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"Changing a mind is different than having an argument.
Persuasion takes patience, skill and insight, not force." ~Seth Godin

Dear friends,

Recently the Missoulian featured a picture of a sign that read, "*While everyone has a right to their opinions, politics and religion are not to be discussed in here due to the passionate emotions of some of us.*" The message caught my eye and made me sad. The fact that many of us have passionate emotions about our country and its future is one of the bright spots, likely what will save our democracy. But the fact that we cannot and will not talk to each other is not such a bright spot. It suggests and nurtures fear and division. I decided I want to find ways of reaching out to listen and see if I can learn about some of that passionate emotion and share some of my own. I invite you to join me. We don't have to start with the hardest conversations, but we do have to start...Betsy



Calendar

Thursday, October 18, 2:30-6 pm, Playfair Park. Missoula Rises is planning an afternoon of community connection and protest. If you want to protest Trumps visit the event, the details are below. There was going to be a march on Higgins Ave. organized by Sierra McMurry and that group has decided to join Missoula Rises at this event. You can follow the updates and RSVP at <https://www.facebook.com/events/248193679377589/>. From 2:30 - 6:00 volunteers will be available to escort you to the polling stations at the fairgrounds to cast your ballots.

- 2:30 - 4:30 pm **We Create Community Connection.** The Native community will open the event. We will then sing, educate ourselves on the ballot initiatives, candidates, we sign up to canvass and volunteer. We will participate in community art, sharing in food, making signs and t-shirt printing. There will be yoga, face-painting, activities for kiddos and time for us to meet, talk and connect in person. We will be together.
- 4:30 - 5:30 pm **We Rally.** We won't stand silent. We won't turn our backs. We will share our passion, our rightful rage and our stories. We are community of interwoven stories. We have stood side by side and shared our stories, sadness, anger, hope. We have empowered each other, and ourselves, through our stories. We will make our voices heard when Trump comes to our community with his hateful rhetoric. We respond as a community with our unified voice.

- 5:30 - 6:00 pm **We March**. We march from Playfair Park down South Avenue and wrap around the fairgrounds to Russell Street. We surround the sidewalks around the Missoula County Fairgrounds. We surround the polls. We protest AND we get out the vote. We do both.

Thursday, October 18, 6:30 pm, UM Law School Room 101. UM Professor, Tobin Shearer and several colleagues are holding a teach-in as an alternative to those seeking something positive to do on this day. It is open to all.

Thursday, October 18, 5:30-7 pm, The Wilma (131 S. Higgins). Help Create the 10-Year Vision for Downtown Missoula. Attend the **Downtown Master Plan Community Kickoff** where Dover, Kohl & Partners, the master plan consultants, will provide an in-depth presentation and discussion. Your input is essential to building our community vision for Downtown Missoula. Cash Bar. Complimentary non-alcoholic beverages. Parking is free after 5 pm. For more information, visit www.missouladowntown.com/downtown-master-plan/ or contact the Downtown Missoula Partnership via phone (543-4238) or email (info@missouladowntown.com).

Thursday, October 18, 6-7:30 pm, YWCA Missoula (1130 W. Broadway). **Racial Justice Initiative's book club** meets monthly and features books written by Indigenous people and people of color. This month's meeting will be discussing White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of our Racial Divide by Carol Anderson. Questions? Contact Lydia at lschildt@ywcaofmissoula.org or 543-6691.

Thursday, October 18, 7-9 pm, DPHHS Auditorium (111 N. Sanders, Helena). Public Forum -- Panel and Community Dialogue: "**The Funding Crisis in Montana for Essential Health and Human Services**" <https://www.facebook.com/events/2180865951988026/>

Thursday-Friday, October 18-19, UM School of Music. UM is hosting the **2018 All-State Music Festival** with 400 of the top high school musicians rehearsing all day in Band, Choir and Orchestra groups, and the Montana Music Educators Association with 900 band, choir, orchestra and general music teachers. If you think about it perk your ears for the sound of music enriching our spaces.

Friday, October 19, 5:30-7:30 pm, UM law school atrium. **Montana Innocence Project** open house where the public is invited to come in and learn about the Montana Innocence Project and recognize some of MTIP's outstanding volunteers. This year's open house will be held Volunteer award winners (Miriam Morgan-Spencer Veysey Volunteer of the Year and Brett Feese-Champion of Justice) will be recognized, there will be talk about MTIP's work, and a chance to eat, drink, and be merry. You'll even have the opportunity to have your photo taken to support the Montana Innocence Project. This year, MTIP is particularly excited about their open house keynote speaker, Dr. Greg Hampikian, one of the foremost forensic DNA experts in the country. Greg is the director of the Idaho Innocence Project and has helped out in a number of MTIP cases. Most recently, he testified in the Lawrence and Jenkins cases, which ultimately resulted in Fred and Paul's exonerations. Greg will be speaking on "Fixing Forensic Errors with DNA" at the open house.

