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Sunday, 12 noon-5 pm
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**"America! America! God mend thine every flaw. Confirm thy soul in self-control,
thy liberty in law." ~Katherine Bates, America The Beautiful**

Dear friends,

I hope to see you Saturday at the XXX's. Saturday is the anniversary of last year's historic women's march. But it is also the day in 1920 that the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) was founded by Roger Baldwin, Congresswoman Jeannette Rankin, labor leaders Rose Schneiderman and Duncan McDonald, Rabbi Judah Magnes, and others to protect the rights guaranteed in the the Constitution, particularly the Bill of Rights. On this day, I will be proud to walk with you down to Caras Park to celebrate our community and all those -- past, present and future, who care enough about it to roll up their sleeves, paint the signs, write the letters, have the conversations, share the stories and walk the walk of democracy so that together we rise. You will be inspired by the stories of wonderful women in our community, including Lauren Nicole, Nereyda Calero, Meshayla Imonie Cox, Anita Green, Roslyn LaPier, Laurie Franklin, Karen Wickersham, Fernanca Menna Barreto Krum, Kathy Little Leaf and more. But more importantly, you will be surrounded by a community of ordinary men and women who are stepping up to do extraordinary work day after day. You can't help but be inspired to join them. **Look for the Jeannette Rankin Peace Center signs and walk with us. Together we truly can mend the flaws of our country and move forward...Betsy**

P.S. Here's a list of the other Marches/Rallies around Montana on Saturday!

- Helena Area Women's March starting at 11 am (on Sixth Avenue at the far north side of the Capitol Complex, <https://www.facebook.com/events/169881023764827>, marching to the 12 noon Helena Rise Together for Democracy Rally in the Capitol Rotunda <http://www.facebook.com/events/1910221262399864/>
- Montana Women's March: Billings <http://www.facebook.com/events/342703226198732/>
- Women's March Celebration: Bozeman <http://www.facebook.com/events/2165978163416142/>
- Women's March: Great Falls <https://www.facebook.com/events/261927651007139/>
- Women's March in Kalispell: Rising Together for Democracy & Diversity <https://www.facebook.com/events/179873585934121/>
- Butte: Nasty Women Chili Feed/BARC January Meeting <https://www.facebook.com/events/144078139711306>
- Miles City: Meeting at the Range Riders Cafe/Bar at Noon. Short walk on Main Street. Return to the Range Riders for a no-host lunch to network, Hannah Nash at 406-951-0560 or email CusterCountyDemocrats@gmail.com





Calendar

Thursday, January 18, 6 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. **Fake News in a Post-Truth Era** is part of Humanities Montana's year-long focus, "Democracy and the Informed Citizen", administered by the Federation of State Humanities Councils. The initiative seeks to deepen the public's knowledge and appreciation of the vital connections between democracy, the humanities, journalism, and an informed citizenry. Join professional journalists and scholars to discuss how we got here, and what happens when we can't agree on the facts. This event is FREE and open to the public.

Saturday, January 20, noon, Downtown Missoula, there will be a **Women's March in Missoula**, as well as Helena and Billings and other cities and towns in numerous states. The Missoula Women's March will start at noon at the XXXX's in downtown Missoula. We will march via the sidewalks to Caras Park for a rally and celebration. The mission of Women's March is to harness the political power of diverse women and their communities to create transformative social change. The Women's March is about Rights, Ending Violence, Environmental Justice and "Powering the Polls" for 2018 Election. The Montana Women's Chorus Missoula with Director Beth Youngblood will be there as well as many great speakers. Make plans now to attend. Donations are needed to cover some costs. You will receive a tax deductible letter from Montana Human Rights Network. <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=mthm&id=5>

Saturday, January 20, 10 am-noon or 1 pm-3 pm, 102 McLeod (corner of Higgins). **Training the Mind in Compassion, a Day of Teaching and Fellowship with Lama David Curtis.** No cost, but donations gratefully received. Bring a sack lunch for noon hour fellowship. See the Big Sky Mind website, www.bigskymindmontana.org

Sunday, January 21, 6-8 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing Co. **Beyond Beer: Poetry for a Change.** Come Be the VOICE to empower others. contact Rita Jankowska-Bradley at justpeace4all@yahoo.com

Monday, January 22 at 7pm Missoula City Council, 140 West Pine **Proclamation of "We the People Amendment" Day, marking 8 years of progress against the Citizens United Supreme Court Decision:** Please come stand in support of getting big money out of politics! Mayor Engen will read the Proclamation in support of the "We the People Amendment" that says that Corporations are not people and money is not speech. Call Montanans Move to Amend for more information: Sue 543-3254.

