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**GOOD NEWS ITEM**
1. Sharman Apt Russell, Kittredge Distinguished Visiting Writer, receives Burroughs Medal! Although it is not yet official, Sharman's most recent nonfiction *Diary of a Citizen Scientist* has just been awarded the 2016 John Burroughs Medal for Distinguished Nature Writing, which began in the 1920s and whose recipients include Aldo Leopold, Roger Tory Peterson, Rachel Carson, and more recently John McPhee, Barry Lopez, and others. Sharman will be presenting on citizen science on March 18 for the Montana Natural History Center. This Thursday evening, come hear Sharman at Wild Mercy, where she plans to read very new work, lyrical essays related to her next book project. Congratulations, Sharman!

2. Opportunity E-Cycling in Missoula now state’s first and only R2/RIOS Certified free e-recycler. *Opportunity E-Cycling* is now Montana’s first and only R2/RIOS free* electronics recycler. Based in Missoula, we create jobs for local people with disabilities through the dismantling and recycling of any and all household and business technology. Drop off your electronics at our
convenient location at 2821 South Russell Street, the main office of Opportunity Resources. Watch for upcoming electronics recycling events this spring and summer. (A few exceptions apply. See Opportunity E-cycling webpage for full details.)

3. UM Dining No. 1 in State, in Campus Food Survey.
Whether it’s the handmade meatloaf, macaroni and cheese or the abundance of fresh produce, those surveyed after dining at UM report a greater satisfaction than most college students. According to the Niche 2016 Best College Food ranking, UM Dining is No. 1 in Montana and 84th out of 1,713 colleges and universities. UM also was the only Montana school to receive a grade of "A" in the Niche Campus Food category. The survey, which polled 1,869 people at UM, showed that on average guest feels they're getting more value out of their meal plans and are more satisfied with the healthy choices and nutritional content of food than guests at other universities. Read the full article on the UM News webpage.

4. Lions, tigers, and bears as ecosystem protectors.
Lions, wolves, and other large carnivores are frightening beasts that strike fear into humans and other animals. A new study demonstrates that the fear these top predators inspire can have cascading effects down the food chain critical to maintaining healthy ecosystems, making large carnivore conservation all the more valuable given the significant 'ecosystem service' the fear of them provides. Read the full story in Science Daily online.

AROUND EVST

1. EVST students receive Sonny Kless clean energy & climate change scholarships.
This undergraduate scholarship is named in honor of EVST alumnus, Sonny Kless, for whom the Kless Revolving Energy Loan Fund is also named. Matt is a junior transfer student, who worked for the Vermont Public Interest Research Group and is currently leading a door-to-door fundraising campaign for Free Cycles to acquire its own building. Simon is a resident of the UM FLAT, who he is an organizer of the UM student group Reinvest Montana, leading UM’s fossil fuel divestment movement. EVST congratulates Simon and Matt for their unwavering passion, dedication and commitment … in the same vein as Sonny Kless!

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

1. Stand Together against Violence, Fear, and Hate march and rally. March 1.
Many Missoula community groups are co-sponsoring this Rally and March in support of immigrants and refugees from war torn areas. Speakers include Mayor Engen, Jameel Chaudhry of Stand Alongside America’s Muslims (SALAM), Har Shalom Spiritual Leader Laurie Franklin, Native song and drumming by Kevin Kicking Woman. Marchers meet at the XXXX's (north end of Higgins) at 5 p.m., then march to Rally at Caras Park at 5:30 p.m. Full details may be found on the event's Facebook page.

Sharman is the Kittredge Distinguished Visiting Writer in EVST this Spring 2016. She is the author of 12 books and her awards include a Rockefeller Fellowship, the Mountains and Plains
Booksellers Award, the New Mexico Presswomen’s Zia Award, a Pushcart Prize, a Writers at Work Fellowship, the Henry Joseph Jackson Award. This month, her book *Diary of a Citizen Scientist* was awarded the John Burroughs Medal for Distinguished Nature Writing. You may read more about Sharman on her website. She will be reading new, not-yet-published work; you don’t want to miss this!

