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VOICE OF 28,000 UAW MEMBERS

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LOCAL 602

Bill Reed,
President



We all know the famous Walter Reuther quote "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." – UAW Constitutional Convention 1970. How true these prophetic words have become.

Yes, this issue of the Lansing Labor News is full of articles directed towards politics. I encourage you to read each and every one of them. We've come to a point in our lives where the world around us has changed, and those changes are having negative consequences on our lives and the lives of our families.

There is no denying the war against working families and retirees. From the taxing of pensions to talk of reducing social security, fixed incomes are getting in a fix. Corporations have more rights than individuals while they poison our food and

water. It's a constant fight these days to earn a living wage and decent benefits. If we are to win at the bargaining table and in the legislative halls, it won't be from business as usual. We will need to roll up our sleeves and join together with our vote.

The first step is taking time to understand why you're being asked to support a certain candidate. Many hours of research, interviews and discussion go into the endorsement of each candidate. Within the UAW those endorsements are made by member volunteers who have been involved in the political process through the UAW CAP program. Those volunteers are in tune to the current issues that affect union workers, retirees and their families. They understand the pros and cons of proposed legislation and are in touch with the legislators who support or oppose those laws. Building relationships with those who have the power to change a law go a long way in helping them understand our needs and concerns as union workers and retirees. When we elect candidates who support labor, that relationship positively influences our future, and that's a voice we cannot afford to silence.

LOCAL 4911

Derrick McDuffey,
President



The time has arrived for the Bargaining Team of local 4911 to sit down at the table to negotiate our 7th contract. As we all know the attacks on Labor are prevalent. They can be outright fierce. At other times they are very subtle, sliding in under the radar slowly eroding away gains won by our unions, and at the same time crippling our unions (such as RTW) making it difficult if not impossible to make worthy gains. By the time you have an opportunity to read this article we will have had several bargaining sessions with Sparrow Health Systems which commences on September 13th. My hopes are that the partnership between the UAW and Sparrow proves to be one of value and respect, which results in a contract that better the lives of the 2300 members of Local 4911 and allows Sparrow to thrive as the premier unionized Health Care Facility in Michigan. To quote our Director Gerald Kariem - "WE ARE--- UNION!"



Gerald Kariem was re-elected and sworn in as Director of Region 1D at the 37th Constitutional Convention

UAW Local 652 Trunk or Treat

Date: Saturday, October 20, 2018

Time: 2:00 to 3:00

Location: UAW Local 652 and Local 724 parking Lot

Contact: UAW Local 652 Recreation and Conservation Committee

Description:

Bring a decorated trunk, hatch, or truck bed to this fun event. Also, bring along your monsters and goblins so they can "trunk or treat"! This is not a drop-off event, children need an adult present.



Newly elected IUAW executive board members being sworn in. New leadership includes President Gary Jones, Secretary-Treasurer Ray Curry, and Vice Presidents Cindy Estrada, Terry Dittes, and Rory Gamble



Region 1D members at the 37th UAW Constitutional Convention on their way to hold the Regional Director election. Current Director Gerald Kariem and Assistant Director Steve Dawes were re-elected without opposition

LOCAL 652

Randy Freeman,
President



Time goes by so fast, its fall already; I hope everyone enjoyed summer with their family and friends.

This has been a very busy time for our union. In June we held our Constitutional Convention in Detroit. Saying good bye to President Dennis Williams and electing Gary Jones as the new President of the UAW.

We congratulate President Gary Jones and his entire executive staff which includes:

President - Gary Jones

Secretary – Treasurer – Ray Curry

Vice President –Cindy Estrada

Vice President – Terry Dittes

Vice President - Rory Gamble

And also elected was our Region 1D Director Gerald Kariem with Asst. Director Steve Dawes. Congratulations!

In July this year at Sleepy Hollow State park we held our Local 652 Family picnic. It was a great time with lots of fun and good food. I'm looking forward to the next one. My thanks go out to all of you that made this event such a success.

In August, 29 members went up to Summer School at Black Lake Education Center and by the time you read this we will have sent 29 more members to Fall School. What a great way to see what your union is all about and how you can be a part of your union.

This is an important election year for our state as well as for our country. The Capital Area CAP Council along with Lansing Labor Council did a joint screening of local candidates and decided what candidates we would recommend to endorse. We were very successful in the August primaries. Together we have a lot of hard work ahead of us to get our endorsed candidates elected on November 6th. You will find a list of our UAW endorsed candidates in this paper. It will be posted on our Local 652 FB page along with the Lansing Labor News web site. This way you can take a

picture of the endorsed candidates list and have it with you when you vote. Don't forget that the Judges and Proposals are listed at the end of the ballots, sometime on the back and a straight ticket vote will not count for them. Please remember to get your absentee ballots done and turned in. We will need every vote to count. And as a good friend of labor once said "we can't fix the world in a day, but we can work on it every day" (UAW/ GM Chairman Ted Krumm). And that is what we (all of us) do best, we do the work!

LOCAL 724

Todd Collins,
President



I hope that all of our Members have had a safe and enjoyable Summer. On the Local front, the Local held our annual Golf Outing in August at Centennial Acres Golf Course in Sunfield. The event was another huge success with the help of our sponsors and volunteers. We look forward to next year making it even more fun and enjoyable for our members and their families. Both the Local and Unit Standing Committee Chairs attended recent conferences. I would like to thank all of you who volunteer for these committees. From the Veterans Committee to the Civil and Humans Rights Committee to the Union Label Committee, all are a vital part of our Local and our Union. If any member would like more information on any of our Standing Committees please contact the Local or your Chairperson for more information. As we see the season change please remember what time of year we are heading into. Election season is upon us. With the current political environment in our

Region 1D Conferences

Sept 23-28—Fall School Black Lake

Oct 7-12—National Veterans Conference Black Lake

Oct 26-28—Standing Committee Conference Grand Traverse

state it is even more important that the people in our state and our members exercise their right to VOTE. To our members that say that your vote does not count I say this. If you sit home and do not vote then those who attack our very way of life win! Those who seek to destroy the Middle Class way of life and the very Union that we all belong to cannot be allowed to take office. We cannot protect our way of life and those that we care about if we sit on our hands and do nothing. As the elections for our State draw near it has never been more important than to stand up and let your voice be heard. VOTE!! I ask one last thing of our Membership. Take those phones and computers that we all have and look up the word SOLIDARITY. Then see how you can apply that to your life. To me it means looking out for my Brothers and Sisters. Having one voice. Our Union was founded on this principal and getting back to those principals has to be priority.

