

NEWS FROM EXTENSION

Dr. Sandy Bailey is a member of the new web-based eXtension Family Caregiving Community of Practice (CoP), which will contain research-based extension information on a variety of topics from experts at land-grant universities and other organizations. Bailey is taking the lead in the area of grandparents raising grandchildren. **Dr. Lynn Paul** is also a CoP member, concentrating on Food & Fitness: Preventing Obesity.



Dr. Michael Vogel has received two grants from the National Healthy Homes Partnership, one for \$25,000 and another for \$5000. These grants will enable Vogel to produce a Tribal Healthy Homes consumer workbook and to promote the Montana Healthy Homes program for tribes in Montana.



DONORS & STUDENTS HONORED AT ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP EVENT

On September 26, donors to the college, students, guests, and parents attended the annual donor recognition and scholarship awards reception at the Holiday Inn in Bozeman. Over 160 people celebrated the event, as donors

were thanked and students were recognized for receiving scholarships for 2008-2009. Dean Larry Baker introduced and thanked those donors who were present: Gary & Myrna Ryti, Alan Sommerfeld, Carol Roehm, Jaynee Groseth, Cathy & Mark Spencer, Marillyn & Tom Thomas, Darrell Bowman, Bill & Marj Hunt, Joan McCracken, Marcia Melton, and Ramona Marotz-Baden.

This year the College of EHHD awarded \$145,000 to 77 worthy students. With the average loan debt of students at MSU between \$18,000-25,000, scholarships become very important to students in helping them reach their educational goals. Some students would not even be able to return if not for scholarships.

“The only reason I am finishing my senior year is because of a scholarship,” said Beth Patterson, a student in early childhood education. “I didn’t have enough money to return otherwise.”



Donor Alan Sommerfeld presents Carrie Ann Smith with Sommerfeld Teacher of Promise Award.



Scholarship winners at recognition reception.



Donors Myrna & Gary Ryti enjoy the evening.

STUDENTS *IN THE SPOTLIGHT:*

Elementary Ed major Doug Rakel works with Longfellow 2nd & 3rd graders.



Cattail art project.



A "WET" DAY FOR EDUCATION STUDENTS

Twenty-five education students gained hands-on teaching experience on September 24 and 25 when they volunteered at Longfellow Elementary School's annual Wetlands Festival held at Langohr Park and Cherry River fishing access in Bozeman. Kindergarten through third grades rotated through 12 stations and learned about wetlands and the environment. Integrated activities ranged from life cycle of insects, identifying birds found in wetlands, soil properties, and even how Native Americans used cattails. Science education assistant professor **Mary Leonard**, who coordinated the MSU student volunteers, said this collaborative "gave students an excellent opportunity to actually teach science to children in the field (literally!)" **Jamie Deihl**, a sophomore from Sand Point, Idaho, and **Michelle Concienne**, a sophomore from Broomfield, Colo., got "down and dirty" with Longfellow students when they had them discover the differences in soil at different depths. As one second grader enthusiastically stated, "We get to have fun all day."



Tara Markuson, Secondary Math Education, tells 2nd graders about wetlands.

ASCD STUDENT CHAPTER ORGANIZED

The state's first student chapter of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) was organized this fall on the campus of Montana State University. **Lynn Kelting-Gibson**, faculty advisor, says the idea has been generating a lot of interest among education students. So far six students have committed to leadership positions and they will be responsible



ASCD student leaders Amanda Springer, Lea Castor, Patricia Hurin, Amber Waters & Holly Bjerke

for recruiting members. ASCD was founded in 1943 as a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that represents more than 175,000 educators from 119 countries. Members are superintendents, principals, teachers, professors and school board members. ASCD addresses all aspects of effective learning, teaching, and leadership and advocates for policy and practice that is in the best interest of children. At the collegiate level, 68 student chapters are active in the United States, Canada, and Jamaica.

"The goal of our chapter is to provide hands-on workshop style professional development," says Kelting-Gibson. "We provide the bits and pieces to fill in the gaps that students may not get in their regular classes."

MSU-ASCD will meet once a month during the academic year and is open to all freshmen through graduate students interested in elementary or secondary education.

TALK LIKE A PIRATE!

