



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

**STONES INTO SCHOOLS
CULMINATING EVENT - April 10**

TWO FREE FILMS in Mineral Point - April 9

**MARY LOUISE SYMON
AWARD APPLICATIONS DUE - May 1**

SAT., APRIL 9, 6 p.m. (Mineral Point) TWO FREE FILMS: "Red Gold" and "Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time" Shown back-to-back at the Mineral Point Opera House, these two free films highlight the threatened sockeye salmon run in Alaska's Bristol Bay and Aldo Leopold's environmental legacy. The films are sponsored by the Harry and Laura Nohr Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Blue Mounds Area Project, Military Ridge Prairie Heritage Area, and UW-Extension Iowa County. A community discussion will follow with professor Vince Kavaloski and Aldo Leopold's granddaughter, Madelyn Leopold. Check out our website for more:

<http://www.grassrootswi.org/uploads/images/file/Sustain/Red%20Gold-Green%20Fire%20film%20screenings%20press%20release.pdf>

SUN., APRIL 10, 2 TO 5 P.M. (Dodgeville) THE UPLANDS STONES INTO SCHOOLS

COMMUNITY READ CULMINATING EVENT. This intergenerational celebration will be the final event in our year-long All Community Read project. There will be a community conversation, plus Afghan music, food, dance and art -- which local school children have created. Among our guests will be Rehman Khan and Dr. Aaliya Bibi and their son, Shah Hamadan, who have visited with us throughout this project. Whether you've read Stones into Schools or not, you'll enjoy the celebration. LOCATION: Folklore Village, 3210 County B (east of Dodgeville, off of Hwy. 151). THE EVENT IS FREE.

SAT., APRIL 30, 6 to 9 p.m. (Spring Green) COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS SPRING AUCTION

Interested in a round of golf for four on a championship course? How about dance lessons, local foods or airline tickets? Or, imagine this: a private dinner for 20, featuring food and wine inspired by the south of France. All of these unique items and much more are available to the highest bidders at the fifth annual Community Connections Free Clinic Spring Auction to be held at the House on the Rock Resort in Spring Green. Don't miss this fun-filled event with a casual Italian dinner buffet, cash bar and great music by the Larry Busch Band (\$25). RSVP to Monica Dunn at 608-987-0046 or

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SUNDAY, MAY 1 - DEADLINE FOR MARY LOUISE SYMON AWARD APPLICATIONS

Encourage graduating high school seniors you know to apply for the Mary Louise Symon Award, This \$500 award is presented annually to one or more area students who are committed to their communities, just as long-time Spring Green resident and Grassroots founding member Mary Louise Symon was. The applications are due May 1. Eligible are graduating seniors from River Valley, Dodgeville, Mineral Point, Highland, Iowa-Grant, Barneveld and Pecatonica schools. Applications can be obtained from school counselors at each of these schools or by contacting grassroots@merr.com. For more information, click on: http://www.grassrootswi.org/mary_louise_symon_award/

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS:

SUN., APRIL 17, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Baraboo) SAUK COUNTY EARTH DAY 2011 Sonya Newenhouse, nationally recognized sustainable living innovator, will be the headliner for this event at the UW-Baraboo/Sauk County Lange Student Center, 1006 Connie Road. There will also be over 50 displays, lots of door prizes and several workshops on sustainable lifestyles. For more information, contact Sauk County Land Conservation 355-3245 or <http://www.co.sauk.wi.us/landconservation>

MON., APRIL 18, 10:30 a.m. (Fennimore) RON KIND LISTENING SESSION: A SMALL BUSINESS PANEL Rep. Kind is hosting a small business panel discussion, which will highlight resources available to small business owners in this tough economic environment. LOCATION: SW Tech Lenz Center, Room 365. Check out our website for more: <http://www.grassrootswi.org/eventdisplay/16374>

Tues., APRIL 19, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) MONTHLY IOWA COUNTY BOARD MEETING Let the Iowa County Board know your thoughts about the Budget Bills. To see the full agenda for the Board meeting in April, go to the Iowa County website at <http://iowacounty.org/> and click on the Minutes and Agenda button, then the County Board link, then 2011, then April Agenda. Location: Community Room at the new Health and Human Services Building, 303 W. Chapel St.

SAT., APRIL 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Dodgeville) OPEN HOUSE AT NEW HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HSS) BUILDING Enjoy a self-guided tour and refreshments at the much-talked-about HSS Building, known for its environmentally-sound construction and attractive design. You can also bring your expired prescription drugs for disposal at the Prescription Drug Take Back Day at the same site. LOCATION: 303 W. Chapel Street.

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<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Grassroots-Citizens-of-wisconsin/174246405925559?sk=wall>

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