"Just because you do not take an interest in politics, Doesn't mean that politics won't take an interest in you" -Pericles-

LOCAL 1753

Yvonne Vincent,
President



Hello Union Brothers and Sisters. Summer has come to an end and I would like to thank those that helped with getting back pack supplies. The 8th Annual Community-Wide Back to school Rally and Resource fair held at UAW Local 602 appreciates the support. We sent 6 people to Summer/Fall school at Black Lake and are enjoying the positive/ educational energy they are bringing back to the shop. If you are interested in the T-shirts, they are in the final design phase by the women's committee, no set date on when they will be ready to order. We have a "build a terrarium" event happening at the Union Hall on October 13th. I encourage anyone interested to

come and bring a friend/ family member(s). It is \$15 to create one. To our new members, we traditionally have a weenie roast on Halloween. Make sure you are looking at the Union Information boards for time and place.

November 6th Americans have the right to vote in the midterm elections. These elections are important. Please exercise your right to vote. In this paper there is a slate of people the UAW is backing based on their stance for Unions and Labor friendliness. Please consider these candidates.

In the Plant we currently have a vacancy for the 2nd Shift Alt. Committee person.

We are accepting nominations for this on October 9th and 16th 12:30 pm to 3:00pm at the UAW Local 1753 Union Hall.

Pending membership approval at the meting, the voting date is October 30th at the Union Hall from 11am to noon. In the Plant voting will take place from 12:30pm to 3pm and again at 8:45pm to 9:45pm. Please check the Union Information boards for these postings.

Together we are stronger. Wednesdays are red shirt days. Please wear a red shirt to show your unity.

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lansinglabornews.org

LOCAL 602

Steve Delaney,
Vice President



The 2018 Gubernatorial election is approaching fast and Michigan is at a crossroad. The state has made broad economic gains since the Great Recession but still faces significant hurdles. We have terrible roads and a crumbling infrastructure, public schools that rank near the bottom in the country, environmental challenges ranging from continued water woes in Flint to

Great Lakes threats and chemical contaminants in the ground. There are too few young people going to college and not enough workers to fill skilled jobs.

This election also offers the clearest choice between parties with the starkest ideological contrasts in recent memory. The Republican primary winner, Bill Schuette, has been the States Attorney General for the past eight years and has tied his Candidacy to the popularity of President Donald Trump. Opposing him will be a more moderate Democrat, Gretchen Whitmer, who has strong union and establishment support. Her experience includes being the state's former Senate Minority Leader.

Schuette vows to shore up education and roads while at the same time calling for less government and lower taxes, typical rhetoric from an administration that in the last eight years succeeded in shifting the tax burden from corporations to individuals. In 2011 Corporate taxes made up 12.2 percent of the state's general fund revenues. By 2017 that amount dropped to 6.4 percent or nearly half as much. In the meantime, Personal Income tax revenues which supply the state's main checking account surged from 47 percent to 53 percent. The past Republican administrations idea of less government included appointing Emergency Managers to every major municipality in the state including Flint, where the health of children was put in jeopardy.

Whitmer's Democratic platform includes, increased funding for education, and infrastructure improvements. According to Whitmer, "putting thousands of Michiganders to work rebuilding our roads, updating our electrical and heating grids, ensuring that everyone has access to clean water, and high-speed internet are priorities." She wants to raise the minimum wage, repeal the retirement tax, as well as Right to Work, and offer high school graduates two years of debt-free community college in skilled trades training or the equivalent aid for attending a four-year university. Whitmer states that "Many Michigan families are struggling to get by. We have an economy of Haves

and Have-Nots." This November there is only one candidate who has supported working families her entire career. My choice is Gretchen Whitmer!

LOCAL 652

Ben Frantz,
Vice President



As I take stock of the world in which we work and live, it becomes apparent that we must find a way to look at this place in time and not merely accept the world how it is but rather take hold and step into the game to help change the tide. No, I don't mean just politics, I mean fun life, work life, real life.

William Durant brilliantly identifies the problem in society with his quote "the political machine triumphs because it is a united minority acting against a divided majority". I would adjust it a bit and replace "political machine" with "1%" to be more relevant today. Those of us operating in common life outnumber those with wealth and privilege in society by an incredible number. The real life issue is that these elitist individuals have capitalized on what we as a working class have ultimately done to ourselves. We don't look at another person in a better paying job or house and think, that's where I want to be, how do I get there? What will it take me doing to rise up to that level? We are more inclined to look at that those

situations and think that is not fair, I should have that. Pushing away the facts of the matter that the other individuals have more time in the job or on earth to have accomplished these things. When we covet, we lose perspective and those in the 1% understand this and foster these environments because when we divide ourselves over the scraps they maintain their spoils. Worse still are those who, looking upward, want what they have not yet earned while looking down upon those who are less fortunate. We all know that the situation in which you are born can be a help or hindrance to your position in life. This is an unavoidable truth for most all of us in society. We must face and overcome obstacles that a sliver of our society will never understand nor care to. Does this mean we are we all screwed? Is there no hope for us? Of course not, we merely need to unite and come together with a few basic understandings. Are our possessions and our stations in life attached to how hard we work? Of course not. This is the first understanding we must come to realize. Second, we must not judge others for being different or in lesser societal positions. We must look at them as opportunities to deepen our understanding of community. When we concentrate on community building and bringing diversity together, we win. We can then begin to rise as people, neighborhoods, towns and even movements! When I talk about taking hold of our place in time, I mean becoming an inspiration to your

kids, coworkers and neighbors. Strive to have your actions in life be positive and constructive. If we all take hold of ourselves and be happy with what we have and realize that reaching out in any direction to grab the hands of our fellow people can create unity and begin to untie the binds that hold us down in our lives. If we can begin to believe that we are winning when we are pulling up a neighbor or reaching upward ourselves and counting on a neighbor or coworker to pull us up, then we have a chance. In the end, we need only remember one thing; basic math is simple and 99 hands clasped together will always be greater than 1 hand holding us down!

