"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." John F. Kennedy.

Happy Thanksgiving! We hope this holiday is filled with fun, laughter, delicious food, and gratefulness.

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GOOD NEWS ITEM

1. Missoula has a new solar coop.
   Missoula Electric Cooperative is following close on the heels of Ravalli Electric Co-op and Flathead Electric Co-op with the announcement of their own 50 kilowatt community solar project. [Read more on MEC's solar project in the Missoulian.](#)
   Congratulations to MEC!

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

1. **Vigil for Paris Climate Talks. November 29.**
   350 Missoula and the Rankin Peace Center are sponsoring a sunset vigil the evening before the Paris Climate Talks start. You can add your voice to those all over the world calling for the Great Transition to a future powered by wind, water, and solar energy. We will resist going backwards: opening of new coal mines, new fracking fields, and new oil wells, which threaten our rivers, farmland, and neighborhoods with increased coal train traffic and the volatile "oil bomb trains."
   Instead, we will gather for a candle-light vigil on Downtown-to-North-Side pedestrian bridge in Missoula. Bring candles, headlamps, and flashlights to celebrate -- and illuminate -- our hopes for the future, Montana's vast potential for wind, water, and solar power.
   WHEN: Sunday, November 29, at 3:30 p.m.
   WHERE: The footbridge over the railroad tracks at the corner of Owen and Railroad Streets.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. **Meeting of group working to transform our energy system. Tonight! November 23.**
   The local Flood the System group invites everyone to attend this Flood the System gathering. Here you can learn more, share your thoughts, help organize the next action, or help with media communications. Their previous action was covered by KPAX in "Missoula Group Protests Coal Transport in Montana." For more info, [email John Wolverton.](mailto:John.Wolverton@missoulanet.com)
   WHEN: Monday, November 23, at 6 p.m.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

1. **Qualitative Research Tool Basics: NVivo. December 1.**
   Spend an hour learning the basic utility of the qualitative research software NVivo. This introduction will help attendees gain a greater understanding of the general functions of the software and how it may be applicable to their studies and/or research. We welcome faculty, students, and staff. This event is free but only 25 seats are available, so please RSVP to either [Christina Barsky](mailto:Christina.Barsky@umontana.edu) or [Hailey Duffin](mailto:Hailey.Duffin@umontana.edu) by November 29.
WHEN: Tuesday, December 1, from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
WHERE: Social Science Research Lab, Room 262, Social Science Building, UM.

Solarize Missoula is a new, not-for-profit program to increase solar installations in Missoula by offering great deals on solar and making it simple to go solar. Come to a Solarize Missoula workshop to: learn about pricing/tax benefits/financing, meet installers, and sign up for a free site assessment. Snacks will be provided!
WHEN: Tuesday, December 1, from 7:15 – 8:45 p.m.
WHERE: Missoula Public Library, Large Conference Room, 301 E. Main St., Missoula.

3. 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.
WHEN: Tuesday and Thursday, December 1 and 3, from 9:40 – 11:00 a.m.
WHERE: Education Building, room 214.

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INTERNSHIPS

The Crown Managers Partnership (CMP) is seeking an EVST grad student to assist with its Landscape Conservation Initiative, beginning Spring 2016 and continuing through Fall 2017 semester. The Landscape Conservation Initiative is an effort to develop climate adaptation and conservation information and tools to support coordinated management of natural systems and the human uses occurring within the Crown of the Continent Ecosystem between Missoula and Calgary. More information about the Crown Managers Partnership can be found on the Crown Mangers Partnership web page.
One EVST graduate student with strong research and writing skills is needed to support the project. Duties of the internship will depend on the skill set of the successful applicant. GIS skills and experience are a plus, but not required. The internship pays a stipend of $5000 for each of the two semesters and some funding will be provided for the summer of 2016 as well (currently under negotiation with CMP).
Please provide an up to 2 page letter of interest, detailing the skills and experience you can provide to the CMP Internship and a resume by 12 noon MST, January 11, 2016, to Len Broberg. Submit an e-mail signaling your intention to apply by 5 p.m. December 15, 2015, to the same address.

2. UM FLAT seeks two interns for Spring semester.
The UM FLAT is offering two internships for the Spring semester! Interns will work with residents on interdisciplinary projects. Past interns have focused on Urban Agriculture, Energy Conservation, and Media and Networking in the community, and the UM FLAT always welcomes new project ideas. The two interns can choose to work independently or together to design and execute a research-based project. This is a great opportunity for those interested in hands-on
experience and connecting with the University and greater Missoula community. More information and application instructions are available online.

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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. Be a Sustainable Transportation Ambassador. Paid position. Apply by November 29. ASUM Transportation plans to hire several student Sustainable Transportation Ambassadors (10-15 hrs a week, $9/hr). Duties: teach bicyclists safe, courteous, and legal riding techniques; teach motorists how to share the road safely with cyclists; respond to questions about bicycling/walking/busing and refer students, faculty, and staff to appropriate resources; organize campus events to communicate transportation safety and awareness including information stations and participation in events scheduled by other groups; offer knowledge regarding local routes and bus information; promote pedestrian activity and safe walking practices; conduct door-to-door canvassing; offer students personalized trip planning assistance. Read the full job description online.

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HOUSING

1. Charming cottage in lower Rattlesnake for rent.

   Fully furnished (including linens and kitchen supplies) charming 2 bedroom, one bath cottage in lower Rattlesnake. Great neighborhood within walking distance of University, downtown, hiking trails, parks and shopping. Newly remodeled kitchen, deck, hardwood floors. Washer and dryer included. Large fenced yard and off street parking. Six month lease with one month deposit and excellent references required. $1000 per month rent; landlord pays trash and water; tenant pays gas and electric. Available now thru mid-May. No pets please. Please email Candace.

