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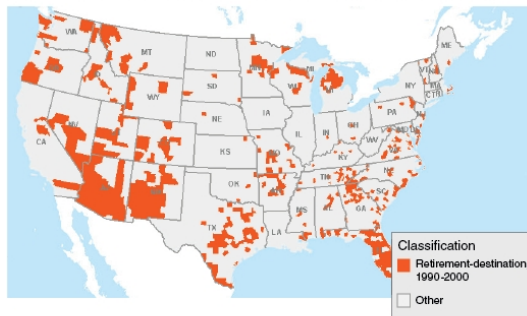
Reports & Resources

Creating Rural Wealth

Amber Waves | [READ STORY](#)

This inquiry, published in the September 2012 edition of Amber Waves, outlines the major influences and strategies involved in rural development efforts.

Retirees are attracted to locations with natural and manmade amenities



Source: USDA, Economic Research Service.

Sources for Local News

Pew Internet | [READ STORY](#)

Constituents of different types of communities across the United States are shown to be attracted to different news topics, and access news through different kinds of media.

President's Corner

Our Annual MACDEP Business Meeting takes place Oct. 30 in Bozeman. Minutes will be posted on our [MACDEP website](#).

The [2012 Epsilon Sigma Phi \(ESP\) Conference](#) takes place Oct. 7-10 in Mobile AL. ESP is the member organization dedicated to fostering standards of excellence in the Extension System and developing the Extension profession and professional. I plan to attend and will report back on relevant national Extension programming.

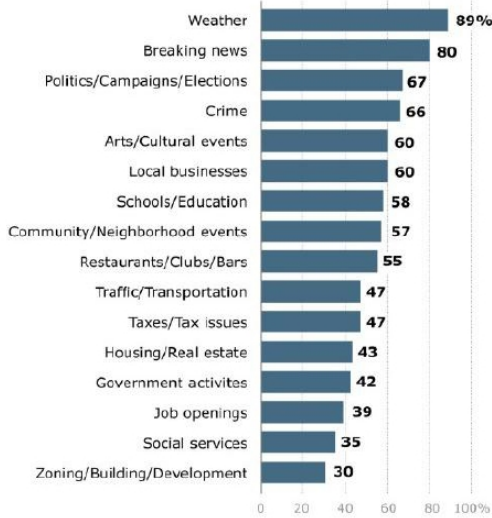
-Paul Lachapelle
MACDEP President

Upcoming Events

Bioneers: Catalyzing a Resilient Communities Network

The Popularity of Different Local Topics

Percent of adults who get news or information about each topic



Source: Pew Research Center's Project for Excellence in Journalism and Internet & American Life Project in partnership with the Knight Foundation, January 12-25, 2011. Local Information Survey. N=2,251 adults age 18 and older. Conducted in English and Spanish and included 750 cell phone interviews.

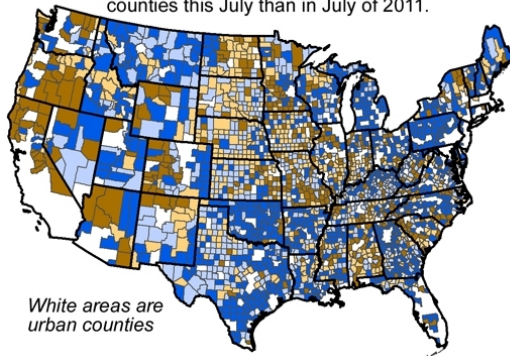
Tracking Rural Unemployment

Daily Yonder | [READ STORY](#)

Though the number of jobs in rural and exurban areas increased by more than 300,000 since July of 2011, rural unemployment rates continue to increase.

Job Losses/Gains in Rural America

There were 324,000 more jobs in rural and exurban counties this July than in July of 2011.



Global Agricultural Growth

Amber Waves | [READ STORY](#)

The USDA's Economic Research Service investigates the complex interrelationships maintained between agricultural productivity and population growth.

