p.m. Monday.

For more information on the summit, visit http://montanajobssummit.com/. For more information on the UM simulcast, call Tammy Yedinak, assistant to the dean of the UM School of Business Administration, at 406-243-6195 or email tammy.yedinak@business.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – The annual Heart Walk and 5K Heart Run, a fundraiser for the American Heart and Stroke Association, will take place from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, at the University of Montana.

More than 600 people are expected to get moving and raise funds to support the education and research efforts of the American Heart Association, a nonprofit that raises awareness of cardiovascular disease and stroke and promotes heart-healthy lifestyles. This year’s event is expected to raise more than $115,000.

“We know that while cardiovascular disease is the No. 1 killer of Americans and stroke is No. 4, they also are largely preventable,” said Valerie Topacio, operations manager for the AHA. “Engaging in regular physical activity – including brisk walking or running – has proven health benefits such as providing increased energy and circulation, as well as reduced risk of heart disease and stroke.”

No fundraising minimum is required to take part in the Heart Walk, and registration is open until the day of the event. The Heart Run 5K registration is $20 until Sept. 20 and $25 thereafter. Athletes can register starting at 8 a.m. the morning of the run or in advance online at http://www.missoulaheartwalk.org.

At 9:15 a.m., Heart Run participants will race their way through a 3.1-mile timed course that winds through campus, travels the Kim Williams Trail and finishes on the Oval. Walkers will stride out at 11 a.m., covering a nearly three-mile, noncompetitive course around the UM campus. The event also will feature a senior route around the Oval, and Missoula-area mascots will lead kids in an out-and-back dash from the center of the Oval to the Grizzly Bear Statue.

Guest speakers will kick off a ceremony at 10:15 a.m. to introduce heart disease survivors and remember those who have passed away because of heart disease. Speakers will include Missoula Mayor John Engen, UM President Royce Engstrom, Heart Walk and 5K Run Chair Lindsay Fisher and Mountain Broadcasting President Sheila Callahan.

Winners of the 5K Heart Run will be recognized for first-, second- and third-place finishes, and top walkers will be honored for their fundraising efforts. The kids’ zone at the Heart Walk will feature spectrUM Discovery Area’s popular hands-on learning exhibits and Monte will be on hand for the fun.

Refreshments and information on healthy lifestyles also will be available at the event. Grizzly athletes will volunteer and will take part in the festivities, and the UM Spirit Squad will provide enthusiasm as they warm up walkers and cheer on runners.

For more information or to register, call American Heart Association Operations Manager Valerie Topacio at 509-536-1500, email valerie.topacio@heart.org or visit http://www.missoulaheartwalk.org.

Founded in 1924, the American Heart Association is the nation’s oldest and largest voluntary health organization dedicated to building healthier lives free of heart disease and stroke. To help prevent, treat and defeat these diseases – America’s No. 1 and No. 4 killers – the organization funds cutting-edge research, conducts lifesaving public and professional educational programs, and advocates to protect public health.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana has scheduled public forums this month to gather additional community feedback on two potential sites for a new Missoula College building.

President Royce Engstrom will host two public forums to hear comments about the South Campus site and the East Broadway site. Both forums will serve as scoping sessions for the two sites under consideration.

“Several criteria must be used to select the location, including reasonable proximity to the University’s main campus so that shared resources contribute to cost-effective education, an attractive setting that reinforces the importance of two-year education, access to transportation and parking, future expandability and a location that contributes to the strength of our community,” Engstrom said.

“We have examined two sites in detail during recent months – the South Campus and the East Broadway location,” he said. “Both meet the above criteria, and both are suitable from an architect’s perspective. Now, we’d like to invite the community – including students, faculty and staff at Missoula College – to let us know their thoughts about these locations.”

The first scheduled forum will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Holiday Inn Downtown, Garden City Parlor B. The second will run from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, in HB01 of the Missoula College Administration Building. William Marcus, director of the UM Broadcast Media Center, will moderate both forums.

The South Campus, which now contains the UM Golf Course, some campus housing and athletic facilities, has been designated as the future location where UM will accommodate growth. The South Campus Master Plan was approved six years ago by the University and the Montana Board of Regents.

“Regardless of siting for Missoula College, the South Campus Master Plan will remain viable and will guide the long-term growth of UM,” Engstrom said.

