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Reports & Resources

Creating Rural Wealth
Amber Waves | READ STORY
This inquiry, published in the September 2012 edition of Amber Waves, outlines the major influences and strategies involved in rural development efforts.

Sources for Local News
Pew Internet | READ STORY
Constituents of different types of communities across the United States are shown to be attracted to different news topics, and access news through different kinds of media.

Our Annual MACDEP Business Meeting takes place Oct. 30 in Bozeman. Minutes will be posted on our MACDEP website.

The 2012 Epsilon Sigma Phi (ESP) Conference takes place Oct. 7-10 in Mobile AL. ESP is the member organization dedicated to fostering standards of excellence in the Extension System and developing the Extension profession and professional. I plan to attend and will report back on relevant national Extension programming.

-Brian Lachapelle
MACDEP President

Upcoming Events
Bionerers: Catalyzing a Resilient Communities Network
Tracking Rural Unemployment
Daily Yonder | READ STORY
Though the number of jobs in rural and exurban areas increased by more than 300,000 since July of 2011, rural unemployment rates continue to increase.

Global Agricultural Growth
Amber Waves | READ STORY
The USDA’s Economic Research Service investigates the complex interrelationships maintained between agricultural productivity and population growth.
Increasing Water Costs
**USA Today | READ STORY**
This interactive map tool form USA Today accompanies an article detailing increasing water costs across the United States.

Voter Preferences and Concerns
**Pew Research Center | READ STORY**
The issues most important to citizens voting in the 2012 presidential election have changed significantly since the previous election in 2008. This nonpartisan study identifies some of the trends among these changes as they span a number of central voter demographics.