Wednesday, January 24, 11 am-1 pm at the Missoula Public Library or 4-6 pm at the Missoula Senior Center (705 S Higgins Ave). You're invited to attend a **free seminar on how to leave a legacy for family, friends, and your community**, even if your bank account doesn't look like Rockefeller's! Dr. Marsha A. Goetting, a professor and extension family economics specialist at Montana State University, will teach you how to jump-start your legacy preparations today to ensure your generosity continues in perpetuity. We hope to see you at this free event hosted by our friends at the Missoula Community Foundation. Snacks and beverages included. RSVP: Contact Nikki Robb at nikki@missoulacommunityfoundation.org or call [406-926-2846](tel:406-926-2846)

Wednesday, January 24, 5:30 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing Co. **Moms Demand Action Fifth Birthday** -- Join us for a family-friendly party to celebrate the 5 Year Anniversary of the founding of Moms Demand Action! Come and hear what we have accomplished in 5 years and where we are headed for the NEXT FIVE! RSVP to: every.tw/5years

Wednesday, January 24, 6pm Potluck, 7pm Speak Out: Missoula Public Library, 301 East Main. **Speak Out and Potluck to mark 8 years of progress against the Citizens United Supreme Court decision :** Please come and hear the stories of community groups who serve people and causes that are at risk because of Big Money in Politics: North Missoula Community Development Corporation, Montana Conservation Voters, Missoula Interfaith Collaborative, League of Women Voters Missoula, and others. Please bring a dish and your own story. For more information, call Montanans Move to Amend- Missoula: Sue 543-3254.

Saturday, January 27, 9 am-4:30 pm, Center for Spiritual Living (328 Fairgrounds Road in Hamilton, across from the High School). YOU are invited to help launch the first ever Bitterroot Open Space Community Roundtable! This uniquely facilitated conference model invites everyone to participate. The agenda will be formed around topics of real interest and value to everyone who attends, and will be determined by the group that convenes around the open space. The title question is: **Nourish our Bitterroot- What If we envision our Food, Society, and Culture thriving and growing?** Offered by Cultivating Connections, a project of Homestead Organics Farm, and the Center for Spiritual Living. Registration and Continental Breakfast 9-9:30. Program will start promptly at 9:30. Lunch as well as snacks, coffee, and tea will be provided. There is no cost to attend and everyone who wants to participate is welcome to attend! Please RSVP by visiting the Eventbrite website: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bitterroot-open-space-community-round-table-tickets-41784489533?aff=eac2>

Thursday February 1st, 5-7 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing, Limate Smart Missoula **Monthly Meetup: Green Building & Energy Efficiency.** Come Learn about some of our upcoming ENERGY SMART projects, including a pilot program to improve energy efficiency in manufactured homes, building energy "stretch" codes, and more! Come at 5pm to mingle, short program starts at 5:15 then stay to chat and connect. https://www.facebook.com/events/364765393995342/?active_tab=about

Tuesday, February 6, 3 pm, Missoula Public Library, large meeting room. **MCAT is organizing a special meeting** to give community leaders and key stakeholders a "heads-up" about the importance of public input into a Community Needs Assessment. This special meeting will be led by Sue Buske from The Buske Group, a highly experienced communications consultant who is working with MCAT and the City on the franchise renewal process. At the meeting, we will explain the ways you can be involved as the needs assessment moves forward. This will greatly assist MCAT and the City of Missoula in planning for the future cable and communications needs of our community during the upcoming Spectrum (Charter) cable franchise renewal process. Snacks will be provided. Click here to RSVP

Wednesday, February 7, 5-6 pm, JRPC Community Room. **The Jeannette Rankin Peace Center and Yeti Yoga are teaming up to offer the Missoula community a new yoga class: Yoga for Peace! The class will continue every Wednesday through February -- and maybe beyond! Half of the proceeds go toward JRPC's upcoming projects, including the Peace Toolkit and the recreation of the Missoula Peace Sign. The class will be an hour-long yin style class, which targets areas of the body that become sensitive when remaining seated for long periods of time. Originally, it was designed prepare the body for prolonged seated meditation posture. Yin poses are held for 3-5 minutes to stretch beyond the muscles and access the connective tissue around the joints. Space is limited, so reserve your spot now by emailing yeti yogamissoula@gmail.com! Cost: \$10**

Wednesday, February 7, 6-8 pm, Missoula Federal Credit Union Community Room (3600 Brooks St). Join Climate Smart Missoula and partners for a **Solar-Ease Workshop**, an informational workshop all about going solar: we aim to make it easy! Learn about current opportunities, policy, and the pathway to installing residential solar, from working through a bid from an installer to tax benefits and financing. Meet-and-greet with local installers at 6, informational presentation begins at 6:30, with plenty of time for Q&A and mingling after. Snacks and beverages provided. <https://www.facebook.com/events/373329246461998>

