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GOOD NEWS ITEM

1. Mayan People’s Movement defeats law that would allow patented corn seed in Guatemala
   The controversial legislation, which had previously been approved, would have opened up the market for genetically modified seeds which would have threatened to displace natural seeds and end their diversity. Antonio González from the National Network in Defense of Food Sovereignty and Biodiversity commented in a press conference August 21: “This law is an attack on a traditional Mayan cultivation system which is based on the corn plant but which also includes black beans and herbs; these foods are a substantial part of the staple diet of rural people.”

   But, on September 4th, after ten days of widespread street protests against the biotech giant Monsanto’s expansion into Guatemalan territory, groups of indigenous people joined by social movements, trade unions and farmer and women’s organizations won a victory when congress finally repealed the legislation that had been approved in June. Read more here

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AROUND EVST

1. **Study in Central America this Summer! Info sessions – Oct. 8 and 14**
   EVST professor Dan Spencer will be offering a 3-credit, 2-week Travel Seminar to **Nicaragua, May 25-June 18, 2015**. The primary focus of the course is examining Central American views on the Environment, Human Rights and efforts toward Sustainable Development within the context of the global economy in Latin America. You do not need to know Spanish to participate. Come to one of the following Informational Meetings to learn more about this unique travel-study opportunity: **Wednesday, October 8th, 5:00 p.m., DHC 120** or **Tuesday, October 14th, 6:00 p.m., DHC 120**, or contact Prof. Spencer at daniel.spencer@umontana.edu or 243-6111. Open to both undergrads and graduate students.

2. **Camas call for submissions! – by Oct. 15**
   Nine more days to submit to Camas Magazine! This is a fabulous opportunity emerging artists and writers to be published alongside established writers. Over the years Camas has published first-time EVST writers and artists in the same pages as writers like Terry Tempest Williams, Rick Bass, and Janisse Ray. If you have never before published anything or if you feel like your work isn't good enough, we encourage you to take a chance and see what happens. We are a smaller magazine than many others out there, and the odds are in your favor that you may be published. Check out [camasmagazine.org](http://camasmagazine.org) for more detailed information and to get a feel for the magazine and the types of submissions we hope to see. We are looking for nonfiction, fiction, poetry, art/photography, and book reviews.

3. **EVST grad student Ellie Costello featured in AgWeek’s online magazine**
   EVST grad student Ellie Costello is partnering with the Organic Seed Alliance to conduct research that could help classical plant breeders have more freedom to develop useful seed varieties for the farmers they serve. [Click here to read more](#)

4. **UM sustainability efforts in national media**
   ASUM sustainability coordinator (& EVST grad student) Chris Olsen brought to our attention a Huffington Post article that showcases various climate initiatives at colleges and universities across the nation. UM is featured, and the authors talk about the UM FLAT and Green Threads. [Click here to read the article](#)

5. **Congrats to EVST grad students Erica Langston & Emily Withnall on their essay publications**
   Congratulations to EVST grad student Erica Langston for 2 recent essay publications. “Landfall,” first drafted in ENST 573 last fall, will be featured in fall issue of *Appalachian Heritage* from the U. North Caroline Press, and “Dixie Dog” will appear in upcoming issue of *Bayou Magazine*, the literary journal of the University of New Orleans.


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6. **NEW ADDITION TO THE EVST FAMILY!** – Congrats to Heather and David on their new baby

Baby girl Hazel Ann Loos was born peacefully at home into the loving arms of EVST alums Heather McKee and David Loos on September 25th. We are grateful to our midwife Sandhano Danison, and our friend (and also EVST alum) Cori Ash for their support and encouragement during the birth. Love and thanks also to our extended EVST family for the bounty of well-wishes, home-cooked meals, toddler-watching, and more!

![Baby Hazel Ann Loos](image)

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**FEATURED EVENT** *(See [www.umt.edu/conservationcalendar](http://www.umt.edu/conservationcalendar) for more)*

1. **Festival of the Book – Oct. 9-11**
   - **Including: Kick-off event with Camas 10/8 and Nonfiction panel with EVST alum 10/11**
     
     The Festival of the Book is one of the biggest cultural happenings in the Northwest and this fall’s events will include the annual Festival Poetry Slam, a special Festival edition of the wildly popular storytelling event “Tell Us Something,” a Festival-themed Family Friendly Friday at the Top Hat Lounge, a 15th Anniversary Gala Event, and a roster of best-selling authors, including James Lee Burke, Pete Fromm, Walter Kirn, Gwen Florio, and many others. [View the schedule](#)

     **Kickoff Festival of the Book with Camas and Cutbank Magazine**
     
     Join Camas for an evening of environmental reading at the Mansfield Library, to celebrate 50 years of the Wilderness Act. Experience untamed landscapes through the literary lens of Environmental Studies and MFA graduate students from the University of Montana. Writers will share poetry and prose that navigates the wild within and around us all.

