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## NPR'S STEVE PAULSON TO SPEAK IN SPRING GREEN

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### Early voting is open now for Supreme Court primary election



#### Sun., March 10, 3 p.m. (Spring Green) NPR'S STEVE PAULSON WILL TACKLE THE SCIENCE VS. RELIGION DIVIDE

National Public Radio's Steve Paulson, executive producer of NPR's "To the Best of our Knowledge", will talk about his book, *Atoms and Eden*. This book is an intriguing collection of Paulson's interviews with some of the world's top religious leaders and award-winning scientists. It covers all the major issues that often pit science against religion - from the origins of the universe to debates about God, Darwin and human consciousness. This free event is at

Arcadia Book Store, 102 E. Jefferson Street in Spring Green and is sponsored by Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin.

#### ABSENTEE/EARLY VOTING FOR WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT PRIMARY

ELECTION STARTS NOW Don't wait to vote in the upcoming Feb. 19 WI Supreme Court Primary Election. You can vote now absentee or early voting --- between Feb. 4 and Feb. 15 during office hours -- at your city, village or town clerk's office. If you live out in the country, you'll no doubt have to call your town clerk to set up an appointment. Check out the [Grassroots Election webpage](#) for contact information for your Clerk.

#### Tues., Feb. 19, polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., WISC. SUPREME COURT PRIMARY

ELECTION The stakes are high in this supposedly non-partisan election. Justice Patience Roggensack, a conservative, is running for a second term. Her challengers are Marquette University law professor Ed Fallon and lemon law attorney Vince Megna. The primary will reduce the number of candidates to two for the April 2 General Election. Want to know more about the candidates? Click here to go to the [Grassroots Election webpage](#).

Sat., Feb. 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Mazomanie) 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL WISCONSIN

PROGRESSIVE GRASSROOTS FESTIVAL "Strengthening our Democracy" is the theme of this year's festival, which brings together over 100 folks to share their political action plans for the future. LOCATION: Wisconsin Heights High School, 10173 State Hwy 14 in Mazomanie. U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan is the luncheon speaker. Mike McCabe of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign and Lisa Graves of the Center for Media and Democracy are keynoters. Topics from mining, how to run for office, the upcoming Supreme Court Election, gun control, political organizing and others will be featured in morning and afternoon breakout sessions. \$14 is the suggested donation, including lunch. Registration is from 8:30 to 9:20 a.m. Dinner follows at the Old Feed Mill, 114 Cramer St. in Mazomanie. For a complete list of breakout topics and to register, go to <http://www.wisconsingrassroots.net>. Or contact Nate Timm at 608-220-0139 or [nptimm@chorus.net](mailto:nptimm@chorus.net).

Mon., Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) "MY UNSPOKEN HISTORY: Japanese

Internment Camps WW II" Christine Tsubokura (of Mineral Point) will present this fascinating program at the Dodgeville Library, 139 South Iowa Street. Co-sponsored by Grassroots Citizens for Peace, United Fund and Friends of the Library. "Imagine that one day you received notice that you and your whole family must be ready to move within 48 hours. You could take only the possessions you could carry and no one would tell you when you would be permitted to return home." That's the harrowing story Christine will reveal about her family members, who were among the 100,000 people of Japanese descent, many of them U.S. citizens that were forced to leave their West Coast homes. For the duration of World War II, they were imprisoned in distant internment camps. At this event, refreshments provided by the new Mineral Point restaurant, Kusaka, will be served.

## ACTION ALERT

Here's a health care reform update from Grassroots' partner Citizen Action of Wisconsin. The Federal Government has offered Wisconsin billions of dollars to fill gaps in BadgerCare coverage, but apparently Gov. Walker will be turning it down. Currently, holes exist in BadgerCare eligibility that would be filled by the federal funding, giving an additional 175,000 Wisconsinites access to affordable health coverage. Gov. Walker claims the state could be left holding the bag if the Federal Government reneged on its funding. But the ObamaCare law has already appropriated the funds and according to the [Associated Press](#), any change in the law is extremely unlikely. The nonpartisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau said that accepting the federal funds would save the state \$65 million in BadgerCare costs. **DO YOU CARE ABOUT THIS ISSUE?** Then click here to email [Gov. Walker](#) to express your opinion. Also let [Senate Dale Schultz](#) and [Rep. Howard Marklein](#) know how you feel.

## OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri., Feb. 8 (Madison) LAST CALL FOR A SEAT ON THE BUS LEAVING FOR THE BIG WASHINGTON D.C. CLIMATE CHANGE RALLY To reserve your seat on the bus going to the Washington D.C. "Forward on Climate" rally, leaving Madison on Sat., Feb. 16 and returning on Monday, send your \$120 check to Stephanie Kimball, 702 Lorillard Ct., Apt. 112, Madison, WI 53703 by Feb. 8. Rally co-sponsors are [350.org](http://350.org) and the Sierra Club. For more details, contact Chuck Tennesen of Dodgeville at [twotens@yousq.net](mailto:twotens@yousq.net) or 987-3835.

Sat., Feb. 9, 7 p.m. (rural Dodgeville) CITIZENS CLIMATE LOBBY meeting At this action-oriented meeting, participants will learn how to become effective spokespeople to convince others about the dangers of climate change. They'll hear from experts on the topic and enjoy tasty refreshments. Location: home of Chuck and Karen Tennesen, 3893 Mill Creek Road in rural Dodgeville. Please RSVP to 987-3835 if you plan to attend.



Sun., Feb. 10, 2 to 4 p.m. (Plain) A CELEBRATION OF THE LANDS AND PEOPLES OF ALASKA Seasonal Alaska Park Ranger Barbara Morford (who winters in Spring Green) will present a retrospective photo essay on a decade of her work and travel in Alaska. Location: Kraemer Public Library in Plain. Bring food to share, though not required. For more info call Barbara at 544-2965.

Fri., Feb. 15, 4 p.m. (Dodgeville) CITIZENS FOR PEACE MEETING Grassroots Citizens for Peace will meet at the home of Joan Mish, 301 Virginia Ct to discuss the upcoming Great Decisions program, post card politics and other potential projects. For more information contact Jane Kavaloski at [Kavaloski@countryspeed.com](mailto:Kavaloski@countryspeed.com) or 935-3007.

Sat., FEB 16, 7:30 p.m. (Mineral Point) BENEFIT CONCERT FOR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS FREE CLINIC The musical groups, Point Five and the Cozy's, will perform to benefit the Free Medical Clinic in Dodgeville. \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Location: Mineral Point Opera House.

Mon., Feb. 18, 6:30 to 8 p.m. (Reedsburg) BIPARTISAN LISTENING SESSION Reedsburg Area Concerned Citizens will hold a unique bi-partisan listening session with Sen. Dale Schultz (R), Rep. Ed. Brook (R) and Rep. Fred Clark (D) at the Reedsburg Library, 370 Vine St. The moderator will be Pastor Chris Miller from Loganville. It is hoped this will be the first of a series of listening sessions for area citizens who represent a variety of viewpoints.

Wed., Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m. (Mineral Point) "COOL COMMUNITY" GROUP

MEETS Cathy Kaiser (cakais@frontier.com) has taken over leadership of this group which is focusing on saving energy in our own homes. She is looking for another partner to share these duties. The group will meet Feb. 27 at the Mineral Point UCC Church, 300 Maiden Street, in Mineral Point. Contact Cathy for further information.

March and April (Dodgeville) GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION SERIES Join

these lively discussions at the Dodgeville Library, 139 South Iowa. To pre-register (which is encouraged) contact Vickie at the library at [vstangel@swls.org](mailto:vstangel@swls.org) or 935-3728. Events are free. You can pick up background information on the topic prior to each session.

- On Thurs., March 7, 7 p.m. and Fri., March 8 at 2 p.m., the topic will be Burma: What challenges must the country overcome before full membership in the international community?
- On Thurs., March 21 at 7 p.m. and Fri., March 22 at 2 p.m., the topic will be Intervention: When should the international community intervene?
- On Thurs., April 11 at 7 p.m. and Fri., April 12 at 2 p.m., the topic will be Iran: How can the US and Iran move forward?
- On Thurs., April 25 at 7 p.m. and Fri., March 26 at 2 p.m., the topic will be Threat Assessment: How can the U.S. assess the triple challenges of a weak economy, homegrown terrorism and nuclear proliferation.

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](mailto:grassroots@merr.com).

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