



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

News Flash!

GRASSROOTS WINS "STONES INTO SCHOOLS" GRANT FROM WISC. HUMANITIES COUNCIL

Co-sponsors: Dodgeville Library and Kiwanis

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE - SEPT. 14

and lots more news....it must be Fall.

We're excited to announce The "Uplands Stones into Schools All-Community Read" project, to be funded by the Wisconsin Humanities Council. Grassroots along with the Dodgeville Library and the Dodgeville Kiwanis Club are co-sponsors. In libraries, civic groups, book clubs, schools and faith communities throughout the Upland Hills area, adults, youth and children will read and discuss together Greg Mortenson's most recent book Stones into Schools. In the book, he recounts his remarkable story of building over 130 schools, many for girls, in remote Afghanistan and Pakistan. Younger children will read his Listen to the Wind. We'll all gain insights into one of the most troubled parts of the world and learn about peaceful efforts there that are actually working! A cultural culmination will be held in April at Folklore Village. Books will be available at the seven participating libraries.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

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

TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED:

- 1) Become a discussion leader;
- 2) Get your book club or civic group involved;
- 3) Join the read yourself;
- 4) Get your classroom involved;
- 5) Participate in the Cultural Culmination in April and more.

SUN., OCT 3, 3 p.m. (Dodgeville) "WHAT'S WITH THE KIDS TODAY?"

This is a remarkable opportunity to learn what 5,700 local teens think about sex, parents, drugs, social networking, suicide and other hot topics. Every few years UW-Extension surveys all area youth, but never before has this survey become the basis for a highly interactive community "talk" where we'll all be "wired", just like on an interactive TV show. We'll literally "see" what adults think kids are thinking and what the kids are actually thinking. This event is co-sponsored by Grassroots and UW Extension. It is the kickoff to Grassroots' upcoming year-long series entitled "The Kids are All Right...Or Are They?" Educators, parents, teens, citizens, pastors, teachers, social workers and everyone else in the community are invited to this ground-breaking, Oct. 3 event. LOCATION: County Board Room (2nd floor), Iowa County Courthouse. For more information, go to our website <http://www.grassrootswi.org/forums/> or contact Kent Mayfield, secondwindarabians@gmail.com

Mon., Sept. 27, 7 p.m. (Blanchardville) CANDIDATES' DEBATE. 51st District Assembly Candidates John Simonson and Howard Marklein will go toe-to-toe on the critical issue of school funding reform at this candidates' debate. Others participating will be the assembly candidates for the 80th district seat. LOCATION: BLANCHARDVILLE HIGH SCHOOL. For information go to our website at <http://www.grassrootswi.org/elections/> or contact Jill Gaskell, jgaskell@tds.net

REMINDERS

Fri., Sept 3, 4 p.m. (Dodgeville) GRASSROOTS CITIZENS FOR PEACE MEETS
On the agenda will be an update on the "Stones into Schools" grant, reflections on the recent "Lanterns for Peace" event, a discussion of a film showing of "Countdown to Zero" and an update on Immigration projects. The meeting will be held at the home of Judy James, 3455 Rowe Road, just north of Dodgeville off Hwy. 23 (first right turn after Best Friends pet store). You are invited to join. For more information please contact Jane Kavaloski at kavaloski@countryrspeed.com or 935-3007.

SATS., SEPT 11 (Lancaster), 18 (Dodgeville) AND 25 (Darlington) 8 a.m. to noon
CLEAN SWEEP DAYS Now that Wisconsin law prohibits dumping TV sets, computers and other electronics into landfills, "Clean Sweep Days" becomes even more important.

Here are the facts on upcoming "Clean Sweeps" in Lancaster (Sept. 11 at Agrilience Agronomy Center), Dodgeville (Sept. 18 at Iowa Cty. Highway Dept.) and Darlington (Sept. 25 at the Lafayette Ct. Highway Dept.) PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED for any unwanted chemicals, herbicides, poison, or other hazardous wastes. Businesses and local governments can also contract for waste disposal. Because budgets have been cut, fees will be \$10 for 1 to 10 pounds, \$40 for 11 to 50 pounds, and up from there. TV sets, computers and other major and minor appliances and hard-to-discard equipment will also be collected. For times, fees and pre-

registering (required) contact your local UW-Extension offices -- Grant County (723-2125) Iowa County (935-0391) and Lafayette County (776-4820).

Sat., Oct. 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (throughout local area) SOLAR TOUR OF HOMES

You'll get a behind-the-scenes tour of local solar homes at this year's Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) "Solar Home Tour". Interested in carpooling? Let us know by return email. For more details, check out our website at http://www.grassrootswi.org/sustain_iowa_county/

ACTION ALERT

THE HISTORIC WYOMING VALLEY SCHOOL needs your help!

This historic Frank Lloyd Wright-designed building, on Hwy. 23, between Spring Green and Dodgeville, is participating in the National Trust for Historic Preservation's "This Place Matters" contest. Grassroots member Mary Lloyd-Jones asks for all of us to help make it happen. The winner will receive \$25,000 in restoration funds. Here's what you do. (They don't make it easy for you so please follow these instructions carefully.) Go to <http://www.preservationnation.org/take-action/this-place-matters/> Don't click on the map you can see. Instead, click on the link in the second paragraph "Our Community Map". Double click on Wisconsin (or click on the + sign in the top left corner of the map) to zoom in until you can pick out the marker for the Wyoming Valley School (they actually have the marker in Spring Green). Click on the blue marker &, in the pop-up box click on "view web page". Then you can vote for us. Tell you friends to vote, too!

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.

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