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**GOOD NEWS ITEM**

1. Missoula celebrates National Farm to School month
   National Farm to School Month (October) was designated by Congress in 2010 to demonstrate the growing importance of farm to school programs as a means to improve child nutrition, support local economies and educate children about the origins of food. Read more about Farm to School month [here](#).
   - The Hellgate Rooftop Salsa Party was featured in the [Missoulian](#). A group of students, including daughter of EVST professor Len Broberg, was awarded a grant to host this event in celebration of Farm to School month.
   - And learn how to make the best kale chips in the world, from Ed Christensen, Assistant Director of Food and Nutrition Services of Missoula County Public Schools, and Jacque Contant, Montana Dietetic Intern: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13ZmhyQjiU0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13ZmhyQjiU0)

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AROUND EVST

1. **Study in Central America this Summer! Info sessions – Oct. 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 the following Informational Meeting to learn more about this unique travel-study opportunity, or contact Prof. Spencer at daniel.spencer@umontana.edu or 243-6111. Open to both undergrads and graduate students.
   **When:** Tuesday, October 14, at 6:00 p.m.
   **Where:** DHC 120

2. **Improvements in Clark Fork Water Quality, by Vicki Watson – Oct. 15**
   EVST professor Vicki Watson will give a slideshow on **Improvements in Clark Fork Water Quality** in response to nutrient reductions.
   **When:** Wednesday, October 15, noon
   **Where:** UM’s Interdisciplinary Science Building, 103 B

3. **Camas call for submissions! – by Oct. 15**
   Two more days to submit to Camas Magazine! This is a fabulous opportunity for emerging artists and writers to be published alongside established writers. 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.

4. **Save the date for the Fall Harvest Festival at the UM FLAT – Oct. 26**
   Join us. Join us to celebrate the changing seasons. Join us to 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. Join us as we celebrate community, weaving tighter that thread that binds us.
   **Join us. Questions? umflat@gmail.com**
   **When:** Sunday, October 26th, 3pm-7pm.
   **Where:** UM FLAT (Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology): 633 S. 5th Street East
   **Who:** Open to the Public. Bring your kids! (just not the 4-legged ones)

5. **Generations of EVSTers connect**
   Cheryl and Alia Mulder are a mother and daughter who both graduated from the EVST program. Alia graduated this past spring while mother Cheryl graduated quite a few years ago. Cheryl remembers when John Francis the Planet Walker came through Missoula in the 1980’s and completed an EVST degree while walking around the planet. Cheryl & Alia wanted to share the note below from John with all EVSTers. **Note: there are copies of John’s book Planetwalker in EVST’s thesis room and in the second floor reading area in Rankin.**
   - From John: I'm writing to let you know about Crowd funding of a new project to connect environmental education efforts in the US & China -- 'Planetlines Connects Students Around-the-World'. Take a moment to check it out on [Indiegogo](http://indiegogo.com) and also share it with your friends.
FEATURED EVENT (See www.umt.edu/conservationcalendar for more)

1. Two documentary showings on important topics this week:
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     Join us at the UM FLAT for a showing of the highly-acclaimed GMO OMG. Sponsored by Garden City Harvest. Josh Slotnick will lead a short discussion afterwards. Tea + Snacks provided. Free (donations appreciated). Learn more about the film: [http://www.gmofilm.com/](http://www.gmofilm.com/) Later this semester we'll have Damnation (11/13) and Momenta (12/4).
     **When:** Tuesday, October 14, at 7:30pm
     **Where:** The UM FLAT

   - Coal Road to China – documentary and panel discussion – Oct. 15
     *Coal Road to China* documents the impacts of coal exports to Asia. It takes you to the Powder River Basin country in Montana and Wyoming and gets to the heart of the questions surrounding development of an Otter Creek coal mine and a Tongue River railroad in Montana. It tells the larger story of what burning that coal would mean. Panel discussion to follow. [https://www.facebook.com/events/738100579572429/](https://www.facebook.com/events/738100579572429/)
     **When:** Wednesday, October 15, at 7pm
     **Where:** University Center Theater - Third Floor
     **Cost:** FREE (However, donations will be greatly appreciated to help take the film on the road!)

