



AROUND THE STATE: OFFICERS PROTEST GOV.'S ARAMARK DECISION; JCF STAFF MEMBER STABBED

A Resident Unit Manager stabbed with an ice pick last week has not returned to work.

A Cotton inmate attacked the RUM Wednesday at about 3:45 p.m. He was stabbed about 8 times. The prisoner confronted the RUM in a vestibule, an officer said. The attacker has been transferred to a higher-custody facility, the Department said in a release.

MCO wishes the RUM a quick and full recovery.

Nearly 100 people protested the continuation of the Aramark contract at a rally outside Gov. Snyder's office Thursday.

Several media outlets covered the event. Go to mco-seiu.org to read coverage of the protest. Snyder has moved oversight of the contract to his office, which is exempt from Michigan's Freedom of Information Act. This concerns MCO and it touched a nerve with reporters.

Also last week, MCO introduced a timeline of the partnership between

MDOC and Aramark. It documents action MCO has taken, media reports and more. Check it out at mco-seiu.org

An Aramark worker was driving a state vehicle when the employee hit a trash cart, pushing it into an inmate, Baraga officers said.

Aramark workers prepare the food at the main prison, then drive it to the Level I unit in a cargo truck. The worker was driving the vehicle from the Level I unit to the prison to pick up more food when the cart was hit and pushed into an inmate. The driver didn't stop, officers say. The prisoner was not injured.

The employee was sent home but returned to work the next day.

Baraga officers also tell MCO some inmates are refusing meal trays in protest of the quality and quantity of the food, in addition to the condition of the trays.

More than 20 inmates rejected trays at breakfast and lunch on Friday and Saturday.

GREY DRAGONS RIDE AND CHILDREN'S DAY PICNIC SATURDAY

Don't forget, the Children's Day Picnic is Saturday at Lower Huron Metro Park, Woodcreek Section, 17845 Savage Rd., Belleville, MI 48111.

There will be food, ice cream, a bounce house, video game bus, card tournament and more. The fun starts at 11 a.m.

This event is free to all MCO members and MDOC employees at Detroit-area facilities.

The Manistee chapter of the Grey Dragons Association of Michigan will ride Saturday to benefit the MCO Crisis Fund.

Meet at the Saddle Up Gas & Grocery on US 31 on the north side of Bear Lake. The ride leaves at 8 a.m. The cost is \$20 per bike.

This ride is an annual fundraiser for the MCO Crisis Fund.

Don't be a stranger – come out to one of these great events Saturday!

SIGN UP NOW FOR HEALTH INSURANCE

Health insurance open enrollment is going on now and ends Aug. 29.

All employees will be under one health care plan starting Oct. 12, and participants will notice changes in their coverage, as MCO reported during bargaining.

For more information:

- To review plan changes, visit http://www.michigan.gov/mdcs/0,4614,7-147-22854_22984-320528--,00.html.
- For more info on the enrollment period, visit Michigan.gov/ioe.
- To enroll online, go to www.mi.gov/selfserv.
- For assistance by phone, call (517)335-0529 or (877)766-6447.

IN MEMORIAM: OFFICER KIP O'NEILL

Pugsley Officer Kip O'Neill passed away Aug. 8.

O'Neill, 52, had been an officer for 15 years. A funeral was held Thursday.

Survivors include his wife, Pat O'Neill; son

Cole O'Neill; daughter Melissa O'Neill; and son Matt McCormick and his wife Ashley.

Please join MCO in wishing for peace for O'Neill's friends and family.

