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**GOOD NEWS ITEM**
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Jamie Rogers’ article in the Missoula Independent (2-18-2016) is a welcome change from UM’s recent headlines. It features UM Dining, the Farm to College Program, and the important role of EVST in those efforts. For more than a decade, UM Dining staff have been working to feed the UM community in a more sustainable way. UM Dining now spends 1/3 of its budget ($1.2 million) on Montana food. UM Dining grows food on campus, hires students to study local food options, has hired a sustainability coordinator who sources local food, and buys energy efficient appliances and green cleaning products. UM Dining has a national reputation as a sustainability model. [Read the full article online in the Missoula Independent](#).

**AROUND EVST**
1. Wild Mercy Reading Series continues Thursday, February 25.
We hope you will join us for this week’s readers, Matt Hart and Sydney Cook.
Matt Hart is a native of Massachusetts who was an English major at Carleton College in Minnesota, and has live in Texas, Colorado, and New Mexico. He’s been a fifth-grade science teacher, a small-town sportswriter, a ski bum, and for many summers, a backpacking guide for the Boy Scouts in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains of New Mexico.
Sydney Hart is an environmental studies MS candidate in her first year at UM. She’s a non-fiction writer with a background in biology and experience teaching and practicing yoga. Her writing has been influenced by her time spent in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Northern Minnesota, an area threatened by proposed sulfide mining.
WHEN: Thursday, February 25, at 7 p.m.
WHERE: UM FLAT Studio (in alley), 633 S. Fifth Street East, between Arthur and Maurice.
FEATURED EVENT (See www.umt.edu/conservationcalendar for more)

1. Vandana Shiva at the University of Montana! Wednesday, February 24.
   Internationally renowned scientist, activist, and author Vandana Shiva will present a seminar and lecture. Speaking engagements have taken Dr. Shiva all over the world. We are extremely fortunate to have her in Missoula.
   She is one of the most prominent radical scientists and environmental activists in the world, with a storied record of opposition to biotechnology, genetic engineering, and other advances resulting from corporate-led globalization. Trained as a physicist at the University of Punjab, she did her Ph.D. work at the University of Western Ontario. Dr. Shiva later shifted to interdisciplinary research in science, technology, and environmental policy, which she pursued at the Indian Institute of Science and the Indian Institute of Management in Bangalore, India. In 1982, she founded an independent institute—the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology in Dehra Dun—dedicated to the study of ecology and social issues. The Foundation has made a practice of partnering with local communities and social movements. In 1991, she founded Navdanya, a national movement especially concerned about the protection of native seeds and the promotion of organic farming and fair trade. This initiative has resulted in the establishment of sixty seed banks. In 2004, she started Bija Vidyapeeth, an international college for sustainable living in Doon Valley, in collaboration with Schumacher College, UK. She is a board member of the International Forum on Globalization. In 1993, she received the Alternative Nobel Peace Prize (the Right Livelihood Award).
   This event is part of the President’s Lecture Series.
   She will speak on two topics:
   “Living Seed, Living Soil, and Earth Democracy”
   WHEN: Wednesday, February 24, at 3:10 p.m.
   WHERE: Gallagher Business Building, Room 123, UM Campus.
   AND
   “We Are All Seeds: Food Security and Environmental Sustainability”
   WHEN: Wednesday, February 24, at 8 p.m.
   WHERE: Dennison Theatre, UM Campus.

   This workshop takes place this Friday, February 26, and is part of the Seventh Annual Big Sky DocShop: Films for Change, February 22 – 26. EVST is a proud co-sponsor of this event. All events in this five-day conference are FREE to students. DocShop engages Missoula and the documentary community-at-large on the art and impact of filmmaking. This year’s focus is on media activism and documentary film as a catalyst for positive change. Filmmakers, activists, and nonprofits from across the country will discuss how films can produce impactful campaigns to shape our world.
   This Friday workshop was created with EVST in mind, but the whole week is an amazing line up of interesting workshops. Workshop leaders are in town for the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival, which continues through Sunday, February 28.
   WHEN: Friday, February 26, from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
   WHERE: UC Theater (third floor) on the UM Campus.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. UM Society for Ecological Restoration meeting. February 23.
UM SER meets in the Forestry Greenhouse. At 4:10 p.m., current officers and others interested in getting involved in SER leadership roles meet. At 5:10, there will be a BRIEF general meeting on plans for the semester. At 5:30, willing members will head to the UC to lobby for SER’s proposed ASUM budget. Find more information on the UMSER Facebook page or their page on the College of Forestry website.

