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Local political action in Spring Green, Dodgeville, Mineral Point, Darlington, Mazomanie, Prairie du Sac



Tuesday, Feb. 19 (Dodgeville) IMPORTANT PRIMARY ELECTION FOR DODGEVILLE SCHOOL BOARD - Mark your calendar now Anyone who lives in the Dodgeville School District should mark their calendar NOW for the Tuesday, Feb. 19 Primary Election because three people are running for the School Board's at-large seat.

The candidates are Jessica Thuli Wieczorek, Tonia Gregg and Darren Nagel. While the Gazette does not endorse candidates, we are particularly familiar with Jessica Wieczorek who has been on the Board of Directors of our Grassroots Citizens organization for several years. She and her husband, Eli, are parents of two sons who attend the Dodgeville Elementary School. Jessica has worked tirelessly for Grassroots and in recent political campaigns here in Iowa County - spending countless hours going door-to-door on behalf of her preferred candidates. Two other board members, Mike Humke and Michael Knoedler, are running unopposed.

Early voting may be 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.

The Dodgeville Chronicle will host a Candidates' Forum soon. Watch the Gazette for date and time.



Wednesdays, Jan. 23, Jan. 30, Feb. 6 at 9:30 a.m. (Dodgeville and Mineral Point) ACTION-ORIENTED POSTCARD WRITERS GROUP STILL GOING STRONG 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 January 23 at the Gray Dog Deli, 215 High Street in Mineral Point, January 30 at the Cook's Room, 138 N. Iowa St. in Dodgeville and February 6 at the Pointer Café, 809 Ridge St. in Mineral Point. For information contact Christine Tsubokura at christinetsub@gmail.com.



Monday, Jan. 28, 9:30 a.m. (Mazomanie) ARE YOU 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. 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/>



Saturday, Jan. 26, 1 p.m. (Spring Green) LEADER AGAINST SEXUAL OPPRESSION TO SPEAK AT MARTIN LUTHER KING EVENT

Nestic Morris, outreach coordinator for the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault (WCASA), will be guest speaker at the annual River Valley observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, 1 p.m. Saturday, January 26, in the library at Spring Green Elementary School, 830 W. Daley Street. According to Morris, "We have to have uncomfortable conversations and put tangible actions behind those words. Otherwise we are just community 'talkers' and not 'doers'." Coffee and birthday cake will be served. Free will donations are

welcomed to help pay for event expenses. For more information contact David Giffey, 608-753-2199.



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.



Saturday, Jan. 26, 11 a.m. (Prairie du Sac) FREE SHOWING OF FILM: "LIVING IN THE FUTURE'S PAST" In this documentary, Jeff Bridges explores the environmental challenges faced by the planet with the aid of notable scientists, psychologists, anthropologists, physicists, spiritual leaders, politicians, military leaders, and breathtaking wildlife photography. This compelling film is presented FREE by the Sauk Area Climate Awareness Action group.



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**

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