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IMPORTANT PRESIDENTIAL AND U.S. SENATE

DEBATES ARE COMING UP...

You'll find the schedule below...

plus other important local events!

U.S. Senate Candidates Tammy Baldwin and Tommy Thompson debate this Friday, Sept. 28, from 8 to 10 p.m. on channels 21 (PBS) and 27 (ABC). The two will debate again on Thurs., October 18 (7 to 8 p.m. on PBS) and on Friday, October 26.

The first of three Obama-Romney presidential debates is next week - Wed., Oct. 3 from 8 to 10 p.m. on all major channels. The topic will be domestic issues with PBS's Jim Lehrer moderating. On Tues., Oct. 16 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. they'll debate foreign and domestic policy, in a town hall format, with Candy Crowley from CNN moderating (all major channels). On Monday, October 22, from 8 to 9:30 p.m. the topic will be foreign policy, with CBS's Bob Schieffer moderating (all major channels).

Vice President Joe Biden and Paul Ryan will debate foreign and domestic policy on Thurs., Oct. 11, from 8 to 10 p.m., with ABC's Martha Raddatz moderating. The debate will be shown on all major channels.

OUR GRASSROOTS WEBSITE "ELECTIONS PAGE" offers other vital information about the coming elections. Click here to go directly to the Elections Page: <http://www.grassrootswi.org/elections/>

ON OUR WEBSITE YOU'LL FIND HOW TO:

- 1) Vote early to avoid the lines. (From Mon., Oct. 22 to Fri. Nov. 2, your local clerk can issue absentee ballots for early voting in person at his/her office. Also get an absentee ballot from your clerk if you'll be out of town.)
- 2) Register to vote online - and help others do so. (It's a new quick and easy method.)

- 3) Find excellent, nonpartisan information on the candidates. This information has been compiled from WPT and WPR broadcasts and other sources.
- 4) Find out exactly who you will be voting for and where -- by entering your street address. A sample of your ballot will come up. You'll be prepared when you walk in the voting booth.
- 5) Discover if you are in a new Congressional or State Assembly district. You may be surprised. Many redistricting changes have been made.
- 6) Find out about the Dodgeville School Referendum and the upcoming listening sessions.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat., Oct. 20, 6:30 p.m. (Mineral Point) "IF THE RICH GET RICHER, WHAT HAPPENS TO YOU?" Mahlon Mitchell, the president of the Wisconsin Firefighters union who ran for Lt. Governor with Tom Barrett, will be the headliner for the Grassroots annual fall event, to be held Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Green Lantern Studios, 261 High Street in Mineral Point. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Mitchell will speak at 7 p.m. Scheduled for the weekend of the Fall Art Tour, the event is a great way to meet friends and relax after a day of art touring. Expect wine, cheese and lively conversation. Reservations are appreciated but not required. RSVP to emma@mhtc.net or 608-967-2375.

Mon., Oct. 1; Thurs., Oct. 18; Tues., Oct. 30 (all at 7 p.m.) LISTENING SESSIONS TO LEARN ABOUT DODGEVILLE SCHOOL REFERENDUM The October 1 and October 18 sessions will both be held in the Dodgeville High School Gym. The Oct. 30 session will be in the Dodgeville Elementary School Gym. Check out details about the referendum on our Grassroots website: http://www.grassrootswi.org/notices/Oct_1_2012/21109

Fri., Oct. 26, 5:30/7:30 p.m. (Richland Center) 18TH ANNUAL BENEFIT BURRITO SUPPER AND DANCE To be held at Blue Highways, 165 N. Central in Richland Center, this event will benefit the rural villagers and sea turtles of Santa Teresa in Nicaragua as part of the Richland Center-Santa Teresa Sister City Project. The 5:30 p.m. supper will feature build-your-own burritos and homemade desserts. At 7:30 p.m., the Kettle Creek String Band from Gays Mills will play and call old-time dance music, including squares, reels, polkas, and waltzes. Dances

will be taught and all ages are welcome. \$10 per adult or \$5 per child includes both dinner and dance. If you have questions, call Jane Furchgott at 583-2431.

Thurs., Oct. 4, from 5 to 6 p.m. (Platteville) "ECONOMIC INEQUALITY IN THE UNITED STATES" As part of its Ideas for a New Century Forum Series, UW Platteville will present a conversation on economic inequality between Dr. Brian Peckham and Dr. Michael Dalecki in Lundeen Lecture Hall, Room 103, Doudna Hall. See <http://www.uwplatt.edu/> for more information and directions to the campus.

Tues., Oct. 9, 9 a.m. (Dodgeville) MEDICARE PLAN FINDER WORKSHOP Learn valuable tips from Elder Benefit Specialists on how to select the prescription drug plan or Medicare Health Plan that works best for you so you're ready for the Medicare Open Enrollment period from 10/15 to 12/7. Bring your list of prescription drugs to enter into the Plan Finder. You'll be working on the library computers. LOCATION: Dodgeville Public Library, 139 S. Iowa St. Sponsored by the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

Sun., Oct. 14, 3 to 5 p.m. (rural Dodgeville) CLIMATE CHANGE AND A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE IN THE DRIFTLESS AREA Dan Vimont of the Wisconsin Initiative on Climate Change Impacts (WICCI), will discuss potential effects of climate change to agriculture, water and natural resources, local economies, and public health in Southwest Wisconsin. WICCI is embarking on a new effort to evaluate the impact of climate change on the Driftless Area and create new approaches for building a healthy and sustainable future. Location: Folklore Village, 3210 Highway BB, Dodgeville. Refreshments and music at 3 p.m. Program begins at 3:30 p.m. Continuing conversation after 5 p.m. RSVP is appreciated by Oct. 8 to <http://driftlessconservancy.org/> or call 930-3252. \$20 per person.

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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