2. Room for rent in nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath house.

   Room for rent with its own bath in a nice, newer home starting mid to late December. If location, bike-ability and quality matter, look no further! House is located two blocks from the riverfront trail, just east of Russell, and in walking distance to the Good Food Store. House is a warm, well-lit owner-occupied, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, with two living areas and a nice kitchen. Other features include: gas appliances and on-site laundry, gear storage in garage, porches, and a small yard with garden space. Rent is $435/month plus a share of utilities. Month-to-month lease with option to sign a longer commitment. Sorry, no pets at this time. The other housemates are both males in their mid-30s, active, clean, outdoorsy-types. One is a Ph.D. student and EVST alum (the owner) and the other a medical professional who works out of town. For questions or to schedule a showing, please email Peter Metcalf or call him at (406) 531 – 5098.

3. Two EVST alums seek housing between farm seasons.

   We are two EVST grad program alums looking for housing this winter between farm seasons, December through February, possibly extending into March. If you have a room or apartment to rent, or a place that needs house sitting, send us a line. We have lots of experience taking care of livestock and pets. Please email Caroline. Thanks.
4. **House for rent in Lower Rattlesnake, 2016.**
   Forestry professor Cara Nelson is looking for renters for a 2-bedroom furnished home on the east side of Greenough Park (1034 Monroe Street) while on sabbatical (January – December 2016). The house has an open floor plan with a large kitchen, dining room, and living room, and a fairly large back yard. Great access to the creek and trails. Move-in date could be as early as December 21st or as late as mid-January. She would ideally like to rent for the entire year, but would consider renting by the semester. [Email Cara Nelson for more information.](mailto:Cara.Nelson@pennstate.edu)

### RESOURCES

1. **Field guide to teaching sustainability available online. Free from Penn State.**
   Penn State’s [Field Guide to Teaching Sustainability](https://www.pennstate.edu/teaching-sustainability) was designed for the university's faculty to identify pedagogical opportunities to integrate sustainability education. The resources can be searched by titles, type of classroom engagement, topics and disciplines. It also contains an annotated list of sustainability education resources, including articles and essays, journals from across disciplines, and sustainability education coalitions.

2. **Three books you may want to read.**
   - *The Short Nights of the Shadow Catcher* is a biography of Edward Curtis, the famous ethnographer and photographer of Native peoples. He was passionate (manic?) in his many pursuits and a perfectionist, but also a terrible businessman. Most people already know part of the story of Curtis; he took over 40,000 photos and wrote over 4,000 pages on Native people, but he was never acknowledged during his own day. He died broke and alone. A very sad story. (Comment by Roz LaPier.)

   - *The Sixth Extinction* tells the story of the history of extinction. It is a travelogue of her visits across the globe to visit with various scientists to talk about their research to understand climate change, ocean acidification, human impact on species and extinction. This work is not at all wonky, but very easy to understand science. It reminded me a lot of Klein's "This Changes Everything." This book provides a general overview of the history of American science. (Comments by Roz LaPier.)

   - “As the World Burns: 50 Simple Things You Can Do to Stay in Denial” by Derrick Jensen & Stephanie McMillan, two of America's most talented activists, team up to deliver a bold, hilarious satire of modern environmental policy in this fully illustrated graphic novel. The US government gives robot machines from space permission to eat the earth in exchange for bricks of gold. A one-eyed bunny rescues his friends from a corporate animal testing laboratory. And two little girls figure out the secret to saving the world from both of its enemies. Inspiring readers to do what is necessary to stop geocide before it's too late. (Comments provided by Vicki Watson.)

3. **Grow your own furniture.**
   Watch this [video](https://example.com) to find out how to grow your own table and chairs.

### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND OTHER FUN EVENTS
1. **Make a Holiday Wreath of Local Conifers. Reserve your spot now for December 3 event.**
   Build a beautiful holiday wreath while learning about our local conifers. Learn how to create a base, attach boughs, and add ribbon. All materials are provided. Registration is required. Please call 327-0405. Visit [Montana Natural History Center's web page](#) for more information.
   **WHEN:** Thursday, December 3, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
   **WHERE:** Montana Natural History Center, 120 Hickory St., Missoula
   **Cost:** $10/$5 MNHC members. Registration is required. Please call 327-0405.

2. **Humanities Montana seeks new presentations. Honorarium and travel expenses provided.**
   Humanities Montana is looking for new presentations for its statewide programs Montana Conversations and Speakers in the Schools.
   Do you have an expertise in current events, public affairs, world cultures, history, literature, or other humanities topics? Would you like to lead interactive discussions with your fellow Montanans? The two programs offer high-quality programs to community organizations and schools across the state, paying speakers an honorarium and travel expenses.

   The [online application](#) is due December 15, 2015. We evaluate applications on humanities content, demonstrated speaking ability, public appeal of the topic, and relevant humanities expertise of the presenter. New programs will become available to the public as of July 1, 2016.

3. **Flathead Wild Art Exhibit in Kalispell. Now until spring.**
   A coalition of environmental groups from Canada and the US has been working to promote expansion of Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park by protecting one third of British Columbia's portion of the Flathead River Valley. In the summer of 2012, six artists camped, hiked, and sketched to capture their artistic impressions of the proposed new National Park area for this exhibit.
   Harvey Locke is editor, co-curator and co-author of "Yellowstone to Yukon: the Journey of Wildlife and Art", a continent-spanning exhibition of wildlife art housed at the National Museum of Wildlife Art in Jackson Hole, WY, and the Whyte Museum in Banff, Alberta. Call 756-8381 for more information.
   **WHEN:** now through spring.
   **WHERE:** The Museum at Central School, 124 Second Ave. E., Kalispell.

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