



MMN – Monday, April 19, 2010

*Mission: The purpose of the Democratic Women's Caucus is to fund, inspire, recruit, support, and train progressive, pro-choice women to increase the numbers of women in the electoral process and in elected and appointed positions*

Dear Julio,

Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

THE PO BOX:

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- DWC-endorsed candidates NEED your help – please respond to them!
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- Three DWC-endorsed candidates at Indian Creek Township forum April 22...
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- Can you help protect women's reproductive rights?
- Native American Community Center film series on boarding schools – April 25

#### EARLY VOTE NOW!!!!

The Curry Building is open for business – voting business! – for the next two weeks before the May 4 Primary election. You can vote a paper ballot or on a machine, as you like, and you do not need a “reason” except that you want to vote. The office is open Monday – Saturday from 8:30am – 4pm, until Monday, May 3, when it closes at noon. Make your vote count by voting early!!

#### WOMEN IN POLITICS AND THE MEDIA



On Friday, May 14th, the DWC has a special luncheon planned that will focus on women and media. Our special speaker will be Mary Dieter, a name familiar to many of us who read her daily columns in the Louisville Courier Journal for many years. Mary was more recently communications and press secretary for Governor Frank O'Bannon and covered that incredibly difficult job after he died in office in 2003. Mary is the President of MED Communications LLC, which focuses on writing and editing consultancy in the Indy area. She and her husband,

Tim McClure, recently published a crime novel set in Indianapolis; it is called The McNaughton Rule.

Details of the lunch will be announced soon...if you would like to serve on the committee to help with these arrangements, please contact [regina.moore@gmail.com](mailto:regina.moore@gmail.com)

#### FROM ENDORSED CANDIDATE LINDA ROBBINS:

##### With Your Help, We CAN win the Primary



Many of you have asked what you can do to help our efforts to elect Linda Robbins - it is an exciting opportunity to elect a Democratic Monroe County Clerk. For the first time in 36 years, this position is not "open" to a Republican that previously held the title of Clerk.

It is important to elect a person of vision, experience and knowledge as Monroe County Clerk. Linda Robbins is your candidate.

- Ensures fair, organized and efficient elections
- Proven leadership and management experience
- Strong fiscal and financial control experience

Link to my website at [www.robbyns4clerk.org](http://www.robbyns4clerk.org) for more information.

***Do you know someone?***

Write a note to your friends. Encourage them to vote in the Primary, and why you think that they should support Linda Robbins. Feel free to use information from the Web page or include copies of letters published in the newspaper that endorse Linda Robbins for Clerk.

***Phone Banks***

We have lists available for those of you who are willing to make phone calls introducing Linda Robbins as their choice for Monroe County Clerk. Email [phones@robbyns4clerk.org](mailto:phones@robbyns4clerk.org) for more information about how you can help.

***Canvas***

Join other supporters and spend an afternoon or two handing out materials to Monroe County residents. Email [canvas@robbyns4clerk.org](mailto:canvas@robbyns4clerk.org) to volunteer

**Did you know ....**

....that paper ballots are only available during early voting?

**Be sure to bring.....**

Federal or Indiana-issued ID with your photo (and has an expiration date).  
Out-of-state drivers licenses don't qualify as approved ID.



***Too Busy?***

Consider placing a sign in your yard, or asking your friends to "host" a sign. Email [info@robbyns4clerk.org](mailto:info@robbyns4clerk.org) and we will set you up!

[www.robbyns4clerk.org](http://www.robbyns4clerk.org)

Tel: 812.360.7542

Paid for by Robbins for Monroe County Clerk, Cynthia McGreal, Treasurer  
Endorsed by: Democratic Women's Caucus, Democracy for Monroe County,  
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Linda Robbins voted the first day at the Curry Building! Early voting continues through noon on May 3, 2010.

Voting before election day is easy, and you can rest assured there won't be any last minute interruptions preventing you from voting on election day.

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**FROM ENDORSED CANDIDATE CHERYL MUNSON:**

Hello! I am hopeful that someone or several people would host a fundraiser, since funds are needed to meet expenses for signs and mailings. Please let me know if YOU can help in this way!

Although I am unopposed in the Primary, I do need help now getting my name and campaign goals out to voters. Canvassing help at the Curry Building during early voting, especially on Saturdays, would be great! Days and times are: April 19-24 (Mon-Sat), 8:00 am - 4:00 pm; April 26-31 (Mon-Sat), 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

If you can help, contact [cheryl@munsonforcouncil.com](mailto:cheryl@munsonforcouncil.com) or Cheryl at 325-3407. Thank you!

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**FROM ENDORSED CANDIDATE LINDA SIEVERS:**

Between now and the Primary I could definitely use help with yard-sign hosts, canvassing door-to-door in the city (Bloomington Township is north of Third St.), and handing out literature at polling places on Election Day.

Please contact me at [bttseivers@bluemarble.net](mailto:bttseivers@bluemarble.net) or through my Web site [www.sieversfortrustee.com](http://www.sieversfortrustee.com), which has a volunteer page. One of my committee members will get in touch with you to coordinate; many thanks for your help!