LOCAL 652

Bob Smith,
Fin. Secretary



NAFTA Revisited

Prescience : *noun* the fact of knowing something before it takes place; foreknowledge.

Some people are naturally blessed with it. For example; in the second 1992 presidential debate, Ross Perot argued:

"We have got to stop sending jobs overseas. It's pretty simple: If you're paying \$12, \$13, \$14 an hour for factory workers and you can move your factory south of the border, pay a dollar an hour for labor, ... have no health care—that's the most expensive single element in making a car—have no environmental controls, no pollution controls and no retirement, and you don't care about anything but making money, there will be a giant sucking sound going south. ... when [Mexico's] jobs come up from a dollar an hour to six dollars an hour, and ours go down to six dollars an hour, and then it's leveled again. But in the meantime, you've wrecked the country with these kinds of deals. "

President Trump has consistently attacked the North American Free

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Trade Agreement, calling it “the single worst trade deal ever approved in this country”. As I don’t normally agree on anything with President Trump I have to admit he may be on the money with this one. NAFTA has done more damage to the middle class in America and especially union workplaces than any other piece of legislation in recent memory. While there are pros associated with the agreement, the list of cons, particularly for the industrial sector are absolutely horrible. Let’s look at a few of each.

First a few pros. NAFTA quadrupled trade between the three nations. By eliminating tariffs trade increased to \$1.4 trillion in 2015. This increase in trade in turn increased economic output by as much as 0.5 percent a year. Three industries were the greatest beneficiaries of the increase; agriculture, automotive, and services like health care and financial. This growth created many jobs but as Mr. Perot noted above they were lower paying and not necessarily in the fields that Americans were hoping for. Foreign investment more than tripled with the U.S. investing \$452 billion in Mexico and Canada and those two investing \$240.2 billion in the United States. U.S. oil imports cost less without tariffs allowing us to reduce our reliance on oil from the Middle East. This resulted in lower fuel and transportation costs which helped to reduce food prices.

Now for some cons. It led to the loss of 500,000-750,000 U.S. jobs. Most were in the manufacturing industries in California, New York, Michigan, and Texas. Many manufacturing companies moved to Mexico because labor was cheap. The automotive, textile, computer, and electrical appliance industries were impacted the most. NAFTA contributed to rising inequality by enabling employers to threaten to move their companies overseas during wage bargaining with workers. For instance, a Cornell University study commissioned by the NAFTA Labor Commission found that, after the passage of NAFTA, as many as 62 percent of U.S. union drives faced employer threats to relocate abroad, and the factory shut-down

rate following successful union certifications tripled.

NAFTA has placed downward pressure on wages for the middle and lower economic classes by forcing decently-paid U.S. manufacturing workers to compete with imports made by poorly-paid workers abroad. The resulting displacement of those decently-paid U.S. workers has further depressed middle-class wages by adding to the surplus of workers seeking lower-paying service sector jobs.

NAFTA put Mexican farmers out of business. 1.3 million farmers could not compete with U.S. government subsidized farm product prices. Many of these unemployed farm workers crossed the border illegally to find work. According to the Economic Policy Institute there were 2.9 million Mexicans living in the U.S. illegally in 1995 but by 2000 it had increased to 4.5 million.

Some unemployed Mexican farmers went to work in substandard conditions in the maquiladora program. Maquiladora is where United States-owned companies employ Mexican workers near the border. They cheaply assemble products for export back into the United States. This program has grown to employ 30 percent of Mexico's labor force.

U.S. companies degraded the Mexican environment to keep costs low. Agribusiness in Mexico used more fertilizers and other chemicals. The result was \$36 billion more per year in pollution. Rural farmers were forced into marginal land to stay in business. They cut down 630,000 hectares of forests per year. That deforestation contributes to global warming.

So, what can we do to help with this issue? Same as always, contact your Representative and tell them what you would like in a new trade deal (and wouldn’t you know it? I have some suggestions!)

Eliminate NAFTA terms that promote the outsourcing of Ameri-

cans jobs.

Eliminate Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) and the foreign investor protections it enforces that make it less risky and cheaper to outsource jobs and empower corporations to attack environmental and health laws.

Eliminate NAFTA procurement rules limiting Buy American, labor and environmental preferences so the government buys U.S.-made, pro-worker and pro-environment goods – reinvesting our tax dollars to create jobs here rather than outsourcing them.

Raise wages by adding strong labor and environmental standards with swift and certain enforcement to raise poverty wages and strengthen lax environmental rules in Mexico.

Labor and environmental terms in U.S. trade deals for the past decade have not raised wages or improved conditions in partner countries. Terms in the core text of past pacts proved ineffective. Under NAFTA, firms can pay Mexican industrial workers less than \$2 an hour and dump toxins with impunity.

Protect consumers and ensure a level playing field for U.S. businesses, farmers and workers by ending NAFTA rules that threaten food safety and food labeling.

Imported food must be required to meet U.S. safety standards, not the safety and inspection standards of Mexico and Canada.

New NAFTA renegotiation process must be transparent and participatory.

The original NAFTA was negotiated in a closed-door process dominated by hundreds of corporate trade advisors. We need to ensure that, moving forward the public and all members of Congress are invited to formulate and comment on draft proposals. Negotiated texts must be made public, with an opportunity to comment after each round of negotiations.

Overall the original NAFTA was an economic success although worker mistreatment and environ-

mental damage was significant. It has made the U.S. a much stronger competitor with the European Union and China, both of which are now larger economies than the United States. It’s unfortunate that NAFTA didn’t have better protections built in. Free Trade agreements are a necessity in a globalized world, we just need to make sure they are fair for everyone.

LOCAL 724
Deb Abent,
Fin. Secretary



How to register to Vote

Step 1: You Must Be... A US citizen, A Michigan citizen, A citizen of the town where you're registering, At least 18 years old

Step 2: Fill Out Application. Obtain an application at one of many locations (go to www.Michigan.gov/vote), and fill it out. Must register 30 days before election to vote in that election.

Step 3: Submit Application. Hand-deliver or mail in application. If never registered to vote in Michigan and choose to mail in application, remember to include identification information.

Step 4: Clerk Mails Voter Card. Card will show location where to cast ballot.

