



The Grassroots Gazette fosters community dialogue and participation throughout Southwest Wisconsin

**2012 IOWA COUNTY ENERGY FAIR
is Sat., April 14 in Dodgeville
(Register by April 9)**

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE APRIL 3

Sat., April 14, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Dodgeville) LEARN ABOUT SOLAR, WIND AND GEOTHERMAL at the 2012 IOWA COUNTY ENERGY FAIR. UW Extension and Grassroots are supporting this year's Energy Fair. It's a great opportunity to find out from the experts if one of these new clean-energy sources would work for you. You'll also have a chance to quiz homeowners who have learned first-hand about the pros and cons of these alternative energies. In the afternoon, you're invited to tour local homes which have wind, solar or geothermal to see the installations for yourself and ask questions. Registration required: \$10 by April 9 or \$15 after April 9. You'll find the Registration Form on our Grassroots website (see link below). Or stop in at the UW Extension Office, 303 W. Chapel Street, Suite 1200, telephone: 930-9850. More info at:

http://www.grassrootswi.org/uploads/images/file/Sustain/Energy_Fair_Flyer_011012.pdf

Tues., April 3, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. SPRING ELECTIONS

Among the important elections on the April 3 Spring Election ballot are

- 1) Two important contested Iowa County county board seats. Long-time Grassroots member and a current supervisor, Bill Grover, is running against Greg Parman; in the southeast district of Dodgeville former supervisor Eric Anderson is seeking to unseat Dan Curren, who has been adamantly opposed to all sustainability projects, including the new HHS Building and its use by the public.
- 2) City Council member Linda Pittz, recently retired from the UW Medicine and Public Health Department, is running against Dodgeville Chronicle Editor Todd Novak for Dodgeville mayor.
- 3) Mineral Point has an important school referendum.
- 4) A number of school board elections will be on the ballot. Missy Hottmann, a former school board president, is running against David Gollon for an at-large seat on the Dodgeville school board.

For more information, go to our Elections page: <http://www.grassrootswi.org/elections/>

Wed., April 18, 6 p.m. (Darlington) MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR the 2nd U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT and the 51st district STATE ASSEMBLY RACE

Much of our area is now part of the 2nd U.S. Congressional district (Tammy Baldwin's seat). State Rep. Kelda Helen Roys, State Rep. Mark Pocan, Dave Worzala and Matt Silverman are running on the Dems ticket. You'll have a chance to meet the candidates and hear them speak at the Bridges Restaurant, 201 Christensen Drive in Darlington. Also on the program are 51st District State Assembly candidates Maureen (Mo) Grimm and Pat Bomhack.

For more on the following events, check out the
Grassroots website at:

<http://www.grassrootswi.org>

Thurs., April 19, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) MEET THE CHALLENGERS FOR THE 51ST DISTRICT STATE ASSEMBLY RACE Democratic challengers Maureen (Mo) May Grimm and Pat Bomhack, one of whom will face current Assemblyman Howard Marklein in the November election, will have a joint appearance at the Dodgeville Library. Each candidate will speak and answer questions. Also on the program that evening is Dennis Weidmann, the author of the book Cut from the Same Cloth. Refreshments will be served.

Fri, March 30, 4:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) LANTERNS FOR PEACE event planning

Help plan the 2012 Lanterns for Peace event with the Grassroots Citizens for Peace, meeting at Judy James' home, 3455 Rowe Road in Dodgeville. The group will discuss a proposal for a new approach to this wonderful event which is held annually in August at Governor Dodge State Park. Contact Jane Kavaloski at 935-3007 for more info.

Thurs., March 29 (7:30 p.m.) and Fri., March 30 (2 p.m.) (Dodgeville)

PROMOTING DEMOCRACY: a Great Decisions discussion "Promoting Democracy and its place in US foreign policy today" is the topic for the next Great Decisions discussion at the Dodgeville Library. Bring your opinions to this lively discussion. The Grassroots Citizens for Peace is a co-sponsor. Pre-register by contacting Vickie Stangel at 608-935-3728, ext. 2 or via email at vstangel@swls.org. Pick up reading materials at the Dodgeville Library or get them online from the Foreign Policy Association at http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions or on our What's Hot page: http://www.grassrootswi.org/what_is_hot/

Other upcoming Great Decisions discussions at the Dodgeville Library

- Thurs., April 12, 7:30 p.m. and Fri., April 13, 2 p.m. Topic: Exiting from Afghanistan and Iraq: what strategy will help build stable nations?
- Thurs., April 26, 7:30 p.m. and Fri., April 27, 2 p.m. Topic: State of the Oceans: What are the consequences of climate change?

Sat., April 28, 6 to 9 p.m. (Barneveld) WHAT'S ALL THE TWITTER: the 2012 Community Connections Free Clinic Auction How about a week's stay at a vintage Parisian apartment two blocks from the Louvre -- where you'll find your next-door-neighbor host, Koco, is a trove of information about Paris. (She's originally from Wisconsin.) That's just one of the great experiences and treasures you'll have a chance to bid on at the upcoming Community Connections Free Clinic auction, which is bigger and better than it's ever been. The benefit will be held this year at a new site -- the Deer Valley Lodge, Hwy. 151 in Barneveld. The evening will include a Casual Dinner Buffet (\$25) and music by the Larry Busch band. This is a fun way to support the fine work the Dodgeville-based Free Clinic has been doing since its opening five years ago. Reserve early. RSVP to Monica Dunn at 987-0046 or ccfauction@gmail.com. Here are some more items that the successful bidders will win: A "Night in Milan" dinner for six or a house call from an antiques appraiser (just like having the "Antiques Roadshow" in your own home). Or how about a whole lamb, a Tom Kelly portrait of your favorite pet, Japanese cooking classes, a guided fly fishing trip, an original Lauren Thuli collage of Wisconsin birds, or piano and voice lessons.

Mon., April 16 MARY LOUISE SYMON AWARD applications are due. Every year Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin presents awards to graduating male and female high school seniors from River Valley, Dodgeville, Mineral Point, Highland, Iowa-Grant, Barneveld or Pecatonica schools who exemplify a commitment to community service. The award honors Grassroots founding member Mary Louise Symon, a long-time Spring Green resident and community activist. If you know of a deserving student, have them check out the Grassroots website for an application: http://www.grassrootswi.org/mary_louise_symon_award/ Or check with their high school counselors. Winners will be announced in May.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs., April 19, 1:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) "NEW TO MEDICARE" INFORMATION SESSION will be held in Room 1001 of the Health and Human Services Center, 303 W. Chapel in Dodgeville. Are you new to the Medicare system and want to know what your benefits are? If so, this is the session for you. Register with the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center by calling 608-930-9835.

Friday, March 23 and Friday, April 27, 7 to 9 p.m. (Spring Green) DANCES OF UNIVERSAL PEACE Join other dance enthusiasts at this unique opportunity to share the experience of these slow, meditative, easy-to-learn dances, based on spiritual traditions from around the world. Location: Christ Lutheran Church in Spring Green. For more information contact Bryan Walton at bryanwalton2007@yahoo.com or visit the following website <http://www.dancesofuniversalpeacena.org/>

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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