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Teresa Wicks, RN: Billings Climate Advocate

A bout with cancer started Teresa's serious journey into the effects of environment on human health. As a nursing professor, she researches such concerns and incorporates her findings into her teaching and her personal life.

Read more of Teresa's story here

***Give a free gift of power and empowerment today***

Consider sharing this newsletter with five friends and ask them to sign up. It will empower them to act on climate and strengthen our voice in Montana. Thanks to the 250 of you who already have signed up!

Kalispell

Nurse wins City Council seat

Jessica Dahlman, a nurse with Logan Health, won a Kalispell city council seat last month!
Mac Nolde, our Program Manager, now has 20 schools and businesses signed up to 'Raise the Flag on Air Pollution.' If you know of a teacher that might be interested,

New Grant from Patagonia!

Patagonia Montana (Dillon) has awarded MtHPHC a grant. We will be hiring a part-time administrator. If you visit their store, thank them!

If you know anyone that wants to work from home on meaningful climate work, please contact Montana Climate Journeys.

For full (10 minute) video, go to our Youtube Channel
Ask EPA to limit flaring!
Written comments accepted through 2021. How to comment [here](#) and general info [here](#). Flaring is not limited in the proposed rule - just ask them to add that important component!

Funded Fellowship
Global Consortium on Climate and Health
Education: 7/22-7/23, 20 hrs/wk, $5000 stipend. Apply soon. Contact [info@montanahphc.org](mailto:info@montanahphc.org) for more information.

Build Back Better
Let our Congressional delegation know the climate-protective measures that you care about. For a list of what is in the bill for Montana, and contact information for our Congressmen, go [here](#).

Building Codes
New energy efficiency codes are under consideration by the Dept. of Labor. Public Comment is welcome and needed at their 12/8 meeting. Agenda is [here](#) and the codes, [here](#). Improved efficiency lessens GHG emissions and saves homeowners money, making it a MtHPHC issue of concern.

MontanaHPHC In The News

21.11.30 Montanans testify to EPA over proposed Methane rulings: Anne Hedges, Rob Byron, Michelle Uberuaga

21.11.14 Missoulian OpEd by Ned Vasquez, Rebecca Elderkin, Chelsea Kuiper [here](#)

21.11.10 Bozeman Chronicle: Guest column: Health professionals must do their part on climate. Emory Hoelscher-Hull, Lynne Foss, Marian Kummer, Sarah Lorch, Ned Vasquez, Robert Byron and Lori Byron. [here](#)

21.11.10 Billings Gazette Guest view: Teresa Blascovich MD, Billings; Ned Vasquez MD, Missoula; Robert Byron MD, Hardin; Lori Byron MD, Hardin; and Cathy White MD, Butte. Healthcare providers do their part to mitigate global warming, [here](#)

21.11.10 – Rob and Lori Byron teach on air pollution in the Ekalaka school.

21.11.10 Helena Independent Record OpEd Ned Vasquez, M.D., Missoula; Robert Byron, M.D., Hardin; Lori Byron, M.D., Hardin; Debra Remillard, PA,
Helena; and Carolyn Meyer, M.D., Helena. Guest view: Healthcare providers do their part to mitigate global warming. [here]

21.11.08 Montana Standard OpEd: Cathy White MD, Butte; Ned Vasquez MD, Missoula; Robert Byron MD, Hardin; Lori Byron MD, Hardin; and Teresa Blascovich MD, Billings. Guest view: Healthcare providers do their part to mitigate global warming. [here]

21.11.08 Research article by Lori and Rob Byron - MT (and others) - [Pediatric Climate Change Advocacy: A Call to Action for Health Care Providers] Journal of Applied Research on Children: Informing Policy for Children at Risk. [Here]

21.11.07 Research article by Lori Byron (and others). Integrating Climate Change Education into Board Certification for Pediatricians: a Model for Other Specialties, [The Journal of Climate Change and Health]. [Here]

21.11.03 Drs Jen Robohm and Halley Blackburn, IoE Rough Cut Series: Mental Health Challenges associated with Climate Change and Climate Change-Related Work: Strategies from the Field. [Watch here]

21.11.04 New York Times article featuring Dr. Beth Schenk. [here]

21.11.02 Beth Schenk ANHE podcast: Climate Justice 10 Najeem Al Balushi - A Nursing view from Oman. [Listen here]

21.11.01 Beth Schenk featured in this Providence blog. Earth day can’t wait: We need to act now on climate change. [Listen here]

21.10.30 Beth Schenk ANHE podcast: 4 #14 Climate Justice 9. Dr Connie Nguyen-Truong, Dr Shameem Rakha. Deconstructing Racialized Experiences. [Listen here]

21.10.30 Mac Nolde tabled at the Montana Association for the Education of Young Children, Butte, MT.

21.10.28 Signed on to a statewide organizational letter to Congress supporting climate provisions in the Build Back Better Act.

21.10.27 MSU Senate voted (and tabled) on resolution to acknowledge the climate emergency - Robert Byron commented

21.10.27 Beth Schenk ANHE podcast: 4 #13 Climate Justice 8 Bradley Thompson, MSN, RN-BC, PMHCNS-BC “Nursing is Nothing Without Action”. [Listen here]

21.10.27 Environmental Health class and Politics of Energy Policy class at MSU, Drs. Rob and Lori Byron were guest lecturers.

21.10.25 research paper published: Climate & health concerns of MT public & environmental health professionals: a cross-sectional study. Lori Byron. [Here]

21.10.21 MT nurses meeting w Tester: Beth Schenk, Sarah Johnson, Teresa Wicks, Frances DeForrest, Jessica Dahlman

21.10.18 MtHPHC signed on to a letter ‘Protect Health - Recommendations for the Biden Administration in response to the climate crisis‘. [Read here]

21.10.14 sign on w ALA for electric school buses. [Read here]
Learning Corner

N95s and Forest Fires

N95 respirators could offer robust protection from wildfire smoke. Read more here

Christmas waste

Personal Action

Rubbish volumes rise by 30% around Christmas.
Consider the 'So Kind" registry to decrease Christmas waste and read this blog: I don't want more stuff!