Saturday, October 20, 10 am, Alexnader Blewett III School of Law. The **Montana Innocence Project is holding its first-ever fundraiser run/walk** with the race course traversing the beautiful University of Montana campus. Look for informational signs focusing on wrongful convictions along the route. Registration gets you a super cool MTIP T-shirt. Registration is available through our MTIP Website https://www.mtinocenceproject.org/run_for_justice or you can register on-site on Oct. 20, starting at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, October 20, 11 am-3 pm, Caras Park Pavilion. Join Climate Smart Missoula and partners for ***Missoula's Clean Energy Expo!** Free and open to the public. Local clean energy + green businesses and non-profit organizations are co-sponsors/exhibitors.

- Noon: *Solar-ease* workshop + meet solar installers
- 1pm: Release of 100% Clean Electricity for Missoula *draft* *Options Report* and Panel discussion
- 2pm: *Virtual tour* of Missoula's cool green buildings and homes
- Meet green businesses and non-profits + learn how to go zero waste and save energy
- Family-friendly activities - including pumpkins!
- Take the 0-50-100 pledge

Saturday, October 20, 7 pm, UC Theatre. EmpowerMT welcomes all to the staged reading of **The Laramie Project**, presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York to commemorate the 20th anniversary of Matthew Shephard's murder. Tickets for the

community will be available for \$10.00 at the door (student ticket price is \$5.00). Also a Community discussion and youth panel Coming Out West will be on Friday October 19 at 1:00-2:30pm in the University Center.

Sunday, Oct. 21, 6-8 pm, [Imagine Nation Brewing](#). Enjoy craft beer and vibrant poetry with **POETS VOICE for Change** -- EmPOWER CommUNITY! with poetry that matters--in these times! There are still several open spots if you want to perform your poetry. Text Rita aka "Radska", host at 406.544.9026. Mark your calendar for Poetry every 3rd Sunday -- Nov 18th and Dec 16th .

Sunday, October 21, 1:30-5 pm, [Starting at Free Cycles](#). **9th Annual Tweed Ride**. More information at <https://missoulatweedride.org/>

Sunday, October 21, 7pm, [The Roxy Theater](#). Lulu Delphine, Co-Director of Turning the Wheel will be moderating and speaking on a panel for the film **HEAL**. Director Kelly Noonan Gores' documentary takes us on a scientific and spiritual journey where we discover that our thoughts, beliefs, and emotions have a huge impact on our health and ability to heal. <http://www.theroxytheater.org/films/heal/>

Thursday, October 25, 2-3 pm, [University Center room 329](#). **Peace Corps "Storyteller Workshop"**. Serving in the Peace Corps is a great way to immerse yourself in a new culture, learn a new language, and have the experience of a lifetime. Join this special event with returned Peace Corps Volunteers to learn about volunteer experiences, ask questions and gain tips to guide you through the application process.

Saturday, October 27, 7pm - midnight, [MASC Studio](#) (1200 Shakespeare) Turning the Wheel presents **Enchanted Forest**, a dance party, interactive art and performance event. Costumes welcome! Funds raised at Enchanted Forest will support TTWM's work with freshman Health classes at Sentinel High School. Tickets available at <https://www.universe.com/events/enchanted-forest-tickets-missoula-JMHS3Q?ref=explore> OR [universe.com](http://www.universe.com) search "Enchanted Forest"

Tuesday, October 30, 3:30-5:30 pm, [Jeannette Rankin Park](#). Come join volunteers from the neighborhood and help us get the park ready for winter. The city has mulch to spread and weeding to be done this fall yet. Let us know if you can help -- 543-3955.