Step 5: Vote! Present acceptable photo ID at polls or sign an affidavit if no photo ID is available.

Points to Remember

If you move to a new city or township, you must re-register. If you move within a city or township and are already registered to vote, you only need to update your address.

If you are in jail, awaiting arraignment or trial, you may register to vote. If you are in jail after being convicted and sentenced, you may not register to vote or vote while you are confined.

Visit the Michigan Voter Information Center at www.Michigan.gov/vote for information about registering to vote and voting, voting equipment, polling place locations, state and local ballots, the candidates, campaign finance and more. Your local clerk can help with questions about your voter registration, polling place location and working at the polls.

LOCAL 602

Doreen Howard,
Fin. Secretary



Requesting an Absent Voter Ballot

Your request for an absent voter ballot must be in writing and can be submitted to your city or township clerk. (For assistance in obtaining the address of your city or township clerk, see <https://www.Michigan.gov/vote>)

Your request must include one of the six statutory reasons stated in this article and your signature. You must request an absent voter ballot by mailing the application, large print application, a letter, a postcard, or a pre-printed application form obtained from your local clerk's office. Requests to have an absent voter ballot mailed to you must be received by your clerk no later than 2 p.m. the Saturday before the election.

Once your request is received by the local clerk, your signature on the request will be checked against your voter registration record before a ballot is issued. You must be a registered voter to receive an absent voter ballot. Requests for absent voter ballots are processed immediately. Absent voter ballots may be issued to you at your home address or any address outside of your city or township of residence.

After receiving your absent voter ballot, you have until 8 p.m. on election day to complete the ballot and return it to the clerk's office. Your ballot will not be counted unless your signature is on the return envelope and matches your signature on file. If you received assistance voting the ballot, then the signature of the person who helped

you must also be on the return envelope. Only you, a family member or person residing in your household, a mail carrier, or election official is authorized to deliver your signed absent voter ballot to your clerk's office.

If an emergency, such as a sudden illness or family death prevents you from reaching the polls on election day, you may request an emergency absent voter ballot. Requests for an emergency ballot must be submitted after the deadline for regular absent voter ballots has passed but before 4 p.m. on election day. The emergency must have occurred at a time which made it impossible for you to apply for a regular absent voter ballot. Please contact your local clerk for more information about emergency absent voter ballots.

A registered voter may obtain an absent voter ballot if they are:

- age 60 years old or older
- unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- expecting to be out of town on election day
- in jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence.

Check your voter registration at Michigan Voter Information Center www.mi.gov/vote

A person who registers to vote by mail must vote in person in the first election in which he or she participates. The restriction does not apply to overseas voters, voters who are disabled or voters who are 60 years of age or older.

SAVE THE DATE

UAW Local 652 Skilled Trades
Christmas Meeting

Thursday, December 13th – The annual Local 652 Skilled Trades Christmas Meeting will be held from 3 to 7 PM at the Union Hall. All active and retired trades are welcome. Food and beverage provided. For more information call the hall at 517-372-7581.

LOCAL 652

Scott Lounds,
Rec. Secretary



It is difficult to overestimate the role of the United States Supreme Court in today's America. That said, the right-wing attack on worker protections continues with the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh. While I am sure much attention will be focused on Kavanaugh's stance on abortion rights and the legal immunity of sitting Presidents, the memo issued by the White House upon his nomination highlights an issue that is of great importance to the workplace and the lives of our members. This statement from the Trump Administration lauded the Supreme Court nominee for his strong stance opposing Administrative agencies, stating "Judge Kavanaugh has overruled federal agency action 75 times. . . protects American businesses from illegal job-killing regulation. . . helped kill President Obama's most destructive new environmental rules."

Kavanaugh has taken stances on the authority of Federal Agencies to regulate everything from worker safety to the environment more akin to view the Court held in the early 1900's than today's law. These views have repeatedly leaned toward an economic system that favors corporations being free to act as they will with the belief that bad-behavior will be punished through loss of business. This kind of thinking was shown to be dangerous by Progressives in the early 1900's, spurred in part by exposes of the results of these policies such as Upton Sinclair's book *The Jungle* which exposed the appalling working conditions in the meat-packing industry. Sinclair's description of diseased, rotten, and contaminated meat shocked the public and led to new federal food safety laws. Many courts at the time found laws such as these an illegal restraint of trade, but society and right minded elected officials and jurists finally won the day.

From these sorts of victories came Agencies like OSHA, which made workers safer and punished companies for putting their workers at risk, the EPA that cleaned up our water, our air, and the earth we walk upon, the SEC that regulated insider trading and banking fraud, the list goes on and on. Under the Trump administration and a Supreme Court of Kavanaugh's these sorts of agencies would be handcuffed from regulating business. Each of these agencies is in place to protect the average American from the corporate oligarchy of the Gilded Age and the ultra-rich of present day resent those protections, in their minds we are chattel to be done with as they see fit.

While for many people other issues will take center stage at upcoming hearings on Kavanaugh, in the long run and in the daily lives of working people it is Kavanaugh's beliefs on the role of Federal Agencies which may mean more than anything. Imagine a workplace where only Management decides what level of exposure to harmful chemicals is okay and not okay, or where guarding of machinery is no longer required. If the current direction of the court and the right is not diverted you won't have to imagine long, because you'll be living it.

UAW Region 1D Veterans Council 9th Annual Charity Chili Cook Off Craft Show & Bake Sale

Date: Saturday, October 20, 2018

Time: 1:00pm to 4:00 pm

Location: UAW Local 652 and
Local 724

426 Clare St. Lansing, MI 48917

Contact: Ron Olivarez Local 652
Tim Duplanty Local 659

Phone: Ron 517-775-4832 Tim
810-625-8535 - Call for Pre-
Registration no later than October
17th.

Description: \$5.00 Per person
includes chili, crackers, and beverage

Door Prizes Silent Auction
50/50 Drawing

Cash prizes for contestants!!!!

