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## DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

### WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT PRIMARY ELECTION TUES., FEB. 20



**Tues., February 20 BE SURE TO VOTE IN THE SUPREME COURT PRIMARY ELECTION** The national political divide is reflected in the three candidates for Wisconsin Supreme Court. From [U.S. News & World Report](#), "Liberal Madison attorney Tim Burns and Milwaukee County Circuit Judge Rebecca Dallet say the current court controlled by conservatives is dysfunctional. A third candidate, Sauk County Circuit Judge Michael Screnock is backed by conservatives and he says it was a privilege as an attorney to defend Gov. Scott Walker's Act 10 law limiting union power".

Two of the three will move on to the general election in April. **The primary is to be held on Tues., Feb. 20** at your usual polling places. Absentee ballots are available NOW. Check with your local clerk. **You can see your sample ballot and contact info for your city or town clerk by clicking here: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/previewmyballot>**



**Monday, February 26, 6 p.m. (Dodgeville) MEET KRISS MARION, CANDIDATE FOR THE STATE SENATE IN 17TH DISTRICT** Plan to be at the Cobblestone Coffee House, 237 N. Iowa Street in Dodgeville to meet Kriss Marion. She will talk about why she is running against Howard Marklein and how you can help. Other undeclared candidates will speak as well. This is the monthly meeting of the Iowa County Democrats. You can order food and drinks from Aztlan Mexican Grill or Duke's Brewpub and Alehouse for delivery to the Cobblestone Coffee House. For further info, contact Janet Pedder at [hydein@wildblue.net](mailto:hydein@wildblue.net)



**Weds, Feb. 21 and 28, 9:30 a.m. (Dodgeville or Mineral Point) POSTCARD GROUP CONTINUES TO MEET ON WEDNESDAYS** On Wed., Feb. 21 at 9:30 a.m., the post card writers will meet at the Gray Dog Deli, 215 High Street, Mineral Point (987-4000). On Wed., Feb. 28 at 9:30 a.m. they will meet at the Cook's Room, 138 N. Iowa Street, Dodgeville. Join this dedicated group of concerned citizens who are working hard to let their positions be heard. 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). Enjoy a cup of coffee and lively conversation. Bring friends. Pens and postcards will be provided. In the event of bad weather, snow or ice or poor driving conditions, they probably will not meet that day.



**Friday, March 2, beginning at 1 p.m. with afternoon and evening events, (Dodgeville) STOP CHC/HARNESSING OUR LOCAL ENERGY FUTURES – a free public forum** The "Stop CHC" public forum will challenge potential threats and policy issues posed by the Cardinal-Hickory Creek (CHC) high-voltage transmission line proposed to span 125 miles from Middleton to Dubuque. The events will be held at the Dodger Bowl, 318 King Street in Dodgeville. More than a dozen speakers and panelists will offer local, state and national perspectives during the three afternoon sessions beginning at 1 p.m. and at the 6:30 p.m. evening session. Networking and food will be available at 5:30 p.m. The forum is

co-sponsored by a Southwestern Wisconsin coalition of six municipal governments in Iowa, Dane, Vernon, and Grant counties, and SOUL of Wisconsin (Save Our Unique Lands). All residents, elected officials and electricity users of Southwestern Wisconsin and across the state are invited. For the complete schedule of events and for further information, contact David Giffey at 608-753-2199



**Saturday, March 10, 11 a.m. (Dodgeville) MONTHLY CLIMATE CHANGE LOBBY/SUSTAIN IOWA COUNTY** group will meet at the Country Kitchen, 1202 North John Street in Dodgeville. Join this committed group who work hard to address environmental concerns. For more info, contact Chuck Tennesen at [twotens@yousq.net](mailto:twotens@yousq.net)



**Fridays, March 9 through April 20, 2 to 3:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) JOIN THE GREAT DECISIONS discussion series at Dodgeville Public Library** The Great Decisions discussions will be held at the Dodgeville Public Library in the City Hall Council Chamber on the first floor. For further info, contact Vickie Stangel, [vstangel@swls.org](mailto:vstangel@swls.org), 608-935-3728. The series is a partnership of the Grassroots Citizens for Peace and the Dodgeville Public Library,

This year's discussion topics will include:

- 1) **March 9: Global Health: Progress and Challenges** The world faces a mix of old and new health challenges -- preventable deaths of mothers and children, continuing epidemics of infectious diseases, and rising rates of chronic disease. We also remain vulnerable to the emergence of new and deadly pandemics.
- 2) **March 23: U.S. Global Engagement and the Military** How does the military function in today's international order, and how might it be balanced with diplomatic and foreign assistance capabilities?
- 3) **April 6: Media and Foreign Policy** How are activists using media to pursue and defend their interests in the international arena? What are the implications for U.S. policy?
- 4) **April 20: Russia's Foreign Policy** How does President Vladimir Putin conceive of national interests, and why do Russian citizens support him? How should the United States respond to Putin's foreign policy ambitions?



**Saturday, March 24, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Mazomanie) MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL WISCONSIN GRASSROOTS FESTIVAL** U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin, Rep. Marc Pocan and John Nichols will be among the speakers at this all-day series of how-to political workshops. For further info, go to [www.wisconsingrassroots.net/festival](http://www.wisconsingrassroots.net/festival)

**INTRODUCING THE MT. HOREB AREA PROGRESSIVE TROLLS** This active group of local folks is eager to effect change in the 2018 elections. They'll be canvassing and calling local citizens and encouraging all eligible voters to get to the polls. Participants will be better able to inform themselves, talk to their neighbors and work with a like-minded group. For more info, like/follow them at [Facebook at Mt. Horeb Area Progressive Trolls](#) or call Carol at 608-220-5795 to be added to the e-mail list.



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, Green County Indivisible, Sustain Iowa County and Iowa County Citizens for Peace & Justice. Other groups interested in joining can contact [grassroots@merr.com](mailto:grassroots@merr.com).