The public is invited to a park planning workshop for the New Meadows Park, which is west of Missoula. This will be held at Hellgate School #4, 2385 Flynn Lane, in the Middle School lunchroom. (Please note: this is NOT Hellgate High which is near UM; this school is out west of Reserve). You can also provide input through this online survey. For more information, contact email G. Swanson.
WHEN: Wednesday, February 24, from 5:45 – 8:30 p.m.
WHERE: Hellgate School #4, 2385 Flynn Lane, Middle School lunchroom.

3. Winter wildlife tracking at MPG Ranch near Florence. February 27.
Help MPG with the winter carnivore surveys. This educational event will cover the basics of tracking including, foot morphology, gait, and non-track sign interpretation. No tracking experience necessary. Volunteers will backtrack animals and assist with the collection of DNA via hair samples and scat. Tracking is limited to 6 volunteers. Lunch and transportation are not provided for this event. Email Josh Lisbon for more information or to register or call (406) 396-6285. He will reply with directions.
WHEN: Saturday, February 27, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Help spark a community conversation on climate resiliency. Teams of three or more will work together to create art on 7’ freestanding panels made out of repurposed, hollow-core doors donated by Home ReSource. The project and show are intended to inspire a community conversation on what climate resilience and adaptation means to Missoula. This is a project of Climate Smart Missoula. Supplies are provided, and we encourage everyone to apply. View all the details on the Climate Smart Missoula’s call for submissions webpage. Please respond by February 29.

Blackfoot Challenge invites you to submit your finest photos of Blackfoot watershed wildlife, working lands, people, and landscapes for inclusion in our Annual Report. All entries will be showcased on our Facebook page. The top three “fan favorites” are the winners. Submission guidelines: photos must be a minimum of 300dpi or 1MB in size; please include the photographer’s name and photo caption with each entry; individuals must also submit one signed Photo Release Form; email inquiries and suggestions to photo@blackfootchallenge.org. Deadline for entries is Friday, March 4.

6. Want to help your neighborhood become more sustainable?
Transition Streets is a community-based project to help individual households cut waste and energy use. Program participants meet with their neighbors for seven sessions over a period of a few months to build a sense of community, and learn fun, easy ways to practice sustainable habits. Each session is guided by a chapter of the Transition Streets Handbook with info on how
to increase energy efficiency, cut waste, eat fresh and local, save money, and build a stronger community.

Want to see a Transition Streets group on your street? Awesome! Transition Streets is initiated and run by neighbors, so neighborhood leaders like you are the key to “living better together, one street at a time.”

Get more information by emailing Transition Missoula.

7. Help Montana Conservation Corps and a friend find each other and earn $50.
   Montana Conservation Corps is recruiting Youth Crew Leader (YCLs) and Veterans Green Corps (VGC) corps members. Know someone who fits? Refer them to our YCL or VGC position and receive a $50 referral bonus!
   -Referral bonus only available for Youth Crew Leader or Veterans Green Corps corps member positions
   -The referred person must apply via online application portal, complete the interview process, & list you as a referral source.
   -Maximum of 3 referrals for a total of $150; a total of 20 referral bonuses will be awarded
   Please email Kelly or call the MCC office (406) 587-4475 with any questions.

8. Missoula International Choral Festival seeks hosts and volunteers for July.
   The world comes to sing in Missoula every few years, thanks to the International Choral Festival (ICF). ICF is seeking hosts and volunteers for the upcoming Festival (July 13 – 16). If you are interested in hosting or volunteering, please sign-up on the ICF webpage. For more information on hosting, email Janet Palmer, or you may call or text (406) 274-0500.
   For more information on volunteering, email Tim Trigg or call or text (406) 208-7912.
   Choirs are coming from Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Estonia, Hong Kong, Kenya, the Philippines, Poland, the Republic of Georgia and Zimbabwe.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

1. Screening and case study of Walking in Oak Creek. February 22.
   Students for Peace and Justice is supporting the screening and case study of Walking in Oak Creek, a 30-minute film about the shooting of six Sikh worshippers and the resiliency of a Wisconsin community that decides to confront hate. The film will be shown as part of the Big Sky Documentary Film Festival DocShop Events and is free to UM and MSU students. The filmmaker, Patrice O'Neill will lead a discussion after the screening. For more information, visit the DocShop webpage.

