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GOOD NEWS ITEM
1. Missoula Sustainability Award winners announced
   Every year, the Missoula Sustainable Business Council recognizes individuals, groups and businesses leading our community towards sustainability. The winners of the 2013-14 SBC Sustainability Awards are: (Read more about each of the winners here)
   - Sustainable New Venture of the Year: Missoula Hybrid Poplar Water Reclamation Project
   - Sustainable Business of the Year: Upcycled
   - Sustainable Nonprofit of the Year: Sussex School
   - Sustainability Advocate of the Year: Amy Cilimburg - Montana Audubon

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AROUND EVST
1. Don’t miss your chance to go to Big Timber! – send in your checks
   If you wish to go on the Big Timber trip, get your check for $40 payable to EVST to Tom Roy. ALL are welcome. Contact Tom with any questions at tomandsue@bresnan.net or 406-728-8319. P.S. Many of my favorite EVST memories (and lessons) are from this trip last year. I highly recommend it!

2. EVST alum and artist Claire Emery’s new studio opening — Oct. 3
   Celebrate with us the opening of Claire Emery’s new workshop & studio, and the release of her new work, the Seasonal Birds woodblock prints and notecard series. http://emeryart.com/
   When: First Friday, October 3, from 5 - 8 pm
   Where: Claire Emery Art, Brunswick Artists’ Studios, upstairs at 223 W Railroad St
3. **New students: Don’t forget to complete the PETSA tutorial – by Oct. 8**

PETSA is a mandatory online tutorial for all new students who have arrived during Summer 2014 or Fall 2014. If a new student does not take PETSA by October 8, 2014, all registration activities, such as drops and adds for this current semester, and Spring 2015 registration will be put on hold until they have taken PETSA. Access this training at: [https://moodle.umt.edu](https://moodle.umt.edu).

4. **Kittredge Visiting Writer in EVST needs lodging – Feb. thru April 2015**

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](mailto:wdebuys@earthlink.net), 505/689-1021, and for info about him, see [www.williamdebuys.com](http://www.williamdebuys.com)

5. **EVST alum has regular spots on National Public Radio**

EVST alum Murray Carpenter (1994) can be regularly heard on National Public Radio tramping through the Maine woods, interviewing restoration workers removing a dam, or following other interesting environmental stories. Recently, he was interviewing surfers surfing on a river in Canada where the inrushing tide forms a wave that runs up the river for miles. This phenomenon has allowed surfers to set time and distance records. [Listen to it here](http://www.williamdebuys.com)

Murray had similar interests when he was in the EVST program. His thesis was based on what he learned about the Clark Fork River while paddling the length of the river from its headwaters to the border of the state. His graduate paper is titled: Down the Clark Fork: a river rebounds.

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

1. **Real Food Rising @ UM – TODAY, Sept. 29**

On October 25th, 2013, UM became the first school in the Northwest to join a movement that is improving University Food Systems all over the nation—the Real Food Challenge. Join us and the Regional Coordinators of Real Food Challenge to learn about the movement to bring local, ecological, fair, and humane food to Universities. We will also be announcing where UM currently stands, almost a year after we signed the commitment, in reaching our goal of sourcing 20% Real Food by 2020.

**When:** TODAY, Monday, September 29, at 7:30pm

**Where:** GBB 122

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

1. **Phone Bank on Energy Future meetings – TODAY, Sept. 29**

Sierra Club needs volunteers to phone our members in Billings and Missoula encouraging them to attend the Montana DEQ public meetings on Montana’s Energy Future and state compliance with the EPA’s carbon rule. Getting people to these meetings is critical to ensuring the State adopts an aggressive carbon reduction plan for Montana. HELP ENSURE A GOOD TURN-OUT AT THESE EVENTS ---- IT’S EASY (by phone bank standards!): We will provide call lists and scripts, pizza, beer and soda!
The PHONE BANK IS:

**When:** TODAY, Monday, September 29, at 5:30

**Where:** National Wildlife Federation office, 240 N. Higgins, 2nd floor

- And PLEASE ATTEND THE HEARING WHICH IS:
  **When:** October 2nd, 6-8 PM
  **Where:** Best Western Grant Creek Inn, Ponderosa Room, 5280 Grant Creek Road

2. **Public meetings being held to discuss New Montana State Water Plan – Oct. 1-9**
   DNRC has released its *draft* 2015 State Water Plan for public review. Meetings will begin with an open house where the public can learn about and discuss the elements of the State Water Plan; there will be a short agency presentation, and then anyone that would like to comment on any portion of the plan will have the opportunity to do so. Public meeting schedule:
   October 1 – Stevensville – Lee Metcalf Wildlife Refuge – 7-9pm
   October 2 – Drummond – Drummond School and Community Library – 7-9pm
   October 8 – Pablo – Salish Kootenai College – Late Louie Caye Cultural Bldg – 7-9pm
   October 9 – Libby – City Hall, Ponderosa Room – 7-9pm
   [View an Executive Summary and complete copy of the Draft State Water plan here](#)

