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**Governor Snyder Sniper takes aim**  
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 has taken aim at our retirees' pensions, at state workers, educators and schools, and lower-income people. The Governor has stated that he does not want to fight with labor, but continuously sticks his finger in the eyes of working people of our state. Working people in our state are demanding that budget sacrifices should be made by all, not just the middle class. Thanks to everyone who has attended the rallies at the Capitol to make sure working people's voices are heard. The Governor has earned the dubious honor of Governor Sniper because of his taking aim on working people in our state to balance the budget.



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TIME DATED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY

The Governor's budget puts a tax on pension checks, making it that much harder for seniors to make ends meet.

It demands \$180 million in additional wage and benefit concessions from state employees.

It eliminates the Earned Income Tax Credit, which will plunge thousands of working families into poverty.

It makes deep cuts in public education, which will severely impact the ability of our children to learn.

*To make matters worse, the Governor's budget will take the savings from these cuts to hand out \$1.7 billion in tax cuts for corporations!*

(While this information keeps changing, it was current as of our press time.)

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## LOCAL 602

Bill Reed, Acting President

# Defend retirees in America

House Budget Chairperson Paul Ryan (R-Wisconsin) has a plan that would reduce federal

spending, deficits, and debt. His plan would save money for federal taxpayers. Ryan calls his Medicare idea "premium support" and plans to cut \$1 trillion in Medicaid over the next ten years. These costs are clearly placed on the backs of senior citizens to fund the budget proposal. These cuts will bring devastating consequences to the nation's poor and disabled by repealing President Obama's health insurance expansion that covers more than 30 million people who now lack insurance.

Critics of Ryan's premium support plan call it a voucher plan; meaning if it isn't funded properly future retirees will be impacted by rising costs. In a FOX News interview, Ryan made it clear the budget proposal will target seniors and reduce taxpayer subsidies for oil and gas companies making record profits!

Under the plan, Medicaid would be converted into a block grant program that gives each state a lump sum to design its own insurance plans. Because the Medicare benefits package would be more expensive to deliver through private insurers, seniors will pay more or get fewer benefits.

Future retirees would see an increase in the eligibility age, currently at 65, rise by two months each year, starting in 2022 until it reaches 67 in 2033. Essentially, Medicare as it now exists would be abolished. Set in motion, this is a plan to cut benefits and costs.

Another issue hurting not only our seniors, but anyone on a fixed income, is the changes to Michigan's net pricing law. The item pricing law was mentioned by Governor Rick Snyder in last month's State of the State address as an example of an onerous regulation of business.

If the old law, in effect for three decades, had to be abolished in order for Michigan to retain its economic competitiveness, whose backs is this placed on?

I'm pretty sure we could get an answer from the stock person making minimum wage at the local supermarket, who by the way is no longer needed, or my elderly neighbor who has problems with her memory and was overwhelmed at the checkout line; or was she?

Because of military, financial, or other challenges affecting the elderly, most only do their shopping once a month, buying several items at one time. Now there is no way to be sure consumers were charged correctly without returning with the entire store purchase.

Another issue to consider is the scanner law. This law forced the retailer to pay you the difference of the cost of one item up to a maximum of \$5.00 when you were incorrectly charged at the check-out. This law was only enforceable when the item had a price tag on it. I believe these changes will have far reaching effects on consumers, espe-

cially the elderly and most won't even realize it.

It's a shame when those who are supposed to look out for, who built the very foundation of the American way of life, are stripped and used to further the advancement of corporate greed.

I'll be thinking about my neighbor the next time someone comes up with a plan to cut spending. This just isn't right!

## Local 602 meetings

The next meetings will be on **May 22, and June 12.** The Executive board meets at 5:30 p.m. The General Membership meets at 7:00 p.m. at the hall.



## LOCAL 724

Dean Poggiali, President

# Get America back on track

An update concerning two Local 724 summer events: The Local 724 Golf Outing has been changed to August 6 at Centennial Acres and the Local 724 picnic is September 10 at Sharp Post. More information will be available at the work sites and on the local 724 website: [www.uawlocal724.org](http://www.uawlocal724.org).

The new Local 724 office hours will be from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 8:00 am to 4:00 pm on Friday.

The IMPCO unit recently ratified a one-year extension to their bargaining agreement. Here's hoping that this is the sign of things looking up for the IMPCO membership.

