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**Region 1D**  
Steve Dawes,  
Director



Thank you to all the Region 1D Delegates and friends who attended the Special Convention on February 13, to elect me as your Region 1D Director. It is absolutely an honor to have your support and confidence, and please know I do not take it for granted. I promise to continue to make our region the proud and successful region it has always been.

With the approval of President Gamble, I have selected Scott Zuckschwerdt to be my and your Assistant Director. Scott has a long history of bargaining and great people skills. He comes with a strong trade unionist background and is an excellent addition to our leadership team.

This issue of the Labor News contains the endorsements of the CAP Council. Please remember these endorsements do not come easily. Your CAP Council has a screening process that digs into candidate conduct like voting records as they per-

tain to working people; labor issues; and supporting legislation that will support and protect working men and women. This process takes hours of work and research, so please don't take their recommendations lightly. Thank you to the CAP Councils for their time and commitment during this process.

Many of our locals have had their Local Union Elections this year. My personal congratulations go out to all those who were elected. Now the real work starts. Your membership has put their trust and confidence in you, and your ability, to perform your respective position. It is truly an honor to represent your membership. I have always thought that being part of an Installation Ceremony (Article 39 of our Constitution) is an honor. The words installed upon you are your proud union duties and you make a true commitment when you say, "I do." Good luck to all.

While we are all attempting to make sense of and dealing with the COVID pandemic, please continue to be safe and follow the CDC guidelines, both at work and away from work.

In closing, I would like to send a special congratulations to newly elected Local 652 Vice President Lena Wyeth. Lena is the first female to be elected to an officer position in the history of the local. I have known Lena many years, and she is a true trade unionist and community activist. Congratulations Lena and Local 652.

In solidarity, Steve

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Region 1D Director Steve Dawes and UAW Local 652 Vice President Lena Wyeth

**LOCAL 652**  
Ben Frantz,  
President



Hello everyone, as you read this, I pray that it reaches you safe and healthy. Local election season is here for many of the UAW Locals in Lansing. As a result, I am writing this article with a thankful heart. Though this is not my first article here in the Labor News, it is my first as President of UAW Local 652. Starting this journey many years ago has taught me one thing if nothing else. Learn from those who have come before you and honor their lessons through the faithful execution of their teachings. One such man who came before me was an excellent mentor and a man that I will surely miss. I would like to extend heartfelt congratulations to the newest President Emeritus of UAW Local 652, Randy Freeman. After the conclusion of the Nomination and General Elections, here at Local 652, Randy concluded his term and skipped into his well-deserved retirement with his lovely bride Michelle, grown children, and adorable grandchildren. Randy was instrumental in devel-

oping many of the Leaders in service at Local 652 I will forever be in his debt. I wish upon him many happy and healthy years of relaxation with his family. Now, we must get back to business and discuss something that Randy will always stay passionate about, the Michigan and United States elections coming up this year. As Local elections conclude, we must move to the late summer and fall State and National elections. We in the working class must protect our livelihoods with informed decisions that protect our way of life. We do this by electing leaders who have a long history of protecting and voting in favor of legislation that protects our jobs and increase protections for Organized Labor. The data is clear, states with larger Union densities, have better health and safety numbers for working people as well as better wages and health care. I will never tell any Member how or whom to vote for, I will, however, give you this link so that you can do your homework and research specific Candidates. <https://www.congress.gov/roll-call-votes> I would ask only that in your research of these individuals, add to your criteria list, candidates who vote to protect our pensions, healthcare, and wages. These are issues are important across generations and we can see they are under

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attack as you are reading this; it is our job as Unionists to research who is attacking us, unite and stop them. This website only takes a little while to learn but will help you to understand how those candidates that hold your interest are voting on every topic that to you is of the utmost importance. It has an easy to use the search bar to help filter to the legislation you wish to find. It will also let you research any elected member of Government seeing how they voted on any bill. With a little bit of time and effort, you will no longer need the biased new media to inform you, this tool will let you educate yourself on candidates utilizing your criteria. As I wrap this up, please don't forget that the most important vote will be on November 3, 2020. We must get out to vote for a President who has more than Twitter, division, and distractions on his mind all the while stacking the deck against working people and the everyday Citizens of this Nation. Please take the time to research anyone whom you may be interested in electing. Do not allow a television program or newspaper to spin a narrative to you, regardless of which outlet it is, they are biased, protect what is important to you and do the research. Whichever choices you make, I say God Bless, get out and vote.

**LOCAL 602**  
Steve Delaney,  
President



We have faced many changes in the past few months. The pandemic has altered our world and the way we live our lives today. On the positive side, Governor Whitmer's restrictions around business and personal activities are being reduced. Her plan has decreased the spread of COVID-19 cases in Michigan. We've transformed from being one of the worst states in the country to being a model of success. As encouraging as this is it's important to remain living and working in ways that maintain a safe and healthy environment for us all.

