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**GOOD NEWS ITEM**
1. Slotnick receives Alumni Impact Award from Professional Fellows Program in Washington, D.C. Josh Slotnick is receiving a Fall, 2015, Alumni Impact Award from the Professional Fellows Program in Washington, D.C., in November for his course through EVST and the Mansfield Center last year in Thailand over wintersession. Slotnick hosted Professional Fellows participant Payong Srithong in 2013 and traveled to Thailand in 2014. Josh is a Co-Founder of the Program in Ecological Agriculture and Society (PEAS) and the program's 10-acre vegetable farm at the University of Montana. He is also the Co-Founder of the non-profit Garden City Harvest in Missoula. Josh is a strong proponent of community-based agriculture, and worked with Srithong to create economic opportunities through agriculture for Burmese refugees on the Thai border. You may read the full U.S. Department of State announcement online. Congratulations, Josh!

2. Sustainable energy/ag group in Montana receives $100,000 grant. AERO (Alternative Energy Resource Organization) has just received a $100,000 grant from the US Department of Agriculture under its Farmers Market Promotion Program. The grant will allow AERO to continue to promote and expand our Abundant Montana Directory. Read more about the details and goals of the grant online and check out AERO's Abundant Montana Directory to see for yourself what our state has to offer.

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**AROUND EVST**
1. Grad Information Session this Thursday, November 5. This session is for both first and second year grad students. It covers both the EVST Thesis, Professional Paper, and Portfolio Process and how to apply for the Wyss Scholars Program for Conservation in the America West and the Brainerd Fellowships in EVST. Pizza will be served, while it lasts. WHEN: Thursday, November 5, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. WHERE: JRH 204 NOTE: This will be the only presentation of its kind this year.

2. Politico 50 includes UM and EVST grad alum, Mary Anne (Peine) Hitt.
Mary Anne (Peine) Hitt and her colleague Bruce Nilles have been included in Politico Magazine’s Politico 50 for 2015 for their leadership of the Sierra Club’s Beyond Coal Campaign. The magazine describes their list as their “guide to the thinkers, doers, and visionaries transforming American politics.” Read the duo’s profile online. Others included in this year’s list include: Pope Francis, Bernie Sanders, Janet Yellen, Justice Anthony Kennedy, and John Oliver. Congratulations, Mary Anne!

3. Art of EVSTers displayed at the Buttercup Café.
EVST grad student Adam Andis has been displaying his beautiful photos at the Buttercup Café during the month of October. Adam (who goes by Andis) has traveled extensively and photographed some of nature's most beautiful scenes. To view more of Andis's work, visit his Facebook page, Nunatak Design.
Soon Andis’s work will be replaced by the art work of EVST alum Claire Emery. You may view her work at Emery Art, and see it in person soon at the Buttercup.

4. Buttercup Café chef is EVST alum.
You can thank EVST alum Ian Finch for some of the great food at the Buttercup Café (1221 Helen, near UM). Ian graduated from the EVST undergrad program a few years ago and worked for a time in UM’s Farm to College program. Next time you are in the Buttercup, say hi. You’ll see quite a few other EVSTers working & eating there as well.

5. CLASS TIME CHANGE! ENST 530, Greening of Religion, for Spring, 2016, changes meeting time.
Dan Spencer’s Spring, 2016, ENST 530 course, “The Greening of Religion: Religion, Nature and the Environment,” will be taught MW 3:40-5:00 p.m. to avoid a conflict with ENST 515: Environmental Negotiation Mediation. If you are interested in taking Greening Religion, please email Dan.

