

The Grassroots Gazette fosters community dialogue and participation throughout Southwest Wisconsin

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Do you support State Senator Dale Schultz's bipartisan alternative to the controversial state mining bill? Schultz's bill would preserve long-standing environmental protections. Let him know your views and also contact Rep. Howard Marklein.

Many of our members are contacting U.S. Senators Ron Johnson and Tammy Baldwin and our new U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan to share views on proposed gun safety legislation.

What's the quickest way to find contact info for our U.S. and State Representatives? [Click here](#) to go to the Grassroots Legislators website page. All their up-to-date contact information can be found there.

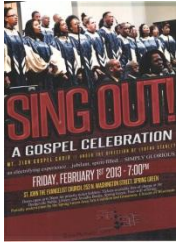
Don't wait to do your homework on the all-important Feb. 19 Wisconsin Supreme Court Primary Election. Current Justice Patience Roggensack is running against Marquette law professor Ed Fallon and lemon-law lawyer Vince Megna. The top two winners will advance to the April 3 general election. [Click here](#) to find biographical information about the 3 candidates and an article which outlines the importance of the race.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wed., Jan. 30, 6 p.m. (Mineral Point) GROW SW WISCONSIN Find out about the work of over 100 regional participants who have been meeting for the last several months in an attempt to ensure vibrant sustainable communities throughout southwest Wisconsin for years to come. They want to ensure that

this area is the best place it can be for our children and grandchildren.

LOCATION: Grey Dog Deli, 215 High Street, Mineral Point. Dinner will be provided. Cash bar. RSVP is required to Karen Rogulja, k.rogulja@swwrpc.org or 608-342-6065. Learn more at <http://www.growsouthwest.org/>



Fri., Feb. 1, 7 p.m. (Spring Green) "SING OUT: A CELEBRATION FEATURING THE MT. ZION GOSPEL CHOIR OF MADISON" - to commemorate Black History Month Although admission is free, you are encouraged to pick up priority seating tickets at the Dodgeville Public Library or Arcadia Bookstore in Spring Green. Location: St. John the Evangelist Church, 253 N. Washington Street, Spring Green. Rural Musicians and Grassroots are among the community sponsors.

Sat., Feb. 9, 7 p.m. (rural Dodgeville) IOWA COUNTY CITIZEN CLIMATE LOBBY If climate change is one of your primary concerns, join your neighbors at the rural Dodgeville home of Chuck and Karen Tennessen, 3893 Mill Creek Road. The group's mission is to support the passage of federal legislation to gradually raise a fee on carbon-based fuels. CCL's influence is growing rapidly nationwide. To learn how you can become part of the climate change solution, come to the meeting and check out <http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org>. Please RSVP to Chuck & Karen Tennessen, at twotens@yousq.net or 987-3835.



Sun., Feb. 10, 2 to 4 p.m. (Plain) A CELEBRATION OF THE LANDS AND PEOPLES OF ALASKA Seasonal Alaska Park Ranger Barbara Morford (who winters in Spring Green) will present a short retrospective photo essay on a decade of work and travel in Alaska, followed by informal conversation, quizzes, door prizes and food. LOCATION: Kraemer Public Library in Plain. Experienced AK travelers will share their travel wisdom with those planning trips for this year or the future. Bring food to share if you like, though not required. Help celebrate wildness! For more info call 544-2965.

Fri., Feb. 15, 4 p.m. (Dodgeville) CITIZENS FOR PEACE MEETING Grassroots Citizens for Peace will meet at the home of Joan Mish, 301 Virginia Ct to discuss the upcoming Great Decisions program, post card politics and other potential

projects. For more information contact Jane Kavaloski at Kavaloski@countriespeed.com or 935-3007.

Sat., Feb. 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Mazomanie) 5TH ANNUAL WISCONSIN PROGRESSIVE GRASSROOTS FESTIVAL "Strengthening our Democracy" is the theme of this year's energetic, interactive event which brings together well over 100 folks to share their political action plans for the future. The event will be held at Wisconsin Heights High School, 10173 State Hwy 14, Mazomanie, WI 53560. U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan is the luncheon speaker. Mike McCabe of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign and Lisa Graves of the Center for Media and Democracy are the keynoters. Morning and afternoon breakout sessions will focus on a wide range of topics -- sand mines, how to run for office, the upcoming Supreme Court Election, gun control, political organizing, capitalism and freedom revisited, and many more. Participants can pick their topics. \$14 is the suggested donation, which includes lunch. Registration is from 8:30 to 9:20 a.m. Dinner follows at the Old Feed Mill, 114 Cramer St. in Mazomanie. For a complete list of breakout topics and to register, go to <http://www.wisconsingrassroots.net>. Or contact Nate Timm at 608-220-0139 or nptimm@chorus.net.

Sat., FEB 16, 7:30 p.m. (Mineral Point) BENEFIT CONCERT FOR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS FREE CLINIC The musical groups, Point Five and the Cozy's, will perform to benefit the Free Medical Clinic in Dodgeville at the Mineral Point Opera House. \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door.

SAT., FEB. 16 (Madison) BUSES DEPART TO WASHINGTON D.C. for HISTORY-MAKING CLIMATE CHANGE RALLY People from around the country will converge on Washington, D.C. to urge President Obama to create a strong climate policy for our country. The Forward on Climate Rally, co-sponsored by 350.org and the Sierra Club, is expected to be the largest climate rally in the history of the United States. Join with Dodgeville people who are going. Buses (\$120 for round trip) leave Madison at 3:30 p.m. and Milwaukee at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. They will drive through the night. Following the Sunday rally, the buses will leave Washington at 7 p.m. and arrive in Milwaukee at 9 a.m. Monday (Feb. 18) and Madison at 10:30 a.m. Send check to Stephanie Kimball, 702 Lorillard Ct., Apt. 112, Madison, WI 53703 by Feb. 8 to reserve your spot on the

bus. (Help with bus fare will be available if necessary.) Contact Chuck Tennessen at twotens@yousq.net or 987-3835 for more info.

Mon., Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) "MY UNSPOKEN HISTORY: Japanese Internment Camps WW II" Christine Tsubokura, who lives in Mineral Point, will share the harrowing story of her aunt, Sachi Fujikawa, who was one of over 100,000 innocent Japanese Americans who were ripped from their California, Oregon and Washington homes, leaving everything behind, and sent to internment camps during World War II. She was one of the 8,475 prisoners sent to the Rohwer War Relocation Center in Arkansas. LOCATION OF EVENT: Dodgeville City Council Chamber (basement of Dodgeville Library. Enter at library entrance and take the stairs or elevator to the ground floor.)

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.

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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