If anyone has a loved one in the military and would like to get their photo on the Local website, please e-mail the photo if possible to my attention at [d.poggiali@uawlocal724.org](mailto:d.poggiali@uawlocal724.org). Please include the name, rank, branch of service, whether a member or relationship to a member, and if stationed overseas. As we gather these to help post them with the information to honor these American heroes.

We also send well-wishes to Lear Unit member Sam Moreno, who is about to leave for duty in Afghanistan. Sam served the local as Recording Secretary several years back.

As we have seen unprecedented attacks on working people and organized labor, it becomes abundantly clear that we don't have many friends at the State Capitol here in Lansing. We hear the Governor's tag line of "shared sacrifice" on a daily basis. However the citizens affected by these sacrifices have already shared some.

Whether it be a low wage income family that is eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), the pensioner who lives on a fixed income, the school districts that are operating with old textbooks, crumbling infrastructure, the unemployed who are being asked to sacrifice even more, we are seeing a shift of the burden of recovery on those who are struggling to function in the economy today. The rally cry by those submitting the sacrifice measures is that

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## LOCAL 652

Mike Green, President

# We say ... fight back!

Thanks to everyone who has been attending the rallies at the State Capitol. It is very important for our membership to have a presence and show our opposition to our representatives and Governor on balancing the state's budget on the backs of our retirees by taxing pensions and reducing unemployment benefits which are a safety net for working people across the state.

Our thanks to our Region 1-C Director Norwood Jewell, who sent several buses from Flint to our last rally at the Capitol. Thanks also to Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero, who wore one of our red UAW coats to show his support for all of us.

We hope that when the Governor thinks of our members he will see that wave of many thousands of UAW red coats that attended the most recent rally!

All our retirees were recently mailed information and sign up cards for V-CAP check-off and the "GimmeFive" program. I would urge everyone to donate what they can to V-CAP. It is the only source of funds we can use to help elect people who look out for the interests of all our members.

## GimmeFive program

This particular program helps us identify which members want to be notified of rallies and to receive reports on what bills our representatives are considering that would impact our members. The GimmeFive program would call your cell phone or home phone, or email you, to let you know the location, date, and time of all events. We would need you to attend!

Help me help you, by signing up to help, even if you can't attend rallies. Hopefully, you could work on phone banks or attend committee hearings at the Capitol. Thanks in advance for your help.

## Alpha Project

The month of June and two weeks into July is the projected shutdown period at LGR and LRS to get ready for the production of the new Alpha platform small Cadillac.

Our thanks go to Shop Chairman Jack Graham, Shop Committee Production members Ted Krumm and Joe Thelen, and Shop Committee Skilled Trades member Joe Cantin for all their efforts in securing this new vehicle for Lansing. Current discussions are going on in hopes of securing the full family of Alpha Project cars for our LGR plant in Lansing.

Our thanks to the membership in Lansing for your efforts in building world-class products at our facility.

## Pride Ride 2011

Don't forget the Pride Ride, which takes place on May 20 at Local 652. See the notice on page 6. Sign-up sheets are available at the hall or at the Lansing Labor News website: [www.lansinglabornews.org](http://www.lansinglabornews.org). Thanks to



everyone on the Pride Ride committee for your work at putting together a fun event for everyone.

## Labor loses another leader

Local 652 has lost a long-time Shop Chairman and union leader with the passing of Art Baker. Our officers attended the funeral and conveyed our condolences and thanks to the entire Baker family on their loss and ours.



## LOCAL 1753

Al Vincent, President

# It's been great

I always wondered what it would be like to write my last article for the Lansing Labor News, and now the time has come.

Lets go back to the late 90's. The membership knew that there had to be a new direction for this local and they made some tough choices. Some new faces emerged from that election that helped shape the late 90's. It didn't come. A lady that I look up to for being a very good Shop Chairperson is Renee McMan, who took on the big boys and never blinked an eye. She had more grit than a lot of men I know. Also, Gary Williams for his wisdom and spell checking first.

I give credit to my first E-Board that first term for knowing what had to be done and doing it. Mark Daniels, the Vice President; Trustees Scott Dunsford, Billy Faust, and the late Ed Bailey; along with Tim Loveland, Lou Shannon and my (long-time) Recording Secretary Fritz Bruce (who will be stepping down after this election). Last, nobody could I give higher praises to other than the BEST Financial Secretary this local or any other local has had over the years, Nancy Munchbach. They ALL had to make some difficult choices to get this local back on its feet. They did it.

