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Local political action in Mineral Point, Dodgeville, Mt. Horeb and Darlington



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Tues., Feb. 19, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. PRIMARY ELECTION

DAY. [Jessica Thuli Wieczorek](#), [Tonia Gregg](#) and Darin Nagel are all running for one Dodgeville School Board at-large seat. To learn more about Jessica and Tonia click on links above.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Only polling places in City of Dodgeville, Town of Dodgeville, Village of Ridgeway and Town of Ridgeway will be open for primary election. All other voters will vote at the Dodgeville City Hall, 100 East Fountain Street.

YOU CAN VOTE ABSENTEE NOW: Contact your city, village or town clerk to make arrangements. Don't know who your clerk is? Type in your address to find out at <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/previewmyballot>



Wed., February 20, 5:30 to 7 p.m. (Dodgeville)

Inaugural gathering of DRIFTLESS AREA DRINKING LIBERALLY chapter Drop in at Duke's Brew Pub, 105 Chapel Street in Dodgeville between 5:30 and 7 p.m., Feb. 20, to find out what this new group is all about. At this inaugural event you can help shape the future of the local chapter (DL already

has chapters in 45 states and around Wisconsin.) It's a political and social organization where self-identified liberals and progressives gather in local hot spots to socialize, talk politics and drink responsibly! For local information contact Jubie Simonson at jubiesimonson@hotmail.com or Michelle Godez at michelle.godez@gmail.com



Wednesdays, Feb 13, 20, 27 and Feb. 6 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. 13 at The Cobblestone Coffee House, 239 Iowa Street in Dodgeville; Feb. 20 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.



Wed., February 13, 7 p.m. (Mt. Horeb) A RARE TREAT: Hear Tim Cullen (D) and Dale Schultz (R) talk across party lines

Two former State Senators from opposite sides of the political aisle will share their concerns about big money in politics, voting rights, fair redistricting and

campaign finance reform among other topics. LOCATION OF EVENT: The Mt. Horeb Community Center, 107 North Grove Street, Mt. Horeb. Good friends and former colleagues, Cullen and Schultz have learned how to talk together. Jay Heck, executive director of Common Cause of Wisconsin, will also be on the program. The event is sponsored by Southwest Wisconsin Area Progressive (SWWAP). Contact info at swwaplist@gmail.com



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

DON'T LIKE WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE BORDER? You can make a difference right here at home. Sign up now for the ESL Tutor Training in Darlington

Volunteers willing to help immigrant neighbors who want to learn English are needed now in Darlington and surrounding areas. There's a waiting list for those who need help! To learn how to become a volunteer tutor, sign up for the free English as a Second Language (ESL) tutor training Saturday, Feb. 16, noon to 3 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, 1302 Clay Street in Darlington. This program is sponsored by the MultiCultural Outreach Program (MCOP). To make a reservation or for more information, contact Emma Behlen at behlenesl@gmail.com or call Nereida Burkard at 608-642-1753. Tutors do not need to speak a foreign language. 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 Tennesen at twotens@yousq.net.

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.