

## Working Family News, Activities, Meetings & Rally Information, 9-16-11

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

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

Current Edition of the "Grand Valley Labor News," is available at:

<http://www.grandvalleylabornews.com/downloads/WIP58.09sep11.pdf>

What	Where	When	Further Details
Petition Signing opposed to Public Act 4 (Emergency Financial Manager law)	Muskegon Farmer's Market, 700 Yuba St., Muskegon, MI 49442 (231) 722-3251  Muskegon's Secretary of State's office 1485 E Apple Avenue, Muskegon, MI 49442	Wednesdays & Saturdays, 9 a.m. until noon  Monday through Friday from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm	If you have not signed the petition to repeal Public Act 4 (Emergency Financial Manager law).
"Family Matters Day" at South Central Michigan Food Bank	Michigan Food Bank 5451 Wayne Rd. Battle Creek, MI 49015	Saturday, September 17 from 9 am to Noon	Tasks: Preparing food in bulk to be disbursed to the community. 50 volunteers needed Contact person: Lori Stanaszek (days) <a href="tel:269-343-2524">269-343-2524 x 215</a> (evenings) <a href="tel:269-623-3118">269-623-3118</a> Please let me know how many volunteers you can bring out for this event!! Spouses and kids 12 yrs. and up welcome too!!!
Affordable Care Act Meeting	Muskegon Holiday Inn 939 Third St. Muskegon, MI 49440	Monday, September 19 <sup>th</sup> . The meeting starts at 7; if you'd like to order a meal, come on down at 6:00 pm.	Gwen Williams with MichUCAN will be speaking at the Progressive Democratic Women's Caucus quarterly evening meeting Ms. Williams has all the information we need to counter the lies that are coming at us from those opposed to quality and affordable health care. Everyone is welcome, and I hope you will be able to make it. I believe Gwen is also available to other venues as well. Call Mary Valentine at <a href="tel:231-736-4827">231-736-4827</a> for further information.
What Kind of Future is Michigan Working Towards? sponsored by We Are The People, Mothers of Hope, and Coalition for New Priorities	Kalamazoo Public Library, Central Location, 315 South Rose St, Kalamazoo MI 49007	Monday, September 26 <sup>th</sup> from 7 pm until 9 pm	Participate in a public forum where we will be asking Congressman Fred Upton: Why during his 2010 campaign he ran on a platform of job creation, but while in office he continues to push a budget that slashes jobs and forces deep cuts to education, Social Security and Medicare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michigan's Unemployment Rate continues to rise</li> <li>• K-12 education funding has been slashed</li> <li>• Seniors are facing new taxes on pensions</li> <li>• Social Security and Medicare are facing deep cuts</li> <li>• Workers across the State are facing threats to their unions collective bargaining abilities</li> <li>• College students are being forced to pay more for higher education.</li> </ul> Call 269.599.1294 to RSVP or email us at <a href="mailto:WATPkalamazoo@gmail.com">WATPkalamazoo@gmail.com</a>  RSVP's appreciated but not required. To help protect working and middle-class families, follow us online at: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/WeAreThePeopleMI">www.facebook.com/WeAreThePeopleMI</a> and text MI to 225568.