2. Discussion about the role of “green” science fiction with Sharman Apt Russell. February 23.
   Award-winning nature and science writer Sharman Apt Russell says, “Writing about the future has always helped us illumine the problems and possibilities of now.” For this discussion/talk/party, bring your own ideas: what will Montana look like in 50 years? 100? 500? Sharman Russell is the Bill Kittredge Distinguished Visiting Writer and author of the new eco-sci-fi Knocking on Heaven’s Door, about a Paleoterrific future. For more information, please go to the event webpage.
   WHEN: Tuesday, February 23, from 7 – 8:30 p.m.
   WHERE: Fact and Fiction Downtown, 220 N. Higgins, Missoula.
3. **Preserving America’s Outdoor Romance w/ Parks, Wilderness, and wild places. February 23.**


   This year’s lecture series theme is "What’s the Wild Worth? The price of nature’s amenities through a 21st century conservation lens,” and takes place every Tuesday at 7:10 p.m. in UM’s Gallagher Business Building, Room 123. You may [view the entire series schedule online](#).

   All lectures are free and open to the public.
   WHEN: Tuesday, February 23, at 7:10 p.m.
   WHERE: Gallagher Business Building, Room 123.

4. **Large Dam Removals as Experiments in Fluvial Geomorphology & River Resilience. February 24.**

   Dr. Andrew Wilcox, UM Geosciences will give this presentation via live screencast. [Dr. Wilcox's research](#) entails field studies and modeling of river flow, sediment transport, and channel morphology. He is especially interested in relationships among geomorphic, hydrologic, and ecosystem processes; using geomorphology to assist quantification of ecosystem flow prescriptions in dammed rivers; sediment transport and channel response associated with dam removal; morphology and hydraulics in steep streams; and process-based approaches to stream restoration.

   WHEN: Wednesday, February 24, noon.
   WHERE: [Rough Cut Science online](#).

5. **Sprouting workshop at The Food Shed. February 25.**

   Join [1000 New Gardens](#) for a workshop on producing tasty sprouts at low cost. Bring your own wide mouth quart jar or $2 for a jar. Seeds provided.

   WHEN: Thursday, February 25, at 5 p.m.
   WHERE: The Food Shed, 516 North Avenue East.

6. **Adapting vacant urban land to green infrastructure that mitigates hazards. February 26.**

   Vacant urban land can absorb runoff, provide garden space, and some wildlife habitat. Environmental planners show case studies from Detroit and Baltimore.

   WHEN: Feb 26 from 11 am to noon Mountain time.
   To register for this webinar go to: [https://www.planning.org/nationalcenters/hazards/planninginformationexchange/](https://www.planning.org/nationalcenters/hazards/planninginformationexchange/)

   When directed to the landing page, click the register button under 'Upcoming Webinars'. Fill in the required information and click the submit button.

7. **Wintering birds of the Mission valley. February 27.**

   Got cabin fever? Get out and about with Five Valleys Audubon to view raptors and other wintering birds in the Mission Valley. Participants will depart from the northwest corner of UM’s Adams Center Parking Lot at 8 a.m. or at the Cenex station on the south side of Ronan at 9 a.m.

   This field trip will return to Missoula by 5 p.m. Dress warmly and bring a lunch.

   WHEN: Saturday, February 27.
   WHERE: Two meeting site choices. See above.

8. **Blacksmithing workshop with MUD. Saturday, February 27.**
Learn the basics of an ancient craft while you walk through the steps from heating the forge to creating your own metal product. There are two sessions to choose from. This workshop is one in a series offered by the Missoula Urban Demonstration Project.

WHEN: Saturday, February 27, 9 a.m. – 12 noon OR 1 – 4 p.m.
WHERE: 902 Stoddard Street, Missoula.

9. From Climate Despair to Joy: Embodying Your Love of Nature. (Fee) February 27.
EVST alum Katie Deuel and Jenny Mish offer this experiential workshop that begins by grounding ourselves in the inexplicable wonder of nature. We’ll consider our attachment to nature as a relationship requiring love and attention and share stories from the global-warming-themed Parliament of World Religions. Participants will leave with many practical tools for turning love of nature into joyful action and resilience. Sign up online at The Learning Center at Red Willow.
There is a $75 fee for this one-day workshop.
WHEN: Saturday, February 27, from 1 - 4 p.m.
WHERE: Red Willow Learning Center, 825 W. Kent, Missoula.