It does not help that the plant population has shrunk over the years and this has put a strain on my other E-Boards who have stepped up to the plate. We can only do with what we have, and they realized that.

Most of all I want to thank the membership over the years for their support both at the ballot box and on projects that the union supported, such as the Make A Wish car shows, Toys for Tots, and the Old Newsboys. Your support for the Veterans Committee projects has been public sector workers and our fight to get old co-workers who are now also retirees and their support over the years.

In case you forgot, starting in March, every Wednesday is Solidarity Day. The International Union is asking all members to wear red as a show of support for public sector workers and their fight to be mid-level-class America.

I know the old saying, "It is easier to say something bad about someone than it is something nice." Well, I want to thank those who called, or when they saw me complimented me on one of the articles I had just written. I know they are not all horrid. I just tried to

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## LOCAL 652

Bob Smith, Financial Secretary

# It starts ... and it may never end

*Excerpts of a press release describing the first Emergency Manager designation by Governor Snyder.*

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
Benton Harbor Emergency Manager Takes First Step to Strip Away Rights  
Joseph L. Harris issues an order prohibiting all action by all city boards, commissions, authorities and other entities, except as authorized by the emergency manager.



In the wake of a bill that was signed into law with high objection from the people, as it was a bill that threatened local communities, schools, townships, and municipalities, the first order has been officially issued in Benton Harbor. Joseph L. Harris has used his emergency manager powers to "exercise any power or authority of any officer, employee, department, board, commission, or similar entity of the City, whether elected or appointed." In addition, the Emergency Manager has the power to supersede any officer or entity and the power to act on behalf of the city.

"This is sad news for democracy in Michigan. It comes after the announcement of Robert Bobb in Detroit ordering layoff of every single public school teacher in the Detroit Public School system," says Mark Gaffney, President of Michigan AFL-CIO. "With the stripping of all power of daily elected officials in Benton Harbor and the attack on Detroit school teachers, we can now see the true nature of the Emergency Manager system."

This is a real life instance of taking away our fundamental rights. In fact, the only thing City Boards, Commissions, Authorities or other entities may do without the approval of an Emergency Manager is to:

- 1) Call a meeting to order
  - 2) Approve of meeting minutes
  - 3) Adjourn a meeting
- Everything else is under the Emergency Manager's control. These new powers are taking away the will and voice of the people by stripping away the rights of public officials elected by Michiganders. By exploiting the current crisis situation, these emergency managers are able to ascertain unreasonable rules to completely control a city. This is a true case of political over-reach, and will simply add to the hardships of an already suffering populace in Michigan.
- This is a sad time when an entire large city is denied the ability to be governed by the people that were democratically elected. How many more cities and school districts will be affected? Only time will tell. This story is a long way from being finished. Stay tuned and get active!

Speaking of getting active, today, more than any time in the UAW's history, our political fund-raising is critical to electing worker-friendly candidates. The UAW's V-CAP checkoff is a voluntary program that allows each mem-

ber to make a modest contribution each month to help the union support candidates who care about American workers and their jobs. This voluntary contribution is usually made through an automatic payroll deduction, called V-CAP Checkoff. The V-CAP Checkoff program has been and continues to be, a very successful part of raising voluntary dollars for the union's political purposes. Please contribute what you can!

The Oldsmobile Outdoor Club is hosting a "Swing Into Spring" golf outing Sunday, May 15 at Glenbrier golf course in Perry, Michigan. It's a 10 a.m. shotgun start, lunch at the turn, and all proceeds go to the Volunteer Mercy Pilots (Grand League). Sign-up forms are available at the hall.

Local 652's Women's Committee is teaming up with the Recreation Committee to present the "Save The Girls' Golf Scramble for Breast Cancer on July 9 at Centennial Acres golf course in Sunfield, Michigan. Registration starts at 1:30 pm with a 2:30 pm shotgun start.

Cost is \$55 per person for both of these and as usual, it's all for a good cause! Call the hall at 517-372-7581 to sign up or for more details.  
Have a good spring!

