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KWQC will broadcast the two-hour event live as well as livestream in on kwqc.com

The Quad City Times will provide additional coverage in Monday's edition.

<u>Meetings & Events</u>		
<u>May 2018</u>		
5/15	6:20am	Regular Business Mtg
	7:20am	" " "
	3:20pm	" " "
	6:20pm	" " "
	11:20pm	" " "
5/16	12 noon	Local 105-2 (Sivyer Steel)
	3 pm	Local 105-2 (Sivyer Steel)
5/17	12 noon	Local 105 Retirees Potluck
5/21	6 pm	Q-C Fed Delegates Mtg @Local 25

All meetings @ USW Local 105 Union Hall
Unless designated otherwise

From the President:

Meet with "Nate" in front of KWQC – 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, May 13 – Get Nate fired up for the debate!

I will see you there.

Also join the watch party at the USW Local 105 Union Hall to watch the debate. Doors open at 5:30 PM.

Brad D. Greve

Q-C Times, KWQC host gubernatorial debate Sunday, May 13

All six Democratic candidates set to attend the event

The Quad-City Times and KWQC are teaming up to host a debate featuring all six Democratic candidates for Iowa governor beginning at 6 pm Sunday.



Save the Date!!

Saturday, May 19th from 12:30 to 2pm

**Nate Boulton for Iowa Governor Rally
in Bettendorf**

We are organizing a rally for Nate Boulton for the Democratic candidate for governor to be held on Saturday, May 19th from 12:30 to 2 pm at the:

QC Waterfront Convention Center
2021 State Street
Bettendorf, IA

Absentee Ballot Request Forms are available at the union hall. *Primary elections* will be held on June 5, 2018.

The winner of the primary election will face incumbent *Republican Governor* Kim Reynolds in the November 6, 2018 election.

Our USW District 11 Director Emil Ramirez is confirmed to speak as well as USW Vice President Tom Conway.

In Solidarity

Jeff Hartford, USW Staff Representative



Saturday, May 12

Residents can leave donations of non-perishable goods next to mailboxes before mail delivery on Saturday, when mail carriers will collect donations while they deliver mail.

We need volunteers for the NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on May 12th! We are looking for people to volunteer for one of two shifts to help us sort out food. The shifts are from 12-3 and 3-6 p.m. on Saturday. This is the largest one-day food drive in the world and we are ready for another record breaking year!

If you'd like to volunteer, please call 309-788-1303 to schedule a shift and location.

Ford forced to stop all F-150 production because of supplier fire

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Ford suspended all production Wednesday of its profit-driving F-150 pickup, the nation's best-selling vehicle for more than 35 years, because of a "black swan" parts shortage.

The production halt was caused by a fire May 2 at a parts factory in small-town Michigan that rippled through the North American auto industry but hit Ford hardest. Production at General Motors, Fiat Chrysler and Mercedes also was disrupted.

This week, the truck side of the Ford Kansas City Assembly Plant in Missouri shut down and about 3,400 workers went home because of the parts shortage caused by the fire at Meridian Magnesium Products in Eaton Rapids, said Kelli Felker, Ford spokeswoman.

Late Wednesday, on the eve of the annual shareholder call, Hinrichs announced that the Dearborn Truck Plant would shut down at the end of the day's second shift, affecting about 4,000 workers.

The F-150 is built only at the two sites.

The length of the production halt has not been determined.

"The situation really is hour to hour," Hinrichs said. "It's safe to say we're going to see an impact of several days."

The supplier, Chinese-owned Meridian Magnesium Products, has not confirmed timelines. UAW

officials have warned Ford workers to be prepared for layoffs.

"Ford has 100% of its truck radiator supports in North America coming out of the Eaton Rapids facility," said Vadhavkar, who worked with Meridian Magnesium before retiring in September 2017 as Ford's senior manager for stampings, structures and raw materials for supplier technical assistance in purchasing North America.

"You don't have multiple suppliers for a complicated part like this one. You have specialty manufacturers because it's more efficient," he said. "And you can't just take molds for the casting and ship them to another plant or supplier overseas."

Meridian is the No. 1 supplier in North America for the magnesium radiator support structure, the part that holds radiators on Ford trucks. Magnesium is a light metal that adds little weight and helps with fuel efficiency. When the radiator is filled with coolant, which has the approximate density of water, it gets heavy. So the magnesium radiator support structure hangs on the vehicle providing support.

Meridian Magnesium Products of America was acquired by Wanfeng Auto Holdings Group in 2013.

"This company is the only supplier in North America that has the ability to supply this product at the volume Ford requires," Vadhavkar said.

Ford officials confirmed that Meridian produces the "front bolster," which structurally reinforces the engine where the radiator is attached, for the F-150, Super Duty trucks, Expedition and Navigator. The supplier also makes a third-row seat cushion pan for the Ford Explorer, Ford Flex and the Lincoln MKT, and a lift gate for the MKT.

Meanwhile, Fiat Chrysler buys magnesium instrument panels from the supplier. The speedometer, glove box, steering column support, heating and air-conditioning systems all hang on the cross car beam known as the instrument panel, Vadhavkar explained.

Ford said Meridian is working to utilize its facility in Strathroy, Ontario.

Local 105 Solidarity Night



**Quad-City Steamwheelers
Vs.
Wichita Force**

Champions Indoor Football
Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm
TaxSlayer Center, Moline, IL

\$7 Tickets for Sale at the Union Hall

105 Contest Continues

This week's number for direct deposit users to add to the cents of their deposit amount is 47. If the sum totals 105 you win a free T-shirt.