October 19-21, 2012
San Rafael, CA
Sponsor: Collective Heritage Institute

Sustainable Disaster Recovery Conference

October 29-30, 2012
St. Louis, MO
Sponsor: St. Louis University & Alberici

Northeast Conference on Public Administration

November 2-3, 2012
Boston, MA
Sponsor: UMass Boston, MassASP & Suffolk University

Beyond Boundaries-National Preservation Conference

November 3, 2012
Spokane, WA
Sponsor: National Trust for Historic Preservation

NACDEP Galaxy IV

September 15-22, 2013
Pittsburgh, PA
Sponsor: Joint Council of Extension Professionals

Grants, Awards & Jobs

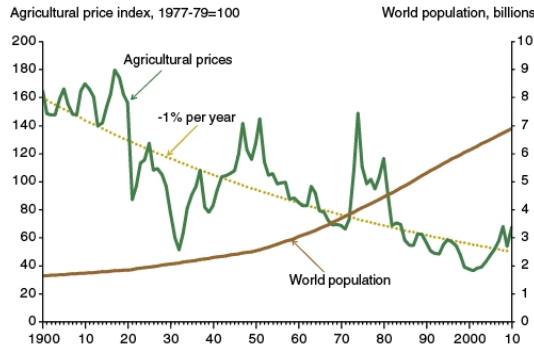
Grants to Support Local Graduation Matters Initiatives

Deadline: October 26, 2012
Funder: Montana Office of Public Instruction

Rural Initiative Program

Deadline: November 7, 2012
Funder: Laura Jane Musser Foundation

Real agricultural prices have fallen since 1900, even as world population growth accelerated



Source: USDA, Economic Research Service using Fuglie, Wang, and Ball (2012). Depicted in the chart is the Grilii-Yang agricultural price index adjusted for inflation by the U.S. Gross Domestic Product implicit price index. The Grilii-Yang price index is a composite of 18 crop and livestock prices, each weighted by its share of global agricultural trade (Pfaffenzeller et al., 2007). World population estimates are from the United Nations.

Responsible Sports Community Grant

Deadline: November 30, 2012
Funder: Liberty Mutual Insurance

Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program

Deadline: December 31, 2012
Funder: Rural Housing Service, USDA

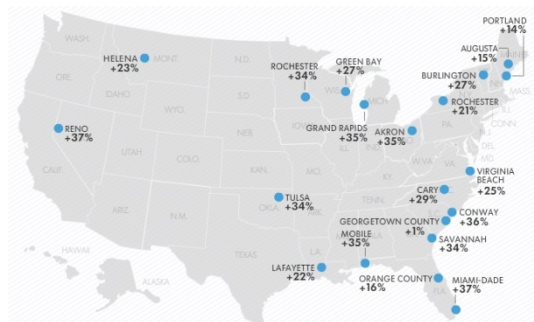
Computing Education for the 21st Century Grant

Deadline: March 13, 2013
Funder: National Science Foundation (NSF)

Increasing Water Costs

USA Today | [READ STORY](#)

This interactive map tool from USA Today accompanies an article detailing increasing water costs across the United States.



National/International News

Geothermal Hotspot Found in Utah Desert

Salt Lake Tribune; September 27

Navajo Nation to Build Water Pipeline

Denver Post; September 27

Arizona Ski Resort to Make Wastewater Snow

New York Times; September 26

Oil Prices Fall as Consumer Confidence Drops

Denver Post; September 25

Zombie Bees Investigated in Washington

Seattle Times; September 23

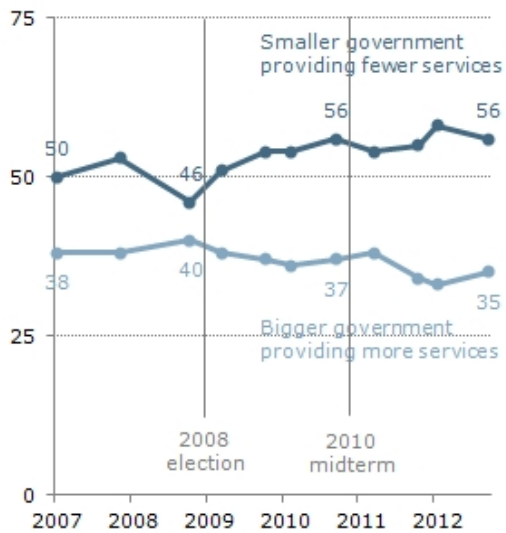
Voter Preferences and Concerns

Pew Research Center | [READ STORY](#)

The issues most important to citizens voting in the 2012 presidential election have changed significantly since the previous election in 2008. This nonpartisan study identifies some of the trends among these changes as they span a number of central voter demographics.

Montana News

Voters' Preference for Smaller Government Persists



PEW RESEARCH CENTER Sept. 12-16, 2012. Q40.
Based on registered voters.

UM Native Children's Center Receives \$2.4M

Missoulian; September 28

Upper Clark Fork Restoration Plan Released

Missoulian; September 26

Kalispell Mail Center Closing

Daily Interlake; September 26

Wildfire Season Extended

Missoulian; September 26

Condon Mountain Fire Causes Evacuations

Flathead Beacon; September 25



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