There is another change occurring in our country right now. The

senseless killing of George Floyd and others has reinforced how much work we all have ahead of us, to build a society based on equality and inclusion, not discrimination or racism. The movement this tragic act ignited is gaining common ground among all races in the fight for reform. We need to jointly hold each other accountable when the commitment to fairness and equality is absent or challenged.

On Wednesday, June 10th, the Lansing chapter of the NAACP held a peaceful march to the State Capital. Our Civil & Human Rights Chairperson, Deasha Johnson led a group of Local 602 members who proudly carried our Locals banner. The march was a diverse show of solidarity that needs to continue as we all take stock and stand up for one another. Dr. King said, "An injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. Whatever affects one directly, affects us all indirectly."

Yes, these are unprecedented times we are living in right now. The UAW is one of the most diverse unions in the nation. One of the greatest lessons UAW members have learned over the years is adaptability. It's no secret that the UAW membership is one of the most versatile groups out there. We are tough, growth-oriented and can easily adapt to change. We build world class quality vehicles to keep our neighbors, friends, families and the economy on the road.

UAW Local 602 is holding their elections this July. Voting will begin at 11am July 14th for 24 consecutive hours ending on July 15th at 11am. A flyer is included in this edition of the LLN.

Another important election for our government is coming this November. To register to vote it's easy, just visit [www.sos.state.mi.us/](http://www.sos.state.mi.us/), to see if you are registered and where to go if not. Please register and vote in the primary election in August and the very important General election in November.

As always, it is my pleasure to serve this great membership! In Solidarity, stay safe and God Bless

**LOCAL 724**  
Todd Collins,  
President



It is no secret that most of us are dealing with unprecedented challenges right now due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Most of the units of our Local have been impacted and have had to shut down and make changes per the governor's executive order. Some of our units have returned to work when the governor lifted the stay home order. With the big 3 coming back on line most of our units are operating again (albeit in a somewhat different capacity). The overriding concern in all of our units is that, if they are working, that our members are protected and as Safe as Possible! The unfortunate choice that some of our members are forced to make is one of personal safety for us and our families or return to work and provide for our families. With the challenges facing our members involving the unemployment system it is placing everyone in a very uncomfortable position. On the Local front I would like to say Thank you to Dean Poggiali who is our Community Service Chair and United Way Labor liaison for the daily updates to all of us throughout the area with information and resources available to help as much as possible during these challenging times. The Local recently had our Triennial Elections for the Local Officers and our Units as well. Congratulations to all of those who were elected to your respective leadership positions. I look forward to working with each and every one of you to help our Local move forward, in one direction, to serve those who have entrusted us to lead them and protect their best interests. In these challenging times our Solidarity and Unity will be tested more than ever!

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the water to create many ripples." - Mother Teresa

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**LOCAL 4911**  
Muhammad  
Qawwee,  
President



These three words: I can't breathe... it only takes 8 minutes to change the world, a little bravery to record an injustice, a moment to decide to take stand, but it takes practicing a lifetime of silence when picking a side might mean life or death.

I can't breathe; applies to all COVID-19 patients who include our Caregivers, family members and friends, who are fighting to live, work and exist. Thank you to everyone who has shown a united front: coming to work every day to serve the most vulnerable, standing next to your brother or sister in protests or going live on social media during an emotional moment. During these times, UNITY is important. This is what the UAW stands for and your VOICE matters.

Our new reality may now be personal protective gear or make shift facemasks when in short supply. Thank you to those who used your gifts to make masks and help others. It only takes 8 minutes or less to communicate needing help or safety, let us take that time to show love and support. Please continue to do your part by attending unconventional methods of virtual meetings and emailed instructions to remain safe. In return, we will continue to ensure our Caregivers successful returns to their positions safely except for those who have special situations of continuous voluntary furlough, childcare and immune-deficient health concerns.

As the President of Local 4911, I would like to ask, what would you do if you heard someone say, "I can't breathe?" I challenge you: Please do not let it take you more than 8 minutes to respond. Do Not Be Silent, We Are the UAW!

"There's a direct relationship between the ballot box and the bread box, and what the union fights for and wins at the bargaining table can be taken away in the legislative halls."—Walter Reuther

**LOCAL 652**  
Lena Wyeth,  
Vice President



This year, 2020, has been an eventful year to say the least. It marks the 100th year anniversary of the Women's Right to Vote, GM plants across the nation sat idle for 8:46 seconds to honor a man that was killed by the police, Black Lives Matter organized peaceful protests around the world, a pandemic put a halt to the entire country, small businesses closing their doors, unemployment rates, and undocumented children being held in a cage without their parents. What about Killer bees? (ha) All of this happening in this year of 2020 with no guidance or leadership in sight. While the current President didn't create many of these issues his poor leadership intensified them and made them much worse!

