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E-Newsletter of the Montana Association of Community Development Extension Professionals

**September 2009**

### **President's Corner**

Our annual MSU Extension Conference is scheduled for Oct. 19-22 in Bozeman. We will have many CD-related activities and sessions including our annual business meeting, presentations, and field tours. All in Extension are welcome to attend. More information and an agenda will be provided as information becomes available.

-Paul Lachapelle  
MACDEP President

### **Upcoming Events**

[Free Grant Writing Workshop](#)  
September 10, 1 - 3 pm,  
Missoula, University of Montana,  
Library's Buckhouse Room,  
Room 284. The University of  
Montana Maureen and Mike  
Mansfield Library invites campus  
and community members to a  
free grant proposal writing  
workshop. "Proposal Writing and  
a Little Bit More" is sponsored  
by the library and the  
Foundation Center, a national  
organization that works to build  
partnerships between the  
private and nonprofit sectors.

### **MACDEP Happenings/Member News**

[NACDEP 2010 Conference Abstracts due September 30, 2009](#)

The National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals (NACDEP) is now accepting abstracts for the 2010 Conference "Building Bridges for Sustainable Communities" April 12-14, in Bloomington, Minnesota. The 2010 conference will highlight the role of Extension Community Development professionals in building and sustaining critical links between research, practice and partners for the social, economic and environmental sustainability of communities. The conference provides a forum for Extension educators, scholars, researchers, partners and government officials to explore the breadth of topics related to community development. The 2010 Conference will feature concurrent sessions along six tracks: Building Successful Collaborations, Environment and Land Use, Economic Development, Leadership, Civic Engagement & Public Deliberation, Tourism for Sustainable Communities and Technology and Workforce Development. All [submissions](#) are due electronically for blind reviews by the Review Committee.

[Community Development Society Professional Development Webinar](#)

The Community Development Society is offering its first Professional Development Webinar at 4p.m. EDT on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2009. The purpose is to expand membership benefits to CDS members and its affiliates through affordable professional development programming outside of the annual meeting.

[Community Development Society Call for Abstracts](#)

The deadline to submit an abstract to the 2010 CDS

To register for the workshop, e-mail [Linder Schlang](mailto:Linder.Schlang).

### [Visual Merchandising as a Marketing Tool](#)

September 10, 2:00pm (EST)  
The eXtension Entrepreneurs & Their Communities webinar topic will be Visual Merchandising as a Marketing Tool. Join Glenn Muske, Oklahoma State University for an informative session on how to use displays, product arrangement to draw customers to your business. No pre-registration is required and there is no fee to participate. For more information, contact [Mary Peabody](#), UVM Extension Specialist Community Resources & Economic Development.

### [Montana Economic Developers Association Fall Conference](#)

September 14 - 15, 1 pm, Libby, Kootenai River Country. The MEDA Agenda Committee has made sure this conference is one-of-a-kind. Never before have we had all of the best meeting elements in one conference: dynamic speakers, interactive tours, entertainment, great food, fishing, golf, etc., and all at an unbelievable low price.

### [Intellectual Property Awareness- Building & Protecting IP Value and STTR Overview](#)

September 17, 1 pm, Missoula, MonTEC. Learn about IP strategy development; gain tips and resources for STTR funding for R&D; become alert to how University tech transfer can enhance these efforts.

