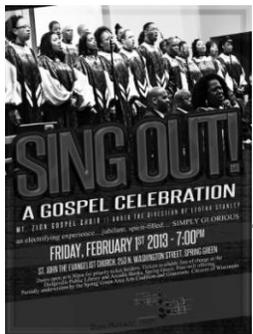


Local Events in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and Black History Month



Sat., Jan. 19, 2 p.m. (Spring Green) **“POVERTY IN THE LAND OF PLENTY”** is the theme for River Valley’s annual Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration. Armando Ibarra, assistant professor at UW-Madison, will talk about [“Poverty in the Land of Plenty: Social Justice and Economic Organization”](#) at this annual event to be held in the library of Spring Green Elementary School, 830 W. Daley St. Ibarra specializes in the issues of diversity in the workplace and international labor migration. He has contributed to a new documentary film called [The Bracero Program: Harvest of Loneliness](#), which will be shown at the event. The annual Spring Green observance honors the legacy of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., clergyman, activist, and leader in the African American civil rights movement. In his honor, birthday cake and beverages will be served. The event is free and open to the public. For information contact David Giffey at barnowl1941@gmail.com.



Fri., Feb. 1, 7 p.m. (Spring Green) **“SING OUT: A CELEBRATION FEATURING THE MT. ZION GOSPEL CHOIR OF MADISON”** – to commemorate Black History Month Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity to hear the Mt. Zion Gospel Choir, which performs annually with the Madison Symphony Orchestra and throughout Wisconsin. Led by Leatha Stanley, the choir combines jazz, blues and gospel “to raise the roof” with its captivating spiritual music. The event is sponsored by Rural Musicians Forum and Grassroots, among other local organizations. Location: St. John the Evangelist Church, 253 N. Washington St., Spring Green. Learn more at the [Rural Musicians Forum](#).