## LOCAL 652

Randy Freeman, Vice President

# Have a great summer!

This will be the last issue of the Lansing Labor News until this summer. So I would like tell everyone to have a great summer at home or away and remember, "We should work to live not live to work." Enjoy a little time for you and all your family and friends and please be safe.



## LOCAL 602

Connie Swander, Fin. Secretary

# We MUST work together!

Again, Local 602 is being blessed with new members. New members mean we are still alive and growing, unlike some of our sister Locals who are cutting back, some temporarily and some permanently, or coming to a close.

Many of us know how our new brothers and sisters feel because we



have come through some of the same situations—relocating or driving long distances to work. Let us make all the new people feel welcome in their new home because they are now 602, just like us. And just like you and me, they all have thoughts and ideas on how to improve things.

In moving forward and making things better, let's not forget where we came from because history has a way of repeating itself. So when we throw out the bath water, let us be sure not to throw out the baby, as well.

We need some of the old people

around to help us avoid making the same mistakes over again. It's important to elect people on the basis of the job they have done and the job you believe they will continue to do.

We have to start working together. We don't have to like each other; we just have to stand together in solidarity. We need to start being a Union before Management has its way and there is no Union.

Please, people, let's make 602 stronger than it has ever been. To do that, we must work for one common goal ... solidarity.

## The Local 652 General Election ELECT YOUR UNITY TEAM

*Honest, Experienced, Qualified and Dedicated to REPRESENT YOU*

The polls will be open beginning at 5:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 4, 2011 and will be open continuously until 5:00 a.m., Thursday, May 5, 2011 at the Local 652 UAW Union Hall, 426 Clare Street, Lansing.

(Take this UNITY ticket to the voting booth with you. Thank you for your support.)



**PRESIDENT**  
MIKE GREEN

**VICE-PRESIDENT**  
RANDY FREEMAN

**RECORDING SECRETARY**  
SCOTT R. LOUNDS

**CHAIRMAN, SHOP COMMITTEE**  
JACK GRAHAM

**PRODUCTION SHOP COMMITTEE**  
TED KRUMM

**TRUSTEES**  
JOE THELEN

**JILL BOWEN**  
**LORI J. GENTZ**  
**MICHAEL MELFI**

*The following have been elected by acclamation:*

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY:** BOB SMITH  
**SKILLED TRADES SHOP COMMITTEE:** JOE CANTIN

**SERGEANT-AT-ARMS:** BOB WARNER

**GUIDE:** TIM LOUNDS

**CHAIRPERSON, CIVIL & HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**  
WINSTON WILLIAMS

**CHAIRPERSON, COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE**  
SHARRON MOWERS

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## ELECT BOB MORGAN



## FOR SHOP CHAIRPERSON



### TRAINING

- Bargaining and Grievance Handling
- Labor Relations Classes
- Health and Safety
- Employee's Assistance Classes
- Ergonomics Training
- On the Job Training

### EXPERIENCE

- 3 Terms District Committee person
- 1 Term District Shop Committee person
- 4 Terms Zone Committee person
- Local Negotiations 1993, 1996, 1999 & 2003; LDT 2000 & 2007
- Handling Grievances and Settlements

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## Re-elect Connie Swander



### for Financial Secretary of Local 602

Polls at Hall and Plant  
May 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 am – May 11<sup>th</sup> at 11 am  
Runoff May 16<sup>th</sup> at 11 am – May 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 am  
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## BILL REED FOR PRESIDENT UAW LOCAL 602

### EDUCATED AND EXPERIENCED

- Elected Local 602 Vice President in 2008
- Active Volunteer serving our Membership and Standing Committees
- Lansing Computer Institute / Lansing Community College / MSU Labor Studies

Now more than ever we need to focus our strength, hold on to what we have, and fight for what we were promised. With a committed voice of solidarity, I believe we CAN grow stronger, winning back the dignity and respect we deserve! I am committed to bringing together our leadership, uniting our membership, and strengthening our foundation. I am confident that this will secure a future for all our members, active and retired.

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## ELECT David Rood



For Vice President of Local 602

### Dependable and Committed Leadership

- Active UAW Member for 34 years
- Citizenship and Legislative Committee
- Community Service Committee
- Union Label Committee
- Election Committee

The duties of the Vice President are as follows: The Vice President shall assist the President in the discharge of her/his duties and shall attend all sessions of the Local Union. In case of the absence or incapacity of the President, the President's duties shall be performed by the Vice President.

