



The Grassroots Gazette fosters community dialogue and participation throughout Southwest Wisconsin

## 'WELCOMING OUR MUSLIM NEIGHBORS'

series continues

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### MEET SEN. FEINGOLD IN DODGEVILLE, SAT., MARCH 12



Wednesday March 9 and 16, (Dodgeville and Madison)

WELCOMING OUR MUSLIM NEIGHBORS series The last of our five-week ecumenical "Welcoming Our Muslim Neighbors" series is coming up on Wednesday, March 9 in Dodgeville. And on Wednesday, March 16, we'll be carpooling from Dodgeville to a Madison mosque.

For the past three weeks we have enjoyed fascinating speakers who have answered so many of our questions about the Muslim faith, the arts and culture of the Muslim world and the common ground between Christianity and Islam.

You are cordially invited to join us for the last two events in this exciting series.

- Learning about Muslim family life (Wed., March 9) at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 405 South Dacotah Street, Dodgeville
- Visiting a Madison Muslim mosque (Wed., March 16). MEET AT 6 p.m. at the Plymouth United Church of Christ, 115 W. Merrimac, Dodgeville to carpool to Madison where we are expected at 7 p.m. It would help if we knew you were planning to come. Please email [jhkavaloski@gmail.com](mailto:jhkavaloski@gmail.com). or [grassroots@merr.com](mailto:grassroots@merr.com)



Sat., March 12, 3:30 to 5 p.m. MEET RUSS FEINGOLD IN DODGEVILLE.

You are invited to hear Russ Feingold talk about why he is running for U.S. Senate and to hear his experienced views on foreign policy and important state and national issues. Bring your questions. The event is at the new woodworking shop of Rick and Lauren Thuli, owners of the internationally known Thuli Tables. Address: 4160 Rohowetz Road, in rural Dodgeville. Suggested donation is \$50 but EVERYONE IS WELCOME. RSVP

to [www.RussFeingold.com/IowaCounty](http://www.RussFeingold.com/IowaCounty) Feel free to invite your family and friends!

## HELP FINANCE A SCHOOL GARDEN FOR RIVER

### VALLEY SCHOOLS

A new action-oriented team of folks from Sauk and Iowa Counties, under the umbrella of Grassroots, is working together on local environmental and sustainability issues. Their first project is a major improvement of the River Valley School District garden, under the direction of Erik Johnson, Conservation Science and Biology teacher - one of the team members. They need your help to raise the funds. Please send your checks made out to RIVER VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, with Classmunity Garden Campaign in the memo line. Mail the checks to Erik Johnson, River Valley High School, 660 Varsity Blvd, Spring Green, WI 53588. Says Johnson, RV students will learn how to grow their own food and understand the nutritional benefits of fresh foods produced by themselves. They'll benefit by working together to design the garden and develop a planting timeline, among other things. [Click here](#) for more information about the garden project and see who else is contributing. To find out how to become a part of this energetic new sustainability team, contact Erin Crooks at [erincrooks@gmail.com](mailto:erincrooks@gmail.com).



## Sat., March 12, 11 a.m. (Dodgeville) MONTHLY SUSTAIN IOWA COUNTY/CITIZEN'S CLIMATE LOBBY MEETING

The meeting is at the Country Kitchen, 1202 Johns Street in Dodgeville where you'll participate in a national teleconference to learn how to be part of the growing nation-wide effort to pass "carbon fee and dividend" legislation. The local Sustain Iowa County group will share the latest on the proposed high capacity power line expansion that will most likely cut through Iowa County. With UW Platteville they are exploring potential feasibility surveys for wind and solar power generation in selected Iowa county locations. For more info, contact Chuck Tennessen, [twotens@yousq.net](mailto:twotens@yousq.net)

## Fridays, March 18 and April 1, and Tues., April 19, 2 to 4 p.m. (Dodgeville) MORE GREAT DECISIONS

DISCUSSIONS. Don't miss this lively discussion series, co-sponsored by the Dodgeville Library and Grassroots Citizens for Peace & Justice. The discussions are held at the Dodgeville Library, 139 South Iowa Street, downstairs in the City Council room. You can enter at the side entrance on Fountain Street. FREE. Pre-registration is required. Contact Librarian Vickie Stangel at 608-935-3728 or via email at [vstangel@swls.org](mailto:vstangel@swls.org)



- "India Changes Course" (March 18) Facilitators: Bryan and Fanou Walton of Clyde who visit India annually. Fed up with corruption, dynastic policies and ineffective public services, Indian voters catapulted Narendra Modi and his Bharatiya Janata Party to power in the country's 2014 elections.
- Shifting Alliances in the Middle East (April 1) Facilitator: Dan Kettner, retired River Valley history teacher. From a proxy war in Yemen to an ongoing civil war in Syria, a number of conflicts have shaken the traditional alliances in the Middle East to their core. As alliances

between state and non-state actors in the region are constantly shifting, the U.S. has found itself between a rock and a hard place.

- Climate Geopolitics (April 29) Facilitator: Chuck Tennessen, retired Dodgeville teacher. In the past few years, the American public has become more aware of the damage wrought by climate change. From droughts in the west to extreme weather in the east, a rapidly changing climate has already left its footprint in the United States.



Fri., April 15, 4 to 5:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) IOWA COUNTY CITIZENS FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE to meet at the home of Judy James, 3455 Rowe Road in Dodgeville to begin planning for the August "Lanterns for Peace" event.

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](mailto:grassroots@merr.com).

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