Tuesday, October 30, 7 pm, [UC Theater - 3rd Floor](#). The Montana World Affairs Council in partnership with the Davidson Honors College presents: **The Changing Nature of Conservation in a Humanized World by Dr. David Western**. Dr. Western is currently chairman of the African Conservation Center in Nairobi, Kenya and a renowned leader in global conservation and community collaboration. Free to Montana World Affairs Council Members, \$5 for non-members and Students are free with a valid student ID. For more information, contact WAC at info@montanaworldaffairs.org or (406)728-332

Friday, November 2, 5-8 pm, [JRPC](#). Join us for November's First Friday and the "**Here I Am**" Art Show with Navaho Nation artist **Andrea Castillo**. We will be serving free drinks and snacks! Meet the artist, experience Missoula's only non-profit, fair trade and local store and peace center and have fun. <https://www.facebook.com/events/155285515418401/>

Thursday, November 8, 3-4:30 pm, [Montana Natural History Center](#). Learn about climate change and earth's processes with **Dr. Steve Running, Regent's Professor Emeritus as he demonstrates moving data on the Magic Planet**, a digital video globe that provides stunning visuals of the earth and other planets. It can take students to any planet in the solar system or it can display important global phenomena such as climate change, plate tectonics, earthquakes and weather. 406.327.0405, <http://MontanaNaturalist.org>. Registration is required. Cost: \$5.00 Register HERE!

November 8-12, [Beginning and ending in San Diego](#). **California-Tijuana Border Experience with Peace Works Travel**. An official Department of Homeland Security tour introduces students to the complex work of U.S. border patrol. Students receive a first-hand insight into the challenging conditions of this work, and the risks desperate migrants face trying to reach the U.S. **Price:** \$1,995.00 (not including travel to San Diego). <http://programs.peaceworkstravel.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=17832> Check out a similar trip focusing on consumerism over Christmas at <http://programs.peaceworkstravel.com/index.cfm?FuseAction=Programs.ViewProgramAngular&id=18229>

Sunday, November 11 marks the **100 year anniversary of Armistice Day**, the day the guns fell

silent marking the end of WWI. There is an effort around the world to organize Battle's Over, an international commemoration. It begins at 6am with over 1,000 lone pipers playing Battle's O'er, a traditional Scottish air played after a battle and other related events. In Missoula, a few pipers will be playing at the dough boy statue at the Missoula Courthouse. Then at 7.05pm churches and cathedrals are encouraged to ring their bells as part of Ringing Out for Peace and more than 140 town criers will perform a specially written Cry for Peace Around the World, the first of them in New Zealand and then across the globe through the various time zones.

Monday, November 12, 2-8 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing. Veteran's Day Fundraiser to raise funds for the **Heroes Therapeutic Outreach Program**. Raffles, food and Kombucha. Participate in sample classes by Red Willow instructors. Learn about Community Resilience and see a special Native American Honoring Ceremony at 6 pm. 10\$ suggested donation. info@redwillowlearning.org

Action Opportunities

Are you an employee of the State of Montana? If so, you have an opportunity to support JRPC through your employee giving program. Starting September 24th, state employees can support JRPC through the **State Employee Charitable Giving Campaign** using **SECGC #8042**. Many other workplaces can support JRPC as a part of Montana Shares, making giving easy, simple and painless. If your workplace doesn't offer payroll giving, [contact us](#) to find out how you can participate.

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



Missoula's only all fair trade store, a program focused on JRPC's international peacebuilding efforts!

Happy Fair Trade Month!! Fair Trade USA Celebrates 20 years of impact! In 1998, less than 33 businesses offered fair trade products. Today that number is over 1250 and climbing! Since 1998, producers have earned more than \$500 million through sales of Fair Trade Certified™ products.

Are your Halloween Treats fair????

Ongoing Events and Meetings

Global Issues Study Group. Third Monday, 4:30, JRPC

Spanish Conversation Group. Thursdays, 12 noon-1 pm, JRPC. Jim, jimcook47@gmail.com, 529-1917 or Walter, wrwilde44@msn.com, 721-5289

Climate Smart Missoula. First Thursday of every month. Topics vary. 5 - 7 pm, Imagine Nation Brewing Co.

Contact: amy@climatesmartmissoula.org

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

Balanced View Clarity Online Call Sundays, 11am-noon, or Mondays 5-6pm. Contact: CheyenneRivers@BalancedView.org. Visit <http://www.Bright.how>

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

Peace & Conflict Studies Group, Thursday, 1-2 pm, JRPC. 406-697-5032. **NO MEETING ON OCTOBER 11!**

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 every 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesday, 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.

Montana Moves To Amend statewide phone calls 4th Tuesday of each month. Contact Sue at 543-3254

Articles Of Interest

[Civil Conversation Project](#): Krista Tippett and Eric Erikson from UM in March
[Hymn](#), a new poem by Sherman Alexie

Ways to Help JRPC

***Thanks to all of you who respond to our call to increase your yearly donation to help us cover increasing costs or to volunteer your time -- your support means a lot to us!!
We love our members, our donors and our volunteers!***

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

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