The East Broadway site is across the Clark Fork River from the central mountain campus and adjacent to the Montana Technology Enterprise Center (MonTEC). StudioFORMA Architects conducted a feasibility study of the East Broadway location that was delivered to the University in July. The study examined the site and found no significant barriers to further consideration.

The 2013 Montana Legislature allocated $29 million for UM to build a new home for Missoula College. UM is in the process of raising an additional $3 million match.

“Our two-year students represent a critical asset for Missoula and for Montana,” Engstrom said. “With a new state-of-the-art facility, Missoula College will be able to implement more fully its mission to become a community-focused institution serving the educational and workforce needs of this region, as well as future generations of Montanans for years to come.”

More information on the South Campus and East Broadway sites can be found at http://umt.edu/buildmissoulacollege/default.php.

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UM Fitness and Recreation Center Introduces Functional Training Area

MISSOULA – Visitors to the University of Montana Fitness and Recreation Center on the north end of campus will notice a major change this semester. Where stationary bikes used for group cycling classes once stood, a new open-concept space boasting functional, free-movement equipment has taken over and is gaining popularity.

The Functional Training Corner, located on the gym’s upper level, offers students and other FRC members a full range of equipment such as kettlebells, free weights, Bosu balls, battle ropes and a large bar structure that includes areas for a medicine ball toss, pull-ups, dips and a multitude of rings and straps used for body-weight training exercises.

But despite all the new equipment, the area mostly is empty, and according to Campus Recreation’s Senior Assistant Director of Fitness Programs Sonja Tysk, that’s the idea.

“The open floor space really allows people to move around,” Tysk said. “They have room to do a variety of dynamic and full-body exercises.”

Tysk and the FRC’s staff of four personal trainers put together a proposal for the Functional Training Corner, which Campus Recreation Director Steve Thompson and Associate Director of Facilities Brian Fruit were happy to endorse.

Fruit said students at the FRC already were doing functional exercises by getting creative with existing equipment.

“It was not the ideal in regards to functionality, use of space and, at times, safety,” he said. “Sonja and her staff recognized this, listened to students and presented a well thought-out proposal.”

Functional movement and body-weight exercises are all the rage right now, but the Functional Training Corner offers members more than a fad workout.

“We want to stay current with fitness trends, but we also want to stay current with the latest exercise science,” Tysk said.

Free-range movement and balance are required for many of the exercises in the corner, which helps FRC members break out of routines that isolate specific muscles or muscle groups. For example, keeping a thick tube full of sloshing water steady on your chest while squatting engages the core in different ways compared to using a traditional squat rack.

“That’s kind of where fitness is going: more full-body movement, less equipment intensive,” Tysk said. However, she added that most people tend to combine using both the Functional Training Corner and the more traditional equipment at the FRC, such as weight machines or treadmills.

In an industry where change can be expensive, the overall renovation of the space and the purchase of new equipment cost only about $12,000. By comparison, an elliptical cardio trainer that accommodates one user at a time costs about $8,200.

FRC members interested in learning how to use the new equipment can attend a 45-minute High Intensity Circuit fitness class, schedule a private consultation with one of the gym’s personal trainers for $10 or view instructional posters displayed in the corner.

The stationary bikes are still around, too. They’ve moved to one of the lower-level exercise studios in the FRC and cycling still is a major part of the gym’s fitness class schedule.

For more information call the FRC at 406-243-2802 or view a schedule of fitness classes at
Photos: UM Fitness and Recreation Center members participate in a High Intensity Circuit class in the Functional Training Corner on Friday, Sept. 6. Photos by Todd Goodrich.

Contact: Sonja Tysk, senior assistant director of fitness programs, UM Campus Recreation, 406-243-2833, styks@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA – Hugh Campbell, one of the world’s leading experts on the social dynamics of sustainable agriculture, will share his ideas this month at Montana State University and the University of Montana.

He will present “The Future of Food Politics (or Why Food is Not Coal)” at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, at MSU's Museum of the Rockies. The same lecture will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26, at UM’s University Center Theater. Both events are free and open to the public, and light refreshments will be served before each talk.

The lectures are part of the Montana Institute on Ecosystems Distinguished Visiting Lecture Series.

