Reports & Resources

Rural Suicides
Quartz | READ STORY
The state of the US economy has a lot to answer for these days. Hopelessness and the perception that crime is rampant (even if it’s at near record lows). But perhaps the most troubling trend is the toll the economy seems to be taking on Americans’ mental health. Suicide rates have been on the rise, especially in economically depressed regions of the country, and especially among the middle aged.

Suicide deaths per 100,000 in America, by age
- 15-24 years
- 25-34 years
- 35-44 years
- 45-54 years
- 55-64 years
- 65-74 years

President's Corner
We are excited to be hosting the NACDEP and CDS Boards in Big Sky, MT Sept. 7-10 to plan our 2017 CDS-NACDEP Conference. To coincide with this visit, our annual MSU Community Development (CD) Update takes place, and we look forward to learning more about Board members who will share their work with our MSU faculty. Please email me if you are interested to join by phone or in person.

The 7th Annual Community Foundation Convening is Sept. 26 & 27 in Helena. I am happy to be serving on the planning committee and we have a great line up of speakers and activities; you can learn more about topics such as socially responsible investing, endowment building, and have a chance to engage with community members who want to create
Trends in Family Wealth, 1989-2013

CBO | READ STORY

From 1989 to 2013, family wealth grew at significantly different rates for different segments of the U.S. population, and the distribution among the nation's families was more unequal in 2013 than it had been in 1989.

Remittance Flows Worldwide in 2015

Pew Research Center | READ STORY

Remittances are funds or other assets that migrants send to their home countries, either directly or in the form of compensation for border, short-term and seasonal employees. With the exception of 2009, migrant remittances worldwide have steadily climbed since the World Bank began releasing estimates in 1970.

a lasting legacy in their communities.

-Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President

Upcoming Events

IARSLCE 16th Annual Research Conference

September 26-28, 2016
New Orleans, LA
Sponsor: IARSLCE

National Urban Extension Conference 2017

May 8-11th, 2017
Bloomington, Minnesota
Sponsor: University of Minnesota

2017 CDS - NACDEP Conference

June 11-14, 2017
Big Sky, MT
Sponsor: CDS / NACDEP

Grants, Awards & Jobs

Rural Community Investment

Deadline: Ongoing
Funder: CHS, Inc.

Community Building Grants

Deadline: Ongoing
Funder: Singing for Change

Sports and Community Development

Deadline: Open
Funder: Adidas Group
Ride-hailing Services Are Seen by Minorities as a Benefit to Areas Underserved by Taxis

Pew Research Center | READ STORY
Ride-hailing and home-sharing are two of the most talked-about sharing-economy services and each has been drawn into a broader debate over whether people of color experience benefit from these new technologies. In the case of ride-hailing apps, like Uber and Lyft, proponents of these services often argue that they can help promote racial equity in transportation for instance, they might serve customers in lower-income or minority neighborhoods where traditional taxis are often scarce.

Announcing Global Forest Watch Water

WRI | READ STORY
World Resources Institute announces its Global Forest Watch (GFW) Water, a global mapping tool that examines how threats to natural infrastructure affect water security throughout the world. Access spatial data sets, forest-related statistics and risk scores for all 230 major watersheds around the world.

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National/International News

Eclipse in Africa: 'Ring of Fire' Eclipse
BBC, September 1

Huge Rival Marches in Venezuela
BBC, September 1

Russia Often Benefits When Wikileaks Reveals Secrets
NY Times, September 1

Lock up the College Funds
Reuters, September 1

Montana News

Montana Wildlife Artist Killed in Midair Crash
NBC Montana, September 1

Montana Adults are Slimming Down
Billings Gazette, September 1

Maize at Grandpa's Farm Pays Tribute
How Quickly Climate Change is Accelerating, in 167 Maps

Wired | READ STORY
When it comes to explaining climate change, it helps to have clear, convincing evidence on hand. Ed Hawkins, a climate scientist at the University of Reading with a knack for data-visualization, specializes in precisely this kind of evidence.