



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

VOTE ON TUES., FEB. 15 FOR SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

More events: Afghan Women (Feb. 13); Mazomanie Grassroots Festival (Feb. 19); Rural Broadband (Feb. 11); Richland Center Art Exhibit (thru Feb. 23)

Tues., Feb. 15 (polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.) CRUCIAL WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT PRIMARY ELECTION - DON'T FORGET TO VOTE. (Links to candidates' websites here) Four candidates are on the ballot in this important Primary Election. These will be narrowed to two for the April General Election. Our last two Supreme Court races were plagued with controversy and special interest money. To avoid a repeat, get informed:

JOANNE KLOPPENBURG (website: <http://www.kloppenburgerforjustice.com/>) is an Assistant Attorney General. She believes "Supreme Court Justices should not act as advocates for any cause or group nor as legislators."

JOEL WINNIG (website: <http://www.winnigforjustice.com/>) is a private Madison attorney, who says, "Throughout my career I have been a voice for the working people of Wisconsin ..."

MARLA STEPHENS (website: <http://stephensforjustice.com/>) is the Director of the Office of the State Public Defender Appellate Division. She says, "I have spent my entire career defending the rights of individuals..."

DAVID PROSSER (website: <http://www.justiceprosser.com/>) is the incumbent Supreme Court Justice. He says, "I present myself as a judicial conservative devoted to the constitution and the rule of law."

MORE IMPORTANT NEWS...

Sun., Feb. 13, 2 p.m. (Dodgeville) AFGHAN WOMEN - Facts and Myths An engaging speaker, Dr. Aaliya Bibi will offer her unique perspective on the facts and myths about Afghan women. She is eager to build bridges of understanding between her culture and American women and men. LOCATION: Stonefield Apartments, 407 E. Madison in Dodgeville. A medical doctor, Dr. Bibi has worked with Afghani and Pakistani women along the border for over 10 years. She currently lives in Madison where her husband, Rehman Khan, is pursuing a PhD, but will return to her native land. Her son, Michael, is also visiting schools in the Greater Iowa County area to help build bridges of understanding with his fellow middle schoolers. This event is part of the all-Community Read project.

Sat., Feb. 12, 10 a.m. (Mineral Point), Stones into Schools book discussion at Set in Stone Bookstore, corner of High and Commerce Streets in Mineral Point. If you've read Greg Mortenson's book be sure to join us for this informal discussion.

For an up-to-date list of Stones into Schools events go to http://www.grassrootswi.org/stones_to_schools/ or "friend" the Uplands Stones into School project on FACEBOOK

Fri., Feb. 11, 2:30 to 4 p.m. (Hollandale) RURAL BROADBAND FORUM

Representatives of Frontier Communications, which recently acquired much of Verizon's local territory, will be at the American Legion/Village Hall at 200 5th Avenue in Hollandale to talk about how to make broadband service economically feasible in sparsely populated rural neighborhoods. Organized by Senator Dale Schultz.

Fri., Feb. 11, 4 to 5:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) PEACE AND JUSTICE GROUP MEET The group will continue its work on organizing the Stones into Schools all-Community Read project. Meeting will be held at Joan Mish's home, 301 Virginia Court in Dodgeville.

Sat., Feb. 19, 9:30 to 4 p.m. (Mazomanie) WISCONSIN GRASSROOTS FESTIVAL

(Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.) Congresswoman Tammy Baldwin (9:45 a.m.) is the headliner for this all-day festival and workshop which will be packed with speakers, breakout sessions, food and fun. The theme for the day is "Let's Move Forward." LOCATION: Wisconsin Heights High School, on Hwy. 14 between Black Earth and Mazomanie. Grassroot's Leadership Council member John Simonson, UW-Platteville economics professor emeritus, will talk about "US Economic Policy - Down the Rabbit Hole" at an 11 a.m. breakout session. "Healthcare Reform or Repeal" with Robert Kraig will be discussed at another morning breakout session (11 a.m.). Simonson will lead a second discussion about "Volunteerism - Vital for Economic Progress" in an afternoon breakout session (1:30 p.m.)

For the complete schedule of festival speakers and breakout sessions, go to http://www.grassrootswi.org/what_is_hot/

Through Wed., Feb 23, open daily (Richland Center) A VISITING EXHIBIT:

"ALWAYS LOST: A MEDITATION ON WAR" A powerful art exhibit created at Western Nevada College is on display at the Miller Memorial Library on the UW-Richland campus through Feb. 23. Admission is free. "Always Lost" includes 2004 Pulitzer Prize-winning Iraq War combat photos with literary work provided by creative writing students, veterans, their families and others. What began as a consideration of the effects of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars on

the US population has evolved into a powerful meditation on the effects of war on the individual - on each of us. "Always Lost" has become a sacred space in which to contemplate the personal costs and collective sacrifice of these particular conflicts. Exhibit hours: 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. (Mondays thru Thursdays); 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Fridays); 4 to 8 p.m. (Sundays)

More about the "Always Lost" Exhibit:

http://www.grassrootswi.org/citizens_for_peace/

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