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**MCH and UMW Present: "The Trail Forward" Conference and Film Festival Sep. 7-9**

In partnership with the University of Montana Western and EQUUS International Film Festival, The Montana Center for Horsemanship (MCH) is proud to present "The Trail Forward in Horsemanship Education" to be held at the MCH in Dillon, Montana, September 7-9, 2023.

The annual conference is open to all interested in attending, including members of the public and students of all ages and features leading educators, ranchers, clinicians, and scientists. The event will feature demonstrations, hands-on experiences with horses, and award-winning equine films. To view the schedule of events, visit [tinyurl.com/2p8dakdv](https://tinyurl.com/2p8dakdv).

The Montana Center for Horsemanship is the first and only equine center in the United States that is devoted expressly to promoting 'Natural Horsemanship.' With its stables, arenas, riding areas, and instructors, the center serves as the primary facility and progressive teaching resource for Montana Western's Natural Horsemanship BS curriculum.

For more information, please call 406-925-3270 or email [janet.rose@williamkriegelfoundation.org](mailto:janet.rose@williamkriegelfoundation.org). To register for the conference, visit [tinyurl.com/bdhbxhct](https://tinyurl.com/bdhbxhct).



### **Montana Western to Hold Auditions for "The SpongeBob Musical"**

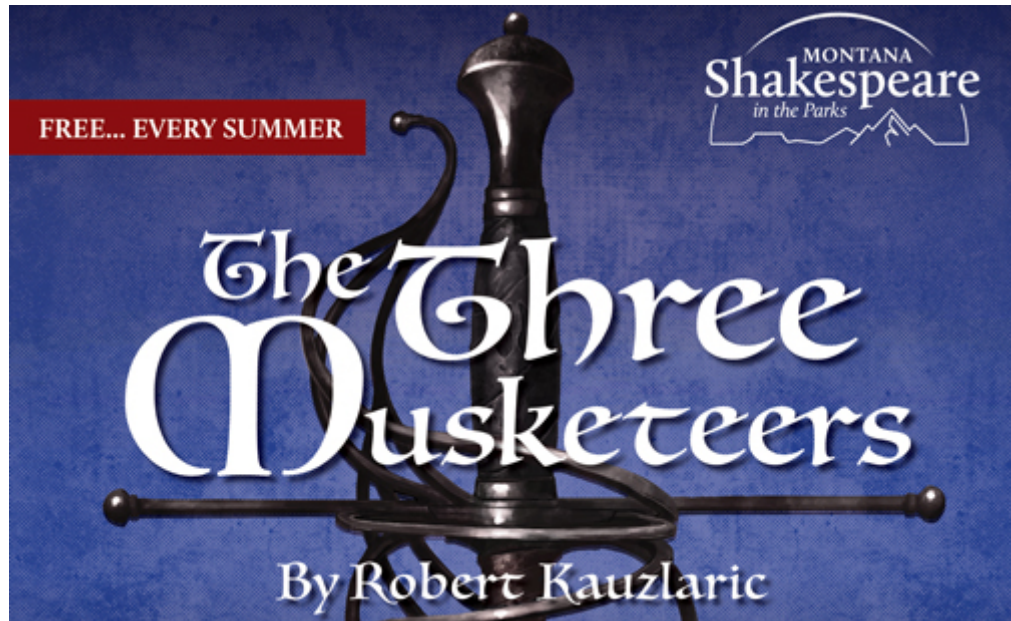
The University of Montana Western Theatre Department would like to invite you to audition for the upcoming off-Broadway production of "The Spongebob Muscial". Open for all ages 13 and up, this humorous and energetic musical features roles that are fun for the entire family.

Principle auditions for actors ages 16 and older will be held September 11 and 12 by appointment. Ensemble auditions for actors ages 13 and older will be held September 12 from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. All auditions will take place in the UMW Beier Auditorium located on the second floor of Main Hall. For more information, and to sign up for an audition, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/2p8srx7u>.

If you have any questions, please contact Adjunct Assistant Professor of Theatre, Stephen Seder: [stephen.seder@umwestern.edu](mailto:stephen.seder@umwestern.edu) or 406-683-7038.

**Save the Dates**

Visit our [online events calendar](#) for more information and to [submit your scheduled events](#).



#### **August 12**

- [Montana Shakespeare in the Parks Presents "Three Musketeers," 6:00 p.m., Legacy Plaza & Pioneer Federal Amphitheater, UMW Campus](#)

#### **August 16**

- Groundbreaking Ceremony, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., Football Practice Field

#### **August 21**

- New Faculty Orientation, 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Model Classroom (Main Hall 230)

#### **August 22**

- Faculty Fall Conference, 10:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m., STC Great Room

#### **August 23**

- Faculty and Staff Welcome Back Continental Breakfast, 8:00 - 8:30 a.m., Lewis & Clark Room
- University Opening Meeting, 8:30 - 10:00 a.m., Lewis & Clark Room
- UMW Family BBQ, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Mathews Lawn

#### **August 24**

- [New Student Move-In Day](#), 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- [Welcome Dinner](#), 5:00 p.m., Mathews Lawn

#### **August 25**

- Convocation, Keynote Address, and Legacy Plaza Ceremony, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Keltz Arena



- [Convocation / Legacy Plaza Lunch](#), 11:30 a.m., Mathews Lawn



### **Application Portal Open for TEDx University of Montana Western**

This year Montana Western will be hosting the first ever TEDx University of Montana Western! This event will feature speeches and presentations by faculty, staff, alumni, community members, and students in front of a live recorded audience. All presentations will have the opportunity to be featured on the TED global network.

