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TODAY'S EVENTS

MONTANA'S 9/11 MEMORIAL

A Community Commemoration

Sunday, September 11, 2011

2 p.m. | Ceremony | MSU Billings College of Technology

Opening and welcome / Dan Carter

Invocation / The Rev. Kim Woeste, United Campus Ministry, MSU Billings

Presentation of the colors / Billings Police Department Color Guard

"Star Spangled Banner" / MSU Billings Band and Choir

Institutional & Community Welcome / Dr. Rolf Groseth, Chancellor, MSU Billings

The Story of the Memorial / Elizabeth Fullon, College of Technology faculty

Memories of 9/11 / John Pugrud, Retired Deputy Chief of Police for the Pentagon

The Power of the Healing Field / Kris Koessler, Billings Exchange Club

Memories of 9/11 / Lew Kosich, former United Airlines pilot

A Salute to Service: Presentation of Inaugural 9/11 Memorial Scholarships / Kathy Kotecki

Being 10 on 9/11 / Johnny Day, Billings resident who was born on 9/11/01

Keynote Address / Adjutant Gen. John Walsh, Montana National Guard

Laying of the Wreath in Honor of Those Who Died on 9/11 and Those Who Served Afterwards /
Members of Billings Police and Fire Departments

Closing music / MSU Billings Band and Choir

3:30 p.m. | Panel Discussion | College of Technology Commons

9/11 and Our Community

Dan Hargrove, pilot of Air Force Two, backup aircraft for U.S. President on 9/11

Thomas Binford, Director of Aviation, Billings Logan Airport

Paul Dextras, Chief, Billings Fire Department

Rich St. John, Chief, Billings Police Department

Daniel Fevold, Federal Security Director, Department of Homeland Security

8:30 p.m. | Community Candlelight Vigil | Memorial Area

An Ecumenical, Faith-Based Time of Silence / *Bring your own candles*

Turning 10 on 11 / Johnny Day **Billings resident born on 9/11/01**

Johnny Day entered the world at one of its pivotal moments. When everyone was focused on tragedy in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, Mike and Lisa Day of Billings welcomed a new bundle of joy, a healthy son. Born at about 8:45 p.m., on Sept. 11, 2001, he was one of 39 children born in Montana that day.

Johnny is also featured in a book, "Faces of Hope," that is intended to derive inspiration from a day of tragedy. Profiling 50 babies — one in each state — born when joy was often difficult to find, the book was published in 2003. The profiles feature some inspirational lines such as "A baby is God's opinion that the world should go on."

Johnny and his family live in Billings. They will be featured in a BBC documentary that traces the lives of some 9/11 babies.

Memories of 9/11/ John Pugrud **Chief of Security Services at the Pentagon on 9/11**

John Pugrud is a native of Winnett and a graduate of MSU in Bozeman. He was in the Air Force from 1976 to 2000, when he retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and entered the Civil Service. The vast majority of his 24-year military career was in Security Police, serving at bases in North Dakota, Missouri, Arkansas, Virginia, Spain and at the Pentagon. His last job in the military was as Chief of Security Services and Deputy Chief of Police at the Defense Protective Service at the Pentagon. Upon retirement from the military in July 2000, he was hired as a civil servant and resumed the same duties. John was serving in that capacity when terrorists attacked the Pentagon on 9/11.

In September 2004, his wife, Jessica, was hired as an administrative law judge with the Social Security Administration in Billings. The couple moved to Billings and John now takes time to be with his parents and helping his sister at the family ranch.

Memories of 9/11 / Lew Kosich **Former Navy pilot and United Airlines pilot**

Lew Kosich is a 1964 graduate of Billings Senior High School and a 1968 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. He was a distinguished graduate from the Navy's Flight Training School and became a fighter pilot. He flew 165 combat missions in Vietnam, earning a Distinguished Flying Cross and a number of other

citations. After the Navy, Lew became a pilot at United Airlines where he was the first captain rated on the B-777 jets and was Chief Pilot of the B-777 Fleet for United Airlines. On Sept. 11, 2001, he was serving as Director of Flight Operations Support, attending a meeting in Chicago. After the attacks on the World Trade Center, Lew became a Senior Flight Operations representative in the Crisis Center, and was directly involved in the response process. In the aftermath of 9/11, he was assigned to be in charge of Flight and Flight Crew Security for United Airlines and was a part of the evolution of the TSA and Homeland Security.

