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TWO WEEKS LEFT TO SIGN UP FOR FEDERAL HEALTH CARE EXCHANGE

Spring General Election is Tues., April 1

Community Connections Auction is April 12



ONLY TWO WEEKS REMAIN -- SIGN UP FOR THE HEALTH

CARE MARKETPLACE - FREE HELP IS AVAILABLE UNTIL

MARCH 31 -- WHEN PENALTIES BEGIN. No health

insurance? Did you know significant subsidies are available for most families? Find out if you or people you know qualify. Free one-on-one help is available. On Tuesday (March 25) and Thursdays (March 20 and 27) 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 (March 19 and 26), 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 to find other locations in SW Wisconsin where you can get free help. Bring all income information for everyone in your household, along with social security numbers.



Sat., March 22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Mazomanie) NATIONALLY KNOWN AUTHOR GEORGE LAKOFF ("Don't Think of an Elephant") TO KEYNOTE 6TH ANNUAL WISCONSIN

<u>GRASSROOTS FESTIVAL</u> 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 http://www.wisconsingrassroots.net/

Fri., March 21, 2 to 4 p.m. (Dodgeville) DEFENSE TECHNOLOGY: A Great

<u>Decisions discussion.</u> Join this Great Decisions discussion at the Dodgeville Public Library, 139 S. Iowa Street. These discussions highlight the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing America today. Fr. Jim Murphy will lead this week's discussion on U.S. Defense Technology. From robotic planes to cyber weapons to 3D printing and human enhancement, new "game-changing" technologies are moving from science fiction to battlefield reality - all during an age of fiscal austerity. To prepare for the discussion, handouts are available at the library. Contact Librarian Vickie Stangel at vstangel@swls.org for more info. Pre-registration is encouraged. The program is sponsored by the Dodgeville Library and Grassroots Citizens for Peace.

Tues., April 1, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. (throughout the state) SPRING ELECTIONS

<u>2014</u> <u>Click here</u> to go to the Grassroots Elections Page. You'll find all the details as to who is on the ballot (county board, school board, etc.), what your own sample ballot will look like and if you are registered, as well as dates of future elections and other vital information. Write ins are accepted in all contests. The only contested seat for the County Board is in District 7 where incumbent Curt Peterson will be challenged by Bill Dolan.

Sat., April 5, 11 a.m. (Mineral Point) IOWA COUNTY CITIZENS CLIMATE

<u>LOBBY</u> Join this active group for the monthly chapter meeting at the Gray Dog Deli, 215 High Street in Mineral Point. Contact Chuck Tennessen at twotens@yousq.net or 608-987-3835 for more info. CCL's purpose is to support the passage of legislation to gradually raise a fee on carbon based fuels and then return the collected revenue to all tax payers. Learn more at http://citizensclimatelobby.org/



Sat., April 12, 6 to 9 p. m. (Barneveld) BID ON EXCITING AUCTION ITEMS AT THE COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS FREE CLINIC

<u>SPRING AUCTION</u>. Here are the latest auction items that will be on the block at this fun annual event (hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar) to be held at the

Deer Valley Lodge in Barneveld. You can bid on: 1) Bi-plane ride for one around rural Iowa County. 2) A ukulele plus ukulele lessons from a professional guitarist. 3) Bowling lessons from a one-time state bowling champ. 4) A one-week stay at a luxury San Miguel, Mexico home. 5) Dog sledding followed by a chili dinner. 6) A complete garden make over with perennial plants donated -- plus many, many more items. The bidding is always fierce - and more items will be added in the coming month. Register early (\$30) or \$35 at door. To register go to www.ccfcwi.org or send a check, payable to CCFC Auction to P.O. Box 184 Dodgeville 53533. For more information call Ginger Brand at 935-7023.



Sat., April 12, 7 p.m. and 2 p.m. (rural Dodgeville) LATIN GRAMMY NOMINEES TO PERFORM AT FOLKLORE

VILLAGE The celebrated sextet, Sones de Mexico, will perform at 7

p.m. at Folklore Village, 3210 County BB (just off Highway 18/151 - east of Dodgeville.) Tickets are \$10 adults; \$6 for youth 5 to 17, children under 5 free. Expect these seasoned, multi-instrumentalists to surprise you with innovative arrangements of well-known songs (think Bach, Led Zeppelin, and Woody Guthrie) along with energetic Mexican folk songs played on a wondrous number of instruments! Of course, there will be a small corner of the room for dancing. Grassroots is one of the sponsors in view of our active English as a Second Language tutoring program.

<u>Sat., April 12, 2 p.m.</u> (<u>Dodgeville</u>), <u>SONES DE MEXICO AT THE DODGEVILLE</u> <u>LIBRARY FOR FREE PERFORMANCE</u> The Sones de Mexico Ensemble will give a FREE educational lecture (with live music examples) called "A Musical Geography of Mexico" which explains the different traditional music styles from the regions of Mexico at the Dodgeville Library, 139 S. Iowa Street.

Tues., April 15 (in the mail) APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FOR \$1,000 MARY



LOUISE SYMON AWARD This year, 2014, will be the final year for Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin to make \$1,000 Mary Louise Symon awards available to one or more graduating high school seniors from seven area high schools or for home schooled students who have exemplified the commitment to

public service demonstrated by long-time Spring Green resident Mary Louise Symon. <u>Click here</u> to go to the Grassroots website for further details. Applications are due April 15.

Mineral Point passed power-line resolution The Mineral Point Township Board joined the Town of Wyoming to become the 2nd township in Iowa County to pass a resolution requesting that the Public Service Commission provide a cost/benefit analysis for the proposed new high capacity transmission lines which might go through the towns. Numerous townships and counties in SW Wisconsin are being asked to pass similar resolutions, giving pause to "business as usual" and the expansion of the electrical grid. Opponents of the transmission lines contend that Wisconsin energy rates are the highest in the Midwest because we are paying for high voltage transmission additions constructed since 2006. The proposed lines, which are intended for energy markets in the east, are not needed because energy use is predicted to be relatively flat for the next 25 years. In addition, energy conservation and local distributed energy sources (solar, wind and geothermal) are expected to reduce fossil fuel generated

electricity in the future. For more info as to how to present this issue to your town board, contact Sustain Iowa County's Chuck Tennessen at twotens@yousq.net.

<u>Tune in to local radio station WDMP-FM 99.3...</u> Over the next seven weeks, you'll hear five Mineral Point High School Forensics Club students sharing views about climate change in ads sponsored by Farmers Implement Store, Citizens Climate Lobby and Sustain Iowa County. In addition, the station will air several free public service announcements about the same topic.

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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