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FEATURED EVENT (See www.umt.edu/conservationcalendar for more)
1. By popular demand, “This Changes Everything” continues at Roxy Theater through November 5. Missoula can’t get enough of “This Changes Everything,” so the International Wildlife Film Festival is sponsoring more showings of this inspiring documentary based on the best-selling book by Naomi Klein. The film looks at seven communities around the world with the proposition that we can seize the crisis of climate change to transform our failed economic system into something radically better. For specific dates and times, to purchase tickets, and for film details and trailer, visit The Roxy Theater website.
WHEN: Nightly through November 5, at 6 and 8 p.m.
WHERE: The Roxy Theater, 718 S. Higgins Avenue.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
1. Phone Bank to get citizens out to the public hearing on the NW Power Plan. November 3, 4, & 5. The Sierra Club needs volunteers to staff a phone bank to get citizens out to the public hearing on the Northwest Power Plan. We are asking volunteers to sign up for a two-hour shift and we still have 8 slots open. This type of direct grassroots activity is a great experience because it really shows how so much of political change boils down to unpaid volunteers giving their
precious time and energy trying to persuade their fellow citizens to take part in democratic
decision-making. To sign up, email Sierra Club representative David Merrill.

Pizza provided!
WHEREN: Choose Tuesday, Wednesday, and/or Thursday evenings, November 3, 4, and 5 from 5 - 9 p.m.
WHERE: Montana Conservation offices, 315 S. 4th Street, East (just down the hill from the Missoulian building.

2. **UM Debate Team seeks volunteers for high school speech & debate tournament. November 7.**
The UM debate team is hosting a high school speech and debate tournament. There will be over 400 high school students from around the state competing and we need approximately 200 volunteer judges. This is an excellent community service opportunity and serves as a valuable resume building activity for students. The group will provide meals for judges.

   To judge at this tournament, sign up online. For more information on place and time, email Tracy Valgento.
   WHEN: Saturday, November 7.

3. **Work day at Milltown State Park. November 8.**
Milltown State Park is Montana’s newest park, created on a cleaned up superfund site at the confluence of the Clark Fork & Blackfoot Rivers. Volunteers will help with weeding and planting. Work starts at 11:30 a.m. and will go to 3:30 p.m.; but you can stay for a portion of that if you need to leave.

   Bring drinking water, gloves, sunscreen, and snacks; wear sturdy shoes & dress warmly.
   RSVP via email or call (949) 338-2312 so they have enough tools and water.
   If you need directions to the meeting place at Park Overlook, Email them for questions or directions. To carpool from the Eastgate parking lot at 11:10 a.m., email Brian Davis or call (406) 531-2481.

4. **Help Missoula be the Garden City. Dig Days with 1000 New Gardens. November 8 and 15.**
1000 New Gardens (1KNG) is a UM student group dedicated to helping more Missoulians have food gardens (thus reviving the tradition of Missoula being Montana’s Garden City). 1KNG has put hundreds of gardens into the yards of Missoulians, toward their goal of 1000 new gardens (some day). In spring, they put in new gardens. In fall, they help gardeners put their gardens to bed for the winter. On November 8 and 15, there will be Fall ‘Dig Days’ doing just that.

   So how do you put a garden to bed? First, we take out their old plants. Then, we mix in compost which will develop over winter. Last, we cover the bed with straw to keep it insulated. Come prepared for cold and wet conditions; bring water bottles, work gloves, and wear clothes you can get dirty. For more information, email 1000 New Gardens.
   WHEN: Sunday, November 8 and 15, from noon to 3 p.m.
   WHERE: Meet at Kiwanis Park (across the river from UM) at noon.

5. **Comment on NW Power Plan by December 18 or at the hearing in Missoula on November 10.**
The Northwest Power and Conservation Council has developed a draft energy plan that will guide critical energy decisions and electricity resources, such as wind and solar power, in the states of Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon for the next 20 years.

   The Draft Seventh Northwest Power Plan is available for public comment until December 18th. The final plan will be released in February, 2016.
The Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC), which was started decades ago by EVST students, is calling on citizens to support the plan. More information on the plan and how to send comments may be found on the MEIC website.

You can learn more about the plan and give oral comments at the public hearing in Missoula:
WHEN: Tuesday, November 10, at 6:30 p.m.
WHERE: Double Tree Inn’s Blackfoot Room (just across the river from campus).

