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**IMPORTANT  
COMMUNITY FORUM ON LOCAL IMPACT  
Of Gov. Walker's Budget Bills  
In Dodgeville - Tues., March 22**

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**ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE NOW  
For April 5 General Election**

Tues., March 22, 6:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) COMMUNITY FORUM TO UNDERSTAND THE LOCAL IMPACT OF GOVERNOR WALKER'S BUDGET BILLS. The goal of the forum is to help educate Iowa county residents about the contents of the bills and their effects on our communities. Dodgeville School Superintendent Diane Messer, school board member Mike Humpke, Mineral Point school board member Maureen May-Grimm, Dodgeville Librarian Vickie Stangel, Free Clinic Medical Director Dr. Aaron Dunn, County Board Supervisor Bill Grover, Ed Faherty of the Faherty recycling company and others will each speak 5 minutes, followed by comments from the audience. LOCATION: DODGEVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL gymnasium. (From Iowa Street turn west onto Chapel which is the street on the north side of the Iowa County Courthouse.)

THURS., MARCH 24, 7 p.m. (Spring Green) USING OUR VALUES AS THE "MORTAR" FOR OUR LOCAL SCHOOLS: one of the final community discussions in the Stones into Schools series. This community dialogue, to be held at the River Valley Middle School library, 660 West Daley St., will look at Greg Mortenson's Stones into Schools book from an entirely different angle. The conversation will turn to our own schools, asking the question how we can use our highest values as the "mortar" for creating strong schools and strong communities here, just as Greg Mortenson used the stones from the mountains of Afghanistan to build strong schools there. For more info, contact Cecilia Farran, 588-3313. (NOTE: THIS EVENT WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR THE 43/90 NORTH EARTH BOOKSTORE - but has been moved to the Middle School.)

TUES., MARCH 29, 7 p.m. (Mineral Point) NEW TIME FOR STONES INTO SCHOOLS DISCUSSION at Trinity Episcopal Church. The Mineral Point Book Club discussion of Stones into Schools has been changed from March 22 to Tues., March 29, at 7 p.m. All are invited. LOCATION: Trinity Episcopal Church, 409 West High in Mineral Point.

**REMINDER:** THURS., MARCH 31, 6:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) SUSTAIN IOWA COUNTY meeting Sustain Iowa County has started planning future sustainability projects and needs your help to act on them. Join us at Plymouth Congregational (UCC) Church, 115 West Merrimac (enter at side entrance on Main Street). For info contact [debi.morton@countyspeed.com](mailto:debi.morton@countyspeed.com) OR CHECK OUT THE GRASSROOTS WEBSITE, at [http://www.grassrootswi.org/sustain\\_iowa\\_county/](http://www.grassrootswi.org/sustain_iowa_county/)

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"WHAT'S HOT" PAGE

FOR A LINK TO SB 22-

Walker's education bill that would use tax-payer money to set up many more privately run charter schools as well as virtual schools. Howard Marklein is a co-sponsor.

The hearing on the bill is March 23.

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FRI., APRIL 1, 4 to 5:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) GRASSROOTS CITIZENS FOR PEACE to meet at Judy James' home, 3455 Rowe Road in Dodgeville. The agenda will include planning final Stones into Schools events. You are welcome. Contact Jane Kavaloski at 935-3007 for more info.

TUES., APRIL 5: MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR GENERAL ELECTION DAY. Or better yet, vote early by Absentee Ballot which are available now. Check with your local town/village or city clerk about how to obtain an Absentee Ballot. To check your voting status look at Voter Public Access Wisconsin. <https://vpa.wi.gov/>

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KLOPPENBURG AND PROSSER,

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SUN., APRIL 10, 2 TO 5 P.M. (Dodgeville) THE UPLANDS STONES INTO SCHOOLS COMMUNITY READ CULMINATING EVENT. Everyone - from children to seniors - is invited to participate in this celebration which will include Afghan food, music, dance, art. It's the Culminating Event of the year-long Community Read of Greg Mortenson's book *Stones into Schools*. LOCATION: Folklore Village, 3210 County B (east of Dodgeville, off of Hwy. 151). THE EVENT IS FREE.

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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