

Old News 2014

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF THE RED RIVER VALLEY PO BOX 295 FARGO, ND 58107

*Informing the voters of
West Fargo, Fargo, Moorhead, & Dilworth*

DECEMBER 5, 2014 FIRST FRIDAY

Date: December 5, 2014
Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Location: Sons of Norway, 722 2nd Ave N, Fargo ND
(in the lounge this month)
Topic: Preview of the Minnesota State Legislature

Please join Sen. Kent Eken and Rep. Ben Lien as they discuss the next legislative session in St. Paul. Each will offer their views and open the floor to questions. We are in the lounge, but we hope the trolls won't bother you.

As usual, we start to gather at 11:30 for lunch and the program begins at Noon. Hope to see you there.

OCTOBER 23, 2014 ONLINE VIDEO CANDIDATE FORUMS

Here are YouTube links to the Moorhead Candidates Forums from Saturday October 11th at the Moorhead Public Library.

- [Moorhead School Board](#)
- [Minnesota House District 4B](#)
- [Minnesota Judge District 7](#)
- [Minnesota House District 4A](#)
- [Clay County Commission 3 and 4: Clay County Sheriff](#)
- They are also being rebroadcast on [MCAM](#). (cable schedule)

Thursday's North Dakota Candidate Forums.

- [North Dakota LWV Candidate Forum: Districts 27 & 41](#)
- [North Dakota LWV Candidate Forum: Districts 13 & 45](#)
- [North Dakota LWV Candidate Forum: Districts 2 & 4](#)
- [North Dakota LWV Candidate Forum: District 21](#)
- [North Dakota LWV Candidate Forum: District 11](#)

Thanks to Moorhead Community Access Media (MCAM) and the City of Fargo for their help on the videos.

NOVEMBER 7, 2014 FIRST FRIDAY

Date: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Location: Sons of Norway, 722 2nd Ave N, Fargo ND
Topic: Higher Education in North Dakota from a Student's Perspective

Chris McEwen, a NDSU graduate student and member of the North Dakota Board of Higher Education will speak. Come here from a student on higher education in North Dakota and, since it will be after election day, discuss the reaction to results on Measure 3 that seeks to abolish the ND Board of Higher Education and replace it with an appointed Commission on Higher Education.

As usual, we start to gather at 11:30 for lunch and the program begins at Noon. Hope to see you there.

OCTOBER 22, 2014 NORTH DAKOTA CANDIDATE FORUMS

Hear from Candidates in Fargo on Wednesday October 22nd.

Join us from 6:00 - 8:30 pm at the Fargo City Commission Chamber for forums for the following:

6:00 - 6:55 pm, ND State Legislative Districts 11 and 21
7:00 - 8:30 pm, ND State Legislative Districts 27 and 41

Candidates will give opening and closing statements and respond to questions written by members of the audience. We thank the City of Fargo for the use of the City Commission Chamber for the forums. The event will be broadcast on Cableone's Public Access Channel and we will post the forum as soon as the video is available.

OCTOBER 16, 2014 NORTH DAKOTA CANDIDATE FORUMS

Hear from Candidates in Fargo on Thursday October 16th.

Join us from 6:00 - 8:30 pm at the Fargo City Commission Chamber for forums for the following:

6:00 - 6:45 pm, Cass County Commission Districts 2 and 4
7:00 - 8:30 pm, ND State Legislative Districts 13 and 45

Candidates will give opening and closing statements and respond to questions written by members of the audience. We thank the City of Fargo for the use of the City Commission Chamber for the forums. The event will be broadcast on Cableone's Public Access Channel and we will post the forum as soon as the video is available.

OCTOBER 11, 2014 MINNESOTA CANDIDATE FORUMS

Hear from Candidates in Moorhead on Saturday October 11th.

