



The Grassroots Gazette fosters community dialogue and participation throughout Southwest Wisconsin

WHAT'S ON THE GRASSROOTS CALENDAR FOR THE COMING YEAR?

IN OUR LAST GAZETTE WE ASKED FOR YOUR [FINANCIAL SUPPORT](#).

So what's on our **action agenda** for the coming year - and how you can get involved? See below and on our website <http://www.grassrootswi.org>. Friend us on Facebook at [Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin](#).

FROM OUR HEALTH CARE TASK FORCE



Fri., Oct. 4 and Sat., Oct. 5 (Mineral Point and rural Dodgeville) FREE "HUNGRY FOR CHANGE" MOVIE (Fri.) and THE DELICIOUS

DRIFTLESS FARE (Sat.) at Folklore Village On Friday night, don't miss the free screening of *Hungry for Change*, a riveting film that explains why a leading medical journal predicts, for the first time in 1,000 years, today's children may not

live as long as their parents. You'll hear from people who discovered they were eating themselves sick. A Q&A discussion to follow -- with Dr. Sarah Fox, Rink DaVee of Shooting Star Farms, Robin Timm of Platteville's Driftless Market and David Parr of Paarfection Produce. Funded by Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin with other partners. LOCATION: MINERAL POINT OPERA HOUSE, 139 High Street. Go to the Grassroots website, <http://www.grassrootswi.org/forums/> for a sneak peek at the film.

The Delicious Driftless Fare at Folklore Village (Sat., Oct. 5, noon to 6 p.m.) will focus on local foods, farmers, and their products. Check out the [Folklore Village website](#) for more details. Sponsors are Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, Folklore Village and UW Extension.

Tues., Oct. 1, NEW FEDERAL "HEALTH CARE EXCHANGES" COME ONLINE



Grassroots is part of a county-wide team working to assist people who want to sign up for these federal "exchanges" beginning Oct. 1. We worked hard to get the Affordable Care Act passed. Now it's time for us to make it work. WE NEED YOUR HELP. Let us know by return email

[\(grassroots@merr.com\)](mailto:grassroots@merr.com) if you are willing to help those seeking health insurance on the

exchanges. We need a big team! Please join this effort. Training will be available. More details as they become available!



Tues., Nov. 19, 10 to 11 a.m. (Dodgeville) TAKING WELLNESS SERIOUSLY: An all-Iowa County Campaign?

Grassroots and a number of other community partners are hosting a forum to explore the idea of a coordinated all-county wellness campaign that could save lives --and potentially health care costs. Our presenters will be Dana Churchill and Sarah Ritchie of RichlandFIT. Dana and Sarah will tell about Richland County's four-year wellness campaign (<http://richlandfit.co.richland.wi.us/>), funded by a major grant from the Wisconsin Partnership Program. Its mission is to create a healthier Richland County for all residents by addressing the county's high rates of overweight and obesity, the chronic diseases associated with excess weight and the key issues and barriers (the same problems Iowa County faces.) The entire Richland County community is on board - the schools, the hospital and medical community, Health and Human Services Department, UW-Extension, Parks and Recreation, 4-H, local businesses, the local radio station -- to name a few of the partners. Can Richland and Iowa Counties work together on wellness? We'll explore the idea at this event.

FROM OUR SUSTAIN IOWA COUNTY TEAM



FIRST SAT. OF EVERY MONTH, 11 a.m. (Mineral Point) IOWA COUNTY CITIZENS CLIMATE LOBBY MEETS

Find out how this group is working to pass groundbreaking climate change legislation. For details about their activities and the location of the next meeting, [click here](#) or contact Chuck Tennesen at twotens@yousq.net or 987-3835.

BECOME A PART OF THE DODGEVILLE CHRONICLE "CLIMATE CHANGE" AD SERIES

which has been put together by the Sustain Iowa County group. Many area residents are working hard to preserve the Iowa County environment. Are you one of them? If so, Sustain Iowa County would like to share your story in the series of info-ads now appearing weekly in the Dodgeville Chronicle and Ad-Visor. For details [click here](#) or contact Anne Bachner at 935-5541 or Chuck Tennesen at 987-3835.

