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SPRING GREEN, DODGEVILLE AND MINERAL POINT NEWS



Wed., June 13, 6:30 p.m. (Spring Green) CONSIDER THE

CONVERSATION film showing and discussion Spring Green's Christ Lutheran Church, 237 E Daley St, is hosting a showing of "Consider the Conversation", a remarkable, thought-provoking film about the end-of-life issues that we all face for ourselves and for our loved ones. The public is cordially

invited to attend this Grassroots-sponsored event. The film opens the floodgates of thought and conversation about a most difficult and often taboo subject as well as addressing challenges in our health care system regarding end-of-life decision making. Refreshments and conversation about the film will follow. Everyone is welcome. For info, contact Rev. Douglas Larson-Sell at larson-sell@charter.net Or for more details about the film and how you can show it for your own organization, CLICK HERE: http://www.grassrootswi.org/health_care_reform/

GET INVOLVED IN THE CRUCIAL JUNE 5 BARRETT VS. WALKER ELECTION

Volunteers are needed at the Iowa County Dems office, 414 S. Iowa Street (Open Monday through Thursday 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.) Call Susan Van Sicklin at 935-9392 or Resha Wyman at 935-9441. Let them know when you would be available. The office number is 608-216-6821 (leave a message and they will get back to you.) Or email Susan at svans@countyspeed.com. Interested in a yard sign? Barrett signs are for sale at the office for a \$5 donation.

To volunteer for the Iowa County Republicans, refer to <http://www.iowacountygop.com/index.html>



DID YOU KNOW? Mineral Point foodies Leslie Damaso and her partner, Keith Burrows, offer a fun local food blog where you can find everything from local restaurant reviews to food happenings in the area to great seasonal recipes. Make a habit of checking it out at

<http://www.driftlessappetite.com/> or friend their Facebook page <http://www.facebook.com/#!/DriftlessAppetite>

HELP "KICKSTART" LOCAL FOODS IN OUR SCHOOL Dr. Sarah Fox and Julie Stephenson, both Mineral Point moms, are tackling the issue of serving healthier local foods in the Mineral Point schools. With the enthusiastic support of school administrators, Sarah (a physician) and Julie (a nutrition educator and photographer) are writing a hard cover, full-color book called "Super Snacks for Super Kids," to be published by Little Creek Press, the Mineral Point publishing company owned by Kristin Mitchell. All proceeds will go to the Mineral Point Schools Wellness projects -- including a school garden, farm to school connections, a kids' triathlon and family cooking classes. Here's how you can help. To fund publishing costs, Sarah and Julie are using [Kickstarter](#), a new online fund-raising tool. Click the hot link above to get full information. "We have 30 days to raise \$10,000 on [Kickstarter](#). Otherwise we don't get anything," says Sarah, who is hoping 100 people will donate \$100 each. Smaller and larger donations are welcome as well. (If they don't reach the goal, all donations are returned to the giver.)

2012 MARY LOUISE SYMON AWARD WINNERS NAMED Winners of the third annual Mary Louise Symon Memorial awards, presented by Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin, have just been announced. High school graduating seniors Erica Schauf of River Valley High School and Katy Cleary of Mineral Point High School will receive the \$500 awards this year. The awards honor the late Mary Louise Symon, a lifelong community leader and Grassroots founding member, by recognizing young men and women whose scholarship, personal character and volunteer service demonstrate a similar commitment to community engagement and the creation of a positive social environment.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues., May 15, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) IMPORTANT IOWA COUNTY BOARD

MEETING Defeated Iowa County Board member Dan Curran is still trying to get his voice heard. He's lobbying to require a 2/3 vote of the County Board or a public referendum on any future county bonding or borrowing project that costs in excess of \$1.7 million, knowing full well that such high hurdles are seldom met. The topic may come up at the coming board meeting. Plan to be there - or call your County Board representative if you have an opinion. (GO TO OUR WEBSITE TO FIND YOUR COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE

<http://www.grassrootswi.org/legislators/>)

GRASSROOTS CITIZENS OF WISCONSIN, an energetic group of over 1000 people in Iowa, Sauk, Crawford, Richland, Lafayette and Grant Counties who are interested in taking an active role in improving government and promoting rational discussions of local, state and national issues. For further information, or to add a friend to our mailing list, please contact: Shirley Barnes, Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin, 2473 Mt. Hope Road, Dodgeville, WI. 53533, 608-623-2109, e-mail: grassroots@merr.com.

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