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## LOCAL POLITICAL SCENE IS ALREADY HEATING UP!

Find out how you can get involved in Mineral Point, Dodgeville, Military Ridge Trail and more



Fri., May 18 and Sat., May 19 (Dodgeville, Mineral Point)


JOIN THE 'BRIDGE BUILDING' DOOR TO DOOR

CANVASSING TEAM.

"It's been great building bridges with people," says Janet Peder, one of the committed volunteers who are now going door-to-door to find out what local people are thinking about

today's political scene. "The people I've talked to appreciate that their opinions are valued."

TO BECOME PART OF THIS DOOR-TO-DOOR EFFORT, meet at the newly opened Dem. Party Hdqs., 102 North Iowa Street in Dodgeville on Fri, May 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. or on Sat., May 19, from 10 a.m. to noon. Training will be provided. Contact Christine Tsubokura at

[christinetsub@gmail.com](mailto:christinetsub@gmail.com) to let her know you'll be there - or just drop in. Let's get this BLUE WAVE  started!

Canvassers are also needed on Sat., May 26 from 10 a.m. to noon and Thurs., May 31<sup>st</sup>, from 4 to 6 p.m. Call Christine or come to the Dems. Headquarters. To canvass in Ridgeway, contact Janet Pedder at [hydein@wildblue.net](mailto:hydein@wildblue.net), 608-924-2113 or in Arena, contact Kris Porter at 608-753-2169.



Wed., May 16, 9:30 a.m. (Mineral Point) IT'S GROWING! Members

of the weekly post card group write, laugh, rail about what's going on in Washington D.C. and Madison - and take action! The group is GROWING.

They meet every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. Come and see what's going on!

Turns out there are thousands of groups like them throughout the country trying to make a difference. For more info, contact Laura Cisler

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Swindal at [caronmp1@gmail.com](mailto:caronmp1@gmail.com). You find them on: Wed., May 16, 9:30 a.m., at the Gray Dog Deli, 215 High Street, Mineral Point, 987-4000; on Wed., May 23, 9:30 a.m., at the Cook's Room, 138 N Iowa Street, Dodgeville, 935-5282 and on Wed., May 30, 9:30 a.m., at the Pointer Café, 809 Ridge Street, Mineral Point, 987-3733



Wed., May 30, 5 to 8 p.m. (Mineral Point) FRANK AND SANDEE BEAMAN ARE HOSTING A GREAT GATHERING FOR FRIENDS OF STATE SENATE CANDIDATE KRISS MARION AND STATE REP. CANDIDATE JEFF WRIGHT at the Lind Pavilion, 411 Commerce Street in Mineral Point. Everyone is welcome. You can expect refreshments, friends, fun and enthusiasm for these two great candidates. Bring friends and family. RSVP to [sandeeb@charter.net](mailto:sandeeb@charter.net).



Fri., June 8, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) HEAR ABOUT THE LATEST ROUND IN THE BATTLE AGAINST THE GIANT ATC POWER LINES WHICH COULD DISSECT IOWA COUNTY - and what you can do! At the Dodger Bowl, 321 King Street in Dodgeville, Attorney Howard Learner will present the latest news about what's

happening at the Wisconsin Public Service Commission and Rural Utilities Service - and the action local people can take to oppose having the power lines slice through Iowa County. Find more information at [www.driftlessdefenders.com](http://www.driftlessdefenders.com)



Sat., June 30 (Military Ridge State Trail) BIKERS AND HIKERS ARE INVITED TO THE "CELEBRATE THE DRIFTLESS RALLY." Help make people aware that the historic Military Ridge State Trail is threatened by ATC's proposed transmission lines. To join the ride/walk/run, start at Verona or Dodgeville (and points in between). The ending location will be the lawn of the GrandStay Hotel in Mount Horeb for a Big Rally (11 a.m.

to 3 p.m.), featuring fun family activities, a folk band, brief speeches and food and drink. Sign up now at [CelebrateDriftless.org](http://CelebrateDriftless.org) so the planners (Driftless Defenders and the Western Dane Preservation Campaign) can plan for the food. And you can buy tee shirts.



**FIND KRISS MARION!** She seems to be everywhere. On Sat., May 19 she'll help open the Dem Office in Mauston, 215 E. State Street from 9 to 11 a.m.; the same night (5/19) she'll take part in the Pub Trivia contest from 11 to 2 p.m. at 522 Gateway Ave., in Mauston; on Sun., May 20 she's at the Muscoda Morel Mushroom Fest Parade, lineup at 1 p.m. and later on May 20 at a Meet and Greet at Badger Park in Shullsburg. Sat., May 26, she'll be launching her campaign in Richland County from 4 to 6 p.m. at the 1912 Building behind the A.D. German

Warehouse. Find out how you can get involved at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1502715166522053/>

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