WHEN: Thursday, March 3, at 7 p.m.
WHERE: UM FLAT Studio (in alley between Arthur and Maurice), 633 S. Fifth St., Missoula.

   Ann Krumblitz, Co-Director of the Brainerd Foundation, and Tim Stevens, Fund Advisor for Montana and Veterans at The Kendeda Fund, will introduce you to the world of philanthropy and how foundations play a role in social and environmental change efforts.
   In preparation for this event, the speakers have asked participants to read two articles: "What Money Can Buy" from the January 4 issue of *The New Yorker* and "Strategic Philanthropy for a Complex World" in the Stanford Social Innovation Review.

WHEN: Friday, March 4, from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
WHERE: UC, room 327.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

1. **Volunteers needed to help us understand our Missoula urban forest.** March. Sign up now.
   Trees for Missoula, Climate Smart Missoula, and Missoula’s Urban Forestry Division are conducting an urban tree canopy assessment for Missoula. Using available satellite imagery and a web-based program, volunteers will estimate the percentage of trees, lawns, and impermeable surfaces in Missoula. We need volunteers with basic computer skills, internet access, and at least 10 hours to volunteer.
   During March, 2016, volunteers must commit to 8-12 hours during the first 3 weeks of March. There will be a required 1-hour volunteer orientation the first week of March (February 29 - March 4). This orientation will be held at the Missoula Parks and Rec offices. Subsequent volunteer hours can be anywhere with a computer.
   Email Chris Carlson with Missoula Parks and Rec, or call (406) 552-6685 to sign up or to learn more.
   If you plan on volunteering, vote for your preferred volunteer orientation meeting time on this Doodle poll. Orientations begin this week, February 29, so sign up today.

2. **Adaptation and Resilience open air art show call for submissions.** Deadline extended.
   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 March 4. DEADLINE EXTENDED.

4. **Help monitor local streams and lead field trips for kids to streams.** Trainings March 5, 9, 12.
Watershed Education Network (WEN) trains citizens to monitor water quality in local creeks and to take school children on field trips to creeks. WEN offers three trainings you can attend (all the trainings are the same, so you need only attend one.

WHEN: Saturday, March 5, from 2 – 5 p.m. OR Wednesday, March 9, from 4 – 7 p.m. Saturday, March 12, from 2 – 5 p.m.

WHERE: Greenough Park Pavilion.

For more information or to sign up, email WEN.


The UM Office for Civic Engagement has organized a spring break trip to Moab, Utah, to work on restoring wildlife habitat while camping in Arches National Park. The trip will run April 2-10 and will cost around $300. Applications are due March 11 to OCE. See the attached flyer for full details.

6. 100 more judges needed for Montana Science Fair. March 21.

Being a Science Fair Judge is fun (& you get free lunch). Talk with kids from around Montana. Many of their projects have an environmental theme.

All judging for the 2016 Montana Science Fair will occur between 12 and 4 pm on Monday, March 21, in the Adams Center at the University of Montana. New judges should attend orientation from 11:10 to 11:25 in the Adams Center Sky Club. Lunch for all is 11:30 to noon, followed by 2 rounds of judging:
- Select "11 am to 2 pm" for orientation and first round judging (we need more than 200 judges for this round; graduate students and science majors can be especially useful here).
- Select "11 am to 4 pm" for 1st and 2nd round judging (the 2nd round will rank those who got past the first round).

Most undergraduate volunteers will be assigned to Division II (grades 6-8). Those kids are really enthusiastic about their projects.

Register online.

7. Submit your art to Climate Change Art Show. Submit by March 31; show in April.

The Buttercup Market and Cafe invites you to submit your art that imagines/inspires action to address climate change.

We have all seen pictures that imagine failure: New York underwater, Glacier Park without glaciers, climate refugees marching north. But what could our community and world look like if we make changes to address climate change? Paint or draw a picture of a house, a neighborhood, a city, a landscape – any scale of place – showing what could be done.

Free entry and prizes and some of the art will be displayed at the Buttercup.

