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"NEW MEDICARE BENEFITS AND YOU"

Forum is Tues., Dec. 13 in Dodgeville

RUNNING FOR LOCAL OFFICE?

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TUES., DEC. 13, 1 to 2 p.m. (Dodgeville) "NEW MEDICARE BENEFITS AND YOU" Local seniors are invited to a free talk, sponsored by the Grassroots Health Care Task Force, called "New Medicare Benefits and You" to be held at Stonefield Apartments, 407 East Madison in Dodgeville. Refreshments will be served. Dr. Aaron Dunn will talk about the critical importance of taking advantage of free preventive care now available for folks on Medicare, thanks to last year's health care reform legislation, the Affordable Care Act. Others on the program include Nancy Howard, benefits specialist for the Iowa County Aging and Disabilities Resource Center; Billy Feitlinger, executive director of the Wisconsin Alliance for Retired Americans, and Doug Hill, director of Know Your Care Wisconsin. "Preventative care isn't just for the young guns," says Feitlinger. "It's great to see the Affordable Care Act providing such important services to so many seniors across the country." For more information, contact Earl Barnes, task force chair, grassroots@merr.com or call 608-623-2109.

FRI., DEC. 2, 4 p.m. (Dodgeville) GRASSROOTS CITIZENS FOR PEACE MEETING AND HOLIDAY SOCIAL Get in the holiday spirit at this December potluck social and community sing at Joan Mish's home, 301 S. Virginia Court, Dodgeville. For more info about the group's on-going activities and events, contact Jane Kavaloski at kavaloski@countryrspeed.com or 608-935-3007.

THURS., DEC. 1 (throughout the area) COMMITTED LOCAL CANDIDATES NEEDED NOW Serving your local communities has never been more important. **Candidates for County Boards of Supervisors** can start circulating petitions on Thurs., Dec. 1. You'll need at least 20 signatures. Pick up a petition at the County Clerk's office at your County Courthouse. You can also pick up a map of your district and for a nominal fee a computerized list of registered voters in that area. The completed petitions must be turned into the clerk's office by Tues., Jan 3. The primary election is Feb. 21. The general Spring Election is April 3. **To run for school boards**, pick up a Declaration of Candidacy form now at your school district office. This must be returned (notarized) by Jan. 3. **To run for village and town boards**, find out when your local caucus is from your town or village clerk or at your local library. The date for the caucus must be set by Jan 1. The first date when they can be held is Jan. 4. Candidates should definitely plan to attend the caucus where candidates are selected to run.

THURS., DEC. 1, 6:40 to 7:40 p.m. (on the phone) REP. RON KIND LIVE TELEPHONE TOWN HALL Here's your chance to listen in, ask questions of Ron Kind and provide your feedback about what's going on in Washington. Jobs, the deficit, the economy and more will all be on the agenda. To participate, call toll-free (877) 229-8493. Punch in the code 13433 -- anytime between 6:40 and 7:40 pm.

TUES., DEC. 20, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEET When it becomes available, the agenda will be posted at <http://www.iowacounty.org/> Click on Minutes & Agendas, then click on County Board, then click on 2011 to get the agendas and minutes for each of the respective meetings. Board meetings are held at the new Health and Human Services building, 303 W. Chapel St.

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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