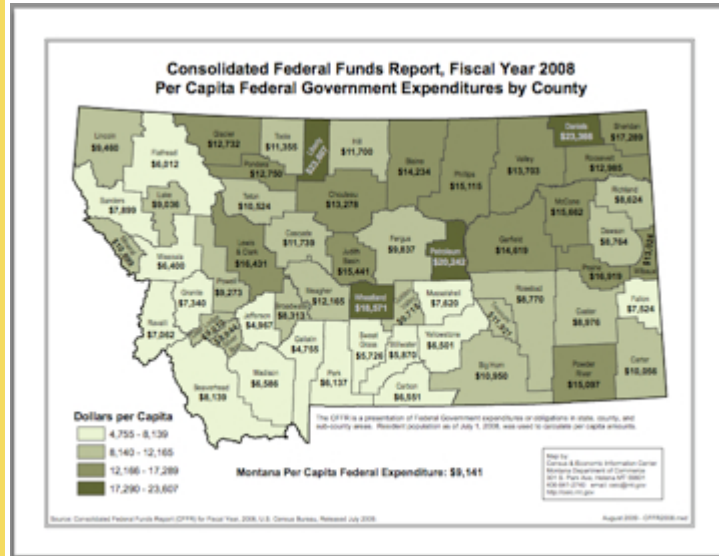
### [Angel Capital Education Foundation - Starting Angel](#)

Conference, July 25-28, 2010 in New Orleans, LA, USA is October 30, 2009. Presenters will be notified of their acceptance by December 11, 2009.

## New Reports/Resources

### [Consolidated Federal Funds and Federal Aid to States](#)

The first of the new reports, Consolidated Federal Funds Report (CFFR): 2008, provides a broad overview of how and where the federal government allocates funds. Statistics are provided by federal agency and program, and presented by state and county. The second report, Federal Aid to States for Fiscal Year 2008, contains data on federal grants to state and local governments. Both of these reports can be accessed through the [Census and Economic Information Center's \(CEIC\) Website](#).



### [County Business Patterns](#)

Recently released by the U.S. Census Bureau, the County Business Patterns is an annual report that contains data covering the more than 7.6 million businesses with paid employees at the national and state levels, and more than 3,100 counties. The report provides data on the number of establishments, number of employees, and quarterly and annual payroll for most of the 1,100 industries identified by the North American Industry Classification System. Data collected can be accessed through the [Census and Economic Information Center \(CEIC\) web site](#).

## Organizations

September 24, 8 am, Bozeman. Investors, entrepreneurial support personnel and university tech transfer professionals will learn from the best from around the country about building an early stage capital infrastructure to support high value business creation.

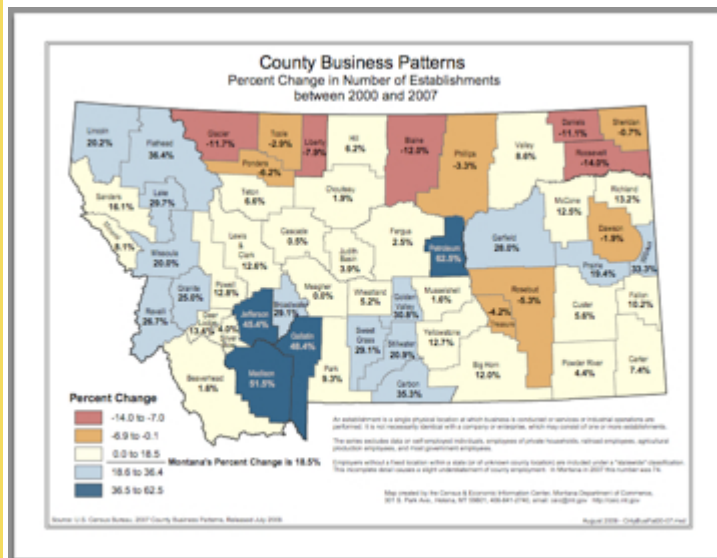
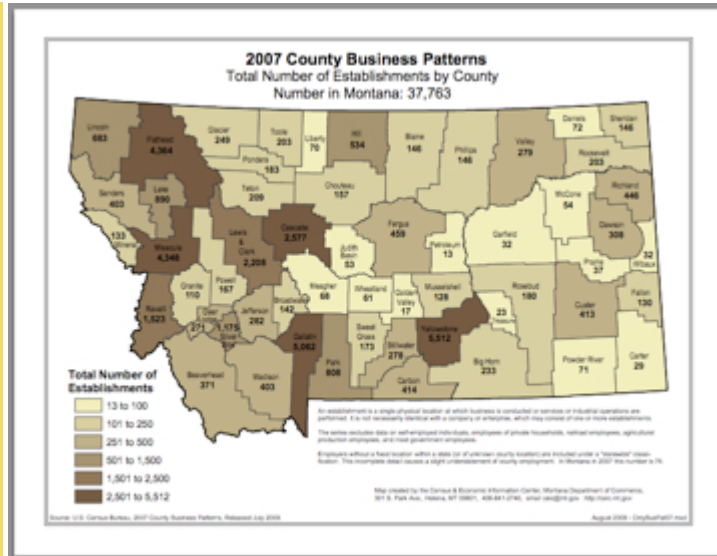
## MNA 2009 Annual Conference "Connections"

