



## Volume 20, April 2023

We have had an amazing 2 months with the first ever Rotunda Day and Conference dedicated to Climate and Health, the kick-off of our education campaign, an Art Contest in the Yellowstone watershed, gorgeous banners to be displayed across MT, and more! And Giving Day for MT is May 4!

### Philip Nordeck, O.T., Billings MT, and his moment of reckoning



**Philip is a professor at Rocky Mountain College. But another passion is climate action. He had a moment of reckoning Christmas of 2021. Read his story [here](#)**

### New Ally with MtHPHC

*Our Environmental Health colleagues are always on the front lines to protect us. [MEHA](#) is also concerned about the health emergency created*



by climate change. They join the Montana Chapter of the AAP and ACP, MPHA, and American Lung as allies of ours!

# Climate and Health in the 406



February 17

## Rotunda Day 2023, State Capital

We fed and met many legislators and displayed our new floor banners!



February 18

## Conference

94 people registered and 70 attended, in the beautiful venue provided by Carroll College. Watch the videos here. Thanks to our generous sponsors!

[More Pictures Here](#)



**CLIMATE & HEALTH IN THE 406**

## Earth "Week" Events 2023

MtHPHC will table at Gallatin Earth Day April 22 and at the Missoula Library Air, Wildfire, & Smoke school event

on April 13th from 3-6 PM.

The UM Student Chapter has a community-wide film showing of 2040 with a panel discussion April 19, w/ free childcare! More information [here](#)

Free film screening & climate panel discussion

April 19th, 5:30 pm

FAMILIES FIRST LEARNING LAB Location: UC Theater

(3rd floor, University Center @ University of Montana)

Free snacks & childcare provided!

Speakers:

- Owen Lankford, President/Owner, Sapphire Strategies, Inc.
- Caroline Bean, Climate Action Program Manager for Missoula County
- Hayley Blackburn, Associate Professor, Skaggs School of Pharmacy, UM
- Peter McDonough, Climate Change Studies Program Director, UM

Join us for a film about hopeful, future climate solutions, followed by a discussion with Montana leaders taking climate action today!  
For questions, email: [chelsea.kuiper@umontana.edu](mailto:chelsea.kuiper@umontana.edu)

## 4 New Professionally madel Climate/Health videos

Now available for community events. One-pagers to lead community discussions are also available! Topics: smoke and kids, Indigenous health, Mental health, and HCPs and talking about CC to patients. See the community discussion one pagers [here](#), watch the videos [here](#):



## HEPA Filter Distributions

We have received lovely HEPA filters to be distributed in Missoula and Hardin MT to adults with lung disease. This compliments with HEPA distributions at AllNations Clinic in Missoula and pediatric efforts with box fan filters in NE Montana.

## Youth Art Contest

We are co-sponsoring an Art Contest in the Yellowstone Watershed with the MT Audubon Center in Billings MT. Prizes for top 10. Info here and registration [here](#).

ART CONTEST  
HOW CAN YOU HELP  
OUR PLANET

Do you want to raise awareness about climate change? Consider submitting a piece of art to the Art Contest. Prizes will be granted to the top 10 winners of each category!

TO ENTER:

- AGE GROUPS: K - 2nd Grade, 3rd - 5th Grade, 6th - 8th Grade
- ART SUBMISSION PERIOD: APR 20th - APR 25th

In partnership with:

- YELLOWSTONE WATERSHED CENTER
- Audubon Center
- Yellowstone Clinic

## Members in the News

23.03.28 John Cole March 28th at 6:30pm at the Durham in Polson, MT for Flathead Lakers and Bio Station

23.03.26 International Meeting on Indigenous Child Health, Tulsa OK, Rob and Lori Byron

23.03.20 Rob Byron, moderator, Medical Society Consortium on Climate and Health annual conference

23.03.03 Dr. Robert "Spike" Pueringer, Big Sky Pulmonary Conference "Climate Change, Infection, and Immunity"

23.02.20 Association of Academic Physiatrists annual meeting: "Climate Change, Disability, and Rehabilitation", Dr Anita Lowe

23.02.16 Hayley Blackburn: A prescription for a Healthier Planet, put on by the GCCHE.

23.02.10 Leslie Davenport, climate psychology educator, Friday Medical Conference Missoula presentation titled: Responding to the Rise of Eco-Distress Psychology and Health. [www.lesliedavenport.com](http://www.lesliedavenport.com).



## JCAHO

The Joint Commission has proposed new requirements to address environmental sustainability in CAHs and hospitals. Please take the [online survey](#):



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## Learning Corner

Particulate matter has been found in [kidney biopsy sections](#) and wildfire smoke has been shown to worsen the



status of hemodialysis patients.

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