



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

POST-ELECTION HAPPENINGS in Spring Green, Mineral Point and Dodgeville

Wed., Nov. 28, 7 p.m. (Mineral Point) "COOL COMMUNITY" MEETING Southwest Wisconsin may be a long way from the ravages of Hurricane Sandy but a group of concerned local citizens has begun studying the broader implications of fossil fuel energy use on our climate - and figuring out what needs to be done about it right here at home. Others interested in this looming problem are urged to join the discussion to be held at Congregational United Church of Christ, 300 Maiden Street in Mineral Point. For further information contact Chuck Tennessen at 987-3835.

GOVERNOR WALKER WILL NOT SUBMIT A BLUEPRINT FOR A WISCONSIN HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE Therefore, by 2014, the federal government will set up an exchange for Wisconsin. What are the advantages and disadvantages of this course for Wisconsin residents? Our Grassroots Health Care Task Force will monitor this situation and report to you as we learn more about the implications of this decision. Watch upcoming Gazettes as well as our [Grassroots website](#) and our "[Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin](#)" Facebook page.

SW WISCONSIN CAN BE PROUD OF ITS VOTER PARTICIPATION IN THE 2012 GENERAL ELECTION In Iowa County - 86% of registered voters went to the polls. Neighboring counties had similar impressive turnouts. The combined results for Iowa, Sauk and Lafayette Counties were 31,351 for Pres. Obama vs. 20,444 for Gov. Romney. Tammy Baldwin received 28,789 votes vs. 21,726 for Tommy Thompson. Total votes in the 51st state assembly district were 14,296 for Rep. Howard Marklein vs. 13,228 for Maureen May Grimm. Congratulations to everyone who voted - as well as all those who fought hard for their respective candidates.

COUNTY BOARD, SCHOOL BOARD AND TOWN BOARD ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP AS EARLY AS JANUARY 2013.

Now is the time to start thinking about running. Contact your county, village or city clerks, or your school districts for details OR check out the Grassroots [Elections](#) page.

Wed., Dec. 5th, 1-3:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) IMPACT OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT ON RURAL ROADS meeting. Interested in the condition of our rural roads and what can be done about it? Join the discussion at the Iowa County Health and Human Services Building. For more information contact Iowa County UW Extension, 930-9850.

HELP SELECT THE "GREAT DECISION" TOPICS FOR SPRING, 2013 The Great Decisions Discussion Program is the oldest and largest world affairs education program in the country. Again this year, the Dodgeville Public Library in cooperation with Grassroots will be hosting the "Great Decisions" discussion series in Spring, 2013. The library staff needs your help now to choose the most compelling topics. Please rate your favorites among the following: 1) Future of the Euro; 2) Egypt; 3) NATO; 4) Myanmar and Southeast Asia; 5) China in Africa; 6) Iran; 7) When should the international community intervene?; 8) Threat Assessment. Send your results to Vickie Stangel at the library vstangel@swls.org, or visit the library to complete the "Great Decisions" form. Watch for updates on the Grassroots [What's Hot](#) page.

Sat., Nov. 24th, all-day workshops (Mineral Point) SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN BOOK FESTIVAL At this exciting annual event, the morning will showcase a series of workshops from "Turning your Journal into a Book" to a "Novel Writing Toolkit" to "Editors and Reviewers: How to Wow Them." The afternoon will include book signings and readings. The keynote speech will be at 7 p.m. at the Mineral Point Opera House. To register and for specific workshop locations, click here: <http://swwibookfestival.com/>

Fri., Dec. 1st, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) Join the Grassroots Peace Group to write letters for Amnesty International and then have a holiday potluck with singing at Joanie's house (301 Virginia Ct. in Dodgeville) Partners are welcome.

Fri., Feb. 1st, 7 p.m. (Spring Green) MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH GOSPEL CHOIR, honoring Black History Month Save the date for this exciting event, sponsored by Rural Musicians Forum and Grassroots, among other local organizations. Location: St. John the Evangelist Church, Spring Green.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues., Dec. 18th, 7PM Iowa County Board Meeting in Dodgeville The Iowa County Board of Supervisors will meet in Regular Session starting at 7:00 p.m. at the Iowa County Board Room located in the new Health and Human Services building at 303 W. Chapel St. Dodgeville, WI 53533. For information regarding access for the disabled, please call 935-0399. The Mission of Iowa County Government is to protect and promote the health and safety, economic well being, and environmental quality of our county by providing essential services in a fiscally responsible manner. When it becomes available the agenda will be posted at <http://iowacounty.org/countyboard/committees/countyboard.shtml> click 2012 to get the agendas and minutes for each of the respective meetings.

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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