



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

'WHAT'S WITH THE KIDS TODAY'

plus CANDIDATES FORUMS

and much more...

SUN., OCT 3, 3 p.m. (Dodgeville) "WHAT'S WITH THE KIDS TODAY?" (PASS THIS INFO ON TO PARENTS YOU KNOW.) Anyone concerned about the challenging world of Iowa County teens is encouraged to come to "What's With the Kids Today?" In this highly interactive community conversation, to be held in the Iowa County Courthouse County Board Room (2nd floor), you'll find out what local teens actually think about sex, suicide, parents, drugs, Twitter and other hot topics. Everyone in the audience will be "wired" just as in an interactive TV show. The audience will "show" electronically what they believe local teens think about various troublesome behaviors -- then find out what the kids actually think. Maureen May Grimm, Mineral Point school board member and local teens will be among the panel members. Expect surprises. The information is based on the UW Extension Youth Risk Behavior Survey of 5,700 area teens in Iowa, Sauk, Grant, Lafayette, Crawford and Richland Counties. UW Extension and Grassroots are co-sponsors. It's the first in a year-long Grassroots series entitled "The Kids Are All Right..., Or Are They?"

To learn more about the Grassroots Youth Series ...and to find out how you can get involved in our new "Stones Into Schools" program, recently funded by the Wisconsin Humanities Council and co-sponsored by Dodgeville Kiwanis and Dodgeville Library. Check out our website at <http://www.grassrootswi.org>

Mon., Sept. 27, 7 p.m. (Blanchardville) SIMONSON AND MARKLEIN TO ADDRESS SCHOOL FUNDING 51st District Assembly Candidates John Simonson and Howard Marklein will go toe-to-toe on the critical issue of school funding reform at this joint candidates' appearance. Also participating will be the assembly candidates for the 80th district seat-- Janice Ringhand and Dan Henke. LOCATION: PECATONICA HIGH SCHOOL, 704 Cross Street, Blanchardville. For information contact Jill Gaskell, jgaskell@tds.net.

Fri., Oct. 1, 4 to 5:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) GRASSROOTS CITIZENS FOR PEACE monthly meeting The meeting will be held at the home of Judy James, 3455 Rowe Road (going north on Hwy. 23 out of Dodgeville, turn a slight right at road just after "Best Friends' pet store.) The agenda includes "The Stones into Schools project", report on the showing of "Countdown to Zero" and preparation of crane hangings for sale at WNPJ's Fall Assembly.

Sat., Oct. 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (throughout local area) MREA 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". For more details, check out our website at <http://www.grassrootswi.org> or <http://www.the-mrea.org/>

Sat., Oct. 2, 9:30 to 5:30 p.m. (Prairie du Sac) WELCOMING IMMIGRANTS Christine Neumann-Ortiz and Chip Berlet will speak at the 19th Annual Assembly of the Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice. Location: River Arts Center, Gallery, 105 9th Street, Prairie du Sac. Raging Grannies to be honored. To carpool, contact Jane Kavaloski at kavaloski@countryrspeed.com

Thurs., Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m. (Platteville) WISCONSIN FARM BUREAU FEDERATION CANDIDATES DEBATE Candidates including Simonson and Marklein, will make opening and closing remarks with questions from the audience. 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 17th Senate District; and Phil Garthwaite and Travis Tranel for the 49th Assembly seat.

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

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 51st district assembly candidates Marklein and Simonson, 17th Senate candidates Schultz and Beals and 49th Assembly candidates Garthwaite and Tranel. LOCATION: House on the Rock Resort, 400 Springs Drive, Spring Green.

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

DID" The second in Grassroots' year-long forum series focusing on local youth, this event will be held at the Dodgeville Public Library, 139 South Iowa Street. It will feature UW Platteville Librarian Zora Sampson and local youth. Check with Dodgeville Librarian Vicki Stangel for an advance list of the books to be discussed. Other topics in the series will include: "The Making (and Unmaking) of a Bully" scheduled for January, 2011; "Teens at Risk: Behavior, Health and Social Media" in late January or February, presented by the UW Madison Adolescent Health Research Team; and "New Technology, New Literacy, New Learning?" in Spring, 2011, presented by UW Madison professors Erica and Richard Halverson.

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

To celebrate its 40th 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@countryrspeed.com.

Thurs., Oct. 28, 7 to 9 p.m. (Dodgeville) STONES INTO SCHOOLS

ORIENTATION AND TRAINING To kick off the greater Iowa County Stones into Schools Program, Edgewood University professor Vince Kavaloski will present the first of two workshops for potential "Stones into Schools" discussion leaders. He'll show two short films about the work of Greg Mortenson and his Central Asia Institute. Discussion leaders will learn to present the "Stones into Schools" story and lead discussions for libraries, civic groups, books clubs, public schools, faith communities and veterans groups. If you are interested in being a facilitator, please contact Vickie Stangel, Dodgeville Library Director at 935-3728, ext. 12 or vstangel@swls.org.

SPECIAL ALERT -- The Sustain Iowa County Fair, originally planned for Oct. 23, has been postponed until Spring, 2011. If you are interested in getting involved in planning this event and other local sustainable activities, please let us know by return e-mail.

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