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

1. **Local Sustainability Activists explain energy, food, shelter, transportation. Begins November 3.**
   Local sustainability activists will speak on the UM campus about efforts to bring sustainable energy, shelter, water, transportation, and food to Missoula and Montana. Free & open to the public. All the talks will be held in UM’s Social Science building, room 352, from 3:40 to 5 p.m. on the following dates:
   - November 5 - Shelter - Steve Loken of Loken Builders.
   - November 10 – Water - Michelle Hutchins & Travis Ross of Missoula Water Quality District.
   - November 12 – Transportation - Jordan Hess, ASUM Transportation and Bob Giordano, MIST.
   - November 17 – Food - Josh Slotnick, UM PEAS farm, and Garden City Harvest.

2. **Big money in politics. What to do? November 4.**
   Will the Montana Disclose Act tell the voters who is spending big money in time? The Montana Disclose Act passed in 2015, but how will that information reach the voters in time? Follow the Money will help the Missoula Town Meeting learn what work needs to be done so Montanans can know who is paying for the ads that are influencing their votes. Pete Quist and Clara O’Neill from the National Institute on Money in State Politics will be on hand to offer their assistance. Missoula Moves to Amend will host the event.
   WHEN: Wednesday, November 4, at 7 p.m.
   WHERE: Missoula City Council Chambers, 140 West Pine.

3. **Talks on the pine beetle and deer mice/hanta virus. November 4.**
   Ryan Bracewell, UM grad student, will speak on "Neo-sex chromosome evolution and speciation in the mountain pine beetle."
   WHEN: Wednesday, November 4th, from noon to 1 p.m.
   WHERE: Interdisciplinary Sciences Building (ISB) 110.
   Angela Luis, UM grad student, will speak on "Density, diversity, and disease dynamics: Predicting hantavirus outbreaks in deer mice."
   WHEN: Wednesday, November 4, at 4:10 p.m.
   WHERE: Interdisciplinary Sciences Building (ISB) 110.

4. **Maclay Flat winter birds lure birdwatchers. November 7.**
   Five Valleys Audubon will explore Maclay Flat to look for new winter arrivals along the Bitterroot River. There will be two miles of walking along flat terrain through grasslands and a forested area and along an inland marsh. Anticipated species include Bald Eagle, Clark’s Nutcracker, and Red Crossbill, plus species of woodpeckers, nuthatches, waterfowl, and hawks. For more information, contact Terry at 214-1194.
   WHEN: Saturday, November 7, at 9 a.m.
WHERE: Maclay Flats parking area, just off Blue Mountain Road.

5. **Influences on bird diversity in western prairies and forests talk. November 9.**
   Vicky Dreitz, Director of the Avian Science Center at UM, will speak at the next program of Five Valleys Audubon. She will provide examples of factors influencing diversity of avian populations in two western US ecosystems: landownership in prairie systems and pine beetle outbreaks in forest systems.
   WHEN: Monday, November 9, at 7:30 p.m.

6. **Be a delegate in Mock UNFCCC Climate Negotiations. December 1 and 3.**
   You may not be able to be in Paris for the “real” climate negotiations, but you can take part in an exciting Mock UNFCCC Climate Negotiation right here on campus. As part of the Energy and Climate Honors class (ENST 291), participants will role play as delegates from a specific region of the world just as though they are actually at the talks in Paris. [For more on this exciting opportunity, email Peter McDonough.](mailto:)
   WHEN: Tuesday and Thursday, December 1 and 3, from 9:40 – 11:00 a.m.
   WHERE: Education Building, room 214.