     **When:** Wednesday, October 8, at 7pm
     **Where:** Theta Rho room in the Mansfield Library

     **Nonfiction author panel, featuring EVST alum Murray Carpenter**
     
     Brian Kevin (*The Footloose American*), Murray Carpenter (*Caffeinated*), and Peter Stark (*Astoria*) discuss their latest nonfiction projects and the impulse to follow a story wherever it may go.
     
     (You can also check Murray out at Montgomery Distillery, 1pm, Friday, Oct. 10, where he will discuss his work *Caffeinated*)

     **When:** Saturday, October 11, at 11am
     **Where:** Holiday Inn

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**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

1. **Volunteer to monitor raptors at MPG Ranch – Oct. 7, 14, or 16**
   Join MPG and Raptor View Research Institute as we track the fall raptor migration. Volunteers will help observe and identify migrating raptors. Volunteers may also assist with banding. Please be sure to bring binoculars and dress for the fall weather! Space is limited to 6 volunteers per trip. No lunch provided on these days. Please RSVP for the specific date you want to help and we’ll give directions and details. Contact Joshua Lisbon or 406-396-6285.
   Dates and times: Tuesday 10/7 & 10/14 from 11am - 3pm; Thursday 10/16 from 11am - 3pm

2. **Help install a plant-based trail service in Greenough Park – Oct. 8**
   Another psyllium-based trail (instead of asphalt) will be installed in Greenough Park next Wed. Oct. 8th. FreeCycles is helping recruit volunteers to help with the installation. If you’re willing to get dirty, turn a shovel and move Missoula towards sustainable paving, contact Contact Bob Giordano <mist@strans.org>

3. **UM Recycling Committee meets – Oct. 10**
   UM Recycling Committee meets to discuss problems with handling the flood of recyclables while the crew is very shorthanded. Agenda: Strategies for recruiting more students to work for the Recycling Center, and hiring of new recycling technician. All welcome. Currently, one of the student positions on the committee is vacant, and interested students are invited to apply by contacting vicki.watson@umontana.edu. Other meetings are set for Nov. 14 and Dec. 5.
   **When:** Friday, October 10, from 11am-12:30pm
   **Where:** UM’s UC room 207

4. **Volunteer opportunities with MT Natural History Center in October**
   - Visiting Naturalist Field Trips!: Every school day in Oct
   - Fall Celebration & Auction Assistance!: Friday, October 10
   - Saturday Kids’ Activity Assistance: Batty for Bats!: Saturday, October 25th
   - Visiting Naturalist Fall Field Trip Photographers: any time you can give in Oct
   Click here for details

5. **Volunteer Opportunity for Our Parks and Trails!**
   Missoula’s parks and trails need your help! This November, Missoula County voters will decide whether to dedicate funding for the county’s parks, playgrounds, trails, and the construction of Fort Missoula Regional Park. Help make history and keep Missoula a great place to live, while gaining voter outreach skills and experience as part of an electoral campaign team. Sign up here

6. **Harvest Montana Grain Conference (Great Falls) needs volunteers – Nov. 20-21**
   EVST alum Laura Ginsburg needs folks to help moderate conference sessions, which are 75 minutes long. In exchange for doing two sessions (you can pick), she will pay for a shared room for you for Thursday and Friday nights (so bring a friend to help moderate too!), Thursday dinner, Friday breakfast and lunch, the remainder of the conference, and brew fest entry. All you have to do is get yourself there by Thursday at 12 so for a pre-conference moderator meeting. Four more people are needed to get all the sessions covered.
   Click here for more information about the conference

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7. Volunteer with our local seed library (& be prepared for threats)
   Friends of the Five Valleys Seed Library (hosted by Missoula Public Library) has a large seed cabinet near the reference desk and a system of checking out and in seeds. One of the main aims of FVSL is to get healthy free seeds to those who want them. Another purpose is to develop seeds that do well in our local environment. FVSL volunteers meet every Wed. in the library (from 11:30-1) to package seeds, talk gardening and plan events - tabling, farm tours, seed swaps, seed-saving classes, etc. We welcome others to join us to help and learn.

