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

November 2008

President's Corner

At our Extension Annual Conference in early October, we had our first official MACDEP business meeting. The minutes will be posted soon at our [MACDEP](#) website.

We formally approved our Executive Committee members: Barb Andreozzi, Secretary; Sarah Hamlen, Treasurer; Tara Mastel, Vice-President; and Paul Lachapelle, President. We also discussed language for our formal by-laws and MACDEP members will be viewing and voting on these updates shortly.

We thank all our MACDEP members and Extension Administration for their efforts and support this year in getting the association off the ground. As always, please contact us at Commdev@montana.edu with questions, comments and suggestions.

-Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President

Upcoming Events

[Celebrating What's Right with Rural America-The National Rural](#)

MACDEP Happenings/Member News

MACDEP Pre-conference Workshop

We had a full house at our pre-conference workshop on Oct. 6, 2008. All of the presentations and handouts from presenters are available including Lynn Paul: Montana's Legacy of Community Development; Paul Lachapelle: Fundamentals of Community Coaching; Barb Andreozzi: Asset-mapping, Community Surveying and Follow-up Focus groups; Sarah Hamlen: Setting the Stage for Successful Meetings; Dan Clark: Principals of Community Engagement. Please email us if you're interested in the information: Commdev@montana.edu.

MACDEP Members in Horizons

Many MACDEP members are involved in the third phase of Horizons. You can follow updates about the new communities at the revised Montana Horizons website: horizonsmt.org. The website will be updated with new events posted on the calendar, community profiles, and updated Community Blog information as communities make progress on their Community Kick-offs and Study Circles events. More info at: montana.communityblogs.us. We also had a "Horizons Roundtable" on Oct. 9 at the Extension Annual Conference with 20 individuals representing Horizons 2 "alumni" communities and new Horizons 3 communities attending the session.

NACDEP News

There is a lot of new info on the NACDEP website: nacdep.net, including the [Draft Operational](#)

[Economic Developers Association](#)
November 9-11, 2008, Kansas City, MO. NREDA will provide timely information with nationally recognized speakers through quality educational sessions. Make plans to participate in the post-conference visit to KansasBio.

[Grant Workshop](#)
November 13-14, Billings Montana State University-Billings and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grant writing workshop in Billings, November 13-14, 2008. Beginning and experienced grant writers from city, county and state agencies as well as nonprofits, K-12, colleges and universities are encouraged to attend.

[Human Resources for Small Shops](#)
November 19, Missoula
The Missoula Nonprofit Network is hosting this workshop, presented by Barb Kennedy focusing on basic human resource questions, problems, and concerns and provides participants with valuable take-home materials. For more information contact [Leah Boron](#).

Grant/Award Opportunities

[Northwest SEED Community Partnership Project](#)
Northwest Sustainable Energy for Economic Development (Northwest SEED) is now soliciting proposals for our new Community Energy Partnership Project. This project is ideal for those in the Northwest that have a passion for building communities through clean and local energy. Community groups of all types from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana are

[Guidelines](#) and request for [Journal of Extension Reviewers](#). Also, membership renewal reminder – pay your renewals before January 1, 2009 and the fee is \$50.00. On January 1, 2009, the rate increases to \$75.00. You can renew [on-line](#) today.

Conference Announcements: NACDEP and Community Development Society

The 2009 NACDEP Conference "*Creating Sustainable Communities in a Changing America*" is April 20-22, in San Diego. *Proposals are due November 14, 2008*. Presenters will be notified by December 12, 2008 and the [tentative schedule](#) has been posted. Several MACDEP members are planning to attend.

The Community Development Society invites you to submit an abstract to the 41st Annual International Conference, July 26-29, 2009 in Memphis, Tennessee, "*Celebrating Community: Finding Hope in Uncertain Times*." A detailed call for abstracts is available at www.comm-dev.org. The deadline to submit a presentation was October 31, 2008 but will likely be extended.

