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**GOOD NEWS ITEM**
1. Mayor Engen proclaims People’s Amendment Day.
   TONIGHT, Monday, January 11, at 7 p.m., Mayor Engen will proclaim January 21 as “The People’s Amendment Day.” It will be marked every year until the People’s Amendment is passed which says “Corporations are not people and money is not speech” which will end the power of the Supreme Court to enforce the Citizens United decision and will put “We the People” back in the driver’s seat.
WHEN: Monday, January 11, at 7 p.m.
WHERE: City Council Chambers, 140 W. Pine, Missoula.

2. Native Garden website goes live!
The Payne Family Native America Center Garden website is live. Even though it is still under construction, the site contains much information about the plant circles and Native American history. The site also features the work of those who intern on the project under the supervision of EVST’s Roz LaPier and UM Natural Area Manager Marilyn Marler. Be sure to visit the site and the garden!

3. EVST grad student earns Native Science Fellowship.
Leanna Falcon, incoming EVST graduate student, has been awarded the Native Science Fellowship. Falcon is a member of the Blackfeet Tribe, and received a bachelor’s degree in biology from UM. She has worked for the conservation of the Badger-Two Medicine, a sacred area to the Blackfeet people. She will use the award to research the intersection between environmental science and traditional ecological knowledge. Welcome to the Program, Leanna! Congratulations!

Recent EVST graduate alum Trevien Stanger (2015) has re-landed in Vermont and has jumped right into action. He has been working for the local conservation nursery on stream restoration projects, as well as landing adjunct teaching positions at Champlain College (Writing in the Wilderness, Environmental Communication); Community College of Vermont (Intro to Environmental Science); and Saint Michael’s College (Environmental Justice). Additionally, he has just published an essay on “Thinking Like a Watershed” in the Burlington Free Press, an essay that he began while in EVST. Congratulations, Trevian!

5. Zero-fare celebrates a successful first year.
January marks the one-year anniversary of Mountain Line’s three-year Zero-fare demonstration project. This month also marks the anniversary of increased BOLT! frequency and late evening service. Congratulations Mountain Line!

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. Public hearing on subdivision regulations to conserve Agricultural land. January 13. Missoula County Commissioners will hold a public meeting on proposed subdivision regulations designed to conserve valuable, disappearing agricultural land in Missoula County. And they may vote on whether or not to approve them. You can learn more at the hearing or you can get more information and take action by going to the Community Food and Agriculture website.
WHEN: Wednesday, January 13, at 1:30 p.m.
WHERE: County Administrative Building, 199 W. Pine, Room B14, Missoula.

2. Two Speech and Debate tournaments need judges needed January 23 or January 15 and 16.
Loyola High School in Missoula is hosting a speech/debate/drama tournament at UM. If you are willing to judge, sign up for the Loyola event by following this link.
Also, judges are still needed for the Missoula speech/debate meet on January 15 and 16 at both Hellgate High & Big Sky High. Sign-up for the Hellgate/Big Sky event by following this link.
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

1. **Help with eagle capture and banding at MPG Ranch. January 15, 18 or 21.**
   Join MPG Ranch and Raptor View Research Institute for this unique opportunity. Volunteers will observe the live capture of bald and golden eagles and get to participate in the banding process. This event is based out of a ranch house, so participants can stay warm. We will live-stream video from the capture site to a large screen at the house so visitors can observe the trapping process while remaining at a safe distance. Spotting scopes will be available for an alternate view from the outside deck overlooking the capture site. Researchers will bring the eagles to the house for processing. The day will include an overview of the research to date, including migratory flight data showing the extent of the eagles' range into Alaska. This event is limited to 6 participants. Lunch and transportation are not provided. Email Joshua Lisbon to register or with any questions, or call (406) 396-6285. He will reply with directions.
   WHEN: Friday, January 15, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Monday, January 18, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Thursday, January 21, from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
   WHERE: MPG Ranch.

2. **Beginning birder walk at Metcalf Refuge. January 16.**
   A beginning birder field trip may interest those who want to learn more about bird identification. Learn basic skills such as use of binoculars and field guides, key field marks, and much more. Binoculars are available, if needed. Families with children are welcome. Minimal walking is involved. This 2-hour field trip will begin at the headquarters of the Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge, just outside Stevensville in the Bitterroot Valley. For more information, contact Larry at 549-5632. This event is sponsored by Bitterroot Audubon, Five Valleys Audubon, and Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge.
   WHEN: Saturday, January 16, at 10 a.m.
   WHERE: Meet at the Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge headquarters.