### 2 ELECTION SITES

#### Election Dates and Times

11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 10, 2011 through 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 11, 2011

#### Retirees and Active Members

UAW Local 602 Hall, 2510 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48917

#### Active Members Only

LDT Welcome Center, 8175 Millett Hwy, Lansing, MI 48917

#### Run-off Election Dates and Times – Same times and locations

11:00 a.m. Monday, May 16, 2011 through 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 17, 2011

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## Elect Rick Martinez

### Local 602 Shop Chair



I would like to represent the members of Local 602 as we fight to improve working conditions in our plant, negotiate better contracts for our members and bring a bright future for our younger brothers and sisters. I will bring extensive bargaining experience with me to the position of Local 602 Chair.

### EXPERIENCE

- 27 years UAW/GM service
- Appointed UAW Coordinator 1990
- Elected UAW Coordinator 1993
- Elected UAW Local 1853 1st Vice President 1996
- UAW Local 1853 President 1998, 1999, 2002-2005
- Local 1853 Bargaining Committee Member 1993-1999, 2002-2005, 2008-Feb. 2010
- Elected Delegate to UAW Constitutional Convention, 1995, 1998, 2002, 2005
- Elected Delegate to UAW Bargaining Convention, 1995, 1998, 2002, 2005
- Zone Committee person Local 1853 2008-Feb. 2010

#### Zone covered the following Areas:

General Assembly (Production and Skilled Trades)

Interior Systems (Production and Trades)

Powertrain (Production and Trades)

Site-wide Material

Site-wide Quality

- Skilled Trades Journeyman 29 Years
- Currently UAW 602 Toolmaker in Body Shop

"I have always been a proud member of the UAW and felt that being elected to represent others was the highest privilege that could be bestowed upon me. I have never taken this privilege and responsibility lightly."

Paid for by Committee to Elect Rick Martinez



## Elect "Big George" Davis Zone at Large



Honest leadership that works for the membership

Protecting your contractual rights

Be heard: Your vote is your voice!

Thank you for your support.

### Experience:

- Alternate Committee ... 5 years
- District Committee ... 3 years
- District Shop Committee ... 3 years

Paid for by Committee to Elect George Davis

**Local 602 Members, both Active and Retired:  
Please see important reminder on page 6  
of who can vote where and when.**

## UAW Local 602 General Elections Reminder

Retirees vote for Executive Board positions only.

Active Members vote for Bargaining AND Executive Board Positions.

**ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD:**

**2 Election Sites: Dates and times are same for each location**  
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## Poggiali

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the cuts are needed to give more tools for business to expand.

But where are the guarantees that business will expand, create more job opportunities, invest in our communities and be good corporate community partners? There are no guarantees!

Conversely, the legion of the "sacrificed" can be guaranteed that pensions will be taxed, unemployment in the future will be reduced, and low income families will not be able to break the cycle of have not.

So as we continue to counterbalance these attacks, we must be willing to sacrifice our time, voice, and energy to help those that are without a voice. When-ever possible speak to your legislator, attend the rallies, get informed on the issues, and sign up for V-CAP check-off which helps elect worker-friendly candidates. Life's journey begins with the first step. Let's walk together to get America back on track.

In this most uncertain of times for working people we are reminded of a quote: "Be kinder than necessary because everyone is fighting some kind of battle." Working people are in a battle, but we are not able to remain kind very much longer.

## Vincent

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make them more on the "common sense" approach.

And I could not forget the crew over at the Lansing Labor News: Harold Foster, who has kept this paper afloat during these hard times; Nancy, and of course UNO #1 Tim Bogar, the man who is the backbone of this paper.

Also Laura Clark who is doing a great job as President the Local 1753 Retirees Chapter.

So what do retired Presidents do now? Catch up on things around the house, travel, and my favorite—dig into my record collection and look for more. The thrill of the hunt! If you have any records around that you don't play, call me at 517-645-2508. Thanks.

Don't forget to VOTE! May 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Local Union hall and 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

and 8:30 p.m. to 11:05 p.m. in the plant across from the cafeteria. If run-offs are required, they will be one week later, May 19, same times and places.

The union meeting for May is one week later than usual, Sunday May 22 at 6 p.m.