MT Extension Economic & Community Development Roundtable, St. Regis, Nov 20th
Convened by Western Region Department Head Steve Siegelin, several MACDEP members will be participating in this roundtable that involves a history of CD in MT with Jim Dupree and Jerry Marks and a tour Tricon Lumber. The Roundtable is open to Extension agents; please RSVP Steve at: siegelin@montana.edu.

New Reports/Resources

Consolidated Federal Funds Report (CFFR)
The U.S. Census Bureau released the 2007 CFFR on October 2, 2008. This publication provides an overview of where the federal government allocates taxpayer monies. The flow of these monies are shown for each federal department and agency to states, counties and sub-counties. The complete report can be accessed through the U.S. Census Bureau's web site [here](#).

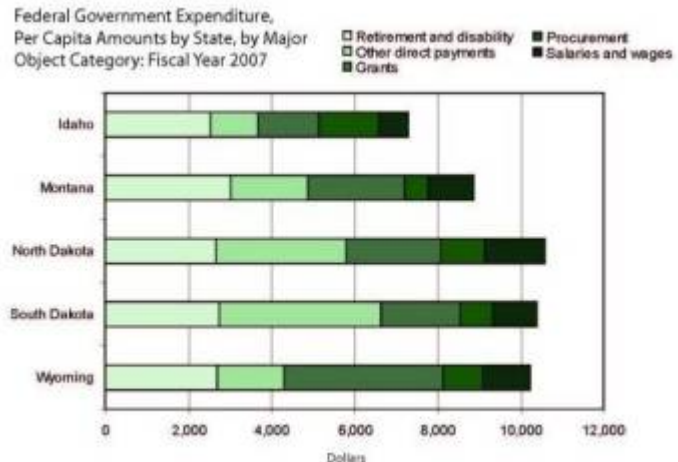
Over \$8.5 billion in federal government expenditures filtered through Montana's economy to businesses, consumers and state and local governments in 2007, a 6.0% increase from 2006. Nationally, federal expenditures topped \$2.6 trillion, a 4.4% rise from 2006. The table below compares the per capita

encouraged to apply.

[New Community-Friendly Grants](#)
New Community-Friendly Grants have been added to the Extension Community Resources Program website.

expenditures for Montana with other states in the region.

Table 1. Federal Government Expenditure: Per Capita by State



Source: MT Census and Economic Information Center

For more detailed information, see the Montana Highlight and County Map showing per capita federal government expenditures [here](#).

Western Rural Development Center 'Rural Connections' Newsletter

The [November issue](#) highlights efforts by researchers in the West who are working to develop and improve the efficiency of a variety of renewable energy sources.

Community Development "In the News"

[Montana County OK's 1-Acre Zoning Limit on Flathead Lake Shoreline](#)

On Thursday, the Flathead County Commission approved zoning regulations that limits development to one-acre lots along a stretch of Flathead Lake shoreline in Montana between the Somers Fish Hatchery and Pineview Lane and bordered on the west by U.S. 93. Kalispell Daily InterLake; Oct. 31

[Atlantic Richfield Co. Pays Montana \\$168 Million to Settle Claims](#)

The \$168 million payment from Atlantic Richfield Co. on Tuesday ends Montana's 25-year battle against the company for money to clean up mining pollution along the Clark Fork River. Billings Gazette; Oct. 29

[Panelists Scrap over Streamside Setbacks](#)

When it comes to the muddy waters of streamside setback proposals, this much is clear: Montanans love their rivers, and Montanans love their private property rights. Yet as more people move into the state and new development crowds the river corridors, this raises a

dilemma. Protecting one may come at the cost of the other. NewWest.net; Oct. 25

[Montana City Rejects Proposal for Large, High-End Development](#)

After a marathon session that ran until nearly midnight Thursday night, the Hamilton City Council rejected a proposed subdivision that would have added 625 homes to the Montana city over the next two decades. Ravalli Republic; Oct. 24

[Foreclosure Report: Montana and Colorado Better; Idaho and Utah Worse](#)

Even as the real estate market continues its free fall in Nevada, Florida and California, foreclosure rates in Montana and Colorado have begun to drop. NewWest.net; Oct. 23

