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CELEBRATE THE AFGHAN NEW YEAR

Sun., March 13 in Dodgeville

ANOTHER BIG RALLY

this time with tractors

Sat., March 12 at the Madison Capitol

Learn more about budget repair bill

On Grassroots Website

Sun., March 13, 2 p.m. (Dodgeville) CELEBRATE "THE AFGHAN NOWRUZ FESTIVAL" -- the traditional Afghan New Year Dr. Aaliya Bibi, whom many of you have met during previous appearances in Dodgeville, will return for a special afternoon of Afghan foods, history, music and traditions. You'll have a chance to sample the treats, ask questions about the culture and help to build bridges with a vitally important area half way around the world. Location: Stonefield Apartments, 407 E. Madison.

Sat., March 12, 10 to 3 p.m. (Madison) MAJOR CAPITOL RALLY Express your opinion about what's going on in Madison. From 10 to 11 a.m., the Farmer Labor Tractorcade will be on the square with a convoy of tractors to show solidarity with Wisconsin workers. The farm rally is at 11:30 a.m. at the State Street entrance. Farmers should wear green. An Educators' March begins at 1 p.m. at the corner of Mifflin and Wisconsin. The Arts workers' rally is at 2 p.m. The main rally is at 3 p.m. Guests to be announced.

Fri., March 11, noon (Madison) THE ELDERS MARCH Billed as an event for elders, senior citizens, grandparents, retirees, crones and sages, they'll meet at the State Street entrance of the Capitol and march counterclockwise around the square. Wit, wisdom and whimsy in signs and attire are invited. The Raging Grannies will lead the group in song. Folks are invited to share their mature perspective with Wisconsin's young governor and to bring friends and neighbors.

Mon., March 14, 7 p.m. (Richland Center) and Wed., March 16, 4 to 6 p.m. (Darlington) WORKERS RIGHTS RALLIES are scheduled for Richland Center on Monday at a location to be announced and on Wednesday at the Lafayette County Courthouse.

Tues., March 15, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) MONTHLY IOWA COUNTY BOARD MEETING Sup. Bill Grover's suggested resolution expressing concern about the budget repair bill's impact on Iowa County is projected to be on the agenda among a number of other topics. Members of Sustain Iowa County plan to attend to speak out in favor of maintaining sustainable practices, including recycling, in these tough economic times. Location: Community Room at new Health and Human Services Building on Merrimac Street.

MON., March 14, 3 p.m. (Dodgeville) INFORMAL STONES INTO SCHOOLS BOOK DISCUSSION around the harvest table at the Cook's Room restaurant, 102 N. Iowa. Enjoy a cup of coffee - and good conversation.

Wed, March 16, 9 a.m. (Madison) ANNUAL CONSERVATION LOBBY DAY Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters have put together this Lobby Day when citizens from throughout the state will share their conservation values with their legislators. Registration at Monona Terrace at 9 a.m. Program starts at 10 a.m. Reception at Best Western Inn on the Park, 5 p.m. For more info, click on: <http://www.conservationvoters.org> or contact Matt Dannenberg at matt@conservationvoters.org

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROPOSED BUDGET REPAIR BILL ON OUR WEBSITE

http://www.grassrootswi.org/what_is_hot/

Sun., March 20, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Spring Green) SUPREME COURT JUSTICE CANDIDATE JOANNE KLOPPENBERG will speak at the Spring Green Library. Everyone is invited to learn about her views.

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.

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