Join us from 10 am - 2 pm on Oct. 11 at the Moorhead Public Library for forums for the following:

10:10 - 11:00 am, Clay County Sheriff, Clay County Commission Districts 3 and 4
11:10 - 11:50 am, Minnesota House Districts 4B
12:00 - 1:00 pm, Moorhead School Board
1:10 - 1:50 pm, Minnesota House Districts 4A
1:55 pm, Statements from MN District Judge Candidates

Candidates will give opening and closing statements and respond to questions written by members of the audience. We thank the Moorhead Public Library for provided room for the forums.

OCTOBER 3, 2014 FIRST FRIDAY

Date: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Location: Sons of Norway, 722 2nd Ave N, Fargo ND
Topic: Local Oral History Projects

Please join Les Bakke, LWVRRV Board Member, as he presents excerpts from local oral history projects being done in the area. These include oral histories with veterans and with Legendary League Members.

As usual, we start to gather at 11:30 for lunch and the program begins at Noon. Hope to see you there.

SEPTEMBER 5, 2014 FIRST FRIDAY

Date: September 5, 2014
Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Location: Sons of Norway, 722 2nd Ave N, Fargo ND
Topic: A Reminder and Update on the New ND Voting Law

DeAnn Buckhouse, Cass County Election Coordinator, follows up to her presentation last spring on the new ND Voter ID law. Now we are adding the experience from last June. We hope you will come and hear her report from and share your views as voters.

We will start gathering at 11:30 am for socializing and lunch, Program from Noon - 1:00. Please join us.

NORTH DAKOTA VOTER FORUMS FOR LOCAL AND PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Here are dates and places for three Voter Forums in Fargo and West Fargo. Please attend and ask questions of the candidates. If you can't attend, all the Candidate Forums we sponsored are now on [YouTube.com](#). Please click the link to view them.

Date: Saturday, April 26, 2014
Location: Fargo City Commission Chambers
Time: 9:00 - 9:55 am, Fargo Park Board
Time: 10:00 - 10:55 am, Fargo City Commission
Time: 11:00 - 11:55 am, Fargo Mayor

Date: Tuesday, April 29, 2014
Location: West Fargo City Hall
Time: 7:00 - 7:45 pm, West Fargo City Commission
Time: 7:50 - 9:00 pm, West Fargo School Board

Date: Saturday, May 3, 2014
Location: Fargo City Commission House
Time: 9:00 - 9:45 am, ND District 41 House Primary
Time: 10:00 - 10:55 am, Fargo School Board Session 1
Time: 11:00 - 11:55 am, Fargo School Board Session 2
Fargo School Board candidates in two session due to size of the field. Session 1 with 6 candidates and Session 2 with 5 candidates.

Thanks to Bev Lake, Les Bakke and all the folks they have rounded up to volunteer for each session.

MAY 2, 2014 FIRST FRIDAY

Date: May 2, 2014
Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Location: Sons of Norway, 722 2nd Ave N, Fargo ND
Topic: Has the Supreme Court Opened the Door to Even More Money in Campaigns?

Dr. Barbara Headrick, Chair of MSUM Dept. of Political Science and your humble LWVRRV President, will do her best to explain the U.S. Supreme Court's latest ruling on campaign finance.

The League of Women Voters has consistently backed rules to prevent a few large donors from having an overwhelming impact on elections. However, the majority of the current U.S. Supreme Court considers money as free speech and has now eliminated the limit on total donations an individual can give to candidates or parties.

Dr. Headrick will also discuss the impact seen since a 2010 Supreme Court ruling led to creation of *SuperPACs*.

We will start gathering at 11:30 am for socializing and lunch, Program from Noon - 1:00. Please join us for last First Friday until September

APRIL 4, 2014 FIRST FRIDAY

Date: April 4, 2014
Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Location: Sons of Norway, 722 2nd Ave N, Fargo ND
Topic: Northern Plains Botanical Garden

Jim Anderson, President of the Northern Plains Botanical Garden, will talk about their organization, their garden work in our community and their plans for the future. Come learn about what their website calls "*Our Little Secret*." Here is their website so you can come a bit better prepared: [NPBotanicGarden.com](#)

We will start gathering at 11:30 am for socializing and lunch, Program from Noon - 1:00. We can all chat some more about some of the topics from the Annual Meeting last Saturday.

