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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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Mon., April 26 (6:30 p.m.) WORKING LANDS INITIATIVE EXPLAINED at Town of Dodgeville Plan Commission Meeting. This all-important initiative will have an impact on all larger lowa County landowners. Find out more about it at this meeting -- or watch our Grassroots website for more information to be posted after the meeting. Location: Town of Dodgeville office.

Fri., May 7, 3 p.m. (Dodgeville) HELP PLAN AREA-WIDE "STONES INTO SCHOOLS" program at the upcoming meeting of Citizens for Peace. LOCATION: Joan Mish's home, 301 Virginia Court, Dodgeville. Stones into Schools, the new book by Three Cups of Tea author Greg Mortenson, provides exciting, concrete opportunities for local communities such as ours to get involved in international peace-building efforts. Mortenson and his remarkable team have built over 200 schools for girls in the remote areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan -- in the midst of war. Caring Americans have been a major part of the effort. At the May 7 meeting, we'll be laying the groundwork for plans to get our fellow southwest Wisconsin citizens involved in this heart-warming effort. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm to the meeting. Call Jane Kavaloski at 935-3007 for more info.

Fri., April 30, 6 p.m. (Dodgeville) ANNUAL TROUT UNLIMITED FUNDRAISING BANQUET Only the uninitiated think of the Harry and Laura Nohr Chapter of Trout Unlimited as a "fishing club." In fact this award-winning TU chapter has saved a number of miles of SW Wisconsin stream habitat for public fishing and awarded thousands of dollars of grants to area public schools for conservation education. The group will be celebrating its annual fundraiser at the Dodger Bowl, Doors open at 6 p.m. for cocktails, conversation and raffles. Buffet dinner at 7 p.m. Call Bill Wisler (623-2109) or Pete Esser (348-9074) for tickets -- \$30 adults, \$15 youth.

Thurs., May 6, 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Potosi) BUILDING ECONOMIC STRENGTH TOGETHER (BEST) Conference Gubernatorial candidates Tom Barrett, Scott Walker and Mark Neumann will talk about how they will turn their vision for southwest Wisconsin into action. Opening speaker Jim Woods will discuss the Wisconsin Way Blueprint for change 2010, a public conversation about modernizing and refining taxes and government. You'll learn about what's happening in community/economic development in the Tri-State area and much more at the 10th Annual BEST Conference. Cost \$55 and \$25 for students includes lunch and dinner. Discounts are available for groups, Location: Holiday Gardens, Potosi, WI (check-in starts at 11:00 a.m.) Register for the conference online by Friday, April 30 at http://www.uwplatt.edu/cont\_ed/best\_conf

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