Capital Area UAW CAP Council List of suggested Candidates

Gretchen Whitmer – Michigan Governor
Garlin Gilchrist II – Michigan Lieutenant Governor
Dana Nessel – Michigan Attorney General
Jocelyn Benson – Michigan Secretary of State
Debbie Stabenow-United States Senate
Megan Cavanagh – Michigan Supreme Court
Sam Bagenstos – Michigan Supreme Court
Brianna Scott – MSU Board of Trustees
Kelly Tebay – MSU Board of Trustees
Jordan Acker – U of M Board of Regents
Paul Brown – U of M Board of Regents
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Tiffany Tilley – Michigan State Board of Education
Jerry Hilliard – Michigan 4th Congressional District
Gretchen Driskell-Michigan 7th Congressional District
Elissa Slotkin-Michigan 8th Congressional District
Curtis Hertel Jr. - 23rd District MI State Senate
Kelly Rossman-McKinney 24th District MI State Senate
Kara Hope - 67th MI House Seat
Sarah Anthony - 68th MI House Seat
Julie Brixie – 69th MI House Seat
Angela Witwer – 71st MI State House
Dawn Levey – 93rd MI State House

Eunice Link - Clinton County Commissioner 3rd District
Brandon Haskell - Eaton County Commission 4th District
Jane Whitacre - Eaton County Commission 6th District
Glenn Freeman III - Eaton County Commission 7th District
Matt Bowen - Eaton County Commission 10th District
Chris Laverty - Eaton County Commission 12th district
Shauna Dunnings - Ingham Co. Probate Judge
Victor Celentino - Ingham County Commission 1st District
Ryan Sebolt - Ingham County Commission 2nd District
Derrell Slaughter - Ingham County Commission 3rd District
Todd Tennis - Ingham County Commission 5th District
Randy Maiville - Ingham County Commission 6th District
Chris Trubac - Ingham County Commission 7th District
Thomas Morgan – Ingham County Commission 10th District
Emily Stivers – Ingham County Commission 11th District
Mark Polsdofer – Ingham County Commission 12th District



Members of the Region 1D CAP Council at the 2018
UAW Michigan CAP

Region 1D CAP Council has endorsed the candidates listed above. The CAP Council supports candidates that are labor friendly and stand up for the working class. A lot of time and research goes into the decision making process before endorsement is granted. Researching past voting records, public statements, along with holding face to face interviews are but a few on the list that occur during this process. It's important to remember that labor friendly candidates work with us, not against us.

Because straight ticket voting is not available, you will need to vote each section of the ballot. Please remember to vote the nonpartisan section on the back of the ballot.

If your not sure you'll be able to make it to the polls, absentee ballot voting is convenient and will allow you time to look over the ballot before casting your vote.

When you exercise your right to vote November 6th, please consider casting your votes for the candidates above, candidates that have working families interests at heart.

UAW Local 652 Skilled Trades Coffee Time

Monday September 24th is the date for Local 652 Skilled Trades to get together for coffee, donuts, and friendship from 10 AM to 1 PM. All active and retired trades are welcome. For more information call the Union Hall at 517-372-7581.

LOCAL 602 Marta Bobillo Retiree



Greetings sisters and brothers:

Reflecting on this past time, we said our fare-well to two amazing Americans this past week from very different backgrounds and cultures but loved by most of us. Aretha Franklin asked for R-E-S-P-E-C-T and human and civil rights for all. Senator John McCain, a patriot, and a hero that always was fighting for what he believed was the best for our country regardless of political party. This included health care, immigration and respect for all the same values that we are lacking in our country these days. Let's take a minute and ask our selves what we can do to bring back our middle class our benefits and our grassroots union solidarity that made us strong and respected by all.

Now there is a lot we can do. The midterm elections are coming up November 6. We have a nominee for Governor; Gretchen Whitmer, who will work for us to repeal the hurtful pension taxes, imposed by our current governor. She will work to resolve our water issues and our crumbling roads. I'm going to need your help phone banking, distribution of signs and any help you can give us. You also need to elect representatives that will be there to support her on our working families agenda.

Please come out and vote on November 6, or absentee vote before that by checking with your local City or township clerk. If I can help you in any way please contact

me at the Union Hall at 517-372-4626 and remember that we need your help in all capacities. Phone banking Monday through Friday 10-4pm starting the last week of September. If you would like to help with phone banking, please contact me.

Thank you in advance for all your support love, peace, and justice. At your service in Solidarity

LOCAL 1753 Laura Clark Retiree



Hope your summer was safe and happy: we enjoyed ours here at the Local Hall. We have the Executive Board, Mary Gatner, Mike Sealy, Al Vincent, Mary Brown and our many volunteers to thank, whether you worked on the hall clean-up day or helped arrange the back log of photos into scrapbooks. We think all help is good help so plug in where you can. If I failed to list your name I am sorry and open to corrections. We had a great day for the summer picnic. We got the grill out and cooked up a storm of hot dogs and hamburgers, and of course side dishes. We may have added a few pounds with the wonderful samplings of desserts offered up during our annual dessert contest. Thank you to all that entered and special thanks to the winners. You all made us happy and full.

We were able to return to Black Lake again for the Retirees conference, one of my favorite places on earth, it could be your favorite next year. Mary Brown, Iona Jackson and myself enjoyed it this year. They did not need to miss a work out either, since there is a great new work out room, with all the necessary equipment in the full-size gym. You can play basketball, volleyball or pickle ball. I don't know what that is, if you know you can teach me. There is an Olympic size pool and sauna. Don't forget the 1000-acre compound. We have outside volleyball, bikes to rent, plus the whole lake. You can bring your own boat. We had great speakers, including James A. Surrrell, MD author of SOS Stop Only Sugar. Rules from

his book -1 Low Sugar, 2 High Fiber, 3 No more rules. Great talk with a guy who loves Michigan. Some of our speakers reminded us to vote in upcoming elections. Vote with your wallet not your heart, was the view from our Reg 1-D Retirees chairman Jessie Collins, I agree. I say, don't lose your vote on just one issue. Remember WHO taxed YOUR pension? WHO wants to take away YOUR Social Securities though you paid enough into it? Who wants to take away YOUR Medicare though you deserve it? So many speakers, such a good time.