Pick up your application at the Buttercup (1221 Helen Avenue, just a block west of UM; phone 406-541-1221). Entry deadline is March 31. Drop off your art at the Buttercup, Monday - Friday 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. or Saturday – Sunday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Art will be displayed throughout April. Artist Celebration on Earth Day, Friday, April 22.
This University Council meeting will include a student panel, “Student Engagement in the Community and Beyond,” moderated by Shelby Stormer, Office for Civic Engagement student volunteer coordinator. UM community members and the public are invited to attend and join the conversation. Council members include representatives from the staff and faculty senates, ASUM, the University Faculty Association, the Montana Public Employees Union, UM administrators and the Missoula community. More information is available online on the University Council webpage.

WHEN: Tuesday, March 1, from 2 – 3 p.m.
WHERE: Gallagher Business Building, room 382.

Joshua Lisbon from MPG Ranch will demonstrate the hide tanning process.
WHEN: Tuesday, March 1, from 6 – 7:15 p.m.

The Missoula Planning Board will hold a public hearing on the Missoula Growth Policy. Information on the growth policy and on the focus of that hearing is on the Missoula County's Growth Policy webpage or you may contact CAPS at (406) 258-4657.
WHEN: Tuesday, March 1, at 7 p.m.
WHERE: City Council Chambers, 140 W. Pine, Missoula.

UM now has a few Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (aka UAVs aka drones) for use in outdoor research. This event celebrates the launch of UM's Autonomous Aerial Systems Office (AASO). AASO’s small drones will be available for the UM community to try out, and staff members will provide safety and flight instruction. To learn more about the office, please visit UM's Autonomous Aerial Systems Office (AASO). This event is free and open to the public.
WHEN: Thursday, March 3, from 1 – 4 p.m.
WHERE: UM Oval.

Lecture: “Microbial Diversity, Ecosystem Functioning and Ecological Restoration of Montana’s Riverscapes,”
WHEN: Thursday, March 3, from 3:40 - 4:30 p.m.
WHERE: Forestry Building, room 305.

6. ex•tinc•tion wit•ness hosts free discussion and creative forum online. Begins March 3.
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All the webinars require advance registration, so use the links below to register and find more information and details about the times!
April 7 - Evaluating Sprouted Grains on Grazing Dairy Farms; Kathy Soder, USDA ARS. http://articles.extension.org/pages/73431/evaluating-sprouted-grains-on-grazing-dairy-farms-webinar-by-eorganic
(Please note, if these links don’t work, go to extension.org, and search the site using the title words. I apologize for any inconvenience.)

8. Dewatering the Cabinet Wilderness – Not on our watch! March 3.
The Clark Fork Coalition invites you to a briefing on "Tunnel Vision: Montanore Mine and the Dewatering of Wilderness."
Learn about the Montanore Mine project, a massive copper-silver mine that recently received a green light from the U.S. Forest Service and partial approval from Montana DEQ. The Montanore Mine will tunnel beneath the gorgeous Cabinet Mountain Wilderness, leave mountains of mine waste in pristine forests, and dry up native trout strongholds for 1,300 years. Hear from Earthworks northwest program director, Bonnie Gestring (an EVST alum) about the impacts of the mine, how it violates state water laws, and what can be done to protect critical land and water resources. A Q&A will follow with Bonnie and CFC staff.
WHEN: Thursday, March 3, from 4 – 5 p.m.
WHERE: Clark Fork Coalition office, 140 South 4th West, Suite 1, Missoula.

Colette Derworiz, senior staff reporter at the Calgary Herald, will present “Canada’s Changing Climate.” This lecture focuses on the environment in southern Alberta, Canada, where Derworiz
reported on wildlife, wildfires and water issues during her 17 years at the Herald. She won a National Newspaper Award for political reporting in 2005. Canada just went through a change of government on the national as well as the provincial level, with potentially great ramifications for environmental policy. This lecture is free and open to the public.

Email Alyssa Rabil, UM School of Journalism media and information coordinator, or call (406) 243-2019 for more information.

WHEN: Thursday, March 3, at 7 p.m.
WHERE: Turner Hall, Dell Brown Room.