   Below is a link to an article describing a threat to seed libraries across the country in the form of state regulations misapplied. Currently, our seed library has received no such threat, but we wanted Missoulians to know about this threat and be prepared to defend the seed library if need be. For more info, contact Anne Little <solianna.mt@gmail.com> or 493-7113 http://www.takepart.com/article/2014/08/14/pennsylvania-targets-seed-library

8. Volunteer Needed by Missoula Moves to Amend for Mailing List and Volunteer Development
   Missoula Moves to Amend is the local chapter of a national movement to pass an amendment to the US Constitution that would make it clear that corporations are not people and that unlimited campaign contributions are not protected free speech. The volunteer would help with the mailing list and volunteer development. Experience isn't necessary. A more experienced volunteer will guide you. If you want to help, contact suek@montana.com or 543-3254

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

1. UM Chapter of Air & Waste Management Association – Oct. 7
   UM Chapter of Air & Waste Management Association will have a lunch meeting to discuss some recent and upcoming events. Feel free to bring your lunch. For more info, contact matthew.ferguson@umconnect.umt.edu
   When: Tuesday, October 7, at noon
   Where: Skaggs Building, room 275

2. Unpacking the Complexity of Citizen Perspectives of Climate Change live screencast – Oct. 8
   Variation in citizens’ beliefs in and understanding of climate change remains perplexing in the face of compelling scientific evidence. After a review of some of the classic approaches in the social sciences of measurement, analysis, and interpretation of citizen’s understanding of climate change, Dr. Shanahan will present her work on the impact of different climate change narratives have on citizen opinion and decision making. Access the screencast here
   When: Wednesday, October 8, at 12pm

3. Lost Boys of Sudan film – Oct. 8
   UM Students for Peace and Justice invite everyone to join them on Oct 8 for John Dau's documentary at the Missoula Children's Theater. We will be meeting at the Grizzly Statue at 6:15 and walking together to the theater for the screening at 7pm. John Dau is one of the Lost Boys of Sudan, and the documentary (Duk County: Peace is in Sight in the New South Sudan) tells how he turned an impossible journey from his war torn country into a mission of peace. Free to the public; followed by Q/A with John (this is his first visit to Montana). More info on this & John’s public talk on Oct 9 here
4. **Greening of a Urban Greyfield in Missoula, tour the Equinox building – Oct. 9**  
The Equinox was the first phase in the redevelopment of an urban greyfield and completed in 2009. Join Homeword for a one-hour tour that will highlight this unique property and how we promote sustainable communities. RSVP to jessica@homeword.org; (406) 532-4663 ext. 16  
**When:** Thursday, October 9, Noon to 1 p.m.  
**Where:** 1515 Liberty Lane, Missoula, MT

5. **Webinar: Managing Aquatic Invasive Species in the Crown of the Continent – Oct. 9**  
The Crown Managers Partnership (CMP) has adopted a Strategic Plan and has identified six regional-scale indicators of Ecological Integrity: landscapes, water quantity and quality, biodiversity, invasive species, air quality and climate. This webinar will focus on two of the Indicators, Aquatic Invasive Species and the Landscape Analysis Indicators. [Learn more here](#)  
**When:** Thursday, October 9, at Noon

6. **Community Matters webinar: Rewriting the Rural Narrative – Oct. 9**  
Brain drain—the loss of 18-29 year olds—dominates the conversation about rural population change. Yet at the same time, a majority of rural counties are, in fact, experiencing “brain gains” as newcomers age 30-49 move in. Most communities aren’t tuned in to positive migration and miss out on the opportunities that come with newcomers. [Click here for details and registration](#)  
**When:** Thursday, October 9, from 2-3pm MT

7. **UM student chapter of American Fisheries Society – speakers for the fall – starting Oct. 9**  
The UM student chapter of the American Fisheries Society has some great events and speakers coming this semester! Unless otherwise noted, events take place in FOR305 at 6pm. All events are free and open to the public. Mark your calendars: 10/9, 11/6, 11/20,12/4 – Guest speakers – fish biologists with MFWP, USFS, and private consulting firms. Also: 10/23 -- how to get a job

8. **Clark Fork Chapter of the Montana Native Plant Society monthly meetings – starting Oct. 9**  
There are numerous popular as well as technical books on plant identification. Bring your favorite or unusual plant identification books to what we’re calling The Festival of the Botany Book. This is an opportunity to find the best plant books for your purposes.  
**When:** Thursday, October 9, at 7:30 pm  
**Where:** Natural Sciences (Botany) Bldg. Rm 202.  