Campbell is chair of sociology and head of the Department of Sociology, Gender and Social Work at the University of Otago in New Zealand. He directed the Center for Sustainability from 2000 to 2010.

He has examined the social and economic dimensions of developing sustainable agriculture in New Zealand and explored food auditing, new governance structures in food chains, environmental auditing and the necessity to shift New Zealand food exporting from “quantities to qualities.”

Since 2003, Campbell has helped lead the social research objective in the Ministry of Science and Innovation-funded Agriculture Research Group on Sustainability Programme, which is considered the largest current study of farm-scale sustainability in the world.

Hugh also has published research findings on the social dynamics of rural New Zealand, food systems and agriculture. In addition, he has edited two books and published in many international journals.

The Montana Institute on Ecosystems is a joint venture of UM and MSU. It’s a community of Montana scholars and partners with a shared vision to advance integrated environmental sciences and related fields. The institute draws on the extraordinary landscapes of Montana and beyond to understand complex ecosystems, including the interconnectedness of people and nature.

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MISSOULA – To increase effectiveness and decrease costs, last year the University of Montana developed GrizMart, a new electronic procurement system to deliver one-stop shopping across its campuses.

This year, UM will host its very first vendor fair, offering an opportunity to introduce GrizMart users to its vendors and Procure 2 Pay staff members.

The vendor fair will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24, on the University Center’s third floor. Sixteen of the 19 GrizMart vendors will host booths, staffing them with account representatives who will be available to talk to participants, answer questions and provide information about current and upcoming promotions. The event is free and there will be opportunities to win door prizes, including an Apple iPad.

For more information about the vendor fair or the GrizMart e-procurement system, call UM Director of Procurement Services Ian Robbins at 406-243-2204 or email ian.robbins@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center has announced its fall 2013 Brown Bag Lecture Series programs for the community. The lectures reflect the center’s mission to promote an understanding of Asia, public affairs and ethics.

All sessions start at 12:10 p.m. in the Mansfield Center in the Mansfield Library unless otherwise noted. The lectures are free and open to the public.

- **Wednesday, Sept. 11:** “Why Mansfield Matters,” presented by Mansfield Center Director Abraham Kim. Meet our new director and learn why the spirit of Mike Mansfield remains relevant today.

- **Thursday, Sept. 19:** “An International Lawyer Looks at the Development Agenda for the Future,” presented by University of Denver Sturm College of Law Professor Ved Nanda. Location: School of Law Room 201, noon. Co-sponsored by the Montana Law Review at the UM School of Law.

- **Tuesday, Sept. 24:** “Deep in the Delta: Studying Climate Change in Vietnam,” presented by UM Environmental Studies Program Professor Dan Spencer.

- **Wednesday, Oct. 9:** “JET to Japan! – Working in Japan with the Japan Exchange & Teaching (JET) Program,” presented by JET Program Coordinator Lynn Shiori Miyauchi.

- **Wednesday, Oct. 16:** “Building Entrepreneurship Capacity in Poor and Urban Communities in Cambodia,” presented by Cambodia Rural Development Team Project Manager Ty Ratana. A special offering of the U.S. Department of State Economic Empowerment Project.


- **Wednesday, Nov. 13:** “Modern Japanese Literature and Technology,” presented by UM Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures Professor Brian Dowdle.

- **Wednesday, Nov. 20:** “The Impact of Social Media in China,” presented by Confucius Institute Executive Director Suhan Chen.

For more information and extended lecture descriptions, visit [http://www.umt.edu/mansfield](http://www.umt.edu/mansfield) or call 406-243-2988.

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MISSOULA – Independent publisher Tavern Books recently announced The Wrolstad Contemporary Poetry Series to honor the life and work of former University of Montana student and poet Greta Wrolstad.

Wrolstad, a graduate student in the UM Creative Writing Program, passed away in 2005 at the age of 24. Tavern Books published two collections of her poetry: “Night is Simply a Shadow” in 2013 and “Notes on Sea & Shore” in 2010.

The Wrolstad Contemporary Poetry Series will champion exceptional literary works from young women poets through a book publication in The Living Library, the Tavern Books catalog of innovative poets ranging from first-time authors and neglected masters to Pulitzer Prize winners and Nobel laureates.

