



The Grassroots Gazette fosters community dialogue and participation throughout Southwest Wisconsin.

OPEN ENROLLMENT
FOR FEDERAL HEALTH CARE EXCHANGES IS NOW -
FREE LOCAL HELP IS AVAILABLE

Other important local events



Nov. 1 through Jan. 1, 2016 (Dodgeville) FREE LOCAL HELP IS AVAILABLE FOR ENROLLING IN THE FEDERAL HEALTHCARE EXCHANGE

If you or someone you know has never had health insurance, you may have lots of questions when enrolling on the Federal Exchange. Local people including Grassroots members, ARE VOLUNTEERING THEIR TIME to answer your questions during the current open enrollment period. They are doing this AT NO COST TO YOU. Once you have healthcare coverage, you may consistently seek the preventative and follow up care you need and deserve. If you signed up last year, you may find there is a less expensive policy in 2016. It pays to check it out.

Tuesdays, 1 to 7 p.m. and Thursdays, 2 to 5 p.m. Volunteers are available at Dodgeville's Community Connections Free Clinic, 101 East Fountain St. Make an appointment by calling 608-930-2232.

Wednesdays, Nov. 4, 11 and 18 from 2 to 5 p.m. and Dec. 2, 9 and 16 from 3 to 6 p.m. Drop in for free assistance at the Southwest Tech Outreach Center in Dick's Supermarket Mall, 316 W. Spring St in Dodgeville.

COME PREPARED - bring a pay stub, birth dates and social security numbers for all wage earners in your household. (Past tax returns work great if you have them.)

For more info - check out the [Grassroots Health Care Task Force page](#) on the website.



Friday, Nov. 6, 2 to 4 p.m. (Dodgeville) The Great Divide: Sunni vs. Shia - A Great Decisions Discussion From the crisis in Iraq and Syria to the tension between Iran and Saudi Arabia, the struggle between Sunni and Shi'i groups for dominance is tearing apart the region and shows no signs of abating. But are the roots of these conflicts more political than religious? The discussion will be at the Dodgeville Public Library. A short documentary on "Sectarianism in the Middle East" will be shown, followed by a discussion facilitated by Fr. Jim Murphy. The Dodgeville Library and the Iowa County Citizens for Peace and Justice sponsor this event. The library has handouts available. Pre-registration is encouraged. Please contact Vickie Stangel at vstangel@swls.org.

Friday, Nov. 6 (Dodgeville) IOWA COUNTY CITIZENS FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE TO MEET -- following Great Decisions discussion (above), approx., 4 p.m. You are invited to join the group as they plan for future events and activities at the Dodgeville Public Library following the Great Decisions discussion. For further information, contact Jane Kavaloski at jhkavaloski@gmail.com or check out the [Grassroots Citizens for Peace page](#) on the Grassroots website.



Saturday, Nov. 7, 11 a.m. (Dodgeville) MONTHLY SUSTAIN IOWA COUNTY-CITIZENS' CLIMATE LOBBY MEETING Join us for our

monthly meeting at Dodgeville's Country Kitchen, 1202 North Johns Street. Now is the perfect time to learn more about the critical climate change issue and the important work of two local environmental groups - the Citizen's Climate Lobby and Sustain Iowa County. Learn more about both of these groups by checking out the [Grassroots Sustain website](#). Contact Chuck Tennesen at twotens@yousq.net for more information.



Friday, Nov. 13, 2 to 4 p.m. (Dodgeville) Syria: The World's Largest Refugee Crisis - A Great Decisions Discussion

Syrians have for a century welcomed over a million refugees from Armenia, Palestine, Iraq and other countries around the region. Now they are on track to become the source of the world's largest refugee population. Who is responsible for the safety of these displaced Syrians? A short documentary on "Syria's Refugee Crisis" will be shown, followed by a discussion facilitated by Judy James. The Dodgeville Library and the Iowa County Citizens for Peace and Justice sponsor this event. The library has handouts available and pre-registration is encouraged. Contact Vickie Stangel at vstangel@swls.org.



Wednesdays, Nov. 11, 18, 25 and Dec. 2, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) "Climate Change Policy and Public Health" Our health - what does climate change have to do with it? Will reducing carbon emissions make a difference? Is climate change having a

dramatic impact on global public health - from natural disasters and the increased spread of infectious disease to predicted crop losses and heat waves? To find answers, join the UW-Madison MOOC "Climate Change Policy and Public Health" presentation starting November 9th to learn how public health can be protected when we protect the environment and the climate. We will be hosting discussion sessions at the Dodgeville Public Library on Wed. nights at 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Nov. 11, 18, 25 & Dec. 2. Learn more at <https://moocs.wisc.edu/mooc/climate-change-policy-and-public-health/>



Thursday, Nov. 5 through Monday, Nov. 9 (Mineral Point) 6th ANNUAL DRIFTLESS FILM FESTIVAL An exciting lineup of 14 movies - and a couple of parties are on the agenda for the 2015 Driftless Film Festival at the Opera House in Mineral Point - beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and ending with a

7:30 p.m. show on Monday, Nov. 9. Check out <http://driftlessfilmfest.org/> for details - and films.



OUR ESL PROGRAM CONTINUES TO EXPAND

To encourage self-sufficiency and confidence among recent Hispanic immigrants to our area, our English as a Second Language (ESL) volunteer tutoring program has recently expanded into Lafayette and Grant Counties -- building on our existing Iowa County program.. Our trained volunteer tutors work one-on-one or in small groups. The program not only addresses the isolation many of our students feel, it enriches the tutors' lives through cultural exchanges and friendships.

To learn more about becoming a volunteer ESL tutor, please contact:

In Grant County, Karen Rundell at rrundell@centurytel.net, 608-348-5583

In Lafayette County, Kathy Chase at mkgdchase@hotmail.com, 608-732-2512

In Iowa County, Ana Karina burton at ana.karina@iowacounty.org., 608-642-1753

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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