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Newsletter of the Coulee Region Group

OCTOBER MEETING

Why NOT to drill on ANWR!

Tuesday, Oct. 28th

7 pm at the
HoChunk Three Rivers House
at 8th & Main

(6 pm: ExComm meeting)

**Sierra Club members &
non-members all welcome!**

Speaker: Kay Rutherford

La Crosse resident Kay Rutherford, who once lived on Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, will speak on "Why NOT to drill on ANWR!" Kay has a personal attachment to the area and has written a book to share ANWR's story. She will show slides, share artifacts, and bring her retired sled dog, Sasha. Kay also tells how she tried to eat a loofa! This is just in time to reflect on this year's presidential election and how the results may affect this area.

FROM THE CHAIR:

Kay Rutherford's program on the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge relates directly to the election focus of this newsletter issue. Who we elect for president and for House and Senate will have a direct effect on what happens to ANWR--whether the result will be "drill, baby, drill" or will be development of conservation and renewable energy alternatives. And of course, the consequences go far beyond ANWR.

What can you do to affect the election results?

- Register to vote and encourage others to register;
- Volunteer to help or make a contribution to candidates;
- Communicate with friends and associates about endorsed candidates (yard signs, etc.);
- Attend campaign events;
- Help get out the vote on election day;
- VOTE!!

Pat Wilson

Welcome new members!

May:

Ryan Champlin, Darwin Dobbs, Adrienne Loh, James Pierce, Paul Taylor, K. Andresen-Skibo & S. D. Skibo

June:

Peggy Abbott, Norma Anderson, Mildred Arndt, Kraig Brownell, Paul Byrne, Georgia Carr, Maggie Doherty, Carrie Freeman, Craig Hanson, Mike & Lara Higgins, Karolanne Hoffman, Robert J. Kraemer, Dolores Maurer, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas McLenahan, Elizabeth Stine, George Tabbert, J. Trost & J. Longhurst, Michael Wallace, Ruth Waller

July:

Barbara Byrne, Becky Felix, William George, Ms. Muriel Gunderson, William Howe, Lloyd Keesler, Helen Larson, Mary Peck, Lisa Reimler, Paul Tobiason, Linus Waldera

August:

Jamie Aspenson, Sarah Bartash, Timothy Dedeayne, Cynthia Duerkop, Brian Ewing, Catherine Franke, Charles Holderbaum, Brian Kadrmas, David Kuderer, Dr. Joan Mueller, Susan Paull, Judy Peterson, Louisa Pires, Jeff Polzin, Mary Rae, Marguerite Revie, Kelli Schultz, Sara Sullivan, Laura Theis, Nehonna Toth, Amy Van Arsdall, Mark Weddig, Gretchen Wiese, Leonard Wood



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Sierra Club Political Endorsements

The Sierra Club has made the following political endorsements for the November elections, based on the candidates' responses to environmental issues questionnaires sent by the Sierra Club.

Barack Obama for President:

The Sierra Club has officially endorsed Senator Barack Obama for president. Senator Obama's plans to help with the energy crisis include increasing automotive fuel efficiency standards; national building efficiency goals; increased investment in new energy technology and in conservation; increasing the portion of U.S. electricity that comes from renewable sources; and attacking global warming. Obama rejects more drilling as the solution to our energy needs, and wants to end our addiction to oil.

Ron Kind for Third District Congressman

Ron Kind has consistently voted for environmental protection. His voting record earned a 95% rating from the League of Conservation Voters on their most recent scorecard. Ron's been a champion for Mississippi River protection and urged full funding of the Environmental Monitoring Program for the Mississippi. He authored the Upper Mississippi River Basin Protection Act to protect the river from sedimentation and nutrient runoff.

Tara Johnson of La Crosse for State Senate District 32

Tara Johnson is a county board member and Vice Chair of the board, where she's supported environmental initiatives such as the county adopting the Natural Step process to promote sustainability. She's running against incumbent State Senator Dan Kapanke.

Chris Danou of Trempealeau for State Assembly District 91

Chris is running for the seat to be vacated by Barbara Gronemus. Chris is committed to developing alternative energy resources and to responsible environmental stewardship, with science, not ideology, driving the decision making.

Jennifer Schilling of La Crosse for State Assembly District 95

Jennifer Schilling received a 90% rating from the Sierra Club John Muir Chapter for her 2007-2008 assembly voting record on environmental issues. She has consistently supported environmental protection for La Crosse.

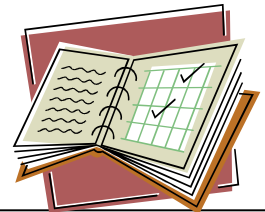
A T. Boone Pickens Plan for the Midwest?: Panel Discussion about Ecoenergy's plans for wind turbines and power lines along the I 90 Corridor

Clean Energy Coalition Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 30, 7-9 p.m.

HoChunk Three Rivers House

This will be a panel discussion that includes a spokesman for Ecoenergy. Ecoenergy is the concern that wants to build scores of wind turbines along the I 90 corridor in Southeast Minnesota.



SIERRA CLUB 2009 CALENDARS Looking for that perfect Holiday gift?

As always, this year's Sierra Club 2009 calendars feature stunningly beautiful photos from around the world. They are available either as wall or desk calendars and are appreciated by everyone. The wall calendar sells for \$12.95; the desk calendar is \$13.95. They will be available at the Sierra Club meeting, or you can order yours from Maureen Kinney (who will also deliver them if you live in the La Crosse area!). She can be reached at 784-9324 (home); 784-5678 (work) or by e-mail at maureen@johnsflaherty.com