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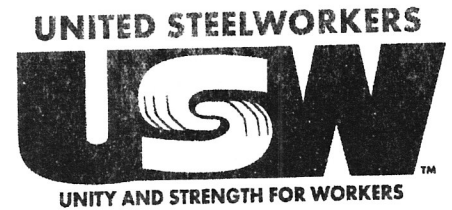
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15th Avenue as it did last year. This year's Grand Marshal will be Randy Donnelly, Retired AFGE.

Ours is the only parade in the Quad Cities that is run entirely by organized labor. We are not affiliated with a particular city, state, or political party, but are committed solely to support the rights of working people to decent wages, benefits, a safe workplace, and a dignified life. We invite you to celebrate Labor Day with us!

Meetings & Events
September 2017

9/4		LABOR DAY
9/7	1:30pm	S.O.A.R. Meeting
9/11	3:00pm	Women of Steel Mtg.
9/14	3:30pm	Committeeperson Mtg. E-Board Mtg.
9/15 & 9/16		Local 105 Cookout
9/18	6 pm	Q-C Fed Delegates Mtg @Local 25
9/19	6:20am	Regular Business Mtg
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	11:20pm	" " "
9/20	12 noon	Local 105-2 (Sivyer Steel)
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9/21	12 noon	Local 105 Retirees Potluck

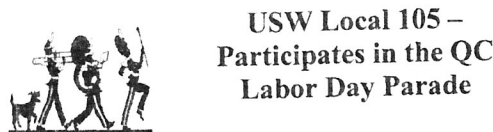
All meetings @ USW Local 105 Union Hall
Unless designated otherwise

**Bucket Collection for:
 Conrad Andersen**



There will be a bucket collection for I.P.S. union brother, Conrad Andersen on Wednesday, September 6 and

Thursday, September 7. Conrad has run out of Sickness and Accident benefits and can use all the support we can give him. Please donate generously to our union brother in need!



**USW Local 105 –
 Participates in the QC
 Labor Day Parade**

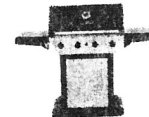
**Monday Sept. 4th – 33rd Annual
 Labor Day Parade in East Moline, IL**

USW Local 105 will have an entry in the parade again this year. The first 50 members that show up and participate in the parade with our local will receive a "Labor Day T-Shirt". We also have 30 tickets available to the parade participants for the "Salute to Labor" Chicken Fry after the parade at Illiniwek Park – Route 84 – Hampton, IL

This year will be the 33rd Anniversary of the Quad City Labor Day Parade Alliance...The line up will start at 9am at John Deere Harvester Works lot at 1100 13th Ave. in East Moline. The parade will start at 11 a.m and take place in East Moline along

Local 105 Cookout – Sept 15 & 16

Retirees, Active Members &
 Family



Location: Local 105 Union Hall,
 880 Devils Glen Rd
 Bettendorf, IA.

Dates: Friday, Sept 15th and Saturday, Sept 16

75 cent pop available from vending machine or Bring your own drinks

Burgers, Brats & Pulled Pork Sandwiches
 Meal Times: Both days 12:00 noon-2:00 pm and 4:00 pm-7:00 pm

You must RSVP the date and time and how many in your party for your meal. Please call the hall at:

563-355-1181 to RSVP

Attn: Retirees: At our September 7 meeting from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 pm, we will have a S.H.I.I.P (Senior Health Insurance Information Program) volunteer to educate you on various Medicare Plans. The meeting will take place at the USW Local 105 union hall. Feel free to bring family members or friends that have questions or want to be educated on Medicare or Medicare Supplement plans.

105 Contest Continues

This week's number for direct deposit users to add to the cents of their deposit amount is 74. If the sum totals 105 you win a free T-shirt.

Minnesota Increasing Minimum Wage for Large Employers

<http://www.kvr.com/2017/08/17/minnesota-increasing-minimum-wage-large-employers/>

August 17, 2017 by TJ Nelson

MINNESOTA — Minnesota's minimum wage for most large employers will increase to \$9.65 an hour in 2018.

