



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

ELECTION NEWS...TEEN READ EVENT (Oct. 19)...

STONES INTO SCHOOLS KICKOFF (Oct. 28)

And more local happenings!

## UPCOMING GRASSROOTS EVENTS

Tues, Oct. 19, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) "BOOKS YOU NEVER READ, BUT YOUR KIDS DID" "What teens are reading and why" is the hot topic for the next event in the year-long Grassroots forum series on the challenges of local youth. Teen librarians Regina Pauly and Karina Zidon will introduce some of the most popular books teens are reading today. Then we'll hear from teens themselves as well as librarians and library directors about the books that are on the libraries' shelves and some that aren't! All teens, parents, grandparents, teachers and concerned community members are invited to join in the fascinating discussion to get a sneak peek inside the teen world today. For an advance list of the books to be discussed contact Dodgeville Librarian Vicki Stangel at 935-3728, ext. 12 or [vstangel@swls.org](mailto:vstangel@swls.org). Visit our website to find complete information:

<http://www.grassrootswi.org/uploads/images/file/Teen%20Read%20Week%202010.pdf>

Thurs., Oct. 28, 7 to 9 p.m. (Dodgeville) STONES INTO SCHOOLS KICK OFF EVENT Greg Mortenson's newest book Stones into Schools has been selected as the first-ever Uplands Area All-Community Read by participating libraries in Dodgeville, Mineral Point, Spring Green, Barneveld, Blanchardville, Hollandale and Cobb. Grassroots, the Dodgeville Library, the Dodgeville Kiwanis Club and Folklore Village are co-sponsors of this intergenerational effort designed to build bridges within our communities and with communities half way around the world. The project is funded by the Wisconsin Humanities Council.

To learn more, attend the Stones into Schools kick-off event on Thursday, October 28 at 7 p.m. at the Dodgeville Library. You'll see a short film about the inspiring work of Stones into Schools author Greg Mortenson who has built over 140 schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan, many of them for girls. None of his schools has been destroyed by the Taliban. Edgewood College professor Vince Kavaloski will share techniques for leading a discussion about the book. You'll be introduced to the young adult and children's editions and will leave with the tools to talk with your own civic groups, book clubs, schools, faith communities and friends about joining the "big read." Hope to see you on Oct. 28.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

[http://www.grassrootswi.org/stones\\_to\\_schools/](http://www.grassrootswi.org/stones_to_schools/)

FOR A COMPLETE Q & A ABOUT THE STONES INTO SCHOOLS PROJECT.

## ELECTION NEWS

For absentee ballot information: <http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/voters/absentee>

For info about the candidates, check out our website at <http://www.grassrootswi.org/elections/>

*Better yet - attend one of the local candidate forums -- see below*

Mon, Oct 18, 6 to 7:30 p.m. (Spring Green) MEET THE CANDIDATES --

HEALTHIEST COMMUNITIES: How Can Wisconsin Do Better? Find out how local candidates stand on issues related to creating healthy communities. Topics will include new & emerging tobacco products, sustaining tobacco prevention initiatives, K2 Synthetic Marijuana, responsible alcohol server practices and an introduction to the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center of southwest Wisconsin. Candidates attending will be 51<sup>st</sup> district assembly candidates Howard Marklein and John Simonson, 17<sup>th</sup> Senate candidates Dale Schultz and Carol Beals and 49<sup>th</sup> Assembly candidates Phil Garthwaite. Travis Tranel will not be there. LOCATION: House on the Rock Resort, 400 Springs Drive, Spring Green.

Wed., Oct. 20, 6 p.m. - on WGLR (97.7FM 1280 AM) Radio - Simonson and

Marklein will present their positions on economic development, the state budget, how to solve the deficit, agricultural issues and funding for public education and the UW System. Tune in!

Tues., Oct. 26, 5 p.m. (Spring Green); 7:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) CANDIDATES TO FACE OFF IN BOTH SPRING GREEN AND DODGEVILLE

At 5 p.m. in Spring Green, the River Valley PTA will host a candidates' forum at the River Valley school. Invited candidates are Simonson and Marklein and Beals and Schultz. The topic is school funding.

At 7:30 p.m., in Dodgeville, the Iowa County Towns Association is hosting the second debate that evening at the Dodger Bowl, 318 King Street. Simonson, Marklein, Schultz and Beals will answer questions from Towns Association members and the audience.

## OTHER RELATED COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Fri, Oct. 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Spring Green) RESTORATIVE JUSTICE STATE-WIDE CONFERENCE

Topics will include Native American Talking Circles, Restorative Justice in the Schools, Restorative Justice in Prisons and Funding Restorative Justice Programs. LOCATION: Historic Wyoming Valley School, Highway 23 in Wyoming Township, the only school that Frank Lloyd Wright designed. For more information contact Susan Hepler at 341-8600 or [iowacountyrjp@mhtc.net](mailto:iowacountyrjp@mhtc.net) Find registration and agenda materials at: [http://www.grassrootswi.org/citizens\\_for\\_peace/](http://www.grassrootswi.org/citizens_for_peace/)

### Sat., Oct. 23, 1 to 7 p.m. (rural Dodgeville) FRIENDSHIP CENTER OPEN HOUSE

To celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Friendship Center at 3973 Evans Quarry Road is welcoming visitors with birthday cake, a harvest lunch, naturalist-led hikes and activities for the whole family. A group of Wisconsin reading teachers founded this delightful 28-acre retreat four decades ago to provide a quiet, intimate environment for inner-city youth to work on their reading skills while learning firsthand about the natural world. Friendship Center is run by volunteers and serves as an adult retreat throughout the rest of the year, available for rent by faith groups and other organizations. For information contact Dave and Gretchen Pearson at [pearson@countriespeed.com](mailto:pearson@countriespeed.com).

## Good news about past events

LAST WEEKEND'S "BIKING FOR A HEALTHIER DODGEVILLE" event, co-sponsored by the Dodgeville Green and Healthy Schools and Sustain Iowa County, was a big success. Two Madison TV stations covered the action which included over 80 bikers. Many of the Dodgeville elementary, middle and high school students participated by figuring out their own eco-footprint. Thanks go to Chuck Tennesen and his team from the Dodgeville schools and Brenda Mittlestadt and her Sustain Iowa team.

THE GRASSROOTS GAZETTE IS THE VOICE OF THE 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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