Americans need someone in the Oval Office that shows competent leadership. We need someone that brings us together and not apart, someone that promotes love and not hate. That is why this upcoming presidential election is so crucial. Joe Biden is the person for that position. Here is a breakdown on part of his plan:

- Strengthen the Right to Vote. Joe will strengthen our democracy by guaranteeing that every American's vote is protected.
- He will also champion women's health care, and reverse the Trump Administration and states' all-out assault on women's right to choose
- Confront the systemic racism in our country that is built into our laws, our policies, and our institutions and will take aggressive action to correct them—ripping out the inequities in housing, health care, education, the economy, our criminal justice system, and so many other areas.
- Plans for COVID-19 includes, but not limited to:
- Restoring trust, credibility, and

common purpose.

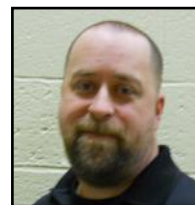
- Mounting an effective national emergency response that saves lives, protects front-line workers, and minimizes the spread of COVID-19.
- Eliminating cost barriers for prevention of and care for COVID-19.
- Pursuing decisive economic measures to help hard-hit workers, families, and small businesses and to stabilize the American economy.
- Rallying the world to confront this crisis while laying the foundation for the future.
- Establish a True Small Business Fund and make sure the program's terms actually help small businesses. His plan will keep well-off business owners from using any program to unjustly enrich themselves.
- Strengthening worker organizing, collective bargaining, and unions.
- Hold corporations and executives personally accountable for interfering with organizing efforts and violating other labor laws.
- Pursue employers who violate labor laws, participate in wage theft, or cheat on their taxes by intentionally misclassifying employees as independent contractors.
- Ensure federal dollars do not flow to employers who engage in union-busting activities, participate in wage theft, or violate labor law.
- Penalize companies that bar-

gain in bad faith

- For more information on Joe Biden's plan, visit <https://joebiden.com/>

In closing, Ronald Reagan once asked the country are you better off today than you were four years ago? The country resoundingly said no and made a change in presidency. We must ask that same question now. I know my answer! My job is less secure with shrinking auto sales because of high unemployment. My health is at risk because of a failed response to COVID-19! My country is divided because President Trump would rather fight a culture war than unite a hurting country! So, I ask you... Are you better off? If not, make your voice heard by make a change at the polls in November.

**LOCAL 652**  
Scott Lounds,  
Rec. Secretary



I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing officers of Local 652. Randy Freeman and Bob Smith have both served as officers of this Local since 2008. Their service has been noteworthy for its dedication to the membership of Local 652. When Randy and Bob were first elected to serve as officers, along-side retired President Mike Green, the Local faced many difficult decisions. A nationwide financial crisis as well as down turns in the auto industry demanded that tough financial decisions be made. The Officers knew that in many cases the correct decisions would be unpopular,

but that didn't stop them from making them, even changing the by-laws to cut their own pay by more than 10%. During the period of their service many Locals across this country have faced dire financial situations and some have even closed. Without the steadfast service of these men Local 652 may have faced that same fate. I am proud to have served along side them and wish them both a happy retirement. We, the current officers of Local 652 will have large shoes to fill.

**LOCAL 652**  
Matt Schneider,  
Fin. Secretary



"The Constitution of the UAW is the highest law of our union. It provides the foundation for the day-to-day operations of our great union, and equally important, it sets forth the rights, guarantees and responsibilities of all UAW members". Across the country UAW Locals are working through the process of upholding our Constitution while navigating through the disruption that Covid-19 has inflicted on just about everyone and everything around us. While there is no magic solution for many of the issues this pandemic has caused, with the Constitution as our basis, UAW members across the country are fulfilling their duties to hold fair elections. Patience, strategy, data, and constantly improving education will get us to where we need to be.

It is because of these elections that you will likely see many new faces in our Lansing Labor News, including mine. While I am grateful to the membership of UAW Local 652 for consistently standing with me through my journey as a working class American and Unionist, I would like to take a moment to congratulate my predecessor, Robert Smith, on his retirement. Bob, a proud tradesmen and former bargainer came into this roll during some of the toughest times. As automation, global trade, and corporate greed were changing the landscape of Lansing's manufacturing scene, many Locals were finding themselves in uncharted waters. If that wasn't enough, Bob's term

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began as the country was nosediving into a recession which rivaled Regan's Recession and even the Great Depression. Making the decision to serve our members by running for Financial Secretary during these challenges is the description of a servant leader in my book. Bob remained humble during his reports to the membership, it wasn't until I sat and really looked at where we had been that I understood how his leadership helped to ensure the future of this great Local. It is that same humbleness that will certainly lead to a phone call from Bob, likely full of colorful adjectives concerning my decision to offer praise about his time in this role.