September 28 - 30, Missoula. Learn how building strategic networks and connecting with business, government, foundations, your peers, and others can improve your access to resources, increase your influence, broaden your reach, and deepen your impact. The MNA Conference is designed for nonprofit staff, board members, volunteers, consultants, foundation staff and trustees, community leaders, public officials, students, and others interested in the nonprofit sector.

## 2009 Burton K. Wheeler Fall Conference: "Failure to Inform: Is there a Looming Media Crisis in Montana?"

September 30 - October 1, Missoula. Fair and effective public policy can be crafted only with the help of an informed public. But as rapid and radical changes occur in media ownership, new technology and news gathering and distribution, what does the future hold for our democracy? What is the case in Montana? Is our media industry immune from what is happening on the national level? These questions and others will form the basis for our forum.

## 4th Annual Real Estate and



## Montana Energy Workforce Study Released

The study, "Drilling for Workers: A Workforce Assessment of the energy industry in Eastern Montana's WIRED Region," examines the economic challenges in the WIRED region, the future of the energy industry in Montana, and the skills and training needed for Montana's energy jobs.

## [Development in the Northern Rockies](#)

October 12 - 13, Missoula, Montana. The conference features a rich mix of presentations, discussions and networking opportunities, all designed to advance our understanding of the economic forces shaping our region and provide practical advice on how to navigate the changing market. Don't miss this unique gathering of prominent developers, financiers, government officials, real estate agents, architects, attorneys, journalists and non-profit leaders from around the region. [View the preliminary full agenda.](#)

[The Workforce And Economic Development Conference](#) & Education Coordinating Board and Department of Commerce.

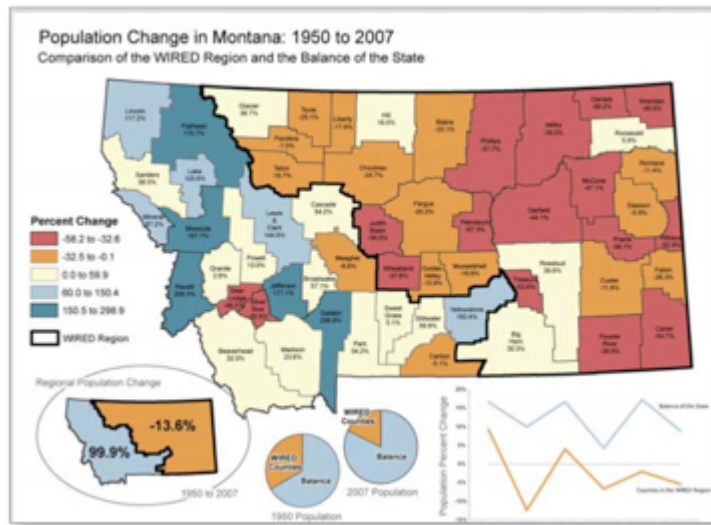
## **Grant/Award Opportunities**

### [Nittany Grantworks, Surpasses \\$9.2 Million Raised for Communities](#)

Nittany Grantworks specializes in providing project development, grant writing, and grant administration services to units of government such as cities, boroughs, townships, counties, water and wastewater districts, Native American tribes, and states.

