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**GOOD NEWS ITEM**
1. UM Dining exceeds $1 million in local food purchases.
   UM Dining has surpassed $1 million in local food purchases this past year for the first time since the 2003 inception of its Farm to College Program. For fiscal year 2015, UM Dining purchased $996,099 from FTC partners and more than $5,000 of food grown in UM Dining’s garden, totaling more than $1 million. UM Dining Director of Marketing, Sam Belanger, said the FTC Program highlights UM’s dedication to state and local economies while providing fresh, healthy food to the campus community. Read the full article on [UM News](https://www.umnews.montana.edu/um-dining-exceeds-1-million-in-local-food-purchases).

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**AROUND EVST**
1. **Important Graduation Reminder!** December 2015 graduates must apply by September 18!
   This is a reminder that anyone planning to graduate this December 18, 2015, needs to apply to graduate no later than Friday, September 18, 2015. The application is available online. Late applications will only in extreme cases this year.
   Also, students writing a professional paper, thesis, or dissertation (ETDP), should refer to the [Graduate School website](https://www.um.edu/en/graduate), and go into CURRENT STUDENTS for helpful information and procedures.

2. **Soil scientist to discuss farming & climate change in lecture at UM.** September 23.
   Warren Wilson College environmental studies Professor Laura Lengnick will present the lecture “Resilient Agriculture: Farming in a Changing Climate.” Lengnick is an agronomist and soil scientist, as well as an educator, policymaker, activist, and researcher, who focuses on the ways sustainable agriculture and food systems enhance communities. She was the lead author of the U.S. Department of Agriculture report “Climate Change and Agriculture in the United States: Effects and Adaptation,” which was included the third National Climate Assessment. Lengnick also is a climate resilience planning consultant with Fernleaf Solutions and researcher with the Local Food Research Center in Asheville, North Carolina. She has led the academic
program in sustainable agriculture at Warren Wilson College for more than a decade. This lecture is free and open to the public.

Sponsors of the lecture include the UM Environmental Studies Program, UM Dining, the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at UM, Montana Audubon, the UM Office of Sustainability, UM International Conservation and Development Program, UM Resource Conservation Program, Climate Smart Missoula, Alternative Energy Resources Organization and the Community Food and Agriculture Coalition.

For more information, email UM Environmental Studies Professor Neva Hassanein.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 23, at 7 p.m.
WHERE: UC Theater, UM Campus.

Please join EVST & others for "What Can I Do?" Spaceship Earth on Monday, September 28, at 7 p.m. at UM’s North Underground Lecture Hall.
"Spaceship earth is not really a metaphor: we've got one planet, and it's experiencing unprecedented mechanical difficulties. This presentation helps remind us how we can do our part to get it back on course." - Bill McKibben, best-selling author and founder of 350.org

Billboard Magazine award recipient Laurie Dameron says her profound connection with nature is the inspiration behind her presentation “What Can I Do?” Spaceship Earth. Combining her love of art, music, and nature, Laurie has created a multimedia production with simple ideas that will compel you to action. She features the stunning photography of renowned John Fielder and Karl Snyder and the trailer for Colorado’s own Suzan Beraza’s award-winning documentary “Bag It.” Dameron delivers in a unique way that it is essential for us to stop being a “disposable society.” Her song “What Can I Do?” made it to the top ten finalists in the 2011 Tipperary World Peace Song Contest. More recently she passed the first round of auditions for America’s Got Talent in Denver in December of 2013.

This is a fun way to be inspired to be better stewards and offers simple solutions for us to take immediate action! More information can be found on the What Can I Do? Facebook page.

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

1. Celebrate Farm to College at the UM Fall Festival. Wednesday, September 16.
This annual event features great local food prepared by UM Dining’s gourmet chefs! View the menu and all the information online.
Cost: General public $11.25; students with meal plans $3.50.
WHEN: Wednesday, September 16, from 5 to 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: UM Oval.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. Get involved with Camas magazine. Informational meeting September 15.
Want to be part of a long-running, much-loved, environmental literary magazine? Want to have your name linked to literary icons like David James Duncan, William deBuys, Rick Bass, Wendell
Berry, Annick Smith, Bill McKibben, Ellen Meloy, and Janisse Ray? Then come get involved with Camas!

