



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

## MEET THE CANDIDATES TO REPLACE TAMMY BALDWIN (Feb. 21)

## HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS GET THE ID THEY NEED TO VOTE (Feb. 13)

AND MORE EVENTS in Richland Center, Mineral Point, Dodgeville,  
Mazomanie

**NEW IN SPRING GREEN:** THE CONCERNED CITIZENS OF RIVER VALLEY are working on Voter ID and registration and exploring other vital issues of interest in the River Valley area. To learn more, contact Susan Gereau, [sjgereau@hughes.net](mailto:sjgereau@hughes.net), 608-583-2121. Watch for their FACEBOOK page coming soon.

Tues, Feb. 7, 7 p.m. (Richland Center) CONSIDER THE CONVERSATION  
Thought-provoking conversations about end-of-life decisions we must make for ourselves and with our loved ones are continuing throughout our community as the result of the showing of the film CONSIDER THE CONVERSATION last week at the Dodgeville Library. This showing was sponsored by Grassroots and the library. The film will be shown again in Richland Center at the UW Richland Center Melvill Hall Room 453 at 7 p.m. on Feb. 7, courtesy of Grassroots. Additional showings are now being scheduled by groups throughout the area and the film is available for checkout at the Dodgeville Library. It opens the floodgates of thought and conversation on this most difficult and often taboo topic. It's about living life to its fullest up to the very end. Its goal is to jump-start the conversation between patient and doctor, husband and wife, parent and child, minister and parishioner. The film is the first in a series of such conversations which Grassroots in partnership with other area organizations will host in the coming year. Showings of the film in other locations are being scheduled. Consult the Grassroots website for further information on these events: [http://www.grassrootswi.org/health\\_care\\_reform/](http://www.grassrootswi.org/health_care_reform/). Groups wishing to schedule the film are encouraged to contact Kent Mayfield at (608)935-3540.



Be our Grassroots guests at  
**"LOVE LETTERS" and CHOCOLATE**  
Fri., Feb. 10, 7 p.m.  
Mineral Point Opera House

Tues., Feb. 21, 7 p.m. (Mineral Point) MEET THE 2<sup>nd</sup> CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES (to replace Rep. Tammy Baldwin) Because of redistricting, much of Iowa and Sauk Counties are now in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional district (Tammy Baldwin's district). With Baldwin running for the Senate, four of the declared candidates to replace her will be in Mineral Point to speak and answer your questions -- State Rep. Kelda Roys, Dave Warzala, Matt Silverman and State Rep. Mark Pocan. Come to meet and greet and enjoy coffee, dessert and a cash bar at the Gray Dog restaurant, 215 High Street in Mineral Point.

Tues., Feb. 13, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS OBTAIN PROPER VOTER ID SO THEY CAN VOTE! At this how to session, you'll learn how to help your neighbors and friends who do not have a driver's license or other authorized picture ID. Without such ID, these eligible voters will not be able to vote because of the restrictive Voter ID law recently passed by the Wisconsin legislature. This law disenfranchises eligible voters who may not have a driver's license, for example, elderly people who have had to give up their license. An expert will be on hand to guide you through the process of helping people get the identification they must have. Location: Stonefield Apartments, 407 East Madison in Dodgeville. Refreshments.

Fri., Feb. 17, 1 p.m. (Dodgeville) WINDOWS INTO GAZA: A Book Discussion of *Mira* by Rula Jebreal The Windows into Gaza series continues with this discussion led by Edgewood professor Vincent Kavaloski about a book that tells the story of four Palestinian women and their troubled existence at the heart of the long-running Israeli-Palestinian struggle. "It's a love letter to my country and for many girls - Israeli and Palestinian," the author says. Location: Dodgeville Public Library. Sponsored by Grassroots Citizens for Peace and the Dodgeville Library. Contact Jane Kavaloski at [Kavaloski@countryspeed.com](mailto:Kavaloski@countryspeed.com) for more info.

 Sat., Feb. 18, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Mazomanie) FOURTH ANNUAL WISCONSIN PROGRESSIVE GRASSROOTS FESTIVAL Find out how to make a significant difference in your community at this all-day workshop which features Matt Rothschild and Mike McCabe as keynoters. You'll also have a chance to meet candidates for Wisconsin Governor in the late afternoon. During morning and afternoon breakout sessions, you'll roll up your sleeves and find out how to start a Grassroots group, how to stop election theft, what the progressive perspective on small business is, how to build a successful community think tank, how to run for office, how to effect change in the health care reform debate and what is the effect of weaponizing our communities, among other topics you can choose from. Registration (donation \$14 including lunch) begins at 8:30 a.m. The Raging Grannies singing sensation will entertain at lunch. LOCATION: Wisconsin Heights High School 10173 State Hwy 14 Mazomanie WI 53560. For more information contact Nate Timm at [nptimm@chorus.net](mailto:nptimm@chorus.net) or 220-0139. Sponsored by Wisconsin Grassroots Network.

Fri., Feb. 10, 4 p.m. (Dodgeville) CITIZENS FOR PEACE GROUP MEETS at the home of Judy James, 3455 Rowe Road Dodgeville. For more about the Citizens for Peace group activities, check out our website at [http://www.grassrootswi.org/citizens\\_for\\_peace/](http://www.grassrootswi.org/citizens_for_peace/).

#### OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed., Feb. 8, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Dodgeville) FEED YOUR DEERE AND YOUR DAIRY: Vegetable Oil and Bio Diesel Producers Workshop.

With \$20 billion leaving Wisconsin every year to pay for our energy, this timely workshop addresses the all-important question. Can we grow some of our energy right here in the state with existing technology? Some are using oilseeds which can be converted to biodiesel or used as is in vehicles. A number of experts will address the issue at this workshop to be held in the Health and Human Services Building, 303 Chapel Street in Dodgeville. Among the questions to be answered: What should I expect? Can I get some (or all) of my energy needs by growing it myself? What will it take in equipment? What will it take in time? How do I get rid of waste products? Is this really safe? Is on-farm fuel production a home run solution? Register by Feb. 2 (\$20) at UWExtension, 303 W. Chapel St., Dodgeville or 930-9850.

**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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