



The Grassroots Gazette fosters community dialogue and participation throughout Southwest Wisconsin

GRASSROOTS EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS

You'll find one (or more) that appeals to you.

Sun., Sept. 23, 3 to 5 p.m. (Hwy. 23) (IS THERE A) WAR ON WOMEN?



With issues such as women's inherent right to equal pay, equity in insurance coverage and gender equality making headlines today, State Rep. Chris Taylor will probe the question, "(Is There A) War on Women?" on Sun., Sept. 23 from 3 to 5:30 p.m. at the Wyoming Valley School, 6306 State Hwy 23 between Spring Green and Dodgeville. A lively discussion will follow.

Check out the GRASSROOTS WEBSITE <http://www.grassrootswi.org/forums/> for more details.

"FRIEND" US (Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin) ON FACEBOOK. We are working hard to keep you up to date on important election facts.

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Grassroots-Citizens-of-Wisconsin/174246405925559>

AND CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE for more information on all these events and more. <http://www.grassrootswi.org/>

Sat., Sept. 22 and Sat., Sept 29 - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Dodgeville) ENGLISH AS

A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) TUTOR TRAINING Tutors in our English as a

Second Language (ESL) program discover that teaching English to eager

adults is a richly rewarding cross-cultural experience. To become a volunteer

tutor, register now for the next free 10-hour tutor training sessions on

Saturday, Sept. 22 and Saturday, Sept 29, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Plymouth

Congregational UCC Church, 115 W. Merrimac in Dodgeville. We need tutors

in Barneveld, Darlington, Montfort, Mineral Point, Dodgeville, Spring Green

and surrounding communities. Tutors do not need a second language. The

training sessions will teach you to overcome the language barrier. Contact grassroots@merr.com or call 608-623-2109 to register or for information.

Sun., Sept. 23 at 2 p.m. and Wed., Sept 26 at 7 p.m. (Mineral Point) An Informal Forum: ENERGY AND CLIMATE: What is our Future? For the past 329 consecutive months (27 years), global temperatures have been above "average." How should we respond as individuals and as a community? Join us for an informal forum to explore effective ways to move forward together. Choose from two convenient times: Sunday, Sept. 23 at 2 p.m. or Wednesday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. LOCATION: United Church of Christ, 300 Maiden Street, Mineral Point. Refreshments, fellowship, and good cheer will be served! Contact Chuck Tennesen, 987-3835 for additional information.

WANT TO CHECK THE ACCURACY OF POLITICAL ADS AND CHARGES?

Here are some invaluable resources. Pass them on to your friends - on both sides of the political fence.

Wisconsin: Politifact Wisconsin at <http://www.politifact.com/wisconsin/>

National: FactCheck at <http://www.factcheck.org/>

Politifact at <http://www.politifact.com/>

Internet Rumors:

FactCheck Viral Spiral at <http://factcheck.org/hot-topics/>

Snopes at <http://www.snopes.com/politics/politics.asp>

Fri., Sept. 7 (4:30 p.m.) and Sat., Sept. 8 (10 a.m.) SOUTHWEST

WISCONSIN PRAIRIE FESTIVAL Grassroots is one of several

conservation-concerned groups sponsoring the two-day Southwest Wisconsin Prairie Festival to be held at Folklore Village, 3210 County Highway BB in Dodgeville. It's free and will be held rain or shine. Friday's kickoff features a prairie field trip, local food tastings and the showing of "America's Lost Landscape: The Tallgrass Prairie" at 8 p.m. on Friday.

Saturday events (10 a.m. to 5 p.m.) include prairie walks, children's activities, music and barn dance, adult art lessons, a photo exhibit, keynote speaker Jerry Apps, and more. See the full schedule at

<http://www.swgsca.org/festival/>

OTHER UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

TODAY through Sun., Aug 19 (Spring Green) 4 PETESAKE DAY IN THE PARK 2012 Join us for the 8th Annual 4Petesake Day in the Park held at North Park (Park Drive). The 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. event raises money to help people in the River Valley area who are in extraordinary circumstances and need financial assistance. The group's goal is to make a substantial impact on the recipient's quality of life while inspiring the River Valley community as a whole. Enjoy live music, great food and children's activities all day. The silent auction, with plenty of popular items, is from noon to 5 p.m. Check out <http://www.4petesake.com/> for more info.

Wed., Aug. 22, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) PUBLIC HEARING: Iowa County's Mental Health, Alcohol/Drug Abuse, Developmental Disabilities and Long Term Support programs. The County's Dept. of Social Services and Unified Community Services wants to hear from citizens about these essential social services before planning for their 2013 programs and budgets. Location: Iowa County Health and Human Services Building, Community Room. Written comments and recommendations for either organization will be accepted until Aug. 31

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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