Camas, the EVST literary magazine, is currently seeking board members to serve on our nonfiction, fiction, and poetry boards. Attend the informational meeting to see how you can get involved. There will be snacks. Want more information or can’t attend the meeting? Just email Camas editors Lauren Smith and Chandra Brown.

WHEN: Tuesday, September 15, at 6 p.m.
WHERE: FLAT Studio, 633 5th Street East, in alley.

2. UM’s Volunteer Fair. September 15 – 16.
UM’s fall Volunteer Fair is this week in the UC Atrium. Nearly 30 representatives from different nonprofit organizations will be on campus to recruit volunteers. A wide variety of service areas in the community will be represented including the YWCA, Watershed Education Network, Flagship after school program, and many more.

WHEN: Tuesday and Wednesday, September 15 & 16, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
WHERE: UC Atrium.

Friends and volunteers are invited to come to the FLAT and participate in minor construction, food processing, and landscaping projects. Get acquainted early in the semester with us, the new FLATmates, and join in our dialogue about sustainable living projects for the year. Stop by, because any help is greatly appreciated and refreshments will be served. If you have questions, please email Tess Scanlon or Chris Reed.

WHEN: Saturday, September 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
WHERE: The FLAT, 633 S. 5th Street East.

4. MontPIRG invites all environmental/sustainability groups to Strategic Planning Event. Sept. 22.
MontPIRG invites all environmental/sustainability groups on campus to attend a Strategic Planning Event Tuesday, September 22. This will allow these groups to come together and discuss how we can work together on common goals. You can view the Agenda for Strategic Planning Event online. In addition, please fill out our sustainability questionnaire so all groups have a clearer idea of other groups’ sustainable goals. Finally, please send your group’s regular meeting times/place via email to Katy Westhoff. She can also answer your questions.

WHEN: Tuesday, September 22, from 4 to 8 p.m.
WHERE: UC Alumni Board Room.

5. Pick Fruit, Eat Fruit, Make Cider, Help Bears.
The Great Bear Foundation is looking for volunteers to help with our yearly Bears & Apples Program to glean fruit and reduce this bear attractant in the Missoula area. Volunteers get to keep as much fruit as they like and can use our cider press. It’s a fun way to get outside and help keep bears safe while making use of a healthy, local food source! To volunteer, email Elissa Chott, our Bears & Apples Coordinator (and EVST grad student), or call her at (406) 829-9378.

6. Urban Herbs seeks volunteers to put herb garden to bed for winter.
Urban Herbs needs a few hardworking individuals that can run a rototiller and/or like to dig in the soil and grass to help put the garden to bed for the winter. Volunteers benefits. Since the Volunteer Learning Days are most Sundays from 10 - 5, lunch with learning happens at 1 p.m.
You get to see 140 herbs growing sustainably and get credit, if you take advantage of the internship opportunities available. For more information, visit the Urban Herbs internship page. You can also call or text Lori at (406) 529-3714.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

1. **Transition Streets comes to Missoula.** Monday, September 14.
   Transition Missoula is a project that involves helping neighborhoods adopt simple living, resource sharing, and collaboration for resilience, helping Earth to thrive by lowering CO2 emissions and transcending less compelling priorities of modern life. Prospective participants are invited to join Transition Missoula by emailing Claudia Brown or calling her at (406) 728-6049. Copies of the Transition Streets Handbook will be available to view and purchase at the next meeting, which you are invited to attend.
   WHEN: Monday, September 14 at 7 p.m.
   WHERE: Missoula Public Library, large meeting room.

2. **Transboundary Perspectives on Climate Change and Collaboration.** September 15.
   Global climate change crosses all borders, affecting lives both here in Montana and across the globe in Southeast Asia. Join some of Southeast Asia’s promising next generation of leaders and their partners in Montana as they discuss ways to collaborate to address the challenges of climate change. A special offering of the U.S. Department of State. [View the full Fall 2015 Mansfield Center Brown Bag Lecture schedule online.]
   WHEN: Tuesday, September 15, at 12:10 p.m.
   WHERE: University Center 330/331.

