



NWPA ALF News

March 2021 Edition

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

The NWPA ALF's jurisdiction covers 19 Pennsylvania Counties: Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, McKean, Mercer, Potter, Venango, Warren and Westmoreland. We produce this newsletter for the members of our affiliates.

Any comments or questions about this newsletters or its contents should be sent to the NWPA ALF is located at 1276 Liberty St. Ste. 2 in Franklin, PA 16323.

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2021 UNION SCHOLARSHIPS IN NWPA ALF

By rosann.barker

Below are links to the PDFs of the brochures with the applications for the various union scholarships available in NWPA ALF, Please read them carefully the eligibility requirements and deadlines for submissions vary.

[PDF icon 2021-2022 nwpa alf scholarships brochure.pdf](#) The NWPA Area Labor Federation offers Essay contests that award 3 scholarships. One is for a high school student, one for a post-secondary student, and one is for graduate students. The deadline is May 7th.

[PDF icon 2021 b-l sch.pdf Beaver-Lawrence CLC](#) offers 2 scholarships for high school seniors. Their deadline is May 21st.

[PDF icon 2021 m clc sch.pdf](#) Mercer County PA CLC offers an essay contest for high school seniors and awards one

scholarship to the winner. The deadline is April 30th.

[PDF icon e-c clc sch both pages for 2021.pdf Erie-Crawford CLC](#) offers essay contests that award 3 scholarships; 2 to high school seniors and 1 to an incoming freshman or undergraduate student at Gannon University. The deadline is April 23rd.

[PDF icon 2021 pa afl-cio scholarship app.pdf](#) The PA AFL-CIO offers essay contests in two categories; high school seniors and post-secondary students. Their deadline was extended to March 31st.

The NWPA Area Labor Federation encourages students to apply for as many of the essay contests as they meet the eligibility requirements. Please read the applications carefully as they are all different. On Friday, Feb. 8th, we will update all of the affiliated local unions on the websites to assure you have easy access to a list of all of the affiliated local unions in good standing with our Area Labor Federation and the Central Labor Councils within our jurisdiction.



WOW! 515 union members on strike from two unions (UAW 1311 and USW 1016) and their children had a brighter Christmas thanks to the Solidarity and compassion of approximately 180 sponsors, donors and 70 volunteers, who assisted with the 2020 Union Families Christmas Project. Thanks to organized labor, our friends, and supporters, we met and exceeded our goals.

Thank you for all that you did to help make this Christmas Project a success! We could not have done it without you!

In Solidarity,

The NWPA Area Labor Federation and the Washington-Greene Central Labor Council

NWPA ALF MEETING

Meeting 7 PM on Wednesday, March 31st
Our E-Board Meets at 6:00 PM
via ZOOM
Special speakers to be announced
RSVP to 814-360-8336 or
nwpaalf@gmail.com

CLC Meetings in NWPA ALF:

Beaver-Lawrence CLC Meeting:
7:30 PM on Monday, March 15th
IBEW 712 Hall, 217 Sassafras Lane,
Beaver 15009
For more information call 724-971-7473.

Butler County CLC Meeting:
7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 3rd
UAW 3303 Hall 112 Hollywood Rd.,
Butler, PA 16003
For more information call 724-285-4883 ext. 233

Clearfield-Elk-Cameron-Jefferson CLC
Meeting
7:30 PM on Thursday, March 4th
via ZOOM
For more information call 814-937-2208.

Erie-Crawford CLC Meeting:
7:30 PM on Wednesday, March 3rd
USW 3199 Hall, 703 French St.,
Erie 16501
For more information call 814-823-9940.

Greater Westmoreland CLC Meeting:
7:00 PM on Monday, March 15th
via ZOOM
For more information call 724-600-6266.

Indiana-Armstrong CLC Meeting:
7:30 PM on Thursday, March 25th
via ZOOM
For more information call 724-479-0923.