This year’s Missouri River Natural Resources Conference and BiOp Forum will be held in Great Falls, Montana from March 22-24. This conference has been held for over 20 years, and moves from state to state in the Missouri River Basin. Many of the presentations are concerned with recovery efforts for the T&E species on the Missouri River (pallid sturgeon, least tern, piping plover), but talks on all fish and wildlife species of the river, river geomorphology, riparian health, climate change impacts, and plant communities are encouraged. You are invited to attend. Please visit the conference registration site to learn more.
Last year’s program may be found on the website, and gives an idea of the types of talks and participants that come to the conference. Most attendees are from state or federal natural resource agencies.

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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)

Join us “Under the Big Sky” and participate in the Big Sky Employment Fair. Employers from a wide variety of industries attend this career fair to offer: full-time and part-time employment; internships; summer jobs; volunteer opportunities; and research positions. The Fair is an effective and inexpensive opportunity for recruiters to meet and interview qualified applicants. It is also a great opportunity for students to gain insight into employment opportunities and meet company representatives.
Registration for the Big Sky Employment Fair is open! Register by logging in to your GRIZ eRecruiting account, click on Career Events and the Register Link or visit our web site for more information at http://www.umt.edu/career/CareerFairs/bsef/default.php
WHEN:
   Employment Fair: Wednesday, February 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
   Second Day Interviews: Thursday, February 25.
WHERE: UC.

2. Full time job and part time job with home for young mothers & children. Apply by March 1.
Mountain Home Montana is a shelter and licensed mental health center for homeless young mothers and their children. We believe that taking care of the earth includes taking care of each other, and we're hiring for three new team members who believe the same, including a full-time residential program manager, a part-time case manager, and an overnight resident care coordinator. (Note: the executive director is an EVST alum –so they mean what they say about taking care of the earth).

Application Deadline is March 1. Start date is flexible. Full details for all positions are available on the Mountain Home Montana employment page.

3. **Streamflow Monitoring Technician summer job with the Clark Fork Coalition. Apply by March 4.**

   This position provides stream flow monitoring and data analysis for instream flow restoration projects. This includes assisting with all stages of stream monitoring including set up of monitoring sites in remote settings, data collection, equipment maintenance, data entry and analysis in the office. We monitor sites in a variety of settings including remote, rural or forest areas and private land. This position requires strong attention to detail, strict adherence to data collection protocols, and creativity in solving equipment problems in the field. CFC staff will train you and will provide support in field monitoring techniques, but you will be expected to work independently. For full details, including application instructions, please see the CFC webpage.

4. **Conservation lands research job with Missoula Parks and Recreation. Apply by March 11.**

   Missoula Parks and Recreation is hiring a Conservation Lands Attendant Research Assistant for the summer. The Research Assistant will support monitoring and research efforts in the areas of vegetation, recreation, and wildlife. Pay is $10.12/hour.

   Job duties: Assist with plant identification, data collection and analysis from research plots across Missoula’s Conservation Lands. This position requires ability to hike on steep terrain, work long days outdoors, use GPS units, and do computer data entry. It also requires punctuality and ability to work independently, maintain records, develop and follow a work schedule. Candidates will ideally be available 10 hours per week in April, and approx. 30 hours per week May thru July.

   A full job description is at A full job description is online. Scroll down to Conservation Lands Research Assistant and click on detail for the full job description. Click on apply at that web site to apply.

5. **Conservation/Communications Coordinator. Missoula Conservation District. Apply by March 18.**

   Missoula Conservation District seeks one full-time employee to fill the position Conservation and Communication Coordinator. The ideal candidate will be a qualified, enthusiastic, and driven individual. The office is here in Missoula and your supervisor would be EVST alum, Jen McBride. Minimum qualifications: Bachelor’s degree, two years relevant professional experience, valid driver’s license, and pass a background check.

   Duties, qualifications, and more are in the attached job description.

   SALARY: $14 to $16 per hour, plus benefits.

   Apply by 5 p.m., March 18, 2016.

6. **WildEarth Guardians seeks Communications Director. Apply by March 21.**

   **WildEarth Guardians** is looking for a creative person who can serve up big ideas that move the human heart and get them executed. A balance of designing, writing, and producing would be helpful, but creative thinking and doing is what should set you apart. If you combine a scheming sense of communications strategy with a thorough knowledge of environmental issues,
campaigns, and stakeholders in the American West, and if you enjoy batting the creative ball with a team of like-minded enthusiasts, we would like to hear from you. This position is full-time and based out of Denver, Santa Fe, or the Missoula office.

Go to the organization's website for a complete job description and application directions.