Krysten Fitzsimmons, a senior in English education from Bend, Ore., celebrates International Talk Like a Pirate Day on September 19. Fitzsimmons says the holiday began when a group of people decided to celebrate more nonsensical holidays. At MSU, 20 people acknowledge the holiday by dressing up and talking like pirates. When asked about how to talk like a pirate, Fitzsimmons said, "Mostly we yell a lot and call people 'landlubbers' and 'bilge rats.'"



NEW TO MSU

It might be easier to ask **Dr. Alex Capdeville** what he hasn't done in the field of education. Over the last 40 years, Capdeville has been involved in almost every aspect of education—from teaching to administration. His career began after receiving his certificate in automotive machining from Montana State University-Northern in Havre. From there he has taught auto mechanics at Havre High School, worked for the Office of Public Instruction as head of trade and technical instruction, and spent 22 years in Helena with the College of Technology as the CEO. While teaching, he also served in the Army reserves in St. Louis for six years, earned a Master's of Education from MSU-Northern, and a Ph.D. from Colorado State University in Educational Administration. At the time, he was the youngest person to earn a doctorate from CSU at the age of 28. Prior to his retirement in December 2007, Capdeville spent seven years as the chancellor of MSU-Northern. This fall, he joins the education department at MSU with a post retirement contract, supervising field experience students in educational leadership and working with the Provost's Office on the Abu Dhabi project. Other interests include educational leadership with an emphasis on two year community colleges.

Capdeville, the son of a Basque immigrant father, grew up on a sheep ranch in Opheim. He and his wife Suzy, a retired elementary teacher, have five grown children between them, the youngest who is in mechanical engineering technology at MSU.

Cheryl (Bowers) Ehresmann is a new face in the Department of Health and Human Development's office in Herrick Hall. Ehresmann, a Bozeman native, graduated from Gonzaga University in 2007 with a degree in exercise science. Before moving to HHD, she worked as an administrative associate in the Land Resources and Environmental Sciences department. She was attracted to HHD because the department has several areas of interest to her, as future plans include seeking a master's in nutrition or exercise science. Cheryl's responsibilities in HHD include ordering textbooks, processing graduate applications, helping with faculty searches, handling grants and contracts, and working with promotion and tenure procedures. Her parents also work on campus in the math department—her dad is department head and her mom is an instructor-- and her husband will graduate from MSU with a degree in construction engineering technology in December 2008.



CARJUZAA RECEIVES GRANT FOR IEFA

Dr. Jioanna Carjuzaa, associate professor of education, received a \$15,000 Professional Development Grant from the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) to focus on the integration and implementation of Indian Education for All (IEFA) across the curriculum at MSU. Carjuzaa has organized and hosted a series of workshops over the past two years to introduce faculty to culturally responsive pedagogy and the implications of the IEFA mandate in higher education. At the most recent workshop in September, 35 MSU faculty, graduate students, and librarians participated in discussions and shared lesson plans they had created over the summer. Workshop facilitator, Julie Cajune, Indian Education specialist from Salish Kootenai College, shared her experiences in writing curriculum for tribal histories developed by each Montana reservation and provided feedback on lesson plans. **Dr. Priscilla Lund** and graduate student Megkian Doyle designed a lesson for fifth graders called "Over Time and Across Cultures: How People Travel." In the lesson, students would explore ways in which parfleche (rawhide containers) were used to carry possessions. The MSU community is invited to a poster session conference on November 7 at the MSU Foundation's conference room between 12:00-4:00 p.m. when participants will share their revised lesson plans.



*Workshop facilitator
Julie Cajune*



*MSU faculty work
on lesson plans.*

FACULTY *IN THE SPOTLIGHT:*



TTT's Le Gaub presents Susan Gibb with retirement gift.



Susan and fiancé Ric Tieman.

SAYING GOOD-BYE

On September 5, Lewis & Clark Troops to Teachers (TTT) program at MSU said farewell to **Susan Gibb**, program assistant for the past six years. Gibb, originally from Hysham, Mont., graduated from Montana State University with a degree in elementary education. After teaching for three years in the Seattle area, she decided to “move on to something more adventuresome” and joined the U.S. Air Force. She served a 20-year career as a transportation officer, retired as a major, and then found her way back to Montana to work for the University of Montana. In 2002, she read about a position with TTT and felt she “was ideally suited for the job” because of her military background and education, and she “missed the big sky and wanted towards eastern Montana.”

TTT program manager, **Le Gaub**, said at Gibb’s retirement reception, “She made her life a career of service.”

On September 13, Susan married **Ric Tieman** from Bozeman. The College extends its thanks and wishes Susan well in her retirement and married life.

