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FOR BIKERS, RUNNERS AND OTHERS -

VITAL IOWA COUNTY BOARD

MEETING IS TUES., FEB. 18, 7 P.M.

(see details below and on Grassroots website)

Tues., Feb. 18, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) IOWA COUNTY BOARD MEETING VOTES ON BIKING ORDINANCE At this vital meeting, the Board will take up the new Special Events Ordinance. Iowa County biking, running and motorcycling event organizers are concerned about this ordinance which will require high registration fees and vague insurance regulations. The question is: What kind of a county do we want to live in? One that encourages community growth, active tourism and healthy physical activity for all of our citizens or one that limits them? **WHAT CAN YOU DO ABOUT IT? GO TO THE [GRASSROOTS WHAT'S HOT](#) webpage to learn the facts and contact your County Board Supervisor before the Feb. 18 meeting. For contact info for your Supervisor, click [here](#).**

Wed., Feb. 12, 6 to 8 p.m. (Dodgeville) THE CHALLENGE OF UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACTS OF CHANGING CLIMATE ON WISCONSIN This is the next presentation in the excellent Wednesday evening series designed to educate ourselves about climate change and its local impact. Subtitled, "Learning from the past, estimating the future," we will find out how scientists are using climate model predictions to improve our "cloudy crystal ball" view of the future, and better understand the challenges of dealing with fluctuations and uncertainty. The presenter will be John Young, Professor Emeritus & Director, Wisconsin State Climatology Office. RSVP is requested at 608-930-9850. The workshops will be held at the Iowa County Health and Human Services Building Community Room, 303 W Chapel Street in Dodgeville. Sponsors are Grassroots, Sustain Iowa County, UW Extension, Iowa County Emergency Management and the Driftless Area Conservancy. The final event of the series is Wed., Feb. 25, for a showing of the movie "Earth: The Operator's Manual". For more info check out the Grassroots website http://www.grassrootswi.org/sustain_iowa_county/

Every Tues., Wed., and Thursday (Dodgeville) FREE HELP SESSIONS: TO SIGN UP FOR HEALTH CARE INSURANCE ON THE FEDERAL EXCHANGE Having trouble figuring out how to sign up on the Federal Health Care Marketplace? Or know someone who is? Significant subsidies are available for most families, but they frequently don't know how to access the exchange. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 2 to 5 p.m., drop in at the Community Connections Free Clinic, 101 East Fountain Street, Dodgeville or call for an appointment at 930-2232. On Wednesdays, from 2 to 6 p.m., drop in at the SW Tech Satellite

Center, Piggly Wiggly mall, 316 W. Spring Street in Dodgeville or call Lola Gregg at 574-7986 for an appointment. Bring all income information for everyone in your household, along with social security numbers.

Wed., Feb. 12, and Wed., Feb. 26, 1 p.m., (Dodgeville) CITIZENS FOR PEACE

meeting. The Citizens for Peace group will meet on two Wednesdays, Feb. 12 and 26, at the Cobblestone Coffee House, 239 N. Iowa Street in Dodgeville, to continue the conversation about the Global Environmental Impact of War and Militarism and to plan for the annual Lanterns for Peace event. Contact Jane Kavaloski at Kavaloski@countrysspeed.com or 935-3007 for info.

Tues., Feb. 25, (Dodgeville) IOWA COUNTY FIT PROJECT

Following the lead of Richland County to our north, concerned Iowa County people are considering the long-range challenge of helping Iowa County residents stay healthy - from kids to seniors. This is an all-community effort with schools, employers, the hospital and other health care professions, plus local public officials, expected to be part of the team. Strategies selected will be based on proven methods that have a record of success and will incorporate the good work already being done in our community. Sound interesting? Want to be a part of this effort? Grassroots is one of the many team members. For more information and details about the upcoming meeting, contact Deb Ivey, UW Ext., at debra.ivey@ces.uwex.edu.

Sat., April 12, 6 to 9 p.m. (Barneveld) THE FREE CLINIC AUCTION IS EARLY

THIS YEAR - so mark your calendars now! The fun Community Connections Free Clinic Auction is two weeks earlier this year. To support the great work the Dodgeville clinic does, you and your friends will have a chance to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar while competing to win a week at the luxury San Miguel vacation home of a Dodgeville couple, complete with guest house (sleeps 4). Also on the auction block is a multi-course Italian dinner for six hosted by another area couple known for their Italian cooking, along with the always popular mystery dinner for six or eight, which will have a 50s theme this year. The bidding is always fierce - and many more items will be added in the coming month. Register early (\$30) at ccfcauction@gmail.com, if there is still room it is \$35 at door.

Sat. March 22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Mazomanie) NOTED AUTHOR GEORGE LAKOFF

("Don't Think of an Elephant") TO KEYNOTE 6TH ANNUAL WISCONSIN

GRASSROOTS FESTIVAL Wisconsin Heights High School, 10173 US Highway 14, will be the site of this exciting annual event to feature 20 breakout sessions on the critical issues facing our democracy today. Interest groups can register for a table to offer information about their cause. John Nichols is another keynoter. \$15 pre-registration fee; \$20 at door. Doors open at 8:15 a.m. For details, go to www.wisconsingrassroots.net/2014_festival

Fridays, March 7 thru April 25, 2 to 4 p.m. (Dodgeville) GREAT DECISIONS

SERIES at Dodgeville Library Topics this year include Israel and the U.S. (March 7), Defense Technology (March 21), Energy Independence (April 11) and Food and Climate (April 25). Check with Vickie Stangel at vstangel@swls.org for more info. Events co-sponsored by Grassroots Citizens for Peace.

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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