McKean-Potter CLC Meeting:
7:00 PM on Monday, TBD

Mercer County CLC Meeting:
7:30 PM on Thursday, March 18th
USW 1660 Hall, 1028 Roemer Blvd.,
Farrell 16121
For more information call 724-854-0605.

Venango-Clarion Chapter Meeting:
6:00 PM on Thursday, March 11th
IAM 1842 Hall, 24 Front St., Franklin 16323
For more information call 814-671-4420.

Warren-Forest CLC:
Meeting 6:00 PM on Thursday, March 4th
via ZOOM
For more information call 814-730-7558

Pass the

★ AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ★

Call Your U.S. Senators:
844-351-5733

AFL-CIO

The bill will now head to the Senate, where it is expected to pass, albeit with some potential changes. Here's the breakdown of some of the major provisions in the House's version.

Child tax credit

The bill institutes a fully refundable child tax credit for 2021, increasing the amount from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per child ages 6 to 17 and to \$3,600 for children under the age of 6. These payments begin to phase out for individuals earning more than \$75,000 a year or married couples earning more than \$150,000.

Housing assistance

The bill includes \$30 billion in emergency rental assistance and \$10 billion for mortgage assistance and an additional \$5 billion to prevent Covid-19 outbreaks among homeless populations.

Minimum wage increase to \$15 per hour by 2025, was included in the House's bill

Stimulus payments

The bill provides funding for up to \$1,400 per individual and dependent including adult dependents for individuals earning an adjusted gross income (AGI) up to \$75,000 (and married couples earning up to \$150,000).

Unemployment insurance

The bill also extends key unemployment programs through August 29. In addition gig workers and others who didn't qualify for benefits before are included, it also boosts the enhanced federal payments with an extra \$400 per week.

Vaccine distribution

The bill allocates \$20 billion to create a national Covid-19 vaccination program, and an additional \$50 billion for virus testing. The program is intended to help set up community vaccination sites across the country and eliminate vaccine shortages.

Finally, the American Rescue Plan also provides funding for schools, restaurants and bars, state and local aid, vaccine production and distribution and paid leave, among other provisions.

Now, the Senate will likely pass a different version of the bill. The House will then have to sign off on the new version. Democrats hope to have Biden sign the legislation by March 14, when many federal unemployment provisions expire.

Call your Senators and encourage them to vote for the passage of the American Rescue Act, please.

IRES REVISITED—DOES ACT 111 APPLY IF THE WORKER WAS INJURED BEFORE THIS LEGISLATION

by Barb Holmes, Blaufeld, Schiller & Holmes LLP Attorney At Law

As you may remember, the Impairment Rating provisions of the Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Act were struck down by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court several years ago, in 2017. As a result, for a period of time, there were no provisions in the Act which allowed for an Impairment Rating Evaluation to modify an injured worker's benefits and to start the 500 week partial disability clock running. An Impairment Rating Evaluation does not change the amount of an injured worker's benefits, but it does change how long s/he will receive them, so it changes those benefits from total to partial "in character," although not in amount.

In October 2018, the Governor signed Act 111, which contained new Impairment Rating Evaluation provisions, allowing again for these exams, with some modifications from the prior legislation—the exams must be performed pursuant to the American Medical Association's Guides to the Evaluation of Permanent Impairment Sixth Edition (Second Printing) and an individual who achieves thirty-five (35%) percent or more impairment under those Guides based on the exam stays on total disability benefits despite the exam (previously, an injured worker had to achieve a 50% whole body impairment to remain on total disability).

In a recent case, an injured worker argued that because his date of injury was prior to the enactment of the new Impairment Rating Evaluation statute—that is, his injury occurred before October 28,

2018—this legislation could not apply to him and that only injuries after October 28, 2018 could be subjected to Impairment Rating Evaluations. The Commonwealth Court disagreed, and held that this statute was applicable to this injured worker, and seemingly any injured worker who will be requested to undergo one of these evaluations, even if his/her injury occurred before October 28, 2018.