On a serious note, I truly want to thank Bob, the leadership, and the membership for providing me a strong foundation as we continue to do the work necessary to move this great Union forward. In the history of Labor, struggle has always been part of the story. The ability to power through these struggles comes from being educated about the grit and determination of our former Union members. While our members may be tempted to question their faith in this Union due to the lack of integrity by some in our leadership, we must understand that the institution and its cause are still just and good. If anything, these struggles will remind us that elections matter, including our own. We as the membership must stay eternally vigilant to ensure the success of this Union. Education has to stay at the forefront of everything we do. Lastly, we must push each other to uphold the Constitution of this Union as we work to advance the promise of the labor movement in this country and around the world.

**LOCAL 4911**  
Rose  
Van Schoick-  
Slone,  
Fin. Secretary



The importance of tick-bite prevention, now more than ever, is necessary with medical resources being pushed to new limits due to COVID-19. "We don't want people to be afraid, we just want them to take a

few precautions so they can still enjoy being outside," said Jean Tsao, an associate professor at Michigan State University who researches ticks and tick-borne illness. "We know being out in nature is good for people's health, but we just don't want them to have a bad experience." Along with the abundance of the blood-hosting insects, comes an increasing need for humans to become vigilant to prevent the transfer of bacteria from the insect to humans, dogs, and horses. The bacteria can be in the form of Lyme disease which can be very debilitating if not caught early and treated correctly. Numerous additional diseases can also be transmitted via the bite of ticks although they are not as common as Lyme disease.

The tick population, and Lyme bacteria, have traveled all the way up the sandy Lake Michigan shoreline as well as into the Upper Peninsula. In addition, ticks and Lyme bacteria have both been documented migrating east from the Lake Michigan shoreline toward the middle of the state in several lower-Michigan counties as well as several mid-Michigan counties. Keep in mind, every tick found in Michigan may not be a carrier for Lyme disease. If you discover a tick on you, remove it and place it in a small vial (prescription bottles work well) or a zip lock bag with a piece of grass. Expert tick identification and testing of ticks can be found at Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. They will test the tick (for free) for Michigan residents. Go to <https://www.michigan.gov/emergingdiseases> and follow the instructions.

Ticks favor a natural area - near a grassy shoreline, a field near a wooded area, or a woods which is home to wildlife such as deer, mice or even birds (which are the natural hosts for ticks). If you frequent areas such as those listed, be extra vigilant and develop a routine for checking for ticks on a daily basis. Especially if you have pets as ticks can come inside your home/car on your pet where they may choose to have a blood dinner on you instead of your pet. (See

your veterinarian for several options to keep your pet safe from fleas and ticks.)

If you walk trails in tall grassy areas, wear light-colored clothing and avoid coming into contact with the overgrown grass bordering the trails as ticks will often perch on the tip of the grass waiting for their next host. Depending on the life stage they are in, ticks can be extremely small - a sesame seed is large when compared to a tick in the nymph stage. Although they resemble spiders, ticks have a very hard shell and they are difficult to kill by hitting with an object. They also can move very, very quickly.

Ticks can attach to your skin anywhere on your body; however, they commonly prefer your scalp (typically by your neckline), ears, waistline, armpit, and groin area - moist areas of the body. For pets, check their entire body but focus around ears, chest, underbelly, legs, feet (between toes) and tail. Brush your clothes off before coming indoors if you have been near a tick infested area. Shower promptly after coming in from working or playing in the woods to easily find and wash ticks off your body before they become a concern.

Some insect repellents containing DEET are effective for repelling ticks and can be applied to your skin and/or clothing. Seek guidance from labeled products for applications for you and your family.

For more information and a printable brochure "Ticks and Your Health", go to: <http://www.uawlocal4911.org/Ticks&YourHealth.pdf>

Enjoy your summer outdoors, but this year, choose to adopt a precautionary measure and make it a part of your routine for you and your family. Teach your children how to conduct a tick check on themselves which will enable them to teach their friends. Education is the key to keeping your family and pets safe.

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**LOCAL 602**  
Marta Bobillo  
Retiree



Greetings sisters and brothers,

I hope you and your loved ones are well in these challenging times. My deepest condolences, prayers, and love to any members and their families who have lost family and friends to this deadly disease that still is among us.

