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Iowa County Supervisors to vote on IMPORTANT MEDICAID RESOLUTION -- this TUES (July 16)

Contact <u>your</u> County Supervisor by phone or attend the board meeting!



Tues., July 16, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) IOWA COUNTY BOARD WILL VOTE ON RESOLUTION asking Gov. Walker to accept \$4.4 billion to enhance the state's BadgerCare program. Twelve

Wisconsin counties have already passed such a resolution. If, as predicted, more

low income people become uninsured as a result of Walker's rejection of Medicaid funds offered by the Affordable Care Act, the amount of uncompensated care rural hospitals such as Upland Hills will be forced to provide is expected to significantly increase. That's why the Wisc. Hospital Association and Wisc. Medical Society, among other groups, are pushing for acceptance. Rural taxpayers will also suffer because the cost of services for mental health, substance abuse and children's developmental disabilities, which counties must provide to the uninsured, will increase sharply. With federal reimbursement for these additional expenses, county funds would not have to be diverted from other vital services. TO VOICE YOUR OPINION, CONTACT YOUR IOWA COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR VIA PHONE OR SPEAK DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (7 TO 7:30 P.M. AT BEGINNING OF BOARD MEETING).

Click <u>here</u> for contact information for Iowa County Supervisors. Go to our <u>Grassroots Health</u> <u>Care page</u> for additional information on the consequences of refusing Medicaid expansion funds.

<u>Fri., July 19, 4 p.m. (Spring Green) GRASSROOTS CITIZENS FOR PEACE</u> will meet at the home of Fanou and Bryan Walton, 6615 Clyde Road in rural Spring Green to make final preparations for the August Lanterns for Peace event. For info, contact Jane Kavaloski@countryspeed.com or 608-935-3007.

Sundays, July 21 and 28, Aug. 4, 11 a.m. (Spring Green) UNITY CHAPEL WORLD RELIGIONS SERIES A series of lively and informational discussions about a variety of world-wide faith traditions is scheduled for consecutive Sundays at 11 a.m. at Unity Chapel, three miles south of Spring Green, just off Hwy. 23 on County T. On Sun., July 21, Robert Humpries of Spring Green will present "Jenkin Lloyd Jones and the 1893 Parliament of World Religions," a discussion of the historical events that inspired this summer's theme. On Sun., July 28, Douglas Larson-Sell, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Spring Green, will present "Christianity Becomes a World Religion." On Sun., Aug. 4, Marion Nelson, one of the founders of Global View in Clyde, will lead a talk on Buddhism (with an annual fundraiser to follow from 12 to 4 p.m.) For more details about the Summer Sundays and Annual Fundraiser call (608) 588-9078 or visit http://unitychapel.org/



Sun., Aug. 4, 6:30 p.m. to dusk
(Dodgeville) ANNUAL LANTERNS
FOR PEACE EVENT AT GOVERNOR
DODGE STATE PARK. The highlight of
this popular annual event will be the floating
of over 90 hand-colored paper lanterns,
linked loosely together as they are pulled
slowly out into Twin Valley Lake by a silent
canoe - at dusk. As the darkness deepens,

the long arc of glowing lights illumines the night, symbolizing our hope for a world of peace, free of nuclear weapons. The event begins at 6:30 p.m., with lantern making, music, poetry, children's stories and presentations. People are invited to bring a dish to share. A park day pass or sticker is required. For further info contact Jane H. Kavaloski at Kavaloski@countryspeed.com or (608) 935-3007.

GRASSROOTS CITIZENS OF WISCONSIN is an energetic group of over 1000 people in Iowa, Sauk, Crawford, Richland, Lafayette and Grant Counties who are interested in taking an active role in improving government and promoting rational discussions of local, state and national issues. For further information, or to add a friend to our mailing list, please contact: Shirley Barnes, Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin, 2473 Mt. Hope Road, Dodgeville, WI. 53533, 608-623-2109, e-mail: grassroots@merr.com.

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