



Lansing Labor News

VOLUME 65, NUMBER 7

VOICE OF 27,000 UAW MEMBERS



DECEMBER, 2009



LEFT: Standing, left to right: Sherry Freeman, owner of the Union Station Barber Shop; AI Unit Chair Jake Jacobson; Jason Atkins, AI Hi-Lo driver; Doug Elders, AI first shift Steward; and (seated) Jeff Schultz, Operations Manager for AI, as they get ready for the United Way haircut, for which they raised over \$10,000.

RIGHT: Standing, left to right: Local 652 President Mike Green; AI Unit Chair Jake Jacobson; Jason Atkins, AI Hi-Lo driver; Local 652 Vice-President, Randy Freeman; and Doug Elders, AI first shift Steward. Seated is Jeff Schultz, Operations Manager for AI. They were presented hats to cover those bald heads by Mike Green. For more pictures, please see our website at lansinglabornews.org



Android Industries raises \$10,120 for United Way

On November 23, representatives from the Android Industries (AI) bargaining unit of Local 652 and management of AI shaved their heads for this year's United Way campaign. Their goal was to achieve 50% participation and surpass the amount raised last year, which was \$4,866. Android is proud to announce that they not only reached 53% participation but surpassed their goal by \$1,600. This was accomplished with fewer employees than last year, making their campaign a success. Along with the corporate donations, the total for the United Way came to \$10,120.

"This a great example of how an organization can have some fun while helping those who need it the most in our community," said Dean L. Poggiali, Labor Liaison from the Capital Area United Way. "Last year, Android Industries management and unit representatives agreed to dress in women's dresses if they reached their goal, and they did – so this is no surprise."

Sherry Freeman from the Union Station Barber Shop donated her services for the head-shaving. The Capital Area United Way is committed to uniting people and resources to solve defined problems and improve the quality of life for individuals and families in our communities. To find out more about United Way or to donate to United Way, visit www.capitalareaunderway.org.

Labor News now online

The Lansing Labor News invites you to check out our new website at lansinglabornews.org

It features many more photos (in color), calendars of events, background info on our locals, updated information, and much more. (Remember to type lansinglabornews.org into the address box, not the search box.)

Lansing Labor News

7

Periodical Postage Paid at Lansing, MI

Challenges of 2009 turn into promise of 2010

**By Brian Fredline
Local 602 President**

Greetings to the membership of Local 602. I hope all of us will enjoy a happy and safe holiday season. This is the year-end edition of the Labor News, and I sure am glad to see this year, 2009, end. This past year our membership, retired and active, has suffered through the most horrific changes that most of us will ever see. Bankruptcy, global economic meltdown, layoffs, plant closings, skyrocketing unemployment, and the list goes on.

It is truly remarkable that Local 602 fought through these turbulent times, and we have emerged with a new product and a reasonably secure future. We look forward to the promise of 2010, and hope to have all of our Local 602 family back to work, and stay working!

I think our 2010 calendar sums up our feelings when we read a quote from Emerson on the cover that says, "When the sky gets dark enough, you can see the stars." In the midst of all the dark days of 2009, at Local 602, our people and our product shine on.

The holiday schedule for the plant has been announced and we will be on holiday shutdown starting December 12. The Union Hall will also be shutdown during the holiday period. If you have benefit questions during shutdown, there

will be a benefit representative at the plant, or you can contact Joe Sagy at the UAW Lansing Regional Office.

Early 2010 will also be a busy time as we prepare to populate for a third shift in April. At the time of this article, we are not sure how many people from Spring Hill will sign up for the 96 moves.

Remember, they are signing up for an offer to be extended through NEPC, and they still have the right to refuse the offer. We may not know the exact number of Spring Hill transfers until the entire list of signups has been tendered an offer. If we do not get enough people from Spring Hill, LDT management may have to go to extended area hire to get enough people to run a third shift. Stay tuned ...

Whatever your plans for this holiday season, remember to give thanks for both the challenges and the triumphs of the past year. Rough seas make strong sailors. In 2010, we will build upon that strength and chart a course for continued success.

Labor loses a good friend



The staff of the Lansing Labor news is saddened to report the recent loss of Eddy Ostrander, president of UAW Local 4911. Please see page 5 for more.

Local 1618 veterans memorial



Shown at the Veterans Day observation on November 11 are (standing, left to right): Mike Smith, 1618 retiree and VFW Post 671 member, who played Taps; 1618 Retiree Vice Chair Hanna Fox; Local 652 President Mike Green; Local 602 President Brian Fredline; 1618 retiree Ted Gauss; and 1618 Retiree Chair Curtis Dunn. Kneeling are Richard Klockzeim, U.S. National Guard; and Kyle Fox, U.S. Army. For the full story and more photos, see page 9.

Local 724 Election Notice ... p. 2
Local 2256 Election Notice ... p. 3

Stunning fundraiser at AI

Congratulations to our AI unit (Android Industries), who, along with the corporation, raised over \$10,000 for United Way! Management and union representatives challenged the membership if they could beat last year's donation they would shave their heads. Who wouldn't like to see that?



The shaving was done with the help of Sherry Freeman, who owns the Union Station Barber Shop on West Saginaw Street. Freeman's shop is the only union barber shop I know of in the Lansing area. Freeman relieved the four volunteers of their nice locks of hair.

Our thanks to Jeff Schultz, Operations Manager; Doug Elders, first shift Union Steward; Jason Atkins, Hi-Lo Driver; and Jake Jacobson, Unit Chairman, who all had their heads shaved.

Congratulations to everyone who made this year's United Way Drive such a huge success.

Labor Leader

On November 19 our officers and I attended the funeral services for Eddy Ostrander, President of UAW Local 4911, which represents the employees at Sparrow Hospital. Eddy also served as chairman of the Lansing Labor News Board, was on the local Presidents' Council, and on the Capital Area CAP Council's executive board.

On November 20 a memorial was held at Sparrow Hospital, where employees could share their thoughts and memories of Ed. We will all miss him. We appreciate the job he did as a labor leader in our community. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Eddy's family and his many friends.

Changes at the Labor News

The Lansing Labor News will be published four times during the year, but it has its website up and running. The address is: lansinglabornews.org

This website will help keep the information updated, so please keep their web address handy.

The holidays seem to get here sooner each year. Please buy American union-made products this holiday season.

**Local 652
Skilled Trades
Christmas Meeting
December 10
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Local 652 Hall
\$3 donation
Food and Refreshments
Provided**

Local 602 Meetings
Meetings are currently scheduled for December 13, January 10, and February 14. The executive board meets at 5:30 p.m., general membership at 7:00 p.m.



Local 1753's annual Hallow Weenie roast in the shop was well attended and well enjoyed by Local 1753 members on both shifts. Our thanks to everyone who helped out, which included Chef Chuck Walls (right).