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<p>"Save America's Postal Service" rallies. Over the next month, Congress will be forced to make major decisions about the future of the Postal Service.</p>	<p>Congressman Bill Huizenga's Office 900 Third St., Ste. 203 Muskegon, MI 49440</p> <p>Congressman Justin Amash's Office 110 Michigan St. NW, Suite 166 Grand Rapids, MI 49503</p> <p>Congressman Fred Upton's Office 157 South Kalamazoo Mall, Suite 180 Kalamazoo, MI 49007</p> <p>Congressman Fred Upton's Office 800 Centre, Suite 106 800 Ship St. St. Joseph, MI 49085</p> <p>Congressman Tim Walberg 800 West Ganson St. Jackson, MI 49202</p>	<p>Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m</p>	<p>Postal worker jobs and pay are at risk. "Save America's Postal Service" rallies are informational events that will take place in every congressional district in the United States. They are designed to encourage Congress to pass H.R. 1351, legislation that addresses the financial crisis facing the Postal Service. Events will engage the public through speeches, handouts and gatherings to make our voices heard. <u>These rallies are not protests.</u> It's anticipated that a wide variety of supporters will participate in "Save America's Postal Service" rallies, including small business owners who use the mail to advertise, businesses that consistently ship products using the Postal Service, and faith leaders and progressive allies who have concerns for the plight of working men and women. <i>The Post Office is sustainable and making adequate money. However, they were charged with the impossible task of pre-funding their retiree health care, a 75 year liability, in ten years.</i> HR 1351, a bill introduced in the House by Rep. Stephen Lynch (D-MA) would prevent the demise of the U.S. Post Office and protect those jobs. This bill already has 193 co-sponsors from both political parties.. For more information, you can go to their web site: <a href="http://saveamericaspostalservice.org">saveamericaspostalservice.org</a></p>
<p>We Are the People "Pitch" Training Workshop</p>	<p>Muskegon Community College room 1200 of the Stephenson Center</p>	<p>Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>The Sept. 6 "pitch meeting" went great. There are many wonderful people out there who have had enough and want to pitch in to help put our government back in the hands of the people. We will be having additional pitch meetings as well, time and place to be determined.</p> <p>Please let me know if you are interested so I can get back with you about it. They last about an hour to an hour and a half. We talk about our organization and the upcoming workshop.</p> <p>Call Mary Valentine at <a href="tel:231-736-4827">231-736-4827</a> for further information.</p>
<p>Kalamazoo County Democratic Party Brown-Todd-Wolpe Dinner and Award Presentation</p>	<p>Kalamazoo Room of the Radisson Plaza Hotel at Kalamazoo Center in beautiful downtown Kalamazoo.</p>	<p>Saturday, October 1st at 5:30pm</p>	<p>We will hear from our leaders in Lansing, including Senator Gretchen Whitmer, the first woman to be elected leader for the Michigan Senate Democrats and Fred Durhal Jr. Chair of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus as we celebrate the life of the late Honorable Robert B. Jones.</p> <p>As former Mayor of Kalamazoo and State Representative for the 60th District, Bob dedicated his life to the people of Kalamazoo and will always be remembered for his passion for progress and his ability to bring people together to build consensus. His tireless efforts allowed Kalamazoo to grow and avoid the fate of many other mid-western cities. Tickets are \$50 each, you can also purchase a table of 10 for \$500.</p> <p><a href="#">Click here to RSVP and purchase your ticket(s) online today!</a> Seating is limited, purchase your tickets early. For further information contact, David C. Pawloski, Chair, Kalamazoo County Democratic Party, Ph: 269.342.4217. Fx: 269.342.4757 or <a href="http://www.kzoodems.com">www.kzoodems.com</a></p>

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"RENEW AMERICA"	Marriott Renaissance Center Detroit MI. Registration is \$75.00 which includes lunch and materials.	Sunday October 2, 2011 in conjunction with the Biennial Convention of the Michigan State AFL-CIO	<p>Exhibitors are permitted to display and sell their Union-Made merchandise and services <i>ONLY</i>. We're excited to house exhibitors with exposure to the State Convention. We anticipate hundreds of delegates for this convention. Overnight accommodations at the Marriott are \$117.00 per night plus tax, which includes <i>wifi</i> and free parking. For room reservations please call 800 352-0831 and reserve under the code "AFL" group code.</p> <p>If interested in exhibitor's space is, it's \$325.00 per site for a skirted 6 foot table with two chairs for the three day event. Extra space is available with same criteria. Hotel special service assistance information is separate.</p> <p>Please contact the Union Label and Service Trades Council if you have any questions, need more information, or for Registration forms at 800 684-1256 (Patty) or 616 293-2823 (Jenni).</p>

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[http://www.facebook.com/MIrallyinfo?sk=app\\_4949752878](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](http://salsa.wiredforchange.com/o/1141/p/dia/action/public/?action_KEY=3578)

Watch Highlights of the "Rebuild the Dream" at:

<http://www.rebuildthedream.com/launch-highlights.php>

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.