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Dear Friends of FACT and the Glendive Dinosaur & Fossil Museum,

As we enter 2017, we have some exciting news about our upcoming Creation Celebration. Brian Thomas from the Institute for Creation Research (ICR) has agreed to be our speaker this year. For the location and times of this **FREE** celebration, please see information below.



Brian Thomas received his bachelor's degree in biology in 1993 and a master's in biotechnology in 1999 from Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas. He taught in Christian schools in Texas, as well as teaching biology, chemistry, and anatomy at Dallas-area universities. Since 2008 Mr. Thomas has been a science writer and editor at ICR, where he contributes news and magazine articles, speaks on creation issues, and researches original tissue fossils. He is the author of *Dinosaurs and the Bible* and a contributor to *Guide to Creation Basics*, *Guide to Dinosaurs*, as well as many other publications.

One of Mr. Thomas's gifts is his ability to communicate the wonder of God's creation through the written word. Below is a sample of his work as he describes the amazing design of the mole:

"Most people have heard of "stereo sound," but not many may be familiar with "stereo vision," which helps many mammals discern depth. Seeing and hearing in stereo helps creatures living above ground, but moles need different equipment. Biologist Kenneth Catania of Vanderbilt University conducted three clever experiments to see if the blind eastern American mole used "stereo smell."

First, he built a chamber with trails that led outward from a central mole entry point, like a semicircle of wheel spokes. He placed a bit of earthworm, which moles love to eat, at the end of one of the trails and watched. On each trial, the mole first sniffed, moving its head back and forth, and then travelled straight to the food. Nature Communications published the results.

For the second experiment, Catania blocked the mole's left nostril. This skewed the creature's tracking accuracy consistently to the left. Similar results obtained when Catania blocked just the right nostril. Finally, Catania inserted tubes into both nostrils, but the tubes crossed so that each nostril accessed air that would usually enter the other nostril. This left the poor creature totally confused.



"It was amazing. [The moles] found the food in less than five seconds and went directly to the right food well almost every time. They have a hyper-sensitive sense of smell," Catania told Vanderbilt research news.

Stereo smell can only work if the nervous system can detect a difference in the strength of an odor entering each nostril. Considering the tiny distance between the nostrils, the precision and miniaturization of this biological chemical detector is mind-boggling.

Whether noticed or ignored, one can always detect the scent of the expert Designer behind any expert design. And these blind moles certainly emanate the fragrance of design."<sup>1</sup>



Museum director and FACT vice president, Robert Canen, recently completed a Masters of Christian Education in Apologetics from the Institute for Creation Research. This degree enhances Robert's contribution to the museum's goal of sharing the truth of creation to our visitors.

## Feb 12-13 Creation Celebration 2017 Schedule

### Sunday, Feb 12

**8:30 & 11:00 a.m.** - Worship Service - "*Why Genesis Matters*"

**3:00 p.m.** - Afternoon Session - "*What you Haven't Been Told about Dinosaurs*"

**4:00 p.m.** - Afternoon Session - "*Soft Tissues in Solid Rock*"

### Monday, Feb 13

**7:00 p.m.** - Evening Session - "*The Real Jurassic World*"

**8:00 p.m.** - Evening Session - "*Why the World is Only Thousands of Years Old*"

**Location:** Glendive Evangelical Church, 118 W Borden St, Glendive, MT

*A freewill offering will be taken to help cover the costs of the event and to further the work of the museum.*

THANK YOU!

In 2016 as we had over 9000 visitors to the museum. Thank you for your support, and please continue to pray that God would work in the lives of our visitors as they are challenged to consider their Creator!

"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus." 1 Corinthians 1:4

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<sup>1</sup> Thomas, B. Moles Can Smell in Stereo. Creation Science Update. Posted on icr.org February 27, 2013. Copyright © 2013 Institute for Creation Research, www.icr.org. Used by permission.

