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**Special Olympics Montana &
University of Montana Department of Athletics host
2nd Annual Montana Sports Legends Dinner & Auction
*April 9, 2011 in Missoula***

[March 16, 2011] Special Olympics Montana, a 41 year-old movement that enables children and adults with intellectual disabilities to train for life through sports, combines with the University of Montana Department of Athletics and premier sponsor First Interstate Bank to present the 2nd Annual Montana Sports Legends Dinner and Auction. The event takes place April 9, 2011 beginning at 6pm at the Hilton Garden Inn in Missoula.

Montana sports legends, past and present, are featured at the event and include Montana native Dallas Neil, former NFL player with the Atlanta Falcons; former Dallas Cowboys tight end Brian Salonen; University of Montana Griz stars Wayne Tinkle and Lisa Tinkle, Greg Sundberg, Shannon Schweyen, Brian Schweyen, Mike Van Diest, Christie Anderson, Saalon Baker, Trish Duce, Jim O'Day, Jim Foley, and many others. The award-winning Griz mascot Monty will also be on hand.

The evening includes a social hour and dinner followed by silent and live auctions. Items on auction include vacation accommodations in Montana, California, Florida, British Columbia; Griz tickets; Chicago Bulls tickets; golf and ski packages; Yogo sapphire jewelry; float trips; dining certificates; artwork; radio advertising packages; and much more.

Tickets are \$75 per person and may be purchased at all First Interstate Bank locations in Missoula and Hamilton, at The Missoulian offices, and at the Special Olympics Montana office in Great Falls (800-242-6876 or info@somt.org). All proceeds support Special Olympics Montana training and competition opportunities for more than 2000 athletes statewide.

Recognized by the Chronicle of Philanthropy as the "most credible charity" in the United States, Special Olympics Montana invites you to support athletes by attending this event or by giving your time as a volunteer. Your time can effect positive change in someone's life! For more information, go to www.somt.org or call Special Olympics Montana at 406-242-6876.

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