My food for thought: People may not remember exactly what you did, or what you said, but they will always remember how you made them feel. Hold your loved ones close, tell them you love them. If tomorrow never comes, you'll have no regrets about today. Thanks and God Bless.

**1753 UNION MEETING NOTICE**  
General membership: May 22, 6:00 p.m. June, July, and August meetings may be canceled.

**E-board:** May 17, June 24, July 19, and August 23, all meetings at 2:15 p.m.  
All meetings are held at the Local 1753 Union Hall. Sometime this summer there will be a special meeting for Local Demands. Watch the boards at work for this notice.

## Bauer

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noon. Local 602 is located at 2510 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48917.

The Safety Patrol picnic is Wednesday, May 18, at Hawk Island Park. Volunteers are needed. If you are interested, please call 517-372-7581 ext. 147 and leave your name and phone number.

We will be nominating and electing our Election Committee at the June 21 business meeting.

We will be nominating and electing our Chapter Executive Board at the July 19 business meeting.

The following members and associates are in our thoughts and prayers: Robert Abernathy, Jerry Carnell, Sandy Cleveland, Fred Davis, Marvin Davis, Dave Hodges, Dorothy Hoisington, Roger Miller, John Pesik, Wilfred and Millie Pullman, Jim Rose, Jean and Leonard Schneider, Willis Wright, and any others we may have missed.

The Lansing Labor News is now online. You may access it at [www.lansinglabornews.org](http://www.lansinglabornews.org).

The Food Bank could use our help. If possible, bring canned goods to donate when you attend any event. Send your change of address to: Lan-

sing 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](mailto:retiree652@hotmail.com)

## 602 Obituaries

William Spagnuolo – Retired Pattern Maker

Ivin Sorrell – Retired Material and Father-in-law of Larry Spiece, Retired Education Training

Perry Coe – Quality

Bronislav Manko – Retired Donald Hill – Retired Quality and Father-in-Law of Laura Bovee

Heather Lynn Carl Wehring – Daughter of Terry Carl, Body

Mary Duncan – Retired Dema Sherry Wright – Wife of Wendall Wright, Retired Body (Welder Line)

Ray Pantall – Father of Denise Hooten, General Assembly (Chassis 3)

Mary Cathryn Stahl – Mother of Marty Stahl Dexter, Retired Small Trim (Door Panels) and Former Mother-in-Law of Houston Womble, Retired Small Trim

John F. Dean Sr. – Father of Mary Beth Gervais, Quality (Body)

Richard M. Pryer – Father of Richard Pryer, Quality

Thelma Strickling – Wife of John Strickling, Retired Paint and Mother of Matt Strickling, Former Local 602 President/Retired Paint and Mark Strickling, Retired Paint

Helga Simko – Mother of Ron Simko, General Assembly (Chassis 3, Team 1)

Glen Till – Retired

Paul McCormick – Father of Dan J. McCormick, General Assembly (Trim 4)

Beryl Belgard – Retired Darrell R. Redman Sr. – Retired and Brother-in-Law of John Brooks Jr., Retired

Johnny Lee Johnson – Retired Olive Rose Glover – Mother of Seth Davis, AGV and Mother-in-Law of Carrie Jennings-Davis, Alternate Health and Safety Representative Irving MacDonald – Retired Material

## 602 Thank You's

Dear 602 Family: Thank you for the prayers, phone calls, cards, visits, and lovely flowers. Mac enjoyed his monthly dinners and bingo with you all. We appreciate it all... the family of Irving "Mac" MacDonald-Betty, Debbie, Denise, and Pam

## 652 Obituaries

Marcella Ashley – Mother of Dennis Ashley

Arthur Baker – Retiree Fred T. Belbeck – Father of Jeff Belbeck, Randy Belbeck and Wayne Belbeck

Oscar Dan – Retiree Genaro Holguin – Retiree

Bernard Kimmel – Retiree, Father of Brigida and Eric Kimmel

Robert Lenz – Father of Roger Lenz Bronislav "Bruno" Manko – Brother of Theodore Manko, Uncle of Mike Manko

Dora "Jean" Miller – Mother-in-Law of Wendy White

Elaine Palmatier – Mother of Gary Palmatier

## LOOK NO FURTHER



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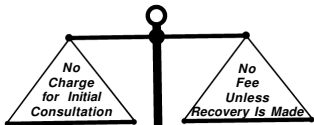
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