



The Grassroots Gazette fosters community dialogue and participation throughout Southwest Wisconsin

DON'T RANT...GET INVOLVED WITH NEW (or established) LOCAL POLITICAL ACTION GROUPS



WHAT CAN I DO? - (It's the question everyone is asking). In the aftermath of the November election, local groups are coming together to channel the frustration so many people feel into positive political action. See below.

Tues., Feb 28, 9:15 a.m. (Dodgeville) YOU ARE INVITED TO A POSTCARD Party at the Cook's Room in Dodgeville, 138 N. Iowa Street. Here's your chance to join others who are deeply concerned about today's political situation. Postcards, pens and other supplies will be provided so you can let your representatives in Congress and the State House know your opinion. Great time to meet new people. Susan Van Sicklen is planning to host the parties most weeks - at different locations. Email her for times and places for later weeks at svans5@icloud.com



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

DAWN member Michelle Thomas is running for Spring Green Township Supervisor. Interested in helping her on her campaign? How about considering running yourself? Contact us by return email for more information about running for local office at grassroots@merr.com.

ACTION IOWA COUNTY is a new group of action-oriented people who have come together in the wake of the political upheaval in Washington and Madison. Let us know by return email grassroots@merr.com if you are interested in more information about this group and how you can get involved.



CORRECTED LINK: <https://www.5calls.org/> This easy-to-use site alerts you weekly to the 5 or 10 most pressing national issues - including the background and phone numbers for the legislators you need to call. Sign up here: <https://www.5calls.org/> IT TAKES ONLY 5 MINUTES A DAY. If you get no answer in the Washington offices, call your representatives' local office. U.S. Senator Ron Johnson in Washington, D.C. (202-224-5323); Milwaukee (414-276-7282); Oshkosh (920-230-7250). US Senator Tammy Baldwin in Washington D.C. (202-224-5653); Madison (608-264-5338); Milwaukee (404-297-4451); U.S. Rep. Marc Pocan in Washington (202-225-2906); Madison (608-258-9800). **POST THESE NUMBERS ON YOUR COMPUTER or in your cellphone.**

ELECTION NEWS



Tues., April 4, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. (statewide) STATE SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT TONY EVERS ON THE BALLOT in general election. Mark your calendar now for the April 4 general election. Will you be in town? If not, be sure to get an absentee ballot. Registered voters should submit their request to receive an absentee ballot by mail by March 30 to <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/VoteAbsentee> OR you can vote absentee in person at your Municipal Clerk's office starting March 20. Find your clerk's location here: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/MyMunicipalClerk>



It's vital when sharing or posting on social media that the news be **ACCURATE**. CHECK OUT THE PULTIZER PRIZE WINNING FACT-CHECKING SITES, [Politifact](#) and [Politifact Wisconsin](#).

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS



Fri., March 3, 1 p.m. (Highland) CITIZENS FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE TO VIEW FILM "THIRTEEN", a Netflix original. Oprah Winfrey talks about the 13th amendment, the historical cycles of oppression in this country and our broken prison system. The viewing will be at the Sts. Anthony and Philip Catholic church, 723 Main Street in Highland. Everyone is welcome. For info contact Jane Kavaloski at jhkavaloski@gmail.com



Fri., March 20 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 or Vincent Kavaloski

For more information contact Jane Kavaloski at jhkavaloski@gmail.com



Citizens' Climate Lobby

Sat., March 11, 11 a.m. (Dodgeville) JOINT MEETING OF CITIZENS CLIENT LOBBY AND SUSTAIN IOWA COUNTY GROUPS

Local people concerned about climate change and environmental issues should join this active group which meets monthly at the Country Kitchen, 1201 North Johns Street in Dodgeville. To find out more about these committed groups, [click here](#). For further info contact Chuck Tennesen at twotens@yousq.net.



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

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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