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Local Action Opportunities in Mineral Point, Dodgeville, Mt Horeb, Montfort and throughout SW Wisconsin



GRASSROOTS LOST A LONG-TIME STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBER THIS SUMMER. Bill Spevacek, an author, poet and retired public relations executive, died in July at the age of 82. In 1996, he moved to rural Mineral Point with his wife, Pat. We remember him best for his clear-thinking contributions to the growth of Grassroots and for his wonderful, fiery letters to the editor. Thanks, Bill, for never letting us forget the Grassroots values we stand for.



Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 9:30 a.m. (Mineral Point) JOIN THE WEEKLY POSTCARD WRITING TEAM

Our federal and state lawmakers need to continually hear from all of us. Join the dedicated group of post card writers who meet weekly at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesdays to do just that. On **Wed., Sept 6** they will be at the Gray Dog Deli, 215 High St., in Mineral Point; on **Wed., Sept. 13** at 9:30, they will be at the Cook's room, 138 N. Iowa Street in Dodgeville; on **Wed., Sept. 20** they will gather at Café 43 Coffeehouse, 43 High St., Mineral Point; on **Wed., Sept. 27**, meet them at Cobblestone Coffee House, 239 N. Iowa Street in Dodgeville. For more information, contact Susan Van Sicklen at svans5@icloud.com or Laura Cisler at glcisler@yahoo.com. Enjoy a cup of coffee and lively conversation. Bring friends. Pens and postcards will be provided.

OUR GRASSROOTS CITIZENS **SUSTAIN IOWA COUNTY** group works at the local, state and national levels on climate change and environment issues. To get involved, contact Chuck Tennesen at twotens@yousq.net.



Saturday, September 9, 11 a.m. (Dodgeville) – MONTHLY SUSTAIN IOWA COUNTY/CITIZENS' CLIMATE LOBBY

meeting is at Country Kitchen, 1202 North John St. While everyone is focused on the suffering that Houston area residents are enduring, climate change is an on-going concern for this active local group. Join them to hear what you can do to help build a livable planet. Contact Chuck Tennesen at twotens@yousq.net.



Thursday, September 7, 7 p.m. (Mt. Horeb) and Tuesday, September 19, 7 p.m. (Montfort) ATC POWER LINE FORUMS IN MT. HOREB AND MONTFORT.

If you are not up to date on the costly, environmentally damaging high voltage power lines that are proposed to slice directly through a three-county area, the two forums listed above are excellent opportunities to learn critical details. Chuck Tennesen is a member of the panel. The Mt. Horeb forum will take place at the Mt. Horeb Community Center, 105 N. Grove Street. The Montfort forum will be at the Community Building, 102 E. Park St.

Tuesday, Sept. 12, 5 TO 8:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) LEARN HOW TO OPPOSE THE ATC POWER LINES

Volunteers are invited to join the growing opposition to these high voltage lines. Learn effective techniques whether you are talking to your neighbor, your legislators, writing letters to the editor or going on line. This Effective Training session, which is FREE will be at the Health & Human Services Building, 303 W. Chapel St. in Dodgeville. RSVP to Chuck Tennesen at twotens@yousq.net



GOOD NEWS FROM THE SOLAR IOWA COUNTY effort. August 31 was the deadline for homeowners and businesses to contract to install a solar system as part of a cost-saving group buy for Iowa County. The number of people signing up far exceeded all expectations. Final figures will come out next week. Learn more at

www.solariowacounty.com



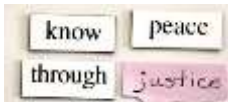
Fri. thru Sun., Sept 8 to 10 (west of Dodgeville) FOLKLORE VILLAGE THIRD ANNUAL SUSTAINABILITY WEEKEND. Sign up for one of the ten distinctive workshops offered during this action-packed weekend. Select from in-depth three-day workshops on historic Norwegian construction techniques to learning how to build and bake in a cob oven to techniques for fermenting food and beverages with live cultures and beneficial bacteria – and much more. For a full rundown of weekend events and to register, go to <https://folkloreillage.org/sustainability-weekend/> or call 608-924-4000.



Saturday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m. (Mineral Point) WILD and SCENIC FILM EVENT at Mineral Point Opera House. Don't miss this outstanding series of short films on a variety of environmental topics. Informal discussion to follow.

OUR GRASSROOTS CITIZENS FOR PEACE organizes forums and cultural events to encourage dialogue about critical peace and justice issues.

For more info, contact Bryan Walton at bryanwalton2007@gmail.com



Friday, September 8, 4 to 5:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) MONTHLY MEETING OF GRASSROOTS CITIZENS FOR PEACE & JUSTICE will be held at the home of Judy James, 3455 Rowe Road, Dodgeville (north, off of Hwy. 23) This dedicated group will be evaluating this year's "Lanterns for Peace" event and making plans for fall and winter events. For more info contact Jane H. Kavaloski at jhkavaloski@gmail.com.

OUR GRASSROOTS CITIZENS Immigration team is working to educate and achieve a better understanding of immigration issues in our area. To get involved, contact Shirley Barnes at grassroots@merr.com



HELP US CREATE A WELCOMING, INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY IN SW WISCONSIN. The MultiCultural Outreach Program needs volunteers to help us welcome our immigrant neighbors in various ways – from teaching English as a Second Language (free training offered) in Lafayette, Iowa, Grant and Richland

Counties, to supplying much needed transportation for immigrant workers and their families. Many are not permitted to have drivers' licenses although they are hard-working employees on our dairy farms, cheese factories and small businesses. Contact Nereida Burkard at 608-642-1753 or luzneriesl@gmail.com for more information as to how you can help.

ACTION IOWA COUNTY: INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR LOCAL OFFICE? People willing to serve our communities on the county board and other local offices are sorely needed! Email grassroots@merr.com to learn more.

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