THAI SCHOLARS TO VISIT MSU

*On October 20, the Department of Education and the MSU Office of International Programs will host 10 visiting scholars from six Rajabhat Universities in Thailand. While in Bozeman, the scholars will tour the city and campus, visit area schools, attend seminars conducted by education faculty, and sit in on classes. **Dr. Michael Brody**, assistant professor of education, says the intent of the visit is to “make this a time of understanding and respect for diverse cultures and to share our pedagogical knowledge and skills.”*

HERBECK APPOINTED TO COMMISSION ON LITERATURE

Dr. Joyce Herbeck, education professor, was recently appointed to serve as a member of the Commission on Literature for the National Council of Teachers of English. Her term will begin after the 2008 convention in November. The commission is a deliberative and advisory body of the National Council of Teachers of English.

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“BULLIES: IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY” LECTURE

Noted textbook author, **Kathleen Stassen Berger**, was on campus in September at the invitation of **Dr. Sandy Osborne** and Worth Publishers to deliver a lecture on bullying and to meet with faculty. Berger’s textbook, *The Developing Person through the Life Span*, is in its seventh edition and is the number one life span development text in the United States. In addition, her textbook, *The Developing Person through Childhood and Adolescence*, is in its eighth edition and has been published now for 24 years. Osborne, health and human development associate professor, has used Berger’s book in her classes and says the book is “well researched and well referenced, yet also has a warm, narrative style.”

Berger, who is a developmental psychologist teaching at Bronx Community College in New York, says she became interested in bullying when her daughters were young and were “always fussing with each other.”

“Bullies are omnipresent even in good families, but you don’t have to stay mean,” Berger says. “Is it culture or human nature that makes bullies?”

She has concluded that it is both. Over the last ten years, 20 different countries have studied bullying in schools and found one-third of all children are bullies or victims. Berger notes that there are several kinds of bullies—physical bullies, verbal bullies, relational bullies, and now with text messaging and e-mails, cyber bullies. While boys tend to be physical, girls are more relational bullies and try to stop social relationships.

“As it turns out, relational bullying is the worst. It stays with the victim for years,” says Berger. “Our culture doesn’t do enough to encourage intervention and we somehow admire the bully.”

Bullying cannot be eliminated, but it is possible to reduce it, Berger told students and faculty who attended the noon hour lecture.



Dr. Berger visits with students before the lecture.



Faculty advisors, Alison Harmon and David Baumbauer

A PRODUCTIVE SUMMER FOR TOWNE’S HARVEST GARDEN

Even though three hailstorms flattened some crops this summer, Towne’s Harvest Garden still enjoyed a successful season. To celebrate, the garden held their second annual Towne’s Harvest Festival and fundraiser on September 6 at the Lindley Center. After several days of rain, the skies cleared in time for 100 guests to enjoy veggie-topped pizza and salad from the garden, music by Archer’s Mob, and silent auction items donated by local businesses and the university.

“Money raised from the event will be used to help with operating costs of the garden and also as seed money to begin planting next spring,” said Charlie Preston-Townsend, a summer intern with the garden.

In August, Towne’s Harvest held a field day for the community. Faculty advisors, interns, and Farm to College Vista Coordinator Lyra Leigh Neighbor presented information and conducted tours to raise awareness of sustainable foods.

“Our goal is to show the Bozeman community what we’re doing to support the community and develop the local food system in Montana,” Professor Clain Jones from the Land Resources and Environmental Sciences Department said.

This summer, the garden had 55 shareholders who paid \$425 so they could enjoy fresh produce from the garden twice a week. The garden also contracted with the Gallatin Valley Food Bank, which received 7,000 pounds of food.

Chelsea Murphy, program director at the food bank said, “The garden provides fresh veggies, which are locally grown, to our clients who can’t always get fresh produce. It’s also a great opportunity for our senior clients who can’t garden anymore.”

Carol Froseth, another intern, stated that with the summer’s hailstorms, the garden had suffered some crop loss. There were no tomatoes, no melons, and no corn. However, they replanted some crops for fall and the “heat after the storms helped things.” Slowly, but surely, things were coming around.

The 2-acre garden on university land on 19th and Garfield had its final distribution on September 26. In March, the whole process begins again when seeds are planted in the Plant Growth Center’s greenhouses in preparation for another successful year.

Towne’s Harvest festival attendees enjoy the evening.

