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## EARLY VOTING FOR APRIL 3 ELECTION STARTS TODAY

Tomorrow (Tues) - Kriss Marion and Jeff Wright event in Dodgeville.  
Join the action! Sat., March 24 - March for Our Lives in  
Mineral Point



### WISCONSIN SPRING GENERAL ELECTION IS TUESDAY, APRIL 3 (Early voting starts TODAY -- March

19) A stark difference is on display in the Wisconsin Supreme Court race. Milwaukee County Judge Rebecca Dallet is a champion of strong public schools, protections for clean air and water, women's rights and effective strategies against the opioid crisis. Michael Screnock has backing from the NRA and anti-choice groups. As a lawyer he defended efforts to gerrymander our legislative districts and pass Act 10.

Also, on the ballot is a proposed change to the Wisconsin Constitution eliminating the State Treasurer position. This change would give the Governor and Lieutenant Governor the right to oversee \$1 billion in Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) trust fund assets, the State Trust Fund Loan Program, and over 77,000 acres of School Trust Lands. Wisconsin would be the only state to not have a Treasurer or financial equivalent.

JoAnne Kloppenburg is running for **Court of Appeals Judge District 4**

Mayors, county boards of supervisors and other important councils and boards are on the ballot.

For the General Election on April 3 the polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Go to the Grassroots Elections pages <http://www.grassrootswi.org/elections/> for information about the candidates, what will be on your ballot, where you vote and other facts about the election. Or check out <https://myvote.wi.gov>

### THE COMING WEEK'S ACTION REMINDERS



Tues., March 20, 5 to 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) Meet Kriss Marion and Jeff Wright at Duke's Brew Pub and Ale House, 105 E. Chapel Street in Dodgeville. Cash bar. Appetizers provided. Live music by Scott Stieber and Don Myers. Iowa County Board candidates will also be there, including write ins. Kriss Marion is running for the 17<sup>th</sup> District State Senate seat. Jeff Wright is

running for the 51<sup>st</sup> district State Rep seat.



Sat., March 24, 10:45 a.m. (Mineral Point) JOIN MARCHERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. Gather at the Mineral Point 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. Reports from the March 14 student walk-outs were heartening. Seventy five percent of River Valley High School students walked out and several delivered eloquent speeches. Our youth are in the lead - let's follow!



**NEW:** MAKE SIGNS FOR THE MARCH (Mineral Point and Dodgeville) On Wed., March 21, the Action Iowa County group will 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 in Mineral Point.

On Friday, March 23, 6 p.m. join the group making signs for the march at the Plymouth Congregational UCC Church, 115 West Merrimac in Dodgeville. (Enter at the side door on Main Street). Contact Joylynn Graham at [joylynngraham@gmail.com](mailto:joylynngraham@gmail.com) for more information.

**NEW:** Mon., March 19, 6:30 to 8 p.m. (Mt. Horeb) FIRST MEETING OF MT. HOREB MOMS DEMAND ACTION to be held at the Mt. Horeb Community (Senior) Center, 107 N. Grove Street. Find out how you can get involved and help prevent gun violence. RSVP to <http://act.everytown.org/event/moms-demand-actionevent/10145/signup>



Mon., March 19, 6 to 8 p.m. (Mineral Point) MEET THREE SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES at Tequila Point Please join Action Iowa

County Members to meet candidates Nate Chambers, Aaron Dunn, and Everett Lindsey, who are 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. Drinks and light appetizes available at the bar. A fourth candidate - a defeated board member -- has difficulty showing his fellow board members and community members respect. If you are interested in learning more about Action Iowa County and how to join, contact [grassroots@merr.com](mailto:grassroots@merr.com) or attend the event.



**SAD NEWS:** Bob Ginsberg, one of our founding Grassroots members, died this weekend in Oak Park, Illinois. A

distinguished bankruptcy judge who considered U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren among his dear friends, Bob and his wife, Gail, were among the handful of people who were around the table when the Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin was founded in 2003. We celebrate his life and grieve with Gail as she remembers their loving life together.



**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 so 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](mailto:spellman@mhtc.net)

**NEW:** On Sat., March 31, Mount Horeb Area Progressive Trolls will go door to door from 10 a.m. to noon to get out the vote for the Spring General Election. Meet at 309 South Fourth Street, in Mt. Horeb. Contact Jennifer Gottwald [davidjen@mhtc.net](mailto:davidjen@mhtc.net), 437-1974 or 608-770-4135 for more info.



Saturday, March 24, 9 to 4 p.m. (Mazomanie) THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WISCONSIN GRASSROOTS FESTIVAL. Every year this exciting event fills the gymnasium and classrooms of the Wisconsin Heights High School, on Hwy 14 in Mazomanie. It's an all-day series of how-to political workshops. A number of prominent progressives will speak including Rep. Mark Pocan, John Nichols, Lisa Graves and Matt Rothschild.

U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin will be the noon speaker. Check out the workshop topics by going to [www.wisconsingrassroots.net/festival](http://www.wisconsingrassroots.net/festival)



THURS., MARCH 29, 5:30 TO 7 p.m. (Mineral Point) A MEET AND GREET EVENT FOR GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATE TONY EVERS

Tequila Point restaurant, 43 High Street in Mineral Point, will be the venue for a fundraiser for Tony Evers. To contact Evers's local representative and to help on his campaign, go to [ddickel5066@gmail.com](mailto:ddickel5066@gmail.com) or call 608-574-5066. To donate online go to [www.Tonyevers.com/Mineral](http://www.Tonyevers.com/Mineral) Point. To RSVP for the March 29 event go to [Mitch@tonyevers.com](mailto:Mitch@tonyevers.com).



Wed., March 28, 9:30 a.m. (Dodgeville) ACTION IOWA COUNTY WEEKLY LETTERWRITERS MEET 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](mailto:glcisler@yahoo.com), Susan Van Sicklen at [svans5@icloud.com](mailto:svans5@icloud.com) or Caron Swindal at [caronmp1@gmail.com](mailto:caronmp1@gmail.com).

**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." The free 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](mailto: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.



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, 513220 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 cannot access them. \$35 in advance;

\$20 at the door. Hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, live music. To register go to [www.ccfswi.org](http://www.ccfswi.org) Check the website to see a growing list of great auction items or call 608-930-2232.

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