The employee argued that it was unconstitutional for his benefits to be changed as a result of legislation enacted well after his date of injury (he hurt his shoulder in 2014) and that he had a vested right in having his benefits calculated as of the date of his injury. Since one of the requirements for an Impairment Rating Exam is that the injured worker receive 104 weeks of total disability benefits prior to any such exam, the injured employee argued that the Act could only be properly applied to those injured workers who received 104 weeks of benefits after October 28, 2018, so that only those whose 104 weeks elapsed in October 2020 or after should be sent for an IRE.

The Court disagreed, holding that "there are reasonable expectations under the [Workers' Compensation] Act that benefits may change." The Court held that this injured worker did not "automatically lose anything" when Act 111 was adopted but that the new provisions "simply provided employers with the means to change" an injured worker's disability status by virtue of the exam itself.

The injured worker has requested

that the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania hear this matter, but that is not an automatic right of appeal. Rather, the Supreme Court grants permission for such an appeal to move forward. Therefore, at this point, we don't know whether the Court will address these arguments, but anticipate that it is possible.

The inability to apply the "new" Impairment Rating Provisions of Act 111 to injuries before October 28, 2018 is just one of the arguments that injured workers were posing to Courts to deny application of this legislation. Many injured worker attorneys considered it a strong one, based on the remedial purposes of the Act. Additionally, allowing the exam for injuries which preceded the legislation raises constitutional implications. This is a disappointing result, but not necessarily the last word.

No injured worker of an injury date prior to October 28, 2018 should voluntarily go to an Impairment Rating Exam without consulting with counsel, and preserving any arguments which may remain about the applicability of these exams to injuries pre-dating the legislation. It makes common sense to keep all avenues of challenge open, until the Courts have the final say on these matters, and as yet, that has not occurred.



2021 Campaign Finance Reporting Dates

Not applicable to candidates running for Federal offices

Type of Report	Cycle	Complete as of	Filing Deadline**
2020 Annual Report	Cycle 7	December 31, 2020	Extended to February 3, 2021 due to severe weather
*6 th Tuesday Pre-Primary	Cycle 1	March 29, 2021	April 6, 2021
2 nd Friday Pre-Primary	Cycle 2	May 3, 2021	May 7, 2021
24-Hour Reporting (Daily)	Cycle 10	Starts May 4, 2021	Through and including May 18, 2021
30 Day Post-Primary	Cycle 3	June 7, 2021	June 17, 2021
*6 th Tuesday Pre-Election	Cycle 4	September 13, 2021	September 21, 2021
2 nd Friday Pre-Election	Cycle 5	October 18, 2021	October 22, 2021
24-Hour Reporting (Daily)	Cycle 11	Starts October 19, 2021	Through and including November 2, 2021
30 Day Post-Election	Cycle 6	November 22, 2021	December 2, 2021
2021 Annual Report	Cycle 7	December 31, 2021	January 31, 2022

* You are **only** required to file these reports if you are a **candidate for a statewide office, an authorized committee for such a candidate, or a committee contributing to candidates** for statewide office.

For your report to be accepted as timely filed, you must postmark your report **at least one day prior to the filing deadline.

Your notarized cover page **must be received in our office ten calendar days (including weekends) after the filing deadline. Postmarks will **not** be accepted.

NOTE: All dates are **subject to change** without notice in the event of passage of any amendatory legislation.

Bureau of Campaign Finance & Civic Engagement

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CLC Committee Highlights:

Committees build Solidarity, create and implement most of the plans and activities of the central labor councils. Committees are vital to the growth of the CLC, that is why we encourage you to participate.

Erie-Crawford CLC Community Service Committee Meetings

The Erie-Crawford Community Service Committee meets the 1st Tuesday of each month from 5 to 6 pm in the USW Hall located at 703 French St., Erie, PA 16501. The following are some topics that will be discussed.

- Worker's Memorial
- Community Service Projects (Little Free Library)
- Legislative Picnic
- Community Services Awards Dinner (October 2nd)
- Scholarships (Discuss changing the dates, due to COVID-19)
- Labor/SECA Kickoff Dinner (In Support of United Way of Erie County)
- Youth Workforce Life Skills Course

They practice social distancing and require masks. Attend if you can!

