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MARK YOUR CALENDARS TO VOTE FOR STATE SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT -- FEB. 21

Huge high-voltage transmission lines proposed for Driftless Area

Local action groups to meet



Tues., Feb. 21, (throughout the state) **VOTE** FOR STATE

<u>SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT</u> The current state

Superintendent, **Tony Evers**, has been a strong advocate for our public schools. He has promoted a <u>fairer way to fund the</u>

schools (the Walker administration has refused to consider it) and he has fought against voucher school expansion (supported by the Walker administration), which uses taxpayer dollars to fund private school tuition at the direct expense of local public schools. Evers will be on the ballot with Lowell Holtz and John Humphries, both pro-voucher candidates. Rick Melcher, a write-in candidate, also a conservative, will not appear on the ballot. Check out the following <u>Beloit News</u> article to learn more about the differences between the candidates.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE - Feb 21 (primary)

know peace through justice

Friday, Feb. 3, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (Dodgeville) CITIZENS FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE MEETING This dedicated group of activists has been involved with important peace and justice issues for years. They

will meet this Friday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Cobblestone Café, 233 North Iowa St., Dodgeville. Join them to find out what action is on their future agenda. For further info contact Jane Kavaloski at jhkavaloski@gmail.com



Sat., Feb. 11, 11 a.m. (Dodgeville) MONTHLY SUSTAIN IOWA COUNTY/CITIZENS' CLIMATE LOBBY

<u>MEETING</u> These local citizens are deeply concerned about the environment and climate change - and they take action! Learn more

about their agenda by joining them at the Dodgeville Country Kitchen, 1202 N. Johns Street. You'll make plenty of new friends. Contact Chuck Tennessen at twotens@yousq.net for more info.

FRI., FEB. 17, 7 p.m. (Barneveld) and SAT., FEB 18, 2 p.m. (Spring Green) PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS ON HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL HIGH-VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINES PLANNED TO CUT THROUGH DRIFTLESS AREA All Driftless Area residents need to know about the proposed construction of huge, expensive new high-voltage transmission powerlines, planned by the American Transmission Co. (ATC). These towering lines would cut a 125-mile long swath through parks, private property and sensitive environmental areas throughout the Driftless area, forcing rate-payers to foot higher monthly bills for years to come. The Feb. 17 Barneveld meeting at 7 p.m. will at the American Legion hall, 102 Wood St. The Feb. 18 Spring Green meeting at 2 p.m. will be at Arcadia Books, 102 E. Jefferson. For more information, contact the Driftless Area Land Conservancy, 608-930-3252. Speaker will be Howard Learner of the Environmental Law & Policy Center.

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