DEAN POGGIALI, LOCAL 724

One who gave his all for labor

It was with sadness in my heart when I received the news that our brother, Ed Ostrander, passed away on November 13, after a courageous battle with cancer. Ed was a fighter, a believer in the UAW who fought the good fight to represent his membership with the upmost of integrity and compassion. In a relatively short period of time Ed was deeply involved in our UAW family, along with his beloved membership at Sparrow Hospital. Ed was a Vice-President of our CAP Council, Chair of the Lansing Labor News Board, and was a UAW appointment to the Capital Area United Way Board, to name a few.



To Ed his love of the UAW was secondary to his love of family. He will be remembered fondly as one who gave his all and asked little in return. Brother Ed, although our times together were short in duration, the lasting value of your friendship will stay with us forever. Save a chair for us at the great union hall in the sky, my friend.

On the Local scene, Scott Morey of our RSDC Unit, was elected to fill a Local 724 Executive Board position of Sergeant-at-Arms. Congratulations to Scott and welcome to the Local 724 Executive Board.

At our November meetings we reluctantly accepted the resignation from Jane Gibbard, Local 724 Trustee. Jane's position at Delta Dental will be moving to their Farmington Hills location, as will 71 other union jobs. Additionally, one of those also to leave will be M J Warren, Local 724 Union Label Chair. We wish them both the best and will miss their service to their Unit and the Local.

The Local is again participating in the Toys for Tots and Old Newsboys. Although we may have the toys collected by the time you receive this, please feel free to drop them off at the Local. Also, the Old Newsboys drive will be earlier this year. Traditionally, the drive was held on the first Friday of December. This year the sales will be held on the first Thursday, December 3. We again thank all who donate to both of these worthy causes, as the need for assistance will

undoubtedly see an increase in these difficult economic times.

The Local's Executive Board has been in discussion to launch a Local 724 website. We are hoping to have a site sometime early in 2010. As things progress, please consult your Unit bulletin boards.

In these tough times, we must count our blessings for our family, our faith, friends and health. Life is so very precious that we must treasure every moment with all our passion and love.

May the wind be at your back and peace and joy within your soul.

LOCAL 724 NOMINATION AND ELECTION NOTICE

NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the following: Local 724 Executive Board position of **one (1) Trustee**. The term of office for the Trustee position will commence upon election until the second Tuesday of June 2011.

Tuesday, December 8, 2009
6:30 p.m.

UAW Local 724 Hall

Candidates must accept nomination at the nomination meeting or, if not in attendance, submit a written acceptance to UAW Local 724, 450 Clare Street, Lansing, MI 48917, by 4:00 p.m., on Friday, December 11, 2009.

ELECTION

The election for the UAW Local 724 Executive Board position of one (1) Trustee will be conducted the date, time and place indicated below:

Wednesday, January 6, 2010

7 a.m. – 10 a.m. & 1 – 6 p.m.

UAW Local 724 Hall

RUN-OFF ELECTION

(if necessary)

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

7 a.m. – 10 a.m. & 1 – 6 p.m.

UAW Local 724 Hall

– Kim Petrie, Local 724 Election Committee Chairperson
– Dean L. Poggiali, Local 724 President

Local 724 Meetings

Local 724 meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. That will be December 8 and January 12.

It is time to really shine!

This is the time of the year when our membership really shines. Vice President Phil Hnatiuk and the Veterans Committee have already had a gate collection for veterans on Veterans Day. We will be having the Old Newsboys paper on Thursday, December 3, followed a week later with Toys For Tots. Our membership has always stepped up for most worthwhile needs and I am sure they will do it again.



Our Local 1753 open house is coming up on Thursday, December 10 between 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. It is always a well-attended event, with the membership and the retirees sharing new and old memories. This year we are asking for ALL attending to bring some non-perishable food to be given to the food bank. If you want to bring some food to share with those attending we won't stop you, but it is not required. There will be light snacks and liquid refreshments.

Back in October, while I was on vacation, Vice President Phil Hnatiuk was ready to run the general membership meeting. The meeting was cancelled due to a lack of membership attending. I'll have to be honest with you, since I was out of state, I do not know if the day shift was working overtime or not. There is no excuse for the afternoon shift. We start right at 2:15 p.m. so the afternoon shift can get to work on time. If you were working at Lansing SPO the first of the year, you got a calendar and all the union meeting were highlighted.

The December general membership is cancelled and replaced on December 10 with the Open House 1:00 – 5:00. See you there!

I want to thank Harold and Tim and the Lansing Labor News board for their efforts to get the paper up and online. Now that we have it, I hope it is well used. I have taken lot of pictures over the years, many before digital. My hope is that with Tim's help at the Labor News we will be able to get the old 35mm pictures up on the LLN photo gallery, both for Local 1753 and Local 1618.

This upcoming holiday in December is still Christmas and will always be. No ifs, ands, or buts about it!

My Food For Thought: No one is in charge of your happiness but you. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift.

LOCAL 1753 MEETINGS

The general membership meeting for December has been canceled. Have a happy holiday and we'll see you in January.



WANTED: your old 45 rpm records. Are you between the ages of 60 and 75 and have a collection of records you don't play anymore? Or do you know someone who has an old 45 collection? I might be interested in buying them. Call 517/775-3989 or 517/645-2508.



Local 652 officers and members are shown here with local Marines collecting money at the plant gates for Toys for Tots.



RANDY FREEMAN, LOCAL 652

\$3,600 raised for Toys for Tots

Local 652's LGR and LRS units raised \$3,600 at the plant gates for the U.S. Marines' Toys for Tots campaign. Our thanks to the many people who volunteered for this collection, and special thanks to the people who contributed money and toys. Your kindness will make many local children happy this holiday season.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from my family to yours!



BOB SMITH, LOCAL 652

Winter events

The Oldsmobile Outdoor Club will be holding their annual "Winterfest" at Houghton Lake February 12, 13, and 14. This year the event will be held at the Knights of Columbus hall just east of Prudenville on M-55.

Local 652 is once again sponsoring a FREE hot breakfast on Sunday morning at the K of C hall for all Winterfest participants. Come on in from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., say "Hi" and get all the flapjacks you can eat served up by the officers and other volunteers of the Local.

A terrific three-day schedule of events is planned for Winterfest so be sure to book your rooms early. More info can be found at the club's website at www.oldsmobileoutdoorclub.com. Hope to see you there!

The 2009 Skilled Trades Christmas



Meeting will be held at the Local 652 Union Hall on December 10 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Food and beverages will be provided. There is a \$3.00 donation at the door. Come say hello to all your friends, both new and old. For more info please call me at the union hall, 517-372-7581.