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. Mount Sentinel Trail Rehab Day – Oct. 18
   Mt. Sentinel nearly gets loved to death, and the unofficial shortcut trails cause a lot of erosion and weed spread. Marilyn Marler, Mt Sentinel caretaker, will lead folks in covering these erosive trails with brush and in seeding the disturbed ground with native seeds. You'll need to be able to hike up the M and then up to the fire road and mine shaft that are above the M. Bring work gloves & water, dress in layers, and leave your furry friends at home. Snacks provided! Please RSVP (or ask questions) marilyn.marler@umontana.edu NOTE: this is a home game day – so you’ll need to bike/walk/bus to campus
   **When:** Saturday, October 18, from 9am to 1pm
   **Where:** Meet at the M Trail head at 9am.

2. Volunteers needed for Missoula Parks’ Fall Family Fest – Oct. 18
   Missoula Parks’ annual Fall Family Fest event is Saturday, October 18th from 1-4PM. Volunteers are needed to help with set up/tear down, and to help run various activities. We are asking volunteers to come from Noon until 5. Some of the activities that we need help with are: Supervising and loading hayrides; Apple Cider Pressing; Sack Races; Parachute Games; Marshmallow Roasting; Disc Golf; Face Painting; Any musicians are welcome; Arts and Crafts stations; People to dress up like scarecrows. This event draws a large crowd and we couldn’t do it every year without the help of volunteers. To volunteer – contact Tyler Decker, Outdoor Recreation Coordinator: TDecker@ci.missoula.mt.us; 406-552-6271

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3. **Work Day at the Homestead (Oct. 23) – RSVP by Oct. 20**

Five Valleys Land Trust is sponsoring a fun work day at the Moon-Randolph Homestead in Missoula’s north hills. Missoula purchased the homestead so the public could see how early homesteaders lived fairly self-sufficiently and sustainably on their homesteads. An EVST alum is caretaker of the homestead. Volunteers will gather at Five Valleys office (120 Hickory St) and carpool to the homestead. Work until lunch (provided). Return after 1pm. Bring your own work gloves, warm clothes, and raingear. If interested, contact Jenny at jenny@fvlt.org or 549-0755 by Oct 20.

**When:** Thursday, October 23, from 9am to 1pm  
**Where:** Moon-Randolph Homestead; meet at Five Valleys Land Trust office

4. **Graduate student mentors needed for research symposium – Oct. 28**

The Rapid-Fire Symposium is intended to connect undergraduate students interested in engaging in research and creative scholarship with potential graduate student mentors. This is an amazing opportunity to guide curious students that may be contemplating difficult career choices thus helping them develop skills they may use the rest of their lives. We invite graduate students and undergraduate students from all disciplines to participate in this symposium.

**Register here**  
**When:** Tuesday, October 28, from 12 -1:30 pm  
**Where:** UC, room 332

5. **Join the Stream Team – Sundays in October**

Join Watershed Education Network’s weekend citizen science water monitoring program this fall! Learn to use stream monitoring equipment and contribute to our river health database. This season we are focusing on the Lolo Creek watershed. For more info, and to check the times, please email katiekinney1@gmail.com.

**When:** Noon to 4pm (tentative)  
**Where:** Mee at the WEN Office

6. **Join this local solar technology development team**

If you want to help the world go solar (& get grant writing experience & participate in a national science competition), please consider joining our team. The Missoula College Energy Technology Program has begun writing an EPA P3 grant to design, build and deploy a sustainable energy technology we are calling the “Solar Knight.” About the size of an airline carry-on luggage container, at roughly 50 pounds, “Solar Knight” is a portable solar charging station. It is being designed as a potential off-grid power supply for the roughly 1.5 billion people in underdeveloped countries who do not have electricity services. For more information contact Assistant Professor Bradley Layton, Director of The Missoula College Energy Technology Program, at: bradley.layton@umontana.edu or x7865. Learn more about the EPA P3 grant opportunity in Funding sources.

7. **There’s still time to comment about Missoula’s treasures for the new city growth policy**

The Our Missoula growth policy project is reaching the end of the four-month outreach and early public comment gathering phase. Comments, however, are still welcome. Tell Our Missoula about those special places (or the challenging ones). Just take the on-line survey or submit a photo of your favorite places through Photo Voice, open for submissions through the first week of November. Our Missoula sends out newsletters and newflashes to keep you up-
to-date, but you can also check in on our [website](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#). Commenting online is also available!

