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U.S. Low-Power FM Radio Stations

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More than 750 new low-power FM (LPFM) community radio stations have been licensed to join the FM airwaves since 2014, according to the Federal Communications Commission. This has nearly doubled the total number to more than 1,500 LPFM stations across the U.S. and its territories.

Low-power FM radio stations, by state

Number of licensed low-power FM radio stations

- Fewer than 20
- 20-39
- 40-59
- 50 or more

Note: As of April 7, 2016, there are no stations in the District of Columbia.
There are 21 stations in U.S. territories, not shown here.
Source: Federal Communications Commission

President's Corner

Our MACDEP Annual Business Meeting will be Wed. Oct. 26, 11:45 to 1:10pm at MSU in SUB Ballroom D; Please submit any agenda items. We will also have a MACDEP social on Tues. Oct. 25th, 6:00pm at Copper Grill in Bozeman.

The Call for Proposals for the 2017 CDS-NACDEP Conference will be released Oct. 15. More information is available at our website www.2017CDS-NACDEP.org or at the Community Development Society and National Association for Community Development Extension Professionals.

-Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President

Upcoming Events

2017 Association for International Agricultural
A growing share of Americans are reading e-books on tablets and smartphones rather than dedicated e-readers, but print books remain much more popular than books in digital formats. But while print remains at the center of the book-reading landscape as a whole, there has been a distinct shift in the e-book landscape over the last five years. Americans increasingly turn to multipurpose devices such as smartphones and tablet computers – rather than dedicated e-readers – when they engage with e-book content.

Rural America added 124,000 jobs in July 2016 compared to the same period last year. But the growth continues to be slower than in more populated areas. What could this economic news mean in the November election?
With the global economy in flux and debate raging over the timing of Federal Reserve rate hikes, data that speak to the financial health of the average American household can be quite telling. The fact that U.S. consumers racked up a record-setting $34.4 billion in credit card debt during the second quarter of 2016 represents serious cause for concern. This is the largest second-quarter debt build-up since at least 1986 when quarterly statistics first were logged.

10 Companies That Control Almost Everything We Eat and Drink

NorthWestern Energy Requests $10.9 Million Price Hike

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National/International News

The U.S. and the Philippines: A Complicated Friendship
ABC News, October 4

Hurricane Matthew Slams Haiti
ABC News, October 4

Top Greek Officer Urges Global Response to Refugee Crisis
Fox News, October 4

The Crisis Hitting Aleppo is Staggering
CNN, October 4

South-South Cooperation
Devex, September 27

London Housing Prices Drive 30-Year Olds Out of the City
Planetizen, September 27

An App to End World Hunger
NY Times, September 27

U.S. to Deploy Anti-Missile System in South Korea
Reuters, September 27

Montana News

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Oxfam International created the infographic that exposes an inconceivable reality: Just 10 main corporations manufacture the majority of what we purchase at the market.

**Earth's Unprecedented Warm Streak Continues**

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When it comes to Earth's climate, even the records themselves are breaking records now. Earth just experienced its hottest August on record, according to NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). This means the planet has set a record warm monthly temperature record during every month for the past 16 consecutive months — an unprecedented warm streak, according to NOAA. The year-to-date is also record warm, as was the June through August period, known as meteorological summer in the Northern Hemisphere.

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