

Working Family News, Activities, Meetings & Rally Information, 4-26-11

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<http://local.we-r-1.org/weareone/events/search/state/MI>

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| Benton Harbor Rally to Protest implementation of Emergency Financial Manager | Benton Harbor The protest will start at the Cornerstone Chamber of Commerce located at 38 West Wall Street and then march to City Hall. | Wed., April 27 Noon to three | The city council in Benton Harbor has been dismissed. Their Emergency Financial Manager was able to do this because of the recent legislation passed by the republican legislature and signed into law by Gov. Snyder. The voters' voices have been pushed aside. As a result, there will be a rally in Benton Harbor next Wed. to protest this travesty and try to save their park from being sold out by the EFM |
| Workers Memorial Day Prayer | Kent-Ionia Labor Center | April 28 at 4:30 p.m. | If in need of further information contact the Kent-Ionia Labor Council, 918 Benjamin NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 Phone (616)456-8233 Fax (616)456-0574 Email: kiclc@sbcglobal.net Web: www.mi.aflcio.org/kentioniaclc |
| Health Care Forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters | East K-7 School, located at 373 E. 24th Street in Holland. | Thursday, April 28 - 7 p.m. | The group is encouraging those trying to get their arms around the complex and evolving issue to come out and get answers to their questions. What's funded and what's in place now? What's happening for seniors, children, the insured and the uninsured? What's planned for the next year and the next decade? What factors are affecting future funding of reforms? And how does all of this affect you and your family? Speakers for the non-partisan event are: Jeff Compagner, executive director of the Holland Free Health Clinic, Rob Pocock, associate vice president of communications at Priority Health and Jeanette Klemczak, chief nurse executive with the Michigan Department of Community Health. The forum will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 28 at the East K-7 School, located at 373 E. 24th Street in Holland. It is free and open to the public. For further details go to http://www.lwvholland.org/ |
| Bowling for Gasoline Fundraiser | Nottke's Family Fun Center 775 W. Columbia Ave. Battle Creek, MI 49015 269-963-9121 | Saturday, April 30, 2011, 1-4 p.m. | Free Gas USA, Inc. is a national religious charity established to provide gasoline grant to poor American citizens. The event is sponsored by the Southwest Michigan Building & Construction Trades Council. For further information and tickets contact Hugh Coward at 269-962-8511. |
| Sen. Goeff Hansen Coffee Hours | 9-10:15 a.m. at the Tanglewod Cafe, 560 Seminole, Norton Shores AND 10:45 until noon at Hackley Public Library, 316 W. Webster. | Monday, May 2 | State Sen. Goeff Hansen, R-Hart, has scheduled two "coffee hours" for May 2 in the Muskegon area. Hansen said in a news release the purpose of the "coffee" is to "talk things over" with people who "have a concern about state government or seek to share comments about an important issue," according to a news release. |
| Panel Discussion on School Funding | Forest Hills Northern High School (Grand Rapids area) in the Cafeteria | Saturday, May 7 9:00 – 12 noon | They will have experts from the administration and MEA side and then meeting with state representatives who attend for a dialog and questions about the subject. |
| A Celebration of Labor/Management Achievements | The Bernhard Center at Western Michigan University | Wednesday, May 18 5:30 p.m. Social Hour 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:15 p.m. Award Presentation 7:30 p.m. Keynote speech | The event is sponsored by the Kalamazoo Area Labor Management Committee. Keynote speaker is Cindy Estrada, International Vice-President, United Auto Workers. Contact Torri Kingsley for registration information at: Ph: 269-385-0465, Fx: 269-349-5505, Email: kalm@upjohninstitute.org . |

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| Lansing Board of Power & Light, Ottawa Street Station power plant Appreciation Event | 200 N. Grand Avenue, Lansing, MI | Saturday, May 14 5:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception 6:30 p.m. Program 7-9:30 p.m. Strolling Dinner & Building Tours | Sponsored by Accident Fund Holdings and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan regarding the newly completed Lansing Board of Power & Light, Ottawa Street Station power plant in Lansing. <u>Formal attire is required.</u> If you plan on attending, please use the following website to RSVP no later than April 25. http://www.powerofpartnership.com/ |
| Progressive Democratic Women's Caucus Brunch, "Across the Generations" | Masonic Temple 396 W. Clay, Muskegon | Saturday, May 21 - Social hour starts at 11:00, luncheon served at noon. | The Guest Speaker is Councilwoman Kimberly D. Sims. |
| IRONWORKERS LOCAL 340 2011 Retiree & Apprenticeship Banquet | Knights of Columbus Hall 5830 Clyde Park SW Wyoming, MI 49509 | Saturday, May 21, 2011. 6:00 p.m. – 12:30 a.m. | A full-course buffet style dinner will be served following a cocktail hour. After dinner there will be speakers and presentations followed by music and dancing. Advertising opportunities are available for their program album. Call Angie at 800-962-6464 or email at local340ironworker@sbcglobal.net to RSVP by May 6 th |
| "All Trades Softball" Tournament sponsored by the Michigan Building & Construction Trades Council | Gier Park in Lansing | Saturday-Sunday May 21-22 | For further information and team registration, contact Maurine Homola, Michigan Building Trades, phone 517-484-8427. The Building Trades are also soliciting ads for their Program Book. Proceeds go to diabetes research. |
| "Construction Golf Classic" Sponsored by the West Michigan Construction Alliance and the West Michigan Building & Construction Trades Council | Hidden Valley Golf Course in Shelbyville, MI | Tuesday, May 24 General Membership Meeting at 7:30 a.m. Golf Scramble starts at 9 a.m. | For further information, hole sponsorship, golf prizes and golf registration materials, contact Ed Haynor at: 616-837-8080 or wmconstructionalliance@gmail.com |
| The "Unity Classic" sponsored by the Kalamazoo Democratic Party | Ridgeview Golf Course, 10360 W. Main, Kalamazoo | Saturday, June 11 | For further information contact: Dave Pawloski at 269-342-4217. For golf committee and sponsorship information contact Ron Crowell 269-381-7659 or Gary Swanson 269-998-8808. Also see www.kzoodems.com |
| 2011 International Ironworkers Festival. | Mackinaw City | Friday-Sunday August 12-14 | Events are held over the weekend with the "Oldtimers" competitions conducted on Sunday. More information can be accessed at: http://www.ironfest.com/Ironfest/Home.html |

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http://www.facebook.com/MIrallyinfo?sk=app_4949752878

For up-to-date news on anti labor legislation, go to: <http://www.miaflcio.org/legislative-action/legislative-report.html>

If you wish to participate in a Community Action Team in your area, please click below:

<http://www.miaflcio.org/component/content/article/298.html>

On-Line Petition opposed to Governor Snyder's budget at:

http://salsa.wiredforchange.com/o/1141/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=3578

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