

## MCC GED Boot Camp

Miles Community College piloted its first GED Boot Camp in June, and one hundred percent of the students passed after just two weeks of intense instruction. All enrollees earned their General Educational Development (GED) diplomas and can now enter employment, college, or the military. One Boot Camp graduate commented, "Throughout this process, I've had more confidence in myself. This experience has given me the tools I needed to succeed in my life." A second session of GED Boot Camp was held in August with comparable results. Two of MCC's GED Boot Camp graduates are attending Miles Community College this fall.

During Boot Camp, stu-

dents receive short-term group instruction in the five GED subject areas: Reading, Math (including algebra and geometry), English (including essay-writing), Social Studies, and Science. They also take practice tests and work individually with instructors to master the material they find most challenging. The GED tests are rigorous—statistics prove that one third of graduating high school seniors cannot pass them. Boot Camp students benefited from group-work with difficult subjects. One said, "I never thought I could work well with a group. Then we tried it and we all got along very well. We helped each other and taught each other a lot."

Shelley Freese, an instructor with the GED program, commented, "This past year, lawmakers examined the value of continuing to fund adult basic education programs. Our Boot Camp students, like the majority of our students who earn their GED diplomas, really committed themselves to bettering their lives and increasing their earning potential. We are so proud to have been part of the process they have undergone to become contributing citizens of Montana."

For more information about GED services at Miles Community College, call 874-6152, stop by Room 208 at MCC, or email [ged@milescc.edu](mailto:ged@milescc.edu).

## Pioneer Baseball to Honor Big Sky Little League

Miles Community College Head Baseball Coach, Jeff Brabant, has announced that the Pioneers will be honoring the Big Sky Little League team throughout the year by wearing the "Northwest" t-shirts once a week in practice and a few of the games this fall. The Pioneers are doing this not only to congratulate the team, to let them know the special impact of the boys had on his squad, but also as a way for our players to remember their roots and what they learned and took from their days of playing little league.

"These shirts will be worn with pride as our team will remember how special the accomplishments of these boys were, not only the

Little League World Series, but also on their journey to Williamsport, PA," said Brabant.

"We felt it was necessary to give back from a monetary value to show our support on the field," said Brabant. The proceeds of the sales of these shirts go back to help cover the cost incurred on the trip, knowing it's just a small dent in the trip's expenses, MCC Baseball will wear these shirts proudly in the months to come in the program. This experience by BSLL is all that our team has talked about the past couple of weeks since coming together on campus. "I don't think the recognition of what these boys have done should go

away and be forgotten anytime soon," he added.

The team isn't the only group that the Pioneers are recognizing with this honor, but also all of those who do the work behind the scenes to help make this an experience that the boys will never forget. "Our Pioneer hats go off to all of those involved with Big Sky Little League baseball: the players, parents, coaches, umpires, and those behind the scene who helped make this a lifetime memory. From our standpoint, thank you for giving our team and program the ability to remember and reflect on our little league days," said Brabant.

## Thought for the Day:

**"Difficult things we do quickly. The impossible takes a little longer."**

David Ben-Gurion



**MCC**  
**"Main Event"**  
**Saturday**  
**Oct 29, 2011**  
**at the Centra**

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### New Faculty and Staff for Fall 2011

**Bert Pezzarosi: Accts Payable Technician**

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Technician**

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Services Librarian**

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### MCC Tours

#### Christmas Belles

Billings Studio Theater,  
Billings, MT Sat, Oct 22  
9:30 am-7:30 pm  
Cost: \$65 per person  
(Includes ride, lunch, and  
tickets) - Payment Due by  
Oct 10th

#### Annie

Billings Studio Theater  
Billings, MT Sat, Dec 10  
9:30 am-7:30 pm  
Cost: \$65 (Includes ride,  
lunch and tickets) - Payment  
Due by Nov 11

Contact Beth Oswald at  
874-6164

## MCC History by the Decades

### 2000s

Darrel Hammon was inaugurated the sixth president of Miles Community College in Fall 2001.