### [Montana Department of Commerce, Special Events Grants Now Available](#)

Governor Brian Schweitzer is inviting Montana communities, organizations and tribal governments sponsoring or planning annual ongoing events



## [Montana Health Insurance Estimates](#)

As the debate proceeds on health care, some timely numbers have been released by the U.S. Census Bureau by the Small Area Health Insurance Estimates Program. In 2006, the most current data available, 18.9% of Montanans under the age of 65 were uninsured, ranking the state 15th highest uninsured rate. Judith Basin County recorded the highest uninsured rate at 36.9% in the state while Lewis and Clark County and Silver Bow County had the lowest rate at 13.7%.

## **[Community Development "In the News"](#)**

### [USDA to Roll Out New Brucellosis Plan in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming](#)

On Tuesday, Brian McCluskey, the western regional director for the USDA Animal Plant Health Inspection Service, handed Montana Gov. Brian Schweitzer a certificate declaring the state's cattle industry brucellosis free, and said that his agency would propose a new plan for managing the disease in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming prior to the Oct. 7 meeting of the U.S. Animal Health Association. Helena Independent Record; Sept. 2

### [Parks Are Cash Cows](#)

A new report claims that Central Park in New York added \$1 billion to the economy in 2007, and the new High Line park added \$4 billion in new real estate developments. Planetizen; Aug. 28

### [Business Buys Bikes For Commuting Workers](#)

A brewery in Ashland, Oregon decided that the best way

to apply for \$80,000 in state tourism grant funds available from the Montana Department of Commerce, Office of Tourism Special Events Grant Program (SEGP). The SEGP application deadline is September 25, 2009.

#### [Grants Available from the Montana Historic Preservation Competitive Grant Program](#)

About \$3.6 million is available for new historic preservation grants. The intent is to invite applications for historic preservation grants in September with an application deadline in November, 2009.

to incentivize employees to commute differently was to buy them bikes. A 15-minute on-street parking space was removed and replaced with a large bicycle rack to accommodate the bicycles. Mail Tribune; Aug. 28

#### [Harvard Study Ranks Montana, Kansas Second in Wind-Power Potential](#)

A Harvard study released last month said Montana and Kansas were second only to Texas in wind-power potential. Billings Gazette; Aug. 26

#### [Urban Farming Made Profitable](#)

An online publisher set out to show that urban farming could be profitable. In her fourth year, she brought in \$68k from her half-acre plot in Philadelphia. Governing Magazine; Aug. 25

#### [Fuels for Schools Grapples with Funding Difficulties - Installs 10 Biomass Boilers in Montana](#)

Six years and 10 energy-efficient schools later, Montana's Fuels for Schools and Beyond program is in danger of running out of funding. Flathead Beacon; Aug. 25

#### [Economy's Drop Drives Gun Sales Up in Montana, Other States](#)

Across the nation, gun and ammunition sales are soaring and states are flooded with applications for permits to carry weapons, including Montana, where officials said they've received twice as many permit applications this year than last year. Helena Independent Record (AP); Aug. 24

#### [Conservation Groups Review Bids for Montana Grazing Leases](#)

The National Wildlife Federation and World Wildlife Fund offered to buy grazing leases in Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge so the leases could be retired, and although the Montana Stockgrowers Association, the Montana Public Lands Council, Montana Association of Grazing Districts and the National Public Lands Council all opposed the program, several ranchers have applied to for the cash to retire their leases. Great Falls Tribune; Aug. 21

#### [Montana City Proposes Ban on Wind-Energy Systems](#)

As part of its zoning ordinance update, Missoula is proposing a ban on backyard wind-energy systems to give the Montana city officials time to come up regulations for such devices. NewWest.net; Aug. 20

#### [Montana Governor Says Stimulus Funds Have Created 1,000 Jobs Montana](#)

Gov. Brian Schweitzer said federal stimulus funds have created 1,000 jobs in the state thus far, and more are in the pipeline as only 10 percent of the state's share of those funds have actually put projects into motion. Missoulian; Aug. 20

#### [Groups, Sheep Producers Protest Montana's Bighorn Sheep Plan](#)

The Montana's Department of Fish, Wildlife and Park's first-ever bighorn sheep conservation plan has sheep producers concerned that their flocks will be kicked off public lands, while conservation groups criticized the plan as being too-industry friendly.