3. **Homeword & Garden City Harvest celebrate 10 year partnership.** September 16.
   Homeword builds affordable, sustainable housing projects. Over 10 years ago, they heard from the people they serve that such housing should have space for food gardens. They partnered with Garden City Harvest to make that happen – and the result was the Orchard Gardens housing project. This partnership offered GCH land security, so they could invest and develop a neighborhood farm, community garden (with four ADA accessible plots), an orchard of fruit trees, medicinal herb and flower garden, and a kids’ garden. In a straw bale community room, GCH offers their Volunteer for Veggies program, kids’ gardening and cooking classes, adult cooking classes and a farm stand for Orchard Gardens’ residents where EBT cards are accepted. Orchard Gardens brings direct benefits to the families that live on the property and direct benefits to the greater community.
   Please RSVP by emailing RSVP by emailing Jessica or calling (406) 532-4663.
   WHEN: Wednesday, September 16 from noon to 1 p.m. for tours and refreshments.
   WHERE: 210 N. Grove Street, Missoula.

4. **CFAC’s Final Field Day at County Rail Farm in Dixon.** September 16.
   Community Food and Agriculture Coalition (CFAC) will hold their final field day at the County Rail Farm in Dixon. Field days are free, farmer-led, on-farm events geared towards people who are just at the beginning of their farm exploration - interns, folks thinking about starting a farm in the near future, and those who are just getting started. Of course, beginning and established farmers and ranchers are welcome, too!
Started in 2010 by Margaret De Bona and Tracy Potter-Fins, County Rail Farm is a diversified vegetable farm that has rapidly made a name for itself. With some of the earliest asparagus around, great marketing materials, and their own branded lettuce mixes sold in stores around the state, Tracy and Margaret have a lot of knowledge to share. Their field day will focus on sharing their expertise in marketing, farming efficiently, and selecting the right crops and varietals for your operation. You can check out County Rail Farm on Facebook or on their website. Register online for this event. (Even though it is past the deadline, CFAC wants you to know there will be room for you!)

WHEN: Wednesday, September 16, from 3 – 7 p.m., including a pot luck dinner
WHERE: County Rail Farm, 10 Pommes de Terre Lane, Dixon, Montana.

5. **Bat Seminar with Sharon Swartz. Wednesday, September 16.**
Sharon Swartz of Brown University presents "Bats aren't birds or bugs: skin, stretching, sensing, and spindles in evolution’s youngest flapping flyers."
WHEN: Wednesday, September 16, at 4:10 p.m.
WHERE: Interdisciplinary Science Building (ISB) 110.

6. **UM Faculty to talk about the environment & economy on the radio. Next date: September 16.**
Faculty from UM’s Department of Political Science will appear monthly on a morning radio show in a new collaboration with KGVO News Talk Radio. “UM Political Science on the Radio” airs from 8:30 to 10 a.m. during the “Talk Back” show, hosted by Jon King and Peter Christian. The talks will continue through the academic year on the third Wednesday of each month and occasionally on other days. The upcoming shows include 2 focused on the environment. The full details are available on the UM News web page.
   - September 16: Paul Haber, “A Live View from Latin America”
   - November 18: Peter Koehn, “Climate Change and the Upcoming UN Climate Talks”
   - December 16: Jeff Greene, “Federal and State Budgets”

7. **Watch the CSKT-Montana Compact live screencast. September 16.**
Arne Wick of the Water Resources Division of the MT DNRC focuses on the implementation of the water rights compact that was made law this year between the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, the state of Montana, and the United States. Mr. Wick will be discussing this monumental compact in a live screencast.
Watch live screencast at MSU's Rough Cut Science series online.
WHEN: Wednesday, September 16 at 12 p.m.

Besides being one of the core values stated in UM’s strategic plan, sustainability is something many of us seek to support and create in the world around us. UM’s progress to date is the result of committed students, faculty, and staff and we have accomplished great things over the last several years. There is always more to do and to learn!
Join your UM friends for a two-hour session that explores what “sustainability” looks like at UM, what creative approaches we each can take to improve the sustainability of our departments and offices, and to be inspired! Following the workshop there will be an optional campus tour highlighting projects on campus that improve the sustainability of our food systems, reduce our energy consumption, and create healthier work spaces.
Facilitator Eva Rocke (EVST alum) is the UM Sustainability Coordinator. She facilitates campus-wide sustainability efforts, including the implementation of greenhouse gas reduction strategies, exploration of renewable energy possibilities for UM, carbon offset purchasing, and various other projects to help UM reach its carbon neutrality goal. Her work also includes engaging students, faculty, and staff in all of these efforts and making the social and economic dimensions of sustainability part of UM’s sustainability vision. Sign up for the SustainableUM Workshop online.

