



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

Sustainability...ESL...Stones into Schools...
And more Grassroots projects that are
going strong!

Tues., Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) SUSTAIN IOWA COUNTY TO BRAINSTORM FUTURE PROJECTS If sustainability and a concern for the environment are issues of importance to you, please join the Sustain Iowa County group to brainstorm future local projects, including a discussion about the Sustain Iowa County Fair. LOCATION: Plymouth Congregational (UCC) Church Fellowship Hall, 115 West Merrimac in Dodgeville. (Enter at side entrance on Main Street.) For more information about the Sustain Iowa County group page, on website www.grassrootswi.org/sustain_iowa_county/

"STONES INTO SCHOOLS" SPEAKERS NOW AVAILABLE FOR CIVIC GROUPS, SCHOOLS, BOOK CLUBS AND FAITH COMMUNITIES If your civic group, book club, church or school would like a speaker to tell you more about the Greater Iowa County Stones into Schools all-community read project, post a note on the "Uplands Stones into Schools" Facebook page or contact Jane Kavaloski at kavaloski@countryrspeed.com. The Dodgeville Lions Club is hosting a Stones speaker on Monday, Dec. 13 and the Mineral Point Kiwanis will have a speaker about the project on January 4.

Thanks to a grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Council, participating libraries in Dodgeville, Mineral Point, Spring Green, Blanchardville, Hollandale, Barneveld and Cobb have plenty of copies of the book to checkout. There will also be upcoming discussions about the book in these libraries as well as other locations - after the first of the year. Watch for the listings of discussion times and places in the Gazette.

Check out our website's Stones to Schools page at www.grassrootswi.org/stones_to_schools/

For more information about the Stones project or "friend" the Uplands Stones into School project on FACEBOOK (<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=111840425539368>)

STONES INTO SCHOOLS

will make a great holiday gift for all ages.

(It comes in adult, young adult (Three Cups of Tea: One Child at a Time) and early reader (Listen to the Wind) editions.

YOU CAN BUY THE BOOKS LOCALLY AT:

Corner Drug in Dodgeville

Or

Set in Stones in Mineral Point

(If the store is closed, check at the Mineral Point Hotel)

Or

North Earth Books and Gifts in Spring Green

(across from the General Store)

Sat., Jan 22, 10 a.m. (Dodgeville) BULLYING AND TEASING - WHAT CAN YOU DO AS A PARENT TO HELP YOUR TEEN OR YOUNGER CHILD? (Register now.)

Parents and others who work closely with teens and younger children are invited to this timely and much-needed workshop. Kids today live in an increasingly troubled social environment, where harmless teasing has moved into aggressive and painful bullying, occasionally with alarming results. Parents may feel that no matter what they say or do, they are powerless to help.

At this FREE mid-winter workshop, noted family therapist Paul Gasser will provide practical and easy strategies. His workshops are lighthearted and filled with practical ideas to use with children. His information, skills and strategies will help you to feel more in control immediately. This is the third and final event in the Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin 2010-11 Forum Series that focuses attention on the lives of young adults and their families in our community. TO PRE-REGISTER (which is highly recommended), click here and go to the Forums page at our website: www.grassrootswi.org/forums/ or find "[Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Grassroots-Citizens-of-Wisconsin/174246405925559)" (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Grassroots-Citizens-of-Wisconsin/174246405925559>) on Facebook and [RSVP](http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=181570895192268&index=1) (<http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=181570895192268&index=1>) to this event. For more info, contact Kent Mayfield at secondwindarabians@gmail.com

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. Tutors and potential learners are meeting this week for the first time although most won't start working together until the final two tutor training sessions at Plymouth Congregational Church on Mon., Jan. 10 and Mon., Jan 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 the Immigration page at our website: www.grassrootswi.org/immigration/

OTHER UPCOMING AND NEW

Tues, Dec. 21, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) IOWA COUNTY BOARD MEETS in Iowa County Courthouse Board Room (second floor). To stay abreast of the pressing issues being considered, citizens are encouraged to attend.

Jan. to June, 2011 COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP ALLIANCE (CLA) LEADERSHIP CLASSES WILL BE HELD Grant, Iowa and Lafayette County citizens are invited to participate in a series of Community Leadership Alliance (CLA) leadership training classes, from Jan or June, 2011. You'll learn valuable leadership, planning and team building skills. You'll work with others who share a commitment to serve their community. Like so many of your neighbors who have taken the classes before, you'll learn how to make a difference in your community, whether it is leading a fundraising effort, building a new playground, volunteering to chair a committee, or in a public office. To apply, go to www.ynotucla.com or call the Platteville Area Chamber of Commerce at 608-348-8888 for more information.

NATIONAL SOLAR ENERGY RESEARCH AND EDUCATION EFFORT LED BY LOCAL WOMAN Long-time Grassroots members Ron and Jean Luecke sent along the following info from their daughter, Andrea, who is director of the Solar Foundation in Washington, D.C. A former Dodgeville resident, Andrea's work is strategic to national solar energy research and education. If you're considering your own end-of-the-year giving or thinking about a special holiday gift for someone who shares your passion for the environment, the Lueckes suggest a tax deductible donation to the Foundation. For more info go to <http://www.thesolarfoundation.org/>

Tues., Jan 25 thru April 12, 6 to 9 p.m. (Dodgeville) MASTER GARDENER CLASSES HELD Join the next series of UW-Ext. Master Gardener classes if you are interested in learning about a wide variety of horticultural topics. Once you've completed the classes, you'll be eligible to join the Iowa County Master Gardeners Club, which has designed and continuously maintains many of the beautiful public gardens throughout our area. Active members are expected to provide volunteer services in their community. Speakers at the classes will be professors and other experts on specific topics. The classes are very interactive, with plenty of opportunities for questions and discussions with the experts. Cost: \$110. To register, or for more information, contact Gene Schriefer at the Iowa County Extension Office @ 930-9850.

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