



The Grassroots Gazette fosters community dialogue and participation throughout Southwest Wisconsin

## LOCAL ACTION GROUPS ARE GROWING

Now groups in

Reedsburg, New Glarus/Green County

Dodgeville/Mineral Point, Mt. Horeb, Spring Green, Richland Center



### Short notice

Mon. May 8, 2 p.m. (Darlington) MARC POCAN TO HOLD TOWN

HALL Let Rep. Marc Pocan know what you think about what's going on in Washington. Join him at the Darlington Court house at 2 p.m.



Tues., May 16, 6 p.m. (Dodgeville) Iowa County Board to consider resolution to OPPOSE the Cardinal-Hickory Creek high voltage

power line Plan to attend this vital meeting at Dodgeville's Health and Human Services Center, 303 W. Chapel Street to show your support for the local Driftless Defenders group ([www.driftlessdefenders.com](http://www.driftlessdefenders.com)) which is leading the fight against these massive, proposed lines through Iowa

County. **If you cannot attend, call or write YOUR County Supervisor. You will find his/her contact info at <http://iowacounty.org/countyboard/members.shtml>** The arguments against: These massive transmission towers and 345 kv lines are not needed for energy. They will ruin our unique and scenic landscape, disrupt important conservation areas, negatively impact our tourism economy, reduce property values, and cost utility customers millions of dollars while investors in the for-profit American Transmission Company will make a profit of 10.2 percent per year. Our County's future should not be determined by big business.



Tues., May 9, 6:30 p.m. (Spring Green) The River Valley Chapter of DAWN will meet at the General Store. According to the DAWN team, "Some of our members have been very busy getting involved with the community, so definitely try to make the meeting to hear their reports." All are welcome. For info contact: Grace Timmerman at [contactdawnwi@gmail.com](mailto:contactdawnwi@gmail.com)



Wed., May 10, 9:30 a.m. (Dodgeville) and Wed., May 17, 9:30 a.m. (Mineral Point) WEEKLY POSTCARD WRITING and coffee with a dedicated group of Action Iowa County folks. Join them to let your voice be heard in Washington and Madison. On May 10 it will be at Dodgeville's Cobblestone café, 239 N. Iowa Street and on May 17 it will be at Mineral Point's Grey Dog Deli, 215 N. High Street. Postcards and pens will be supplied. For more info, contact Susan VanSicklen at [svans5@icloud.com](mailto:svans5@icloud.com) or Laura Cisler at [glcisler@yahoo.com](mailto:glcisler@yahoo.com)

*Are you interested in starting an evening postcard writing group?\_ Susan and Laura are happy to help you set it up.*

### ACTION IOWA COUNTY interest groups to meet as follow up to the "Big Huddle



Wed., May 17, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) THE ENVIRONMENTAL group encourages others to join them for a one-hour focused discussion of its goals at the Country Kitchen, 1202 North Johns Street in Dodgeville. Food can be ordered. For more info, contact Mike VanSicklen at [mikevansicklen@gmail.com](mailto:mikevansicklen@gmail.com) or Chuck Tennesen at [twotens@yousq.net](mailto:twotens@yousq.net)

Mon., May 15, 6:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) THE PUBLIC EDUCATION group will meet at the Cobblestone Coffeehouse, 233 North Iowa Street in Dodgeville to strategize how they can protect public education. For more info, contact Jessie Wieczorek at [jawieczorek24@gmail.com](mailto:jawieczorek24@gmail.com) or Christie Johnston at [christie.m.johnston@gmail.com](mailto:christie.m.johnston@gmail.com)

Tues., May 16, 6 p.m. (Mineral Point) THE NATIONAL POLITICAL ACTION group meets at Tequila Point, 43 High Street, Mineral Point. For more info, contact Susan VanSicklen at [svans5@icloud.com](mailto:svans5@icloud.com) or Laura Cisler at [glcisler@yahoo.com](mailto:glcisler@yahoo.com)

Wed., May 17, 6 p.m. (Mineral Point) THE LOCAL ELECTIONS group, which is encouraging people to run for local elections, meets at Tequila Point, 43 High Street. Contact Parrish Johnston at [crazyparrish@yahoo.com](mailto:crazyparrish@yahoo.com) or Sue Gereau at [sjgereau@hughes.net](mailto:sjgereau@hughes.net)



Mon., May 23, 7 p.m. (Mineral Point or Dodgeville) Local "Big Huddle" Health Care group to meet to discuss the development of small group trainings/workshops on "how to talk to your neighbors by finding common ground." The aim is to learn to have conversations about important issues such as health care without alienating others or getting angry. They are also developing simple talking points so people can be armed with the facts about health care when engaging in conversation. LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED. For information, contact Aaron Dunn at [aaron.dunn@deancare.com](mailto:aaron.dunn@deancare.com)



Sat., May 13, 11 a.m. (Dodgeville) LOCAL CITIZENS' CLIMATE LOBBY

to meet at the Country Kitchen, 1202 N. Johns Street in Dodgeville. Although Trump's EPA has erased the mention of climate change from its website, these dedicated folks are fighting hard to keep people informed about its consequences. Each month they enjoy a conference call from a climate change expert and shape their plans for the future. For more info, contact Chuck Tennesen at [www.twotens@yousq.net](mailto:www.twotens@yousq.net)



Tues., May 23, 7 p.m. (New Glarus) NEW INDIVISIBLE GROUP for

New Glarus/Green County to meet again. "Our first meeting brought together people from all sides of the traditional political divide who are motivated to work together to take the responsibility of citizenship seriously at a time when our core American values are under attack," said facilitator Fil Sanna. Please join them at the follow up meeting when they'll be setting specific goals for action. For the New Glarus location, contact Fil Sanna at [filsanna@yahoo.com](mailto:filsanna@yahoo.com) or 608-636-6222



Sun., May 21, 2 to 4 p.m. (Reedsburg) 'WHAT CAN I DO?': A

CITIZENS' WORKSHOP will be held at the Reedsburg Recreation Center, 134 Locust Street (across from Public Library). Concerned about the future of our communities, state and country? You'll be able to pick your topic and together develop an action plan for addressing health care, living wage, public schools, running for office, immigration, election/voting issues, and more. The event is sponsored by the Reedsburg Area Concerned Citizens. For more info, contact Judy Brey at [reedsburgacc@gmail.com](mailto:reedsburgacc@gmail.com)



Sat., May 13, starts at 11 a.m. (Darlington) CINCO DE MAYO

FESTIVAL This free, family-fun event showcases the cultures of our Latino friends and neighbors who live and work in SW Wisconsin. Stop by the booth sponsored by our Grassroots partner group, the MultiCultural Outreach Program (MCOP), to find out how you can be part of the effort to enhance the cultural diversity in our communities. The festival site is at the south end of Main Street (Hwy. 23) in Darlington - at the bridge.

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](mailto:grassroots@merr.com).

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