- **Up next:** Focus group sessions are planned for Oct. 22, from 5:30-7:30pm. Contact Our Missoula if you are interested, they might still be taking volunteers. Also, the draft unveiling of Missoula’s treasured spaces and places will take place on Nov. 12 (time and place TBA).

**EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

1. **New Economy Week – Oct. 13-19**
   New Economy Week is an opportunity to explore what it would take to build the economy we need, one that works for people, place, and planet. From October 13-19, 2014, we invite you to join us for online and in-person events that highlight successes, ask tough questions, and give life to the claim that another world is possible. Visit the [New Economy Week](#) website to learn more about events and conversations happening across the country next week as we explore how to move from an extractive economy to one that is regenerative, just, and resilient.

2. **Bird Communication with Feathers & Wings** by Dr. Bird Nerd – Oct. 15
   Robert Niese dreamed of becoming an ornithologist since the age of 10. Now, after countless years of schooling, he will soon be Dr. Bird Nerd. Robert works in the UM Flight Laboratory, unlocking the secrets of non-vocal sounds produced by the wings of pigeons and doves. His engaging and enthusiastic teaching style, which includes photography and graphic design to bring scientific imagery to the public realm, has earned him several awards. Check out Robert's blog [So Much Science](#) and his talk on how birds communicate with wing and feather sounds.
   **When:** Wednesday, October 15, at Noon
   **Where:** UM’s Interdisciplinary Science building (SW part of campus); Room110

3. **MT Teachers Conference in Missoula features many Environmental Ed seminars – Oct. 16-17**
   Montana Env. Education Association (MEEA) is sponsoring many presentations at the annual teachers’ conference, listed [here](#). The keynote presentation is by Tim Ryan on Thursday at 2pm on Traditional Ecological Knowledge, "Information Transfer the Key to Human Development." Learn more about the MEA-MFT conference [here](#)
   **When:** Thursday, October 16 – Friday, October 17
   **Where:** Missoula

4. **MT Forest Products week – Oct. 17-24**
   MT Forest Products Week a state legislated week to celebrate MT’s forests, sustainable forestry, wood products, and the men and women who make it all happen. From Oct. 17-24 Montanans across the state will be celebrating their connection to our state’s forested resources and honoring the many citizens who sustain those resources and provide us with products we use every day. Events are planned all week – Check them out: [Forest Products Week](#); [Facebook](#)
5. **Snowmobiles in the Great Burn? Time to talk to the Forest Service – Oct. 18**

EVST alum Bev Dupree of the Great Burn Monitoring Group wants you to know that the next collaborative meeting on the Clearwater Forest plan revision process will be in Idaho but Missoulians can participate via video teleconference at the Lolo Supervisor's office at Fort Missoula from 9:30am - 3pm on October 18. If you're interested in attending, please email Joyce Thompson at jthompson@fs.fed.us. *(There’s a rumor that lunch may be provided. Not confirmed at press time.)*

The Forest Service is considering an option to open the heart of the Great Burn to snowmobiles. If you are interested in this issue this is an important time to be involved. The Oct 18 meeting will provide an opportunity to ask USFS planning team members specific questions about the plan and to find out more about the plan and how best to structure your comments. Public comment won’t be recorded at this meeting. It is an informational meeting. If you would like to submit comments directly to the planning team, please send them to fpr_npclw@fs.fed.us. More info on how to submit comments at [here](#).

The agenda of the meeting is:
- A brief overview of Forest Planning: What it is and What it isn’t
- An overview on the structure of the document and status of the proposed action
- How to comment and how will your comments be used
- Question and Answer Session
- What’s next?

6. **Beginning Bird Walk – Oct. 18**

Family friendly short bird walk at Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge from 10 am to noon, Saturday, October 18. Meet the field trip leader at the Refuge Visitor’s Center.