Quarantine has not been easy but we must continue taking all precautions as everything begins to slowly open up. Be very careful, and please don't take it for granted. Don't be complacent and not use mask(s) thinking everything is safe because that's the farthest from the truth. This pandemic is a long way from over, sad but true. Be careful and be safe so we can see each other again.

Due to the coronavirus we have not had any Retiree Luncheon or activities since February. We will tentatively meet September 16. We will have Elections for Chair of Retirees and the E-Board for 602 Retirees @ 1pm at UAW Local 602. Please come vote and participate. See page 7 for UAW Local 602 General Election information.

Hope to see you all there, please be safe! God bless you all. Love, peace and justice. In solidarity

**LOCAL 652**  
Mike Bauer  
Retiree

Our retiree functions are all cancelled through the end of December. Risk will be reevaluated at that time. Seniors are the most vulnerable and it is unthinkable to bring them together at this time. Social distancing and masks will be around for some time to come and this is not possible in our setting.

While there are some out there that do not take this pandemic seriously - it is not only serious, it is deadly. The biggest problem with this virus is that the person sitting next to you could have it but have no symptoms. It could be fatal for the people they expose. Many of our members have compromised im-

mune systems for a variety of reasons – you just are not aware of who they are.

Some states are already seeing an uptick in cases as they are opening. As we have just witnessed in East Lansing with 34 new cases among people socializing at a bar/restaurant. Which then raises the question - how many additional people did they expose?

With all this in mind please understand we have your health and best interests at heart. The UAW is about health and safety for its members. Please do not keep calling your board members or the hall to inquire if the activities are being held. We will put a notification out in the Labor News as soon as it is safe for us to assemble again.

The fall Region 1D Euchre Tournament is cancelled.

The Region 1D travel committee trip to the Ark is cancelled.

If you have not done so already, please apply for an absentee ballot for the primary and general elections. Be sure to exercise your right to vote - just do it safely by absentee ballot.

Everyone stay safe.

#### LOCAL 1618

Ted Gauss  
Retiree



#### “HOLY MOLY”

That was a quote from Walter Matthau in Grumpy Old Men.

Are you all surviving this Pandemic?

The September trip to Noah’s Ark in Kentucky has been cancelled. Also the picnic at Royal Scot in August is cancelled.

Our local donated \$200.00 to the Food Bank.

Connie and I just celebrated our 57th wedding anniversary.

See ya all next time.

“There is no greater calling than to serve your fellow man. There is no greater contribution than to help the weak. There is no greater satisfaction than to have done it well.”—Walter Reuther

*The following is a list of candidate recommendations by the Capital Area UAW CAP Council for the upcoming elections after deliberations. Some candidates will have an election in August, some in November and some are unopposed. We encourage every member to exercise their right to vote.*

#### EATON COUNTY

Name	Office	General/ Primary/ Unopposed	Party
Augustine, Terrance	Eaton Co. Commission 3rd	General	D
Bowen, Beth	Delta Township Trustee	Primary	D
Bowen, Matt	Eaton Co. Commission 10th	General	D
Brehler, Joe	Eaton Co. Commission 8th	unopposed	D
Brewer, Fonda	Delta Township Trustee	Primary	D
Bucholz, T J	Eaton Co. Commission 2nd	General	D
Carscarilla, Andrea	Delta Township Trustee	Primary	D
Clark, Mary	Delta Twp. Clerk	unopposed	D
Deavers, Lisa	Eaton Co. Commission 14th	General	D
Fedewa, Dennis	Delta Twp. Treasurer	unopposed	D
Fletcher, Ken	Delta Twp. Supervisor	Primary	D
Haskell, Brandon	Eaton Co. Commission 4th	General	D
Lewis, Tim	Eaton Co. Commission 12th	General	D
Lloyd, Doug	Eaton Co. Prosecutor	unopposed	R
Mudry, Mark	Eaton Co. Commission 7th	unopposed	D
Pearl-Wright, Jeanne	Eaton Co. Commission 5th	unopposed	D
Reich, Tom	Eaton Co. Sheriff	Primary	D
Robinson, Robert	Eaton Co. Treasurer	General	D
Witwer, Angela	71st MI House	General	D
Weinfeld, Arnold	Delta Township Trustee	Primary	D