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**FUNDRAISER FOR LINDA ROBBINS NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 25!**

**RSVP: [grostone@gmail.com](mailto:grostone@gmail.com)**

## **Meet and Greet ~ Short & Sweet**

Outstanding Candidate

**Linda Robbins for Monroe County Clerk**



[www.robbs4clerk.org](http://www.robbs4clerk.org)

*Join friends & neighbors  
at the home of  
Karen Green Stone  
for shortcake,  
coffee and tea*

**Sunday, April 25th  
from 1-2:30 pm  
3001 E. Bethel Lane**

**RSVP [grostone@gmail.com](mailto:grostone@gmail.com)  
Please call for directions 333-8085**

*Contributions are appreciated*

Co-sponsored by Karen Green Stone, Rosemary Hart and Merridee LaMantia

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### **SORENSEN, REINHOLD, AND SWAIN AT ICT FORUM THIS THURSDAY!**

Please join your endorsed candidates as they participate in an Indian Creek Democratic Township Candidate forum at the Indian Creek Fire Station, 8019 S. Rockport Road, on Thursday, April 22. Come enjoy some refreshments with residents and support your endorsed women! (Rockport Road has a bridge out, so to come from Bloomington, either travel south on 37 to Victor Pike, turn right, and then left when Victor tees into Rockport, or come out 45 to Harmony Road, turn left, then right when Harmony tees into Rockport.)

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### **MAY 7 DWC BREAKFAST: WOMEN'S RIGHTS AND JUSTICE**

Be sure to join us for our regular breakfast on May 7 where we will feature a panel including the Honorable Mary Ellen Diekhoff, Monroe County Circuit Court Judge; Lara Weaver with Victim's Assistance in the Monroe County prosecutor's office; and Lauren Taylor, the Prevention Program Coordinator for Middle Way House. Are you interested in the intersection between women's rights in the system of justice and how this relates to political and legislative agendas? Then you won't want to miss this interesting gathering of like-minded women to learn about justice in our county.

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### **PROTECTING REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS, RIGHT HERE IN B-TOWN...**

Every Thursday, protesters flock to the Planned Parenthood clinic on South College to oppose women's abortion rights. When patients enter the clinic, protesters hurl insults and display their sometimes graphic signs. Patients also

see friendly faces as they exit their vehicles: men and women in yellow vests - the clinic-safety escorts. These volunteers are vital to the exercise of women's reproductive rights - but we need more volunteers! If you can spare 2-4 hours on Thursday mornings - even if you can only volunteer once every 1 - 2 months, we need your help! Please contact Deb Meador, the escort volunteer coordinator, at [deborahmeader@gmail.com](mailto:deborahmeader@gmail.com) for more information or to sign up to help! These women are counting on us to ensure their safety as they take this step in their lives – and we are counting on YOU to be there!

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### **NATIVE FILM SERIES 5: CULTURAL SURVIVAL: BEYOND THE INDIGENOUS BOARDING SCHOOL EXPERIENCE**

Our friends at the Native American Community Center of Bloomington present a series that will change your view of these schools! When many Americans think of boarding schools, they envision prep schools and Harry Potter. Few think about the generations of American Indian and Aboriginal Canadian children who were forcibly removed from their families and sent to government schools--sometimes contracted out to missionaries--which endeavored to "kill the Indian, save the man."

For American Indians, however, memories of involuntary Indian residential schools run by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs and its Canadian equivalent cut deep. A new generation of Native American filmmakers is engaged with Indian boarding school experiences, seeking to explain and to heal communities torn by the memories. Honoring these filmmakers, the Bloomington Native Film Series this year will feature films which document the boarding school experience--and cultural survival in the face of enormous pressures to assimilate.

Join us in celebrating cultural survival! At the Native Film Series this year, you'll see some great indigenous film-making and meet Randy Vasquez, actor (and director of the upcoming documentary *Something's Moving: Legacies of the American Indian Boarding Schools*).

(<http://www.indianboardingschoolmovie.com/>). Current sponsors are the IUB American Indian Student Association, IU Student Association, and Laughing Planet. The Buskirk-Chumley Movie Partners Program allowed this film series to happen. If your organization would like to sponsor the film series and be listed on programs, please let us know.

**WHEN:** April 25

**WHERE:** Buskirk-Chumley Theatre, downtown Bloomington

**TIME:** Starting at 2 PM

**ADMISSION:** FREE!

**CONTACT:** [info@naccbloomington.org](mailto:info@naccbloomington.org)

**AWESOME POSTERS:** E-mail us if you want one or a stack to put up around town!

Schedule (times may vary slightly):

2:00: *Our Spirits Don't Speak English: Indian Boarding School* (International Cherokee Film Festival's Best Feature Documentary 2008. More information at <http://www.richheape.com/boarding-school.htm> ).

3:30: *Something's Moving* Trailer + Talk by RANDY VASQUEZ

5:00: *Qallunaat! Why White People Are Funny* (Inuit satire: "For centuries Inuit have been studying white people. Now, revealed for the first time, the results of their research into one of the most perplexing societies on earth." See

[http://www.beachwalkerfilms.com/prod\\_det.asp?id=28](http://www.beachwalkerfilms.com/prod_det.asp?id=28) . Teacher's guide available at <http://www.onf-nfb.gc.ca/sg/100494.pdf> ).

6:10: In the White Man's Image (PBS American Experience documentary episode about Indian boarding schools through the 1930s)

7:30: A Century of Genocide: the Residential School Experience (Moving documentary by Native director Rosemary Gibbons about a Canadian Aboriginal community's efforts to heal from the boarding school experience. More information at <http://www.com.washington.edu/nativevoices/film/Genocide.html>.)

8:00: Rabbit Proof Fence (Mainstream feature film about indigenous boarding schools across the world, in Australia.)