WHEN: Thursday, September 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (includes 1/2 hr. optional tour)
WHERE: UC 332/333

   Open discussion with Jim Furnish, former USFS Deputy Chief, about the future of our national forests and his new memoir.
   View the new 30-minute video documentary “Seeing the Forest,” about a West Coast national forest’s transition in the wake of the spotted owl crisis.
   Panel: Jim Furnish, Debbie Austin, former Lolo National Forest Supervisor, Daniel Kemmis-former Missoula Mayor, and Orville Daniels, also former Lolo National Forest Supervisor.
   Sponsored by: UM College of Forestry and Conservation, the UM student chapter of the Society for Ecological Restoration (UMSER), and the EVST Department.
   WHEN: Thursday, September 17, from 7 – 9 p.m.
   WHERE: UM Native American Studies Building, Room 105.

10. Tours of cleanup of Blackfoot headwaters superfund site. September 19, October 3 and 17.
   Join the Montana Department of Environmental Quality and Helena National Forest staff for a tour of the cleanup underway at the headwaters of the Blackfoot River. This year marks the 40th anniversary of the dam failure that sent 200,000 cubic yards of metals-laden tailings downstream. This summer, the dam will be removed. Come witness this historic cleanup and learn about the history of the Mike Horse Mine, tailings excavation, and repository construction.
   WHEN: Tour dates are September 19 and October 17, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
   WHERE: Participants will meet at Hooper Park in Lincoln (east end of town across from the school) to board vans for the tour.
   RSVP online (required). Space is limited. Reserve your spot now.
   Note: Vicki Watson has also organized a tour for UM students on Saturday, October 3, as part of a day long tour of restoration & reclamation projects on the Blackfoot.

   Interested in teaching experiential science or collecting citizen science data? Watershed Education Network (WEN) has got you covered! Our stream monitoring training instructs you in our curricula and protocols. This training will cover all you need to know for volunteering on our School Stream Monitoring field trips and/or our citizen science Stream Team! RSVP to confirm your spot at this training by emailing WEN or by calling (406) 541-9287.
   Meet us at the park pavilion on one of the following dates and times:
   Saturday, September 19, from 1 – 4:30 p.m.
   Wednesday, September 23, from 4 – 7:30 p.m.
   Saturday, September 26, from 1 – 4:30 p.m.

MPG Ranch is managed to benefit wildlife. On this tour, you will learn about the ranch’s current projects and long-term goals. The driving tour is limited to accessible roads and by weather. Plan to spend some time walking and dress for the weather. The tour is limited to 6 participants. Please contact us to register. We will reply with directions. We hope you enjoy your time on MPG Ranch. You may encounter old barbed wire, metal or wood, uneven terrain, and other potential hazards. Please use good judgment to avoid injury. Email Joshua Lisbon to register or with any questions.

WHEN: Tuesday, September 22, from 1 - 3:30 p.m.

During his State of the University Address, UM President Royce Engstrom mentioned a new initiative to encourage more UM students to consider entrepreneurship as a viable future, regardless of their area of study. A group of leaders from the School of Business Administration and UM’s Blackstone LaunchPad aims to encourage more women – in all majors and at all levels – to consider entrepreneurship. They are running a semester-long program at UM and are requesting help from the campus community to identify and personally reach out to passionate students of any gender. These students should be highly innovative go-getters or students with high potential, who may be unsure of their particular direction in school or life. Additionally, the group encourages UM students, staff, and faculty to attend a kick-off event for the initiative from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 23, in the Masquer Theatre of the Performing Arts and Radio/Television Center. RSVP at RSVP online. UM alumna Debby McWhinney, a Charter Day Award winner, will deliver the keynote address. The group has a goal to have at least 300 students personally invited to participate, with 100 of them attending the kick-off event. They want a vibrant mix of about 30 students from all majors and levels to be involved in the semester-long initiative, which will include one-on-one mentoring, one credit of coursework and training in entrepreneurship through the Blackstone LaunchPad.
For more information, please direct questions to Jakki Mohr's email.

