



The Grassroots Gazette fosters community dialogue and participation throughout Southwest Wisconsin

A smorgasbord of local happenings:

\*\*\* HIGH-POWERED TRANSMISSION LINE DISCUSSION

\*\*\* GERSWIN MUSIC AT TALIESEN

\*\*\* LANTERNS FOR PEACE AT GOVERNOR DODGE

\*\*\* PRIMARY ELECTION - AUGUST 9

\*\*\* AND MORE!



Mon., July 11, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) DRIFTLESS DEFENDERS MEET to develop strategy to defend against the ATC High Voltage Transmission lines scheduled to slice directly through SW Wisconsin farm land and rural properties. The meeting is at 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post, 324 North Douglas in Dodgeville (near Piggly Wiggly.) The speaker will be Howard Learner, a national authority on Environmental Law and Policy who has a vacation home in rural Iowa County. He will help the Driftless Defenders, a newly organized group of local property owners and others, to set its independent

agenda for defending against the ATC high voltage transmission lines of the future. Expect action-oriented discussion. For more information about the group contact Bruce Noble at [driftlessdefenders@gmail.com](mailto:driftlessdefenders@gmail.com).



Mon., July 11, 7:30 p.m. (Spring Green) RURAL MUSICIANS FORUM

FEATURES "GLORIOUS GERSHWIN" at Taliesin's Hillside Theater. "Glorious Gershwin" taps into the musical genius of America's own George and Ira Gershwin who will always be remembered as the songwriting team whose voice was synonymous with the sounds and style of the Jazz Age: "Rhapsody in Blue," "An American in Paris," "I Got Rhythm." Come early - the Hillside Theater fills up fast. Musicians include noted

jazz pianist, Dan Barker, saxophone wizard Rob Shepherd, and the popular vocalist Cleo Ware. The Taliesin Hillside Theater is located at 6604 Hwy 23, Spring Green. A free-will offering will be taken to support the concert series. For additional information and driving directions see

[www.ruralmusiciansforum.org](http://www.ruralmusiciansforum.org)



Sunday, August 7, 6:30 p.m. LANTERNS FOR PEACE at

Governor Dodge State Park Join us at the Twin Valley Lake shelter in Governor Dodge for this celebration of "Envisioning a Sustainable and Peaceful World". Dodgeville singer and guitarist Peter Thuli and Company will share songs for both children and adults. Events begin at 6:30 p.m. with lantern making, music,

stories and presentations. The unforgettable floating of the lanterns is at dusk on Twin Valley Lake. Please bring finger-food to share. A day pass or park sticker will be required. The event is co-sponsored by both Iowa County Citizens for Peace and Justice and Sustain Iowa County. For more information contact Jane Hammatt Kavaloski: [jhkavaloski@gmail.com](mailto:jhkavaloski@gmail.com)



## TUES., AUG. 9, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. PRIMARY ELECTION

DAY No, the next election is not in November. It's actually Tues., Aug. 9 for primary elections. On the ballot for Iowa County will be Russ Feingold and Scott Harbach running for U.S. Senate on the Democratic ticket. Connie Johnson and Rita R. Peterson are running against each other for Iowa County Treasurer on the Democratic ticket. To find out exactly what will be on your Primary Election ballot go to <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>

WHAT CAN YOU DO **LOCALLY** ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE? Plenty! An enthusiastic group of environmental advocates meets monthly (usually the second Saturday, but not in August). Contact Chuck Tennesen at [twotens@yousq.net](mailto:twotens@yousq.net), 608-987-3835 to find out how you can get involved with this active group and the date for the September meeting. On their agenda are: 1) Community solar 2) Opposition to the proposed high-voltage power lines and 3) Efforts to pass ground-breaking carbon fee and dividend legislation.

IOWA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS ARE OPEN IN DODGEVILLE at 102 North Iowa Street (corner of Iowa and Division Sts). The coffee is usually on. Stop by for political signs and literature. Hours are posted on the door. Can you help staff the office? Or go door to door? Or make phone calls? Or put up signs around the area? Call Sue Gereau at 608-583-2121 or 608-341-9191 to see how you can help during this critical election for President, U.S. Senate, U.S. Representative and 51<sup>st</sup> district State Representative.

**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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