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MARCH FOR OUR LIVES Confirmed in Mineral Point for Sat. March 24

And many more important local political happenings



Tues., March 20, 5 to 7 p.m. (Dodgeville). GREAT NEWS – Kriss Marion is on the ballot for State Senate in the 17th District AND Jeff Wright is running for State Representative (51st district).

Meet them both on March 20 Meet both Kriss Marion and Jeff Wright at the Kriss Marion Launch Party, Tues., March 20 at Duke's Brew Pub and Ale House, 105 E. Chapel Street in Dodgeville. Jeff Wright just announced on Friday that he is in the race for the 51st district seat. Cash bar. Appetizers provided. Live music by Scott Stieber and Don Myers.

Kriss will be facing Howard Marklein in November. Wright will be up against Todd Novak. Come show your support for both. Candidates for the Iowa County Board, including write-ins, will also be introduced so you'll find out who is running in your area.



Sat., March 24, 10:45 a.m. (Mineral Point) The Mineral Point MARCH FOR OUR LIVES is on. Approval from the City Council just came through. Iowa County will join communities throughout the U.S. who will be marching on Sat., March 24 in response to the school shooting in Florida. Gather at the Water Tower in Mineral Point at 10:45 a.m. to show your support for this nationwide effort to bring reason to the gun control issue. The march, sponsored by Action Iowa County, will begin at 11 a.m. and will go down High Street. This is a non-partisan event so please invite your friends/family and neighbors.



Wed., March 14, 10 a.m. (Mineral Point, Dodgeville, Mt. Horeb, Spring Green) 17-minute NATIONAL SCHOOL WALKOUT. Join them.

Students at high schools in Dodgeville, Mineral Point, Spring Green and Mt. Horeb, among others, will "walk out" for 17 minutes of silence at 10 a.m. on Wed., March 14, in recognition of the 17 students and faculty who died in the Florida shooting. Community members are invited to join them.

Call your local high school to find out if your school will be participating.



Mon., March 19, 6 to 8 p.m. (Mineral Point) MEET THREE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES at Tequila Point Please join other Action Iowa County Members to meet candidates Nate Chambers, Aaron Dunn and Everett Lindsey, who are all running for the April election for Mineral Point School Board. There are 3 open seats, and 4 candidates. The event will be held at Tequila Point, 43 High Street in Mineral Point (as was last year's Big Huddle). Drinks and light appetizes

available at the bar. Said one Grassroots member, "If we are able to elect Chambers, Dunn and Lindsey we can make sure that the Mineral Point school board reflects our community's values and sense of mutual respect. All 3 would be tremendous assets to our school board." A fourth candidate has been on the school board in recent years but has had difficulty showing his fellow board members and community members respect. He is running again, after being defeated last year.

The three invited candidates will make a brief statement at about 6:30 p.m. The rest of the event will be a casual meet-and-greet type event, with plenty of time for chatting about issues relevant to our schools. Come at any point during the two hours and stay as long as you like! Please bring any friends or family members who are interested in getting these three candidates on the MP school board.



PLANS HAVE CHANGED for the ACTION IOWA COUNTY postcard group this month: On this Wednesday, March 14, this group of active political participants will meet at 9 a.m. at the Cobblestone Coffeehouse, 237 N. Iowa Street in Dodgeville to go to the Dodgeville High School for the 10 a.m. school walkout (see above). All are invited to join them. **On Wed., March 21**, meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 409 High Street in Mineral Point, to make posters and paint a banner for the Sat., March 24 March for Your Life march in Mineral Point. **On Wed., March 28**, they will meet as usual to write letters and make contact with their legislative leaders at 9:30 a.m. at the Cook's Room, 138 N. Iowa Street in Dodgeville. We'll let you know if those plans change. For more info, contact Laura Cisler at glcisler@yahoo.com, Susan Van Sicklen at svans5@icloud.com or Caron Swindal at caronmp1@gmail.com.



WISCONSIN SPRING GENERAL ELECTION IS TUESDAY, APRIL 3 (Early voting starts Monday, March 19) Vital races are on the ballot – for Supreme Court and others. Election is during the Easter Break so be sure to vote early or get an absentee ballot if you are going to be away. Early voting begins March 19. Watch the March 19 Gazette for more information about the election. Go to the Grassroots Elections pages <http://www.grassrootswi.org/elections/> for more information about the candidates, what will be on your ballot, how to get in touch with your local clerk and other facts about the election.

GREAT DECISIONS



Fri., March 23, 2 to 4 p.m. (Dodgeville) U.S. GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT and the MILITARY Edgewood College philosophy professor Vince Kavaloski and Father Jim Murphy will lead the next Great Decisions conversation at the Dodgeville Public Library focusing on “U.S. Global Engagement and the Military.” To prepare for these critical nationwide conversations, handouts are available at the library. The program is sponsored by the Dodgeville Library and Grassroots Citizens for Peace and Justice. Pre-registration is encouraged. Programs are free. *For more information contact Vickie at 608-935-3728 or via email at vstangel@swls.org.* On **April 6** the Great Decisions topics will be **Media and Foreign Policy** and on **Friday, April 20** it will be **Russia's Foreign Policy**.



Friday, March 16, 7-8:30 p.m. (Mt. Horeb) SAVING SNOW screening and discussion The Mount Horeb Area Citizens' Climate Lobby will show the film ***Saving Snow***, a 53-minute documentary on the story of our winters on life support. There will be a community social time with light snacks at 6:30 p.m. followed by film viewing and discussion 7-8:30 pm. The event will be held at the Mt. Horeb Community Center, 107 N. Grove Street. This event is free and open to the public and is co-sponsored by The Farley Center for Peace, Justice and Sustainability and Southwest Wisconsin Area Progressives (SWWAP). Find out more at <http://www.mounthorebccl.info>



Sat., April 21, 5 to 9 p.m. (Spring Green) THE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS FREE CLINIC SPRING AUCTION to be held at the Wisconsin Riverside Resort. More details to come but mark your calendar now for this fun, important event.

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