Submissions to the series are open to any woman age 40 and younger who is a U.S. citizen, regardless of publication history. Poets published through the series will receive a standard royalty contract, a working relationship with an editorial staff and publisher, publication of their book in both paperback and hardcover editions and national distribution.

Manuscripts must be previously unpublished full-length collections of original poetry written in English, with at least 40 pages of text. Portions of the manuscript may have appeared elsewhere, but the collection as a whole must be unpublished.

Submissions will be accepted Oct. 1 through Jan. 15, 2014. Selections will be announced in June 2014 and published in 2015. For more submission guidelines, visit http://tavernbooks.com/wrolstad-series.

While a graduate student in the UM Creative Writing Program, Wrolstad received a poetry fellowship, served as the poetry co-editor of the CutBank literary journal and attended the 2005 Summer Literary Seminar in St. Petersburg, Russia, on a scholarship awarded by Fence Books. Aside from her poetry collections by Tavern Books, her poems have been published in A Public Space, Black Warrior Review, The Canary, Octopus Magazine, and the Best New Poets 2007 and Pushcart Prize XXXII anthologies.

“Greta was exceptionally good at describing the natural world – in part, I suspect, because she had the patience to look at seawater and trees for a long time, without asking what she saw to be anything other than itself,” said Joanna Klink, an associate professor of poetry in the Creative Writing Program.

UM memorialized Wrolstad in 2009 with a bench and rock at the southwest corner of the Liberal Arts Building, and the Creative Writing Program offers an annual Greta Wrolstad Travel Award in her memory.

For more information visit http://tavernbooks.com/wrolstad-series, call UM Creative Writing Program Coordinator Karin Schalm at 406-243-5267 or email karin.schalm@mso.umt.edu.

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Publisher Announces Poetry Series to Honor UM Student Greta Wrolstad - UM News - The University Of Montana

Contact: Karin Schalm, coordinator, UM Creative Writing Program, 406-243-5267, karin.schalm@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA – The University of Montana College of Forestry and Conservation will celebrate its centennial this year with three days of events. All alumni and friends of the college are invited to events taking place Thursday through Saturday, Sept. 19-21.

The college formally opened on Sept. 8, 1914, with 25 students and one degree program. It since has grown to offer five undergraduate degrees, four academic minors, five master’s of science degrees and three doctoral programs to nearly 1,000 students.

The centennial celebration schedule of events is:

Thursday, Sept. 19

- 10 a.m.-3 p.m.: Field day open house at Lubrecht Experimental Forest located at 38689 Highway 200 East in Greenough. Free and open to the public.
- 5:30-8 p.m.: Evening barbecue with the college’s student clubs at the Fort Missoula Woodsman Competition Grounds located off of Fort Missoula Road. Tickets cost $12 and are available to the public.
- 5:30-8 p.m.: UM Woodsman Team demonstration at Fort Missoula Woodsman Competition Grounds. Included with the barbecue ticket.

Friday, Sept. 20

- All day: Memorabilia viewing and oral history recording in the Forestry Building on campus. Free and open to the public.
- 10 a.m.: Campus dendrology tour departing from the Forestry Building. Free and open to the public.
- 11:10 a.m.-noon: Graduate forestry seminar featuring guest speaker Dean Jim Burchfield in the North Underground Lecture Hall. Free and open to the public.
- 1-3 p.m.: Program displays: posters and conversation with current faculty and students on academic and research programs in Forestry Building Room 106. Free and open to the public.
- 5:30-9 p.m.: Evening banquet with video, slideshows and storytelling in the University Center Ballroom. Tickets cost $40 and are available to the public.

Saturday, Sept. 21

- Forestry Griz football tailgate party before the Griz vs. Oklahoma Panhandle State game: Time and location available upon registration at the table on the first floor of the Forestry Building Thursday and Friday. Football tickets can be purchased at [http://www.griztix.com](http://www.griztix.com). Ask for seats in the forestry block.

The Mike and Maureen Mansfield Library will host an ongoing special archival exhibit featuring the college’s first 100 years. The exhibit will be on display in the Theta Rho Room on the fourth floor of the library. The online exhibit can be viewed at [http://exhibits.lib.umt.edu/forestry](http://exhibits.lib.umt.edu/forestry).