Don't forget, the Lansing Labor News is now online! Be sure to place www.lansinglabornews.org in your favorites list. Get all the articles and information right at your computer. Please check it out!

If you haven't noticed, the holidays are right around the corner and I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May your years be merry and your future bright.

Remember...

"Christmas is forever, not for just one day, for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.

The good you do for others is good you do yourself ..."

— Norman Wesley Brooks, "Let Every Day Be Christmas," 1976

See you next year!

Local 1618 meetings

The executive board and membership will meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at the Local 1753 hall on West St. Joseph.

Local 2256 meetings

Meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month. The executive board meets at 6:30 p.m. and the general membership meeting is at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are at the hall, 2114 N. East St., Lansing. Phone 485-5883.

CONNIE SWANDER, LOCAL 602

Stand together

In closing out the old year and looking back over it, we have traveled some pretty rocky roads. Hopefully, the worst is behind us. We just have to remember to learn from the lessons that were poured out on us. That way, we can emerge better and stronger. Our retirees losing benefits, our younger workers starting out as two-tier employees ... we have to stand together to rebuild what we have lost and to gain new ground. Our grandparents did it before us, now it is our turn.



Not only do we have to make our Unions strong again, but our country as well. That is all done by standing together and fighting together.

The key word is together. Everyone has a team in the plant. Work together, take care of each other, help each other, don't say or do hurtful things. Treat people the way you would like to be treated. Put a smile on your face. Stop all the petty back-biting stuff. Be a caring family. See how much better your life becomes.

Happy Holidays to all, and best wishes for a very happy and healthy 2010.

DEBRA MILLS, LOCAL 724

Please give to our warmth tree

Hello everyone, it's that time of year again, that wonderful holiday season! By the time you read this article, the Thanksgiving dinner is past history. I hope you and your family had a wonderful day and enjoyed the Thanksgiving feast.

Last year our Holiday Warmth Tree was a big success, so we have decided to have another Christmas Tree for Warmth. We need you to help fill the tree with gifts of new mittens or gloves, scarves, and hats for adults and children sizes. We will get these gifts to needy people in our community.



Drop off your items from December 1 to December 23 at the 724 hall during these hours: Monday-Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Our sincere thanks ahead of time. I am sure that with your help we will have another successful drive.

I know everyone will be out shopping soon. Let's just all remember to buy American and buy union.

With so many union brothers and sisters out of work, let's help our own this holiday season!

Notice

UAW Local 2256 Unit of BCBSM

Election and Nomination Acceptance

For the positions of

1 Alternate Steward

Nomination Acceptance letters will be taken from January 4 through January 12, 2010. Letters to be dated no later than January 12, 2010 sent to the following Election Committee Members:

Vickie Montgomery – Chair

Sheila Slentz

Mary Holmes

Campaign timeframe is scheduled January 13 through January 19, 2010.

Elections will be held

January 19, 2010

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Location – Jackson Office

1000 Wisner, Ste. 3

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Location – Flint Office

4520 Linden Creek Pkwy.

11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Location – Lansing Office

1403 Creys Rd.

Run-off Election date set for

February 3, 2010

No Absentee ballots

Buy American!

Lansing Labor News

(ISSN 0023-8384)

EDITORIAL AND BUSINESS OFFICES:

LANSING LABOR NEWS • 210 CLARE STREET • LANSING, MICHIGAN 48917

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ed Ostrander, Local 4911 – Chairman

Harold Foster – Editor

Bob Smith, Local 652 – Treasurer

Dean Poggiali, Local 724 – Recording Secretary

Brian Fredline, Local 602

Connie Swander, Local 602

Russ Emmons, Local 652

Mike Green, Local 652 – Vice Chairman

Debra Mills, Local 724

Sharon Whaley, Local 1488

Kim Morley, Local 1488

Hanna Fox, Local 1618

Al Vincent, Local 1753

Nancy Munchbach, Local 1753

Scott Dedic, Local 2256

Tammy Thompson, Local 2256

Rose Van Schoick, Local 4911

Tim Bogar and Nancy Sears, Staff

An award-winning, non-profit newspaper, established March 15, 1945, and dedicated to the interests of the community and to the interest of Labor here and elsewhere. Published January, May, September, and December. Periodicals postage paid at Lansing, MI and at additional offices. Three percent per month from UAW Incorporator Locals' monthly dues is for this publication. Subscription rates for non-members: 6 months \$7.50; 1 year \$13.00; 2 years \$20.00. Member of the International Labor Press Association, the UAW LUPA, the Midwest Labor Press Association and the Michigan Labor Press. The opinions expressed by the columnists are not necessarily those of the affiliated Local Unions and the Lansing Labor News.

USPS NUMBER 304-840

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: Lansing Labor News, c/o Allied Mailing & Printing, 240 N. Fenway Dr., Fenton, MI 48430.

VOLUME 65, NUMBER 7

VOICE OF 27,000 MEMBERS

DECEMBER, 2009

652 retirees

I hope everyone had a happy Thanksgiving. Some of our snowbirds have already left; others are preparing to go. Have a safe trip, everyone, and we look forward to seeing you in the spring.

Our monthly schedule of events is:

First Tuesday of the month is Bingo. The games start at 6:00 p.m.

Third Tuesday of the month is our Bohemian dinner and business meeting. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Dinner starts at noon.

Fourth Tuesday of the month is card night starting at 6:00 p.m. Card night is for Locals 652, 602, and 1618.

Mark the following upcoming events and changes to our usual schedule on your calendars!

As a cost cutting measure, **the membership voted to cancel the annual Christmas dinner.** The monthly bohemian dinner will be held in December. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass.

The December 22 card night is cancelled.

January 12 will be our social night from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The following members and associates are in our thoughts and prayers: Robert Abernathy, Jewell Carrier, Marvin Davis, Carol Groth, Jean Schneider, Rosemary Spitzley, Betty Taylor, and any others we may have missed.

The Lansing Labor News is now online. You may access it at www.lansinglabornews.org.

The Food Bank could use our help. If possible, bring canned goods to donate to the area Food Bank when you attend retiree events.

Send your change of address to: Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI 48917. Please include your current address and the old address when requesting the change.

You may contact us at the following email address: retiree652@hotmail.com

Seasons Greetings to all. Everyone have a safe and happy holiday season. See you next year!

OLDSMOBILE FLORIDA PICNIC

UAW LOCALS 652, 1618, 1753

L.A.F.C.U.

UPGWA LOCAL 149

BOTH SALARY & HOURLY

February 16, 2010

In Bradenton, Florida

American Legion

Kirby Steward Post 24

2000 75th Street West

(Between Cortez & Manatee Ave.)

Register at 11 a.m.

Eat at Noon

Meal and plastic tableware provided. Plan to attend and see your friends from Lansing. Co-Chairs: Jere Auvenshine, (517) 626-2398 and Bud Everts, (517) 623-6065.