*There are other meetings on November 13, December 11, January 12. Check out the [MT Native Plant Society Web page](#) for details.*

9. **Two birding opportunities – Oct. 11**  
- Half-day field trip to the old Smurfit-Stone Plant to look for late migrating shorebirds and early winter arrivals. Meet in the Northwest corner of the Adams Center parking lot at the UM at 9:00am for carpooling or at the intersection of Mullan Road and Pulp Mill Road at 9:30am. For more information call Terry Toppins at 214-1194.  
- All-day field trip Golden Eagle banding site west of Lincoln. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. The trip entails a steep 2 mile hike to the banding station. This trip starts at the East Broadway Park-n-Ride at 6:00am. For more info or to make a reservation call Cynthia Hudson at 722-0016 or 830-5424.
10. **Wildwood Brewery’s 3rd annual Sustainability Fair – Oct. 12**  
Vendors will display their products and services from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. There will be food, pig roast, games, live music, tasty organic beer, and demonstrations on the skills of sustainability and self-sufficiency. This event is free for all and family friendly. If you can, please bring side dish to share.  
**When:** Sunday, October 12, from 12:00 to 8:00 pm  
**Where:** Wildwood Brewery, Stevensville

11. **Peering into the society of mischievous ravens – Oct. 13**  
The charismatic and clever Common Raven will be the focus of the next Five Valleys Audubon program. The talk will center on the life history of the raven, as well as ornithologist Terry McEneaney’s experiences with this unique yet common bird.  
**When:** Monday, October 13, at 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** room L14 (lower level) of the Gallagher Business Building

12. **AERO's annual meeting in Red Lodge: Building a more Sustainable Montana – Oct. 17-19**  
Alternative Energy Resources Organization (AERO) is celebrating its 40th birthday at its annual meeting this year, including farm and energy tours, a cake-off, folk school sessions, and keynote speaker Tony Boniface, Founder & President of Independent Power Systems. And of course, delicious, locally-sourced & prepared food and brews will be abundantly available. [Details here.](#) Many current and past EVST grad students (including the new executive director!) are actively involved with AERO. [Contact me](#) if you’re an EVST grad student interested in attending and want to carpool.

The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) 2014 Conference & Expo is themed *Innovation for Sustainable Economies & Communities*, with featured keynote Annie Leonard, Greenpeace USA Executive Director and "Story of Stuff" creator. Explore the [full conference schedule](#) to see all the different sessions that you can attend. Registration is still open, but spots are filling fast.

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**JOBS** *(mainly local or summer jobs; for full time jobs around the US, subscribe to the envirojobs list serv by emailing vicki.watson@umontana.edu)*

1. **Part-time Urban and Community Forestry Project Coordinator – apply by Oct. 9**  
This program plans, designs and completes urban forest resource inventories throughout the state. The Coordinator will oversee the statewide urban forest inventory project including completing and presenting final reports, database and online app management, aggregating individual inventory projects to the state level, assisting with statewide analysis and assessment, and generating benchmark comparisons with neighboring states. [Click here for full job details](#)

2. **Year-long paid training with Green Corps – early applications due Oct. 10**  
In Green Corps’ yearlong paid program, you’ll get intensive training in the skills you need to make a difference in the world. You’ll get hands-on experience fighting to solve urgent environmental problems — global warming, deforestation, water pollution, factory farming and many others — with groups like Sierra Club and Food & Water Watch. And when you graduate
from Green Corps, we’ll help you find a career with one of the nation’s leading environmental and social change groups. For more information, click here

3. **Food Systems Policy Specialist with NCAT – apply by Oct. 26**
The National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) is seeking a Food Systems Policy Specialist for our Montana Healthy Food and Communities Initiative. The 30-hour per week position will be responsible for coordinating NCAT’s Grow Montana Food Policy Coalition, a statewide food and agriculture policy council, as well as conducting related food systems policy research and outreach. More information is available here

4. **UM Recycling still needs more workers**
Thanks to the EVST students who stepped up and joined the UM Recycling crew – UM Recycling is now getting caught up and not having to throw away so many recyclables. But more student workers are needed. The crew is still short 6-8 people. If you are interested in keeping recyclables out of the landfill, learning the business of recycling, and earning minimum wage, please consider joining the Recycling crew. To learn more (& hopefully join the crew), contact Edi Stan, UM Recycling Coordinator at UM_Recycle@mso.umt.edu. He will work around your class schedule.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

1. **Funding for energy saving projects on the UM campus – apply by Nov. 5**
The Kless Revolving Energy Loan Fund (KRELF) is now accepting project proposals for Fall Semester 2014. The purpose of KRELF is to finance projects that promote resource conservation, waste reduction, and environmental awareness at the University of Montana, as well as capture financial and energy savings, and foster student involvement and education. More information can be found here. Questions? Contact Chris Olsen or 406-243-4856.

