



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

A GRASSROOTS SUCCESS STORY:

Iowa County gets \$225,000 -- one of the top

Eco awards in the state

ONCE IN AWHILE WE NEED TO TOOT OUR OWN HORN! Iowa County recently won a \$225,000 grant as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to fund important energy efficiency projects in two county buildings. Of the 82 Wisconsin community winners, none was higher than the Iowa County grant. Why? Plenty of people deserve credit. Among them are Grassroots and our community partner Sustain Iowa County. It was this team that proposed that Iowa County become one of the state's first Eco Counties. The Iowa County Board of Supervisors approved the Eco County resolution in October, 2008. This resolution helped our successful grant writing team prove that our local community was committed to energy efficiency -- an important element in the proposals. Others who worked tirelessly on the grant proposal include UW-Extension, local Alliant and Focus on Energy employees, county employees and board members and grant writer Ricky Rolfsmeyer. Congratulations to you all! Private-public partnerships can definitely make things happen. Click here to go to our website to find out more about Sustain Iowa County and how you can get involved:

http://www.grassrootswi.org/sustain_iowa_county/

PLEASE CHECK OUT TWO NEW ADDITIONS ON OUR WEBSITE --

<http://grassrootswi.org>

On HEALTH CARE -- You can now find a list of all the LOCAL health care insurance options -- both public and private -- that you and your family qualify for as a consequence of the new health care reform bill.

Click here: http://www.grassrootswi.org/health_care_reform/

On IMMIGRATION -- Find a thought-provoking article written by Jeb Bush and Harvard professor Robert Putnam entitled "Immigration Fears are Nothing New" in which they urge communities such as ours to welcome and assist new immigrants as our ancestors have done since our country's founding. For further information go to <http://www.grassrootswi.org/immigration/>

Sun., July 11, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Mineral Point) GRAND OPENING OF

INNOVATION KITCHEN Join the celebration at this Grand Opening Ceremony (3 p.m.) for the Wisconsin Innovation Kitchen at 851 Dodge Street (old Bus. 151) in Mineral Point. Its opening is an important step in making the Upland Hills area a hub for small food products. Chef Joel Olson, a nationally recognized culinary instructor, will offer food demonstrations and talk about "Everyday Cooking with Wisconsin Local Foods", Refreshments provided, future class sign-ups available.

Tues., July 13. 1 to 5:30 p.m. (Shullsburg) SMALL TOWN DOWNTOWN FORUM

This unique workshop has been developed to create a dialog among small town leaders with populations of 1,500 or less. You'll learn from each other through case studies, roundtables and discussion groups. Sponsors include The University of Wisconsin-Extension, Wisconsin Rural Partners, Wisconsin Downtown Action Council and Wisconsin Main Street. The cost is \$10. Register now by contacting Catherine Dunlap with Wisconsin Main Street at catherine.dunlap@wisconsin.gov or at 608-267-3855, or Ricky Rolfsmeyer, Wisconsin Rural Partners, 608-967-2322 or ricky@wirural.org. Click here for the complete schedule: http://www.grassrootswi.org/notices/Jul_13_2010/10919

LOCATION: Shullsburg Townsend Community Center, 190 N. Judgement St.

Tues., July 27, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. (Mineral Point) KIDS CREATING A PEACE

MURAL Grassroots Citizens for Peace is sponsoring a "Creating a Peace Mural" event for kids Grades K through 6 at Shake Rag Alley in Mineral Point as part of Shake Rag's Summer Enrichment Program (\$10) What would a world of peace look like? We will explore this vision through stories and our imagination. Then we will create a peace mural that reflects our ideas. This mural will be displayed at the annual "Lanterns for Peace" event held at Governor Dodge Park on Friday evening, August. 6. Call (608) 987-3292 to register. (Code: 10K185)
Instructors: Diane Sterba & Jane Kavaloski

Thurs., July 29, 7 p.m. (Lancaster) THE WISCONSIN WAY: A BLUEPRINT FOR CHANGE

This "Blueprint for Change" presentation, to be held in the Youth and Ag Building on the Grant County Fairgrounds in Lancaster, is an extraordinary opportunity for anyone interested in Wisconsin's future. The presenter will be Jim Wood of the Wood Communication Group which has held over 10,000 conversations across the state to find that Wisconsites want good jobs, great schools and universities, affordable and fair taxes, a strong infrastructure, and a thriving economy. As a follow-on to this exhaustive study, the Wood Group has come up with alternatives to "business as usual" -- ways to reform and modernize our tax system so that it is fairer, more appropriate, affordable, and effective, and ways to encourage accessible, accountable, and efficient government. The challenges and realities we face make for grim reading, but they also illuminated where the work needed to begin. For further info go to <http://www.wisconsinway.org>

Thurs., Aug.12, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) BUILDING INTEGRATED CSP (Concentrating Solar Power) AND REUSE OF WIND BLADES Former University of Minnesota assistant architecture professor Joel Goodman will present his models and drawings at the Dodgeville Public Library, 139 S. Iowa Street.

Fri., Aug. 6., 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) LANTERNS FOR PEACE Part of an international movement against nuclear weapons, this annual event at the Twin Valley Lake Shelter at Governor Dodge State Park, includes lantern-making, information sharing, storytelling and singing. Bring the kids and grandkids for this wonderful intergenerational activity. At dusk the unique and beautiful floating of the Lanterns will take place on Twin Valley Lake. Please bring finger food to share. Juice and water will be provided. A day pass or park sticker will be required. Contact Jane Kavaloski at kavaloski@countryspeed.com for more info. Sponsored by Grassroots Citizens for Peace.

THE GRASSROOTS GAZETTE IS THE VOICE OF THE 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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