GM Local 652

Retirees Breakfast

Open to all retirees who worked for GM. Meet at Guerrazzi's Restaurant in north Lansing (formerly the old Mijo's Restaurant), 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., last Wednesday of the month.



Local 1618 Retiree Chairman Curtis Dunn (left) presents outgoing chairman Claude Harris a plaque for his 27 years of outstanding service to the many thankful retirees of the Local.

LOIS SCHULTZ, LOCAL 1618

1618 retirees

Hi out there, all you wonderful people.

A lot is happening with the retirees – places to go and people to see. On October 29 we took a bus to Flint to the Sit-Downers Memorial. Local 1618's active and retired members were honored for their contribution to the Ladies Brigade Memorial. If you haven't seen it, it's a must! You can also buy a brick. I have one.

Forty-four of us went on the Michigan Princess riverboat and had a very good time. We plan to make this a yearly outing.

There was also a fun trip to Saugatuck.

On December 22 we will go to the Fox Theater in Detroit for the Cirque Dreams Holiday show. There are still some seats available. Call Connie Dunn at 517-323-2146.

Join us on the second Wednesday of the month for our potluck and meeting. The December potluck on the 9th will be our Christmas dinner. Bring a dish to pass. We'll eat at noon. We will again have a quarter auction, so bring your quarters. Also, don't forget our mitten tree, which we have been doing for some years now. The Tri-County RSVP really appreciates this.

Our Veterans Day event

On November 11, Veterans Day, we were at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens. [See photos at lansinglabornews.org] The flagpole which was once at our plant is now there. Chapel Hill did a great job with the men's names who were in World War II on the back of the memorial. You can see it from Airport Road.

Brian Fredline, our past president, was guest speaker. Thanks to Hanna Fox for all her hard work on this.

After the event we went to the union hall for our Thanksgiving dinner. Turkeys this year were cooked by Hanna Fox and Dianna Zalanka.

Dave Everts, who lives in Tennessee, was in town. He was looking for Charlie Pickels – where is he?



Condolences to the families of:

Jerold Cannon from Ovid.

Russ Parks, age 68.

John Rose, age 65, who worked in the Tool Room.

Dave Kroft, 67, retired electrician.

April Baur, wife of Bob Baur. She was 83 when she passed in April.

Patricia Thomson, wife of Russ Thomson.

Carl Kosloski, age 97. Carl loved to dance and was a great friend. His son Doug Kosloski worked at the plant.

Paula J. Raffler, age 77. She leaves her husband Dick of 55 years. They were part of our retirees family. She will be missed. Dick took good care of her.

Michigan House Bill 5345, sponsored by Rep. Andy Dillon (D-Redford Township), would place all public employees, retirees, and their families into a state-controlled insurance program. This is just a state budget bail-out, not a fix. Read up on the bill and let them know how you feel. It does make a difference to complain.

On clean energy – if we don't lead, China will.

Orson Shoup is returning to Lansing. Ted's breakfast is on hold.

If you have a computer, you can visit the Labor News online at lansinglabornews.org for more articles and more pictures than we can get into the paper.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Till we meet again, keep smiling. My address is 3009 Luella Ln, Springport, MI 49284. My phone is 517-543-5385.

Local 602 Hourly & Salaried Retirees

Annual Florida Picnic Tuesday, March 2, 2010

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Stacey's Homestyle Buffet

4848 14th St. W

Bradenton, FL

\$6.00 - \$7.00 per person

Questions: Call Larry Miller at

941/746-6968 (home)

269/664-6633 (cell)

1753 Retirees

To some this is the December edition of the Labor News, to others this is the first look at the new 1753 retirees online. Please give it a glance. Just type lansinglabornews.org in the address heading (not the search box). When you get there, all the locals will be listed on the left. Click on 1753, and choose



Al's or my page. The Labor News will still come out in paper form four times a year, but we will be able to update the web page all the time. In the future we could have pictures of our lovely potluck lunches.

At the November meeting, the Executive Board was buzzing with talk of just how tasty our lunch was. We truly have some of the finest cooks around, and I so appreciate you being there and sharing.

Speaking of which, our Community Service person Sandy Marry spoke to our group and asked for help on some, any, or all of her projects. Whether you want to give food, coats, money or time, please let her know. Nancy at the Hall has contact info, or you can drop them off at the hall on Tuesdays or Wednesdays (call 487-1753 to make arrangements).

We have all probably had our fill of letters on all kinds of offers since changes in our coverage. That's why it was nice having Art Luna at our meeting. When you have a question you can ask. The same with Benefit Representatives, we try to have one there each meeting. They answer a ton of questions and do a great job. So give it a try. Come on out to the Union Hall.

Our next meeting is replaced by the Christmas Open House, December 10, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The Local will provide food and drink. We the Retirees voted to help and pay half.

Remember, a good way to spread holiday cheer is to help others. Think about bringing a canned or packaged food item, or new or gently used coats, hats or mittens for the less fortunate. Think how fun this would be with one of your old friends (they might have a can also!).

The January meeting will be on the 14th and it will be a potluck. Please bring a dish to pass or please bring yourself! New stamped calendars should be available. See you there!

**Please see obituaries on
page 11.**

Arizona picnic February 18 in new location

The GM Hourly and Salaried Arizona picnic will be held at a new location this year. It will be at Red Mountain Park, 7745 E. Brown Road in Mesa, Arizona on Thursday, February 18, 2010. The picnic will begin at noon. Bring a dish to pass and drinks. Meat will be furnished. For more info, call 517-282-6775 or 517-803-5651 or email jmsfern@aol.com.

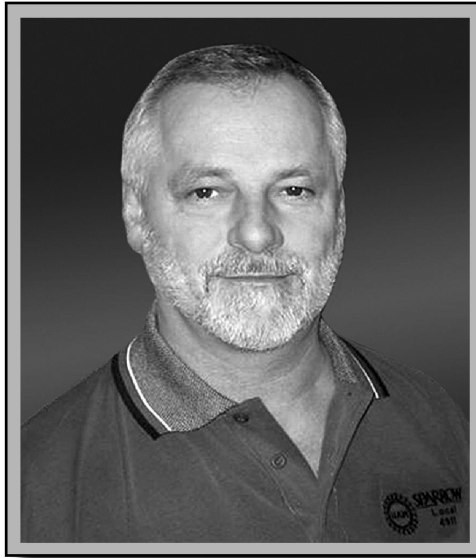
In Memory of Eddy C. Ostrander

President, UAW Local 4911

He had a heart
that cared completely
and a smile that brought such pleasure.

He shared a love
that brought joy beyond measure
and will be forever remembered
as one of life's great treasures.