7. **Mini-Seminars on Solar Electricity and Small Wind Power – Oct. 20-28**

Seminars presented by Chris Borton of Sage Mountain Center (and MREA Board Member). All seminars run from 7-9 pm. Free admission; no pre-registration necessary. Sponsored by NorthWestern Energy USB Renewable Energy Program. Email smc@sagemountain.org or call (406) 494-9875 for more information.
- Oct 20, Helena (Red Lion Colonial Inn, 2301 Colonial Dr)
- Oct 21, Great Falls (Hilton Garden Inn, 2520 14th St SW)
- Oct 22, Havre (Best Western, 1345 1st St)
- Oct 28, Butte (La Quinta, 1 Holiday Park Dr)

8. **Farm to Healthcare conference in Livingston (Nov. 7) – register by Oct. 28**

This Farm to Healthcare conference is titled "Nourishing People and Sustaining Communities" and is hosted by the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) and Livingston HealthCare. Lunch is included with registration. [View the agenda and register here](#)

**When:** Friday, November 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Where:** Livingston
9. **Tour wildlife friendly ranch in the Bitterroot – Oct. 30**

Visit MPG Ranch to learn about our current projects for wildlife and our long-term goals. Driving tour is limited to accessible roads and by weather. Plan to spend some time walking and dress for the weather. The tour is limited to 6 participants. Please contact us to register. We will reply with directions. Contact Joshua: jlisbon@mpgranch.com or 406-396-6285.

**When:** Thursday, October 30, from 1 to 3:30pm  
**Where:** MPG Ranch, in the Bitterroot

10. **Northern Plains Resource Council annual meeting in Billings – Nov. 14-15**

Save the date. Keynote speaker is Helen Slottje, a winner of the 2014 Goldman Environmental Prize for her grassroots organizing and bringing to light the health effects of oil and gas fracking in New York communities. [Details here](#)

11. **Sustainability Reporting course offered spring 2015**

Auditing and Reporting on environmental and social performance has moved into the mainstream and is now standard practice for businesses and other organizations everywhere. This course teaches sustainability auditing/reporting methods and is open to ALL UM Montana juniors, seniors, and graduate students. For more info contact the instructor, Dr. Swift (who won a GreeningUM award for the course) at: kent.swift@business.umt.edu or 243-4182. You can also ask EVST major Kara Colovich about the course, she nominated Dr. Swift for the award.  

BGEN 445 – Sustainability Reporting (3 credits; CRN: 35237) is offered MW 2:10 – 3:30 PM

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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. **Planned Parenthood MT Canvas Specialist position**

Planned Parenthood MT is hiring a canvas specialist for October 1-November 4. The position is 20 hours a week. Interested parties please send a 1 page resume to rachel.pauli@ppmontana.org for consideration.

2. **Campaign Canvasser with Montana Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee**

We need a handful of dedicated canvassers to help us do voter contact work (i.e. knock doors) on behalf of several Democratic state legislative candidates from the Missoula area. We generally canvass for about 2-3 hours a night on the week days and 4-6 hours on the weekend. Please call one of our field organizers at 406-546-8211 or stop by the office to apply (1500 W Broadway). Contact nickl@montanademocrats.org with questions.

3. **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.

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FUNDING SOURCES

1. **Graduate Student Travel Grants for multi-disciplinary water science research – apply by Oct. 17**
   Graduate training in water science often focuses on a single field site, analytical, or modeling approach. The CUAHSI Pathfinder Fellowship provides up to $5,000 in travel support to enable students to travel to an additional field site to add a multi-disciplinary component to their current research. For more detailed information and application materials, [click here](#).

2. **Sustainable Design competition (good funding from the EPA) – apply by Dec. 16**
   EPA's P3 – People, Prosperity, and the Planet—Program is a unique college competition for designing solutions for a sustainable future. The competition has two phases. For the first phase of the competition, teams are awarded a $15,000 grant to develop their idea. They bring the design in April to the National Sustainable Design Expo in Washington DC to compete for the P3 Award and a grant of $90,000 to take their design to real world application. [Details here](#). To jump on P3 solar technology development project read the story in [Volunteer opportunities](#).

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HOUSING

1. **Riverfront Sublet available November - June**
   This spacious 1.5 bed, 1 bath features great river views and is ideally located just 2 blocks from downtown and a 5 to 15 minute walk from anywhere on the UM campus. Close proximity to bike path, hiking trails, and all downtown parks and attractions. Gas stove, hard wood floors, large kitchen and main bedroom, with a nice back yard that borders the river. Perfect place for a graduate student or couple. Available in November to June for $650/month plus utilities. Please email me if you are interested at: [flesch@email.arizona.edu](mailto:flesch@email.arizona.edu) and feel free to forward to others.

