US Health and Inequality
The Lancet | READ STORY
As the US has become more economically unequal, disparities in health outcomes have widened between rich and poor.

LIFE EXPECTANCY GAP in the US is now among the highest gaps in developed countries

88.9 years old
87.5 years old
10.4 year gap

78.8 years old
72.7 years old
14.6 year gap

39% US
7% Canada

Many poor people FOREGO MEDICAL CARE altogether
% of low-income citizens who reported not seeing a doctor because of cost (before the Affordable Care Act).

MSU Park County Extension celebrated the third class of Leadership 49 in April, recognizing 18 graduates from across Park County. An eight-month leadership development program for Park County citizens, Leadership 49 is focused on developing leadership skills and increasing knowledge about challenges and opportunities throughout the county. Its impact on the county is far-reaching, including new community projects, assisting businesses to create and retain jobs, and an increase in knowledgeable members of government and nonprofits boards. MACDEP salute and applaud great community works. Great Job Katie Weaver and Park County, Montana!

Abbie Phillip
2017 MACDEP President

We have some exciting updates for the 2017 CDS-NACDEP Conference in Big Sky, Montana June 11-14. We have a Room Share and Ride Share program set up, there are public
The World's Largest 50 Companies by Revenue
Value Walk | READ STORY
This data visualization comes from Datashown, and it compares the world’s largest companies by their 2016 revenues to really help put the size and scale of these companies into perspective. As just one example, despite being worth more than the majority of brick and mortar retailers combined, Amazon ranks just #44 in terms of global revenue to barely crack the list. While familiar global oil firms and massive banks make up a good portion of the companies on the list, there are also many companies in China and Europe that are less likely to ring a bell.

![Data Visualization]

The Changing Global Religious Landscape
Pew Research Center | READ STORY
More babies were born to Christian mothers than to members of any other religion in recent years, reflecting Christianity’s continued status as the world’s largest religious group. But this is unlikely to be the case for much longer: Less than 20 years from now, the number of babies born to Muslims is expected to modestly exceed births to Christians, according to new Pew Research Center demographic estimates.

![Religious Landscape]

Upcoming Events

National Urban Extension Conference 2017
May 8-11, 2017
Bloomington, Minnesota
Sponsor: University of Minnesota

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

Grants, Awards & Jobs

HHS: Drug-Free Communities Mentoring Program
Communities at Risk From Closing Coal Plants
Headwaters Economics | READ STORY
Coal-fired power plants are closing across the U.S. Since 2009, 142 plants have retired generators or closed entirely, reducing coal-fired power generation capacity by 13 percent nationally. These retirements help explain a sharp decline in U.S. coal demand for electricity generation, which fell from a peak of 975 million tons in 2010 to 738 million tons in 2015, a 24 percent decline.

Dominant Economic Sector of Non-Metro Counties
The Daily Yonder | READ STORY
Agriculture is not the “number one driver” of the economy, according to data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis. Agriculture (including forestry) is the dominant economic sector in 1,007 of 2,000 counties, according to the study. In 85% of those counties, agriculture has a greater share of total county output than any other sector.

National/International News

**48 Days: Photographer Captures 8,000-Mile Journey From Cuba to the US**
ABC News, April 27

**Hikers Rescued After 47 Days Stranded in Nepal Survived on Salt, Water**
ABC News, April 27

**Russian Navy Ship Collides With Freightliner Near Istanbul**
Fox News, April 27

**Flash Floods Kill 17**
Fox News, April 27

Deadline: May 8
Funder: Department of Health and Human Services

**USDA: Local and Regional Food Aid Procurement (LRP) Program**
Deadline: May 12
Funder: Department of Agriculture

**HHS: Ethnic Community Self Help Program**
Deadline: May 30
Funder: Department of Health and Human Services

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fisheries, and hunting) ranks fifth in earnings out of seven rural economic sectors tracked by the BEA.
Elderly Couple Loses Hunting Privileges for Killing Deer in Trophy Area
Billings Gazette, April 27

Big Water in Bighorn River: All Are Struggling With High Flows
Billings Gazette, April 27

RMC Offers Fall Tour to Italy
Billings Gazette, April 27