



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

## MORE CANDIDATE DEBATES COMING UP

### IN SPRING GREEN, DODGEVILLE AND PLATTEVILLE

#### Stones into Schools

Kickoff event is Thurs., Oct. 28

#### Thurs., Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m. (Platteville) FARM BUREAU CANDIDATES DEBATE

The debate sponsored by the Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation will feature John Simonson and Howard Marklein, 51st assembly district candidates. Location: Arthur House, 9315 State Rd. 80, Platteville. Other invited candidates include Ron Kind and Dan Kapanke for US Congress; Carol Beals and Dale Schultz for the 17<sup>th</sup> Senate District; and Phil Garthwaite and Travis Tranel for the 49<sup>th</sup> Assembly seat.

#### Mon, Oct 18, 6 to 7:30 p.m. (Spring Green) CANDIDATES DEBATE:

HEALTHIEST COMMUNITIES: How Can Wisconsin Do Better? The South Central Wisconsin Tobacco Free Coalition will host this event to give candidates an opportunity to talk about how to keep Wisconsin healthy, among other topics. Invited candidates are 51<sup>st</sup> district assembly candidates Marklein and Simonson, 17<sup>th</sup> Senate candidates Schultz and Beals and 49<sup>th</sup> Assembly candidates Garthwaite and Tranel. LOCATION: House on the Rock Resort, 400 Springs Drive, Spring Green.

#### Tues, Oct. 26, 5 p.m. (Spring Green); 7:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) A DOUBLE-HEADER

DEBATE At 5 p.m. in Spring Green, Simonson and Marklein will face off at the River Valley Middle School or High School in Spring Green (exact site to be determined). State Senate Candidates Carol Beals and Dale Schultz will also be part of the debate. 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.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CANDIDATES:

<http://www.grassrootswi.org/elections/>

FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION: <http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/voters/absentee>

Sun, Oct. 10, 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. (Dodgeville) "BIKING FOR A HEALTHIER

DODGEVILLE" Kids, families and all biking enthusiasts are invited to join the fun for the 30-mile "Biking for a Healthier Dodgeville" event, Sunday, Oct. 10, from the Dodgeville Middle School parking lot to Hyde Mill and back. (You can go as far as you'd like.) Beginning bikers will be taking it easier with a 1 p.m. ride from the Middle School parking lot to Chapel and Level Streets and back (less than a mile). With these events, cosponsored by Sustain Iowa County, Dodgeville's Green and Healthy Schools will show their commitment to reducing everyone's carbon footprint. They are part of the international efforts of the organization "350.org" to turn Oct. 10, 2010 into a day of environmental awareness worldwide. The events will also be a kickoff for an all-community drive to develop official bike lanes in Dodgeville to encourage students to bike to school and employees to bike to work. **TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP AS A CROSSING GUARD AT THE 1 P.M. EVENT**, contact Brenda (BG) Middlestadt at [bgmitt@hughes.net](mailto:bgmitt@hughes.net) or call 608-212-7088

Tues, Oct. 19, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) "BOOKS YOU NEVER READ, BUT YOUR KIDS

DID" How about I am a Genius of Unspeakable Evil and I Want to Be Your Class President? Sound like a book you'd like to read? Maybe not, but teens are lapping it up these days. What teens are reading and why is the hot topic for the next in the year-long Grassroots forum series on the challenges of local youth. Book-loving teens, librarians and library youth directors will be on the panel for the event, scheduled for Tues., Oct. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Dodgeville Library. 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 What will just about everyone in the greater Iowa County region be reading this winter? Greg Mortenson's captivating Stones into Schools will no doubt be on most people's night stands as part of the Uplands Stones into Schools All-Community Read project. Everyone who participates will be building bridges of understanding between our corner of America and the remote areas of Afghanistan and Pakistan (the setting for the book) where so many of our young men and women have served in the military. Such an understanding may be our last, best hope for a lasting peace. **HERE'S HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED.** 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. Edgewood College professor Vince Kavaloski will share techniques for leading a discussion about the book. You'll be introduced to the children's versions of the book 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.

The All-Community read project is sponsored by the Dodgeville Library, Dodgeville Kiwanis Club, Folklore Village and Grassroots and funded by the Wisconsin Humanities Council. Libraries in Dodgeville, Spring Green, Mineral Point, Hollandale, Cobb, Barneveld and Blanchardville are participating.

For more information, please contact Vickie Stangel, Dodgeville Library Director at 935-3728, ext. 12 or [vstangel@swls.org](mailto:vstangel@swls.org).

CHECK OUT THE STONES INTO SCHOOL PROJECTS ON OUR WEBSITE:

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

Fri, Oct. 15, 9 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 first hand 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@countryrspeed.com](mailto:pearson@countryrspeed.com).

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