



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

UPCOMING EVENTS IN REEDSBURG, DODGEVILLE, MAZOMANIE & BARNEVELD



Thurs., March 19, 7 to 9 p.m. (Reedsburg) THE FUTURE OF OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS - a panel discussion Sponsored by The Madison Institute and the Reedsburg Area Concerned Citizens, this important public discussion will address topics such as private voucher schools, school accountability, standardized student testing, school finance, teacher qualifications and local control of schools. Moderator is

Ruth Conniff, editor of The Progressive magazine. Panel participants include Julie Mead, of UW Madison, Tom McCarthy of the Department of Public Instruction and Tom Benson, Reedsburg School Superintendent. LOCATION: Westside Elementary School, Gymnasium, 401 Alexander Avenue in Reedsburg. For further info, contact Judy Brey at 608-963-1473 or jbrey1957@gmail.com. Light refreshments will be served.

Fri., March 13, 4 p.m. GRASSROOTS CITIZENS FOR PEACE TO MEET at the home of Judy James, 3455 Rowe Road, just north of Dodgeville, off Hwy. 23. This active group has plenty of items on its agenda - planning the Great Decisions series, including a fall discussion series on the Middle East; the annual summer Lanterns for Peace event; possible movie showings of Inequality for All and Where will the Birds Fly? and lots more. Become part of the solutions. Contact Jane Kavaloski at Kavaloski@countryspeed.com for more information.



TODAY AND NEXT WEEK - Friday, March 13 and Friday, March 20, 2 p.m. (Dodgeville) CHANGING WEATHER AND CLIMATE IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION: a facilitated on-line discussion series Don't miss the last two weeks of this

Dodgeville Public Library series. In partnership with our Sustain Iowa county group, the library has joined forces with UW-Madison, the Wisconsin Library Services and 20 public libraries in Wisconsin to deliver a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on the topic of "Changing Weather and Climate in the Great Lakes Region." The series is being offered at no cost, in conjunction with facilitated discussions and events at local libraries around the state. These facilitated discussions will be held on Fridays at 2 p.m. at the Dodgeville Library. For more info, go to the [Grassroots Sustain Iowa County page](#) or register at <http://moocs.wisc.edu/>.



ESL (English as a Second Language) tutor refresher courses Sat., March 28 and Saturday, April 25, 9 to 11 a.m.

(Dodgeville) and Tues., May 19, 5 to 7 p.m. For our ESL (English as a Second Language) tutors, Kathy Warpinski will hold tutor training refresher courses on Saturdays, March 28 and April 25 and Tues., May 19 at the Dodgeville Library. Want to know more about what it's like to be an ESL tutor? Potential tutors are welcome as well. For more info, contact Kathy Warpinski at kashkaj46@gmail.com

Sat., March 28, 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. (Mazomanie) DEFENDING OUR DEMOCRACY: NEXT STEPS -- 7th ANNUAL WI. GRASSROOTS

FESTIVAL Expect plenty of lively conversation and action at this annual event, to be held at Wisconsin Heights High School, 10173 UW Highway 14 in Mazomanie. Speakers include Mike McCabe on "The Coming Makeover of American Politics", Boston-based National Environmental and Constitutional Rights Activist Michael Ippalito, Congressman Mark Pocan and Citizen Action Executive Director Robert Kraig. Twenty one breakout sessions will focus on the economy, the environment, organizing for the future, value-based messaging, money in politics and more. \$20 donation (lunch included.) For more info, contact Nate Timm, nptimm571@gmail.com or check out the website -- <http://www.wisconsingrassroots.net/festival2015>

Sat., April 4, 11 a.m. (Dodgeville) JOIN THE SUSTAIN IOWA COUNTY CITIZEN'S CLIMATE LOBBY - AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

This active group is deeply concerned about the lack of action on Climate Change. They are doing something about it. Want to know more? Join the group at their monthly meeting at Country Kitchen, 1202 North Johns Street, in Dodgeville. You'll learn a great deal and make new, action-oriented friends. For more info, contact Chuck Tennesen at twotens@yousq.net

Fri., April 10, 2 to 4 p.m. (Dodgeville) "RUSSIA'S FOREIGN POLICY" WILL OPEN APRIL'S GREAT DECISIONS SERIES

The Great Decisions series, America's largest discussion program on world affairs, is being offered again at the Dodgeville Library during April. The series highlights some of the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans. Vince Kavaloski will facilitate the discussion on "RUSSIA'S FOREIGN POLICY." To prepare for the discussion, handouts are available at the library. Pre-registration is encouraged. Contact Vickie Stangel at vstangel@swls.org. Other topics in the series will be "Modern Day Slavery" on Fri., April 17 and "Privacy in a Digital World", on Friday, April 24.

Tues., March 17, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETS in regular session at the Health and Human Services Building, 303 W. Chapel Street. When it becomes available, the agenda will be posted at <http://www.iowacounty.org/countyboard/committees/countyboard.shtml> .



HOW IS CLIMATE CHANGE POLLING? “The perception among many in the media, in politics, and so on—that you can't talk about climate change because half the country is against you—it's false, it's wrong,” According to Yale researcher Anthony Leiserowitz, true climate change skeptics make up only 15 percent of adults. “They're a really loud 15 percent, and they have convinced much of the country it's not safe to talk about it, but it's just not true.” His certainty comes from a decade's worth of polling that reveals a far more nuanced picture of American attitudes toward climate change than previously thought—or even widely held now, for that matter. Read the whole article at <http://yalealumnimagazine.com/articles/4018/what-do-americans-think-about-global-warming>

NEED HELP ON PREPARING YOUR TAXES? -- Free assistance is available on Mondays, March 16 through Thursdays, April 9 - in Dodgeville, Darlington, Platteville, Brodhead, Spring Green and Monroe Grassroots members are among the trained volunteers. Call 608-930-9835 to make an appointment. See specific times and locations below:

Mondays: Darlington 9 am - 4 pm, 627 Main Street ADRC

Mondays: Platteville 9 am - 4 pm, First English Lutheran Church, Pine St

Mondays: Brodhead 9 am - noon, Library

Tuesdays: Spring Green 9 am - 4 pm, Community Church

Tuesdays: Lancaster (every other week) ADRC office @ Orchard Manor

Wednesdays: Monroe 9am - 2 pm, Monroe Senior Center

Thursdays: Dodgeville 9 am - 4 pm, Iowa County Human Services Bldg.

SAT., APRIL 18, 6 to 9 p.m. (Barneveld) COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS FREE CLINIC SPRING AUCTION. This popular event will feature hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and music by Scott Stieber and Don Myers. Benefits go to the Community Connections Free Clinic in Dodgeville. Lots of fun auction items will be on the block - from unique one-of-a-kind services to handcrafted local ware to weekend getaways. Tickets: \$30 in advance, \$35 at door. To register go to www.cfcwi.org or send a check, payable to CCFC Auction to P.O. Box 184, Dodgeville. Check the website to see a list of auction items. For more info, contact 608-935-7023.

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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