Eddy will be deeply missed!
– UAW Local 4911 Membership



*As you grieve for me
remember that I am in the
presence of endless love
where pain is no more.*

The Local 4911 Executive Board offers our heartfelt condolences and our gratitude to Ed for all he has done for the workers of Sparrow Hospital ...

Erich Slivensky – Vice President
Rose Van Schoick – Financial Secretary
Tom Stenske – Recording Secretary
Jeanine Hilton – Sergeant At Arms
Debra Aldrich – Service Unit Chair
Muhammad Qawwee – Technical Unit Chair
Douglas Gurnee – Skilled Trades Unit Chair
Jane Norcross – Sparrow Specialty Hospital Unit Chair
Harold Dunkle – Trustee
Eileen Brooker – Trustee
Mickie Kreft – Trustee

DOROTHY STEVENS, LOCAL 602

602 retirees

Every year I have this poem by an unknown writer that I like to share with you here:

*"There's more, much more to Christmas
Than candle-light and cheer;
It's the spirit of sweet friendship,
That brightens all the year
It's thoughtfulness and kindness,
It's hope reborn again
For peace, for understanding
And for goodwill toward men."*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!
To all our sick and homebound, you are in our thoughts and prayers each day. For those who have lost a loved one or dear friend, we send our condolences.

Local 602 Women's Committee presents

Local 602's Annual Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 5

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

UAW Local 602 Union Hall

2510 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing
Local, live music, children's game, goodies,
and, of course, Santa!

Donations of cookies and candy needed.

Volunteers are always welcome
and appreciated.

Call the Hall at (517) 372-4626
and leave a message for Deb Dunlap

Vacant Land

3.5 acres. Dimondale. Build your dream home on this quiet, paved road. Pines and wildlife. 10 minutes from Lansing and 8 minutes from GM Delta Plant. Land contract. 517-712-1372.

Statement of Ownership, Management, and Circulation

1. Publication Title: **Lansing Labor News**

2. Issue Frequency: **Monthly**

3. Publication Number: **304840**

4. Filing Date: **September 2009**

5. Complete Mailing Address of Known Office of Publication (Street, city, county, state, and ZIP+4®):
Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI, 48917-3809

6. Complete Mailing Address of Headquarters or General Business Office of Publisher (Not printer):
Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI, 48917-3809

7. Full Names and Complete Mailing Addresses of Publisher, Editor, and Managing Editor (Do not leave blank):
Publisher (Name and complete mailing address):
Harold Foster, Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI, 48917-3809

Editor (Name and complete mailing address):
Harold Foster, Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI, 48917-3809

Managing Editor (Name and complete mailing address):
Harold Foster, Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI, 48917-3809

8. Owner (Do not leave blank. If the publication is owned by a corporation, give the name and address of the corporation immediately followed by the names and addresses of all stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of the total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, give the names and addresses of the individual owners. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, give its name and address as well as those of each individual owner. If the publication is published by a nonprofit organization, give its name and address.)

Full Name: **Lansing Labor News**

Complete Mailing Address: **210 Clare St., Lansing, MI, 48917-3809**

9. Known newspapers, magazines, or other periodicals published by the same person or persons owning or holding 1 percent or more of the total amount of stock, or other securities, if none, check box: ☒ None

10. Tax Status (For completion by nonprofit organizations authorized to mail at nonprofit rates) (Check one):
☒ Has Not Changed During Preceding 12 Months
☐ Has Changed During Preceding 12 Months (Publisher must submit explanation of change with this statement)

11. Publication Title: **Lansing Labor News**

12. Issue Frequency: **Monthly**

13. Publication Number: **304840**

14. Filing Date: **September 2009**

15. Complete Mailing Address of Known Office of Publication (Street, city, county, state, and ZIP+4®):
Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI, 48917-3809

16. Complete Mailing Address of Headquarters or General Business Office of Publisher (Not printer):
Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI, 48917-3809

17. Full Names and Complete Mailing Addresses of Publisher, Editor, and Managing Editor (Do not leave blank):
Publisher (Name and complete mailing address):
Harold Foster, Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI, 48917-3809

Editor (Name and complete mailing address):
Harold Foster, Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI, 48917-3809

Managing Editor (Name and complete mailing address):
Harold Foster, Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI, 48917-3809

18. Owner (Do not leave blank. If the publication is owned by a corporation, give the name and address of the corporation immediately followed by the names and addresses of all stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of the total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, give the names and addresses of the individual owners. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, give its name and address as well as those of each individual owner. If the publication is published by a nonprofit organization, give its name and address.)

Full Name: **Lansing Labor News**

Complete Mailing Address: **210 Clare St., Lansing, MI, 48917-3809**

19. Known newspapers, magazines, or other periodicals published by the same person or persons owning or holding 1 percent or more of the total amount of stock, or other securities, if none, check box: ☒ None

20. Tax Status (For completion by nonprofit organizations authorized to mail at nonprofit rates) (Check one):
☒ Has Not Changed During Preceding 12 Months
☐ Has Changed During Preceding 12 Months (Publisher must submit explanation of change with this statement)

21. Publication Title: **Lansing Labor News**

22. Issue Frequency: **Monthly**

23. Publication Number: **304840**

24. Filing Date: **September 2009**

25. Complete Mailing Address of Known Office of Publication (Street, city, county, state, and ZIP+4®):
Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI, 48917-3809

26. Complete Mailing Address of Headquarters or General Business Office of Publisher (Not printer):
Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI, 48917-3809

27. Full Names and Complete Mailing Addresses of Publisher, Editor, and Managing Editor (Do not leave blank):
Publisher (Name and complete mailing address):
Harold Foster, Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI, 48917-3809

Editor (Name and complete mailing address):
Harold Foster, Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI, 48917-3809

Managing Editor (Name and complete mailing address):
Harold Foster, Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI, 48917-3809

28. Owner (Do not leave blank. If the publication is owned by a corporation, give the name and address of the corporation immediately followed by the names and addresses of all stockholders owning or holding 1 percent or more of the total amount of stock. If not owned by a corporation, give the names and addresses of the individual owners. If owned by a partnership or other unincorporated firm, give its name and address as well as those of each individual owner. If the publication is published by a nonprofit organization, give its name and address.)

