



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

in Spring Green, Dodgeville, Belmont, Baraboo

HERE'S HOW TO CELEBRATE EARTH DAY...and help the Dodgeville schools. Bring your empty inkjet and laser cartridges and used cell phones to designated areas at any of the four Dodgeville/Ridgeway Schools (check for the location at the office.) These waste products will be recycled -- with the proceeds going to the Dodgeville Green and Health Schools program. You can do this anytime during the school year -- but now is the time to help celebrate Earth Day. For info, contact Rainforest Club - Green and Healthy Schools Division Advisor Karri Roh-Wasley at Dodgeville High School, 935-3307.

FRI., APRIL 9, 3 P.M. (Dodgeville) CITIZENS FOR PEACE MONTHLY MEETING Join the group to preview materials from the Central Asia Institute and address the question: Do we want to organize a major "Stones into Schools" campaign for Iowa County? Meeting is at the home of Judy James, 3455 Rowe Road in Dodgeville. For more information about the agenda and the group, contact Jane Kavaloski at kavaloski@countriespeed.com or 935-3007.

SUN., APRIL 11, 2 P.M. (Dodgeville) HOW WILL CLIMATE CHANGE AFFECT WISCONSIN'S FARMING PRACTICES AND LOCAL ECONOMIES? UW Soil Science Prof. William Bland will talk about the impact of likely changes in weather patterns on agricultural and soil management practices in SW Wisconsin as part of the Trout Unlimited (TU) discussion series. This event, with social hour to follow, is being held in partnership with the Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI) -- a partnership of citizens and scientists who develop practical information for Wisconsin businesses, farmers, communities and governments on climate change effects and how we can respond to them. LOCATION: Stonefield Apartments Community Center, 407 E. Madison, Dodgeville.

MON., APRIL 12, 6 TO 8 P.M. (Spring Green) LEARN MORE ABOUT A POTENTIAL CENTER FOR THE ARTS FOR RIVER VALLEY AREA. At a recent IMAGINE brainstorming session in Spring Green, the dream of a Center for the Arts for the River Valley area was brought up. Think it's a good idea? Might want to be involved? Bring your ideas and enthusiasm to a brainstorming session at the former Red Square Gallery and Peterson Auto Parts building (across the street from the Shed Restaurant) in Spring Green (a potential site for such a center.)

TUES., APRIL 13, 6:30 P.M. (Spring Green) WHAT'S NEW WITH ORGANIZING FOR AMERICA (OFA)? Staci O'Brien, the OFA organizer for western Wisconsin, will bring folks up to date on coming plans for this energetic group. Check out the OFA website for more details. Location: Spring Green Library.

THURS., APRIL 15, 7 P.M. (Dodgeville) US-CHINA SECURITY RELATIONS will be the final discussion in the Dodgeville Library's Great Decisions series. Come and enjoy a lively discussion about today's critical international issues.

THURS., APRIL 15, 5 to 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) SET UP YOUR OWN SOCIAL MEDIA SITES
Here's a great FREE opportunity at the Dodgeville High School Business Education Department. The Business Education Department staff is having an open house -- to help you set up your own Facebook page and teach you how to use it -- so you can leap into the 21st century. Contact Sue Reukauf to register at sreukauf@dcd.k12.wi.us.

THURS., APRIL 22, 9:15 TO 4 P.M. (Belmont) CONNECTING SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN BROADBAND CONFERENCE With high-speed broadband the key to economic growth in our rural communities, you are invited to attend Connecting Wisconsin's Broadband Conference at the Belmont Travel Center to find out how to get our communities connected. Lunch is included with your registration fee of \$20. Register by April 16 at www.ConnectingWI.org. Location: Belmont Travel Center, Hwy 151, Ext. 26.

THURS., APRIL 22, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) LEARN ABOUT PRACTICAL SOLAR APPLICATIONS
Local solar expert Michael Dearing will celebrate Earth Day by making a presentation on Practical Solar Applications at the Dodgeville Public Library, 139 S. Iowa St. The public is welcome.

SUN., APRIL 25, 11 TO 3 P.M. (Baraboo) SAUK COUNTY EARTH DAY ENERGY FAIR
Energy saving exhibits, an Encore Art show, interesting workshops and hikes are all on the agenda for this exciting day to be held at the UW Baraboo/Sauk County campus. For more information, contact Judy Spring at spring_judy2004@yahoo.com or 608-355-1087.

THE GRASSROOTS GAZETTE IS THE VOICE OF THE 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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