10. Tunnel of Oppression at UM. March 7 – 9.
The UC Student Involvement Network invites everyone to participate in the 2016 Tunnel of Oppression. The Tunnel of Oppression is a national program intended to educate and raise awareness about systems of oppression and privilege. It features immersive exhibits meant to simulate the experience of various forms of oppression in order to trigger empathy, understanding, and conversation. Please schedule your tour via the online registration form. Get more information by calling (406) 243-6029 or email.
WHEN: Monday, March 7, through Wednesday, March 9. Tours every hour, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
WHERE: University Center Ballroom.

The Confluence of Renewable Energy and Human Health: Putting Ourselves to Work for a Human-Powered Future with Dr. Bradley Layton, Director, Energy Technology Program, Missoula College. Layton discusses several examples of how our energy consumption habits are at odds with human health concerns. This discussion will be followed by a set of solutions for the 21stCentury for moving away from fossil fuels, eliminating our reliance on landfills, and improving air quality on both local and global scales.
WHEN: Tuesday, March 8, from 12:10 - 1 p.m.
WHERE: University Center, room 332.

MSU Ravalli County Extension will be holding a Level One Master Gardener Class this spring. Co-sponsored by the Bitterroot Public Library, the class is currently limited to 35 students. Cost is $175, which includes the book. If students complete 25 hours of volunteer service in the first year and pass the test with 80% or better they receive a $50 rebate. To reserve your spot cash or check payment must be received in the Extension office at 215 S. 4th St., Hamilton. For more details, call 375-6611 or email ravalli@montana.edu.
WHEN: Wednesdays from March 9 through April 27, from 6 – 8 p.m.
WHERE: Bitterroot Public Library meeting room, 306 State Street, Hamilton.

The next meeting of the Montana Wetland Council will be on the topic of beaver reintroduction and mimic structures for water quality, sediment control, habitat, water supply, and flood risk reduction. The Montana Natural Heritage Program will also demonstrate new aspects of on-line Field Guides and Tracker for wetland conservation and restoration projects.
WHEN: Thursday, March 10.
WHERE: DEQ Director’s Conference Room, Helena.

14. Creative Writing Conference at UM. March 11.
Writing at Work connects UM students with successful, creative professionals. It is free and open to the public. Web entrepreneurs, freelance journalists, agents, editors and screenwriters will share with current students how they use reading, writing and analysis in their jobs. The conference schedule follows:
12:10 p.m.: Freelancing on the Web and in Print
1:10 p.m.: Using your Skills in Business
2:10 p.m.: Writing for the Screen
3:10 p.m. Book Publications
4:10 p.m. Getting Started: Baby Steps

View bios of the conference participants online. The conference is sponsored by UM alums, UM’s Creative Writing Program and UM’s Student Involvement Network.
For more information, call 406-243-5267 or email the Creative Writing Program. You may also email Karin Schalm (EVST alum!) UM Creative Writing Program coordinator, or call (406) 243-5267.
WHEN: Friday, March 11, from noon to 5 p.m.
WHERE: University Center Theater.

Join us for a panel discussion on civil disobedience and its legal repercussions, ethics, and value. The panel will feature Bob Gentry, a lawyer who regularly represents activists; Betsy Mulligan-Dague, the Executive Director of Jeannette Rankin Peace Center; Cate Campbell, a seasoned activist and co-founder of 350 Missoula; and Nick Triolo, a young activist, writer, and artist, and EVST graduate student.
A question and answer session will follow the event. There will be refreshments and light hors d'oeuvres!
WHEN: Monday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m.
WHERE: The UM FLAT Studio.

The Association of Montana Floodplain Managers (AMFM) cordially invites you to participate in their 17th Annual Conference. The theme is “No Drought About It; The Flood Will Come”, and includes an agenda packed with technical sessions, floodplain management workshops, case studies, and presentations specific to the many elements of Montana floodplain management.
Complete agenda and registration details are available online.
The agenda & registration can be accessed from http://amfm.wildapricot.org/event-2091999
(Hotel reservations may be made online with Fairmont Click BOOK NOW and then click on GROUPS at the top of the screen. Use the On-Line Group ID: 16331 and Password: 37002071. Or call 1-800-332-3272 and simply identify yourself as part of the AMFM workshop to receive the conference rate.))
WHERE: Fairmont Hot Springs.