Many other CLC's have active committees and each month we will be highlighting another CLC. Some of our CLCs do wonderful work via volunteers without the formal committee structure. We are proud of the work that all of you do and encourage you to share the various things you do with us. Thank you for all that you do!



Act 111 - New Change in the Workers' Compensation Law

Prepared by Rudberg Law Office, LLC

As you know, workers' compensation benefits are available for all employees in Pennsylvania. The benefits pay for wage loss and medical benefits for any work-related injury and is a no-fault law, so any injury or aggravation of a pre-existing condition, even if non-work related, is covered. Also, benefits for scars and loss of use of fingers, limbs and functional loss are covered through payment of a lump sum.

The Pennsylvania Workers' Compensation Act is a state statute and can be changed by our elected officials. As such, in the fall of 2018, Act 111 changed the law in regard to how injured workers on workers' compensation benefits will be treated. After two years of receiving workers' compensation, an Impairment Rating Evaluation can be requested by the employer which will determine how long an injured worker will receive benefits. The percentage of impairment in Act 111 dictates how long an injured worker will receive benefits. So, if an impairment is equal to or greater than 35%, the benefits will continue without a firm end date and if less than 35%, benefits will be limited to 500 weeks and then end. That is a little over five years and not very long for a person who may be unable to perform his or her time of injury job. The law used to use 50% as the percentage to determine this cut off,

but Act 111 has changed this.

Act 111 also changed the amount of burial expenses in a fatal workers' compensation case. The law previously paid \$3,000 and now will pay \$7,000. This is a long overdue change.

Despite these changes, there are many aspects of the Workers' Compensation Act which are not particularly favorable to injured workers. Often, litigation is necessary to secure the benefits that workers should just automatically receive. Unfortunately, employers and insurance companies regularly deny these benefits or make it very difficult for injured workers to recover and return to work and instead put pressure on the worker who is injured, financially and otherwise.

If you are scheduled for an Impairment Rating Evaluation, or need assistance enforcing the law to receive the benefits you deserve, please do not hesitate to contact our office for help.

If you have any questions about any type of injury, please feel free to contact Attorney Signe Rudberg or Don Rudberg, Coordinator at RUDBERG LAW OFFICES, toll free at 1.866.306.2667 or email at srudberg@rudberglaw.com.

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For more than a decade, United Way has helped people easily and accurately file their federal and state taxes through MyFreeTaxes. Since 2009, more than 1.2 million people have used MyFreeTaxes and saved \$250 million dollars in filing fees!

In 2021, MyFreeTaxes.com is back and better than ever. This year, MyFreeTaxes is FREE for all simple returns and includes schedule C for those that are self employed. You can easily file your taxes using MyFreeTaxes.com from your mobile phone, tablet or computer. The platform guides you through the process to guarantee you get your maximum refund. Most filers complete their taxes in under one hour and save an average of \$200 in fees by using MyFreeTaxes instead of a paid tax preparer.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Individuals who would prefer to have a trained volunteer assist them with completion of their tax return should check into resources that may be available locally, including the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. Individuals with incomes of less than \$57,000 are eligible for assistance through VITA. Please view PA 211's VITA program information or contact your local United Way to learn more.

Tax Credits

For people with an earned income, and families with children, there are tax credits available to benefit you. Learn more about the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Child Tax Credit (CTC.)

Universal Charitable Deduction

Federal stimulus bills provide a tax deduction for charitable donations made in the 2020 and 2021 tax years. The tax deduction is up to \$300 for single filers, and \$600 for joint filers. Learn more about the universal charitable deduction.

Greater Westmoreland CLC sponsors this event. When you attend get your T-shirt!

Pick Your Park!

MARCH FOR PARKS

Saturday, March 27, 2021

A new approach!

