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TOWN HALL MEETINGS ON LOCAL IMPACT OF WALKER'S BUDGET BILL

In Spring Green tonight (March 14)

In Dodgeville - Tues., March 22

(Details below)

MON., March 14, 7 p.m. (Spring Green) RIVER VALLEY TOWN HALL ON

WALKER'S BUDGET PLAN The public is invited to a Town Hall on Walker's Budget Plan in the old gym of the River Valley High School (660 W Varsity in Spring Green). Joe Fahey of the Institute for Wisconsin's Future (IWF) will present the budget overview. Gary Neis, Pecatonica superintendent, will discuss cuts for local schools. The impact on farmers will also be discussed. Everyone is invited to join the discussion. Sponsors of the meeting are the River Valley Concerned Citizens group which was formed to educate our community about proposed budget bills.

TUES., MARCH 22, 6:30 - 8 p.m. (Dodgeville) COMMUNITY FORUM ON

WALKER'S BUDGET BILL Iowa County residents are invited to a Community Discussion of the Walker Budget Plan and its impact on local governments, health care services, schools, Medicaid, etc. Local service providers and citizens will speak about what the cuts mean to Iowa County. LOCATION: The event is in the Dodgeville Middle School gym.

Sun., March 20, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Spring Green) SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

CANDIDATE JOANNE KLOPPENBURG will speak at the Spring Green Community Library. Justice David Prosser has been invited but has not confirmed. Kloppenburg has argued numerous cases before the Wisconsin Supreme Court. She graduated with honors from UW Law School and has a Masters degree in Public Affairs from Princeton University.

TO LEARN ABOUT THE CONTRAST
BETWEEN KLOPPENBURG AND PROSSER,

GO TO THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS - Wisconsin site

<http://www.lwvwi.org/VotingElections/2011SupremeCourtVoterGuide.aspx>.

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.

Sat., April 9, 6 p.m. (Mineral Point) TWO FREE FILMS: "Red Gold" and "Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time" The legendary sockeye salmon run at Alaska's Bristol Bay, threatened by a proposed gold and copper mine, is the topic of "Red Gold", a one-hour documentary that depicts the tension between mine officials-who say they will build a 'clean' mine that will leave the salmon's habitat untouched-and local fishermen who oppose the mine. This exquisite film goes beyond the conflict, offering a portrait of a unique way of life that may no longer exist. The second film, *Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and a Land Ethic for Our Time*, is the first full-length, high-definition documentary film ever made about legendary conservationist Aldo Leopold and his environmental legacy. *Green Fire* shares highlights from his extraordinary career, explaining how he shaped conservation and the modern environmental movement. Sponsored by the Harry and Laura Nohr Chapter of Trout Unlimited, Blue Mounds Area Project, Military Ridge Prairie Heritage Area, and UW-Extension Iowa County, the films will be shown back-to-back at the Mineral Point Opera House, beginning at 6 p.m. A community discussion will follow about both films, facilitated by Professor Vince Kavaloski and Aldo Leopold's granddaughter, Madelyn Leopold.

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 Culmination 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.

TUES., April 5 MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR PRIMARY ELECTION DAY: Kloppenburg vs. Prosser. If you'll be out of town, get your absentee ballot early.

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