Not sure if you heard the sad news our friend and financial secretary Nancy Munchbach suffered the loss of her only son. Nick, not only a friend of mine, but a past employee at the warehouse. He was summer help and made a lot of friends. He will be mourned by family and friends. Thanks for all the love. We all enjoyed the Reg.1 -D Lansing Area Retired Workers Council Annual Luncheon. I really liked not doing the shopping, like we do for our luncheons. We may

Remember to VOTE November 6th

try to do that at our hall, fingers crossed. Great prizes were given out, many from our UAW vendors, some locals and of course Reg. 1-D Thank you to them and congratulations to all winners especially 1753 winners! It was good to see new people and some folks who had been before and liked it enough to return, maybe they won previously or just liked lunch with friends. If you would like lunch with old friends our next meeting is September 13th coffee at 11:00, 12:00 lunch, 1:00 is the meeting, you can bring a dish to pass. Bring your spouse, a friend, or yourself. Hope to see you soon.

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LOCAL 652

Mike Bauer
Retiree

Fall is just around the corner now. We have made it through the long hot summer.

The following is our monthly schedule of events:
First Tuesday of the month is Bingo. Games start at 10:00 a.m. Participants bring your own snacks. If the Lansing School District is closed due to inclement weather our Bingo game will be cancelled.
Third Tuesday of the month is our potluck dinner and business meeting. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Dinner starts at noon.
Fourth Tuesday of the month is cards starting at 10:00 a.m. Participants bring your own snacks. If the Lansing School District is closed due to inclement weather our Card game will be cancelled.

Fall Euchre Tournaments will be held in Saginaw, Lansing, and Flint for retirees, spouses, and associate members. The first tournament will be in Saginaw, on September 14, at Local 467, 2104 Farmer St. The second tournament will be in Lansing, on September 21, at Local 602, 2510 W Michigan. The third tournament will be in Flint, on September 28, at Local 659, 4549 Van Slyke. All tournaments start at 10:00 a.m. Arrive early to sign in and get seated so the games can start on time. You do not need a partner to play. You are welcome to play at all the tournaments if you like. If you enjoy euchre come join in. There is no cost to play.

Region 1D Travel Committee is having a trip to Mystic, Foxwoods, & The Newport Mansions in May 2019. The trip is scheduled for the week of May 4 - 10. Contact Connie Garner-Dunn (517) 323-2146 or Diane Bauer (517) 627-5895 for a Lansing bus. Flyers will be going out soon and we will start taking reservations in mid October. A Branson trip is in the works for December 2019 for their Christmas show. More information will be available soon.

The annual VEBA Trust update meeting will be held Friday, October 19, at Local 652, starting at 10:00 a.m.

There will be no cards November 27th or December 25th. The January 1st bingo is also cancelled.

For any of our members or their families, who are ill or have lost a loved one, know that we are think-

ing of you and keeping you in our prayers.

Condolences to all families who have had a loved one pass.

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 when you attend retiree events. No expired food please.

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.

If you have benefit questions, contact a benefit rep for answers. 517-372-7581 ext. 500

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

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LOCAL 1618

Hanna Fox
Retiree

As dear Lois would say, "Hi out there all you wonderful people." As you probably know our close friend Lois Schultz passed away June 23, 2018 surrounded by her family and friends. She had been writing articles for Lansing Labor News for about 20 years. No one can, or will, replace Lois and what she has done for the members of 1618. I will be here to answer your questions on anything but travel. You can contact me at (517) 719-4559. If you have questions on travel contact Connie Dunn at (517) 323-2146.

Our luncheon is still the 2nd Wednesday of the month at Local 1753. Don't forget November 14th is our Veteran's Memorial and Holiday Luncheon. We will still post reminders of upcoming events and other news you will need.

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Darin Arrell,
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Sparrow Health System Claire Corr



Happy Fall! I hope this edition finds you all doing well and adjusting after the back-to-school craze. I am grateful that my daughter graduated, with honors, from the University of Michigan with a Master of Social Work degree. She is now a full-fledged school social worker, working for St. Joseph County Intermediate School District. Her dad and I couldn't be prouder of her accomplishment!

Things have been quiet on my side of Michigan Avenue, across from the hospital. I have a few points of interest below:

Sparrow Hospice Services presents a six-week education series focusing on topics related to grief and loss following the death of a loved one. Topics include what to expect while grieving, coping skills, and self-care, as well as support from other attendees. This series runs Sept. 17 to Oct. 22 on Mondays, 3-4:30 p.m. in the second floor Hospice Conference Room. Registration required. Please contact Jen Scholes, LMSW, via email at jennifer.scholes@sparrow.org.

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. Suicidal thoughts can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, or background; it does not discriminate. Suicide is often the result of an untreated mental health condition. Now is the time

to share stories to shed light on this highly stigmatized topic. Please call the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention at 800-273-TALK or text TALK to the Crisis Text Line for assistance. Because suicide is a widespread issue, Sparrow participates and sponsors the Out of the Darkness Walk. This year the walk is being held on Sunday, September 30, 2018 at Hawk Island Park in Lansing. The check-in/registration begins at 9:30 a.m., the walk begins at 10:30 a.m., and ends at 12:30 p.m. Here is the website for the Lansing walk: <https://afsp.donordrive.com>, go to AFSP Walks, Community Walks/Learn More, Find a Walk, & scroll down until you come to 9/30/18 Lansing/Capital Area Walk. There is a wealth of information on this page!

September is also National Recovery Month. This year marks the 29th Anniversary of a recovery recognition month. Over the years, National Recovery Month (Recovery Month) has inspired millions of people to raise awareness about mental and/or substance use disorders, share their stories of recovery, and encourage others who are still in need of services and support. The 2018 Recovery Month theme, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Invest in Health, Home, Purpose, and Community," explores how integrated care, a strong community, sense of purpose, and leadership contributes to effective treatments that sustain the recovery of persons with mental and substance use dis-

orders. The observance will work to highlight inspiring stories to help people from all walks of life find the path to hope, health, and well-being. We need to work together to “Shred the Shame”. For more information, please visit <https://recoverymonth.gov/about>.

Until next time, Brothers and Sisters ~

In Solidarity,

**Capital Area
United Way**
Dean Poggiali



Hope everyone has had a safe and enjoyable summer. It seems as though we went from no rain to having to mow every week again. Since we last touched base we have had a busy time here. Here are a few things:

The Capital Area United Way (CAUW) participated at various community events in the area, including a neighborhood outreach event at the Baker-Donora Neighborhood, Project Connect in Clinton County, Any Given Saturday, youth football league kick-off, and the UAW Region 1-D Women’s Council back pack event. This allows us to speak with area families and make them aware of programming that could help them in the community. Several UAW represented worksites collected supplies for the UAW Region 1-D event. Thanks to all those who helped out.