7. **LeadershipU offered at UM in spring 2016. Apply now.**
   LeadershipU invites UM students to apply for the 2016 inaugural LeadershipU Certificate Program. The nine-week program is designed for UM students who are currently engaged in student leadership and/or community activism with their various organizations. Students will engage in facilitated discussions on the following topics: Community Building through Self-Examination; Servant Leadership; Social Justice and Activism; Interpersonal Skills; Active Listening; Conflict Resolution; Mindfulness; Self-Care; and Authentic Leadership. The mission of LeadershipU is to empower students to practice self-reflection, engage with peers, seek out social change, build better organizations, and cultivate community at UM and beyond. Upon successful completion of the program, each member will be awarded a LeadershipU certificate. LeadershipU will provide all books, journals, and materials for this self-reflective journey. We will also provide food and beverages at some of meetings.
   Students will meet on Tuesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. in the University Center, room 329. The first session will be held February 9, 2016. Participants must commit to this program by not missing more than 2 sessions (no sessions during Spring Break).
   [Find more information and application instructions on the LeadershipU webpage.](#)
   Successful applicants will be notified by December 4.

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**INTERNSHIPS**

1. **Earn money and study fish in Helena over winter break. Paid position. Apply by November 2.**
   The Hatchery Data Intern is exposed to all aspects of Fish Hatchery Culture within Montana. The position primarily involves data entry for the Hatchery Bureau. The successful applicant will work closely with the Hatchery Bureau Chief, Hatchery Managers and the Fish Culturists and will gain a broad exposure to activities at Fish Hatcheries throughout Montana which raise cold, cool, and warm water species. Familiarity with data management is preferred. The position
may include some Fish Culture practical experience. To apply, send cover letter, brief resume, and at least three references to E. Ryce.

2. **Women’s Voices for the Earth seeks Communications and Outreach Intern.**
   Women's Voices for the Earth is a national organization headquartered in Missoula, Montana. Our staff is small, diligent, and highly effective. We are seeking an intern who is dependable, extremely detail-oriented, highly organized, and efficient to assist our team with general communication and outreach task. This is a paid internship, 5-10 hours a week with the possibility of turning into a part-time communications and outreach assistant. Compensation is $10 an hour. Read the full details in the attached flyer. To apply, email Beth a resume and cover letter. Review of applications will begin November 6 and remain open until filled. No phone calls please.

3. **Political Affairs Internship, focused on combatting international poverty.**
The Borgen Project offers a handful of telecommute internships that can be done from anywhere in the world. These positions operate independently, but must meet weekly deadlines, attend meetings via conference call, and submit frequent reports. All positions are unpaid, but college credit is available. The Political Affairs Internship is a part-time, 14 hours per week telecommuting internship. Duties include: conducting lobbying meetings with Congressional offices; building support for key legislation that impacts the International Affairs Budget and the world's poor; representing The Borgen Project at various business, political, and community events; assisting with fundraising- must create a personal fundraising campaign and meet targets; mobilizing individuals to contact their members of Congress in support of key poverty-reduction legislation; as needed: speak to groups, classes and organizations; writing letters of support for key programs to political leaders, media and other groups. Qualifications include outstanding writing skills; strong oral communication skills; and the ability to lead meetings and give speeches. Visit The Borgen Project Internships page to apply.

4. **Opportunity for publication with Political Affairs Internship.**
Similar to the previous internship, The Borgen Project offers a handful of telecommute internships that can be done from anywhere in the world. These positions operate independently, but must meet weekly deadlines, attend meetings via conference call and submit frequent reports. All positions are unpaid, but college credit is available. The Writer Internship is a part-time, 12 hours per week telecommuting internship, and a great opportunity to have your articles published on a website with over 100,000 monthly visitors. The selected candidate will be able to work from home and pick their own schedule, but must meet weekly deadlines. Articles submitted will appear on the online Borgen Magazine or The Borgen Project Blog. Duties include: writing three articles per week; assisting with advocacy efforts; assisting with fundraising and attending a national conference call every Monday at 5 p.m. EST. Qualifications include: strong research and writing skills; experience working in a newsroom is preferred but not required. To apply, visit The Borgen Project Internship page.

