



*The Grassroots Gazette fosters community dialogue and participation throughout Southwest Wisconsin.*

**SUPREME COURT CANDIDATE JOANNE KLOPPENBURG**  
**In Spring Green - Sun., March 20**

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**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**

Sun., March 20, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Spring Green) MEET SUPREME COURT JUSTICE CANDIDATE JOANNE KLOPPENBURG at the Spring Green Community Library. Justice David Prosser has been invited but has not confirmed. Assistant Attorney General Kloppenburg has served in the Wisconsin Department of Justice since 1989 under Attorneys General from both parties. She graduated from UW Law School with Honors, holds a Masters Degree in Public Affairs from Princeton and has taught at the UW Law School since 1990. Call 544-2965 for information about the Spring Green event. Other opportunities to meet JoAnne Koppenburg will be on Fri., March 18, from 5 to 5:30 p.m. at the Reedsburg Recreational Center and on Friday, March 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Sauk County Historical Museum, 532 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Baraboo. At press time, no local events are scheduled to meet Justice Prosser.

TUES., MARCH 22, 6:30 - 8 p.m. (Dodgeville) COMMUNITY FORUM ON WALKER'S BUDGET BILL Iowa County residents are invited to a Community Forum on Gov. Walker's Budget Bills. The forum, put together by an ad hoc group of Iowa County citizens, is designed to inform local residents about the contents of the bills and their impact on our local communities. Presenters will address the impact on the County, local school districts, local recycling efforts, Badger Care, Senior Care and other health care programs and libraries. Local service providers and citizens will speak. LOCATION: Dodgeville Middle School gym, 951 West Chapel (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 can we 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 building strong schools there. The questions to be asked: Do our values keep us stuck in fear and anger? Can we live with today's chaos that then translates to our children? Do we need to reach for more positive core values? 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.)

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@countrysspeed.com](mailto:debi.morton@countrysspeed.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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THURS., MARCH 31, 8 to 4 p.m. (Dodgeville) PRACTICAL ENERGY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP for school and government facilities Energy efficiency helps schools and governments stretch their budgets further. At this one-day, hands-on workshop, you'll discover simple strategies for managing energy use effectively in your facility—saving energy and reducing operating costs. (Cost - reduced rate of \$99, including training material, continental breakfast and lunch.) Sponsored by UW Ext. LOCATION: Health and Human Services Building, Community Room, 303 W. Chapel in Dodgeville. Register by March 19 at <http://www.focusonenergy.com/Business/Education-and-Training/schools.aspx>

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 now available. 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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BETWEEN SUPREME COURT CANDIDATES  
KLOPPENBURG AND PROSSER,

Go to the Grassroots Website - Elections page. Click here.

<http://www.grassrootswi.org/elections/>

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. 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. 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 with 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 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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