Speaker applications and nominations are now open for those who have an “idea worth spreading,” or an area of research that could be shaped into an excellent TEDx Talk that will represent our community and highlight our academic and cultural values.

Those interested in hosting a presentation or nominating a participant are invited to submit the online application: <https://forms.office.com/r/80tNQiPgwZ>. **Applications are due by October 15, 2023.**

The selection committee will finalize the speaker list in December, and the event will take place in March 2024. This event is made possible by the UMW Foundation Fund for Experience One and will be facilitated by the Theatre Program.



***UMW's School of Outreach & Theatre Program Summer Fun: the Montana Western Kids Vaudeville Camp held last week was a roaring success!***



### **Montana Western Fine Arts Gallery Presents "David Korty: Work on Paper"**

The University of Montana Western Fine Arts Gallery is proud to present "[Work on Paper](#)" by renowned [artist David Korty](#). The gallery will host an opening reception on Friday, September 8, 2023 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Gallery located in Main Hall.

The reception is free for all to attend and will feature light refreshments and live music by the Stake Pullers. The "Work on Paper" exhibition will be open for viewing from September 8 to October 20, 2023. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

"I am excited to open the academic year with this stunning exhibition by artist David Korty. It is my hope that this exhibition resonates strongly with Southwest Montana," said Montana Western Fine Arts Gallery Coordinator and Adjunct Instructor, Jennifer Boysen. "Being able to connect with the campus and community in this new role and organizing a variety of events at the gallery this year will provide something for everyone to experience and enjoy."

For more information about the exhibition, please contact Montana Western Fine Arts Gallery Coordinator, Jennifer Boysen: [jennifer.boysen@umwestern.edu](mailto:jennifer.boysen@umwestern.edu).

## **New Chosen Name Options for Students, Faculty, and Staff**



Montana Western recognizes that some students, faculty, and staff identify themselves by a first name and/or middle name other than their legal name and can now opt to use their chosen name where possible in the course of University business and education.

Any student, faculty, or staff member may opt to use a chosen first and/or middle name in addition to their legal name and may request to add or edit a chosen name by sending an email to [preferredname@umwestern.edu](mailto:preferredname@umwestern.edu). Please allow up to four business days to process your request.

To learn more, please visit the [UMW Chosen Name webpage](#).



## **Facility Services Project Updates**

### **Block Hall Renovation Project**

Dowling Architects has provided UMW with the completed comprehensive design documents, and construction drawings are currently in development for upcoming contractor bidding. The project maintains its timeline, aiming to release bid documents by October 2023. Pending favorable bids, contractors are anticipated to begin work in April/May 2024.

### **Wellness Center Project**

Engineering design for the project will be finalized by the end of the month. The project is expected to go out for bid sometime in September followed by contracting with a builder sometime in October, with immediate initial site work planned for this fall.

Construction is slated for spring/summer 2024, aiming for occupancy by fall 2024.

### **Sports & Activities Complex**

As part of the engineering design process, civil and architectural designs are underway. Civil work and construction documents are nearly finalized, enabling site grading to begin in August. The architectural and mechanical design stands at 75% completion with a groundbreaking ceremony to be held next week. Our goal is to host fall 2024 football games in the new Complex.

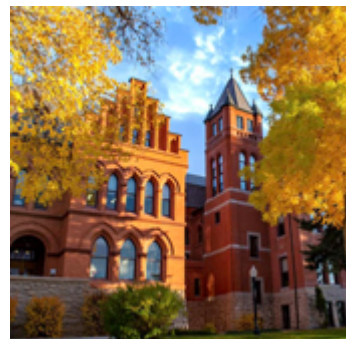
### **Campus Storage Facility Project**

The campus storage facility project is underway with civil and architectural planning. The new facility will be built where the current Osborne house is located due to its central campus location. The Osborne house has limited use for significant academic functions and HHP faculty and students, the current users of this space, will temporarily move to the Bridenstein house until the new academic space in Block Hall is completed. Demolition of the Osborne house is planned to take place over the coming weeks, allowing immediate foundation work for the storage building to begin. Construction of the new facility is scheduled for spring 2024.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact UMW Director of [Facility Services](#), Michael Brown: [michael.brown@umwestern.edu](mailto:michael.brown@umwestern.edu) or 406-683-7142.

### **Submit Content to Upcoming Operations Updates**

Please share your current projects, initiatives, examples of Experience One, and other updates with us so we can share them with the University Community and [let us know](#) what information you would like to see included in future updates. We'd like to hear from you!



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