

First Monday



*From the desk of: Marilynn Miller, President and CEO
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872 graduates received degrees during Montana State University Billings' 82nd commencement exercises on Saturday, May 2. The commencement address was delivered by Tim Cahill, an award-winning adventure and travel writer from the Livingston area.

Don't miss out on Wine & Food Festival May 11-16. Two cooking schools are sold out, but there are still tickets available for the other great events. Four are profiled in the enclosed *Corks & Cuisine*. To see the entire events lineup, visit www.winefoodfestival.com. To purchase tickets, call 406-657-2244.

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Here are a few of the gifts that came in during April. Many thanks to these and all donors to the MSU Billings Foundation.

- **The Sky Arrow Scholarship Fund** donated \$10,000 for scholarships for Native American Students from the Fort Peck Reservation for the second consecutive year.
- **Magic City Soccer** has committed \$10,000 for the new soccer facility.
- **Volvo Construction Equipment** gave a D-7 engine valued at \$9,906 for use by the automotive technology students at the College of Technology.

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- **Planned Parenthood of Montana** made a \$7,500 pledge for the new soccer facility.
- **The T. Eugene Young Scholarship Fund** contributed \$5,000 for scholarships for freshmen at the College of Technology.
- **Mark E. Dean (1995) of Floberg Realtors** pledged \$4,500 for the soccer facility.
- **The Winston & Helen Cox Fund** sent \$4,233 for the Winston & Helen Cox Fellowship Award, a prestigious award recognizing junior faculty members in the College of Arts and Sciences. Dr. Lisa Kemmerer, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, was the 2009 recipient.
- **Edward F. (1974) & Barbara Parisian (1974)** committed \$2,500 to the Coach's Memorial Fund.
- **Cynthia L. Rogers (1988)** donated \$2,000 and secured a matching \$2,000 pledge from Chevron, for a total of \$4,000 for the Schoenthal Special Projects Fund.

“Movie Stars and Rattlesnakes” on Thursday, May 14 will feature long-time Montana broadcast journalist Norma Ashby. She will talk about a career that took her from a television studio in Great Falls to London's Kensington Palace and included interviews with first lady Pat Nixon, movie stars Olivia de Havilland and Gary Cooper, comedian Bob Hope and NBC broadcast icon Chet Huntley. Whenever polls are taken about influential people in the Montana, Ashby rates among the top 15 and is always near the head of the list of most influential women.

The program, offered by MSU Billings Seniors on Campus, will involve dinner at Café Italia and a presentation at MSU Billings Downtown. The dinner and presentation cost \$55. For those who can't make the dinner, the cost for the presentation and dessert is \$25, or \$20 for Seniors on Campus members. To register, call 406-896-5890. Deadline for registration is Tuesday, May 12 and space is limited.

Miles Waltner and Josh Keller, MSU Billings College of Technology students, took top honors at the State 2009 SkillsUSA competition in April. Waltner, who is from Dillon, took first place in both the automotive service technology and job interview competitions. Keller, from Worland, Wyoming, earned first place in the diesel equipment technology competition. Their wins make them eligible to compete at the National SkillsUSA Competition in Kansas City, Missouri, in June.

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