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TWO EXCITING EVENTS THIS WEEKEND

Help get this election year off to a great start!



On Sat., April 14, 2 to 4 p.m. (Hwy. 23) STATE REP. CANDIDATE JEFF WRIGHT KICKS OFF HIS CAMPAIGN at the beautiful White Oak Savanna complex, 4352 Hwy. 23, north of Dodgeville. Meet Jeff and his family and see how you can help with his campaign. He's running for the 51st Assembly District against Todd Novak. Read more about Jeff at www.wrightforwisconsin.com



On Sun., April 15, 2 to 4 p.m., STATE SENATE CANDIDATE KRISS MARION INVITES YOU TO A SUNDAY SOCIAL at the General Store, 137 S. Albany St. in Spring Green. Music by Don Greenwood. Snacks, cookies and cash bar. Bring friends and have fun. Can't make it? Then get to know Kriss by checking out her website at www.KrissforWisconsin.com She'll tell you why she's running and HOW YOU CAN HELP.



Fri., April 20, 2 to 4 p.m. (Dodgeville) RUSSIA'S FOREIGN POLICY As a rare treat, Sara Lomasz Flesh, who spent five years in Russia as a journalist, will lead the April 20 Great Decisions discussion at the Dodgeville Public Library focusing on "Russia's Foreign Policy." Sara is well known to many as the editor of the River Valley Voice and has recently been named Director of Shake Rag Alley School for Arts and Crafts in Mineral Point. The free Great Decisions program is sponsored by the Dodgeville Library and Grassroots Citizens for Peace and

Justice. Pre-registration is encouraged. Contact Vickie at 608-935-3728 or via email at vstangel@swls.org



Sat., April 21, 5 to 9 p.m. (Spring Green) THE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS FREE CLINIC SPRING AUCTION will be held again this year at the Wisconsin Riverside Report, S13220 Shifflet Road in Spring Green. This fun event supports the important work of the Community Connections Free Clinic which provides basic healthcare

services to those who would be otherwise unable to access them. \$35 in advance; \$40 at the door. Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, live music. To register go to <http://ccfcwi.org/2018-auction-items/> Check the website to see a growing list of great auction items or call 608-930-2232.



Wednesdays - April 18, 25 and May 2 (9:30 a.m.) JOIN THE ACTION TEAM THAT JUST WON'T QUIT!

Every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. at an Iowa County coffee shop, you'll find the hard-working team of progressive letter writers at work - letting their opinions be heard. The group is growing. Join them to help make major change in Madison and Washington D.C.

Wed., April 18, 9:30 a.m., join them at Gray Dog Deli, 215 High St., Mineral Point

Wed., April 25, 9:30 a.m., it's the Cook's Room, 138 N. Iowa St., in Dodgeville.

Wed., May 2, 9:30 a.m., they'll be at the Pointer Café, 809 Ridge St., Mineral Point.

For more info, contact Laura Cisler at glcisler@yahoo.com, Susan Van Sicklen at svans5@icloud.com or Caron Swindal at caronmp1@gmail.com.



Thurs., April 19, 6 p.m. (Mineral Point) LEARN HOW TO TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBORS ABOUT ISSUES THAT MATTER

Join the team that will make the big difference in the upcoming elections by finding out what your neighbors are thinking. Knocking on doors can be intimidating but not if you have good training. That's why Dems canvassing co-chairs Christine Tsubokura and Cathy Kaiser are hosting a training session at Christine's home at 710 Washington Street in Mineral Point on Thurs., April 19 at 6 p.m. For more info call Christine at 608-234-1414.



Thurs., April 19, 5 to 7 p.m. (Mineral Point) MEET MIKE MCCABE, candidate for Wisconsin Governor at the Gray Dog Deli, 215 High Street in Mineral Point. He'll talk about his vision for the state and answer questions about issues that matter to you. For more information, go to <http://www.governorbluejeans.com/>



SPECIAL FEATURE: Today it's easy to forget that our country has been through other troubled times. In his International Book Award-winner Spoke: A Mother, a Son, Civil Rights, Vietnam, Coleman, a Grassroots founding member from Mineral Point, details what courage looked like in the 1960s. For those of you who missed his story, [click here](#) to listen to Coleman's moving interview with Jim Fleming on To the Best of Our Knowledge on National Public Radio.

A playwright, Coleman is currently adapting for the stage Sagashus Levingston's remarkable book called Infamous Mothers, to premiere in Madison in October, 2018. For more information about Coleman and his projects, go to <http://www.spokesinthewheel.com/>



NEW IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS GETS TO WORK

Thanks to the hard-working Action Iowa County team who encouraged people to run for the Iowa County Board, a full board is now in place. As they get to work, residents are encouraged to contact their own board representative to voice their opinion about 1) their hopes for County Government in the coming years and 2) their top concerns for the county both immediate and long-term. [Click here](#) to find out who your County Board representative is.



NEW: NEW ACTION GROUP TAKING SHAPE IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY Our Lafayette County neighbors liked what they saw at recent gatherings of the Action Iowa County team and are now launching their own group called Informed Lafayette Action (ILA). For more information about the group call Ray Spellman at 608-776-2832 or email him at spellman@mhtc.net.

THE GRASSROOTS GAZETTE (produced by the Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin) is the email communications tool that links emerging political action groups throughout Southwest Wisconsin - including Action Iowa County, SWWAP of Mt. Horeb, River Valley DAWN group, Richland County DAWN group, Sustain Iowa County and Iowa County Citizens for Peace & Justice. Other groups interested in joining can contact grassroots@merr.com.