7. Organic Seed Alliance seeks Executive Director.
Organic Seed Alliance (OSA) seeks an E.D. to work closely with an experience staff and board who represent diverse backgrounds and experiences. While organic agricultural knowledge is desired, non-profit development and business management are the highest priority skills desired for this position. The E.D. directly supervises staff, many of whom work remotely from other states, and supports them in developing and executing projects that advance the success of OSA. The full job description is available online.
The desired location for this position is in the Pacific Northwest region.
To apply, send a cover letter, resume, and three references to OSAEDhire@gmail.com. No phone calls please.
This position is open until filled.

8. UM Recycling program needs student workers.
UM Recycling is in need of more student workers. Hours are flexible. Pay is minimum wage, but is a great service to the Earth. For a tour of the job, email the UM Recycling Coordinator Edi Stan. (Note: Edi is away until February 23.) In the meantime, you can email EVST alum and recycling worker, Jim Lyon.

FUNDING SOURCES
1. Win $10000 for your student group’s philanthropic fundraising efforts. Apply by March 11.
The Sillerman Center for the Advancement of Philanthropy works to engage more people in supporting social justice work. Generous U is a national contest to increase philanthropic giving by students. Generous U awards a $10,000 Prize (and a runner up prize) to college student groups who propose ways of increasing philanthropy on their campus. The Generous U contest spotlights student giving and its positive impact.
The competition is judged based on proposals and videos submitted by student groups, demonstrating how their project will increase philanthropy and/or philanthropic values on their campus.
Be sure to submit your Intent to Apply before submitting your application.
Contest rules and submission guidelines are available online.
For more information, visit the Generous U webpage.
Applications are due on Friday, March 11, 2016.

2. Funding for GIS projects. Apply by March 15.
Two scholarship opportunities are available to UM students that provide $1000 for GIS projects to be completed by the end of spring semester 2016. See the attachments for details.

RESOURCES
1. Garden City Harvest offers CSA shares from 4 sustainable farms in Missoula. Reserve yours now.
While each farm has its own unique flair, they all offer **CSA veggie subscriptions** that start in June and last 18 weeks. Two farms even offer winter storage shares. Learn more, fill out the application, and sign up on the Garden City Harvest website. To reserve your CSA, you must fill out online application and include your deposit via PayPal: $25 Orchard Gardens Farm; $100 PEAS Farm, River Road Farm and Youth Farm. (This is required to reserve your share.) For more information, email Maria or call 523-3663.

2. **Hazardous natural material may endanger outdoor workers in the west.**

Recent research is focusing new attention on an asbestos-like mineral, blamed for staggering rates of a deadly cancer in Turkey, which also is found in the rocks and soil of thirteen Western states. The [U.S. Geological Survey identified ninety-five sites](https://www.usgs.gov/) where the mineral, erionite, exists. And a recent hazard assessment at one of the sites in the Custer National Forest found that some Forest Service workers are being exposed to erionite particles in airborne dust as they carry out routine maintenance chores. You may read about the report on the [Fair Warning website](https://fairwarning.org/).

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND OTHER FUN EVENTS**

1. **Alternative Energy Resource Organization (AERO) meets in Missoula. February 23.** 
Missoula area AERO Board Members invite you to learn what AERO has been up to, discuss sustainability in your community; discover more about the resources available to producers and consumers in the [Abundant Montana Directory](https://abundantmontana.org/) (including a demonstration of listing your farm or business from [Galactic Farms](https://galactifarms.com/)). Please RSVP online.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 23, at 6 p.m.
WHERE: Imagine Nation Brewing, 1151 W. Broadway, Missoula.

2. **You are invited to a sad wedding in the UC. February 24.**

Reinvest Montana invites you to the wedding of the UM Foundation & the Fossil Fuel Industry. You are invited to dress in the traditional black of fossil fuels.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 24, at noon.
WHERE: UC Center, near The Market.

3. **Fly Fishing Film Festival benefits Bitterroot Water Forum. February 27.**

Dedicated anglers share their amazing stories from Montana and across the globe. [Check out the trailer for this year’s films](https://flyfishingfilmfestival.com/). 

Tickets: Tickets can be purchased online or at the Freestone Fly Shop and Anglers Roost for discounted prices!

Prices: $15/Adult (online or at the door); $10/Child ages 12 and under.

WHEN: 11:00 a.m. (Doors open at 10:30 a.m.)
WHERE: Pharaoplex Theater, 582 Old Corvallis Rd, Hamilton.

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