The Mystic Lake Union Camp Committee recently completed the scholarship program for the 2018 camping season. 36 applications were approved and about 60% were from new campers. The UCC raised over \$13,000.00 this year and wishes to thank everyone who contributed.

The National Association of Letter Carriers food drive held on May 12 fell short of the previous year’s total, by approximately 35,000 pounds. On a positive note one of the collection sites for the carriers

had volunteers from UAW Local 333 and UAW Locals 602, 652, 724, 925, and 2256 active and retired members.

At the recent Volunteers of American 15th Homeless Veterans Stand Down, the turnout was good again this year. There approximately 130 veterans that attended the event which is over the last several years. Again many of the volunteers were union members who assisted with set up, meals, clean-up and tear down.

The Union Family Fair Day sales were down quite a bit from past years. The discounts that the event has had in the past may be a thing of the past. We will reevaluate the event later.

The Capital Area United Way assisted in the Day of Action this year held in June consisted of two projects. A diaper drive was one. Area LAFCU locations served as drop off spots. Over 10,000 diapers & wipes were collected. This equated to over \$3,100.00 back to the community as eleven area non-profits were the recipient of the outpouring. Also there was over \$860.00 in volunteer hours for the event. With volunteer hours valued at \$24.14/hour this can be a valuable resource for our non-profits. The other event was a park clean-up in Lansing. Cherry Hill Park, formerly River Street Park, saw over 60 volunteers for clean-up, brush cutting, and park clean up. There were over \$4,300.00 of volunteer hours from volunteers from five different companies, neighborhood association members and community members. Volunteer opportunities are posted on the CAUW website at <http://micauw.galaxydigital.com/> We have started worksite United Way campaigns. Alliance, Rapaport, Pollok, Farrell & Waldron & RSDC have already run their worksite campaigns with good results. If you need any help or resources your worksite campaign please contact me at 517-203-5027.

UAW Local 652 Retirees and Active Members

In conjunction with the MSU Libraries G. Robert Vincent Voice Library, the UAW Local 652 Education Committee would like to add your stories of the automotive industry to those from UAW Local 602, Fisher Body, Dimond REO, and supporting businesses.

MSU’s Lansing Auto Town Gallery delivers the immediacy of the recorded voice and presents associated field notes and photographs of the men and women who worked within the automobile assembly industry.

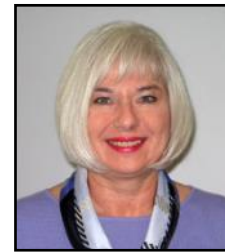
This online gallery offers the opportunity to listen to the ordinary, the extraordinary, the wit and candor of these men and women as they discuss experiences and perceptions about factory work, labor and management relations, corporations, the community, and motivations for union activism.

If you would like to take part in this opportunity, or know another co-worker, labor leader, or relevant local business owner who would, please let us know.

You can contact your Education Chair, Matt Schneider via e-mail at: localuaw652@yahoo.com, or leave your contact information with the hall. Please reference your desire to be part of the Lansing Auto Town Gallery. Thank you for your support and please visit the library at: <https://lib.msu.edu/branches/vvl/autotown/>

LOCAL 4911

Rose
Van Schoick,
Fin. Secretary



We are up against many anti-worker, anti-family and anti-union groups who are making life extremely difficult for many citizens in our state. In the past, Supreme Court decisions were made to “allow corporations to spend an unlimited amount of money in the political process”. The people, on the other hand, don’t have unlimited funding for elaborate television commercials, advertising, fundraising events, etc. What we do have though is an opportunity to band together and have our voices collectively heard through strength in numbers. We can make a difference!

Across the nation, legislation is being passed attacking the rights of workers to bargain collectively. Anti-worker legislators are working to pass bills to reduce wages and benefits for workers (union or non-union). National interest groups are determined to increase business profits while destroying unions, cutting our wages and benefits. You may ask yourself, “How did this happen?” I believe too many middle class residents and workers stayed home on Elec-

tion Day which kept their voices silent.

How do we fix the mess we are in? We educate ourselves with the facts and help to educate those around us. We begin by talking to our families, our co-workers, our friends, our neighbors. We inspire each other and share inspirational stories of people who are standing up for a change in our society. We all have stories and opportunities which can motivate us to get involved for social change.

I believe we, as voting citizens, now realize exactly how we all have contributed to our own demise. Therefore, we all have a responsibility to our families, our fellow workers and our society in general to be motivated to vote in the upcoming elections and help “the people” reclaim our country. We cannot afford to let our union voices be silent any longer. The middle class has been under attack long enough—this fight is not just about your future, Your family’s future is at stake and it is now up to us to step up to the plate and do our part. Some politicians are counting on you to not pay attention and not go to the polls again this year. Let’s prove them wrong this year and all go to the polls to VOTE!

UAW Local 602 Obituaries

Leroy Brown – Retired
 Ira L. Roberts – Retired
 Ronald G. Antes – Active, GA - Doors
 Gerald Tipton – Retired
 William J. Morey – Son of Joseph C. Morey, Retired
 Ruth Trainor – Spouse of Earl Trainor, Retired
 James Zielinski Sr. – Father of James Zielinski Jr., Active, Electrician, Body Shop
 Steven Wittenbach – Retired
 Alton F. Boyle – Retired
 Ronald H. Mays – Retired
 Dorsey C. Humphrey – Retired
 Raymond G. Every – Retired
 Toni R. Mann – Retired
 Gregory Kirby - Retired
 Mary Clendennin – Mother of Edward Killian, Active, GA Final
 Joyce Wagar – Step-Mother of Susan Wagar, GA Final
 Deborah Norris – Retired
 Alois J. Schultz – Retired, Local 1618, did phone banking for Local 602 and wrote for many years for the Lansing Labor News.
 Angelina N. Narodowiac – Retired
 Erica A. Rindfleisch – Active, GA Chassis 3
 Robert W. Green – Retired
 Joan Vrooman – Mother of Keith Vrooman, Active, Materials Final
 Roger Sharland – Step Father of Denise Thomas, Active, GA Trim 4
 Frank R. Alvera Jr - Retired
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 Hazel Spence – Retired
 Paul Vermillion – Father of Christina Zopf, Active, GA Chassis 3
 Odilla Perez – Wife of Jesus Perez, Retired
 Frederic Czape – Retired
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of Clifford Turner, Active, Body Shop Electrician
 Richard Buckmaster – Father of Robert Buckmaster, Active, Body Shop Electrician
 Ernest E. Graber – Retired
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 Oscar Hall Jr. – Retired
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 Brent J. Ross – Retired
 Frederico Jimenez Jr. – Retired
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Keith Carpenter
 Duane Cook
 Jimmie Lee Stone
 Harry(Butch) Snell