3. **Wildlife Camera Film Festival. January 21.**
   Join local wildlife tracker/field biologist/naturalist Adam Lieberg for an evening of film featuring native carnivores in the Crown of the Continent. He will show & interpret wildlife cam footage of elusive wolverines, Canada Lynx, grizzlies, and wolves. For more information, email Jenny.
   WHEN: Thursday, January 21 at 7 p.m.
   WHERE: SLE Outside in the Bison & Bear Mall, Seeley Lake, Montana.

4. **Continuing the cleanup and redevelopment of the Two Rivers Confluence. January 24.**
   “The Bonner Mill: Today and Tomorrow” is the first of the Bonner History Roundtable series program for 2016. Mill site owners, Steve Nelson and Mike Boehme of Bonner Property Development, will explain past, present and future cleanup and redevelopment efforts at the old mill site. Companies operating at the mill will be represented. For more information, email the Bonner-Milltown History Center or call Judy Matson at 258-6335.
   WHEN: Sunday, January 24, at 2 p.m.
   WHERE: St. Ann Catholic Church, 9015 Montana-200, Bonner.

5. **Help with winter tracking of carnivores at MPG Ranch. January 30.**
   Help MPG Ranch with the winter carnivore surveys. This educational event will cover the basics of tracking including, foot morphology, gate, 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 Joshua Lisbon to register or with any questions, or call (406) 396-6285. He will reply with directions.

WHEN: Saturday, January 30, from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
WHERE: MPG Ranch.

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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. Two jobs with Garden City Harvest. Apply by January 14.
   Work outside helping to grow food and community. The two open positions include:
   • Community Gardens Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator
   • Orchard Gardens Farm Manager
   For more information & full job descriptions, go to the Garden City Harvest employment web page. Applications are due January 14 and 15, 2016.

2. Work Study position at National Wildlife Federation.
   NWF has posted a work study position at UM. See the full job description on the UM Career Services website.

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HOUSING

1. EPI Seeking 2 bedroom house or apartment.
   Ecology Project International (EPI), an educational non-profit here in Missoula, is looking to rent a place from mid-January to mid-September to house field instructors when they are not on course. We are hoping for a 2 bedroom house or apartment near downtown or the University district. Please email Kate at EPI with any leads or questions.

2. Housemate sought.
   Fully remodeled eco house downtown with wood floors, lots of windows, a big kitchen and open floor plan, bike parking, a full recycling setup. 2.5 blocks from St. Pat's hospital. Looking for a housemate to enjoy one bedroom in a four bedroom, 2 full-bath house with a great porch, back deck, and gardens. Room has wood floors, built in shelves, lots of light, and is 93 square feet with a large attic closet and additional storage. We have three little kids and run our own business. We are looking for a housemate who can keep a clean house and really likes kids and a strong dose of the resulting chaos. Our place can be loud, messy (sigh), and filled with love and good vibes. We have a sweet two year old cat. Room comes furnished. $330 a month plus utilities. Email Becky Douglas Delp or call 546-1417 for more information.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND OTHER FUN EVENTS

   Missoula Moves to Amend invites you to celebrate six years of increasing awareness of the urgency of passing the People’s Amendment (which states that Money is not speech, and
corporations are not persons – reversing the Supreme Court’s Citizens United decision). Join the Potluck and Speak Out to explore how the dominance of one aspect of American life, “taking care of business,” has turned “We the People” into second class citizens whose civil and human rights are being overridden.

WHEN: Thursday, January 21, at 6 p.m.
WHERE: First Methodist Church (300 East Main, alley entrance to Community Room).

2. Bike Walk Alliance annual meeting with updates on parks and trails. January 22.
   Join the Bike Walk Alliance of Missoula (BWAM) for their annual meeting. Members: no charge, non-members: $10. Great food by Shawn and beverages available. Program will include updates on: Missoula’s Regional Park, the Bike Trail to the Bitterroot, and Activate Missoula. RSVP on the BWAM website.
   WHEN: Friday, January 22, from 5:30 - 9 p.m.
   WHERE: Stensrud Building (314 N 1st St W).

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