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SO WHAT WILL MORE VOUCHER and CHARTER SCHOOLS DO TO OUR LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

Find out for yourself at an
important Dodgeville breakfast

Schultz AND Marklein will be there

Thurs., April 25, 7:30 to 9 a.m. LOCAL BUSINESSES AND EDUCATORS WILL COME TOGETHER TO LEARN THE FACTS ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS'

FUTURE. Can Wisconsin afford two public school systems paid for by taxpayer money? That will be among the hot topics discussed at a special Legislative Breakfast, scheduled for Thurs., April 25 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Dodger Bowl (\$7), 318 King Street, Dodgeville. Hosts are the Dodgeville and Mineral Point Chambers and the Dodgeville Schools. Senator Dale Schultz and Rep. Howard Marklein will be there to hear from you. **Dr. Bambi Statz from UW Whitewater will talk about the impact that independent charter schools and voucher schools will have on public schools.** You'll find out why since 2000 nearly \$750,000 that would have gone to the Dodgeville school district has gone instead to Milwaukee voucher schools... and how this trend is expected to continue. RSVP by calling the Dodgeville Chamber office, 935-9200.

CAN'T MAKE THE BREAKFAST? The same program will be repeated (FREE) at 7 p.m. (Thurs., April 25) at Dodgeville High School. No reservations necessary. At the evening session, Dr. Statz will go into more depth as to how your property taxes could increase and services to local students decrease in order to fund more options in our communities. Schultz and Marklein are invited to the evening program but are not confirmed.

OTHER UPCOMING LOCAL EVENTS

Sat., April 27, 6 to 9 p.m. (Barneveld) COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS FREE CLINIC AUCTION How about a week at a luxury San Miguel home for four or a weekend for four in a downtown Chicago lakefront condo? Other items on the auction block at this popular event will be a Downton Abbey dinner for eight, an Indian dinner for eight and an authentic Mexican dinner for twelve - all prepared by great local cooks. These will be among the many exciting items available at the Community Connections Free Clinic Auction at Deer Valley Lodge in Barneveld. The evening will include a light buffet and music by the Larry Busch Band. Reserve early -- online at <http://www.ccfcw.org> or send your check for \$30 per person (\$35 at the door) to CCFC Auction, P.O. Box 184, Dodgeville, WI 53533. For more info, call Ginger Brand at 608-935-7023.

Mon., May 13, noon to 1 p.m. (Darlington) CHANGES IN HEALTHCARE DUE TO THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT Dr. Aaron Dunn from Mineral Point will speak to the HCE (Home, Community and Education) group about the impact the Affordable Care Act, better known as Obamacare, will have on everyone. This event is sponsored by UW Extension. LOCATION: The Lafayette County Courthouse, County Board Room (park and enter on the back side of the Courthouse at 627 Washington Street in Darlington.) For information, contact Mary Knellwolf, 608-776-4820 or mary.knellwolf@ces.uwex.edu.

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