

# COLLABORATION, COOPERATION, AND CAVIAR

## Perfecting Public and Private Partnerships



MAY 21 – 22, 2019      GLENDIVE, MT

**Hosted By:** Eastern Plains Economic Development Council, Dawson County Economic Development Council, and Dawson Community College

**Conference Location:** Dawson Community College, 300 College Drive, Glendive, MT

**Lodging – ask for the MEDA Room Block:** [LaQuinta](#), \$69 plus tax, 1717 N. Merrill Avenue, dial 406.377.7300 before April 30<sup>th</sup>. [Holiday Inn Express](#), \$94 plus tax, 1919 N. Merrill Avenue, use the hotel link or dial 406-377-3300 prior to April 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Registration:** Attend the entire MEDA conference (MEDA Member rate) for \$85. Non member rate is \$135 for the entire conference. To attend Tuesday only the cost is \$60; Wednesday only is \$40. [Register today](#) for these early bird rates! Display tables are available for sponsors; just indicate your interest as part of your registration.

### May 20th

#### Montana Ambassadors Meet-and-Greet Brew and Wine Tasting

The Glendive/Glasgow/Sidney Chapter of Montana Ambassadors is hosting a meet-and-greet and “spirits tasting” at the Makoshika Visitor Center, 1301 Snyder Avenue, Glendive, from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. Start the conference right and enjoy some local and regional spirits of brew(s) and wine.



### May 21st

9am – 11:30am	<p><b>MEDA Professional Development Training – Sponsored by NorthWestern Energy</b>  <b>INTRODUCTION TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</b> – Overview and major components, case studies, showcasing Montana programs, partners and resources at work. Special guest: Bruce Ellsworth, Select USA.</p> <p>Ullman Center #102, Dawson Community College</p>
12:00pm – 1:00pm	<p><b>Kickoff Luncheon – Toepke Center Mezzanine</b>  <b>Welcome – MEDA President and Local Hosts</b>  <b>Local official greetings</b>  <b>Congressional greetings</b>  <b>Bruce Ellsworth, Select USA</b>  <b>Review of Conference Agenda</b>  <b>Keynote: “Relationships Matter:”, Dr. Scott Mickelsen, President, Dawson Community College</b></p>
1:00 – 1:15 break	<p><b>Move to Toepke Center auditorium</b></p>
1:15pm – 2:00pm	<p><b>All Things MEDA – Steve Arveschoug Toepke Center Auditorium</b>  <b>MEDA Legislative Wrap-Up - Rick Edwards</b>  <b>MEDA Committee Update – Membership, Scholarship, etc.</b>  <b>MEDA Annual Meeting</b></p>
2:00pm – 2:45pm	<p><b>Finding Opportunities in Opportunity Zones - MDOC:</b> Tash Wisemiller, Mary Craigle, and Tom Kaiserski. <b>USDA/RD:</b> Martin DeWitt.</p>
2:45pm – 3:15pm	<p><b>Badlands ain’t so Bad – Leveraging your Tourism Assets</b>  <b>Panelists:</b> Dr. John Scannella, Curator of Paleontology, Museum of the Rockies; Chris Dantic, Manager, Makoshika State Park; Sabre Moore, Executive Director, Carter County Museum.</p>

3:15pm – 3:20pm	<b>Prep for Fast Paced Downtown Business Tour</b> – groups will spend 20 minutes at each business and learn of partnerships, best practices, and secrets to success; surviving and thriving in Eastern Montana. Meet in front of the Toepke Center for bus pickup.
3:30pm – 3:50pm 3:50pm – 4:10pm 4:10pm – 4:30pm 4:30pm – 4:50pm	<b>Tour rotation every 20 minutes. Meet the business owners and issues they dealt with to build their business.</b> <b>Business or site #1 or 2:</b> Hell Creek Music and More – <b>Topic:</b> nontraditional business growth Sugar Plum Jewelry – <b>Topic:</b> Grassroots culture change in your community <b>Business or site #3: Vint – Topic:</b> Facade improvements and funding <b>Business or site #4 Country Girl Clay – Topic:</b> Making art pay <b>Business or site #5 Enchanted Living and Enchanted Room – Topic:</b> Succession planning
5:00pm – 6:15pm	KLJ Reception at SRS Crisafulli. Bus returns everyone back to Dawson Community College.
Dinner on your own	



May 22nd

7:30am – 7:45am	<b>Breakfast on your own</b> <b>Bus pick up at 7:45 at Toepke Center. Prepare for Banding Together in the Badlands Field Trip</b>
7:45am – 8:30am	<b>Travel to Intake, MT</b>
8:30am – 9:30am	<b>Banding Together in the Badlands</b> – James Brower and Partners share this extraordinary story. Learn how local, state, and federal agencies all banded together in support of the irrigation project during the three year lawsuit regarding endangered species.
9:30am – 10:15am	<b>Travel back to Dawson College</b>
10:30am – 11:15am	<b>Toepke Auditorium - Keys to Collaboration and Coordination:</b> take home best practices for your communities and regions to apply. Rapid fire three minute presentations – Jim Atchison, Tori Matejovsky, Beth Epley...and more.
11:15am – 11:30am	<b>Door prizes, Evaluation, Wrap-up and Closing</b>
<b>Learning Hike</b> 1:00pm – 2:30pm (ish)	<b>Join Dr. John Scannella, Jack Horner’s successor at the Museum of the Rockies, and State Park staff for a short educational hike into the badlands of Makoshika where dinosaurs and other prehistoric fossils abound!</b> Enjoy a spring day afternoon hiking amongst Makoshika’s astounding and whimsical scenery while staff members talk about Eastern Montana’s prehistoric denizens, the ongoing paleontology work in the park and just what makes Makoshika such a unique and special place to paleontologists and visitors alike.

Thanks to our Gracious Hosts of the MEDA Spring Conference:



Many thanks to the MEDA Spring Conference Agenda Committee: Co-Chairs Beth Epley and Jason Stuart, Tori Matejovsky, Amy Deines, Jim Atchison, Scott Mickelsen, Sean Becker, and Leslie Messer.

More thanks to the MEDA Professional Development and Scholarship Committee including: Co-Chairs Brett Doney and Anne Boothe, Sue Taylor, Jim Davison, Kim Morisaki, Rick Edwards, Gypsy Ray, and Jim Atchison.

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