Full Name: **Lansing Labor News**

Complete Mailing Address: **210 Clare St., Lansing, MI, 48917-3809**

29. Known newspapers, magazines, or other periodicals published by the same person or persons owning or holding 1 percent or more of the total amount of stock, or other securities, if none, check box: ☒ None

30. Tax Status (For completion by nonprofit organizations authorized to mail at nonprofit rates) (Check one):
☒ Has Not Changed During Preceding 12 Months
☐ Has Changed During Preceding 12 Months (Publisher must submit explanation of change with this statement)

31. Publication Title: **Lansing Labor News**

32. Issue Frequency: **Monthly**

33. Publication Number: **304840**

34. Filing Date: **September 2009**

35. Complete Mailing Address of Known Office of Publication (Street, city, county, state, and ZIP+4®):
Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI, 48917-3809

36. Complete Mailing Address of Headquarters or General Business Office of Publisher (Not printer):
Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI, 48917-3809

37. Full Names and Complete Mailing Addresses of Publisher, Editor, and Managing Editor (Do not leave blank):
Publisher (Name and complete mailing address):
Harold Foster, Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI, 48917-3809

Editor (Name and complete mailing address):
Harold Foster, Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI, 48917-3809

Managing Editor (Name and complete mailing address):
Harold Foster, Lansing Labor News, 210 Clare St., Lansing, MI, 48917-3809

Holiday benefit for Chance Collins

Sponsored by Local 652 Women's Committee

December 12

8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Local 652 Hall — 426 Clare Street, Lansing

Donation \$10

Live D.J. Dancing 50/50 Raffles Door Prizes

Finger Foods B.Y.O.B.

Please join us for a Holiday Celebration to help make the Collins Family Christmas a little brighter and have some FUN too! Local 652 member Pat Collins' son Chance has severe medical problems. Insurance doesn't cover many of the family's expenses, putting them under great financial stress. In addition, Pat's wife Stephanie has recently lost her job due to company downsizing.

The Local 652 Women's Committee is hosting a fundraiser for the family on December 12. Tickets are available at the hall; from Women's Committee Chair Lena Wyeth; or in the plant from: Jill Bowen – GA; Kathy McKenny – GA; Keith Cannon – Trim; Dana Richardson – Pilot Team; and Cynthia Johnson – Paint.

The Oldsmobile Outdoor Club's annual Winterfest will be back in Prudenville this year, February 12-14. See Bob Smith's article on page 3 for more info or check out the Labor News website.

"Snowbirds" and the Census

The Tri-County Office on Aging is partnering with the U.S. Census Bureau to help achieve a complete and accurate count of our population as part of the 2010 Census. Conducted every 10 years, the census defines who we are as a nation.

Census data affect us all. Every year, the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to state, local and tribal governments based on census data.

Continued on page 11

***Best wishes to all in 2010.
Wishing you the joy of the season!
Happy Holidays to Local 602
active and retired members.
May this holiday season find
you in the company of
beloved family and
cherished friends, and
may everyone's hearts
be filled with cheer.***

– UAW Local 602 Leadership



***Local 724's
Amalgamated Units
wish you a
Merry Christmas
and a Prosperous New Year***



**Alliance Interiors • Bharat Forge • Bridgewater Interiors
Dakkota • Delta Dental • Dimondale Nursing Center
Dr. Pepper/7-Up • Huntsman • IMPCO • Lear
RSDC • Robinson Solutions • Woodbridge**

Serving the membership since 1940

**450 Clare St., Lansing, MI 48917
517-482-7377**

General Membership Meeting Second Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m.





*We wish you happy holidays
and a bright new year!*

Mike Green

Randy Freeman

Robert E. Smith

Dan Charles



Pat Duban

John E. Latta

Jake Jacobson



*From the officers and shop chairmen of the
GM, JCIM, Ryder, and AI Units of Local 652*



Happy Holidays to Everyone!



***From UAW Region 1-C
Duane Zuckschwerdt, Director
Norwood Jewell, Assistant Director
Staff and Support Staff***



*The Executive
Officers and
Committeepersons
of Local 1753
wish you
all the joys
of the season.*



*Season's
Greetings
from
the officers
and
members of
Local 2256*

**Best Wishes
for a
Happy and
Healthy
New Year**

From Local 1488
Executive Board and
Grievance Committee



*Wishing you a Merry Christmas
and a New Year filled with
Peace and Happiness*

From UAW Local 4911

*Season's Greetings from
Rapaport, Pollok, Farrell, & Waldron
Our Gift to You for the Holidays – and All Year Long*



Call
332-
3555

• Free Consultation
• 150 Years Combined
Legal Experience
• Experienced Staff
Represented by UAW

Workers Compensation
Personal Injury
Social Security
Serving area working
families since 1942

Call
332-
3555

3626 Dunckel (Jolly Rd, Exit at I-496), Lansing, MI



Some years ago, Local 1618 arranged to move the veterans memorial that was outside their plant to Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens on Airport Road near Lansing. Shown here are some of the Local 1618 retirees who attended this year's Veterans Day event.

Local 1618 hosts veterans memorial

On Veterans Day, November 11, Local 1618 hosted a veterans memorial observance at Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens, the site of the veterans memorial that was moved from their plant before it closed.

The local thanks the 1618 members who turned out, the officers and members of other UAW locals who participated, VFW Post 701's Color Guard, and especially Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

The Labor News congratulates all who were involved in this memorial.

Hanna Fox, 1618 Retiree Vice Chair, delivered the following remarks:

Good morning to everyone. It is so good to see you all out here bright and early. The weather cooperated this year. It is a beautiful day to honor our veterans.

You all know the memorial was brought here when we, as a local, were

still active. Things have changed and now our retirees wholeheartedly took over to take care of it and we are making sure that our veterans will never be forgotten.

Thank you to the management of Chapel Hills Gardens who so graciously worked with us and gave the memorial such a beautiful new home and who always listens to me (especially Monica Baer) when I call back asking for this, that, and the other.

I think she has a soft spot for us since I just found out that her father worked at the Craft Center a long time ago. And she still reads the Labor News so she knows things that are going on.

Now without any longer delay I would like to introduce our former President, Brian Fredline, who will sing the National Anthem.

See many more photos, in color, at our website: lansinglabornews.org



Our thanks to VFW Post 701's Color Guard for the placing of the wreath and the gun salute.



ABOVE: Local 652 members and friends at this year's Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk.

BELOW: Some of the Local 602 members at the Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk.



Will Michigan become 'Third World?'

By Eileen Brooker, UAW Local 4911

October 20, UAW Region 1-C delegates stormed Michigan's Capitol to lobby State Senator Mike Bishop to move budget bills he had sat on since June. The world has watched the debacle of cash-strapped Michigan, with its Senators refusing to consider the creative ways of raising revenue devised by the House of Representatives. Instead, the Senators are forcing huge cuts in funding of preschool through college education, fire, police, health care, and wages.

Why are Senators Bishop, Randy Richardville, and others so intent on destroying Michigan as we know it? They are the handmaidens of corporate interests who desire the breaking of unions, elimination of the middle class, and making Michigan a "Right-to-Work for less" state like Mississippi!

Our delegates talked to several Congresspersons, Senators, and Flint TV, but Senator Bishop was in a meeting. We left a letter stating our demands for child care, the Promise Grant, and education funding. Also, "We want you to take care of Michigan people and do not discriminate. Get serious about helping Michigan and not just big businesses."