The 2016 Montana Environmental Education Association (MEEA) conference has the theme “Celebrating 25 Years of Excellence in Environmental Education.”
The MEEA annual conference is a key avenue for organizations and educators to communicate, collaborate, and obtain quality professional development in the area of environmental education, and it is the only statewide conference dedicated to that end. In all their work, MEEA
facilitates programming on a statewide level by providing much needed support and connection for a variety of educators and organizations.

WHEN: March 31 – April 1.
WHERE: Bozeman.

18. **AERO Workshop on planning Growing Food Businesses. April 13. Register SOON!**
   *AERO (Alternative Energy Resources Organization)* is offering FREE workshops on Growing Food Businesses: Opportunities under Montana’s New Food Law. Workshops are for food entrepreneurs, direct market farmers, local food nonprofits, and folks with cottage food business ideas. Come with your business ideas, plans and questions. Workshops are 5 hours and limited to first 30 registrants. The nearest workshop will be in Arlee on April 13.
   *Information and registration is available on AERO’s Workshop webpage.*

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**INTERNSHIPS**

1. **Paid summer internships & fellowship in zero-waste movement. Apply by March 11.**
   The *Post Landfill Action Network (PLAN)* is hiring 6 summer internships and 1 Campus Coordination Summer Fellow in Dover, New Hampshire.
   PLAN cultivates, educates, and inspires the student-led zero waste movement. We inform students about the waste crisis and equip them with the necessary skills and resources to implement zero waste solutions in their campus communities. PLAN empowers our generation to be change makers. Each summer we take on student interns to build and inform the work that we do. We are looking for engaged and active students from campuses around the country to become a part of a small team doing big work to grow the student-led zero waste movement.
   *Position details and application instructions are available on PLAN’s webpage.*
   All applications are due on March 11.

2. **UM Dining Gardens seeks interns or volunteers.**
   The UM Dining Gardens program is looking for interns and volunteers! We are doing exciting work and have tripled our garden space this year with the new South Avenue garden.
   Internships can be for 1-3 academic credits in the summer, fall, and spring. We have Garden Internships, where students will work in the gardens and develop personal projects. At the Grizzly Green Market Internship, students will learn about the business side of running a farm stand. In our brand new Food Systems Internship, a student will work both in the garden and in the kitchen with the chefs, learning about growing, processing, and preserving fresh produce, possibly with a stipend! We are always looking for volunteers for big group events or smaller projects.
   Please contact *UM Dining Gardens* for more information.

3. **Intern with Garden City Harvest for this growing season. Apply ASAP.**
   Garden City Harvest Community Gardens Program is looking for an intern this season. The bulk of this internship will be focused on our Providence Center Garden. At this site, we do not rent out plots to individuals, but maintain the garden as a therapeutic space for patients, staff, and the neighboring community. This person will assist in general garden upkeep, from seeding and weeding to delivery to the Missoula Food Bank. In addition to gardening at this site, this person will also be working with patient and staff as needed during their visits to the garden. Some time will also be spent doing projects and general upkeep at GCH’s other 9 community garden sites.
Need 8-10 hours of availability per week. Apply ASAP. If interested, please email Patrick or call (406) 493-9807.

4. **Summer Internships with Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks.**
   MT FWP offers summer internships all around the state. A complete list of internships and details is available on the Montana FWP internships webpage.

5. **Paid summer internships in the Great Basin.**
   Nevada Conservation Corps is an AmeriCorps program that provides environmental and educational service opportunities for students who would enjoy spending the summer camping and working outdoors in some of Nevada’s premier natural areas. The Nevada Conservation Corps is part of the Great Basin Institute, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that advances environmental research, education and service throughout the west. We work extensively on building and maintaining trails, restoring habitat and forest health, and removing invasive species on public lands throughout the state of Nevada. In addition to gaining valuable experience working on the landscape, we provide a biweekly living stipend and upon successful completion of the program, members receive an education award to use toward tuition or repayment of student loans.
   For more information, please visit the Great Basin Institute webpage or email Jason Behrens at the Great Basin Institute or call him at (775) 674-5482.