UAW Local 652 Obituaries

Shirley Abernathy – Spouse of Robert Abernathy
 Heriberta Benavides – Retiree, Mother of Herlinda Pulido
 James “Jim” Bouts – Retiree, Brother of Gary Bouts
 Madge Buxton – Spouse of Gerald Buxton, Sister of Josephine Chapin, Sister-in-Law of Frank Buxton
 Janice Clark – Spouse of Walter Clark (Deceased), Mother-in-Law of Randy Eding
 Patricia J. Duncan – Retiree
 Gary C. Every – Retiree
 Lajeane Figueroa – Spouse of Luis Figueroa
 Robert Fowler – Father of Ron Fowler
 Mario Gutierrez – Retiree
 Steven Hoffman – Retiree
 Bruce Kyser - Retiree
 Gerald Long – Retiree
 Bernard A. Miller – Retiree, Brother-in-Law of Jim and Lonny Stone
 David Oller – Retiree

James G. Peck – Retiree
 Elizabeth Pierce – Retiree, Sister of Barbara Goss, Cornelius Wright, Billie Morrell and Sherman Morrell, Aunt of Johnny Goss
 Lloyd Ripley – Retiree, Son of Marguerite Hicks, Brother of Sue Falsetta, Gary and Larry Ripley
 Robert E. Scott, Sr. – Retiree
 Barbara “Barb” Showers – Spouse of Doug Showers, Sister-in-Law of Calvin Showers
 Anthony “Tony” Spagnuolo – Retiree
 Dave Thelen – Retiree
 Gary Thompson – Retiree

Arlene Tichnell – Retiree, Sister of Gary Tichnell
 Harold “Gomer” Timmer – Retiree
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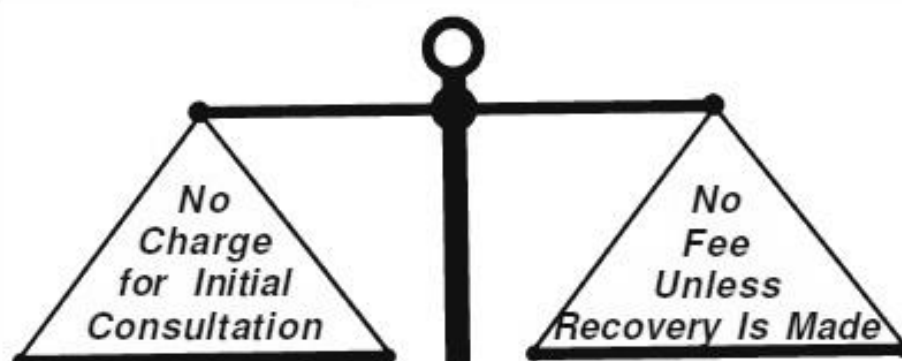
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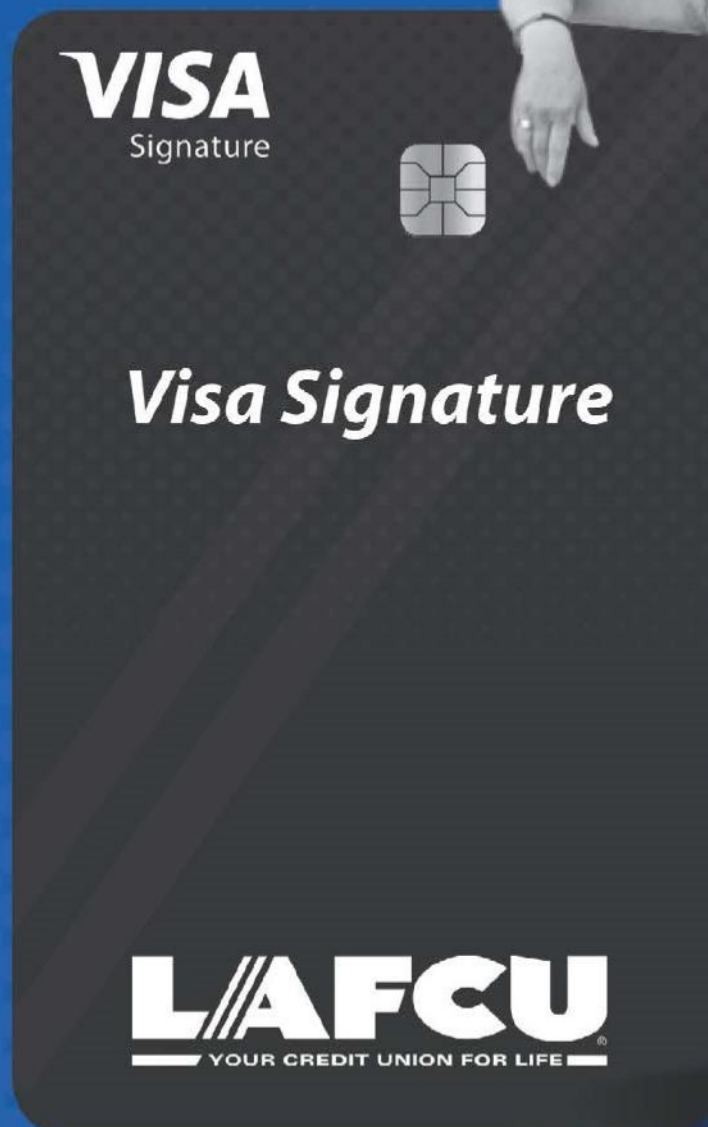
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