14. Wilderness Management Distance Education Course. Few spots remain. Deadline September 23.
This Wilderness Management Planning course is designed to meet the needs of a broad range of students from wilderness professionals, outdoor recreational planners and educators, to members of conservation groups and interested citizens. The course will explore basic planning theory, planning concepts, and effective plan writing. A substantial part of this discussion is the role of public participation in planning. It also discusses differences in planning among the four federal land management agencies, with a comparison of the philosophy and application of each. Credit offered through the University of Montana, Missoula. Course Dates: October 5, 2015–January 29, 2016.
More course details are available online.

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)
The National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance and UM College of Forestry and Conservation's Wilderness Institute are seeking two planning assistants for the National Wilderness Workshop, which is being hosted at UM October 28-31, 2015. The position runs from Sept. 21st to Nov. 6th.
A stipend of $1,700 will be provided upon successful completion of the full work term. Internship credit is available.

To apply, a cover letter and resume (two pages or less) must be submitted via email to Eric at Wilderness Alliance by Wednesday, September 16. Email Andis with any questions you have.

2. Arthur Carhart National Wilderness Training Center seeks work study office assistant. The successful candidate must be eligible for and awarded current Work Study award. This assistant provides support to staff with copy work, assembling training folders and binders, data entry, general office support. Knowledge of Microsoft Office products is beneficial (Word, Excel, Access, etc.) is necessary.

To apply, you will need to submit a resume with references, cover letter, class schedule, and availability.

If interested, contact Holly at hollymetzger@fs.fed.us email Holly Metzger.

FUNDING SOURCES

1. EVST Byron & Bernice Dawson Awards calls for applications. The EVST Program seeks applications for B & B Dawson Memorial Fund awards to be made for Fall 2015 and/or Spring 2016. To be eligible to apply, you must be enrolled for credit in the Autumn 2015 semester and have completed a minimum of one semester in the EVST graduate program. Check your UM email for the full announcement.

Application deadline is October 1.

HOUSING

1. Housing sought for Visiting Writer in Spring.

Visiting writer at UM and husband seek a 1-2 bedroom house in walking distance of UM campus from February 1 to May 6, 2016. Our price range is under $2000 a month, including utilities. Please email Sharman Apt Russell.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND OTHER FUN EVENTS

1. EVST Grad Student Apples and Beer Potluck. September 16.

Bring apples, drinks, friends, and maybe even some food! Morgan Vinyard is hosting this welcome-back, get-to-know-you potluck.

WHEN: Wednesday, September 16, from 6 – 8 p.m.
WHERE: 438 S. 5th Street East.


As summer comes to a close, don’t despair. Celebrate the fun you had recreating on your favorite rivers! Join us for a Boaters’ Bash and share your stories of fishing, rafting, swimming, and enjoying Montana’s rivers this past summer.
There will be giveaways, raffle prizes from Costa, Simms, Keen, and more! Also, we will show awesome river videos, including a special showing of the award winning short film, "The Important Places."

Bring your friends and help us celebrate our cherished rivers.
WHEN:  Friday, September 18, at 6 p.m.
WHERE:  Thomas Meagher Bar, 130 W. Pine Street, Missoula.

3. **Imagine Fest, the Center for Community Transformation’s Grand Opening, September 19.**
Imagine Nation and the Center for Community Transformation will have an all-day public celebration (Imagine Fest) on Saturday, September 19, that will feature multiple educational events and music from some of Missoula's best bands (WarTime Blues, Local Yokels). There will be local food vendors, info booths, family activities, art, and workshops. The Center will be available to groups and individuals for workshops on skills to address local & global challenges.
WHEN:  Saturday, September 19, from noon to 8 p.m.
WHERE:  1151 W. Broadway, Missoula.

4. **Ask your doctor is Nature is right for you.**
Hilarious video.  This commercial sells prescription strength nature as a cure for what ails you (scroll down to the video).

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