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REP. MARKLEIN DODGEVILLE LISTENING SESSION Thursday

THURS., April 21, 4 to 6 p.m. (Dodgeville) HOWARD MARKLEIN LISTENING SESSION State Rep. Marklein will hold a Listening Session about the proposed 2011-2013 Wisconsin state budget at the Dodgeville Public Library, 139 S. Iowa St. Come with your comments. Other sessions will be in Lone Rock and Darlington (details to be announced). You're also encouraged to submit comments about the budget directly to the Joint Finance Committee via email -- BUDGETCOMMENTS@LEGIS.WISCONSIN.GOV

FOR A FACT SHEET TO USE AS A REFERENCE AT THE LISTENING SESSION OR FOR LETTERS TO THE EDITOR OR RADIO CALL-IN SHOWS, check out our website at http://www.grassrootswi.org/what_is_hot/

SAT., April 30, 6 to 9 p.m. (Spring Green) COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS SPRING AUCTION Interested in a round of golf for four on a championship course? How about dance lessons, local foods or airline tickets? Or, imagine this: a private dinner for 20, featuring food and wine inspired by the south of France. All of these unique items and much more are available to the highest bidders at the fifth annual Community Connections Free Clinic Spring Auction to be held at the House on the Rock Resort in Spring Green. Don't miss this fun-filled event with a casual Italian dinner buffet, cash bar and great music by the Larry Busch Band (\$25). RSVP to Monica Dunn at 608-987-0046 or CCFCauction@gmail.com

<u>AWARD APPLICATIONS</u> This \$500 award is presented annually by Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin to one or more area students who are committed to their communities, just as long-time Spring Green resident and Grassroots founding member Mary Louise Symon was. Applications, from area high school graduating seniors, are due May 1. They can be obtained from school counselors or by contacting <u>grassroots@merr.com</u>. For more information, click on: http://www.grassrootswi.org/mary_louise_symon_award/

MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

Tues., April 19, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) MONTHLY IOWA COUNTY BOARD MEETING The agenda is at http://iowacounty.org/ Click on the Minutes and Agenda button, then the County Board link, then 2011, then April Agenda. Location: Community Room at the new Health and Human Services Building, 303 W. Chapel St., Dodgeville.

Sat., April 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Dodgeville) OPEN HOUSE AT NEW HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HSS) BUILDING Enjoy a self-guided tour and refreshments at the new HSS Building, 303 W. Chapel Street. The building is noted for its environmental design.

Sat., May 21, 7 p.m. (Barneveld) AUTOHARP CHAMPION RICK FITZGERALD TO PERFORM You are invited to a house concert with well-known 2009 Mountain Laurel Autoharp Champion Rick Fitzgerald, performing on the autoharp, guitar and vocals at the home of Michael and MaryAnn Wolkomir, 8139 Lee Drive in Barneveld. An autoharp workshop is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Sat. RSVP is necessary as soon as possible to 924-1357 or mwolkomir@gmail.com

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