



The Grassroots Gazette fosters community dialogue and participation throughout Southwest Wisconsin

Upcoming Dodgeville, Spring Green, Darlington and Belmont events

Plus an IMMIGRATION REFORM Action Alert



Mon., Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) "MY UNSPOKEN

HISTORY: Japanese Internment Camps WW II" Christine

Tsubokura (of Mineral Point) will present this fascinating program at the Dodgeville Library, 139 South Iowa Street. Co-sponsored by Grassroots Citizens for Peace, United Fund and Friends of the Library. "Imagine that one day you received notice that you & your whole family must be ready to move within 48 hours. You could take only the possessions you could carry & no one would tell you when you would be permitted to return home." That's the harrowing story Christine will reveal about her family members, who were among the 100,000 people of Japanese descent, many of them U.S. citizens, that were forced to leave their West Coast homes. For the duration of World War II, they were imprisoned in distant internment camps. At this event, refreshments provided by the new Mineral Point restaurant, Kusaka, will be served.



Sun., March 10, 3 p.m. (Spring Green) NPR'S STEVE PAULSON WILL

TACKLE THE SCIENCE VS. RELIGION DIVIDE National Public Radio's

Steve Paulson, executive producer of NPR's "To the Best of our Knowledge", will talk about his book, Atoms and Eden. The book is an intriguing collection of Paulson's interviews with some of the world's top religious leaders and award-winning scientists. It covers all the major issues that often pit science against religion - from the origins of the universe to debates about God, Darwin and human consciousness. This free event is at Arcadia Book Store, 102 E. Jefferson Street in Spring Green and is sponsored by Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin.

Mon, Feb. 25, 3:30 and 5:30 p.m. (Darlington and Belmont) REP. HOWARD

MARKLEIN'S LISTENING SESSIONS

Rep. Marklein says he is "encouraged by the plans for the state budget that Gov. Walker outlined in his Budget Address." Let him know how you feel about Walker's budget proposals at Marklein's Listening Sessions at the American Legion Hall, 1400 Keep St. in Darlington (Mon., 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.) and at the Belmont Community Building, 222 S. Mound, Darlington (Mon., 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.).

Tues., March 5, 6 p.m. (Darlington) TONY EVERS-DON PRIDEMORE DEBATE

Incumbent Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Evers will face conservative Republican Rep. Don Pridemore in the April 3 general election. Get to know where they stand on the issues during a debate in Darlington, at the Bridges Restaurant, 201 Christensen Drive. The Lafayette County UW Extension will facilitate the forum._

Sat., March 2, 11:15 to 1:15 a.m. (Dodgeville) CITIZENS CLIMATE LOBBY GROUP

MEET This dedicated group of local folks is deeply concerned about the effects of climate change. They will meet, as they do each month, at the home of Chuck and Karen Tennesen, 3893 Mill Creek Road in rural Dodgeville, to participate in an international phone conference with other concerned people around the world and to talk about taking concrete actions to further the likelihood of passing ground-breaking climate legislation. You'll also hear from those attended the huge Climate Change rally in Washington, D.C. For info contact Chuck Tennesen at 987-3835.

ACTION ALERT



HAVE YOU CALLED YOUR U.S. SENATORS RON JOHNSON AND

TAMMY BALDWIN THIS WEEK? If not, pick up the phone right now.

They need to hear your opinion on comprehensive Immigration Reform Legislation. A comprehensive immigration reform bill is expected to be introduced in the U.S. Senate as early as March 21. Our U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives need to hear from you NOW. [Click here](#) to find their contact information.

For an excellent overview of the key Immigration Reform issues, go to our Grassroots website ([Click here](#)).

Letters to the editor and calls to radio call-in shows are another critical tool you can use to let your opinions be known. [Click here](#) for newspaper and radio contact information.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed., Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m. (Mineral Point) "COOL COMMUNITY" GROUP MEETS

Cathy Kaiser (cakais@frontier.com) has taken over leadership of this group which is focusing on saving energy in our own homes. She is looking for another partner to share these duties. The group will meet Feb. 27 at the Mineral Point UCC Church, 300 Maiden Street, in Mineral Point. Contact Cathy for further information.

Fri., Mar. 1, 7 p.m. (Mt. Horeb) Screening of the film "We Are Wisconsin: This Is What Democracy Looks Like" Sponsored by the Southwestern Wisconsin Area Progressives and Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice, the film follows the day-to-day public outcry against Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker's controversial budget-repair bill, focusing on the human story behind the uprising (suggested donation \$10). Location: Mt. Horeb High School Auditorium, 305 South 8th St.

Fri., Mar. 8, 4 to 5:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) Grassroots Citizens for Peace will meet in the Dodgeville Chamber Council Room (on the first floor of the library) immediately after the Library's Great Decision program (which begins at 2 p.m.) For more info contact Jane H. Kavaloski at Kavaloski@countrysspeed.com or (608)935-3007.

March and April (Dodgeville) GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION SERIES

Join these lively discussions at the Dodgeville Library, 139 South Iowa. To pre-register (which is encouraged) contact Vickie at the library at vsstangel@swls.org or 935-3728. Events are free. You can pick up background information on the topic prior to each session.

- On Thurs., March 7, 7 p.m. and Fri., March 8 at 2 p.m., the topic will be Burma: What challenges must the country overcome before full membership in the international community?
- On Thurs., March 21 at 7 p.m. and Fri., March 22 at 2 p.m., the topic will be Intervention: When should the international community intervene?
- On Thurs., April 11 at 7 p.m. and Fri., April 12 at 2 p.m., the topic will be Iran: How can the US and Iran move forward?
- On Thurs., April 25 at 7 p.m. and Fri., March 26 at 2 p.m., the topic will be Threat Assessment: How can the U.S. assess the triple challenges of a weak economy, homegrown terrorism and nuclear proliferation.

Weds., April 3 to May 22, 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. (Dodgeville) ADULT SPANISH

CLASSES Veteran Dodgeville High School Spanish teacher Kathy Warpinski, now retired, is offering adult Spanish classes in Dodgeville High School every Wednesday from April 3 to May 22. She has extensive overseas and volunteer experience in education. Contact kwarp@yaho.com for information.

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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