#### INGHAM COUNTY

Anthony, Sarah	68th MI House	General	D
Brixie, Julie	69th MI House	General	D
Byrum, Barb	Ingham County Clerk	Primary	D
Celentino, Victor	Ingham Co. Commission 1st	General	D
Crenshaw, Brian	Ingham Co. Commission 4th	General	D
Deschaine, Phil	Meridian Twp. Treasurer	unopposed	D
Graham, Erin	Ingham Co. Commission 9th	Primary	D
Guthrie, Deborah	Meridian Twp. Clerk	Primary	D
Hope, Kara	67th MI House	General	D
Maiville, Randy	Ingham Co. Commission 6th	General	R
Morgan, Thomas	Ingham Co. Commission 10th	Primary	D
Polsdofer, Mark	Ingham Co. Commission 12th	General	D
Opsommer, Dan	Meridian Twp. Trustee	Primary	D
Quinney, Derrick	Ingham Co. Register of Deeds	General	D
Schafer, Randy	Ingham Co. Commission 13th	unopposed	R
Schertzing, Eric	Ingham County Treasurer	General	D
Sebolt, Ryan	Ingham Co. Commission 2nd	General	D
Siemon, Carol A.	Ingham Co. Prosecuting Attorney	General	D
Stokes, Wanda	30th Circuit Court Judge	unopposed	NPA
Stivers, Emily	Ingham Co. Commission 11th	General	D
Styka, Ronald	Meridian Twp. Supervisor	unopposed	D
Trubac, Chris	Ingham Co. Commission 7th	General	D
Waddell, Brandon	Ingham County Circuit Court	TBD	NPA
Wisinski, Courtney	Meridian Twp. Trustee	Primary	D
Wrigglesworth, Scott	Ingham Co. Sheriff	General	D



June 10th Lansing chapter NAACP march at the State Capital. UAW Local 602 was in attendance



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## Capital Area United Way Dean Poggiali



Since our last article things have changed tremendously. We have seen a pandemic of epic proportions, Protests in our cities and towns over the inequities that have plagued our county since its inception. A major flood which ravaged communities in the Midland area. As we contemplate what our “new normal” may look like, it is a platform that is constantly in flux as new situations occur.

As it stands today the Capital Area United Way (CAUW) staff have been working remotely. For the most part this has taken some getting used to as was never in my “old normal.” We must pick our battles and continue to conduct our outreach in whatever manner that is safe and allows for the health of all those in consideration.

In order for our ability to have some form of sanity, we have been send-

ing out a daily e-mail to those on our contact list with a variety of subjects, comments, recipes, and just to say that we are there.

The Capital Area United Way did establish an Emergency Relief Fund which has been helping with those impacted by the shutdown with rent, mortgage, utilities and in some cases child care in the Clinton, Eaton, & Ingham County areas. The community has been extremely generous in donating to the fund and hundreds of folks have been helped. If you know of anyone who may need that gentle help up, please have them call 2-1-1 and the call specialist will determine if they are eligible.

One of the CAUW areas that was impacted was the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program. The VITA programs engage the community who meet income guidelines with a volunteer trained by the IRS to handle their income taxes, then file them for free. With the shutdown the program was in a hold pattern, plus the building housing the program is owned by the City of Lansing, so

they the building closed for the safety of all. If you are still looking for assistance here is a link for the service: <https://www.micauw.org/free-tax-help>

Another area hit was the Mystic Lake YMCA Camp. The camp and organized labor have had a partnership that dates back to the 1940’s. The Mystic Lake Union Camp Committee (UCC) has been a guiding light in the raising of funds for deserving kids with ties to unions to enjoy a week of camp. This is sometimes the only week many of these kids have for vacation. This was a particularly hard pill to swallow as I have had the honor and privilege to be the Chair of the UCC for a number of years. Our sincere hope is to be back as strong as ever.

Another casualty was the last two sessions and the dinner for the annual community service classes. We attempted to ride the storm out, but in the interest of the safety for all the attendees and staff involved, we canceled the outreach. With almost 50% of the those attending new to the program it was disheartening to see if end too soon. With thirteen unions represented and over 50 registered it was another solid year nonetheless.

In closing with all that mentioned in the beginning of this piece, would like to revisit a quote from Samuel Gophers, the labor leader who spoke these words in 1893:

“What does labor want? We want more schoolhouses and less jails; more books and less arsenals; more learning and less vice; more leisure and less greed; more justice and less revenge; in fact, more of the opportunities to cultivate our better natures, to make manhood more noble, womanhood more beautiful, and childhood more happy and bright.”

These words still ring true after 127 years. We offer a humble addendum to the above:

We want more equality and less hatred

We want more focus on our similarities and less focus on our differences

We want more peace and less vio-

lence

We want leaders who lead with strength and conviction and less who try to divide and conquer

This has not been easy for many of us. This has tested us in our collective conscience. Our sincere hope is that as we try to find that delicate balance of the “old and new normal” we can learn from this and venture forward in peace, understanding, and appreciation of all we have.