Semi-retired, Lew now works as the tennis coach at MSU Billings.

Keynote speaker / Brigadier General John E. Walsh **Adjutant General, Montana National Guard**

Brigadier General John E. Walsh assumed the duties as the Adjutant General for Montana Sept. 1, 2008. He is Adjutant General for the State of Montana, Commander of the Montana National Guard and the Director of the Department of Military Affairs. He is responsible for providing fully prepared Army and Air National Guard military forces to protect Montana from any threat, disaster or emergency. He is also responsible to ensure Montana's National Guard Forces are ready to deploy worldwide and accomplish military missions in support of the national defense strategy.

As the Adjutant General for the State of Montana, he administers/commands a joint federal-state program to provide for the organization of the Montana Army and Air National Guard. He is responsible to the Governor for providing disaster and Emergency Services, Homeland Security, Veteran Affairs, a Counter-Drug Support Team, a Civil Support Team and a Youth Challenge Program. Brigadier General Walsh also served as the Battalion Commander of the 1-163d Infantry Battalion while deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III from December 2004 through November 2005.

Brigadier General Walsh received his commission through the Officer Candidate School in Helena, Montana in 1987. He is a graduate of the United States Army War College in June 2007 with a Master's Degree in Strategic Studies. Prior to his commissioning he served as an enlisted member of the 3669th Maintenance Company with the Montana Army National Guard in Helena.

REFLECT

Recovered steel from World Trade Center serves as memorial

Through efforts led by faculty and staff at MSU Billings, a piece of World Trade Center steel I-beam recovered from Ground Zero has been given to the university.

Weighing about 600 pounds and measuring 6 feet long, the twisted I-beam is the centerpiece of a memorial at the MSU Billings College of Technology. Constructed just east of the entrance of the Health Sciences Building, the memorial will stand as a silent witness to the memory of those who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001.

Visitors to the memorial can reflect not only on the historical significance of 9/11, but also on the sacrifices made by true heroes -- the firefighters, first responders and service-oriented professionals -- who work in our communities on a daily basis.



BILLINGS GAZETTE PHOTO

Flags fly at the 2010 Healing Field display held at the Par 3 Golf Course.

THE HEALING FIELD

Sponsored by the Exchange Clubs of Billings, a field of 1,000 American flags are on display at the MSU Billings College of Technology as part of commemoration of the 9/11 anniversary.

Called the Healing Field, the display is at the West End campus to help the community remember and honor American service members, emergency responders and those who died in the 9/11 terrorist attacks. It will be up through Sept. 12. The Healing Field display was developed by the Colonial Flag Foundation and it is utilized by a wide variety of civic, service and other non-profit organizations across the country to generate awareness and educate the public on issues that are important to them.

By sponsoring flags for \$100, businesses or people in the community not only help commemorate an important day in history, but support local efforts. Funds raised this year will benefit local veteran's and children's charities as well as supporting the construction of the 9/11 Memorial.



An area firefighter touches the piece of World Trade Center steel that was given to MSU Billings for construction of the state's first 9/11 community memorial. The piece arrived in Billings in May. The design and construction was done with community, student and university volunteer involvement.

A COMMUNITY ENDEAVOR

The development of the 9/11 Memorial has been a true community effort.

Born from an idea of two MSU Billings College of Technology faculty members, work on the memorial began more than a year ago when the university sought approval for donation of a piece of the destroyed World Trade Center. That 600-pound piece of steel I-beam now serves as the centerpiece of the memorial.

The piece arrived in Billings in May and ground was officially broken for the circular memorial area on July 15. Over the course of the summer, work was completed. The memorial now stands as a steadfast, silent witness to the memory of those who lost their lives at the hands of terrorism on that landmark day nearly 10 years ago. It also provides a place of reflection and honor for those who serve others in all capacities.

