



The Grassroots Gazette fosters community dialogue and participation throughout Southwest Wisconsin

MEET THE 51ST DISTRICT CANDIDATES and THE CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES (Darlington and Dodgeville)

Wed., April 18, 6 p.m. (Darlington) MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR the 2nd U.S. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT and the 51st district STATE ASSEMBLY RACE

Much of our area is now part of the 2nd U.S. Congressional district (Tammy Baldwin's seat). State Rep. Kelda Helen Roys, State Rep. Mark Pocan, Dave Worzala and Matt Silverman are running on the Dems ticket. You'll have a chance to meet the candidates and hear them speak at the Bridges Restaurant, 201 Christensen Drive in Darlington. Also on the program are 51st District State Assembly candidates Maureen (Mo) Grimm and Pat Bomhack.

Thurs., April 19, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) MEET THE CHALLENGERS FOR THE 51ST DISTRICT STATE ASSEMBLY RACE Democratic challengers Maureen (Mo) May Grimm and Pat Bomhack, one of whom will face current Assemblyman Howard Marklein in the November election, will have a joint appearance at the Dodgeville Library. Each candidate will speak and answer questions. Also on the program that evening is Dennis Weidmann, the author of the book Cut from the Same Cloth. Refreshments will be served.

INTERESTED IN HELPING IOWA COUNTY PEOPLE REGISTER TO VOTE? Mary Schultz, the Iowa County coordinator for United Wisconsin, is coordinating the effort to contact several hundred people who are not registered. She needs volunteers willing to call from 10 to 25 of these people to let them know how to get registered. Call Mary at 608-588-7808 or let the Gazette know by return email that you are willing to help.

Thurs., April 26 and Fri., April 27 (Dodgeville) STATE OF THE OCEANS: What are the consequences of climate change? This will be the last of the Great Decisions discussion series at the Dodgeville Public Library, co-sponsored by the Grassroots Citizens for Peace. Pre-register by contacting Vickie Stangel at 608-935-3728 or vstangel@swls.org. Advance reading materials can be picked up at the Dodgeville Library or you can get them online at our Grassroots website's What's Hot page -- http://www.grassrootswi.org/what_is_hot/

Sat., April 28, 6 to 9 p.m. (Barneveld) WHAT'S ALL THE TWITTER: the 2012 Community Connections Free Clinic Auction How about a week's stay at a vintage Parisian apartment two blocks from the Louvre -- where you'll find your next-door-neighbor host, Koco, is a trove of information about Paris. (She's originally from Wisconsin.) That's just

one of the great experiences and treasures you'll have a chance to bid on at the Community Connections Free Clinic auction to be held this year at the Deer Valley Lodge, Hwy. 151 in Barneveld. The evening includes a Casual Dinner Buffet (\$25 per person) and music by the Larry Busch band. Reserve early. RSVP to Ginger Brand at 935-7023 or ccfauction@gmail.com. Other auction items include a "Night in Milan" dinner for six or a house call from an antiques appraiser (just like having the "Antiques Roadshow" in your own home). Or how about a whole lamb, a Tom Kelly portrait of your favorite pet, a guided fly fishing trip, an original Lauren Thuli collage of Wisconsin birds, or piano and voice lessons?

Mon., April 16 MARY LOUISE SYMON AWARD applications are due. Every year Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin presents awards to graduating male and female high school seniors from River Valley, Dodgeville, Mineral Point, Highland, Iowa-Grant, Barneveld or Pecatonica schools who exemplify a commitment to community service. The award honors Grassroots founding member Mary Louise Symon, a long-time Spring Green resident and community activist. If you know of a deserving student, have them check out the Grassroots website for an application: http://www.grassrootswi.org/mary_louise_symon_award/ or check with their high school counselors. Winners will be announced in May.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Thurs., April 19, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) LANDS END

ENVIRONMENTAL FAIR The public is invited to tour the booths of over 20 farmers and local business people who have a focus on sustainability. Learn about organic farming, gardening, composting, recycling, energy-saving heating/cooling systems and more. It will be held in the Comer Center, adjacent to Building #5 on the Lands End campus. The new Lands End apple orchard will be dedicated at 1:45 p.m. that day, according to Randy Peterson, vice president for sustainability.

Thurs., April 19, 1:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) "NEW TO MEDICARE" INFORMATION

SESSION will be held in Room 1001 of the Health and Human Services Center, 303 W. Chapel in Dodgeville. Are you new to the Medicare system and want to know what your benefits are? If so, this is the session for you. Register with the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center by calling 608-930-9835.

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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