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MEET THE LOCAL CANDIDATES RUNNING IN APRIL 3 ELECTION

Wed., Feb. 29, 7 p.m. (Mineral Point) TOWN HALL MEETING ABOUT MINERAL POINT SCHOOL REFERENDUM Superintendent Luke Francois will be on hand to present the facts about the upcoming school referendum. The school district is seeking to maintain existing programs, facilities and equipment by passing the referendum at the April 3 General Election. The Town Hall Meeting is your opportunity to ask questions and share your views about the referendum. LOCATION: Mineral Point High School Cafeteria.

Wed., Feb. 29, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) LEARN ABOUT ACT 21 The Harry and Laura Nohr Chapter of Trout Unlimited will host a round table discussion of Act 21 at Stonefield Apartments, 407 E. Madison. People concerned about conservation and environmental issues will want to be there to understand the new rule, Act 21, signed into law by Gov. Walker. Some fear it may reduce public input and increase political influence in the decision-making process regarding conservation issues.

Thurs., March 22, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) MEET DODGEVILLE MAYORAL CANDIDATES AND COUNTY BOARD CONTESTANTS With long-time Dodgeville mayor Jim McCaulley retiring his year, the city will have its first competitive mayoral race in years. Linda Pittz, a current City Council member, and Todd Novak, editor of the Dodgeville Chronicle, are competing for the position. Come to hear their perspectives on the vital issues relating to the future of Dodgeville. You'll also have a chance to meet the candidates who are competing for County Board seats in the April 3 General Election. The forum, to be held in the Dodgeville City Council Chamber, 100 E. Fountain Street (basement of library), is sponsored by the Dodgeville Public Library. Refreshments and informal discussions will follow upstairs in the library. More on our website: http://www.grassrootswi.org/what_is_hot/

Fri., March 9, 4 p.m. (Dodgeville) CITIZENS FOR PEACE MEETING at the home of Joan Mish, 301 Virginia Ct., Dodgeville. For more about the Citizens for Peace group activities, check out our website at http://www.grassrootswi.org/citizens_for_peace/

Tues., April 3 SPRING ELECTIONS -- get absentee ballots early Applications for absentee ballots are available now from your Town, Village or City Clerk if you are going to be out of town.

Sat., April 14, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Dodgeville) LEARN ABOUT SOLAR, WIND AND GEOTHERMAL at the 2012 IOWA COUNTY ENERGY FAIR. UW Extension and Grassroots are supporting this year's Energy Fair. This is a great opportunity to find out from the experts if one of these new clean-energy sources would work for you. You'll also have a chance to quiz homeowners who have learned first-hand about the pros and cons of these alternative energies. In the afternoon, you're invited to tour local homes which have wind, solar or geothermal to see the installations for yourself and ask questions. Registration required: \$10 by April 9 or \$15 after April 9. You'll find the Registration Form on our Grassroots website (see link below). Or stop in at the UW Extension Office, 303 W. Chapel Street, Suite 1200, telephone: 930-9850. More info at:
www.grassrootswi.org/uploads/images/file/Sustain/Energy_Fair_Flyer_011012.pdf

Sat., April 28, 6 to 9 p.m. (Barneveld) WHAT'S ALL THE TWITTER: the 2012 Community Connections Free Clinic Auction How about a week's stay at a vintage Parisian apartment two blocks from the Louvre? That's just one of the great experiences and treasures you'll have a chance to bid on at the upcoming Community Connections Free Clinic auction, which will be held this year at the Deer Valley Lodge, Hwy. 151 in Barneveld. The evening will include a Casual Dinner Buffet (\$25). This is a fun way to support the fine work the Dodgeville-based Free Clinic is doing. RSVP to Monica Dunn at 987-0046 or ccfauction@gmail.com.

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