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**CANDIDATES ALREADY LINING
UP FOR NEXT YEAR'S
51ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT RACE**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Maureen (Mo) May-Grimm of Mineral Point and John Mutschler of Dodgeville have both declared for next year's 51st District State Assembly race. (Check out their bios below.) Grassroots encourages political participation at all levels. So keep us posted about people who are running for office -- at the village, town, county and state levels - as a Republican, Democrat, or for a non-partisan post.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tues, May 17, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) IOWA COUNTY BOARD will hold their regular monthly meeting at the new Health and Human Services building, 303 W. Chapel. For the agenda, go to <http://www.iowacounty.org/>, click on "Minutes & Agendas", click on "County Board", then click on "2011".

Wed., May 18, 6:30 p.m. (Dodgeville) STATE SEN. JON ERPENBACH OFFERS A "LEGISLATIVE UPDATE" Senator 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.

Thurs., May 19, 4 to 6 p.m. (Darlington) REP. MARKLEIN LISTENING SESSION State Rep. Marklein will hold his Lafayette County Listening Session about the proposed 2011-2013 Wisconsin state budget at the Lafayette County Courthouse, 626 Main St. in Darlington. For a fact sheet to use as a reference at the Listening Session, check out our website: http://www.grassrootswi.org/what_is_hot/

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. RSVPs are necessary as soon as possible to 924-1357 or mwolkomir@gmail.com

CANDIDATES' PROFILES - check out who is running for what!

Maureen "Mo" May-Grimm is running in next year's Democratic primary for the 51st State Assembly District seat held by Howard Marklein. May-Grimm is currently in her second term on the Mineral Point School Board, where she continually seeks to find "the delicate balance between making certain our kids receive a quality education, while being mindful of the impact this will have on taxpayers." She grew up on a rural Mineral Point farm settled by her great grandfather. But the family farm "was sold on the courthouse steps" when she was 14. "I learned many valuable lessons from that experience." A 1980 MPHS graduate, Mo lived in Illinois and Ohio before returning to Mineral Point in 1988 where she first worked the phones at Lands' End while putting herself through UW-Platteville. She graduated from there Summa Cum Laude with a degree in management/HR management and a minor in psychology. During the next 17 years May-Grimm worked her way up to Senior Operators Analyst at Lands End before moving to Conney Safety Products in Madison. Laid off after four years, it didn't take her long to land her present position as Project Manager at IBM in Dubuque. Mo's 16-year-old daughter, Maggie, is supportive of her mom's interest in running for office. Mo May-Grimm says, "I hope to have the opportunity to provide the leadership we clearly need in Madison." Contact Maureen May-Grimm at mo2@charter.net or 608-574-3555 or check out <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Maureen-May-Grimm-for-WI-Assembly-2012/196669410363827>

John Mutschler is also running in the Democratic primary race to be held in Fall, 2012 for the 51st State Assembly seat. The primary winner will run against State Rep. Howard Marklein in November, 2012. A veteran educator (31 years), Mutschler was an elementary school principal in Platteville, Richland Center and Mt. Horeb for a number of years and also taught in several primary grades. He and his wife, Jacky, a retired kindergarten teacher, have lived Dodgeville for the past 14 years. Between them they have four adult children and five grandchildren. Mutschler currently teaches second grade in the Mount Horeb School District. "I have been back in the classroom for the past six years and am loving it! I enjoyed being an administrator, but being with the children has always been my passion. Being in the classroom is truly the best way to make an impact." Mutschler says he has never been "very political but recent events have engaged me to such a level that I feel I need to step up and take a stand... I plan to bring all of my drive and all of my passion to the State Assembly in representing the 51st District." Contact John Mutschler at 608-935-5700 or jpjm@mhtc.net.

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