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GOOD NEWS ITEM
1. SNAP now accepted at UC Market
   Due to good work of UC Market Staff and Chad Bishop, Organizer for Missoula Area Central labor Council, and many others, including support from UM Faculty including Phil Condon, EVST Director and UFA Labor & Trades Committee Chair, as of 12/1/14 the UC Market now accepts SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program) to benefit UM Students and Staff who need this assistance. Read more here.
AROUND EVST

1. Ellie Costello defends her portfolio – Dec. 12
   “Seed Renaissance: Burgeoning alternatives to consolidating market powers”
   **When:** Friday, November 12, at 3pm
   **Where:** JRH 202

2. Kim Gilchrist defends her portfolio – Dec. 15
   “A Not-So-Trivial Pursuit of Economic Viability in the Alternative Food Movement”
   **When:** Monday, November 15, at 11am
   **Where:** JRH 202

3. Bertha Morton Fellowships and Scholarships – apply by Feb. 6
   The Graduate School is pleased to announce its call for nominations for the 2015-2016 Bertha Morton Fellowships and Scholarships. Besides cash value, the awards honor the department as well as the students. Deadline for students to submit applications to their Depts. is Feb 6, 2015, midnight. See attached announcement or contact kelly.speer@umontana.edu

4. Camas Magazine Online Feature: EVST Graduate Student Sam Plotkin
   Read "Sustenance Through Shechita," our Winter 2014 online feature article written by EVST graduate student Sam Plotkin. Also, please support Camas Magazine by subscribing or gifting Camas to a loved one. Act **today** (deadline is December 8th) to get on our pre-Christmas mailing order.  [https://camasmagazine.squarespace.com/#/featured-content/](https://camasmagazine.squarespace.com/#/featured-content/)

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

1. Show your support for the PEAS farm! – Dec. 9
   The Missoula County Public School Board is considering a **40 year lease** for the PEAS Farm on **Tuesday, December 9th**. This has been years in the making! Please attend the meeting and come ready to comment or just to support. [Details here](https://camasmagazine.squarespace.com/#/featured-content/)
   **When:** Tuesday, December 9th, at 6 pm
   **Where:** MCPS Business Building, 915 South Avenue

   BUT- whether you can come or not - TELL YOUR FRIENDS!
   - **Share this blog post** on Facebook with this text (feel free to personalize): "Join me to support the PEAS Farm as the City of Missoula asks the Missoula County Public School Board for a 40 year lease on December 9th, 6 pm at the MCPS Business Building, 915 South Avenue West."
   - **Call five friends** and ask them to come to the meeting.
   - **Email 10 friends** and link to this blog post, inviting them to the meeting.
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. **Eagle Banding at MPG Ranch – Dec. 11, 13, 18**
   Join MPG and Raptor View Research Institute for this unique opportunity. Volunteers will observe the live capture of bald and golden eagles and get to participate in the banding process. This event is based out of a ranch house, so participants can stay warm. We will live-stream video from the capture site to a large screen at the house so visitors can observe the trapping process while remaining at a safe distance. This event is limited to 6 participants each day. Time is 11am to 3pm each day. Contact Joshua Lisbon to register & get directions at: jlisbon@mpgranch.com or 406-396-6285.

2. **Alternative Energy Resources Organization seeks energy and ag task force members**
   AERO is a statewide organization that works on sustainable food & energy issues. AERO’s Task Forces function as intermediaries between their members, the greater community, and the AERO staff and board. They function as ‘think tanks’ – helping to shape and implement programs and projects – and share events, research, ideas, concerns, and any other relevant information about Montana’s food and energy future via email, conference calls, and meetings.

   To sign up for one or both Task Forces, follow this link: [http://www.aeromt.org/signup/](http://www.aeromt.org/signup/)

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

1. **“Assessing ecological condition of large landscapes with limited human impacts” – Dec. 9**
   **When:** Tuesday, December 9, at 9:00 AM
   **Where:** University Center 326

2. **MPG Ranch tour – Dec. 9**
   Visit MPG to learn about current projects and long-term goals. Driving tour is limited to accessible roads and by weather. Plan to spend time walking and dress for the weather. Tour is limited to 6 participants. 1pm to 3:30pm. Contact Joshua Lisbon to register & get directions: jlisbon@mpgranch.com or 406-396-6285.

