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GOOD NEWS ITEM

1. **Dutch Company Powers Streetlights With Living Plants**

   This month more than 300 LED lights were illuminated by the Dutch company Plant-e in a new energy project called “Starry Sky.” Although the bulbs were ordinary, the electricity running through them derived from a new process that harnesses the power of living plants.

   [Read the story here](#)

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AROUND EVST

1. **Study in Central America this Summer! – info meetings Dec. 2 and 3**

   Travel to Nicaragua this summer to explore this fascinating and beautiful Central American country. We’ll examine issues of human rights, sustainable development and the environment by engaging directly with the Nicaraguan people. We’ll live in a cloud forest reserve with families growing coffee, travel by boat along the San Juan River to the rain forest, explore the Solentiname Islands in Lake Nicaragua, and visit the active Masaya Volcano. Earn 3 credits!

   EVST professor Dan Spencer will be offering a 2-week Honors Travel Seminar to Nicaragua, May 25-June 18, 2015. 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
Tuesday, December 2nd, 6:00 p.m., DHC 120 or Wednesday, December 3rd, 5:00 p.m., DHC 120, or contact Prof. Spencer at daniel.spencer@umontana.edu or 243-6111. Open to all majors, from first year students to seniors to graduate students.

2. **Applied Ecology Student Presentations – Dec. 2, 4, 8**
   Everyone is invited to these presentations by graduate students in Applied Ecology (meets in Rankin 204).
   - **Dec 2 at 12:40 pm** – Ranalda Tsosie (Chemistry) – Development of new methods of removing toxic heavy metals and radionuclides from contaminated water
   - **Dec 4 at 12:40** – Morgan Eichwald (EVST) – Using permaculture techniques to capture/store/use rain water more efficiently and reduce the need for irrigation
   - **Dec 8 from 10-noon** (note different time) – Jacob Dyste (EVST)– the Ecology of Dams, and Jackson Holte (EVST) -- Management of invasive Salt Cedar (Tamarisk spp.) on the Colorado River

   Everyone is invited to hear the student presentations in the Watershed Conservation class. Classes meet in SS258 on the days & times below. There will be refreshments.
   **Dec 2 – 9:40 to 11 am:**
   - Shah Khan – *Land Use Suitability Analysis of Balakot City, Pakistan, after the 2005 Earthquake*
   - Theresa Duncan – *Treating Storm Water Runoff with Floating Treatment Wetlands—improving water quality and security in the face of climate change*
   **Dec 4 – 9:40 to 11 am:**
   - Chandra Brown & Teresa Scanlon – *Managing Invasive Weeds in the Crown of the Continent by building Watershed Community Connectivity*
   **Dec 10 – 10 am to Noon:**
   - Adam Andis – *Protecting stream flows and water quality in Montana – crosscurrents of purpose & policy*
   - Morgan Vinyard – *Proposing Davis Creek on the MPG Ranch as a Montana Reference Stream*
   - Morgan Eichwald – *Deep Roots and New Shoots – old & new methods of harvesting rain water to replace irrigation*
   - Jen Harrington – *20 years a Brownfield – cleanup options at Missoula’s White Pine Sash state superfund site*

4. **Environmental Film Series at the FLAT, Film #3: Momenta – Dec. 4**
   Join us for our final film of the semester, Momenta. This is a highly-acclaimed film about coal export and its impact on the land and the people living in its path. Super relevant to Missoula and Montana. Tea, snacks, and a warm fire all ready for you. [Here's a trailer](#).
   **When:** Thursday, December 4th, 2014. 7:30pm.
   **Where:** UM FLAT (633 S. 5th Street East)
   **Who:** Open to the public. Free (donations accepted)

5. **Nick Littman defends his non-fiction writing thesis – Dec. 5**
   "When the Sap Flows: Affection and Industry in the Maple Woods"
   **When:** Friday, December 5, at 5pm
   **Where:** FLAT Studio
   (there will be maple syrup Nick made this spring for all who come to enjoy!)
6. The perfect holiday gift – A subscription to Camas
The Winter 2014 issue of Camas is being printed as you read this. Subscribe by next Monday, November 8, online to ensure that a copy is delivered to your doorstep this December. This issue is jam-packed with content and features nonfiction from EVST alumna Melissa Mylchreest, EVST alumna Anna Brady, and both nonfiction and fiction from current MFA students JP Kemmick and Julia Ohman -- among tons of other great art and writing. If you already have your subscription lined up, consider a gift subscription for a friend or family member. Subscriptions also include our upcoming Summer 2014 issue, which will feature EVST alumnus Bryce Andrews.