The Miles Community College Center for Technology and Learning evolved in 2002 from community continuing education to include servicing distance-learning students. This has included interactive television, on-line classes, and sending mobile classrooms into rural high schools where technology training is needed and requested by community citizens.

Miles Community College began a major building program in February 2003 with the groundbreaking and construction of a 133-bed student housing facility to replace the former 50-bed Big Sky

dormitories. In 2003, students began living in the new dormitory facilities.

Stefani Gray Hicswa became the seventh president and first woman president of Miles Community College in Summer 2006.

Robin Gerber, the Social Science and Humanities Instructor, was recognized as the 2006 Montana State Professor of the Year by the U.S. Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). Sponsored by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and administered CASE, this prestigious award recognizes professors for their influence on teaching and their outstanding commitment to teaching

undergraduate students.

In October 2006, MCC introduced the Heavy Equipment Program. The purpose of this program is to provide students with practical skills for enhanced employment opportunities in heavy equipment operations, such as mining, construction, oil fields, etc. Areas of study include safety, orientation to the trade, earth moving, finishing and grading, and excavating.

The nursing program was awarded full accreditation through 2014 with no recommendations from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. The college received a federal appropriation for the first time in the amount of \$332,000 for health care program development. Continued....



**MCC Workforce Development** If you are interested in any of these courses or would like to have specialized training for your business please contact Kassie Taylor at 874-6199 or [taylork@milesc.edu](mailto:taylork@milesc.edu).

**Basic Website Development** Instructor: Marcus Schieffert Price \$100.00

This course is an introduction to modern web-site development. Upon course completion, students will have the basic skills required to develop and maintain their own website and will be aware of the available technologies to take their website development to the next level if they choose. Familiarity with Windows or Mac, regular use of the internet, and productivity software such as "Office" is recommended. Also, experience with imaging software (e.g. Photoshop, MS Paint) is helpful but optional. **Date: Tues & Thurs Evenings – Oct 4<sup>th</sup> – Oct 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Place: MCC Room 210

**Educators Conference** Date: October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011 – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Place: Miles Community College Contact: Kassie Taylor for class schedule and registration

**The First-Time Supervisor** Instructor: Shelly Weight Price: \$50.00

Make your move into your new supervisor position smoother and more successful. This workshop is designed for new supervisors who want to enhance their management skills. The workshop will cover personal effectiveness in communication, dealing with conflict and managing your time, as well as working with individuals and providing feedback, evaluation performance and handling discipline.

**Date: Wed –Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** Place: Forsyth Middle School – Board Room

**QuickBooks Pro 2008: Level 1** Instructor: Erika Drake Price \$75.00

Participants will gain an understanding of basic accounting and be introduced to the concepts of QuickBooks Pro 2008. This course will explain how to plan and create a company, work with customer and vendor transactions, create invoices and receive payments, enter and pay bills, write checks and bank with QuickBooks. Cost of class includes a book valued at \$35.00.

**Date: Nov 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** (lunch on your own) Place: MCC Room 314

**CPR for the Non-Healthcare Provider & First Aid** Instructor: Kassie Taylor Price \$50.00

The AHA CPR course will teach non-healthcare professionals the ability to provide CPR & First Aid, recognize emergencies and relieve choking in a safe, timely and effective manner. This course is intended for those individuals that are NOT in the medical field. **Date: Nov 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – 8:00 a.m.**

**to 3:00 p.m.** Place: MCC Room 106

**Basic Outlook 2010 for the Workplace** Instructor: Kassie Taylor Price \$55.00

Outlook 2010 class covers the basic functions and features of Outlook 2010. Participants will create e-mail accounts and send e-mail messages using several techniques. They will also learn how to manage e-mail messages, contacts, tasks, and meeting requests. Finally, students will customize Outlook for maximum efficiency. Cost includes book. **Date: Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (lunch on your own)** Place: MCC, Room 314



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