



The Grassroots Gazette fosters community dialogue and participation throughout Southwest Wisconsin

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN STAY INVOLVED in Mineral Point, Spring Green, Dodgeville, Ridgeway and Platteville



KEEP THE PRESSURE ON YOUR LEGISLATORS. Keep the pressure on the no-show Senator Ron Johnson even though his Washington phone line is always FULL. Call his Milwaukee office at 414-276-7282 or Oshkosh at 920-230-7250 as well as your other representatives in Washington and Madison.

Phone calls are definitely the recommended way to be effective, according to the Chief of Staff of a U.S. Senator. (This tip just in from one of our Grassroots Gazette readers.) We welcome other suggestions for inclusion in the Gazette. Just let us know by return email to grassroots@merr.com)



Mon., March 6 (in Mineral Point) and Fri., March 10 (in Dodgeville) HELP SHOWER THE WHITE HOUSE WITH POSTCARDS

The action will take place in Mineral Point at the Grey Dog Deli, 215 High Street, on Mon., March 6 at 9:30 a.m. and Friday in Dodgeville, at the Cobblestone Restaurant, 229 N. Iowa Street, also at 9:30 a.m. Join Susan Van Sicklen and her hard-working letter writing crew who are part of the nationwide effort to send 1 million postcards (representing "pink slips") to Pres. Trump at the White House on March 15. Bring a friend. Pink postcards, stamps and pens will be provided. Contact Susan Van Sicklen at [svans5@icloud.com/](mailto:svans5@icloud.com) for more info about this national effort go to <https://www.theidesoftrump.com/#theidesoftrump>



Wed., March 8, 6:30 p.m. (Spring Green) DAWN group meets at Spring Green General Store

Join the new, high energy DAWN (Driftless Area Women's Network) group which is committed to encouraging and equipping women throughout Wisconsin's Driftless Area to embrace political leadership roles at the local, state, and national level; to engage in public service and promote fundamental principles of equality and justice through education and outreach; and to empower and support women through direct action and advocacy on policies and issues that have the greatest impact on women's lives. For more info, go to the [DAWN Facebook page](#) or contact Theresa Richards at theview36k@gmail.com



Thurs., March 9, 5 to 8 p.m. (Platteville) WELCOME OUR LOCAL IMMIGRANT FAMILIES BY BECOMING an English as a Second Language (ESL) VOLUNTEER TUTOR Teaching English to adults eager to

learn our language is a richly rewarding multicultural experience. Register now for the next tutor training session, which is sponsored by the MultiCultural Outreach Program (MCOP). Grassroots was one of the major founders of MCOP, which works with our immigrant neighbors in a variety of ways in Iowa, Grant, Lafayette and Richland Counties. The ESL Tutor Training Classes, which are FREE (Thurs., March 9, 5 to 8 p.m.) will be held at the SWTC Outreach Center, 110 West Adams St. in Platteville, Entry door is at the corner of Lewis and Court Streets. To register for the training or for info contact, Karen Rundell at rrundell@centurytel.net or call 348-5583



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A TIP FROM THE ACTION IOWA COUNTY FACEBOOK PAGE

Gerrymandering is one of the most egregious efforts to subvert election fairness in Wisconsin. Call out the state legislators who want to use tax payer money to pay for lawyers to defend the Wisconsin gerrymandering law before the U.S. Supreme Court. CALL BRAD SCHIMERL at 607-266-1221, SCOTT FITGERALD AT 608-266-5660 AND Robin Voss at 608-266-9171. Also call our local representatives 51st assemblyman Todd Novak at 608-266-7502 and 80th district Senator Howard Marklein at 608-266-0703. For more info about this critical issue check out www.commoncausewisconsin.org

Want to know more about the activities of the Action Iowa County group? Let us know by return email to grassroots@merr.com

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS



Fri., March 17, 6 p.m. (Ridgeway) New date for monthly meeting of CITIZENS CLIENT LOBBY AND SUSTAIN IOWA COUNTY

GROUPS Doug and Denise Thornton are hosting this pot luck dinner gathering, at their home, 2487 Ct. Rd. H in Ridgeway. To find out more about the mission of these groups, [click here](#) . For further info contact Chuck Tennesen at twotens@yousq.net.



Fri., March 10 to Friday, April 21 THE GREAT DECISIONS SERIES IS PRESENTED IN DODGEVILLE

Jointly sponsored by the Dodgeville Public Library and the Grassroots Citizens for Peace and Justice, this international Great Decisions discussion series will address the topics below. All discussions are on Fridays, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Dodgeville Public Library, 139 South Iowa Street. Everyone is welcome. [Learn more by clicking here.](#)

March 10 - The Future of Europe, discussion to be led by UW-Platteville Professor of German

March 24 - Trade and Politics, discussion to be led by John Simonson

April 7 - U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum, discussion to be led by Chuck Tennesen

April 21 - Nuclear Security, discussion to be led by Cathy Palzkill



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLKS AT MAYDAY PRESS

IN MINERAL POINT. They put together a huge postcard party. Over 25 volunteers showed up to sign and mail 1,700 postcards to U. S. Senators throughout the country to let them know what they thought about the current political situation. A follow up party will be

planned in the coming weeks. Stay tuned for information. May Sorum and Alyx Hanson were the organizers of the efforts, according to co-owner Maggie Tucker.



Sat., March 25, 9 to 4:45 p.m. (Mazomanie) WISCONSIN

GRASSROOTS FESTIVAL - John Nichols is a headline

speaker "Stand up for Democracy" is this year's theme for the 9th annual Grassroots Festival which will be held at Wisconsin Heights High School, 10173 U.S. Highway 14 in Mazomanie. Among the speakers will be The Nation

correspondent John Nichols. State Senator Kathleen Vinehout (she ran for Governor in the Recall election), Rep. Marc Pocan and a lineup of others. The most exciting part of the day will be the 21 break-out sessions where political veterans will share their ideas on "Strategizing to Win," "Fighting for Public Education", "Grassroots Organizing", "Money in Politics" and much more. Suggested donation -- \$20 (lunch included.) For more info, go to

www.wisconsingrassroots.net/festival or call Nate Timm at 608-220-0139 or nptimm571@gmail.com



SPRING CLEANING? Help out long-time Grassroots member Christine

Tsubokura who is collecting children's books for the Community Connections Free Clinic library - so that children and their parents can take books home at no charge. Call Christine at 608-234-1414

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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