7. Where are they now? Alum story of protecting water resources on tribal lands in Arizona
Souta Calling Last (graduated 2007) is now working in Phoenix, AZ with the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona as the Tribal Water Systems Environmental Specialist. She focuses on drinking water and wastewater treatment operator training and certification, and also writes grants on source water protection projects and environmental justice. Recently, she worked with a team that drafted a resolution calling for dedicated and sustained funding of tribal water and wastewater operator training and certification programs in parity with state programs. The resolution was adopted by the National Congress of American Indians in June 2014.

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FEATURED EVENT (See www.umt.edu/conservationcalendar for more)

1. UM Panel Discussion on Divestment – Dec. 4
The Organizing Committee for the Panel on Divestment (some of your fellow students) invites you to attend a panel discussion on Fossil Fuel divestment and its role at UM. Divestment is a hot topic on many university campuses. This panel will provide information that our campus community needs to make informed decisions about divestment. This is a neutral sharing of ideas from a spectrum of academic backgrounds with a moderated Q&A session afterwards. The discussions will be recorded and aired on MCAT as well as uploaded to YouTube. Info on where to find these recordings will be available in a later newsline. For more info, contact: jamie.russo@umconnect.umt.edu
When: Thursday, December 4, from 5 to 6:30pm
Where: UM’s Gallagher Business Building room 122

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. UM Planning and Budget Committees meet – Dec. 3 & 4
The University Planning Committee identifies annual and biennial planning priorities. It reviews and updates the University Strategic Plan annually based on organizational needs, institutional assessment, and campus input. All welcome.
When: Wednesday, December 3, from 3 to 4:30 pm
Where: South Ballroom, UC 3rd Floor

The University Budget Committee prioritizes and aligns budget planning to support the UM 2020 Strategic Plan and each respective Biennial Priorities list. In doing such, the Budget
committee reviews, evaluates and advises recommendations for budget changes, re-allocations or new initiatives. All welcome.

**When:** Thursday, December 4, from 1 to 2pm  
**Where:** UC rooms 326-327

2. **Last Planned Parenthood meeting of the semester in a different location – Dec. 4**  
Planned Parenthood (UM student chapter) has its last meeting of the semester on Dec 4 at 5pm. The location has been changed to the Alumni Board Room on the 3rd floor of the UC. Topics include some planning for spring semester, and a panel on BDSM. [More info here](#)

3. **Help Food Recovery Network cut waste and feed people**  
EVSTer Cathryn Raan is forming a local chapter of Food Recovery Network – a national group that works with campuses to recover food that would be wasted and get it to food banks, etc. She invites other EVSTers to join her in this. Here are some roles (& some of their tasks) within the group that she hopes to recruit folks to fill: President (chairs meetings, takes action to get group formal recognition on campus); vice president (recruits more members; keeps group records); Treasurer (keeps track of funds, works to raise funds); Dining Hall coordinator (works with Dining Halls, insures safety of food); partner coordinator (point of contact for many partners that donate or accept food); volunteer coordinator (recruits/trains volunteers that will pick up and deliver food); event & PR coordinator (maintains social media, organizes events for – education, fundraising, donations, etc. To learn more about this group and the tasks to be done, contact Cathryn Raan 406-552-7623 [cathrynnoelle@gmail.com](mailto:cathrynnoelle@gmail.com)

4. **MT Natural History Center volunteer needs in December**  
Contact Christine at [cmorris@montananaturalist.org](mailto:cmorris@montananaturalist.org) if interested in helping with any of these. More details are available on the MNHC [website](#).
   - Help miniNaturalists (pre-K) Thursdays, December 4, and, December 18, 10-11am  
   - Secret Science Night Assistance: Wednesday, December 3, 6:45-8:15: Volcanoes & Climate Change; Wednesday, December 17, 6:45-8:15: Chemistry of Hot Springs  
   - Animal Olympics: Saturday, December 6th, 1:45-3:30pm

5. **Predator Watch - Citizen Science Opportunity - Bitterroot Wildlife Monitoring Project**  
This winter, the MT Wilderness Association and Defenders of Wildlife will use volunteers to monitor forest carnivores in the Bitterroot and Sapphire Mountains. Field work will include setting up a monitoring station with a staff member and visiting it again with a partner every 3-4 weeks over the winter. This will involve snowshoeing and/or cross country skiing into the backcountry to retrieve photo cards and fur samples, with some stations closer than others. Or you can be involved by helping to sort images taken with remote cameras. The kickoff informational and sign up meeting is: **Monday, Dec 1 in Hamilton, 6:30 - 8 pm**, at City Hall (223 S. 2nd St.). For more info contact Kylie Paul (EVST alum) at [kpaul@defenders.org](mailto:kpaul@defenders.org) or 406-728-8800.

