

Working Family News, Activities, Meetings & Rally Information, 4-21-11

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

What	Where	When	Further Details
Community Forum on School Finances	Oakridge Public Schools in Muskegon at the Middle School Auditorium	Thursday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.	Oakridge Public Schools is hosting a community forum Thursday on school finances and the impact on the school district's budget. State Sen. Goeff Hansen, R-Hart, is expected to attend. The district could lose nearly \$1 million in state aid next year under Gov. Rick Snyder's budget proposal. In addition, it faces the possibility of nearly another \$1 million in increased costs due to higher retirement costs and contractual obligations.
"Common Sense Conversations on Michigan's Future"	Ramada Plaza Hotel 3333 28 th St., SE Grand Rapids	Monday, April 25 - 7:00 - 9:00 pm	Sponsored by the Center for Michigan. See guide at for more information: http://www.thecenterformichigan.net/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/Common-Sense-Issue-Guide.pdf Register at www.thecenterformichigan.net
Benton Harbor Rally to Protest implementation of Emergency Financial Manager	Benton Harbor	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
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 theirs 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.

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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 .
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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