Wednesday, February 7, 7 pm, the Dram Shop. The first lecture in the MT Natural History Center series is **Rosalyn LaPier**, Associate Professor of Environmental Studies at UM and award-winning Indigenous writer. She studies the intersection of traditional ecological knowledge learned from elders and environmental and religious history of Indigenous people. She will discuss the "seasonal round" or the annual journey taken by the Blackfeet and other northern Plains tribes throughout their territory, share their knowledge of the natural world, places, plants, and animals and their relationship with the supernatural. Check out our full list of speakers and topics here. Cost per lecture: \$10 non-members; \$5 members; FREE for high school and college students. Purchase tickets [HERE](#)! Ticket includes beer and/or wine (if over 21) from The Dram Shop; non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. Sponsored by the Good Food Store.

Friday, February 16-Sunday, February 25. The Big Sky Film Institute is proud to announce the OFFICIAL SELECTIONS of the **15th Annual Big Sky Documentary Film Festival**. And JRPC is proud to be a sponsor again this year. See you at the movies!!

Saturday-Sunday, February 17-18, UM. Black Solidarity Summit: Reflecting on the Past, Preparing for the Future: Laying the Groundwork for the Next 50 Years. This February marks the 50th anniversary of the University of Montana's Black Studies program, the third oldest program in the United States. The Black Solidarity Summit will bring together representatives from Black Student Union's, African Student Associations, and Black Studies programs around the United States to support one another and engage in discourse about vital issues impacting black students. Please visit the [Black Solidarity Summit website](#) for more details and information regarding the Summit.

Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 pm-8:45 pm, Missoula Public Library Large Meeting Room. Wrongful Convictions Film Series brought to you by the Innocence Project presents The Child Cases. When a child dies under suspicious circumstances, abuse is often suspected. That's what happened in the case of six-month-old Isis Vas, whose death was deemed "a clear-cut and classic" case of child abuse, sending a man named Ernie Lopez to prison for 60 years. But now a Texas judge has moved to overturn Lopez's conviction, and new questions are being asked about the quality of expert testimony in this and many other similar cases. Two CLE credits available. Panel discussion after each film. Free and open to the public. Contact director@mtinnocenceproject.org, call (406) 243-6698 or visit <http://mtinnocenceproject.org>

Monday, March 5, 7 pm, The Roxy. JRPC, 350 Montana, World Affairs Council and others invite you to the film, [The Age of Consequences](#) from award-winning filmmaker Jared Scott. The film investigates growing threats to security on a national and international scale, including increasing resource scarcity, infrastructure risks, conflict and increasing refugee populations.

Tuesday, March 20, 6:30 pm-8:45 pm, Missoula Public Library Large Meeting Room. Wrongful Convictions Film Series brought to you by the Innocence Project presents The Fear of 13. After more than 20 years on death row, a convicted murderer petitions the court asking to be executed. But as he tells his story, it gradually becomes clear that nothing is quite what it seems. Two CLE credits available. Panel discussion after each film. Free and open to the public. Contact director@mtinnocenceproject.org, call (406) 243-6698 or visit <http://mtinnocenceproject.org>

Action Opportunities

Dreamer, Nereyda Calero and her family are Montanans. Nereyda has lived most of her life here. Her children are here. We want her here. And Nereyda is not the only one we want this for! If Congress does not pass a Clean Dream Act, Nereyda risks deportation. Join Montanans for Immigrant Justice and **Stand with Nereyda! Stand with all of the Dreamers!** Call Sen. Tester, [\(202\) 224-2644](tel:(202)224-2644); Sen. Daines at [\(202\) 224-2651](tel:(202)224-2651); and Rep. Gianforte, [\(202\) 225-3211](tel:(202)225-3211) to tell them to pass a Clean Dream Act Now! [#standwithnereyda](#) [#nobannowall](#)

350 Montana encourages us to consider a **citizens' initiative on renewable energy**. I-184 is trying to qualify for Montana's November ballot. It's already passed the Montana Secretary of State's review. But, to qualify for the ballot, I-184 now needs signatures from five percent of 34 different Montana legislative districts by June 22. That's thousands on thousands of signatures, and a very heavy lift. Read the full description of I-184 and if you agree that action now is better than waiting, you can download materials and gather signatures to let Montanans vote to build renewable energy <http://threfiftymissoula.modwest.com/lists/lt.php?id=bUtXAQ1JVAwASgRTAw>

