

Winifred native pens novel

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A Winifred native pens his first novel and celebrates his success by giving back to the community who supported his hopes and dreams.

Brad Bergum said Wednesday the release of "Photographs from Eaden: A Montana Story" marks his first novel and that he will give all profits from book sales to the Central Montana Foundation, which offers endowment funds for his hometown of Winifred.

"I knew that was a purpose I would love to support," Bergum said. "My day job helps keep (my family) comfortable."

Bergum said he has ideas for other books, but he has no plans to write full time yet.

"It's a hobby thing at this point," he said. "I haven't quit my day job."

The book is based in the small fictitious town of Eaden, Mont. The geography of Central Montana is about the only thing non-fiction.

"The book is a geographic autobiography," he said. "The way I usually describe it is the story — the actual plot points and the people are fictitious."



Bergum

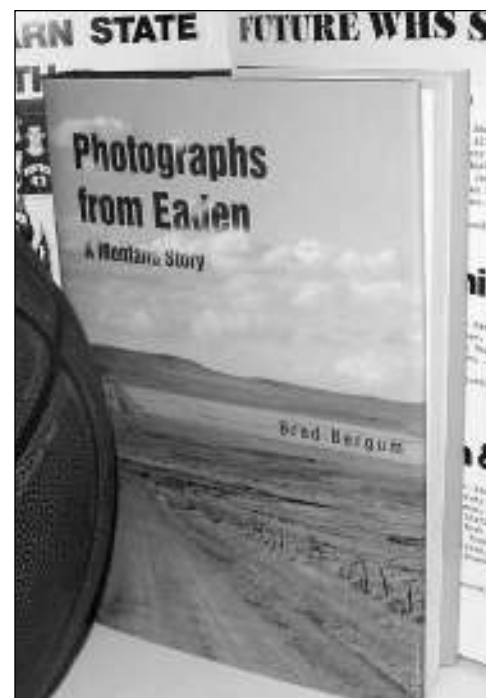
When asked if there are elements of himself in the book's main character, he said, yes and no. Bergum played football and basketball just as the story's Marcus Andrews did.

"Everyone did," Bergum said. "That's kind of the joy of small-town life because no matter how bad you were, you were on the team. Everyone went out because if

they didn't there may not be enough guys to form a team."

The book took Bergum about six months to write. Then three-and-a-half to four years to edit. He said he wrote the book for two different reasons.

"One was to write to people back home," he said. "I don't live there anymore, so it was fun to write a story that was set in that and true to how things were. It was also a way for me to show people I know (in San Francisco) who aren't from small towns that this is how I grew up. It was fun from



both perspectives."

"Photographs from Eaden: A Montana Story" can be purchased from Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com and selected Montana booksellers. A Montana book signing tour will take place in mid-February and an official book release party in San Francisco is planned for late February,

Governor's Arts Award recipients named

HELENA (AP) — Four Montanans will receive the 2008 Governor's Arts Awards in a Feb. 8 ceremony in the Old Supreme Court Chambers at the state Capitol, Gov. Brian Schweitzer's office announced Thursday.

The honorees are: Corwin "Corky" Clairmont from Pablo for Visual Arts/Service to the Arts; Terry Conrad from Missoula for Media Arts/Service to the Arts; Ed Lahey

from Butte for Literature; and Allen Vizzutti from Seattle for Music.

The 4 p.m. ceremony will be followed by a reception for the honorees, their family and friends and state legislators.

Clairmont was born in St Ignatius and is a member of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes. He is a visual artist who draws from his experience as an American Indian along with his interest in con-

temporary art. He is head of the Art Department and off-campus coordinator for Salish Kootenai College.

Conrad is credited with the formation of Montana Public Radio. Beginning in 1973, he worked at KUFM while it was a student facility with primarily a local audience. He steered the growth of the station until the present time, where 50 percent of Montana's population can listen to public radio.

Lahey is a poet who earned the moniker, "The Bard of Butte," in part because of his body of work, but also because of his memorable "Irish Tenor" reading voice. He is a third-generation Montanan whose grand-

father worked with the railroads.

Vizzutti was raised in Missoula, where his family still resides, and today lives in Seattle, where the trumpet player manages an active schedule of recitals, concerts and composing. He has performed with Chick Corea, Doc Severinson, the NBC Tonight Show Band, the Airmen of Note, the Army Blues, Chuck Mangione, Woody Herman, the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra and others.

Montana PBS (KUFM-TV) will air a special 30-minute feature about the four honorees on three occasions: April 10 at 7 p.m.; April 12 at 5 p.m.; and April 13 at 10:30 a.m.

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(Editors note: To list live weekend entertainment call or e-mail Annette Hayden at 265-6795 or ahayden@havredailynews.com by 5 p.m. Tuesday for Friday edition. Information is limited in this section. To put a spotlight on your establishment or event let advertising help — call or e-mail Stacy Mantle at smantle@havredailynews.com).

Crafting beauty

Photo courtesy of Andrew Johnson

Andrew Johnson holds the silver and turquoise needed to make rings he shall teach community members to make at Cabin Fever Jan. 3 and 4 at Montana State University-Northern. MSU-N and the Montana State University Extension have coordinated Cabin Fever every year for the last 15 years.

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• Saxophobia — 7 p.m., High School Auditorium. Brought to you by the Hi-Line Concert Association. For more information, call 265-4455.

Showcase. For more information, call 265-7352. Feb. 6-9
• "How I Learned to Drive" — 8 p.m., MSU-Northern Theatre. Brought to you by the Montana Actors Theatre. For more information, call 265-8183.
Feb 28
• Men of Worth — 7:30 p.m., Havre High Auditorium. Brought to you by Northern

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Chester
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• Hands of Harvest Showcase reception — 1 to 3 p.m. Brought to you by the Liberty Village Arts Center. For more information call (406) 759-5652.

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