

Working Family News, Activities, Meetings & Rally Information, 5-6-11

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
Green Technology Industry Week	West Michigan Plumbers, Fitters and Service Trades Local Union No. 174 1008 O'Malley Dr. Coopersville, MI 49404	Saturday May 7 9 am to 5:00 pm	Seven mobile classrooms and a rigging trainer will be available to demonstrate the various technologies of the piping industry. These state-of-the-art classrooms provide workstations demonstrating industrial instruction, welding, medical gas, residential and commercial plumbing devices, green technologies, steam and hydronic technologies, HVACR equipment and more! For further information contact Nate Phillips at 616-837-0222.
Defend Democracy in Benton Harbor!	Benton Harbor City Hall Located at 200 E Wall St.	Saturday, May 7th from 11am to 3pm	The Governor is this year's marshal of the Bloomtime Parade in Benton Harbor, a city where citizens have been stripped of their democratic rights through the Governor's new "Emergency Financial Manager" (EFM) law. Governor Snyder and Republicans in the state legislature passed the EFM law which allows them to unilaterally disband locally-elected city councils and school boards, terminate collective bargaining agreements and other contracts, and make decisions that impact people's lives and livelihoods. The event will start at 11 a.m. and should end around 3 p.m. We will assemble at City Hall, then move to the parade route to greet Snyder and let him know that EFM is undemocratic! WEAR RED (and comfortable shoes; there will be walking involved)
Panel Discussion on School Funding	Forest Hills Northern High School at 3801 Leonard NE in the Cafeteria	Saturday, May 7 9:00 – 12 noon	Ruth Beier, MEA Economist and Tim Raymer, from the Forest Hills Schools will be guest speakers and then meeting with state representatives who attend for a dialog and questions about the subject.
Kent County lawmakers to host education forum. Hosted by Suzanne Geha	V.F.W. Flat River Post 8303, 3116 Alden Nash SE.	Monday, May 9 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.
Medical Marijuana Use by Employees with Disabilities	Spartan Hall of Fame Café (just east of U.S 127 on Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing)	Tuesday, May 10th, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Stacy Hickox, Esq., an Assistant Professor in Michigan State University's School of Human Resources & Labor Relations will lead the discussion. Stacy has recently presented at the American Occupational Health Conference and written a law review article on this topic. The cost for lunch and the program is \$20 for members of the Mid-Michigan & Detroit chapters of LERA and \$25 for non-members. Visit their web page for the 2010-11 LERA membership application . Make reservations by 9 am on Mon., May 9th by contacting us at 517-432-9896 (voice mail), or by e-mail to LERA@msu.edu .
Rally in Support of School Funding and the Middle Class KEEP THE AMERICAN DREAM ALIVE!	County Courthouses in Barry (117 South Broadway St., Hastings, MI 49058), Ionia (100 W. Main St., Ionia, MI 48846) and Montcalm (Court Complex 617 N. State St., Stanton, MI 48888) Counties	Wednesday, May 11 from 5-6 p.m.	Refreshments and signs will be provided at all sites.

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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/
Ottawa County Democratic Party Fundraiser	Grand Haven Community Center Escanaba Room 421 Columbus Ave. Grand Haven	Saturday, May 14 from 6-8 pm	Tickets, \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Speakers, hors d'oeuvres, desserts, beer & wine, plus silent auction. For details contact Sheila Nichols at 616-786-2643.
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 .
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
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.
MEA Action Day in Lansing along with "We Are The People" coalition for a rally at the State Capitol.	Kick off from 1-3:30 p.m. with a gathering of MEA members, family and friends at MEA headquarters. Then, from 4-6 p.m., join others from the "We Are The People" coalition for a rally at the State Capitol.	Saturday, May 21 1-3:30 p.m. at MEA headquarters. Then, from 4-6 p.m., join others from the "We Are The People" coalition for a rally at the State Capitol.	Kick off from 1-3:30 p.m. with a gathering of MEA members, family and friends at MEA headquarters, 1216 Kendale Blvd., East Lansing, MI 48823, complete with a picnic lunch, entertainment for kids and adults and learn a variety of ways to take action to stop these attacks. Then, from 4-6 p.m., join others from the "We Are The People" coalition for a rally at the State Capitol.
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.
"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

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>

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<p data-bbox="459 185 1134 215">On-Line Petition opposed to Governor Snyder's budget at:</p> <p data-bbox="352 224 1257 253">http://salsa.wiredforchange.com/o/1141/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=3578</p> <p data-bbox="73 262 1541 318">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.</p>			