3. **University Council to Offer Legislative Preview – Dec. 9**
   The campus and Missoula communities are invited to discuss campus wide issues and University initiatives during monthly meetings of the University Council. At Tuesday’s meeting Bill Johnston, director of the Office of Alumni Relations and UM’s legislative lobbyist will present “Montana’s Upcoming Legislative Session.”
   **When:** Tuesday, December 9, from 2 to 3 p.m.
   **Where:** University Center Room 332
4. **Avalanche Awareness Lecture – Dec. 10**
   Dudley Improta from the West Central Montana Avalanche Center will present a one-hour introduction to avalanche awareness and safety. Free and open to the public. No registration required.
   **When:** Wednesday, December 10, from 6-7 p.m.
   **Where:** North Underground Lecture Hall

5. **Science Careers Online Career Fair – Dec. 10**

6. **Avalanche Transceiver Clinic – Dec. 14**
   Hosted by the Outdoor Program, this clinic will demonstrate how to properly use an avalanche transceiver. Costs $15.
   **When:** Sunday, December 14, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
   **Where:** Student Recreation Center.

7. **Montana Environmental Ed Association Annual Conference, call for presentations**
   MEEA 2015 Annual Conference: Discovering Hidden Treasures, March 19-20, 2015, at KwaTukNuk Resort, Polson, Montana. [Click here for details](#)

8. **PhD-focused Toxicology Graduate Program at UM**
   The Center for Environmental Health Sciences (CEHS) offers a highly successful Toxicology Graduate Program, primarily focused on PhD. The program trains students to become independent investigators. [Click here for more information](#).

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**INTERNSHIPS**

1. **Selway-Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation Wilderness Ranger Internship – apply by Feb. 25**
   A minimum of ten Wilderness Ranger Internship positions in the Selway-Bitterroot and Frank Church–River of No Return Wilderness areas will be offered during the summer of 2015 for students enrolled in wilderness management, recreation management or natural resource management academic programs. [Click here for details](#).

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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. **Community Garden Volunteer Coordinator with Garden City Harvest – apply by Jan. 5**
   This job balances working with a diversity of gardeners, volunteer garden leaders, community volunteers, and staff members. It will include some garden maintenance, project management and evaluation, community building, communications, and education. Benefits (health, dental, holidays) included in this seasonal position. Please see our website for application details and a full job description, [www.gardencityharvest.org](http://www.gardencityharvest.org).
2. **VISIONS community service trip leader for summer season 2015**

   VISIONS summer community service programs for high school and middle school students blend ambitious community service work, cultural immersion, travel and adventure. Programs operate in under-resourced communities in Alaska and Montana indigenous villages, Mississippi Gulf Coast, Dominican Republic, British Virgin Islands, Guadeloupe, Peru, Nicaragua, Ecuador/Galapagos Islands, Cambodia, and Myanmar. [Click here for details](#).

3. **Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies is hiring for summer positions**

   As an Environmental Educator, Naturalist, or Intern, you’ll have the opportunity to share your energy, knowledge, and curiosity for the natural world by leading educational programs for children, school groups, and visitors to Alaska. [Click here for details](#).

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**FUNDING SOURCES**

1. **Funding from MEEA for Environmental Education projects – apply by Dec 31**

   MEEA is happy to announce the 4th year of our Get 'Em Outside mini-grant program. We have $2,000 available (4 grants of $500 each) for quality projects and programs in Montana that get kids connected to nature! Money can be used for equipment, transportation, staff, project development, publication, or whatever you have in mind for your students. Full description and application form [here](#). Applications due December 31, 2014 for projects in 2015

2. **Water and energy-efficiency grants – due early next year**

   - [WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants](#) – due 1/14
   - [EPA Water Quality Benefits Grant](#) – due 1/14
   - [Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program - Call for Proposals](#) – due 2/3

3. **Request for grant proposals for aquatic resource projects – apply by Jan. 2015**

   The Resource Action Fund has evolved to consider all types of RAF proposals, including habitat, management, conservation, fish passage, research, and data management projects from both members and non-members. Focus areas include projects showing clear benefit to native and special concern species. [Click here for details](#).

