

Stockton to host congressional debate in October

Jeff Van Drew, Seth Grossman invited; third-party candidates are not

By ERIC AVEDESIAN
Cape May Star and Wave

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP — Major party candidates in the Second Congressional District election have agreed to meet in a debate Wednesday, Oct. 10, at Stockton University.

Third-party and independent candidates were not asked to participate.

The debate between Republican Seth Grossman, a former Atlantic City councilman and Atlantic County freeholder, and Democrat Jeff Van Drew, a First Legislative District senator, will be held in Stockton's Campus Center Theatre.

The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy of Stockton University and The Press of Atlantic City are sponsoring the public forum.

National political leaders and pundits are watching the race for the open District 2 seat as incumbent Republican U.S. Rep. Frank LoBiondo prepares to retire from Congress and partisan control of the House is contested.

Further details about the debate, including time and format, will be announced in the near future.

Grossman, who is running on promoting President Donald Trump's "Make

America Great Again" policies, said the upcoming debate is important to discuss the issues that have largely gone ignored so far.

"Until now far too much of the discussion dealt with fake issues that have nothing to do with what we'll be facing in Congress next year. This debate will put the spotlight on what I believe are the real issues that we will have to deal with and so voters can make an informed choice in November," Grossman said.

Van Drew said debates present another facet of elections, like meeting with constituents directly or distributing position papers.

"I always look forward to debates. There's a good exchange of ideas. I think a few debates during a campaign is something that adds value," Van Drew said.

"We certainly have a host of issues whether it's veteran's affairs or the way we conduct ourselves as elected officials and leaders, to the environment, and the economy. I'm willing to go through all that and see where we end up. It'll be fun."

While the Republicans and Democrats will be represented, local independent candidates won't.

"We feel it's important that the major party candidates get a chance to deliver their stance on the issues," John Froomjian, of the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy said.

Froomjian said criteria for third party candidates to participate in the debate includes filing a Federal Election Commission (FEC) finance report and garnering significant support pre-election polls.

"If one of these candidates shows up in the poll by 7 percent or greater, we would seriously consider inviting them to the debate," Froomjian said. "I've looked at research over the years. I've looked at polling numbers and voting results and the vast majority of voters vote for one of the major party candidates. I think there are other venues where third party candidates can have access to the stage."

Independent candidate Dr. Steven Fenichel of Ocean City, who styles himself as an alternative option to the "dirty money" candidates and who favors clean money for elections, living wages for workers and expanding health care for all, was not invited to participate in Stockton's debate.

Fenichel called the mis-

sion statement to the Hughes Foundation for public policy "beautiful" but "meaningless."

"The center provides a forum for public discussion of policy issues to engage citizens and policy makers, frame policy issues in a manner that encourages broader civic engagement, and strengthen the voice of Southern New Jersey in public debate," according to the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy's mission statement.

Fenichel said he was "flabbergasted" about not being asked to take part in the event.

"Stockton, being a university is a co-conspirator with the William Hughes Center, is denying a different voice than the voice of the big money-grubbers. It's actually an obscenity," Fenichel said.

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Rising Nation River Journey

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"The treaty started in 2002 when we decided that it would be a good thing to partner with other caretakers of the ground, of the land and each other."

DePaul said when the

river journey began in 2002, they had 17 treaty signers and now Rising Nation has almost 50 treaty signers and more than 100 individuals.

"We do everything we can to protect the environment," she said.

The nation is protesting against the PennEast Pipeline. The pipeline is a proposed gas transmission project of six companies. Twenty-four townships in Pennsylvania and New Jersey have passed resolutions opposing the Pen-

nEast Pipeline.

The project would cut a 125-foot swath for 114 miles, starting in Luzerne County, Pa., and ending in Mercer County. DePaul said the pipeline is scheduled to run through one of the Lenape's sacred sites.

Cape May considers extra month on beaches, Promenade for dogs

By JACK FICHTER
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — Every dog must have its day, but in Cape May they might get an extra month.

City Council introduced an ordinance permitting dogs on the Promenade during the months of November through April. Previously dogs were welcome on the Promenade only through March.

The ordinance states dogs would be permitted on the beach from the midpoint of Madison Avenue beach to and including Poverty Beach from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. November through April. Dog use of the beach previously ended in March. Dogs are not permitted on the beach May through October. Dogs must be leashed at all times and the owner must carry and use a waste-disposal bag.

The only dogs allowed on the Washington Street Mall are "properly documented

and licensed service animals."

Linda Steenrod, chairwoman of the city's Pet Advisory Committee, said the changes in the ordinance expand minimally the opportunity for people to enjoy Cape May with their dogs. She noted there was no change in allowing dogs on the mall.

The advisory committee discussed enforcement of rules for dogs on the mall because of the problem of easily accessible and "not necessarily legal attainment of service dog paraphernalia."

"People take their dogs on the mall claiming they are a service dog when they aren't legally service dogs," Steenrod said. "Since regular, ordinary, everyday dogs are not allowed on the mall, I think the council, the committee and the police department need to work together on how that's going to be enforced because it can be a negative as far as tour-

ism is concerned, but if the ordinance is in place that dogs cannot be on the mall, then that is an issue that's going to have to be addressed."

Police Chief Tony Marino stated in an email the police department does not have a specific policy for service animals but follows the latest guidelines from the state, which state that officers may inquire about dog status if in an area not allowed.

"However, if folks claim service dog status with paperwork or not: the officer is to not go any further with questioning," he stated. "It is a very difficult balancing act for the department and officers. We do our best to limit areas such as mall to only service dogs. Code enforcement also checks on this and has a handout they use."

Steenrod encouraged council to reconsider in the near future the Pet Advisory Committee's request for the limited hours for dogs on the beach from 6 to 8 a.m. in season. There usually are no sunbathers or beachgoers there at that time, Steenrod said.

"People that tend to use the beach, like the dog park, are self-monitoring and they watch other people with their dogs and try to make sure they're doing the things that are right, like picking up after their dogs, keeping their dogs on a leash, monitoring their dog's behavior," she said. "What I have found in my experience is that there's not usually a problem with the dog, it's a problem with the owner."

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