

# 2009 Rural Community Conference

## Montana State University, Strand Union Building, Bozeman, Montana

### Tuesday, May 12

- 8:00am – noon Community / Organization Share Fair Display Set-up
- 10:00 – 2:00pm Registration
- 11:45 Lunch Buffet (Ballroom A)
- 12:30 – 1:00 **Welcome and Opening Remarks:** *Dr. Geoff Gamble*, MSU President and *Dr. Paul Lachapelle*, *Community Development Specialist, MSU Extension and Department of Political Science* (Ballroom A)
- 1:00 – 1:45 **Conference Kick-off Keynote Address: Nourishing Communities -- Redeveloping a Montana-based Food Economy**  
*Nancy Matheson*, Special Projects Coordinator, Montana Department of Agriculture (Ballroom A)
- 1:45 – 3:15 **SUSTAINING RURAL COMMUNITIES – Breakout Sessions I**
- Ballroom C Practical Strategies For Making Policy and Environmental Changes to Increase Healthy Eating and Physical Activity - *Ninia Baehr*, Program Manager, MSU Nutrition and Physical Activity (NAPA) Program; *Cathy Costakis*, Physical Activity Coordinator, NAPA; *Lynn Hellenga*, Nutrition Coordinator, NAPA; *Shelly Sutherland*, Evaluator, NAPA; *Robin Mochi*, Co-Coordinator, NAPA.
- NW Lounge Bridge to Prosperity: Anaconda Horizons Project - *Jim Davison*, Director, Anaconda Local Development Corporation; *Barbara Andreozzi*, MSU Extension Agent, Deer Lodge County; *Dan Villa*, State Representative; *Adam Vauthier*, Co-Owner, Vauthier-Ferguson Design.
- SUB 233 One Stop Shopping for MSU Extension Resources on Nutrition, Family, Finances and Housing - *Lynn Paul*, Food/Nutrition Specialist, MSU Extension; *Mike Vogel*, Housing and Environmental Health Specialist, MSU Extension; *Sandy Bailey*, Family and Human Development Specialist, MSU Extension.
- SUB 235 Schools as An Opportunity for Food System Change in Rural Communities - *Mary Stein*, Nutrition Specialist, MSU Dept. of HHD; *Christine Emerson*, Director of School Nutrition Programs, Office of Public Instruction; *Kevin Moore*, Grow Montana Farm-to-Cafeteria Connections.
- Theater Community Foundations: Preserving and Strengthening your Town through Philanthropy - *Linda Reed*, President and CEO; *Cathy Cooney*, Program Director; Montana Community Foundation.
- Union Mkt Rm Rural Energy: Community Needs and Energy Opportunities - *Joel Schumacher*, MSU Extension, Economics Department; *Al Kurki*, Energy Program Specialist, National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT); *Gordon Britton*, Professor Emeritus, Former Director of the Wheeler Center; *Dan Lloyd*, Neighborhood Conservation Club Coordinator, Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO).
- 3:15 – 3:30 BREAK (Ballroom D Hallway)
- 3:30 – 5:00 **SUSTAINING RURAL COMMUNITIES – Breakout Sessions II**
- Ballroom C Innovative Childcare Solutions for Rural Communities - *Jean Wallace*, Daycare Supervisor, Wheatland Memorial Healthcare, Harlowton; *Mary Jane Standaert*, State Collaborative Coordinator for Early Childhood System, Head Start; *Kristi Wilson*, Daycare Supervisor, Kristi's Kiddie Korner; *Karen Thomas*, Director, Childcare Resource and Referral, Havre.
- NW Lounge What Do You Do With an Empty School – or Any Other Empty Building, For That Matter? - *Bruce Smith*, MSU Extension Agent, Dawson County, & Farm-to-Table Project.
- SUB 233 Troubleshooting Grant Proposals: Common Pitfalls - *Patricia McGlynn*, MSU Extension Agent, Flathead County; *Dave Young*, Community Resource Specialist, MSU Extension; *Mike Vogel*, Housing and Environmental Health Specialist, MSU Extension.
- SUB 235 Projects to Strengthen your Community Food System – *Diana Taylor*, Mayor, Big Timber; *Mark Rehder*, Executive Director, Farms for Families.
- Theater Building Rural Philanthropy in Troubled Times - *Mike Schechtman*, Executive Director, Big Sky Institute for the Advancement of Nonprofits; *Laurie Bishop*, Board Member, Solid Rock Foundation; *Tawnya Rupe*, Program Director, Mountain Sky Guest Ranch; *Gerald Sherman*, President/CEO, Indian Land Capital Company; *Mary Peterson*, Board President, Big Sky Institute for the Advancement of Nonprofits.
- Union Mkt Rm Walking Trails 101 - *Ted Lange*, Community Trails Planner, Gallatin Valley Land Trust; *Mandie Reed*, MSU Extension Agent, Wheatland County; *Gene Townsend*, Mayor, Three Forks; *Steve Gilbert*, Fish, Wildlife and Parks Recreational Trails Program.
- 5:00 – 5:45 **Reception and Share Fair** (Ballroom A and D)
- 5:45 – 6:45 Dinner Buffet (Ballroom A)
- 6:45 – 7:15 **Awards Ceremony for 20 Horizons Alumni Communities:** *Dr. Douglas Steele*, MSU Vice Provost and Extension Director, and *Dan Clark*, Director, Local Government Center (Ballroom A)
- 7:15 – 9:15 **Evening Keynote Address: Small Town, Big Heart or "What's a rock 'n roller like you doing in a nice place like this?"**  
*Philip Aaberg*, Composer and Musician from Chester, MT (Ballroom A)