Visit [http://www.cfc.umt.edu/centennial/](http://www.cfc.umt.edu/centennial/) for more details or to purchase tickets for the barbecue and banquet. Families are welcome at all events. Call the college’s Administrative Associate Jill Kinyon at 406-243-6754 to purchase tickets over the phone.

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MISSOULA – To help celebrate the launch of the Big Sky Brain Project, the Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience and University of Montana’s spectrUM will host a First Friday event at spectrUM’s new downtown location at 218 E. Front St. from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6. The event is free and open to the public.

Visitors will spend the evening exploring the intersections of neuroscience and art through the work of three talented artists: Russell Smith, Brian Thorpe and Greg Dunn. The Big Sky Brain Project’s BrainLab also will host an array of hands-on experiences. Visitors also will have the opportunity to create their own wearable neurons at spectrUM’s popular Discovery Bench.

The Big Sky Brain Project is a partnership between UM’s Center for Structural and Functional Neuroscience and spectrUM. Funded by the National Institutes of Health, the Big Sky Brain Project will increase Montana K-12 neuroscience literacy while putting the next generation of Montanans on the fast track to careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math.

The Big Sky Brain Project recently unveiled its brand-new neuroscience exhibition at spectrUM Downtown, “The Brainzone.” This exhibition is designed to bring the research and science of CSFN to the floor of spectrUM. Unlike any other exhibition in the country, it includes a working neuroscience lab where visitors can roll-up their sleeves and experience cutting-edge neuroscience topics through hands-on, guided activities.

For more information about the exhibit or the First Friday event, call Holly Truitt, director of UM’s spectrUM Discovery Area, at 406-243-4872.

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MISSOULA – The Montana Museum of Art & Culture will host a lecture by Missoula artist Henry Freedman at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, in the Masquer Theatre of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center at the University of Montana.

The lecture is held in conjunction with the exhibition “Henry Freedman: Imagining New Worlds,” which is on display in the PAR/TV Center’s Meloy Gallery through Sept. 21. The lecture is free and open to the public.

The exhibition includes more than 100 new collages and constructions by Freedman. Originally from Boston and trained as a painter, Freedman is a professor emeritus of art history at Keene State College in New Hampshire. Despite the demands of academia, Freedman created art throughout his career, saying “because I continue to create, I am a better teacher. Art and art history are not separate; they are facets of the same jewel.”

His art references a vast knowledge of art history, passion as a collector and love of travel. He insists on using recycled and throwaway materials to take advantage of the “spontaneous accident.” Imagery of gold stars, balloons and lollipops are repeated in many of his pieces.

Freedman also will present an exclusive gallery tour of his artwork at noon Saturday, Sept. 14, in the PAR/TV Center’s Paxson Gallery. Participation is limited to 28 people and registration is available by calling 406-243-2019 or emailing museum@umontana.edu.

The MMAC is open in the PAR/TV Center from noon to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, and from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday. For more information and to learn more about the “Four Collections” exhibit also currently on display at the museum, visit http://www.umt.edu/montanamuseum.

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Note to media: Digital images of Freedman’s work are available by calling Shawn Whitworth at 406-243-2019 or emailing shawn.whitworth@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – University of Montana Professor Mark Kayll will kick off the 2013-14 Provost’s Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series with his lecture “1, 2, 3.14 … Familiar Figures, Fresh Facts” at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, in the Music Recital Hall at UM.

Kayll, a professor in the UM Department of Mathematical Sciences, will reveal a few surprises about three fun-filled numbers and their connections with Earth, banjos and kindergartners’ field trips. The lecture is free and open to the public.

This semester marks the beginning of Kayll’s 20th year at UM. The Mathematical Association of America honored him with a Carl B. Allendoerfer Award for expository writing in 2012. Recently, he received a five-year collaboration grant from the Simons Foundation, recognizing productive scholarship.

The annual Provost’s Distinguished Faculty Lecture Series highlights some of UM’s top faculty members and researchers. For more information call the UM Office of the Provost at 406-243-4689 or email officeoftheprovost@umontana.edu.

Photo: Mark Kayll

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MISSOULA – In each of the past three years, two University of Montana faculty members have garnered National Endowment for the Humanities awards. The collaboration between political science Associate Professor Rob Saldin and history Associate Professor Tobin Miller Shearer has resulted in successful bids to bring three NEH-sponsored exhibits to UM.