Be safe and may peace be with you

## LOCAL 652 Obituaries

William M. Burns – Retiree

Sandy Costello – Mother of Blake Costello

Robert “Bob” Dockey – Retiree

Robert “Bob” Donley – Retiree

Andrew Feldpausch – Retiree

Velva Jean Glowacki – Mother of Chris Glowacki

Troy Hartman – Spouse of Theresa Hartman

Lawrence Hodge – Brother of Ron Hodge

Julie Inara – Spouse of Victor “Vic” Narezo

Marcus Johnson – Member

Betty Lou Munn – Mother of Connie Munn

Stephanie Neal – Daughter of Stella McIntosh-Peterson

John L. Nowak – Son of Valenti Nowak

Lawrence “Jack” Peak – Retiree

Roberto B. Rosas – Brother of Manuel Rosas

Gene Sellers – Retiree, Father of Gary Sellers

Jerry G. Smith – Retiree

Jeanette Snyder – Mother of Kristie Snyder

John Paul Whinnie – Father of James Whinnie

## LOCAL 602 Obituaries

Beverly Steere – Retired

James F. Cox – Retired



# UPDATE UAW Local 602 Election UPDATE



## Three (3) Election Sites, 24 HOUR ELECTION:

**11am Tuesday, July 14, 2020 until 11am Wednesday, July 15, 2020**

Active & Retired: UAW Local 602 Union Hall, 2510 W Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI

Active: LDT GA Cafetorium – 8175 Millett Hwy, Lansing, MI

Active: LDT Body Shop Grand Am Room – 8175 Millett Hwy, Lansing, MI

Run-Off (if necessary) will be held 11am Tuesday, July 28, 2020 until 11am Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at same locations

### GENERAL ELECTION-BALLOT ORDER

Executive Offices, Term ends 2023	
<b>President</b> (Vote for 1 only) DEB VILLEGAS MIKE HUERTA BRIAN "SPONGE BOB" WILLIAMS STEVE DELANEY	<b>Trustee</b> (Vote for no more than 3) DAVID WIPPEL Deasha (D-Asia) Johnson ALEXIS A. LITTLEJOHN GEOFF KERLEY
<b>Vice President</b> (Vote for 1 only) MIKE FLEMING ALEX HERNANDEZ ISAIAH FULLER	<b>Sergeant-At-Arms</b> (Vote for 1 only) Roderic "Hollywood" Morrell – ELECTED, UNOPPOSED
<b>Recording Secretary</b> (Vote for 1 only) DOUG FOX – ELECTED, UNOPPOSED	<b>Guide</b> (Vote for 1 only) TIM WILSON – ELECTED, UNOPPOSED <b>Financial Secretary-Treasurer</b> (Vote for 1 only) HEATHER SCHROEDER BRIDGET WATTS
Standing Committees, Term ends 2023	
<b>Citizenship &amp; Legislative</b> (Vote for 1 only) JASON PEEK – ELECTED, UNOPPOSED	<b>Strike</b> (Vote for 1 only) DARYL "COUNTRY" SMITH – ELECTED, UNOPPOSED
<b>Civil &amp; Human Rights</b> (Vote for 1 only) BOB FLUKE RONALD COTTRELL	<b>Unemployment &amp; Worker's Compensation</b> (Vote for 1 only) Kristian "Kris" Johnson Brandy Swander
<b>Community Services</b> (Vote for 1 only) Nicki Jones – ELECTED, UNOPPOSED	<b>Union Label</b> (Vote for 1 only) Robert Ward (Junior) AMANDA KIMBALL-WILLIAMS
<b>Conservation &amp; Recreation</b> (Vote for 1 only) PAULINA RODRIGUEZ – ELECTED, UNOPPOSED	<b>Veterans</b> (Vote for 1 only) BERNADINE ROSS – ELECTED, UNOPPOSED
<b>Constitution &amp; Bylaws</b> (Vote for 1 only) Herb Simpson – ELECTED, UNOPPOSED	<b>Women's</b> (Vote for 1 only) KERI HALL NICOLE HENNING
<b>Education</b> (Vote for 1 only) HEATHER MCCLAIN – ELECTED, UNOPPOSED	
Shop Committee, Term ends 2023	
<b>Shop Chairperson</b> (Vote for 1 only) JEFFERY "KOZ" KOSLOSKI Sean Kemp TODD "FISH" TROUT	<b>At-Large Production Zone (Production only)</b> (Vote for 1 only) RYAN EDING – ELECTED, UNOPPOSED
<b>Skilled Trades Zone (Skilled Trades Only)</b> (Vote for 1 only) JOE WEBER PAUL BROWN	<b>TEAM Solutions Shop Chairperson (TEAM Solutions Only)</b> (Vote for 1 only) Thomas Allen – ELECTED, UNOPPOSED

**\*SHOULD BUSINESS CONDITIONS AT THE PLANT MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO HOLD THE ELECTION AT THE PLANT, THE ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE UNION HALL ONLY THE SAME DATES & TIMES AS LISTED ABOVE.**

