



The Grassroots Gazette fosters community dialogue and participation throughout Southwest Wisconsin

VOTE TOMORROW (April 4)

and many more local political action activities
in Spring Green, Dodgeville, Mineral Point, Richland Center, etc.



Tues., April 4, polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Statewide) VOTE IN ALL-IMPORTANT STATEWIDE SPRING ELECTION for STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS -- Incumbent Tony Evers is the only candidate for State Superintendent of Schools who is a strong supporter

of public schools.

For STATE SUPREME COURT, conservative Supreme Court Justice Annette Ziegler is running unopposed. However, a statewide progressive Grassroots group thepeoplesseatapril4@gmail.com is urging voters to write in JoAnne Kloppenburg, currently the Presiding Judge on the Wisconsin Court of Appeals.

For LOCAL ELECTIONS -- Michelle Thomas, the Spring Green Town Supervisor candidate, has the strong support of the River Valley DAWN group. DAWN also recommends Kevin Lins for Spring Green Town Board Chair. Mineral Point School Board candidate Kelly Gundlach is recommended.

BE PREPARED: TO FIND OUT WHO WILL BE ON YOUR BALLOT, go to <https://myvote.wi.gov/>



Tues., April 4, 6 p.m. (Richland Center) THE RICHLAND COUNTY DAWN GROUP will meet to move forward on its local political action agenda, including a letter writing party in May, Lobby Day in June, the upcoming EMERGE visit, updates on the NARAL PRO-CHOICE visit and more. Come to find out more about this active DAWN (Driftless Area Women's Network) group. Bring a snack to share. Social time starts at 5:30 p.m. Contact Kathy

Weingberg Fry for specifics as to the location at gracie82159@gmail.com. For more info about the group, go to the [DAWN Facebook page](#) or contact Theresa Richards at theview36k@gmail.com



Wed., April 5, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (Mineral Point) THE WEEKLY POST CARD WRITING ACTION is in Mineral Point at the Grey Dog Deli, 215 High Street. The letter writing team is growing - join the action. Keep up the pressure on our representatives in Washington and Madison. Postcards and pens will be supplied. This event is sponsored by the Action Iowa County group. Contact Susan Van Sicklen for more info at svans5@icloud.com



Sat., April 8, 6 p.m. (Dodgeville) MONTHLY SUSTAIN IOWA COUNTY-CITIZENS' CLIMATE LOBBY meeting is at the home of Anne Bachner, 4091 Cty Road Z. Bring finger food to share. Join this active local group where you will learn about the growing bi-partisan Climate Solutions

Caucus and its work to address climate change at the national level. Find out how you can be part of the effort to build a sustainable world locally and beyond. To learn more about the group go to the Grassroots Sustain webpage http://www.grassrootswi.org/sustain_iowa_county/. Or contact Chuck Tennesen at twotens@yousq.net



Mon., April 10, 7 p.m. (Baraboo, Darlington, Dodgeville) VITAL ANNUAL CONSERVATION CONGRESS held in each

county Everyone concerned with statewide conservation policy such as hunting and fishing regulations, water quality standards, high capacity well issues, Chronic Wasting Disease policy, public lands and state parks should plan to actively participate in these annual events which are held 7 p.m. on April 10 in every county. In Sauk County it will be at UW Baraboo - Giese Lecture Hall A4, 1006 Connie Road; in Iowa County at the Dodgeville Middle School, 951 W. Chapel; in Lafayette County at the Darlington Elementary School, 11630 Center Hill Road. Go

to http://dnr.wi.gov/About/WCC/Documents/spring_hearing/2017/2017SpringQuestionnaire.pdf To learn about some of the vital issues to be discussed go to <http://www.accentnatural.com/wisconsin-conservation-hearings-2017/> Bring photo ID to vote on delegates and the questionnaire topics. Be sure to read the questionnaire ahead of time. These county hearings guide the decision-making in the DNR and the Natural Resources Board and can affect the decisions of the legislature.

First thing on the agenda will be the delegate election to the Conservation Congress. Each county will elect five. Be sure to check out their credentials before the meeting if possible - or listen at the meeting. New candidates are encouraged to step forward.



