



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

## OUR GRASSROOTS MEMBERS ARE:

- \* Helping people sign up for affordable health insurance
- \* Building climate change awareness
- \* Starting a MultiCultural Outreach Program
- \* Working on Peace & Justice issues

## HOW ABOUT JOINING US?

(see details below)

*IT'S JANUARY - time to renew your Grassroots membership or to become a new member. Visit our ["Become a Member" webpage](#).*

### Sat., Jan. 31, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Dodgeville) SUPER SATURDAY: TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS STATEWIDE HEALTH INSURANCE ENROLLMENT

EVENT Free help is available in Dodgeville for those who have not yet signed up for health insurance and may face a penalty on next year's taxes. If you have a friend or family member who still is without health insurance, urge them to come to this important event - to find out the facts about their particular situation. They may be eligible for BadgerCare and not know it. Rules have changed recently. Or they may be eligible for significant subsidies when they apply online at the HEALTHCARE.GOV site. THE SUPER SATURDAY SIGN UP EVENT will be held at the Southwest Tech computer lab in the Piggly Wiggly mall, 316 W. Spring. Enrollees should bring social security numbers and pay stubs for all wage earners in their household and/or 2013 tax returns.

CAN'T MAKE THE SUPER SATURDAY SIGN UP EVENT? Grassroots members continue to volunteer to help people sign up for health insurance every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon -- through Feb. 15 (the end of the current enrollment period.) Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Free Clinic, 101 E. Fountain St, from 2 to 5 p.m. and Wednesdays at SW Tech Computer Lab in the Piggly Wiggly Mall, 316 Spring Street, from 2 to 6 p.m. Call 608-930-2232 for more info.

**OUR GRASSROOTS CITIZENS Health Care Task Force has been working since 2008 to insure everyone receives quality, affordable health care. To get involved, contact Earl Barnes at [grassroots@merr.com](mailto:grassroots@merr.com)**

Sat., Feb 7, 11 a.m. (Dodgeville) SUSTAIN IOWA COUNTY Join us at the Country Kitchen, 1202 North Johns St., Dodgeville, for the next Sustain Iowa County monthly meeting and to participate in the monthly Climate Change Lobby (CCL) teleconference. If you've never been to a meeting or haven't attended recently, this would be a great time to join in. Much to learn, discuss, and act on. We have a great time and help make the world a better place. Come on down! FOR MORE INFO, go to our [Grassroots Sustain Iowa County webpage](#) or contact Chuck Tennessen at [twotens@yousq.net](mailto:twotens@yousq.net) or 987-3835.

Fridays, Feb. 27 to March 31, 2 p.m. (Dodgeville) CHANGING WEATHER AND CLIMATE IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION: a facilitated on-line discussion series The Dodgeville Public Library, in partnership with our Sustain Iowa county group, has joined forces with UW-Madison, WiLS (Wisconsin Library Services) and 20 public libraries in Wisconsin to deliver a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on the topic of "Changing Weather and Climate in the Great Lakes Region." The series is being offered at no cost, in conjunction with facilitated discussions and events at local libraries around the state. These facilitated discussions will be held on Fridays at 2 p.m. at the Dodgeville Library. For more info, go to [Grassroots Sustain Iowa County page](#) .

ARENA TOWNSHIP IS THE FIFTH IOWA COUNTY TOWNSHIP to pass a resolution asking for a cost/benefit analysis before American Transmission Company's Hi-Capacity power lines are allowed to slice through Iowa County. The Iowa County Board turned down the request. (The Grassroots Sustain group has led this effort.) More info at the [Grassroots Sustain Iowa County page](#)



Wed, Feb. 4, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) THE PASSENGER PIGEON'S EXTINCTION: Lessons from the past for a sustainable

future. The Uplands Garden Club is hosting this free event at Stonefield Apartment, 407 E. Madison St., where Stan Temple, a senior fellow at the Aldo Leopold Foundation, will share his career-long interest in the extinction of the passenger pigeon. 2014 marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passenger pigeon's extinction. During the year Temple gave 102 presentations on the pigeon in 20 states. Now he's coming to Dodgeville and will talk about the ecology and life history of the passenger pigeon and other extinct and endangered birds, current extinction crises, endangered species recovery, human relationship with wildlife, and sustainable use of biological resources. The public is welcome. For more information contact: [uplandsgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:uplandsgardenclub@gmail.com)

**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 Tennessen at [twotens@yousq.net](mailto:twotens@yousq.net).**



Fri. Feb. 13, 2 p.m. (Highland) GRASSROOTS CITIZENS FOR PEACE group will view Robert Reich's powerful film "INEQUALITY FOR ALL"

The film viewing will be at 2 p.m., followed by the monthly Citizens for Peace meeting where plans for future events will be discussed. All are welcome. LOCATION: The home of Fr. Jim Murphy, 1023 Dodgeville Street in Highland. For more info, contact Bryan Walton at [bryanwalton2007@gmail.com](mailto:bryanwalton2007@gmail.com).



The Citizens for Peace group in partnership with the Dodgeville Public Library will facilitate lively discussions during the upcoming GREAT DECISIONS series at the library. Among the topics will be "Russia's Foreign Policy (April 10) and "Modern Day Slavery" (April 17). More topics and details to come.

**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](mailto:bryanwalton2007@gmail.com)



**THE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS FREE CLINIC:  
a partner's profile**

Many of our Grassroots members are among the hard-working volunteers at the Community Connections Free Clinic, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Dodgeville. The Clinic provides basic health care for those who cannot afford to access medical services in Iowa County and surrounding areas. CCFC's guiding principle is that, together, we can eliminate the obstacles to health care in our community, one patient at a time. The Clinic is open Tuesday through Friday (10am-4pm) for nursing and medication visits, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings (4 p.m.-8pm) for physician, nurse practitioner and physician assistance visits. Patients are served on a first come first served basis. We are able to see patients who are uninsured and those having difficulty accessing primary care elsewhere. CCFC offers health assessments, primary care, limited diagnostic labs and x-rays, follow up care, prescription medications, health and nutrition education, referrals to other community resources, and Spanish interpreters for non-English speaking Hispanic patients.

Over the last year CCFC has been involved with our Grassroots Citizens in enrolling our friends and neighbors for BadgerCare or affordable policies through the online Healthcare Marketplace. We have Affordable Care Act (ACA) Assistors and support staff available by appointment on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We have seen many of our patients obtain insurance; however, there is still a population that is uninsured and seeks primary care at clinics such as CCFC.

For more information on becoming a patient, volunteer, or donor, please visit our website at [ccfcwi.org](http://ccfcwi.org), call us at 608.930.2232 or swing by the clinic at 101 E. Fountain St. Dodgeville, WI 53533.

SAT., APRIL 18: MARK YOUR CALENDAR now for the popular Community Connection Free Clinic's spring auction. More info to come.

The English Language Learners (ELL) program and the MultiCultural Outreach Program (MCOP) both grew out of our Grassroots Immigration Task Force, in partnership with a number of other committed partner organizations. In fact, the MCOP is now a program of SWCAP. WATCH FOR MORE ON THESE PROGRAMS and how you can get involved IN OUR NEXT GAZETTE, COMING OUT THE WEEK OF FEB. 9

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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