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**BEST KEPT SECRETS (pass them on)**

**The ACA (Obamacare) will continue to be best alternative for many people.**

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**Local insurance agents with ACA experience can be big help!**



**Nov. 1 until Dec. 15 -- LOCAL HELP IS AVAILABLE TO SIGN UP FOR OBAMACARE.** Misinformation and fear about the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) abound. The fact is anyone is guaranteed 2018 coverage if they sign up for or renew ACA coverage from now until Dec. 15. The big problem is that reports of rising premiums totally ignore the fact that ACA subsidies are rising as well. As a result, ACA coverage is still the best alternative for many families.

Local insurance agents with ACA experience can help sift through the alternatives – at no cost to the policy holder. Pat Weier and Jeff Walker of the Walker and Weier Insurance agency in Mineral Point have helped Grassroots volunteers assist with ACA sign ups for the last 3 or 4 years. They know the ACA positives and the pitfalls. Contact your insurance agents or **call Pat or Jeff t at 608-987-3255.** Their office is at 2500 Business Park Road, Mineral Point. An appointment is necessary. Their service is FREE TO YOU. In other words, buying ACA insurance through an insurance agent will cost you exactly the same as struggling to find the best plan online. Much has changed this year. For more info, contact our Grassroots Health Care Task Force at [grassroots@merr.com](mailto:grassroots@merr.com)



**Weds, Nov. 8, 15, and 29, 9:30 a.m. (Dodgeville and Mineral Point). THE IOWA COUNTY “TAKE ACTION” GROUP MEETS WEEKLY.** This dedicated group meets every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. to keep our legislators informed about their opinions on issues in the forefront in Washington, D.C. and Madison. Join their community action. On Nov. 8 at 9:30 a.m. they’ll be at the Cook’s Room, 138 N. Iowa St, Dodgeville; on Nov. 15, they meet at Café 43

Coffeehouse, 43 High Street in Mineral Point; on Nov. 29 join the group at the Cobblestone Coffee House, 329 N. Iowa Street, in Dodgeville. For more info, contact Laura Cisler, Action Iowa County at [glcisler@yahoo.com](mailto:glcisler@yahoo.com)



**Wed., Nov 8 (SW Wisconsin) CONGRESSIONAL CALL-IN ABOUT CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND LEGISLATION.** “2017 is an exciting and challenging time to be alive. We have the opportunity to create a vibrant world to be enjoyed for generations to come. It’s a blessing to be working toward that vision with you,” says Chuck Tennesen, head of the Iowa County/Citizens Climate Change lobby. He and his active group urge everyone to join the Nov. 8 nation-wide effort to

flood our Members of Congress with calls asking for Carbon Fee & Dividend legislation. “It couldn’t be easier,” says Chuck. Click here on [using the online action](#). “Just plug in your zip code. You’ll be linked to your 3 Congressional representatives and given a suggested script and talking points. You’ll be able to contact all 3 in less than 10 minutes and you’ll be helping build a livable world.” For more details about the Call-In and about the work of the local Climate Change lobby group, contact, Chuck Tennesen at [twotens@yousq2.net](mailto:twotens@yousq2.net)

**Saturday, Nov. 11, 11 a.m. (Dodgeville) – MONTHLY SUSTAIN IOWA COUNTY/CLIMATE CHANGE LOBBY** meeting is at Dodgeville's County Kitchen, 1202 Johns Street. This active local group is engaged globally with the huge climate change issues and also acts locally to make changes right here at home. For more info, contact Chuck Tennesen at [twotens@yousq2.net](mailto:twotens@yousq2.net)



**BECOME AN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE VOLUNTEER TUTOR** You can help counteract today's ugly rhetoric about immigration by becoming an English as a Second Language (ESL) volunteer tutor in Iowa, Lafayette, Grant or Richland Counties. You do not need a foreign language to become an ESL tutor. Tutor training will teach you to overcome a language barrier while you are making new friends. Our local Southwest Wisconsin economy depends on new immigrant workers. They enrich our communities with cultural diversity.

Contact Luz Nereida Burkard of the MultiCultural Outreach Program at 608-642-1753 for more information about the next tutor training sessions. Check out our website at [www.mcopwi.org](http://www.mcopwi.org) for other ways you can help.



**Thurs., Nov. 9, 7 p.m. (Edgewood College – Madison) TRILLIONS FOR THE MILITARY: Will That Make Us Safe?** Kathy Kelly, will speak at Madison's Edgewood College about the terrible consequences of US wars. She has frequently visited Kabul as a guest of the Afghan Peace Volunteers and written frequently about the futility of U.S. militarism and the potential for nonviolent resistance to war and justice. LOCATION:

Anderson Auditorium in Predolin Center, 1000 Edgewood College Drive in Madison. For more info and for carpooling to Madison, contact Jane Kavaloski at [jhkavaloski@gmail.com](mailto:jhkavaloski@gmail.com)



**Sat., Nov. 11 (Dodgeville) THINKING OF RUNNING FOR LOCAL OFFICE?** Wisconsin Progress is hosting an Advanced Local Campaign Training session on Sat., Nov 11 in Dodgeville -- a crash

course in campaign planning for folks interested in running for city council, school board, county board, and other local positions. You will learn essential skills to carry you over the finish line at the next election. We will cover campaign planning, fundraising, budgeting, voter contact, and effective campaign messaging. These one day trainings are consistently highly attended and well received.

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