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Dates announced for “RALLY 2016” candidate forums on WSRE
WSRE and local Leagues of Women Voters give viewers unbiased look at candidates



Pensacola, Fla., June 7, 2016—“RALLY” candidate forums on WSRE are an election cycle tradition in Northwest Florida, going back to the 1970s. The “RALLY 2016” broadcasts for the upcoming primary and general elections in Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa counties have been scheduled for August 2–4 and October 25–26 respectively.

“RALLY 2016” is produced by WSRE in cooperation with the Okaloosa County and Pensacola Bay Area Leagues of Women Voters to give viewers an unbiased look at the candidates running for public office and an opportunity to hear their responses to questions on current issues. Mollye Barrows is the producer and will co-host the programs with WUWF’s Sandra Averhart.

Races include U.S. House of Representatives District 1; Florida Senate Districts 1 and 2; Florida House Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4; Escambia County Sheriff, County Commissioner, School Board, School Superintendent and Tax Collector; Santa Rosa County Sheriff, County Commissioner, School Board and School Superintendent; and Okaloosa County Sheriff, County Commissioner, School Board, School Superintendent and Property Appraiser.

To participate in the primary election broadcast, each candidate must demonstrate that he or she satisfies the candidate forum criteria for their particular race before 5 p.m. CST on Tuesday, July 19. The deadline for the same to appear on the general election broadcast is October 11.

The required criteria for each race are posted online at wsre.org/RALLY. Candidates must demonstrate satisfaction of the criteria via email to Kasey Jones at wsreadmin@wsre.org.

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