In 2011, the duo won the right to bring “Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War” traveling exhibition to UM in a program sponsored by the NEH and the American Library Association. This exhibit will be on campus in January and February 2015.

In 2012, the two professors were notified of the success of their bid to bring the “Civil War 150” traveling exhibition to campus in a program co-sponsored by Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and NEH. It will appear on campus this December.

In 2013, Saldin and Shearer applied for and received notice that they had won a third NEH grant to bring the movie series “Created Equal: America’s Civil Rights Struggle” to campus. Dates for the series are yet to be announced.

“We received generous support from the Mansfield Library, the Davidson Honors College and the College of Arts and Sciences in our applications,” Saldin said.

Shearer said, “These kinds of collaborative projects get us out of our academic silos and create new energy and opportunity for the University and Missoula community.”

For more information on any of these upcoming events or the programming associated with them, email Saldin at robert.saldin@umontana.edu or Shearer at tobin.shearer@umontana.edu.

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MISSOULA – Members of the public are invited to join the University of Montana Creative Writing Program for the Writer’s Fall Opus. The fifth annual fundraiser will be held from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 20, in the Governor’s Room of the Florence Hotel, located at 111 N. Higgins Ave. in Missoula.

Friends of the Creative Writing Program will gather to support the arts and enjoy hors d’oeuvres, beverages, live and silent auctions and a raffle worth more than $800.

Silent auction items include first editions of nine local or regional authors paired with fine beverages for the Books and Bottles segment, jewelry crafted by local artisans, a bone machete from Zombie Tools, rare broadsides, a limited edition print of Monte Dolack’s “Haunted by Waters,” a Black Velvet snowboard, a Lewis and Clark chess set and more.

The live art auction includes the Monte Dolack original oil painting “The Hills of Marin” and custom-framed and signed/numbered lithographs by Russell Chatham, Jay Rummel and James Bama. The live auction also will feature a guided fly-fishing trip with local writer Jamie Rogers, a catered dinner for eight, a private beverage tasting with food pairings for 10, an afternoon of leaf raking at your residence and more.

Preview auction items online at [http://www.cas.umt.edu/english/creative_writing](http://www.cas.umt.edu/english/creative_writing).

Tickets for the event can be purchased at the door and cost $40 a single or $75 for couples. Attendees must be age 21 or older.

For more information call UM Creative Writing Program Coordinator Karin Schalm at 406-243-5267 or email [karin.schalm@mso.umt.edu](mailto:karin.schalm@mso.umt.edu).

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MISSOULA – The University of Montana invites students, faculty, staff and the public to head to campus using any mode of transportation other than driving a car alone during the week of Sept. 9-13.

As part of Missoula’s Bike Walk Bus Week, the Associated Students of UM will sponsor “Walk N Roll” week. Volunteers will hand out raffle tickets for prizes to all participants at the entrances to campus, including bus stops. Raffle tickets also will be available at the University Center. Participants can pick up one raffle ticket per day.

Raffle grand prizes are a Kona bike and a BOB bike trailer. Other prizes include gift certificates, helmets, bike locks and lights, clothing, tickets to events and more.

The prize drawing will be held at noon Friday, Sept. 13, on the Mansfield Mall. There will be live music and those in attendance will have the chance to win smaller giveaways.

For more information call the ASUM Office of Transportation at 406-243-4599.

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Contact: Nancy Wilson, director, ASUM Office of Transportation, 406-243-4599, nancy.wilson@mso.umt.edu.
MISSOULA – The campus parking passes at the University of Montana feature a special touch this year, highlighting the artwork of a UM student.

Angela Brooker, a sophomore in the UM School of Business Administration, won a contest last spring seeking student photography or illustrations for the 2013-14 parking pass. The Office of Public Safety sponsored the contest, asking students to create an image representing a positive experience at UM.

Brooker, who previously studied art at UM, heard about the contest in the University’s student newspaper, the Montana Kaimin. She drew inspiration from the iconic Grizzly statue on the Oval, Main Hall and campus greenery to create her illustration.

“One of the things I notice walking around the University is the trees and how beautifully it’s kept,” Brooker said. “You can tell a lot of work goes into it.”