Missoula Community Connect is having a Clothing Drive, now through Jan 22. Collected clothing will be offered to those in need for free. Winter gear is especially needed. If you have gently used clothing you'd like to donate, clothing will be accepted until Jan 22 at these locations: REI Missoula; Missoula Public Library; Country Courthouse Rotunda & Treasurer's Office. More info: [406-258-3688](tel:406-258-3688) or skennedy@missoulacounty.us

Roots Action has a petition asking MSNBC to **accurately cover the war in Yemen** https://act.rootsaction.org/p/dia/action4/common/public/?action_KEY=13204&tag=RA180114&track=RA180114

Call for Participants: Missoula Discrimination Video Project -- YWCA Missoula's Racial Justice Program is producing a video that will highlight personal narratives of those who have experienced discrimination in Missoula. The video will feature short narratives with community members of different backgrounds. In April 2018, there will be a community screening of the video and a panel discussion, held in conjunction with YWCA's Stand Against Racism. The goal of this project is to raise awareness of discrimination that exists in our community, promote and validate the voices of individuals from various marginalized groups, and act as a catalyst for community change. They are looking for participants who are willing to share their own experiences of discrimination for this project. They anticipate that participants will need to contribute up to 5 hours during the interviewing and filming process. This is a volunteer initiative with the possibility of a small stipend. To learn more, contact Lydia Schildt, YWCA Missoula Racial Justice Coordinator, at lsilva@ywcaofmissoula.org or (406) 543-6691.

Visit the **Missoula Resistance Library** for great reading lists on topics that are relevant today.

<https://missoularesistancelibrary.wordpress.com/>

We accept nominations for peacemaker throughout the year. Now accepting for the 2019 award. Go

to <https://jrpc.org/programs/peacemaker-award/>

Fair Trade News



After being closed for inventory and some cleaning and rearranging, we will open today at 10 am. Come see us. Better yet, sign up to volunteer with us!! We'd love to see you and have your help.

Check out our **online store** at <http://the-olive-branch.shoplightspeed.com>

Ongoing Events and Meetings

Women in Black Fridays, North end of the Higgins Bridge, 12:15-12:45 pm. missoulawib@montana.com

Balanced View Clarity Online Call every Sunday, 11am-noon MT time. Contact: CheyenneRivers@BalancedView.org.

Veterans For Peace first Monday of each month (**September 11**), 4-6 pm, JRPC. [406-363-6150](tel:406-363-6150) or pvaughan184@gmail.com

Citizens Climate Lobby. 2nd Monday of every month, 6pm, Imagine Nation Brewery. Contact Scott at sebovard@gmail.com

JRPC Coordinating Council Third Monday of every month, 5:30 pm at JRPC. All are welcome to attend!

350Missoula Coal & Renewables Committee third Monday of each month, 5:30 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. leemet@bigsky.net

Women in Black of Polson Mondays, 12-12:30 pm, Polson courthouse. c211p110@earthlink.net

Knitting For Peace every Tuesday, 1-3 pm, JRPC. 543-3955.

Nonviolent Communication Practice Group Second and Fourth Wednesdays, 12-1 pm, JRPC info@patrickmarsolek.com

The Cranium creates origami delights Wednesdays, 1:15-3:15, JRPC. bonnie@bonnietarses.com

Time Bank Orientation Contact info@missoulatimebank.org for individual and group orientation for new members at a location TBD.

Missoula Moves To Amend Contact Sue at 543-3254

Articles Of Interest

The Times editorial board has been sharply critical of the **Trump presidency**. In the spirit of open debate, it asked his supporters to make their best case for him after his first year in office. This may be a great insight into starting some dialogue. Here are their letters.

Have you read an article that inspired you? Share it with us so we can share it with others!!

Check out the Library at JRPC for lots of great resources. Donations are always welcome!

Ways to Help JRPC

Consider a gift membership or honor donation as a great "green" holiday gift for that hard to buy for person on your list!

And we would be honored to have you consider a donation to JRPC as you plan your end-of-year giving.

Jeannette Rankin Peace Center has been in Missoula since 1986, working to build non-violence, social justice and sustainability. We are pleased to be a member of the Montana Shares Network, a partnership of Montana-based nonprofit groups devoted to improving the quality of life in communities throughout the state. Give to JRPC through your workplace. www.montanashares.org

The JRPC e-newsletter is sent to our listserv each Thursday. Deadline for calendar items is noon, Wednesday. We always appreciate your contributions, comments and suggestions. If you would like to be taken off our mailing list, please unsubscribe below. To sign up, click this link.

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