3. **Participate in Missoula City’s growth policy by helping map Missoula’s treasures – Oct. 1-3**
   The City of Missoula is updating its growth policy and organizing this update around the unifying land use and development theme “Focus Inward,” which acknowledges the value of sensible and smart town-centered growth. The Sonoran Institute, via its *Community Builders* initiative, is assisting in the growth policy update via a project called *Assets Mapping*, a values-based approach to community engagement that uses citizen input to identify and visualize physical assets within the community. [Learn more about the project and upcoming discussions here](#)

4. **Vendors and demos needed for Wildwood Sustainability Fair – Oct. 12**
   Western Montana’s finest vendors are encouraged to come, sell their products, barter, and demonstrate the skills of sustainability at Wildwood Brewing’s 3rd Annual Sustainability Fair. There is no cost to the vendor, just an opportunity to market your products and show the importance of what you do. We are looking for people to demonstrate sustainability and self-sufficiency. Stop by to visit us at the Wildwood Brewery, call us at 406-777-2855, or e-mail [pannha@wildwoodbrewing.com](mailto:pannha@wildwoodbrewing.com) for more details. Please contact us by Wednesday, Oct. 8th to reserve your place.

5. **Help update Missoula County’s Growth Policy**
   Missoula County announces the start of a new project: a comprehensive update of the Missoula County Growth Policy. The goal of this project is to create a county-wide vision, develop goals based on community priorities and issues, and craft an action plan for Missoula County. Your views are wanted. There will be a variety of ways to give your feedback and thoughts, including a series of listening sessions in mid-October, answering survey questions, and contacting Missoula County Planning. Visit our [website](#) to find out more about how you can be involved.

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EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

1. **Env Philosophy seminar on cars and the stratosphere – TODAY, Sept. 29**
   "The Doctrine of Double Effect, My Car and the Stratosphere," Presented by The Philosophy Forum and led by UM Philosophy Professor Christopher Preston.
   **When:** TODAY, September 29, from 3:10 to 4:30 p.m.
   **Where:** the Law School Pope Room

2. **Seminar: "News in the Age of Snowden" – TODAY, Sept. 29**
   **When:** TODAY, September 29, at 7pm
   **Where:** UC Theatre

3. **Green For All webinar series starts with Community Resilience 101 – Oct. 1**
   Community resilience is the ability to weather any storm, whether it be the day to day storm of economic insecurity, the health storms created by lack of access to healthy food, or the literal storms driven by the effects of climate change. We will explore the definitions of resilience and look at solutions and how we can all take action. RSVP right [here](#).
   **When:** Wednesday, October 1, at 11am MT

4. **Micro Hydro Demo – Oct. 1**
   Mikky Helman – a UM student interested in pursuing a micro-hydro demo site near the Van Buren Footbridge--will explain how she has monitored flow through the site and the amount of hydropower it could generate and what sort of turbine would be appropriate there.
   **When:** Wednesday morning, October 1, from about 11:15am to 12:30pm
   **Where:** The demo will be at the concrete spill way structure that is downstream of the big trash rack that is at the beginning of the irrigation ditch by Jacobs Island. This is all just a little downstream of the Van Buren footbridge. To approach the site, walk west on the river path until you pass the big trash rack, then follow the path that heads to the river.

5. **Live screencast of presentation on human impacts on Arctic & MT – Oct. 1**
   Stephanie Ewing, Land Resources & Environmental Sciences, Montana State University, will speak on her work on: From soils to streams – linking human activities with environmental consequences in the Arctic and central Montana
   **When:** Wednesday, October 1, at NOON
   **Where:** MSU but watch it live online at: [http://montana.adobeconnect.com/roughcutscience/](http://montana.adobeconnect.com/roughcutscience/)

6. **“LIDAR Mapping of Honey Bees: movements of pollinators through the landscape” – Oct. 1**
   This is a seminar by Scott Debnam of UM. All welcome.
   **When:** Wednesday, October 1, at 12:10 pm
   **Where:** Interdisciplinary Sciences Building (ISB) 110
7. **Native American made film on Kerr Dam – Oct. 2**
   Representatives from Energy Keepers Inc. on the Flathead Reservation, will hold a special screening of the Native American produced film “The Place Of The Falling Waters.” This event celebrates the tribal acquisition of Kerr Dam on the Flathead River. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with members of Energy Keepers, and refreshments by UM Catering. The film explores the relationship of the CSK Tribe and the Kerr project.
   **When:** Thursday, October 2; reception at 5:30; screening at 6pm.
   **Where:** Native American Center room 105

