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'ACADEMICS, SMALL TOWN, POLITICAL REALITY'
THEME OF WORKSHOP JULY 14-16 IN RED LODGE

MISSOULA --

"Academics, the Small Town and Political Reality: A Challenge" is the theme of a three-day workshop which will take place in Red Lodge Sunday through Tuesday (July 14-16). The free public program is being conducted by "The Brokedown Palace Project" of Red Lodge under a \$3,350 grant from the Montana Committee for the Humanities (MCH), which has home offices at the University of Montana in Missoula.

Workshop keynote speaker will be Dr. John K. Harris of Washington, D.C., president of John K. Harris Associates, a human relations consulting firm. Harris, who has had extensive experience in community planning and adult education, will address workshop participants and others attending the meeting at 8 p.m. Sunday at the Westminster Spires Church Camp, Red Lodge.

Commenting on the workshop, project director Charles "Skip" Schloss of Red Lodge, said: "This project is an attempt to encourage interaction between academic resource personnel and small town residents and political managers. The workshop will address two intertwined issues—first, is the small town political process working? And if so, how, why and for how long? Second, what can academia contribute to the small town political process?"

Other workshop participants will include Dr. Louis D. Hayes, chairman of the UM political science department; Prof. Aaron Small, chairman of the English department at Eastern Montana College, <u>Billings</u>; Brooks Anderson, EMC Special Services Council; <u>Roundup</u> poet Wilbur Wood; Dorothy Eck, <u>Helena</u>, state-local coordinator for the Department of Intergovernmental Relations, and Dr. Hidde Van Duym, <u>Roundup</u>, director of the Area Council on Aging.

"The Brokedown Palace Project" of Red Lodge is a local citizens' organization which provides the stimulus for community improvement activities.