



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

STONES INTO SCHOOLS  
and  
ESL TRAINING PROGRAMS  
are going strong

Tues., Nov. 16, 4:30 to 6 p.m. (Platteville) THE IMPACT OF IMMIGRANTS ON SW WISCONSIN'S RURAL ECONOMY Grassroots Leadership Council member Kent Mayfield will talk about the work of the Grassroots Immigrant Study Group in promoting dialogue and understanding in our area at the International Education Week conference to be held at the UW Platteville PSC/University Room N. His talk will address the impact of immigrants on Wisconsin's rural economy. You can see the full International Education Week (IEW) events on the What's Hot page at [http://www.grassrootswi.org/what\\_is\\_hot/](http://www.grassrootswi.org/what_is_hot/)

Mon., Nov 29, 6:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) LEARNING HOW TO BECOME A TUTOR FOR ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) The ESL Tutor Training program is going strong, thanks to our great instructor Kathy Warpinski and the rest of the organizing team. This project is a partnership between the Community Connections Free Clinic, Southwest Tech, Plymouth Congregational Church and Grassroots. Training takes place at Plymouth Congregational (corner of Merrimac and Main) in Dodgeville. We have had a great response from both tutors and learners but would like to hear from you if you are interested in becoming a part of this new team effort. Tutors and learners will meet for the first time on Monday, Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. for a potluck at Plymouth. Contact Shirley Barnes at [grassroots@merr.com](mailto:grassroots@merr.com) if you would like more information or check out our WEBSITE at

[www.grassrootswi.org/uploads/images/file/Immigration/ESL\\_Tutor\\_Trainings.pdf](http://www.grassrootswi.org/uploads/images/file/Immigration/ESL_Tutor_Trainings.pdf)

Thurs., Dec. 2, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) UNVEILING OF THE STONES INTO SCHOOLS DISCOVERY BOXES With people throughout southwest Wisconsin now reading Stones into Schools by Greg Mortenson as part of the first-ever Greater Iowa County All-Community Read, you are invited to the Dodgeville Public Library for the unveiling of the Afghani "Discovery Boxes" which have been put together especially for our area by Rehman Kahn and staff from the University of Wisconsin's Center for South Asia. Following the Dec. 2 unveiling, the boxes will be available for check out at two of the participating libraries in Dodgeville and Mineral Point. Schools, civic groups, discussion leaders, teachers, faith communities and families will use the boxes to develop a deeper understanding of Pakistan and Afghanistan, the setting for Stones into Schools.

FOR MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED IN THE STONES INTO SCHOOL READ, CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE AT [http://www.grassrootswi.org/stones\\_to\\_schools/](http://www.grassrootswi.org/stones_to_schools/)

Once you have read the book and want to discuss it, you can use Vincent's Reflection Guide as a resource. It can be found here:

[www.grassrootswi.org/uploads/images/file/Stones to Schools/Book Group Reflection.pdf](http://www.grassrootswi.org/uploads/images/file/Stones_to_Schools/Book_Group_Reflection.pdf)

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