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

1. **Geosciences** has 2 more candidates for the hydrogeology position coming in this week. Geosciences has 2 more candidates for the hydrogeology position coming in this week, with talks at 12:10 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, all in CHCB 304; see abstracts below.

   **Payton Gardner**; Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM

   - **Monday, December 1**: Inspecting Large Scale Groundwater Flow Systems through the Atomic Lens Hydrogeology
   - **Tuesday, December 2**: In this talk, I will use the disposal of high level nuclear waste as a platform to illustrate the current pressing issues in hydrogeology and explore methods to address these problems

   **Brian Thomas, CalTech / JPL**

   - **Thursday, December 4**: The story of rejected recharge: The role of groundwater processes in watershed function
   - **Friday, December 5**: Models and Data and Scales: Oh My! “How will the redistribution of water resources change as competition for the renewable resource escalates at local to global scales?” This presentation seeks to address this broad question by highlighting existing scientific hypotheses and exploring existing and future research strategies.

2. **Upcoming Webinars on organic food production** start in Dec, continue into March. Click here for the full list of webinars. On Feb. 10 one of our favorite local yokels Helen Atthowe presents: **Building Pest-Suppressive Organic Farms: Tools and Strategies Used by Five Long-Term Organic Farms**

   Helen Atthowe and Carl Rosato, Woodleaf Farm Feb 10

3. **What happens to big animals in an ‘increasingly peopled world’ – Dec. 2**

   *In the Pavillion of Snow-Oxen -- Big Animals in an Increasingly Peopled World,* Joel Berger, Professor, Division of Biological Sciences.

   Increasing human populations challenge the preservation of wild places and wildlife that requires large landscapes. The metaphorical 'snow-oxen' of the high, icy, and wild will help showcase how this dilemma takes place in the spectacular Arctic, the cold Tibetan-Himalayas and the American West. The lecture will highlight the necessity of seeing through the eyes of animals.

   **When:** Tuesday, December 2, at 6 p.m.

   **Where:** UC North Ballroom

4. **Info on avoiding/surviving avalanches – Dec. 3 & Dec. 7**

   - Lecture: “**Avalanche Awareness,**” Wed Dec 3, 6-7 p.m., North Underground Lecture Hall.
   - **Avalanche Transceiver Clinic**, Sunday Dec 7, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Student Recreation Center.

   Hosted by the Outdoor Program, this clinic will show how to properly use an avalanche transceiver. Costs $15.

5. **Socio-Ecological Dimensions of Montana's Amenity Economy – Dec. 3**

   MSU rural geographer Dr. Julia Haggerty will talk about public access to recreation opportunities and wildlife resources on private lands. In Montana, ongoing debates about public access to recreation opportunities and wildlife resources on private land highlight the uncertainties arising from the state’s shifting demographics and land tenure patterns. This project evaluates the strengths and vulnerabilities of current institutions that undergird public access to waterways from an integrated social and ecological perspective. Julia Haggerty is rural geographer working
to understand the interactions between natural resource use and the social and economic well-being of rural communities. [Watch the live screencast here.]

6. **Seminar on bark beetles – Dec. 3**
   Sharon Hood, from University of Montana, will speak on “Fortifying the Forest: Roles of Tree Defense, Fire, and Stand Structure in Resistance to Bark Beetles”
   **When:** Wednesday, December 3, at 12:10 pm
   **Where:** Interdisciplinary Sciences Building (ISB) 110

7. **Restoring Silver Bow Creek talk – Dec. 4**
   UM chapter of AFS (American Fisheries Society) has a great speaker lined up for the last meeting of the semester: Joe Naughton of RESPEC Consulting! Joe has been working on Silver Bow Creek at the headwaters of the Clark Fork River since he began his Masters at MSU and continues to work on Silver Bow today as a fisheries biologist at a consulting firm. [More on Silver Bow Creek]
   **When:** Thursday, December 4, at 6 pm
   **Where:** FOR305

   The Montana Natural Heritage Program (MTNHP) is creating maps of wetlands and riparian areas across Montana. This 1.5 hour web-based training will show you how to easily access the mapping, including viewing the mapping in the MTNHP online Map Viewer, accessing it through an online map service, and downloading the mapping for use in a GIS. [Register here]
   **When:** Friday, December 05, at 10:00 AM MST
   Presenter Information: Training presenter Levia Shoutis is a certified Professional Wetland Scientist with Environmental Resources Management, (ERM) Inc., based in Livingston, MT. At ERM Levia provides environmental assessment with a focus on wetland, riparian, and stream habitats, for government and private clients.
   For more information or to register, contact: levia.shoutis@erm.com or call 406-222-7600 x229