The March for Parks is a fun event to raise money for new park and trail projects in Westmoreland County. The 2021 March for Parks will have a more widespread opportunity to support all 10 of our parks and 5 trails. Marchers (and their dogs!) can collect donations to turn in at 1 of 9 Westmoreland County parks and trails!

Flexible Fun on March 27

Choose 1 of 9 locations around Westmoreland County on March 27 to register and drop off donations. Visit your favorite park or trail, the park closest to home, or explore a new location!

- ◆ **Twin Lakes Park** (Greensburg)
- ◆ **Mammoth Park** (Mt. Pleasant)
- ◆ **Northmoreland Park** (Apollo)
- ◆ **Cedar Creek Park** (Belle Vernon)
- ◆ **Westmoreland Heritage Trail—Export**
- ◆ **Westmoreland Heritage Trail—Murrysville**
- ◆ **Ann Rudd Saxman Nature Park** (Donohoe Road, Greensburg)
- ◆ **Bridgeport Dam Park** (Mt. Pleasant area)
- ◆ **Historic Hanna's Town** (Greensburg)

Staying Safe & Healthy

Registering online is the easiest way!

- ◆ Check-in any time between 9 a.m. & 12 p.m.
- ◆ Turn in all donations and contributions
- ◆ Pick up your t-shirt or doggie bandana if you turn in \$30 or more
- ◆ Purchase a raffle ticket for a chance to win some great prizes!
- ◆ March/walk/explore at your convenience!

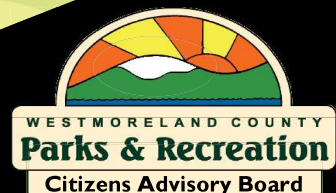


Parks Passport

Be sure to pick up your "Parks Passport" destination guide when you register on March 27! The "Parks Passport" guide features information about our 10 County parks and 5 trails. After the March, visit 10 of our County parks and trails and take a photo or selfie with a recognizable feature in each location. Post 10 photos to Instagram to be entered into a great prize drawing! Be sure to tag **@marchforparks** or **#marchforparks** in your post!



@marchforparks



For more information and to register, visit: www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/MFP or call (724) 830-3950

Should Workers' Compensation Benefits be offset when an injured worker receives unemployment compensation under a pandemic relief program?

by Rhett Cherkin

If you are injured at work and are receiving workers' compensation benefits, it is common for the workers' compensation carrier to send you a form titled "Employee's Report of Benefits for Offsets" (LIBC Form 756). This form requires the worker to disclose if he or she has received certain types of benefits, including unemployment compensation benefits. When an injured worker receives unemployment compensation benefits and is also collecting or is awarded workers' compensation benefits for the same period of time, the employer is entitled to an offset against the workers' compensation wage loss benefits. There is some disagreement about whether the employer should be entitled to this offset when an injured worker receives supplemental unemployment benefits paid pursuant to a pandemic relief act. We believe there is a strong argument that supplemental unemployment compensation paid under a pandemic relief act should be treated differently.

In 2020, supplemental unemployment compensation benefits were available under the Federal Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). Those benefits ended on July 31, 2020. But a relief bill, called the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, was passed by Congress at the end of December 2020 and provides unemployed individuals an additional \$300.00 per week in unemployment compensation for 10 weeks until March 14, 2021.

The U.S. House of Representative just passed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 on February 27, 2021. This Act, which still needs to be voted on in the Senate, extends income support for unemployed workers through August 29, 2021 and increasing the unemployment compensation supplemental amount to \$400.00 a week.

It is our position that employers should not be entitled to offset workers' compensation wage loss benefits when an injured worker receives such pandemic related benefits. Section 204 of the Workers' Compensation Act allows workers' compensation benefits to be offset when unemployment compensation benefits are received but this section should only apply to normal or traditional unemployment compensation benefits. Unemployment compensation benefits are usually funded by unemployment compensation insurance taxes paid by employers and collected by the state and federal government. Pandemic-related supplemental unemployment compensation benefits are funded entirely by the federal government. States such as Pennsylvania are provided with 100% reimbursement when providing such supplemental payments to unemployed workers.

The Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court in 1998 in *Deitrich Indus. v. WCAB* considered a similar issue. In that case, the Court rejected an employer's attempt to obtain an offset for The Trade Act of 1974 benefits paid through the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Authority. The Trade Act of 1974 established a program of assistance to those workers unemployed due to increases in imports. The Commonwealth Court found that The Trade Act benefits were distinct from the type of benefits the Workers' Compensation Act in Section 204 contemplated as concurrent benefits for which an employer was entitled to an offset. Similarly, in 2001, the Commonwealth Court, in *Dana Corp. v. WCAB (Beck)*, again ruled that Section 204 of the Workers' Compensation Act was not to be interpreted so broadly as to allow an offset for all other benefits paid to a person because of unemployment. In that case, supplemental unemployment benefits paid through a union contract did not entitle the employer to an

offset against the injured worker's wage loss benefits.

If you have an accepted workers' compensation claim and are laid off, you should be entitled to the receive both workers' compensation wage loss benefits and supplemental unemployment compensation benefits payable under a pandemic relief act. This would also be the case if you have filed a new claim for workers' compensation and while your claim is pending, you are laid off from your job. Because each injured worker's circumstances are different, you may find it beneficial if you are laid off to discuss all your options with an experienced workers' compensation attorney before applying for unemployment compensation benefits.

If you receive a LIBC Form 756 "Employer's Report of Benefits for Offsets" in the mail and have questions about how to complete the form, please contact the attorneys at Caroselli Beachler & Coleman. Further, if you have any questions or concerns about receiving workers' compensation benefits and supplemental unemployment compensation benefits available through a pandemic relief act, we would be happy to meet with you to discuss your questions or concerns. We are conducting business in person, over the phone, by video conference and by email. Please reach out to us by telephone at 1-800-222-8816 or contact our firm and our attorneys on our website at www.cbmclaw.com.

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Greater Westmoreland County Labor Council

You are invited to join us by Zoom or in person

Breakfast with the Candidates

Saturday, March 13th

Ferrante's Lakeview

Route 30 East, Greensburg

Seating is Limited to 50

\$15 per person

Includes *Delicious Breakfast Buffet*

Coffee and Fellowship at 8:00 a.m.

Candidates will speak on Zoom and shown on screen at Lakeview

Our Council has invited all Labor friendly candidates

Supreme Court Candidates

Superior Court Candidates

Commonwealth Court

County Row offices

59th State Representative Candidates for Special Election

To be sure to get the link for Zoom please email Harriet at:

ellenberger@zoominternet.net

To make a reservation for Lakeview complete the form below

Make Check Payable to: GWCLC Special Events,

Send Form and Payment to: GWCLC COPE,
c/o Harriet Ellenberger, 170 Holly Place, Mt. Pleasant, PA 15666

Local Union or Name _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____







Telephone _____ email _____

Number Attending _____ @ \$15 _____ Total \$ _____

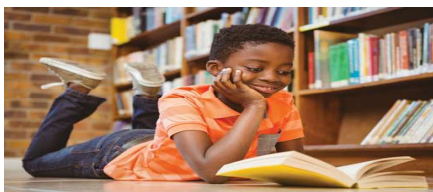
COVID-19 Vaccines

DEBUNKING THE MYTHS

Banner Health

VACCINE MYTH	VACCINE FACT
 It was rushed and isn't safe	Researchers took no safety shortcuts. Large studies show the vaccine is safe.
 It changes your DNA	It's impossible for the vaccine to change your DNA
 It can give you COVID-19	The vaccine doesn't contain a live virus strain
 It contains egg protein	It doesn't have egg proteins and can be given to people with egg allergies
 It causes severe side effects	For most, the vaccine causes mild side effects that resolve in a few days
 It makes women infertile	There is no evidence that the vaccine causes infertility

SOURCE: Sanford Health



READ ACROSS AMERICA

Please join me and Marley Dias, the Read Across America ambassador and founder of #1000BlackGirlBooks, for a celebration of diverse books.

