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Reports & Resources

World Happiness Report 2017
World Happiness Report | READ STORY
The first World Happiness Report was published in April 2012, in support of the UN High Level Meeting on happiness and well-being. Since then, the world has come a long way. On World Happiness Day, March 20th, the World Happiness Report 2017 was launched once again and published by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network and is now supported by a grant from the Ernesto Illy Foundation.

Digital Gap Between Rural and Nonrural American Persists
Pew Research Center | READ STORY

MT CD Update

We are into the home stretch for the 2017 CDS-NACDEP Conference in Big Sky, Montana June 11-14. We have over 365 registrants and individuals can register on-site. We have posted the Conference Program and updated the mobile app schedule. As well, our Room Share and Ride Share site is still active. We look forward to seeing you in Big Sky Montana!

The International Association for Community Development (IACD) is pleased to announce that our next Practice Exchange will be in San Pedro de Atacama, Chile 11-19 October 2017. This study visit will allow community developers the opportunity to interact and
Rural Americans have made large gains in adopting digital technology in recent years, but they remain less likely than nonrural adults to have home broadband, smartphones, and other devices. Rural residents also go online less frequently than their urban and suburban counterparts.

Longevity in Rich Countries

Wealthy countries such as Japan, Switzerland, and Australia have the highest life expectancies, though the estimates vary slightly depending on the methodology used. But a new study of 35 rich countries by researchers at Imperial College London and the WHO, and published in the *Lancet*, a medical journal, uses a combination of 21 statistical models, instead of just one. By 2030, they think, South Korea will have seen the biggest gains in life expectancy for both men and women.

When It Comes to Life Expectancy in America, Not All Counties Are Created Equal

learn from other communities’ experiences of organizing, development, and empowerment. More info at the [IACD website](http://iacdwebsite).

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**Upcoming Events**

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

**2017 NAE4-HA Conference**
November 12-17, 2017
Indianapolis, IN
Sponsor: Purdue Extension

**Rural Development Conference 2017**
July 9-11, 2017
Bangkok, Thailand
Sponsor: Tomorrow People Organization

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**Grants, Awards & Jobs**

**NEH: Digital Projects for the Public**
Deadline: June 7
Funder: National Endowment for the Humanities

**DOJ: Reentry Employment Series- Training and Coaching Facilitation**
Los Angeles Times | READ STORY
A child born in the United States in 2014 can expect to live 79.1 years, on average. But that figure doesn’t apply equally to all kids across the country. For example, a baby boy born in South Dakota’s Oglala Lakota County that year has a life expectancy of just under 62.8 years. Meanwhile, a baby girl lucky enough to be born in Summit County, Colo., can plan to live to the ripe old age of 88.5.

First-Ever Global Study Finds Massive Health Care Inequity
Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation | READ STORY
A first-ever global study finds massive inequity of access to and quality of health care among and within countries and concludes people are dying from causes with well-known treatments. “What we have found about health care access and quality is disturbing,” said Dr. Christopher Murray, senior author of the study and Director of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) at the University of Washington. “Having a strong economy does not guarantee good health care. Having great medical technology doesn’t either. We know this because people are not getting the care that should be expected for diseases with established treatments.”
Utilities are breaking away from traditional electricity products to offer customers access to large-scale renewable energy. Until very recently, utilities did not differentiate the sort of power they offered customers. With very few exceptions, everyone shared in the cost and used electricity from the same fleet of power generating stations.
Yellowstone County Hearing For Community Development Block Grants Draws Interest

Billings Gazette, June 4

3 Montana Colleges Hope to Add Occupational Therapy Degrees

Billings Gazette, June 4