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SUPREME COURT VOTE RECOUNT Volunteers may still be needed! *****

REP. MARKLEIN PRAIRIE DU SAC LISTENING SESSION -Friday, May 6

<u>HERE'S LATE NOTICE</u> - we just received word that volunteer help may still be needed for the SUPREME COURT vote recount now underway at every county courthouse throughout the state. The purpose of the volunteer effort is to bring public trust back to the voting process. To find out where you can help, please email: <u>KloppenburgVolunteer@gmail.com</u>. If you are an attorney, email <u>KloppenburgLegal@gmail.com</u> with the following information: Name, Cell Phone (or preferred phone), Email, County, Dates Available (4/27-5/11), Willing to Travel?, Willing to Help Recruit Others?

FRI., May 6, 2 to 4 p.m. (Prairie du Sac) HOWARD MARKLEIN LISTENING

<u>SESSION</u> State Rep. Marklein will hold his 4th Listening Session about the proposed 2011-2013 Wisconsin state budget at the Blue Spoon Restaurant, 550 Water Street in Prairie du Sac. There was excellent attendance at the Dodgeville Library, with good representation from differing points of view.

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

FRI, May 6, 4 to 5:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) GRASSROOTS CITIZENS FOR PEACE

<u>monthly meeting</u> Join this active and fun group to talk about upcoming projects. They'll meet at the home of Joan Mish, 301 Virginia Court in Dodgeville. For more information about the group and its activities, contact Jane Kavaloski at <u>kavaloski@countryspeed.com</u> or 935-3007.

OTHER NEWS:

Sat., April 30, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Dodgeville) OPEN HOUSE AT NEW HEALTH <u>AND HUMAN SERVICES (HSS) BUILDING</u> Enjoy a self-guided tour and refreshments at the new HSS Building, 303 W. Chapel Street. The building is noted for its environmental design. Also bring in your out-of-date pharmaceuticals (in plastic bags) - for disposal.

<u>Tues, May 3, 4 p.m. (Monticello) and Wed., May 4, 4 p.m. (Monroe) HEARINGS</u> <u>ON STATE BUDGET</u> State legislators and others continue to hold budget briefings throughout the state. The Tuesday hearing will be held at the Monticello Village Hall and in Monroe at the Monroe Public Library, 925 16th

<u>Sat., May 7, 7:30 p.m. (Mineral Point) OPERA HOUSE FILM: WALKER PERCY - a</u> <u>documentary</u> This is the story of one of America's most influential writers and philosophers. The director Win Riley will be at the Opera House for the showing. (\$7, \$6- students with ID)

<u>Wed., May 11, 7 p.m. (Ridgeway) and Thurs., May 12, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville)</u> <u>DODGEVILLE SCHOOLS' PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSIONS</u> Alternative solutions for the overcrowded conditions at Dodgeville Elementary and High School and other school buildings will be presented. Community members will have a chance to add their input. Wednesday's session is the Ridgeway Elementary School. Thursday's session is at the Dodgeville Elementary School.

Wed. May 11, 6:30 p.m. (Dodgeville). PUBLIC HEARING ON IOWA COUNTY

<u>REDISTRICTING</u> As a result of the 2010 Census, counties throughout the country are redrawing the boundaries for County Supervisory District, State Assembly and State Senate Districts and Congressional Districts. A public hearing will be held in the Community Room at the new Health & Human Services Building to analyze how the County Supervisory Districts are currently being redrawn. Watch for additional news about other redistricting efforts.

Thurs., May 12, all day (Argyle). "TRANSFORMATION THROUGH

<u>INNOVATION": The Annual BEST Conference</u> BEST (Building Economic Strength Together) is a regional development organization for Southwest Wisconsin. Since 2001, this group has been hosting an annual conference designed to bring the Southwest Wisconsin communities together to address current topics and issues related to improving the economy and economic environment. LOCATION: Partridge Hall in Argyle. To register, go to <u>http://www.bestwisconsin.org</u> or contact April Fuhr, Executive Director at <u>bestwisconsin@yahoo.com</u>, 778-7998. Register by May 1 for a discount on registration fee.

Wed., May 18, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) STATE SEN. JON ERPENBACH OFFERS A

<u>"LEGISLATIVE UPDATE"</u> Erpenbach will give an overview of what's ahead at the State Capitol in Madison at the Iowa County Dems meeting to be held at Stonefield Village Apartments, 407 E. Madison. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be available.

Sat., May 21, 7 p.m. (Barneveld) AUTOHARP CHAMPION RICK FITZGERALD TO

<u>PERFORM</u> 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. RSVPs are necessary as soon as possible to 924-1357 or <u>mwolkomir@gmail.com</u>

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