THE WEEK AHEAD

The MDP is excited to kick off 2020 with our 1st Quarter Meeting & Mock Caucus this Saturday! We’re also pleased to give you the first peek and announcement of our revamp of ShowMeVotes.com that features updated information on how to be a voter AND a really cool sponsor-a-voter Fund Map. Choose which county or how many voters you want to sponsor us to register and the money donated will go directly to registering voters with innovative new programs like mailed pre-filled voter registration forms!

The legislative session enters week two and three and is likely to see meaningful floor debate on pieces of legislation. Here is what we are watching next week and beyond:

MDP looks at Congresswoman Ann Wagner’s record on 10th Anniversary of Citizens United

In the decade since the Citizens United decision, there has been a wave of dark money ushered into politics, allowing corporations to buy influence on politicians. This influx of dark money has brought nothing but good things to Congresswoman Ann Wagner, including over $5.3 million in donations from special interest groups. More here

Impeachment consumes the news

Between not allowing testimony, limiting press access, and sessions running through the dead of night, Senators Josh Hawley and Roy Blunt are saying Missourians shouldn’t have access to the truth. Missourians aren’t stupid; this is not a trial — it’s a cover-up. Share here.

Rep. Ben Baker offers controversial and embarrassing legislation to jail Librarians

Rep. Baker’s “Parental Oversight of Public Libraries Act” caught has been catching national news attention by proposing a parent board that could toss any public library book it deems sexually inappropriate and allowing for jailing of librarians. He said the bill “grew out of concerns with ‘drag queen story hours’ at public libraries.
Parson’s proposed state budget shortchanges public education

House Minority Leader Crystal Quade: “Stagnant state support for higher education means tuition hikes – a de facto tax increase on Missouri college students and their families,” said House Minority Leader Crystal Quade, D-Springfield. “Missouri needs a highly educated workforce to compete for jobs, but the governor’s indifference to higher education means fewer Missouri students will get the skills they need to succeed.” Read more here.

Republicans push a constitutional amendment (SJR 38 - Hegeman) to change CLEAN Missouri

The resolution would change the redistricting provisions established under Amendment 1 (CLEAN Missouri) to deprioritize partisan fairness and competitiveness, and would repeal the nonpartisan state demographer post and give biased politicians the chance to draw their own districts and maintain disproportionate power. It’s a blatant attempt to change the will of 62% of Missouri voters who voted for Amendment 1.

This is a national issue, and a major component of making the United States and its state governments less Democratic. Take a look at this article: Stephanie Hofeller Shares Redistricting Files From Thomas Hofeller's Hard Drives

Tell Missouri Republicans to Respect Our Vote.

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Impeachment

In light of the House impeachment vote moving to the Senate trial, MDP hit back on Sen. Josh Hawley by scrutinizing why he would try to get the Senate to vote to drop the trial. Is Hawley afraid that other Republican Senators don’t think President Trump is free and clear?

Start to legislative session & State of the State

Heading into Missouri legislative session beginning, MDP highlighted policies that Republicans should stop blocking, such as the Missouri Nondiscrimination Act as well as highlighted (THREAD) the many positive policies that Democratic lawmakers have filed for this year. We also welcomed Representative Trish Gunby who flipped a district in the November special election to the Capital.

Governor Parson is benefiting from a new valet parking service while simultaneously bragging about the savings from kicking 100,000 kids off Medicaid.

During and after unelected Governor Mike Parson’s State of the State address which he gave in the middle of the afternoon to a room of lobbyists and lawmakers rather than for the general public, in which he talked a big game while also contradicting himself, MDP live streamed Minority Leader Crystal Quade’s response on Facebook. Check out the
livestreamed speech, infographics rapid response (which took place on Facebook and Twitter), and coverage of our response. Be sure to check out and amplify Auditor Nicole Galloway’s video response too.

MDP on the road

ED Lauren Gepford spoke to the Johnson County Democrats on Thursday evening.

Chairwoman Jean Peters Baker catches up with Secretary of State Candidate Yinka Faleti, a group of Faith leaders, and stops in the Capitol

MDP Chairwoman and Jackson County Prosecutor Jean Peters Baker and MDP ED Lauren Gepford caught up with SOS Candidate Yinka Faleti to talk about the Party’s candidate and coordinated efforts for 2020. Yinka’s campaign showed a strong first quarter of fundraising and recently released an introductory video. Yinka is the only known Democratic candidate in the race right now.
MDP Chairwoman Jean Peters Baker, Secretary Rev. Darryl Gray and Executive Director Lauren Gepford gathered for lunch with St. Louis area Faith leaders (Reverend Dr. Linden Bowie, Reverend Dr. E. G. Shields, Bishop Elijah Hankerson, and Bishop Timothy Smith) to talk about the Democratic Party’s work in their communities, partnerships, and legislation.
We were excited to join Democratic lawmakers in the Capitol on the first day of session to watch our five new State Representatives be sworn in. We celebrated Representative Trish Gunby (featured with her family and campaign staff); Trish flipped a seat from red to blue in November in the St. Louis suburbs.
Thanks to Representatives Barbara Washington, Trish Gunby, Crystal Quade, and Senator Gina Walsh, and all the Missouri legislators who came out tonight to show what we’re fighting for. #BuildingBlue #MoLeg

**IMPORTANT DATES**

We have several more events we’ll be announcing next week for March, including several training sessions and high profile fundraisers.

- **1/25** Quarter 1 State Committee Meeting & Mock Caucus
- 2/25 Candidate Filing Opens
- **3/8** Heartland 2020 Presidential Candidate Rally
- 3/10 Presidential Preference Primary
- 3/31 Candidate Filing Ends
- 4/6 Mass Meetings Delegate Selection
- 4/30 Congressional Conventions
• 5/9 Quarter 2 State Committee Meeting & Delegate Selection Proceedings - Jefferson City
• 6/19 State Convention Welcome Night
• 6/20 State Convention
• 7/13 National Convention
• 8/4 Primary Election
• 9/12 Quarter 3 State Committee Meeting & Truman Dinner - St. Louis
• 11/3 General Election

Onward,

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