We discovered that Senator Bishop had moved the budget bills to the Governor's desk just before we arrived.

The 2010 elections will affect Michigan for 50 years. We MUST remember all the self-serving, deadbeat Senators and replace them with caring UAW friends!

Join the newest Oldsmobile Outdoor Club cruise

Sail with us for eight glorious, fun-filled days on the Carnival Miracle, November 11, 2010. Ports of call are St. Martin, St. Lucia, and St. Kitts.

Round-trip from Fort Lauderdale

Ride in a real submarine, snorkel in crystal clear waters, recline on a white sandy beach, hike through a tropical rain forest, dance under the stars, golf on championship courses, go deep sea fishing or kayaking, or shop tillyou drop, and more. The choices are infinite and all yours.

Bonus: \$100 on-board credit per stateroom.

Fares start at \$638 per person for an interior stateroom.

All charges, taxes, fees, meals, most beverages and ship-board entertainment are included in the fare. Balcony, triple, and quad rooms are also available. A deposit is due at time of booking. For additional information or to book your stateroom call Laura Gettle, 989-366-8786.

A current passport required.



Skilled trades active and retired members of Local 652 held their annual meeting this fall. Alex McPherson, coordinator of this meeting, said, "This was the best attended meeting, with well over 100 attendees. Thanks to everyone."

The Lansing Labor news goes online

The Lansing Labor News is now online! We have a brand-new website. Check us out. Just type: lansinglabornews.org

into the address bar (not the search bar!) of your browser. Then add us to your Favorites in Microsoft Explorer or your Bookmarks in Firefox, and you can easily visit the site for current info any time! You will be able to see:

- Archives of the print version of the paper
- Several photo galleries – at last we can put up as many color pictures as we want
- Current information and articles from our member locals
- News feeds from the AFL-CIO and the UAW
- And more, as we get better at this.

Our site will continue to be a work in progress. We are confident that it will be useful to our members, no matter what local or unit they are with.

Please send information about your locals and units that is newsworthy to the labor movement to: linpaper@sbcglobal.net

ATTENTION GM RETIREES

If you or your spouse have any difficulty hearing, contact Miracle-Ear today!
You still have hearing benefits and we are your hearing care provider.
 With your benefits you may receive

FREE

Digital 4-Channel Hearing Instrument

- ✓ Fully automatic
- ✓ Three listening programs
- ✓ Automatic feedback cancellation
- ✓ Computer programmable

- Free Batteries
- Extended Warranties
- Hearing Screenings
- In-office Service at Over 1200 Locations

LOCALLY OWNED



CALL TODAY!

(517) 332-6815

800 546-4949

LANSING - EAST LANSING - JACKSON - CHARLOTTE
 ST. JOHNS - PORTLAND - HOWELL

Optiview

VISION CENTER

(517) 321-1041

635 S. WAVERLY, LANSING

CORNER OF ST. JOE & WAVERLY BEHIND QUALITY DAIRY

Late night appointments available

Hours: Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.



GENERAL MOTORS

EMPLOYEES & ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS:

EVERY YEAR (Between Jan. 1-Dec. 31)

We are a Davis Vision Provider

- NO CHARGE for complete eye exams
- NO CHARGE for frames
- FREE FRAME in off year (with exam)
- NO CHARGE for standard lenses
- NO CHARGE for standard tints
- Low cost for contact lenses

We are a Medicare Provider Retirees:

Come in and get your Perks Card today!

Perks Discount Plan

Vision Exam	\$40	Frame Cat 1	\$35
S.V. Lenses	\$34	Frame Cat 2	\$55
Std. Bifocal	\$65	Frame Cat 3	\$65
Std. Trifocal	\$75	Frame Cat 4	\$75
Std. Progressive	\$85		
Mid-Grade Progressive	\$169		

Contact & Contact Lens exam not included.

SVS
VISION
 OPTICAL CENTERS

Our Union Staff at SVS Vision are proud to offer this exclusive program for UAW GM Retirees and their families

Complete Pair of Eyeglasses	SVS Price
Single Vision Plastic Lenses & Frame.....	\$59
FT 28 Bifocal or Trifocal Plastic Lenses & Frame	\$79
Progressive Plastic Lenses & Frame	\$99

UAW GM Retirees BONUS 30% off any upgrades

Current UAW GM employees receive the same benefits and service as in the past at any SVS Vision location.

LANSING
 5857 West Saginaw
 517/323-8221

GRAND RAPIDS
 5150 Northland Dr.,
 N.E., Suite B
 616/364-4099

GRAND RAPIDS
 2055 28th Street S.E.
 616/245-6300

SAGINAW
 2350-C Tittabawassee
 989/791-1044

Over 30 Michigan Locations For the location nearest you

call 1-800-SVS-4600
1-800-787-4600
www.svsvision.com

Eye Exams available by Doctors of Optometry.



Our proud union employees service thousands of union members annually.

FLINT
 3871 Lapeer Road
 810/742-6733

FLINT
 3192 S. Linden
 810/230-9300

KENTWOOD
 5428 South Division
 616/538-6511

WALKER
 2666 Alpine Ave., N.W.
 616/363-9831

UAW GENERAL MOTORS RETIREE PROGRAM

Name _____

Local # _____

Present this ad at participating SVS Vision Optical Centers. Valid at participating locations only. Expires 10/31/09
 #1019

602 Obituaries

Charles Glassnor – Retired Trim
Duane Hunt – Retired General Assembly (Repair)
Gary Morrice – Retired Body Shop (Metal Finisher) and Tool Room
Harry Vanderstow – Retired Millwright
Dorna Lee Westbrook – Wife of Russell Westbrook, Retired Trim
Lena Valero – Mother of Amador Valero, Retired Body
Theodore Hannibal – Father of Anita Dawson, Body (Framing)
Jim Wicker – Husband of Margaret Wicker, Retired and Father of Wanda Wicker, Quality
Bran Canen – Retired and Brother of Steven Canen, Paint
Joyce Ann (Edgar) Look – Mother of Laura Hansen, Body
Donald Scherer – Retired
Teri L. Matthews – Wife of Glenn Matthews, Retired Paint
Linda B. Brown – Wife of Jessie Brown, Retired Quality
Myron Esch – Retired Maintenance
Joseph Sayles – Father of Kim Nelson, Retired and Grandfather of Erica Rindfleisch, General Assembly and Bryce Rindfleisch, General Assembly
Virginia Jean Reed – Wife of Richard D. Reed, Retired; Mother of Bill Reed, General Assembly and Vice President of Local 602; Mother of Mike Reed, Retired; and Sister-in-law of Lanny Reed, Retired
Doug Taber – Retired
Bernice Hattaway – Mother of Reginald Hattaway, Paint
Margaret Escojido – Mother of Ascencio Escojido, Paint
Kay Shaull – Mother of Dan Joslyn, Material
Richard J. Pearl – Father of Rob Pearl, Material
Robert William Davis – Father of George Davis, District Shop (District 5)
Richard Bywater – Father of Don Bywater, Retired Trim
Helen Bywater – Mother of Don Bywater, Retired Trim
Francis J. Brady – Father of Tim Brady, Skilled Trades
Roger Neuffer – Retired Booth Cleaner
Eugene S. Goodman – Father of Tom Goodman, Paint

