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WHEN ARE YOU VOTING TODAY?

(Tues., Feb. 21)

FUTURE OF WISCONSIN'S PUBLIC EDUCATION IS AT STAKE

Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.



TODAY -- Tues., Feb. 21 (statewide) State Schools Superintendent Tony Evers is battling two voucher school supporters in today's Primary Election. Let your voice be heard. Don't forget to vote. Evers's two major opponents are on

record praising new Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos and voucher schools. [Click here](#) to read the latest Wisconsin State Journal article about the race.



Wed., Feb. 22, 9:15 a.m. (Mineral Point) YOU ARE INVITED TO A POSTCARD PARTY at the GREY

DOG DELI in MINERAL POINT, 214 High Street. Postcards, pens and other supplies will be provided. Great time to meet new people and let your Representatives know what you think about the current political situation. Join the action. For more info, contact svans5@icloud.com.



Wed., Feb. 22, 6 to 8:30 p.m. (Madison) "The Empty Chair??" Town Hall Meeting with Senator Ron Johnson. THE LOCATION HAS CHANGED: It will now be at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 1609

University Avenue, a larger venue. Will he show up? Johnson's office couldn't remember the last time he held a Town Hall meeting. He's said he's not holding any Town Halls during this Congressional recess but constituents are moving ahead anyway. Organizers want as many people as possible to be there - and they're hoping he'll show up. Call Johnson at 202-224-5323 (Washington); 414-276-7282 (Milwaukee) or 920-23-7250 (Oshkosh) to urge him to attend.



Wed., March 8, 6:30 p.m. (Spring Green) Driftless Area

Women's Network (DAWN) meeting This new group of action-

oriented women will meet at the Spring Green General Store, 137 South Albany Street in Spring Green. Lots of energy here. DAWN is committed to encouraging and equipping women throughout Wisconsin's Driftless Area to embrace political leadership roles at the local, state, and national level; to engage in public service and promote fundamental principles of equality and justice through education and outreach; and to empower and support women through direct action and advocacy on policies and issues that have the greatest impact on women's lives. For more info, go to the [DAWN Facebook page](#).



LOCAL TEAMS CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR RURAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE NOW STARTING TO FORM. Let us know

by return email if you would like to become involved

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The Grassroots Gazette has been working hard to find the best ways to exercise political muscle every day. Instead of ranting about the latest headlines, take action. Below you'll find one of the best methods we've found so far. Let us know by return email if it works for you - or if you have a better idea. Sign up for www.5calls.org to get weekly alerts to the 5 or 10 most pressing national issues. The site offers background info on each of these issues and phone numbers for the legislators you need to call daily. (They are tallying the responses.) IT TAKES ONLY 5 MINUTES A DAY. If you get no answer in their Washington office, call their local office. U.S. Senator Ron Johnson in Washington, D.C. (202-224-5323); Milwaukee (414-276-7282); Oshkosh (920-230-7250). US Senator Tammy Baldwin in Washington D.C. (202-224-5653); Madison (608-264-5338); Milwaukee (404-297-4451); U.S. Rep. Marc Pocan in Washington (202-225-2906); Madison (608-258-9800). **POST THESE NUMBERS ON YOUR COMPUTER.**

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