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## GET INVOLVED

Last candidates' debates coming up...

Stones into Schools kickoff (Thurs.)...

English as a Second Language (ESL) Tutoring Program.

Mary Louise Symon scholarships

Thurs., Oct. 28, 7 to 9 p.m. (Dodgeville) JOIN US FOR THE STONES INTO SCHOOLS KICK OFF EVENT The kickoff for the Stones into Schools All-Community Read is this Thursday 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, many of them for girls. Edgewood College professor Vince Kavaloski will share techniques for leading a discussion about the book. You'll be introduced to the young adult and children's editions and will leave with the tools to talk with your own civic groups, book clubs, schools, faith communities and friends about joining the Uplands area first-ever "all-community read." Hope to see you on Thursday evening. The seven participating libraries include Dodgeville, Mineral Point, Spring Green, Barneveld, Blanchardville, Hollandale and Cobb.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE [http://www.grassrootswi.org/stones\\_to\\_schools/](http://www.grassrootswi.org/stones_to_schools/) FOR A COMPLETE Q & A ABOUT THE STONES INTO SCHOOLS PROJECT and how you can get involved.

MONDAY, NOV. 8, 7 P.M. (Dodgeville) HELP YOUR NEIGHBORS LEARN ENGLISH. Are you interested in becoming an English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) tutor, helping adults learn English? If so, you're invited to an ESL Tutor Orientation to be held Monday, Nov. 8 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Plymouth Congregational Church (UCC), corner of Main and Merrimac Streets in Dodgeville (across the street from the Courthouse parking lot). You don't have to know a foreign language to participate. Complete tutor training will be provided. No commitment necessary to attend the Orientation. Come and learn more about this important volunteer opportunity which is co-sponsored by the Community Connections Free Clinic, Plymouth Church and Grassroots. For more info, go to <http://www.grassrootswi.org/immigration/> or call 623-2109.

SAT., NOV 6, noon to 4 p.m. (Madison) HELP PLANT THE NEW MARY LOUISE SYMON PRAIRIE In honor of the late Mary Louise Symon, a founding member of Grassroots and the first woman county chair (Dane County) in Wisconsin, the Dane County Park Commission is creating a prairie in her honor. You are invited to help with the planting of the new prairie, which is located at 8220 Raymond Road in Madison (now a cornfield). The prairie planting will take place on Sat., Nov. 6 from noon to 4 p.m. Call Rhea at 224-3601 or [Stangel-Maier@co.dane.wi.us](mailto:Stangel-Maier@co.dane.wi.us) to let her know you are coming so there

will be enough seed for everyone to get started creating the prairie. Mary Louise was a passionate conservationist her entire life.

### RECEIPIENTS OF THE NEW GRASSROOTS-SPONSORED MARY LOUISE SYMON

SCHOLARSHIP WERE HONORED on Sunday in Dodgeville. Molly Palzkill, a 2010 graduate of Mineral Point High School, and Kallee Satern, a 2010 graduate of Highland High School were guests at a reception. The Symon Award is given to young men and women whose scholarship, personal character and volunteer service demonstrate a commitment to community engagement and the creation of a positive social environment - just as Mary Louise did all her life. Kathleen Falk, the current Dane County Board chair, was there to offer her congratulations, along with many of Mary Louise's friends and family. Anyone interested in contributing to the Mary Louise Symon scholarship fund is invited to send a tax-deductible contribution made out to Plymouth UCC-Symon Award Fund to Grassroots, 2473 Mt. Hope Road, Dodgeville, Wisconsin 53533.

### ELECTION NEWS

For absentee ballot information: <http://gab.wi.gov/elections-voting/voters/absentee>

For info about the candidates, check out our website at <http://www.grassrootswi.org/elections/>  
***Better yet - attend the last of the local candidates' forums scheduled for TONIGHT  
(Oct. 26) in Spring Green and Dodgeville***

### Tues., Oct. 26, 5 p.m. (Spring Green); 7:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) CANDIDATES TO FACE OFF IN BOTH SPRING GREEN AND DODGEVILLE

At 5 p.m. in Spring Green, the River Valley PTA will host a candidates' forum at the River Valley school - with State Senator Dale Schultz and his challenger Carol Beals and 51<sup>st</sup> Assembly candidates John Simonson and Howard Marklein. Come and hear their views and ask questions

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.

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