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Sun., Jan 16, 2 p.m. (Dodgeville) A CLOSE-UP LOOK AT CURRENT US-AFGHAN POLITICAL RELATIONS: A FORUM Rehman Kahn, a UW PhD candidate whose mother tongue is Pashtun, will offer his engaging, informed perspective on today's conflict - from both sides of the issue. Kahn spoke earlier in Dodgeville about the history of Afghanistan -- to rave reviews. So join us and bring your questions and insights. This is one of the *Stones into Schools* series of events. LOCATION: Stonefield Apartments, 407 E. Madison, Dodgeville.

Sat., Jan 22, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) BULLYING AND TEASING: A TIMELY AND MUCH-NEEDED WORKSHOP WITH WELL-KNOWN FAMILY THERAPIST PAUL GASSER. (Register now.) Gasser, will offer parents, counselors and teachers practical and easy strategies for helping children and teens at this FREE workshop (a light lunch will be served.) Kids today live in a troubled social environment, where harmless teasing has moved into aggressive and painful bullying, occasionally with alarming results. In fact, in a recent newspaper account, as many as four SW Wisconsin deaths have been directly laid at the door of teenage bullying. Parents may feel that no matter what they say or do, they are powerless to help. Gasser offer solutions that will make the difference. WORKSHOP LOCATION; Plymouth Congregational (UCC) Church, 115 Merrimac (across the street from the Iowa County Courthouse parking lot) in Dodgeville. Sponsored by Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin.

TO PRE-REGISTER (which is highly recommended), click on

<http://www.grassrootswi.org/forums/> or find "Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin" on Facebook and RSVP to this event. For more info, contact Kent Mayfield at secondwindarabians@gmail.com.

Fri., Jan 7, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) Grassroots Citizens for Peace will meet at Judy James' home, 3455 Rowe Rd, Dodgeville. Join us.

Thurs., Jan. 6, 7 p.m. (Hollandale) STONES INTO SCHOOLS DISCUSSION at Hollandale Library, 200 5th Avenue. Join the discussion if you've read Stones into Schools.

Thurs., Jan. 20, 7 p.m. (Spring Green) STONES INTO SCHOOLS DISCUSSION at the Spring Green Library for readers of the book.

Fri., Jan 21, 2 p.m. (Dodgeville) STONES INTO SCHOOLS DISCUSSION at the Dodgeville Library with Edgewood Prof. Vince Kavaloski.

OTHER UPCOMING 'STONES' EVENTS....

The Hollandale, Spring Green and Dodgeville discussions are the first of many 2011 discussions and activities that are part of the Uplands STONES INTO SCHOOLS Community Read project.

For the Stones into Schools activities in your town,
check out our website at

http://www.grassrootswi.org/stones_to_schools/

or "friend" the Uplands Stones into School project
on FACEBOOK

Set in today's Afghanistan and Pakistan, Stones into Schools, along with the youth version Three Cups of Tea and the early reader's edition Listen to the Wind have been selected by libraries in Dodgeville, Mineral Point, Cobb, Blandchardville, Spring Green, Barneveld and Hollandale as the first-ever Greater Iowa County all-Community Read. Join the hundreds of readers of all ages for discussions, films, forums, cooking demonstrations and craft projects for kids - to understand more about this troubled part of the world.

Thurs., Jan. 27, 6:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) SUSTAIN IOWA COUNTY NEEDS YOU!

During our recent fundraising drive, Grassroots asked its members about their major issues of concern. The environment and sustainability headed the list. That's why our Sustain Iowa County group is eager to get your ideas for future local projects which will have the greatest impact on protecting the life we all love. At our next brainstorming session to be held at Plymouth Congregational (UCC) Fellowship Hall, corner of Main and Merrimac in Dodgeville, we'll be shaping our action agenda. Please join us - but if you can't be there, please send your ideas for action items to Debi Morton at debi.morton@countyspeed.com. Also let us know if you would like to be included on our Sustain Iowa County email list to keep you posted on upcoming events. For more information about the Sustain Iowa County group, check out our website

http://www.grassrootswi.org/sustain_iowa_county/

Fri., Jan. 28, 7 p.m. (Mineral Point) FRIDAY NITE AT THE MOVIES: THE KITE RUNNER Another event in the *Stones into Schools* series, the *Kite Runner* to be shown at the Mineral Point Opera House is the heart-wrenching tale of two childhood friends in Afghanistan, Amir and Hassan, who are about to be torn apart forever. Nominated for a 2007 Golden Globe award, the story is set against a backdrop of tumultuous events, from the fall of the Afghan monarch through the Soviet invasion, the mass exodus of refugees to Pakistan and the U.S. and the Taliban regime. FREE. Donations are welcome. Discussion after the film.

Mon., Jan. 10 and Mon., Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) FINAL TRAINING SESSIONS FOR ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE TUTORS A partnership with the Community Connections Free Clinic, Southwest Tech, Plymouth Church and Grassroots, the English as a Second Language (ESL) tutoring program is going strong. Some of our tutors are already meeting with their "learners." Our final tutor training sessions will be at Plymouth Congregational Fellowship Hall, 115 Merrimac on Jan. 10 and 17. Watch the Gazette for news of future tutor training programs. Contact Shirley Barnes at grassroots@merr.com if you would like more information or check out our WEBSITE at <http://www.grassrootswi.org/immigration/>

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun., Jan. 16, 2 p.m. (Spring Green) PROGRESSIVE MAGAZINE EDITOR MATTHEW ROTHSCHILD TO SPEAK AT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. EVENT Rothschild will speak about "Martin Luther King and the US Empire" at the annual Spring Green commemoration. Tentative location: Spring Green Elementary School Library, 830 W. Daley Street. Check out our website for updated info about location.

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