

Working Family News, Activities, Meetings & Rally Information, 5-17-11

Please refer to the following website for more detailed information throughout the State

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

What	Where	When	Further Details
Online chat with a representative of the Michigan Education Association	11 a.m. to noon Wednesday at battlecreekenquirer.com .	11 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 18 at battlecreekenquirer.com .	From 11 a.m. to noon May 18, the Battle Creek Enquirer will host an on-line chat on the topics of proposed cuts for K-12 schools, issues with teacher and other public employee unions and more. It's simple and free to log in to the chat at any time during that hour and anyone with Internet access and a computer can participate. with a representative of the Michigan Education Association, the state's largest teachers union. Visit battlecreekenquirer.com Wednesday to ask your questions of Bolger and read answers directly from the lawmaker.
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 .
Jackson County Residents for the Recall of Rick Snyder	Loomis Park (E.Ganson St.) in the picnic area.	Wed, May 18 - 7:00 p.m.	Please tell friends, families and co-workers! Let's work together to make it happen!!
Muskegon Dems Spring Gala	Above & Beyond (Oakridge Golf Course)	Friday, May 20; Social time: 5:30 cash bar, Dinner: 7pm	Tickets are as follows: \$40/person; \$70 sponsor; \$400 table of 10; \$430 sponsor a table of 10. For further information contact: Dan Kosheba, cell 616-443-0609; work 616-949-4100; dlksoheba@yahoo.com or mcdp.2ndvicechair@gmail.com
Kent County lawmakers to host Education Forum. (Re-scheduled from Monday, May 9) Hosted by Suzanne Geha	Downtown Grand Valley State University Eberhard Center 301 W. Fulton Room # 215 (Room capacity 400)	Friday, May 20 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.	The community is invited to come out and gain perspective from the panel, share their opinions and ask questions about education. Legislative panelists include: State Sens. Dave Hildenbrand, R-Lowell Township, and Mark Jansen, R-Gaines Township; State Reps. Dave Agema, R-Grandville; Brandon Dillon, D-Grand Rapids; Thomas Hooker, R-Byron Township; Lisa Posthumus Lyons, R-Alto; Peter MacGregor, R-Cannon Township; Roy Schmidt, D-Grand Rapids; and Ken Yonker, R-Caledonia. House Republicans approved a \$13.8 billion education budget Thursday that reduces state aid to universities and community colleges by 15 percent and calls for a \$430 per student cut for K-12 school districts on top of the \$170 cut that was done last year. All the House Democrats opposed the measure that passed 57-53.
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.
Michigan Summit: Moving ALL OF Michigan Forward.	East Lansing Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center	Saturday, May 21 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Sponsored by Progress Michigan. \$40 Registration at: http://themichigansummit.org/register/ Contact Karen DeMott, Michigan Summit director at progress@progressmichigan.org
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 at 517-484-8427. The Building Trades are also soliciting ads for their Program Book. Proceeds go to diabetes research.

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First showing for the movie "Inside Job".	Van Dusen Room of the Center City Kalamazoo Public Library	Monday, May 23 from 6:30 P.M. until 9 P.M.	We are scheduling our first showing for the movie "Inside Job". You can learn about the movie here http://www.sonyclassics.com/insidejob/ . This Film is rated PG13. We are in need of volunteers for the following activities. Walking neighborhoods and delivering flyers to doors. Handing out information as folks come in to see the movie. Signing up folks on sign up sheets as they come in to see the movie. We also need suggestions on a couple of brief speakers before the show starts. Contact Scott Brown at ph 517 321 2349 , fx 517 321 3266 or cl 517 763 8300 .
State Board of Education Public Forums on Education - West Michigan	Grand Rapids Com. College DeVos Campus 415 Fulton Street, Grand Rapids.	Monday, May 23, 4-7 pm	http://cms.grcc.edu/parking On-site contact: Kathy Mullins, GRCC, kmullins@grcc.edu
"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
State Board of Education Public Forums on Education - Southeast Michigan	Macomb Community College Center Campus, Professional Development Center, University Center, 44575 Garfield Rd, Clinton Township.	Wednesday, May 25, 4-7 pm	Attendees should report to Assembly Hall. The closest parking for visitors is in lot 3 or lot 5B as indicated on the campus map: http://www.macomb.edu/NR/rdonlyres/948667EB-EA86-4567-B053-0AB241531CF7/0/CenterCampus.pdf On-site Contact: Jennifer Anderson, MCC, andersonje@macomb.edu .
State Board of Education Public Forums on Education - Southeast Michigan	Ann Arbor, University of Michigan League Hussey Room, 911 North University Avenue, Ann Arbor. http://uunions.umich.edu/league/maps/	Thursday, May 26, 4-7 pm	On-site contact: Mary C. Delano, mdelano@umich.edu
State Board of Education Public Forums on Education - Central Michigan	Central Michigan Univ. Mt. Pleasant, MI Voigtman Family Seminar Room 413, CMU College of Education and Human Services Building. http://www.cmich.edu/visit/campus_map.htm	Tuesday, June 7, 4-7 pm	On-site Contact: Jen Cotter, CMU Development, reihl1jm@cmich.edu .
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

FOR ADDITIONAL UPCOMING MICHIGAN RALLY INFORMATION go to:

http://www.facebook.com/Mlrallyinfo?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

Visit former MI House of Representative Mary Valentine's blog at: <http://politicsforabetteramerica.blogspot.com>. She has a very unique view of issues after having been in the legislature.