



The Grassroots Gazette fosters community dialogue and participation throughout Southwest Wisconsin

A FORUM:

"DARE YOU RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE?"

Pass this on to others you know who are willing to serve.

Nov. 6, 7 to 9 p.m. in Dodgeville

For more information about all of the events listed below, check out the Grassroots [website](#). And friend us on Facebook at [Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin](#).



Wed., Nov. 6, 7 to 9 p.m. (Dodgeville) A FORUM: "DARE YOU RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE? Of course you should!" It's easy to talk about "they" when thinking about our government, but the fact is that our government is made up of "us" - particularly at the local level. That's why Grassroots is sponsoring a nonpartisan panel discussion to encourage people to run for public office. LOCATION; Stonefield Apartments Meeting Room, 407 E. Madison in Dodgeville. Anyone who has ever thought of running is encouraged to attend. Panel members will be past and current office holders and our county clerk. You'll find out what the rules and regulations are, how to get started, and where to turn for help. Light refreshment. For more info, contact grassroots@merr.com.

Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13 and 20, 4 to 8 p.m. (Dodgeville) FREE HELP SESSIONS FOR PEOPLE HAVING TROUBLE SIGNING UP FOR ONLINE HEALTH CARE EXCHANGE Grassroots has put together a team of Helpful Neighbor volunteers who will be on hand at the SW Tech Satellite Center in the Piggly Wiggly mall, 316 W. Spring Street in Dodgeville on Wednesdays, Nov. 6, 13 and 20 from 4 to 8 p.m. to assist people in filling out the application for the new Health Care Exchange. If the online exchange isn't working, the volunteers will help people fill out paper applications. The service is free. Know someone who needs help? Pass this info on. If you are interested in becoming a Helpful Neighbor volunteer, please let us know by return email. Additional help will be available Thursdays, through Dec. 12 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Community Connections Free Clinic, 101 East Fountain Street, Dodgeville.

ANOTHER OBAMA HORROR STORY DEBUNKED, reports LA Times headline story. It's a must read - and a must-pass-on. Read at our [Health Care webpage](#).

Fri., Nov. 1, 4 to 5:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) THE GRASSROOTS CITIZENS FOR PEACE group meets to continue the conversation about how best to explore the Global Environmental Impact of War and Militarism. LOCATION: Joan Mish's home, 301 Virginia Court, Dodgeville. Contact: Jane H. Kavaloski at Kavaloski@countryrspeed.com or (608) 935-3007 for more info.

Sat., Nov. 2, 11 a.m. (Mineral Point) IOWA COUNTY CITIZENS CLIMATE CHANGE LOBBY. This committed group will meet at the Gray Dog Deli, 215 High Street in Mineral Point. At the meeting they will join the national Climate Change Lobby's monthly teleconference and discuss next steps locally. CCL's purpose is to support the passage of legislation to gradually raise a fee on carbon based fuels and then return the collected revenue to all tax payers. Learn more at <http://citizensclimatelobby.org/> or contact Chuck Tennesen at twotens@yousq.net or (608) 987-3835.

Tues., Nov. 19, 10 to 11 a.m. (Dodgeville) KEEPING IOWA COUNTY HEALTHY...



IT'S EVERYBODY'S JOB. Obesity is a leading Iowa County health problem. So what can be done about it? Dana Churchill and Sara Richie of RichlandFIT will tell Iowa County leaders and residents about Richland's innovative four-year wellness campaign, described at

<http://richlandfit.co.richland.wi.us/> Can Richland and Iowa Counties work

together on wellness? We'll explore the idea at this event. Grassroots and other partners are hosting the event. Location: the Community Room of the Health and Human Services Building, 303 West Chapel Street

Thurs., Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m. (Madison) NATIONAL PUBLIC EDUCATION

CHAMPION TO SPEAK. Author Diane Ravitch, a one-time charter school advocate now a public school champion, will speak at the Orpheum Theater, 215 State Street in Madison. An accomplished speaker, she makes it very clear how *she moved from a charter school advocate in the early 1990s to a strong proponent of public schools in the last twenty years.* Her latest book Reign of Error: The Hoax of the Privatization Movement and the Danger to America's Public Schools focuses on best strategies for defending public education. Learn more about Ravitch and read an interview about her new book here:

http://www.salon.com/2013/09/18/diane_ravitch_testing_and_vouchers_hurt_our_schools_heres_what_works/

Wisconsin Senator Ron Johnson needs to hear from you!

ACTION



ALERT

The word is out! Senator Ron Johnson is now denying that he was ever a climate change denier. BUT HE NEEDS TO HEAR FROM ALL OF US to make sure he sticks to that point of view. Please contact him at <http://www.ronjohnson.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contact> . But first, we suggest you check out the [Grassroots Sustain page](#) which references the most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report. It confirms with 95 percent certainty that human activities are speeding up global warming,

GOOD NEWS...our state-wide protests worked! We asked you in the last Gazette to contact your state legislators about the proposed legislation to restrict local control of air and water quality in an effort to soften mining regulations. The legislation was taken off of its fast track status because of folks like you. Unfortunately, it may come up again in the spring.

FROM OUR ESL/IMMIGRATION REFORM task force

THE NEXT ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) TUTOR TRAINING WILL BE IN JANUARY, 2014. Teaching English to adults eager to learn our language is a richly rewarding experience. We are now seeking potential 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. Let us know if you are interested in volunteering. Our next tutor training will be in January, 2014. Contact grassroots@merr.com to learn more.

OTHER COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

Fri., Nov. 1, 10 to noon (Dodgeville) ORAL PERSPECTIVES FROM THE SOUTHWEST WISCONSIN LANDSCAPE. Listen to stories collected by author Susan Gilchrist in the Community Room of the Health and Human Services Building, 303 West Chapel Street.

Sat., Nov. 16, 2 to 4 p.m. (Dodgeville) WRITER'S WORKSHOP WITH AUTHOR ROBERT WOLFE Help us capture our community heritage through written stories. Learn to write your own stories. LOCATION: Dodgeville Public Library, 139 South Iowa Street in Dodgeville.

To contribute to GRASSROOTS CITIZENS OF WISCONSIN, please [click here](#) to print out our contribution form, and send your check to: GRASSROOTS CITIZENS OF WISCONSIN, 2473 Mount Hope Rd, Dodgeville, WI 53533

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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