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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. **Good Student Jobs with the UM Mansfield Center. Apply now.**
   The Mansfield Center is seeking to hire smart, engaging, detail-oriented students to support our State Department-funded programs. We are seeking one student to staff our office beginning on/about April 11 for a preferred one-year commitment (including full-time this summer) and a number of graduate students to serve as teaching assistants/mentors on summer and fall institutes (four-to-five week commitments). Please see the attached job descriptions.

2. **Summer job in Wildlife in the West field studies program. Apply ASAP.**
   Northwest Connections is hiring a Resident Education Assistant (REA) for our Wildlife in the West field program. Northwest Connections specializes in place-based, experiential education that strengthens the relationship between people and landscapes.
   Description: Northwest Connections' Resident Education Assistant (REA) will act as a teachers’ aide in both the classroom and the field. You will assist with prep work for each day, help students grasp academic concepts, and aid with homework assignments when necessary. REAs will assist instructors with risk management and group dynamics while in the field. The REA will also act as a resident assistant living full time with the students, working to build a positive learning community, enforcing NWC policies, and taking care of student needs throughout the program. The REA will also act as a facility caretaker and supervise student chores. REAs are expected to participate in the majority of field experiences along with the students.
   This position is full time, May 11 through July 1, 2016. Compensation includes a living stipend of $875 and room and board.
   The full job description, which includes application instructions, is attached.
3. **Missoula bus system is hiring Student Bus Ambassadors! Interviews are happening now.**
   Mountain Line seeks 2 outgoing part-time Bus Ambassadors to help with the promotion and communication of our services in the community, with a focus on students and Missoula apartments within a five minute walk of our routes. Ambassadors will engage in one-on-one conversations with prospective riders through door-to-door canvassing, tabling and clip-boarding at neighborhood events and meetings, help conduct ridership surveys, and plan educational events. Students may elect to receive internship class credit in their area of study. This position has been accepted for students who qualify for Work Study. Find all the details on the Mountain Line Employment webpage.

4. **Garden City Harvest seeks Farmer’s Apprentice at the Youth Farm. Apply by March 7.**
   This is an educational apprenticeship, providing the opportunity to learn advanced sustainable farming practices and components of working and engaging with teenagers living in foster care. This person will learn about and assist in all day-to-day farm operations, as well as on-site programming that includes youth employment and volunteers, CSA, and Mobile Market operation.
   To apply, send your resume, cover letter, and three references to Cori Ash no later than March 7.

5. **EPI is hiring field instructors for summer. Apply by March 15.**
   Ecology Project International (EPI) is hiring two field instructors to mentor and deliver academic content for twelve Bitterroot Wildlife Internship program high school interns this summer. The Bitterroot Wildlife Internship (BWI) program is a partnership between Ecology Project International (EPI) and MPG Ranch to offer a unique experience for high school and early college students that combines ecological education, conservation service, and hands-on field research at the MPG Ranch in Florence, Montana, from June-August. Each month-long intern session will be comprised of six interns. Interns will be paired with MPG researchers to engage in ongoing research projects and complete their own related research question. EPI has offered the Bitterroot Wildlife Internship program in conjunction with MPG Ranch since 2014. Complete details, including application instructions and link, may be found on the EPI Jobs webpage Email Erin with any questions or call (406) 721-8784.