2. **House and farm for rent – January through April**
   House and farm for rent, January through April on the Fairfield Bench in Central Montana. The Prairie Heritage Farm team is moving to Helena for 4 months and needs someone to farm sit. Anybody need time out of the big city to write their dissertation or thesis? Chores would be modest, including taking care of half a dozen sheep, 25 laying hens, one dog, and one cat. It could also possibly include greenhouse care starting the end of February. A very modest rent would be charged and we would consider pets. Please email Jacob and Courtney at [farmer@prairieheritagefarm.com](mailto:farmer@prairieheritagefarm.com) if interested.

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RESOURCES

1. Farm tour videos archived on the ATTRA website
   NCAT and numerous partners offered a series of farm tours across Montana this summer focused on cover cropping. The tours ranged from a diversified organic grains operation and a small vegetable, flower, and seed farm, to a crop and livestock operation just beginning to use cover crops. The tours also included a cover-crop research plot being operated by Montana State University researchers. [Click here for a playlist of all the farm videos](#)

2. New Journal devoted to Sustainability Scholarship
   [Sustainability: The Journal of Record](#) is a new journal that aims to be a major voice in the sustainability community. This bi-monthly publication documents sustainability programs in higher education and business; it provides the central forum for academia as well as for-profit and nonprofit institutions to share best practices and learn from one another's progress.

3. Links to online resources in water stewardship – for watershed coordinators and agriculturists
   - [Watershed Institute - Access trainings tailored to your organization's needs!](#)
   - [Webinar - Water Stewardship for Climate Resilience in Agriculture](#)

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND OTHER FUN EVENTS

1. Fun way to support Free Cycles – Oct. 19
   The annual Missoula Tweed Ride supports our local community bike co-op. This fundraiser for Free Cycles features cyclists in vintage clothing leisurely traversing the trails and streets of Missoula, stopping for tea along the way, and ending with a festive party and a silent auction at Free Cycles. Tickets are $10 per individual and tweedies 12 & under ride for free. Bring your own mug. There will also be a silent auction, certain to feature fabulous prizes from your favorite local businesses! [http://missoulatweedride.org/](http://missoulatweedride.org/)
   **When:** Sunday, October 19, 1:30
   **Where:** Free Cycles (732 S. 1st W.)

2. Transition Missoula Harvest Moon Potluck – Oct. 20
   Transition Missoula is celebrating the fall harvest by giving away winter squash and pumpkins in a free lottery. They invite you to join them! Drink, utensils, and plates provided. Please bring a dish to share.
   **When:** Monday, October 20, from 6-8pm
   **Where:** Fireside room at University Congregational Church, 405 University Ave
3. **Festival of the Dead in Missoula – events from now to Nov. 2**
   
   Sunday, November 2, 2014 will mark the 22nd year of Missoula’s Festival of the Dead—an annual, all-inclusive multicultural event that honors life and death through community involvement in the arts. Inspired by the traditions of El Dia de los Muertos, the Festival includes a month of arts workshops, events, and performances, culminating in a traditional Day of the Dead procession down Higgins Avenue. The Festival of the Dead is entirely community-driven and has been a success because of our community’s love and commitment to this event. You can help with your time or donations.

   - For more info, pictures and videos, visit [www.vsamontana.org](http://www.vsamontana.org) or the Festival of the Dead Facebook page at [http://www.facebook.com/Missoula.Festival.of.the.Dead](http://www.facebook.com/Missoula.Festival.of.the.Dead)

4. **Telluride Mountain Film Festival tour in Missoula – Nov. 2**
   
   Tickets for [Selway-Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation Mountain Film on Tour](http://www.selway-bitterroot.org) are now available. A celebration of the environment and the human spirit, this Telluride-based film festival is dedicated to educating and inspiring audiences about issues that matter, cultures worth exploring, environments worth preserving and conversations worth sustaining. The tour will be in Missoula at the Wilma Theatre on Sunday, November 2nd. Doors open at 6pm; films start at 7pm. Purchase tickets at the door or [Buy Your Tickets for the Missoula Showing here!](http://www.selway-bitterroot.org)

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