Tomorrow, March 2, is Read Across America Day, the nation's biggest celebration of reading. We

have diverse books and resources to inspire kids and teens of all backgrounds to read.

When readers see themselves reflected in books, it helps them feel included, recognized, and valued.

Join us in making reading fun for every reader, tomorrow and all year long.

Happy reading!

Becky Pringle
President
National Education Association

FROM THE BROADER LABOR MOVEMENT:

SHINING A LIGHT ON A NEED FOR HELP:

IUE-CWA Local 84704 members at the GE-Savant lighting facility in Bucyrus, Ohio, are fighting to keep their jobs. They make LED light bulbs exclusively for Walmart. They are trying to prevent this line from being off-shored.

Our union brothers and sisters need our help.

You can sign an on-line [petition](#) to support these workers.

THANKS AND GOOD NEWS!

The members of USW 1016 who were on strike at NMLK in Farrell, PA send their thanks. The were truly appreciative of the support and generosity of their union brothers and sisters throughout the broader labor movement, friends of labor and members of the community.

TODAY, THEY VOTED TO ACCEPT THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT AND WILL BE RETURNING TO WORK, AND WE ARE HAPPY FOR THEM.

The members of UAW 1311 who were on strike at Langeloth Metallurgical in Langeloth, PA send their thanks. The were truly appreciative of the support and generosity of their union brothers and sisters throughout the broader labor movement, friends of labor and members of the community. They have been on strike since September of 2019. The show of Solidarity meant so much.

We will keep you informed but at this time there is nothing to report!

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO STOP AMAZON'S UNION-BUSTING!

-  Sign the petition: bit.ly/amazonunionbusting
-  Tweet "@Amazon @MorganLewisLaw Stop union busting @BAmazonUnion"
-  Call Amazon HQ - 206-266-1000 - Press 0 Demand they end their union busting in Alabama!

supportamazonworkers.org

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NWPA ALF E-B	First Name	Last Name
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v-chair	Richard	Gallano
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Rep GWCLC/trustee	Walter (Pat)	Geiger
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Rep APSCUF	Andrea	Wyman
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Rep IAFF	Greg	Laird
Rep IBEW	Jim	Nuber
Rep IUOE	Rich	Barrett
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Rep OPEIU	Jeffrey	Hapke
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Rep PSEA	Mike	Kalpich
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Rep SEIU	Mike	Butler
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Rep UFCW	Daryl	Busch
Rep USW	George	Bryan
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B CLC Rep	Jim	Saeler
Rep CECJ CLC	Jeff	Miller
Rep EC CLC	Rosanne	Gangemi
Rep IA CLC	Jerry	Shull
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Rep V-C	C.J. Pete	Kluck
Rep w-f	Archie	Graham
Director	Rosann	Barker



FREE-ZOOM Educational Classes in NWPAALF

The NWPA Area Labor Federation is excited to be able to offer the following classes via ZOOM, as a result of our collaboration with the Federal Mediation & Conciliation Services (FMCS), and Commissioner Tim McNamara who is always eager to assist labor. He is coordinating the next three classes with the assistance of other commissioners.

Stewards & Grievance Training –

March 10th from 5-8 PM

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://aflcio.zoom.us/join/901234567890>

Labor Law –

March 24th from 5-8 PM,

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://aflcio.zoom.us/join/123456789012>

Effective Communications –

April 14th from 5-8 PM,

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://aflcio.zoom.us/join/234567890123>

The AFL-CIO offers training and the NWPA ALF is collaborating with Charles Handel Lundy from the AFL-CIO Organizing Department. He is collaborating with his colleges to teach a class on internal organizing. This class offers insight and skills for growth, it is open to leaders in our CLCs and affiliated local unions.

Internal Organizing

This class will be held in 2 sessions via ZOOM on Tuesday March 16th and 23rd from 5 to 8 pm.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://aflcio.zoom.us/join/345678901234>

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