**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. Montana Conservation Corps looks to fill staff and AmeriCorps positions for the 2016 season. The Montana Conservation Corps (MCC) is currently recruiting for the following positions: Program Manager, based in Helena; three Field Coordinators, two based in Bozeman and one in
Helena; and 2016 Field Crew Leaders, statewide. Detailed position information is available on the MCC website. These positions are a great way for someone to start or continue their time with MCC. For more information, call Joy Davis at (406) 587-4475.

2. Ecology Project International is hiring field instructors for the February - August 2016 season. Ecology Project International (EPI) is hiring instructors to teach and lead 4 to 12 day environmental education and ecology field courses in different countries. Instructors are responsible to plan, lead, and instruct quality experiential education programs to a diversity of multinational high school students. Instructors are also responsible for the overall course leadership, education, and the physical and emotional safety of EPI participants. Strong candidates will have a bachelor’s degree or higher in related field, at least 1 year of previous experience in group leadership and/or environmental education, field research experience in biology or ecology, and current WFR certification. Applicants to Costa Rica and Galapagos program must be fluent in both Spanish and English. Ideally, instructors are hired for complete seasons that run from February through July/August. Positions are open until filled. Complete job descriptions and application instructions are available on the EPI Jobs page. Email Dave at EPI with any questions.

**HOUSING**

1. Two bedroom house available December 1. Great location. Historic two bedroom house available December 1, or possibly sooner. Situated on a quiet, dead end street on the Clark Fork River next to Bess Reed Park downtown, the house has two bedrooms, two bathrooms, and two kitchens. Rent is $1000/month, which includes water/sewer/trash. This is a great location near campus and right on the river trail bike/pedestrian path. You would be taking over the current lease, which runs through August 31, 2016, with the option to renew. Pets are possible with deposit. It’s a great spot, come check it out! Call Kelsey Patterson at (406) 529-4459, or email her if you are interested.

**RESOURCES**

1. Recommended reading: The Boom. Rosalyn La Pier recommends “The Boom – how fracking ignited the American energy revolution & changed the world” by WSJ journalist Russell Gold. Rosalyn says, “It is educational and disturbing all at the same time. It is more a history of the energy industry (including alternatives to fossil fuels) in the past 40+ years, the players (various biographies), companies, NGOs (Sierra Club does not come out too good), and the role of fracking within that history.”

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND OTHER FUN EVENTS**

1. Help Save the Free-Flowing Rio Jondachi of the Amazon. November 3. EVSTers Chandra Brown and Sean Doty have organized a pint night fundraiser to celebrate and support WILD & SCENIC RIVERS all over the world. Raffle tickets will be sold for $10 each for a chance to win a season pass to Lost Trail Ski Area, gear from local kayak and ski shops, photos by the brilliant AZ Andis, and many more prizes. Fifty cents from every pint sold during the event
will go toward the preservation of the Jondachi. For more info, email Chandra Brown or Sean Doty.
WHEN: Tuesday, November 3, from 5 – 8 p.m.
WHERE: Draught Works Brewery, 915 Toole Avenue.

Café Dolce will donate a portion of all sales the evening of November 3 to the Selway-Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation.
WHEN: Tuesday, November 3, all evening.
WHERE: Café Dolce, 500 Brooks Street.

The annual DiverseU symposium at UM will feature a free performance by Native American sketch comedy group, The 1491s. The group will also present an educational session about Native American representation in the media at noon the same day in the UC Theater. The 1491s use cultural and political satire to poke fun at how Native Americans are perceived by non-Natives and to address taboo topics in their own communities. The group rose to fame nationally after appearing on “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart” in a 2014 segment that debated the Washington Redskins.
The events are part of DiverseU. You may read more about The 1491’s performance on UM News.
WHEN: Wednesday, November 4, at 7 p.m.
WHERE: UC Ballroom.

This Newsline prepared by Vicki Watson and Theresa Duncan. Please send any comments here.