## Wednesday, May 13

- 7:00 – 8:30am Breakfast (SUB Union Market)
- 8:30 – 9:00 **Morning Keynote Address: Toward a Better Rural Future** *Gary Cunningham*, Vice President of Programs and Chief Program Officer of Northwest Area Foundation (Ballroom A)
- 9:00 – 10:30 **SUSTAINING RURAL COMMUNITIES – Breakout Sessions III**
- Ballroom C What Does Worksite Wellness Have to Do With Our Community? - *Linda Krantz*, Health Education Specialist, Montana Cardiovascular Health Program; *Lynn Paul*, Professor and MSU Extension Food and Nutrition Specialist, Montana Worksite Health Promotion Coalition; *Chelsea Fagen*, Health Benefits Director, Montana Chamber of Commerce; *Rachel Hess Meech*, Preventive Health Strategist with TwoMedicine Health and Financial Fitness; *Kirk Keller*, Wellness and Innovative Product Coordinator, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana; *Kristin Juliar*, Director, and *Shalina Mirza*, Project Coordinator, Montana Office of Rural Health, Area Health Education Center (AHEC).
- NW Lounge Initiating Creative Partnerships in Natural Resource-Dependent Communities in Montana - *Liz Shanahan*, Assistant Professor, MSU; *Jill Belsky*, Professor, University of Montana; *Laurie Yung*, Director, Wilderness Institute, University of Montana.
- SUB 233 The Center for Native Health Partnerships: Reducing Health Disparities of Native Americans in Montana through Community-Based Health Projects - *Deborah LaVeaux*, Program Coordinator, MSU Center for Native Health Partnerships (CNHP); *Vickie LaFromboise*, Associate Scientist, CNHP; *Annette Sutherland*, Community Organizer, Rocky Boy Reservation; *Mike Todd*, Community Organizer, Fort Peck Reservation.
- SUB 235 MSU Extension SNAP-Ed - Buy Better. Eat Better. An Opportunity for Community Nutrition Education - *Coleen Kaiser*, Extension Nutrition Education Coordinator, MSU Extension; *Dana Thompson*, Assistant Nutrition Education Coordinator, SNAP-Ed; *Stephanie Daigle*, Fiscal Manager, SNAP-Ed; *Shirley Schermele*, Assistant Nutrition Education Coordinator, SNAP-Ed. Growing Resources and Sustaining People - *Minkie Medora*, Registered Dietician and Licensed Nutritionist, Montana Food Bank Network.
- Theater Don't Feel Like the Lone Ranger: Help Available and Lessons Learned in Addressing Community Housing Needs - *Nancy Leifer*, Homeownership Program Manager, Montana Board of Housing, Department of Commerce; *Sheila Rice*, Executive Director of NeighborWorks Great Falls and of NeighborWorks Montana; *Gene Leuwer*, Executive Director, Rocky Mountain Development Council; *Gus Byrom*, Program Manager, Community Development Block Grant Program, Montana Department of Commerce; *Deborah Chorlton*, Montana Housing Program Director, USDA Rural Development; *Andrea Davis*, Executive Director, homeWORD.