MARCH 7, 2014 FIRST FRIDAY

Date: March 7, 2014
Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Location: Sons of Norway, 722 2nd Ave N, Fargo ND
Topic: Planning for the Future of Downtown Moorhead

Moorhead Economic Development Director Matt Maslowski will speak on the efforts in Moorhead to improve the downtown area. Please come and hear the ideas being explored and give your views to Mr. Maslowski. Moorhead's Mayor and LWVRRV's Vice-President Del Rae Williams has graciously agreed to introduce Mr. Maslowski.

Start gathering at 11:30 am for socializing and lunch Program from Noon - 1:00.

FEBRUARY 7, 2014 FIRST FRIDAY

Date: February 7, 2014
Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Location: Sons of Norway, 722 2nd Ave N, Fargo ND
Topic: Plans for Changes to Downtown Fargo

Fargo City Administrator Pat Zavoral will speak on the plans for changes for downtown Fargo. This is an opportunity to hear in full the plans for 2nd Street, City Hall and more in one place. Please come and hear the ideas being explored and give your views to Mr. Zavoral. These plans relate to flood prevention plans and pursuing the needs of the city with the desire for a vibrant downtown vibrant.

Start gathering at 11:30 am for socializing and lunch Program from Noon - 1:00.

JANUARY 3, 2014 FIRST FRIDAY

Date: January 3, 2014
Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Location: Sons of Norway, 722 2nd Ave N, Fargo ND
Topic: Fargo Moorhead Metro COG on Metro 2040

Wade Kline will speak about Metro 2040 for the First Friday in January. The Fargo-Moorhead Metropolitan Council of Governments (Metro COG) is in the process of updating its Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) for the FM Metropolitan area. This update to the LRTP, entitled Metro 2040 - Mobility for the Future, will serve as the multimodal transportation plan for the FM area through 2040. It will represent the transportation needs of automobiles, pedestrians, bicyclists and public transit systems.

The purpose of Metro 2040 is to guide decision makers on selecting projects, allocating funding and managing policies that affect future transportation needs in the FM Metropolitan area. Metro 2040 will look at the existing and projected evolution of all modes of transportation and provide recommendations for constructing a maintaining a multimodal transportation system capable of accommodating future transportation needs.

Start gathering at 11:30 am for socializing and lunch Program from Noon - 1:00.

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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF BISMARCK - MANDAN

2014 GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATE FORUMS AND DEBATES

Sponsored by the Bismarck-Mandan League of Women Voters, Bismarck Tribune, and Dakota Media Access

Monday, September 29
Tom Baker Room – Bismarck
6:00 p.m. Legislative District 35 Senate
7:00 p.m. Bismarck City Commission

Tuesday, September 30
Bosh Froehlich Room – Mandan
6:00 p.m. Morton County Sheriff
7:00 p.m. Morton County Commission

Wednesday, October 1
Tom Baker Room – Bismarck
6:00 p.m. Legislative District 47 Senate
7:00 p.m. Legislative District 35 House

Thursday, October 2
Tom Baker Meeting Room – Bismarck
6:00 p.m. Burleigh County Commission

Thursday, October 23
Belle Mehus Auditorium
6:30 p.m. ND Agriculture Commissioner Debate
7:30 p.m. U.S. House of Representatives Debate

The events will be carried LIVE on Government Access, channel 2 and online at [www.freev.org](#). The October 23 debates will also be available on Midcontinent Communications channel #323 (available on basic tier). The forums and debates will also be replayed on cable and available for online viewing up until the election.

Forum Locations and Call-in Numbers:
(no call-in questions for the October 23 debates)

Bismarck
Call in # - 355-1312
Tom Baker Meeting Room,
City/County Building,
221 N 5th Street

Mandan
Call In # - 667-3237
Ed "Bosh" Froehlich Meeting Room,
Mandan City Hall, 205 2nd Ave. NW