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Local political action in Dodgeville, Mineral Point, Darlington, Mazomanie



Wednesday, Feb. 6, 5:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) MEET THE CANDIDATE NIGHT for Dodgeville School Board

Candidates Here's a great opportunity to meet the Dodgeville School Board candidates Jessica Wieczorek, Tonia Gregg and Darin Nagel who are all running for the at-large seat before the February

19 primary election. This "Meet the Candidates" event is sponsored by the Dodgeville Chronicle. The event, to be held at the Cobblestone Coffee House, 239 North Iowa Street in Dodgeville, will begin with an informal session from 5:30 to 6 p.m. so those attending can talk to the candidates. The program will begin at 6 p.m. The candidates will introduce themselves and discuss why they are running. Q&A to follow. Refreshments served.

Early voting is now allowed for only the two weeks before the election. Check with your city, village or town clerk if you are going to be out of town on Feb. 19.



NEW DATE AFTER CANCELLATION Monday, Feb. 4 9:30 a.m. (Mazomanie) FOR THOSE CONCERNED ABOUT

GERRYMANDERING Here's your chance to learn more about how to get Iowa County to become a Fair Maps county. Andrea Kaminski, past executive director of the League of Women Voters,

will speak to a group of Iowa County residents (many of them from the post card group but all are welcome). She will talk on fair election issues, voter registration, gerrymandering, how to effectively advocate for a Fair Maps referendum in Iowa County and will answer questions. Her presentation will begin at 10 a.m. at Base Camp Restaurant 18 Brodhead St, Mazomanie, WI. Come early to get acquainted with your fellow concerned citizens. Everyone is welcome. To learn more about the Fair Elections Project go to <https://www.fairelectionsproject.org/fair-maps-wi/>



Wed., February 20, 5:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) Coming in Feb. - A DRINKING LIBERALLY chapter near you!

The first gathering of the Driftless area Drinking Liberally chapter is scheduled for Wed., Feb. 20, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Duke's Brew Pub, 105 E. Chapel Street in Dodgeville. Drop in when you can - and

stay as long as you'd like. With chapters in 45 states and around the world, Drinking Liberally is a political and social organization where self-identified liberals and progressives gather in local

hot spots to socialize and talk politics. (And to drink responsibly!) Check out its website: www.drinkkingliberally.org. For more information contact Jubie Simonson at jubiesimonson@hotmail.com or Michelle Godez at michelle.godez@gmail.com Join the lively conversation! There's plenty to talk about these days.



Wednesdays, Feb 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 9:30 a.m. (Dodgeville and Mineral Point). JOIN THE POSTCARD WRITERS' GROUP ON WEDNESDAYS. Join this committed group of folks who get together most Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. to let their elected officials and others know how they feel about

important issues. Expect lots of conversation and community spirit. So, if you feel you're only talking to yourself, here is the place to be. For everyone's convenience we alternate coffee houses between Dodgeville and Mineral Point. The upcoming schedule is Feb 6 at the Pointer Café, 809 Ridge Street in Mineral Point; Feb. 13 at The Cobblestone Coffee House, 239 Iowa Street in Dodgeville; Feb. 10 at the Gray Dog Deli, 215 High Street in Mineral Point; and Feb. 27 at the Cook's Room, 138 N. Iowa St. in Dodgeville. For information contact Christine Tsubokura at christinetsub@gmail.com.



Saturday, Feb. 16, noon to 3 p.m. (Darlington)

THREE VOLUNTEER ESL TUTORS FOR ADULT STUDENTS ARE NEEDED NOW IN DARLINGTON

The MultiCultural Outreach Program (MCOP) is offering a free English as a Second Language (ESL) tutor training on Saturday, February 16 from noon to 3 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 1302 Clay Street in Darlington. Here's a great way to "give back."

MCOP works with adults, our newest immigrant neighbors who are eager to learn English. Currently, Darlington has a long wait list of students. Current tutors are also welcome to join the group -- to sharpen their skills and/or present their most successful lessons in this interactive workshop setting. Plus, updated tutoring materials will be available. To make a reservation or for more information, contact Emma Behlen at behlenesl@gmail.com or call Nereida Burkard at 608-642-1753. Tutors don't need to speak a foreign language to become a tutor. They'll learn how to overcome the language barrier during the training and make new friends while doing it.



Citizens' Climate Lobby

Saturday, Feb. 9, 11 a.m. (Dodgeville) MONTHLY MEETING OF SUSTAIN IOWA COUNTY AND CITIZENS CLIMATE LOBBY

If you are deeply concerned about climate change and sustainability issues, please consider checking this group out at their next meeting - to be held

Sat., Feb. 9 at 11 a.m. at the Country Kitchen, 1202 N. Johns Street in Dodgeville. They are making things happen on the local, state and national levels. The CCL group is particularly active in working for passage of the newly named **Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act**. THIS ALSO FROM CCL: The Federal Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Cardinal-Hickory Creek transmission proposal is open for comment. Please

consider submitting your concerns before the Feb. 5 deadline. **Comment at:**
comments@CardinalHickoryCreekEIS.us

For more info, email Chuck Tennessen at twotens@yousq.net.

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