6. **Garden City Harvest seeks Farm to School Assistant. Apply by March 18.**
   The Farm to School Assistant is a shared position between Garden City Harvest and the MCPS Food and Nutrition Services Program. This position will support all GCH Farm to School Activities as necessary. The Farm to School Assistant will also serve as the coordinator of the MCPS Central Kitchen Garden, as well as work with MCPS Central Kitchen Staff to integrate more local food into cafeterias. The position is seasonal, from April through October, roughly 30 hours per week, 900 hours total, and pays $10/hour. Find all the details on the Garden City Harvest Employment page.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

1. **Proposals requested for Philip L. Wright Memorial Research Award. Due March 24.**
   Dr. Wright was a professor of zoology at UM, who taught mammalogy and ornithology, and established the zoological museum that bears his name. In remembrance of his many
contributions to science and the community, Five Valleys Audubon established this award. It provides support for continuing students undertaking research in the fields of ecology, wildlife biology, animal behavior, environmental biology, and conservation biology. The awards range from $200 to $1,000.

For full details on the award, including application instructions, please see the attached flyer. Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 24.

2. **Montana Space Grant Consortium Graduate Fellowship.**

Graduate awards are made on a competitive basis to students working on research projects in fields of study relevant to NASA’s mission. The fellowship is $9,000 for one semester only.

[Complete details are available on the MSGC webpage.](#)

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**RESOURCES**

1. **Apply for your own garden plot with Garden City Harvest by March 8.**

Do you need a place to grow your own food? You can be a community gardener! Each of our community gardens follows sustainable gardening practices and provides participants with a 15 x 15 foot plot, tools, water, compost, straw, common space, a few starts and seeds, and the knowledge and guidance of garden leaders. The cost is a $40 plot fee, plus a $15 refundable deposit.

[Garden City Harvest](#) builds community through agriculture at its four neighborhood farms, seven school gardens, and ten community gardens scattered across Missoula. We are a non-profit organization established in 1996 to grow food with and for others, providing local and sustainably grown produce to everyone in the community, regardless of income.

[Apply online by March 8 to reserve a plot!](#)

2. **History of EVST shows in some historical accounts.**

David James Brook has documented the history of the Milltown Superfund site in a 330 page PhD dissertation and has been turned into a 263 page book titled: Restoring the Shining Waters: superfund success at Milltown, Montana. His PhD work can be accessed through the UM library web page. It covers over a 100 years (even goes back into geological time a bit), but focuses mainly on the time since 1981 when arsenic was discovered in the drinking water in Milltown. There are a lot of EVSTers featured in the book—but especially Peter Nielsen and Tracy Stone-Manning. This book includes a lot of EVST history as well.

Another good source of EVST history is Peter Nielsen’s MS thesis in which he documented the history of the Frenchtown pulp mill from when it was built, up to the time of his thesis. His thesis also mentions the role of many EVSTers in that drama.

If you know of other historical works that tell part of the EVST story, please let Vicki Watson know. There is a plan to tell the history of EVST in a book.

3. **EPA releases online mapping tool to help protect drinking water sources.**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency today released DWMAPS — the Drinking Water Mapping Application to Protect Source Waters. This robust, online mapping tool provides the public, water system operators, state programs, and federal agencies with critical information to help them safeguard the sources of America’s drinking water. DWMAPS allows users to learn about their watershed and understand more about their water supplier. DWMAPS also lets users see if sources of their drinking water are polluted and if there are possible sources of
pollution that could affect their communities’ water supply. DWMAPS can even guide users to ways they can get involved in protecting drinking water sources in their community. Find all the information on the EPA webpage.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND OTHER FUN EVENTS

1. March is International Month at UM.
   UM celebrates the World all month in March. Some highlights are:
   - Folk Dances March 5 & March 19.
   - The Tunnel of Oppression at the UC, March 7-9.
   - International Women’s Day March 8.
   - International Food & Culture Festival in the UC, March 20.
   - Screening the documentary film Human, March 28.
   - Peace Corps Service panel, March 31.
   The entire month's event calendar is available online; use the agenda tab and scroll.

2. Avoid driving cars to campus on March 3 - 5.
   UM is hosting the 2016 Class A Boys Basketball Tournament March 3 - 5. This will bring extra people and vehicles to campus. Be kind to yourself and to visitors by using alternative transportation to get to campus on these days. Games begin at 12 noon on Thursday. Parking in lots M, Z, U, T and the eastern half of P will be reserved for attendees and officiating staff. A portion of the North end of campus drive will be reserved for team buses.

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