Rozlyn Haley, event parking and transportation coordinator for the Office of Public Safety, works on the parking permit design each spring and had wanted to get students involved for a few years.

“I try to do things to interact with students and wanted to do something positive for them,” she said. “And there’s always the issue of coming up with a creative idea for the permits.”

Public Safety received about 10 submissions through the contest. Brooker’s drawing was the only illustration, and Haley said the creativity helped it stand out in the group.

Brooker won a free parking permit for the year, which she’s already put to use now that classes are back in session.

Haley said the Office of Public Safety will hold the student art contest again in the spring.

“We’ve gotten a lot of positive feedback,” she said. “Everyone thinks the permit is cool this year.”

For more information call Haley at 406-243-6134 or email rozlyn.haley@mso.umt.edu.

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MISSOULA – Renowned guitarist Paul Chasman will perform his “Elephant in the Room” concert from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Missoula Winery and Event Center located at 5646 W. Harrier in Missoula. The performance is a benefit for the University of Montana Environmental Studies Program.

Tickets cost $15 per person, $25 for couples and $5 for students with a valid Griz Card. They will be available for purchase at the door. Admission is free for children 12 and under.

Chasman has been described by Guitar Player Magazine as “spellbinding, imaginative, sensitive. A fine example of a guitarist’s devotion to the full exploration of his instrument’s capabilities.”

Chasman has morphed into a singer/songwriter over the past two years. With formidable musical skills, wit and compassion he shares his unique perspectives on life, love, dogs, cats and Muhammad Ali.

Proceeds from the concert will support the Environmental Studies Program’s capacity to train and inspire the next generation of environmental advocates.

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MISSOULA — The 12th Annual University Community Ice Cream Social to welcome new and returning University of Montana students to campus and Missoula neighborhoods is set for Sunday, Sept. 15. The free event will run from 3 to 5 p.m. in the 400 block of University Avenue.

The street party will feature live music and mingling, as well as appearances by Monte the mascot and Missoula and UM officials. Participants will meet their neighbors, browse informational tables and enjoy delicious Big Dipper ice cream.

The social was started in 2002 by an informal group that calls itself the Thoughtful Neighbors to celebrate the diversity that UM students bring to Missoula. The late Don Simmons, a neighborhood resident and former associate dean of the School of Fine Arts, was a founding member. The group includes an evolving mix of University Neighborhood homeowners and residents, UM students and administrators, the Associated Students of UM, the UM Foundation and the UM Alumni Association.

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MISSOULA – To commemorate the signing of the U.S. Constitution in 1787, the University of Montana will host a Constitution Day lecture by historian Melvin Urofsky titled “Dissent and the Constitutional Dialogue” at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16, in the North Underground Lecture Hall.

Urofsky is a former history department chairman and professor emeritus at Virginia Commonwealth University and is the historian-in-residence at American University in Washington, D.C. In 2010, he was awarded the Distinguished Griswold Prize by the Supreme Court Historical Society for his biography of Supreme Court Justice Brandeis titled “Louis D. Brandeis: A Life.” Among his 52 book publications is “March of Liberty: A Constitutional History of the United States,” one of today’s most widely used Constitutional texts.

The lecture is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the UM Office of the Provost and has been held annually since 2004.

All U.S. educational institutions that receive federal funding are required to provide programming on Constitution Day, but mandate aside, lecture organizer and UM Professor Michael Mayer said the topic always is important.

“We should celebrate the Constitution,” Mayer said. “It’s the oldest instrument of government still in effect, and it’s ours. It’s our principals of government.”

Urofsky’s high profile in the world of Constitutional scholarship is not uncommon of UM Constitution Day speakers. Though UM boasts Constitutional scholars on its faculty and Mayer himself has delivered the lecture before, he said finding an outside speaker offers the campus and community a special opportunity.

“I think it’s nice that we bring in someone with an established, prominent position as a scholar – somebody students can’t hear three times a week in class,” he said.

This year’s lecture, focusing on dissent and its importance in dialogue about the Constitution, comes at a time when dissent is a major political topic. Leaked information about U.S. military operations and the National Security Agency’s domestic surveillance has launched an ongoing national conversation about the place of dissent in society and how the government should respond.

“The Constitution’s always important; we always should talk about it,” Mayer said. “But the topic this year turned out to be timely.”

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