[Missoula Eyes \\$50 Million from Feds for Hiking, Walking Trails](#)

With an already active population and existing infrastructure, Missoula is poised to be a pilot program. Missoulian; Oct. 21

[\\$40 Million Tax Credit Allocation Awarded to Montana Community Development Corporation](#)

The award is the first for a Montana organization, and the only Montana award out of \$3.5 billion awarded on Monday. MATR; Oct. 20

[Broadband Toolkit Assists Virginia's Rural Communities](#)

How can rural local governments expect development without broadband access? Government Technology; Oct. 17

[How Web 2.0 will Transform Local Government](#)

A set of technologies called Web 2.0 is transforming the Internet. Web sites such as YouTube, MySpace and Facebook, in addition to really simple syndication (RSS) feeds, blogs and wikis attract hundreds of millions of people. Yet this Web 2.0 transformation of government is just beginning. How might it occur? Government Technology; Oct. 16

[Missoula Developer Buys Most of Shuttered Montana Mill's Assets](#)

Halfway through the second day of the auction of Stimson Lumber Co.'s sawmill in Bonner, Missoula real estate developer, with the backing of unnamed Montana and out-of-state investors, purchased most of the mill's assets, including the sawmill building and most of the equipment. Missoulian; Oct. 16

[U.S. EPA Updates Montana Residents on Milltown Superfund Project](#)

At a public information meeting on Tuesday, federal Environmental Protection Agency officials provided an update on how the Milltown Dam removal in Montana was progressing, as well as timelines for removal of the last coffer dam, completion of the new Highway 200 bridge across the Blackfoot River, and when the remaining 1.5 million tons of sediment would be removed. Missoulian; Oct. 15

[Investing in Communities During the Mortgage Crisis](#)

Former Indianapolis Mayor Stephen Goldsmith is impressed by Mayor Christopher B. Coleman's efforts to revitalize depressed areas of his city, St. Paul. Coleman keeps the focus on increasing local investment through his 'Invest St. Paul' program. Governing Magazine; Oct 14

[Montana County Asks Voters to Approve \\$10-Million Open Space Bond](#)

An advance poll of Flathead County voters found that two-thirds approved of a \$10-million, 20-year open space bond for the Montana county, which will go before voters on

Nov. 4. Missoulian; Oct. 14

[GAO Investigates USDA, Plum Creek Road Deal in Montana](#)

On Friday, the Government Accountability Office released a letter that questioned the U.S. Department of Agriculture's deal with Plum Creek Timber that expanded the purpose of U.S. Forest Service roads beyond timber management to include development in Montana. Missoulian; Oct. 11

[Montana Municipalities Group Promises Push for Local Option Tax](#)

At a session of the Montana League of Cities and Towns on Thursday in Missoula, supporters of a local option sales tax said they would press lawmakers this legislation session for a tourist tax. Missoulian; Oct. 10

[Donation puts Montana Research Facility in Line for \\$2-Million Grant](#)

A \$250,000 donation from Nancy and Ian Davidson helped the [McLaughlin Research Institute](#) in Great Falls reach its \$2 million fund-raising goal, needed to secure a matching grant from the Montana Department of Commerce. Great Falls Tribune; Oct. 10

[Supercomputer Could be Super Bump for Butte](#)

A supercomputing company wants to bring a large investment into Butte, but the kryptonite of tight budgets threatens the project. Montana Standard; Oct. 10

[Economist: Montana Likely to Outperform Nation](#)

Montana's economy was extraordinarily robust for four years and surpassed national growth levels for most of the decade, but is now cooling. Montana News Station.com; Oct. 9

[Montana Planning Board Denies Landowner's Bridge Request](#)

The Butte-Silver Bow planning board denied a request from a landowner in the Montana county to build a bridge across the Big Hole River near Wise River because the bridge was not needed to support agricultural operations, could not be accessed via an existing public right-of-way and could have had a detrimental effect on wildlife and habitat. Montana Standard; Oct. 8

[Montana Landowners Protest Route of Proposed Power Line](#)