9. **Raptor Rap and Book Signing – Dec. 8**
   Kate Davis of Raptors of the Rockies will tell & show some fine feathered friends at the Dec 8 Audubon meeting. Co-presenting with Kate will be Wes the American Kestrel, Sonora, an Aplomado Falcon and 2 other raptors who preferred to remain anonymous. In addition to her usual great presentation, Kate will be signing copies of her new book: *American Kestrel—Pint-Sized Predator*. If you’re lucky, perhaps Wes will sign your copy also.
   **When:** Monday, December 8, at 7:30pm
   **Where:** UM’s Gallagher Business building, room L14

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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. **Clark Fork River restoration job – apply by Dec. 9**
   MT Natural Resource Damage Program is seeking someone for a position that will initially lead the implementation of the non-flow aquatics restoration actions outlined in the Upper Clark Fork River Basin Aquatic and Terrestrial Restoration Plans 2012. [Full description here](#)

   Camp Denali and North Face Lodge in Denali National Park, Alaska are looking for skilled and experienced Naturalist Guides for the summer of 2015. Our naturalist guides are teachers of experiential learning, backcountry hiking guides, and competent drivers. [Details here](#)
   A three-season commitment is required. Applications are due January 12, 2015. For more information or to apply, please see [www.campdenali.com](http://www.campdenali.com) or contact [jobs@campdenali.com](mailto:jobs@campdenali.com)

3. **National Wolf Campaign Director for Endangered Species Coalition**
   This is a part-time temporary (6 mos) position to start, with opportunity for extension; location flexible. The Wolf Campaign Director will implement ESC’s national wolf campaign and will be responsible for overseeing ESC’s wolf campaign organizers and interns across the country. [Click here](#) for the full job description.

4. **Organizational Development Director, Montana Nonprofit Association – screening begins Dec. 4**
   The position assumes overall responsibility for Montana Nonprofit Association’s professional and organizational development programs, including training, technical assistance, and educational programming to support MNA members and other nonprofit. [Click here](#) for the job description.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

1. **Grants available for promo materials about wildland conservation and restoration – due Dec. 15**
   Grants funds available only to 501c3 nonprofit orgs. Funds awarded for projects that will lead to measurable outcomes for wildland ecosystem conservation and restoration in the United States. Grants may be used to fund the production of print, radio, or television ads, to pay for advertising space or airtime, or to produce or distribute pamphlets, books, videos, or press packets. [Details here](#)
RESOURCES

1. **Soup Wednesday – Dec. 3**
   Every other Wednesday during the regular semester, American Indian Student Services partners with other campus departments to sponsor Soup Wednesday. This free lunch provides students an opportunity to relax, enjoy each other’s company and celebrate being a Grizzly! It is also an opportunity for administration, faculty, staff, and students to get acquainted and network.
   **When:** Wednesday, December 3, from 10:45 am – 12:00 pm
   **Where:** NAC 210

2. **Skin & Bones – for dog treats and permaculture paste**
   Vicki Watson is looking to give away a lot of turkey skin (makes good dog treats), And turkey bones – which can be made into Sepp Holzer-style browser repellant to protect your permie plantings from pesky deer. If you want either or both, contact her at vicki.watson@umontana.edu

3. **Get ready for 2015: The International Year of Soils**
   The Soil Science Society of America is coordinating with the Global Soil Partnership and other organizations around the world to celebrate the 2015 International Year of Soils and raise awareness and promote the sustainability of our limited soil resources. Learn more

4. **The Buy Local Holiday Guide**
   Download the online version here, or pick up a hardcopy from the SBC at any of the holiday events they are attending.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND OTHER FUN EVENTS

1. **Dare to be Square – Dec. 2**
   Some local yokels have started up a traditional square dance series on the first Tuesdays of each month. These dances are very popular with young folks in Seattle and Portland. All dances taught & called. No experience or partner needed. Live music by the Beet Tops (old time fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar). FREE admission-- no cover (donations gratefully accepted). The Top Hat is open to all ages until 10 pm-- kids are welcome. More info, contact Chelle the caller
   **When:** Tuesday Dec 2 starting at 7:30pm
   **Where:** the Top Hat (134 W Front St.)

