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Lodi Optimist Club: To host 42nd District Assembly candidate forum

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The Lodi Optimist Club will sponsor a public forum for the 42nd Assembly District special election candidates on Wednesday, May 2 from Noon – 1:15 p.m. in the Large Group Instruction (LGI) room at Lodi High School, 1100 Sauk St., Lodi.

Invitations to participate in the forum have been extended to each of the six candidates on the primary ballot. They include four Republicans: Colleen Jane Locke-Murphy of Poynette, Jon Plumer of Lodi, Darren W. Schroeder of Columbus and Spencer Zimmerman of Janesville; Independent Gene Rubenstein of Pardeeville; and Democrat Ann Groves-Lloyd of Lodi.

Candidates will be asked to provide opening and closing statements and respond to questions from audience members. Optimist member Bill Haupt will serve as moderator.

For the past two decades, the Lodi Optimist Club has sponsored candidate forums in partnership with the administrators, faculty and students at Lodi High. In addition to being a “Friend of Youth,” Optimist clubs are encouraged in their mission statement to “promote an active interest in good government and civic affairs” in their communities.

Candidates emerging from the May 15 primary election will be invited to another forum prior to the June 12 general election.