Vernie R. Badgley – Father of Alvin Badgley, Retired Paint
Lenard H. Krampe – Father of Greg Krampe, Pipefitter
Betty Becker – Wife of Lowell Becker, Retired Body
Darwin (Harvey) McClelland – Retired
Rodney Bollman – Father of Trisha Passini, General Assembly (Engine Dress)
Georgia (Jahnke) Fields – Retired
Louis Lott Jr. – Retired (Vinyl Tops)
Carl Brewer – Retired
James M. Miller – Son of Dorothy Stevens, Retired and Chairperson of the Local 602 Retiree Chapter
Gordon L. Tallman – Father of Shawn Tallman, General Assembly (Door Line)

602 Thank You

Dear UAW Local 602, Thank you all so much for the beautiful Bible in memory of my husband, Jimmie Wicker. I really appreciate all your kindness ... Jean Wicker

To my Union Sisters and Brothers: The Bible is absolutely beautiful. I will cherish it always in memory of my father. Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers during my time of need. Your love will never be forgotten ... Anita R. Dawson

652 Obituaries

Bibles were sent to the families of:

Raymond Ackerson - Retiree
Terry Barnhart - Son of Marge Platte
Brian Becker - Husband of Kay Becker
Rodney Bollman - Retiree
Francis J. Brady - Retiree
Jack E. Brockhaus - Father of Don Brockhaus
Estellar Butler - Mother of Edna Butler
Elmer V. Campbell - Father of Bruce Campbell
Edgar L. Cochran - Father-in-Law of Donald Gross
Thomas Doyle - Father-in-Law of Tasha Doyle
Larry Drumheller Sr - Father of Larry Drumheller Jr
Rosilee Farrington - Wife of Charles Farrington

Marvin Fedewa - Father-in-Law of Bob Schafer
Barbara Feighner - former wife of 35 years of Kenneth Feighner, retired
Betty J. Geller - Mother of John Geller
Barbara Gimm - Mother of Susan Gimm
Mel Hammond - Father of Rick Hammond
Derby Harwood - Retiree
Vickie Henry - Daughter of James Hamilton
Salome Holloway - Mother-in-Law of Curlee Foster
Eugene S. Hyde - Father of Robert Hyde
Lynwood Marier - Retiree
Paul Marietta - Father of Kathy Saunders
Doris McCrumb - Mother of Walt McCrumb
Mary Katherine McGregor - Retiree
William Morey - Retiree
John R. Parr Jr. - Son of John Parr Sr.
Martin G. Renteria - Father of Roberto Renteria
Ernesto Reyes - Father of Lupe Reyes
Donald Rowe - Retiree
Edward W. Smorer - Father of Gloria Brown
Deanne Sommers - Wife of Leroy Sommers
Cynthia Ann Spence - Wife of Aaron Spence
Willard Stanton - Father of Gary Stanton
June Stephens - Wife of Ronald Stephens, Mother of Edward Stephens
Edward Swint - Retiree
William Taber - Retiree
Raul Velasquez - Retiree, Father of Raul Velasquez
Karen L. Weaver - Wife of William Weaver
E. Adaile Wilkins - Mother of Diane

Flowers were sent to the families of:

Theodore D. Letson - Retiree
Henry Tate - Retiree
Charles Thompson - Retiree

652 Thank You

Thank yous were received from:

The Vickie Henry Family
The Henry Tate Family

Snowbirds and the census

Continued from page 5

This includes funds the Tri-County Office on Aging receives.

Our concern now is "snowbirds," those adults who travel to warmer climates during Michigan's cold months. Some questions are:

Question: I am leaving Michigan for the winter; will I be counted in Michigan or at my winter home?

If residents consider Michigan their permanent home and wish to be counted in Michigan, residents must wait until they get back to Michigan and complete the questionnaire.

Michigan residents should **NOT** fill out the questionnaire received at their winter home for it will have the winter home address on it already. There is no place on the questionnaire to put another address.

If they arrive back home in April, they can fill out the questionnaire during the mail-back period.

Residents who need to obtain a Census Questionnaire can get one at their local Be Counted Center (Tri-County Office On Aging, libraries, etc).

If returning to Michigan in May, a census taker (enumerator) will complete the census questionnaire in person at their home during the Non-Response Follow Up process.

Question: All of my mail is being forwarded to my vacation home; won't I receive my Census Questionnaire there?

The Census questionnaire is not forwarded; forwarded forms will be returned to the US Census Bureau.

Watch for additional details in the coming months or visit www.2010census.gov to learn more.

Buy Union!

LAW FIRM OF KAECHLE and WILENSKY, P.C.

SERIOUS PERSONAL INJURY WORKERS' COMPENSATION SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY MEDICAL MALPRACTICE

Personal Injury Settlements Include:

- \$2.6 Million Auto Negligence Case
- \$2.2 Million Brain Injury Auto Accident Case
- \$1.0 Million Birth Trauma Medical Malpractice Case
- \$1.3 Million Auto Death Case

Staff represented by UAW Local 2256

PHONE for consultation - NO CHARGE

(517) 853-1940

6500 Centurion Drive, Suite 230 • Lansing, MI 48917



**We offer you our best
Holiday Wishes
From
Local 1618**

Big Savings on AUTO and HOMEOWNERS Insurance for



**CREDIT UNION
Members**



Use Your Buying Power As A Group Member!

As a CREDIT UNION Member, you may be eligible for HUGE discounts on your AUTO and HOMEOWNER insurance through a special group insurance program, underwritten by CITIZENS INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA. This program offers you AUTO and HOMEOWNERS protection with a price that's right!

Program Administered by:

**Al Bourdeau
INSURANCE AGENCY**
Since 1921

**CITIZENS
INSURANCE**

2660 E. Grand River Ave • East Lansing 517-351-4188

Auto loans at your fingertips 24/7



as low as 5.25% APR*

When you find the car you want, you want it now! And you want the same great rate whether you buy used or new. So we make it easy—apply any time at 517.622.6600 or at lafcu.com.

lafcu.com



Annual Percentage Rate. Rate effective as of 12-1-09 and subject to change.
Rate based on credit history, terms and security.