- Union Mkt Rm Getting on the Same Page: Organizing a Community-Wide Reading Program - *Paula Beswick*, Director, Bozeman Public Library Foundation; *Sarah Glover*, Founder, One Book - One Bozeman.
- 10:30 – 10:45 BREAK (Ballroom D Hallway)
- 10:45 – 12:15 **SUSTAINING RURAL COMMUNITIES – Breakout Sessions IV**
- Ballroom C Youth Leadership Programs: Engaging Teens in Community Service - *Liz Mack*, Youth Programs Coordinator, Hopa Mountain. The Challenges of Bringing Best Practices to Rural Communities - *Sue Chvilicek*, Chief Juvenile Probation Officer, 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, Park and Sweet Grass Counties. Do You Know How 2 Go? Helping Students Plan and Prepare for College - *Emily Flemming*, MSU Campus Outreach Manager, Student Assistance Foundation. Developing School Skills Using Common Household Items as Toys - *Ann Marshall*, Director, Bright Lights Tutoring for Young Children and Their Parents.
- NW Lounge Tapping into the Creative Arts Economy - *Cindy Kittredge*, Folk Arts and Marketing Development Specialist, Montana Arts Council.
- SUB 233 Native American Nonprofits: Successful Models for Working in Indian Country - *Heather Miller*, Program Coordinator, Native Nonprofit Leadership Program, Hopa Mountain; *Richard and Helen Horn*, International Games Society; *Tina Begay*, Executive Director, National American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL) Program; *Peggy White WellKnown Buffalo*, Executive Director, The Center Pole; *Susan Kelly*, Program Director, The Center Pole.
- SUB 235 Communities in the Rural West in a Global World - *Don Albrecht*, Director, Western Rural Development Center; *Carol Mulford Albrecht*, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology, Utah State University. The Draw of Rural Hometowns - *Christiane Von Reichert*, Professor, Department of Geography, University of Montana.
- Theater The Economic Profile System - *Ray Rasker*, Headwaters Economics.
- Union Mkt Rm Using PA's for Health Education in Schools - *Roman M. Hendrickson*, Physician, Ruby Valley Hospital and Clinic; *Carey Byers Wilson*, Physician's Assistant, Ruby Valley Hospital and Clinic.
- 12:15 – 1:30 **Working Lunch (local fare) / Issue-Based Roundtable Discussions:** Focused conversations led by local leaders of communities and organizations to connect around 10 issues: ex. Community Engagement and Dialogue; Community Food Networks; Community Foundations / Non-Profits; Community Infrastructure / Housing; Economic Development; Education; Energy; Health, Health Care, and Wellness; Native Communities; Youth Success / Engagement / Mentoring. (Ballroom A)
- 1:30 – 2:00 **Capnote Address: Rural Knows Best** *Flint Rasmussen*, Professional Bull Riders Entertainer of the Year, Choteau, MT (Ballroom A)
- 2:00 Moderator: Closing Announcements