NorthWestern Energy Corp. wants to build a transmission line to ship power generated in Montana to Idaho, and the utility has released three proposed routes for the high-voltage power line, but landowners along the preferred route aren't thrilled with the concept of a power line going through the Boulder Valley. Montana Standard; Oct. 8

[Fuel Costs Hit Montana's Major Markets: What's Next?](#)

Transportation issues are bearing down on the economy of Montana. How is this affecting our farmers, industries and how we view our future strategies, policies and approaches? NewWest.net; Oct. 6

[Montana Groups Band Together to Get Jobs Back in the Woods](#)

The Missoula Area Economic Development Corp. is circulating a list put together by timber mill managers and owners to jump start the state's timber industry that includes sweeping proposals such as one that would put 10 percent of U.S. Forest Service lands in the state under Montana control, to small changes, such as increasing the weight limit on logging trucks. Missoulian; Oct. 5

[Billings Chamber Tries for Local-Option Sales Tax](#)

The Billings Chamber of Commerce/Convention and Visitors Bureau plans to blitz the 2009 Legislature with bus loads of supporters who will try to convince lawmakers to allow local communities to enact a voter-approved local-option sales tax. Billings Gazette; Oct. 3

[Deer-Removal Project in Montana's Capital City Goes Well](#)

The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks authorized the removal of up to 50 deer from Helena's urban mule deer herd, and city officers have removed 22 thus far. Helena Independent Record; Oct. 3

[Indian Country needs Montana senators' Tribal Law and Order Act](#)

Residents of two Indian reservations on Montana's Hi-Line have pleaded with local, state and federal law enforcement officials to do something about the lawlessness on their reservations, and while the "Tribal Law and Order Act," co-sponsored by Montana Senators Max Baucus and Jon Tester and 10 other senators, won't come close to solving all the problems, it's at least a start. Great Falls Tribune; Oct. 3

[Scholars Stew over Broadband's Rural Benefit](#)

Access to high-speed Internet service in rural areas lags behind the cities and suburbs, but by how much? And to what effect? Inquiring minds won't really know until the FCC gathers better information on providers and users. Daily Yonder; Oct. 3

[Turning Equity Into Opportunity: Montana Fund Helps Native Entrepreneurs Enter the Financial Mainstream](#)

The Montana Department of Commerce announced that the Montana Indian Equity Fund applications are now being accepted. The grant is open to enrolled members of Montana Tribes. Two recipients from each of the Tribes may receive up to \$7,000 each to fund either a business startup or to grow their business. Montana Department of Commerce; Oct. 3

[Governor Schweitzer Announces Nearly \\$700,000 in Economic Development Funds for Projects in the Flathead - Glacier Stone Supply and Flathead Valley Community College](#)

"More new jobs in the Flathead," said Governor Schweitzer. "These funds will create good paying jobs, new educational opportunities, and a skilled workforce for Montana businesses." MATR; Oct. 2

[Bank, Businesses See Local Signs of the Credit Crunch](#)

Business owners and bankers say they're preparing for a downturn, and some have reported canceled credit cards and loans called in, all of it adding up to the first effects of the slowdown and the national credit crunch on the Montana Economy. NewWest.net; Oct. 1

[Cities Struggle as They Face Higher Municipal Bond Rates](#)

The credit crisis has caused soaring interest rates on municipal bonds, causing cities to look for other ways to fund projects. Nevertheless, numerous projects have been put on hold or face cancellation. The New York Times; Oct. 1

[Transfer Development Credits in Gallatin County's Growth Management](#)

Gallatin County Planners are working closely with rural neighborhoods to draft neighborhood plans – recognizing that each neighborhood knows what they want more than an overlying Countywide Growth Plan. NewWest.net; Sept. 30

[\\$67,000 Grant Funds Mental Illness Hotline](#)

The Montana Warm Line provides telephone and Internet-based support for people who are looking for help but are not in crisis. The hotline is staffed by people who themselves have a mental illness, said Galen Eldridge, administrative coordinator for the mental health association. Helena Independent Record; Sept. 19



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