COMING SOON: A series of local "Climate Change" forums and films. Watch the Gazette and the local newspaper for more details, as they are available.

FROM OUR EMERGING TOPICS TEAM

Wed., Nov. 6, 7 to 9 p.m. (Dodgeville) "DARE YOU RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE? Of

course!" At this non-partisan forum, you'll find out the rules and regulations of running, the satisfaction and frustrations of serving, how to get started and where to find the help you'll need. On the panel will be present and past county board, village board and school board members as well as the Iowa County Clerk. Q & A to follow. Light refreshments will be

served. Location: Stonefield Apartments meeting room, 407 East Madison, Dodgeville. For more info, contact grassroots@merr.com.

IS THERE TOO MUCH MONEY IN POLITICS? (Forum date and time to be announced). Tim Sager, of the South Central Wisconsin Move to Amend organization, will talk about the fallout from the U.S. Supreme Court Citizens United ruling which declared that money is speech and that corporations and unions have the same "personhood" constitutional rights as citizens. This controversial ruling has resulted in a huge spike in corporate and union contributions to political campaigns at all levels. So what can be done about it? Sager will describe in detail what Wisconsin communities - from townships to counties - are doing. To learn more about the Move to Amend movement, check out <http://www.scwmta.org> or <http://movetoamend.org>.

FROM OUR ESL/IMMIGRATION REFORM task force

Sat., Sept. 14, noon to 3 p.m. (rural Dodgeville) A CELEBRATION SOCIAL honoring our ESL (English as a Second Language) students and tutors. Location: Friendship Center, Evans Quarry Road, rural Dodgeville.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) TUTOR? Teaching English to adults eager to learn our language is a richly rewarding experience, according to tutors in our southwest Wisconsin English as a Second Language (ESL) tutoring program. Currently 25 tutors and over 30 students are meeting together one-on-one, often in the students' homes or in a local library. We are now seeking tutors in the Darlington area and in Montfort, Fennimore and Highland as well as Dodgeville, Mineral Point and Ridgeway. You do not need a foreign language. Our tutor training program helps overcome language barriers. This program is sponsored by Grassroots, the Community Connections Free Clinic, Plymouth Congregational Church and the Iowa County Literacy Council. Contact grassroots@merr.com for more information.

FROM OUR CITIZENS FOR PEACE PARTNERS

FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 4 TO 5:30 p.m. CITIZENS FOR PEACE meets to discuss coming activities. Contact: Jane H. Kavaloski at Kavaloski@countryrspeed.com or (608) 935-3007 for more information.

Sun., Aug. 3, 2104 (Governor Dodge State Park) LANTERNS FOR PEACE is a remarkable annual intergenerational event which marks the anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. More info closer to the date.

From OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS

UPLAND HILLS HEALTH upcoming activities (check local newspaper for more info): **A Look Good...Feel Better® session**, Mon., Sept. 16, 1-3 pm at Upland Hills Health in Dodgeville. This FREE program teaches beauty techniques to women who are actively undergoing cancer treatment. Seating is limited to 8. Please register by calling American Cancer Society 1-866-460-6550.

DRIFTLESS AREA LAND CONSERVANCY events:

Creating a legacy, Fri., Sept. 20, 1 to 3 p.m., Dodgeville's HSS Building. An event for land owners who to create a lasting legacy. Estate Planning tips with attorney Wes Taylor and Steven Christianson (\$20). Register at 930-3252 or <http://driftlessconservancy.org/> .

That Tree: Inspiration through Nature, Sun., Oct. 13, 3 to 6 p.m., Deer Valley Lodge, 401 W. Industrial Dr., Barneveld. Acclaimed photographer Mark Hirsch will tell his story and experiences which inspired his relationship with nature. (\$20) Register at 930-3252 or <http://driftlessconservancy.org/> .

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