Fri., April 7, 2 to 4 p.m. (Dodgeville) U.S. FOREIGN POLICY AND PETROLEUM will be the topic at this Great Decisions discussion, led by Chuck Tennesen. The event is sponsored jointly by the Dodgeville Public Library and the Grassroots Citizens for Peace and Justice. Location: the Dodgeville Public Library, 139 South Iowa Street. Everyone is welcome. [Learn more by clicking here.](#)



Tues., April 11, 6:30 p.m. (Spring Green) MONTHLY River Valley

DAWN MEETING at the General Store, 137 Albany Street in Spring

Green. This new Driftless Area Women's Network group is exploring ways it can make an impact by encouraging women to run for office, getting involved in local issues and empowering and supporting women through direct action and advocacy on policies and issues. For more info, contact Grace Timmerman at contactdawnwi@gmail.com



Sat., April 15, 5 to 9 p.m. (Spring Green) THE BEST EVENT OF THE YEAR - THE ANNUAL SPRING

AUCTION benefiting the Community Connections Free Clinic in Dodgeville. Again this year, the event will be held at the Wisconsin Riverside Resort, S13220 Shifflet Rd. in Spring

Green. This is the Clinic's signature fundraising event, offering the opportunity to bid on over 80 donated goods and services while at the same time supporting the all-important work of the Clinic. Pre-registration is \$30 (until April 8). After then and at the door \$35. Entrance fee includes the chance to bid on silent and live auction items, a raffle, the famous wine pull, a cash bar, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and live music. To pre-register (which is highly recommended) go to <http://ccfcwi.org/2017/01/register-2017-auction/> you can pay by PayPal or credit card. Imagine going home with front row seats at a UW Basketball game, a New Zealand Adventure, including accommodations at a Auckland area lake and much more; artist Lauren Thuli's original acrylic painting designed especially for the auction (see above); or a Pakistani dinner and cooking lessons for 10 - among many more items.



MARCH FOR SCIENCE

SAT., April 22 (Earth Day) -A local MARCH FOR

SCIENCE ??? Are you interested in joining a LOCAL March for Science event for Earth Day (April 22)? If so, Action Iowa County member Dave Oesper wants to hear from you. Says Oesper, "You may think these events are only happening in big

cities like Madison, but one is happening in Minocqua, which is smaller than Dodgeville." Let him know at 608-930-2120 or daveoesper@mac.com. Science marches will be held throughout the country. Scientists, science enthusiasts and concerned citizens are coming together to make themselves heard. Here's information about the Madison march:

<https://sciencemarchmadison.github.io/>



HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF HAVING A SOLAR INSTALLATION AT YOUR HOME? If so, now is the time to act. The Sustain Iowa County/Citizens Climate Change group in cooperation with UW Extension and the Driftless Area Land

Conservancy are offering a greater Iowa County "Solar Group Buy" opportunity. Already 50 people want to know more about this limited time "buyers-club". Discounts on each solar installation will depend on how many people sign up, says Chuck Tennessen. A Request for

Proposals will go out to potential installers next week. Information sessions will be held in May-June. To get on the info-mailing list, contact Chuck Tennesen at twotens@yousq.net now. The more folks join, the greater the discount for all.



Tues., April 25, 6 to 9 p.m. (Richland Center) EMERGE AND WISCONSIN PROGRESS to talk about empowering progressive women - including political strategies for running for office, supporting candidates and engaging with elected officials. Location: Richland Center Community & Senior Center, 1050 N. Orange St in Richland Center. Come for pizza at 6 p.m. and enjoy lively conversation. This event is sponsored by DAWN (Driftless Area Women's Network). For more info, contact Kathy Fry at gracie82159@gmail.com



SPRING CLEANING? Help out long-time Grassroots member Christine Tsubokura who is collecting children's books for the Community Connections Free Clinic library - so that children and their parents can take books home at no charge. Call Christine at 608-234-1414

GRASSROOTS CITIZENS OF WISCONSIN, an energetic group of over 1000 people in Iowa, Sauk, Crawford, Richland, Lafayette and Grant Counties who are interested in taking an active role in improving government and promoting rational discussions of local, state and national issues. For further information, or to add a friend to our mailing list, please contact: Shirley Barnes, Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin, 2473 Mt. Hope Road, Dodgeville, WI. 53533, 608-623-2109, e-mail: grassroots@merr.com.

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