2. **Montana Water Center Graduate Student Fellowships – apply by Nov. 14**
The Montana Water Center invites proposals for Graduate Student Water Resource Fellowships. The goal of these small grants is to help support graduate students in the broad realm of water resources. Funds may support purchase of materials or supplies, travel to a scientific meeting, travel for research training, laboratory fees, etc. Click here for details

3. **Collaboration Challenge Research Grant Program – apply by Nov. 17**
The CC-RG will help make it feasible for students to engage in interdisciplinary collaboration as a component of their graduate research by directly funding a research project. Graduate students are invited to submit proposals for studies that involve researchers from disciplines other than their own (graduate student, faculty, or otherwise). Click here for details

4. **Humanities Montana grants – apply by Nov. 20**
Full information on grant guidelines and deadlines is available at the grants section of our website.

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**HOUSING**

1. **House for rent, January to May, Lewis & Clark neighborhood**
   We are moving to Cuenca, Ecuador this January and need to rent our house! We're looking for folks who will love our home and treat it kindly! The house is a craftsman-style, fabulous 3-bed, 2.5-bath house, with a fenced-in yard, in the family-friendly Lewis & Clark neighborhood. Our house is available January 1, 2015, with a negotiable 5-month lease. We'll be in Ecuador from January 1 - May 31, 2015 although we are open to a shorter or longer lease agreement. More info [here](#). Kay Grissom-Kiely, kgkiely@earthlink.net, 406-370-0379

2. **Housing needed: Kittredge Visiting Writer is looking for lodging in Missoula**
   Author William deBuys, the Kittredge Visiting Writer in EVST for Spring 2015, needs lodging in Missoula for Feb-Mar-April 2015. He'd like a small apartment or back house with a small kitchen, preferably close to UM, and is pretty adaptable. Contact him at wdebuys@earthlink.net, 505/689-1021, and for info about him, see [www.williamdebuys.com](http://www.williamdebuys.com).

**RESOURCES**

1. **UM’s annual Garage Sale (Reuse, Reuse, Reuse) – Oct. 11**
   The event will be held – rain or shine (even snow!) – on the lower two levels of the University’s covered parking garage, just off Campus Drive next to the Mansfield Library. Previous sales, which are held every spring and fall, have attracted almost 100 sellers and thousands of shoppers. The semi-annual garage sale is a fundraiser for the UM Advocates, a campus service organization. Event web site: [http://life.umt.edu/umadv/garage-sale.php](http://life.umt.edu/umadv/garage-sale.php)
   **When:** Saturday, October 11, from 9am to 1:30pm
   **Where:** UM Parking Garage

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND OTHER FUN EVENTS**

1. **Fun at Free Cycles – Oct. 9**
   Lil' Smokies free at free cycles! Fun event for all. Tour de France champion Tyler Hamilton will lead a pre-show 5-mile community bike ride, leaving the xxx's on N.Higgins at 5:15pm, arriving at free cycles just in time for the 1st set of music. Food, beverages and a cruiser auction also.
   **When:** Thursday, October 9, from 6-9pm (bike ride starts at 5:15)
   **Where:** 732 S 1st St W, Msla (or, if joining the bike ride, meet at the XXXX’s)

2. **Cider Making Workshop and MUD Mingle – Oct. 14**
   Missoula Urban Demo Project (MUD) was started by Env Studies students decades ago and has helped make Missoula a more self-reliant and sustainable community. MUD folks want to hear what you think of their programs and where they should take MUD in the future. Enjoy a cup of fresh cider while helping MUD improve its programs. [Read about MUD programs](#)
   **When:** Tuesday, October 14, from 5:30pm to 8pm
   **Where:** 1527 Wyoming Street
3. **Fall Harvest Festival at the UM FLAT! – Oct. 26**  
   Save the date! Celebrate the changing seasons, community & the threads that bind us together. Enjoy a tasty lineup of local bands, fresh cider pressing, hot soup and crusty bread, pumpkin carving, and a who-can-make-the-best-darn-pie contest. Questions? [umflat@gmail.com](mailto:umflat@gmail.com)
   
   **When:** Saturday, October 26, 3pm-7pm  
   **Where:** UM FLAT (Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology) 633 S. 5th Street East  
   **Who:** Open to the Public. Bring your kids! But not the 4-legged ones.

*This Newsline prepared by Vicki Watson and Kim Gilchrist. Please send any comments [here](mailto:).*