8. **DEQ Public Meetings on Options for Montana’s Energy Future – Oct. 2 in Missoula**
   The Montana Department of Environmental Quality is holding public meetings to gather ideas on its recently released pathways to compliance with the newly-proposed Environmental Protection Agency standards on carbon pollution. [Click here for more details](#).
   **When:** Thursday, October 2, from 6-8pm (see above link for meetings in other cities)
   **Where:** Best Western Grant Creek Inn, Ponderosa Room (5280 Grant Creek Road)

9. **UM Sustainable Campus Committee meetings set – Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5**
   UM Sustainable Campus Committee helps guide UM towards more sustainable practices in its operations and educational mission. The Committee is made up of 3 students, 3 faculty, 3 staff, and 3 administrator, and is chaired by UM Sustainability Coordinator (Eva Rocke, an EVST alum). SCC meetings will be the first Fridays this semester (Oct. 3, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5) from 9am-10:30am in UC 329. All welcome. There is always a time for public comment in the agenda.

10. **Fast Track to Renewable Energy – Oct. 4**
    Paul Fenn, the inventor of Community Choice Aggregates (CCA’s), will speak about how this innovation can dramatically speed up our transition to renewables. CCA’s are enabled through legislation; afterwards, any municipality in the state can choose to create an Energy Office and begin determining where their electricity comes from.
    **When:** Saturday, October 4, at 7 pm
    **Where:** JRPC Library

11. **Study in Central America this Summer! – info meetings on 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.
**INTERNSHIPS**

1. **Information Reception about internship opportunities in D.C. – Oct. 7**
   Tony Cerise, the Director of Academic Seminars at the Washington Center for Internships, will explain the Washington Center internship program and meet individually with interested students. All UM students interested in internship opportunities in Washington, D.C. are invited to attend this information reception.
   **When:** Tuesday, October 7, at 4pm
   **Where:** Davidson Honors College, Room 120

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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. **Full-Time Permanent job with MT DNRC in Missoula – apply by Oct. 8**
   Primary role is to represent the state’s interests in the management of national forests and the implementation of federal forest and fire management policy in the state. May also engage in management of tribal and/or forest land administered by the USDOL Bureau of Land Management. [Click here for details](#).

2. **Part-time Communications & social media job – apply by Oct. 9**
   The Sage Grouse Initiative (SGI) part-time Communications and Social Media Specialist will work closely with the SGI Communications Director and Coordination Team. The Specialist should be able to work with WordPress, the CMS platform for the SGI website, and possess social media skills for effective posting on Facebook and Twitter, and for managing the SGI YouTube station. Full job description [here](#).

3. **Field Instructors for Environmental Ed in Costa Rica, Belize, Galapagos – apply by Oct. 26**
   Ecology Project International (EPI) is hiring instructors to teach outdoor environmental/conservation education in Costa Rica, Galapagos, and Belize. Courses run from mid-February through the end of July. The full job description and link to the application can be found [here](#).

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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

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1. Flu Shots available at Curry Health Center
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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND OTHER FUN EVENTS

1. All Native Comedy Tour at UM – Sept. 30
   Comedy troupe Rez Dogs & A Lady will perform at the University of Montana. The event is free and open to the public. The stand-up comedy performance is part of an inspirational all-Native comedy tour. The four troupe members are part of 49 Laughs Comedy, which was co-founded by Navajo comedy duo “James and Ernie Comedy.” More info here
   When: Tuesday, September 30, at 7 p.m.
   Where: the University Center Theater

2. Blackfoot Challenge’s 20th Anniversary Celebration – Oct. 4
   Over the last 20 years, the Blackfoot Challenge’s partnerships have amassed an impressive list of outcomes for the lands, wildlife and people of the Blackfoot watershed. Celebrate these accomplishments with live music, BBQ buffet, live & silent auctions, raffles, local beer, wine & great company!
   When: Saturday, October 4, at 5:30
   Where: The Saddle Club and Paws Up, Mile Marker 27, Greenough, MT

3. Submit your creative writing for award – by Oct. 17
   The Creative Writing Program at UM is now accepting submissions for the 2014 Merriam-Frontier Award. The annual writing competition is open to all undergraduate and graduate students enrolled at UM during fall semester 2014. The award was established by H.G. Merriam, UM professor of English and creative writing from 1919 to 1954, and consists of a $500 prize and publication of the winning entry as a chapbook. Read more here

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