Volunteers from across the community have worked to make the project a reality. Some of those include MSU Billings, Exchange Clubs of Billings, Stockman Bank, and the Billings Fire Department, EEC Inc., CMG Construction and Fisher Sand and Gravel. Set on a 40-foot diameter concrete pad, the 4,150 square-foot memorial features benches for personal reflection.

At the center is a 12-foot diameter raised platform on which the I-beam rests. Rising above the I-beam are two 16-foot tube steel towers, a scaled-down visual replica of the World Trade Center towers that fell on 9/11.

REMEMBER

9/11 is now more than a date on a calendar

September 11, 2001, changed America and the course of our history forever.

Like the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, it brought war to our doorstep and made everyone in America more aware of our responsibilities as citizens.

It also showed us how communities can come together in time of need and how everyday heroes emerge when called upon.

These are the lessons that Montana State University Billings and our community partners wish to preserve and impart to the next generation of Montanans.

The memorial event also features the Healing Field sponsored by the Exchange Clubs of Billings.

EDUCATE

Making sense of complex questions and ongoing issues

While Montana's 9/11 memorial serves as a reminder that "We Will Never Forget" and honors those who serve others, it also provides a venue for education.

The tragedy of 9/11 and the events that followed still generate strong emotions and feelings on a variety of levels. Sept. 11, 2001 revealed severe ideological hatred, but it also showed the profound human capacity to care.

Education about the events transcends differences of race, nationality, religion, economic strata and political affiliation.

Educators at all levels will be encouraged to use the memorial or take part in the "Montana 9/11 Oral History Project" as a tool to teach the importance of history.



EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

While the attacks of 9/11 have tended to recede further into the past, the events of that day a decade ago (and the aftermath) hold educational value for individuals and families.

Thinking and talking about 9/11 may still evoke strong emotions that suddenly take people back to the tragedy and can jar emotions long forgotten. Many others will have little or no recollection of the event itself, understanding its details and ramifications through the lens of a somewhat impersonal history and through media coverage of the event.

Following its educational mission, MSU Billings has worked to develop educational resources connected to the 9/11 Memorial.

The MSU Billings Library at the College of Technology has developed a 9/11 collection that ranges from technical reports and government documents to references for the arts and sciences including juvenile literature. Hundreds of hard copy, video and electronic resources are now available for students, faculty or parents interested in 9/11-related research. Samples of these resources will be on display at the College of Technology's Community Library during an open house on Sept. 11, 2011 and on the weeks after the event.

The exhibit also feature a collection of 9/11 editions of national magazines and The Billings Gazette as well as two commemorative prints of aerial views of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on 9/11.

More resources are available at www.msubillings.edu/911memorial/resources.

DEDICATE

Memories can be honored through service to others

Those involved with Montana's 9/11 Memorial want to make sure it inspires others in the Billings community and in the state to dedicate themselves to the values of patriotism and civic engagement.

Whether students choose a career path in a field that serves others, whether citizens decide to use a few hours of time each month to work as a volunteer or whether retirees help make the community a better place through a United Way project, there are many ways to make 9/11 more than just a day on a calendar.

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SAVE THE DATE

Oral Histories
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Remember, Reflect, Education, Dedicate
Resources for Teachers, Volunteers.

The Montana 9/11 Oral History Project is a Service Learning activity that both students and community members take part in. The objective is to collect, record and archive 9/11 memories from the Billings community with the intention of sharing their unique perspectives with future generations. Ultimately, the project will create a greater understanding of what the 9/11 attacks mean to Montanans and how the events of September 11, 2001 have shaped our community over the course of the last decade. The project allows students to reach out to their community, while gaining a meaningful understanding of the World Trade Center attacks, Billings' history and the people who call the city their home.

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 Milne: Greg Hunt
 Miller: Kelsey Mast
 Maddie Flamm
 Morgan Wetz
 Tim McGlothlin
 Tod Miller
 Vicky Chamberlain

Participate in the 9/11 Oral History Project

THE 9/11 ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

Participants:
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Anyone who wants to be contacted to be a part of the project can do online at www.msubillings.edu/911memorial/oral_histories or by contacting Brian Kmeck at 896-5827.

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