4. **Environmental Education Grants with the EPA – RPF due Feb. 2**

   Under the Environmental Education Grants Program, EPA seeks grant proposals from eligible organizations to support environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. [Details here](#)
HOUSING

1. Master bedroom-suite for rent ($700 + utilities) in a beautiful mid-rattlesnake home
House is large, with an open floor plan, wonderful kitchen for cooking, wood-burning fireplace, hardwood floors, and large windows. Also a covered porch with gas grill and views of Mt. Jumbo, large fenced-in lawn, vegetable garden, and fruit trees. The bedroom suite is massive, with attached master bath (jacuzzi tub AND separate shower), dressing area, walk-in closet, separate sink area, and lots of privacy! http://missoula.craigslist.org/roo/4785288001.html

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RESOURCES

1. New EPA Curriculum: Recipes for Healthy Kids and a Healthy Environment
This nine-lesson program was designed to excite kids about environmental health and empower them to take steps in their everyday lives to improve the environment for their community and reduce their environmental risk. Check it out here

2. Big Sky Documentary Film Festival passes -- special holiday rates
The Big Sky Documentary Film Festival (in Feb) is now offering reduced rates on its festival passes, from now until midnight on Dec 31. Buy one for yourself or as the ultimate gift! Passes can be purchased at http://www.bigskyfilmfest.org/bsdff/festival/tickets/

3. Where to put roads to maximize benefit, minimize harm
Road density is one of the key parameters affecting biodiversity and the health of watersheds. Not only because of the direct impacts of roads (large as those are), but because of the development, weeds, etc., that follows roads. An ambitious study has created a “global roadmap” for prioritizing road building across the planet, to try to balance the competing demands of development and environmental protection. Full article here.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND OTHER FUN EVENTS

1. UM’s Annual Christmas Cookie Cook-Off – Dec. 15
This year’s event, themed “A Christmas Story,” is open to faculty, staff and students with an active Griz Card and their families and friends. Guests may take home up to half of the cookies they bake, and the other half will be donated to local youth homes, senior homes, group shelters and other nonprofit organizations. Click here for details
When: Monday, December 15, from 2 to 6 p.m.
Where: in the UM Lommasson Center’s Food Zoo Dining Room

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2. **Clark Fork Coalition’s online auction benefits river conservation – ends Dec. 22**
   The Clark Fork Coalition has been working to protect the river and its watershed since 1985. CFC’s annual online auction features river trips, scenic aerial flights, grass-fed beef, beautiful artwork, catered dinners, and awesome outdoor gear. Great holiday gifts. All proceeds from the auction go toward supporting CFC’s work to protect and restore a clean and healthy Clark Fork watershed. See [www.32auctions.com/clarkfork](http://www.32auctions.com/clarkfork)

3. **Nominate a Fish Friend – by Feb. 1**
   The Montana Chapter of the American Fisheries Societies asks you to nominate friends of fishes for awards. Nominations are being accepted until Feb 1, 2015. Here are the categories: Outdoor Writers or Reporters; Educators; Landowners; Groups, Organizations or other Individuals; Career Achievement; Natural Resource Professional; Outstanding Fishery Professional. Send letters of nomination to Adam Sepulveda at: asepulveda@usgs.gov
   Fish are not able to send these letters themselves, so they appreciate your help.

4. **Record a memory**
   Amy Martin, local peace & environmental activist, is offering a unique holiday gift. She will record you; OR You and your sweetie; OR You and your kids; OR You and your brother who's flying in from Akron for the holidays. She calls them "audio mementos." Amy will bring her high-quality sound gear and interview/listening skills to your home, your family reunion, the nursing home, grandma's kitchen or your family's cabin, and make a keepsake recording for you and the people you love. Your voice, their voices, intimate and direct and real, preserved for the future. Kind of like StoryCorps or Radio Diaries, but not for public consumption. Just for you. An audio postcard, an heirloom, a conversational time capsule from this little moment in your big life. If interested, contact: Amy Martin (406) 546-3164; Amy Martin <rattlesnakecreek@gmail.com>

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