*Brian Stead*  
Chairperson  
Elections Committee  
UAW Local 602  
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*Jerry Smith*  
Co-Chairperson  
Elections Committee  
UAW Local 602

*Kevin Barnum*  
Co-Chairperson  
Elections Committee  
UAW Local 602  
POST: 6-26-2020

*Jennifer Hoerauf*  
Co-Chairperson  
Elections Committee  
UAW Local 602  
REMOVE: 7-15-2020am

*Steve Delaney*  
President  
UAW Local 602

Sandra Costello – Spouse of Frank Costello

Dale L. Jorae – Retired

Julie Inaru – Leave of Absence from Materials Sequencing

James L. Henry – Son of Deanna and John Giles and grandson of Bethel Morris

Teresa Darden – Mother of Sumer Darden, Quality Control Gen Assembly

Loren J. Nicholson – Retired

Richard E. Beckhorn – Retired

Gary Smith – Retired

Russell Hill – Retired

Jesus "Jesse" Perez – Retired

Russell Bower – Retired

Jerrold L. Gilding – Retired

Janet Bebee – Retired

Ronald C. Shafer – Retired

Charles E. Norman – Retired

Donald E. Ferrigan – Retired

Robert L. Ritz – Retired

Refugio B. Luna – Retired

James B. Williams – Retired

Raymond J. Bush – Retired

Lyle W. Hoffman – Retired

Carnel T. Busch – Retired

Janet I. Holliday – Retired

Albert L. Hough – Retired

Fred L. Austin – Retired

Allen W. Tefft – Retired

Neil F. Parker - Retired

Willmon T. Pullen – Retired

Jonathan W. Sower – Retired

Gary W. Walker – Retired

Lulavene Hubble – Retired

Robbin Boucher – Safety – 1st shift

Eugene McCloy – Retired

Gumecindo "JR" Gonzalez – Spouse of Theresa M. Gonzalez

Kathryn A. Olmstead – Retired

Lynn Olger – Retired

Willie James – Retired

Shirley Ziolkowski – Mother of Sherry King

J. H. Brian Sterrett – Materials – Trim

Raymond Murray – Father of Rodney Murray

Shane P. McNary – Retired

James P. Redmond – Retired

Julian J. Vandenabeel – Retired

Eric C. Cox - Retired

## Ever Heard of 211?

211 is a free and confidential call line that helps people across North America find the local resources they need 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This free service as funded by local United Ways, governmental entities, grants and donations from concerned citizens.

Every day thousands of people across North America turn to 211 for information and support whether financial, domestic, health or disaster-related. 211

is a free, confidential referral and information helpline and website that connects people of all ages and all communities to the essential health and human services they need.

211 can be accessed by phone or computer. A free call to 211 connects you to a live, community resource specialist in your area who can put you in touch with local organizations that provide critical services. The website for the MI 211 database is <https://www.mi211.org>

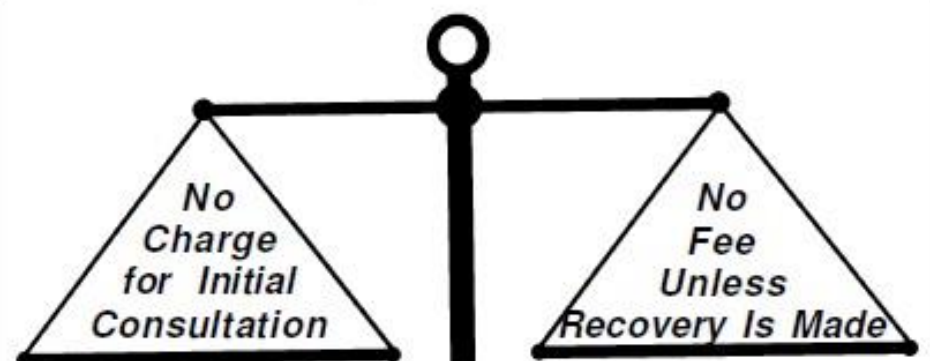
You can find information about food and nutrition programs, shelter and housing options, utility assistance, emergency information and disaster relief, employment and education opportunities, and much more.

All 83 counties in Michigan have 211 to assist people looking for assistance or wishing to donate items to nonprofits, such as furniture of medical supplies.

More than 1,437 people called for help from Lansing alone! The top services requested include electricity payment assistance, food pantries, rent payment assistance, free income tax appointments (VITA program) program and legal assistance.

It is important to know that not all programs might have resources available at the time the caller needs them, or that some programs have income eligibility, however the 211 resource specialists can walk you through your situation and find the best services available.

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