Bozeman Daily Chronicle; Aug. 19

[GM Stands Firm on Cancellation of Contract with Montana Mine](#)

Stillwater Mining Co. officials said the Aug. 13 meeting in Detroit with General Motors Corp. did not result in any change in the carmaker's decision to cancel its contract with the company for palladium and platinum from its Montana mine. Billings Gazette; Aug. 19

[Montana Firm Gets Lockheed Contract for Military Vehicle](#)

Lockheed Martin contracted with PFM Manufacturing in Townsend for the Montana company's Land Tamer, all-terrain vehicle designed to carry equipment for the troops. Helena Independent Record; Aug. 18

[The Top 30 Housing Markets in America](#)

According to some real estate data, there are more than 30 housing markets in the U.S. that are seeing increases in housing prices. Topping the list is Boulder, Colorado. Business Week; Aug. 18

[Funding Organization Reps Visit Glendive](#)

Gary Cunningham from the Northwest Area Foundation, Curtis Holloman from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Dana Miller from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust and Bill Vesneski from the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, accompanied by Montana representatives Kelly Bruggeman from the First Interstate Foundation and Lynda Bourque Moss from the Foundation for Community Vitality, spent the day in Glendive, visiting with community leaders and local foundation representatives. MATR; Aug. 13

[Six Montana Nonprofits Snag Development Grants](#)

Six Montana nonprofit groups will divvy up \$25,000 in grants to hire consultants to help improve their organizations in what's billed as breaking new philanthropic ground here. Helena Independent Record; Aug. 13

[Stevensville Firm, Poly Warehouse, Inc., Eyes 400-Job Expansion into Old Bonner Mill Site](#)

A Stevensville pipefitting company wants to vastly expand its business at the old Stimson mill site in Bonner, creating about 400 jobs. Missoulian; Aug. 12

[Steep Decline in Homeownership, Home Building Predicted](#)

A new report shows that as the population of the U.S. ages, it is likely that more people will rent than own homes, causing a steep decline in the home building industry. Calculated Risk; Aug. 11

[Teton River Leads the Way in Montana Water Fight](#)

Downstream users of Teton River water in Montana say upstream users take so much water out early in the season that the river runs dry in mid-July, leaving the downstream ranchers without irrigation water, but the Choteau-area ranchers said they're just taking what they're entitled to take under a 100-year-old agreement. Great Falls Tribune; Aug. 9

[Montana Business Incubator Needs Revamping](#)

A lot of issues were covered in the course of this month's regular meeting of the joint boards for the Big Sky Economic Development Authority (BSEDA) and the Economic Development Council (EDC). Big Sky Business News; Aug. 7

[Crow Tribe Celebrates Launch of Natural-Gas Industry on Montana Lands](#)

Natural-gas production is expected to pour hundreds of thousands of dollars into Crow

Nation coffers as the tribe's reservation is on the northern edge of the prolific Powder River Basin in Montana. Billings Gazette; Aug. 6

[Becoming an Energy-Independent City](#)

The City of San Jose, California is on its way to becoming the nation's first energy-independent city, deriving all of its energy from renewable sources. USA Today; Aug. 5

[Montana City Approves Plan to Log Beetle-Killed Trees](#)

At the Helena City Commission meeting Monday night, the panel approved a plan to log hundreds of acres of property in the Montana city to clear away beetle-killed trees. Helena Independent Record; Aug. 4



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