2. **Bowling with Restoration Ecologists – Dec. 2**
   Join UM Society for Ecological Restoration students & faculty on Tuesday, December 2nd, 5:30 PM for an evening of bowling and conversation at Five Valleys Bowling Center (http://fivevalleysbowl.com/). Note that we will be at Five Valleys and NOT Westside Lanes. RSVP to Kevin Carns (Kevin.Carns@umontana.edu). Also, let Kevin know if you need a ride or are willing to drive others.

   Also UMSER will be electing officers at the start of next semester (President,VP, Treasurer, Secretary). All positions run from Spring-Fall semester. If you are interested in a leadership
position or would like to nominate someone please respond to the clubs email umt.restoration@gmail.com before the end of the semester.

3. **Tis’ the season for holiday parties! – Dec. 5, 8, 12, 14**
   - **Clark Fork Coalition Holiday Party, Dec. 5 (5pm - ?):** Share holiday cheer and support clean water with CFC at their offices (140 S. 4th West). Live music, food, drinks, raffle. [Details here.](#)
   - **Five Valleys Land Trust Holiday Party, Dec. 5 (5-7pm):** Join FVLT at their offices (120 Hickory St. Suite B) for food, drinks and great company! [More info](#)
   - **CFAC’s Holiday Feast, Dec. 8 (5pm-8pm):** Join CFAC at the Montgomery Distillery for fabulous food, an excellent raffle, and delightful holiday drinks. [More info](#)
   - **WEN’s Holiday Fundraiser Party, Dec. 12 (5:30pm-9pm):** Join WEN at Ten Spoon Vineyard and Winery for a night of holiday cheer, live music, tasty wine, soups & desserts! [More info](#)
   - **Wilderness Watch Holiday Party, Dec. 14 (6-8pm):** There will be outstanding food, an update on wilderness issues & protection strategies, & and Author Gary Ferguson will tell stories from a life of exploring wilderness. Dinner costs $15. RSVP by Dec 10 to 542-2048 ext.1 or jsmith@wildernesswatch.org. @ The Shack (222 W. Main)

4. **Take a break from studies with some Solstice caroling**
   For those who like some Fa La La-ing at this time of year -- There's a group of singers at UM that do some caroling during the last couple of weeks of the UM semester. If interested -- we'll be practicing on **Wed Dec 3 at 12:15 and 5:15** in the President’s room of Brantly Hall. We'll be caroling at these times (& more may be added later) –
   - Parade of Lights, Sat., Dec. 6, 6 p.m. to ? Riding on the trolley
   - Adopt-a-Family/Veteran Gift-wrapping Project, Thurs., Dec. 10, 1-1:30 p.m., UC Bookstore
   - New Directions Christmas Party, Dec. 15, 12-12:30 p.m., Skaggs Lobby
   - Also the Buttercup will have a solstice sing-a-long for all comers: Buttercup Café 1221 Helen, Dec. 23 from 4-6pm (they always have good cheer)

5. **Wreath Making Workshop – Dec. 4**
   Learn how to create a beautiful holiday wreath, garland, or door hanging from local conifers. We will discuss identification tips and facts about Montana evergreens as you work. Using fragrant boughs you will build the base of your creation. Add cones, sprigs of evergreen shrubs, ribbon, and holiday decorations for flair. Registration is required. Please call 327-0405 to sign up.
   **When:** Thursday, December 4, from 5:30-7:30 pm
   **Where:** Montana Natural History Center, 120 Hickory St.
   **Cost:** $10/$5 MNHC members.

6. **Claire Emery Holiday art show – Dec. 5**
   Claire Emery (another EVST alum) will open her studio to show her new original woodblock prints, release the 2015 Threshold Calendar and to offer her popular notecards to share with you and your loved ones this holiday season and beyond. The open house will feature other artists as well. [https://www.facebook.com/events/861477587204138/](https://www.facebook.com/events/861477587204138/)
   **When:** First Friday, December 5, 5 - 8 pm & Saturday, December 6, 11 - 4 pm.
   **Where:** Brunswick Artists’ Studios, upstairs and downstairs at 223 W Railroad St
7. **Another opportunity to Buy Local – Dec. 4-6**

The University Center will host its annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair from December 4-6. Local & regional artists are featured. Items featured include jewelry, pottery, clothing, hair accessories, bath soaps and salts, photography, painting, prints, drawing, wood work, home décor, sculpture, and more. Live music by UM students adds to the atmosphere. Since 1970 (making that 44 years!), our fairs have been coordinated by students, and by participating in these art fairs, artists are supporting art programming and student organizations at the UC.

UM School of Art will also host their annual Art Holiday Sale & Show at The Art Annex, located on the UM campus adjacent to the Adams Center. This art show features ceramics and sculpture from students and faculty. [Details here](#)

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