It's the first annual increase stemming from a 2014 bill that hiked the minimum wage to \$9.50 an hour by 2016.

Other smaller employers will pay at least \$7.87 hourly, up from \$7.75

The modest raise taking effect January 1st is the first inflation-adjusted increase.

Republicans have suggested they'd like to do away with the hikes, calling it "government on autopilot."

Democratic Gov. Dayton says more than 250,000 Minnesotans and their families will benefit.

NAFTA talks: Round 1 is over. Here's what's next

Reprinted in part from:
 By Patrick Gillespie@CNMoney
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Buckle up: Negotiators from the United States, Canada and Mexico are trying to rewrite NAFTA by the end of the year. That won't be easy.

Experts say the issues are complex. And President Trump insists he wants major changes to a trade pact he considers a raw deal for American workers -- he made reworking it a central promise of his campaign.

The first round of talks to redo the three-nation trade pact concluded in Washington on Sunday.

Representatives from the three countries said Sunday that negotiations will continue at a "rapid pace," adding that "a great deal of effort and negotiation will be required in the coming months."

The countries "are committed to an accelerated and comprehensive negotiation process" that will establish "21st century standards" that benefit citizens, they said in a statement.

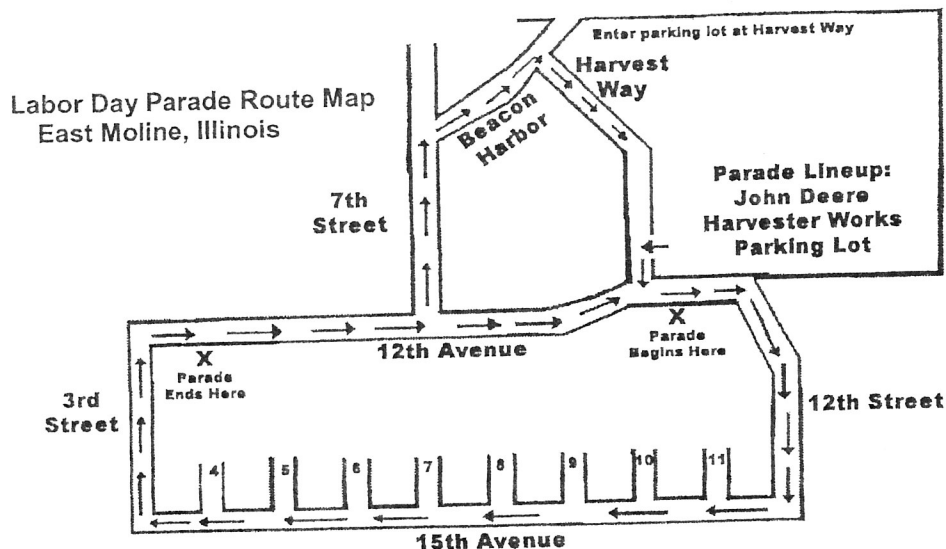
Round 2 of the NAFTA talks are set to be held for September 1-5 in Mexico City. The third: late September in Ottawa.

Round 4 will be held in Washington, D.C. in October. In total, seven rounds are expected through December. A U.S. official cautioned that December isn't a firm deadline and that talks could stretch into early 2018.

Still, that's a blinding pace for trade negotiations. The original NAFTA -- which Trump's team blames for the loss of 700,000 American jobs -- took years to negotiate.

Why the rush?

Mexico's presidential election is in July. The current president, Enrique Peña Nieto, can't run again because of term limits. His top trade negotiator, economy secretary Ildefonso Guajardo, has repeatedly warned that he won't be able to sell a new NAFTA to politicians at home once campaigning begins next spring. A new deal needs to get done by the early days of 2018, he has said.



Roads along the parade route will be closed during the parade's scheduled time: 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Note: For safety reasons, please follow the one-way entrance into the lot through Beacon Harbor and Harvest Way. Do not try to enter the parking lot along 12th Avenue and 12th Street.

Parade Route Map