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## WISC. LEGISLATURE EXPECTED TO VOTE ON CONTROVERIAL BUDGET BILL THIS WEEK

### **ACTION**



LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD. CALL YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATOR. MORE RALLIES EXPECTED IN MADISON. Click here for your representatives' contact info:

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### **Key issues in budget bill:**

- A "guns in public" provision allowing concealed carrying of **loaded weapons in public places**, including **in taverns, mental health facilities, daycare centers, domestic violence shelters, restaurants and playgrounds**.
- **\$700 million in cuts to K-12 education**, including cuts to school nurses, Advanced Placement courses and extra science, technology and math classes.
- A measure that would make it **more difficult for citizens to obtain information about potential conflicts of interest of elected officials**, including business interests and stock ownership.
- **\$250 million in cuts to the University of Wisconsin system** and cuts of \$71.6 million from the state's technical college system.
- A **21% cut in the Earned Income tax Credit** for low-income families.

### **OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### Wed., June 22, 7 p.m. (Dodgeville) MEET THE CANDIDATES FOR 51<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

At the June Dems meeting to be held at Stonefield Apartments, 407 E. Madison in Dodgeville, the two declared candidates to run against Howard Marklein will talk about why they are running in the 2012 election. Come to learn more about Maureen May Grimm of Mineral Point, who is currently serving her second term on the Mineral Point School Board, and John Mutschler of Dodgeville, a veteran school administrator and teacher. Joe Fahey of the Institute for Wisconsin's Future will be the main speaker for the evening.

#### Fri., July 8, 4 to 5:30 p.m. (Spring Green) GRASSROOTS CITIZENS FOR PEACE meeting

Join the group at the home of Bryan and Fanou Walton, 6615 Clyde Rd. in Spring Green. They will be making preparations for the coming Lanterns for Peace event. For more info, contact Jane Kavaloski at [Kavaloski@countryspeed.com](mailto:Kavaloski@countryspeed.com) or 935-3007.

Sun., Aug. 7, 7 p.m. (Governor Dodge State Park) ANNUAL LANTERNS FOR PEACE EVENT

This international, intergeneration event to be held at the Twin Valley Lake beach shelter at Governor Dodge State Park, begins at 7 p.m. with lantern making and storytelling for the children. There will also be information and petition signing for adults and singing for everyone. At dusk the unique and beautiful floating of the Lanterns for Peace, to commemorate the 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, will take place on the lake. Please bring finger-food to share; water and juice will be provided. A day pass or park sticker will be required. This event is sponsored by the Grassroots Citizens for Peace. For more information, call Jane H. Kavaloski at (608)-935-3007.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2011

MARY LOUISE SYMON SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Congratulations to Mariah Sujewicz of River Valley High School, Amber Stanek of Highland High School and Michaela Marshall of Iowa-Grant High School who are the 2011 winners of the Mary Louise Symon scholarships. We received many outstanding applications. These awards are presented annually by Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin to local area graduating high school seniors whose scholarship, personal character and volunteer service best demonstrate the same kind of deep commitment to their communities which long-time Spring Green resident Mary Louise Symon did. Mary Louise, who died in 2009, was a founding member of Grassroots. We honor her every year by presenting these scholarships. A reception for the award winners will be held in the fall. Please plan to come.

FOR MORE ABOUT THE AWARD WINNERS, CLICK HERE:

[http://www.grassrootswi.org/mary\\_louise\\_symon\\_award/](http://www.grassrootswi.org/mary_louise_symon_award/)

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