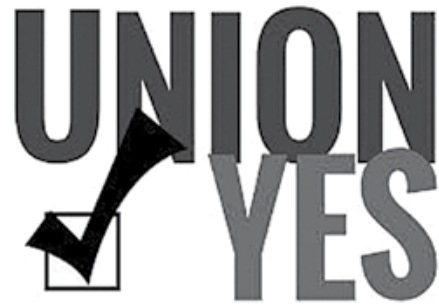




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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE



Edward Mitchell

"The International Union has a newly elected President, Rory Gamble and Vice President, Gerald Kariem."

Contract Addendum Approved

The addendum to the new contract, concerning wages and benefits for fiscal years 2021 and 2022, have been approved by the Civil Service Commission. The new contract and the Addendum is in the process of being mailed to the membership. The addendum and the full contract are being mailed together.

Local 6000 Health and Safety Representative Nicole Jones and I are still working on appointing worksite Health and Safety Representatives. The appointment of Statewide and County Health and Safety Representatives is complete and training is scheduled for March 27.

I am still waiting for OSE to sign the letter of understanding that was developed to address the Secondary Contract issue caused by the creation of the new Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO). The members of the new LEO Department will be notified as soon as a signed copy of the Letter of Understanding is received.

The International Union has a newly elected President, Rory Gamble and Vice President, Gerald Kariem. Rory is the former Vice President over

the Ford Department. Gerald is the former Region 1-D Director. Region 1-D will be holding a special meeting of the Region 1-D Constitutional Convention Delegates to elect a new Regional Director. The new International President, Rory Gamble, will be scheduling a Town Hall meeting at Region 1-A sometime this month. The purpose of the meeting is to allow members to hear details on new initiatives, actions and goals put in place under President Gamble's leadership and be provided an opportunity to share concerns and discuss issues. The meeting will be open to all Region 1-A Local Union Leadership, members and retirees.

The Local received a notice from the Department of Corrections that the Special Alternative Incarceration Program in Chelsea (aka Boot Camp) will be moved to the Cooper Street Correctional Facility in Jackson no earlier than March 8, 2020. The move will affect approximately 13 UAW members. A "meet and confer" will be held with the Department to determine the impact on Local 6000 members who are being affected by the move.

Please keep up to date by visiting the Local's website at www.local6000.org or following the Local on Facebook. Please attend Building meetings at your worksite and District meetings in your area. The schedules of District meetings are on pages 10-11 of this *Newsbreak*.



Benefits of Union Membership... Assisting and Supporting our UAW Members

By Marsha Ellison, MSHDA

I am not sure if you have heard the buzz. Our Union Plus benefits wants to do for you what so many can't do for themselves... pay for your college education! If you haven't heard, you can get your Associates degree in one of the multiple areas of study offered by Eastern Gateway Community College (EGCC). Most of the classes are 8-week courses, with books included!

When I started, I only needed one class to complete my Associates degree at my previous college. However, because I had been out of college for so long, none of my credits were transferrable.

At first, I was dismayed and upset that I would have to start from scratch. After I calmed down, I decided to do it and do the best I could. Who cares if I had to start over? It was *F-R-E-E*! I could also attend at my own pace in the comfort of my own home.

One year ago, in the fall of 2018, I enrolled myself for the

Information Technology degree. It requires a total of eighteen, 8-week courses, all online.

After completing this past winter semester, in December, I received a letter from the Office of the Dean at the college, telling me I made the Dean's List. This is the first step to being invited by the College to be admitted to the Honors Society. The membership in the Honors Society is permanent, and it opens other doors for scholarship opportunities not offered to the general public.

I am glad I did not let starting over deter me, because it truly allowed me to "start over." I only have seven more classes to take. So, next year, I will have my Associates degree in I.T., plus some GOOGLE+ certifications (I have four already) and be a member of the Honors Society!

I encourage you to take the Union Plus and Eastern Gateway Community College up on this rare and priceless opportunity. You never know here it will lead you!

WEAR A RED SHIRT ON WEDNESDAYS

Red Shirt Wednesdays was established to show support for workers under attack by anti-worker governors and lawmakers who pushed policies designed to destroy the middle class! We ask you to wear red every Wednesday and to encourage your co-workers to do the same.



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LOCAL 6000 EDITORIAL POLICY

The mission of this paper is to strengthen the democratic efficacy of the Local Union members by providing timely, pertinent and accurate information about the decisions and activities of Local Union 6000, the relevant affairs of the State and Federal governments, and the national and International Union movement. The paper is also the voice of the members. We welcome articles from members. While we welcome your contributions, we ask that they be constructive. All articles should contribute positively to the welfare of this Union and its members. We will accept a thoughtful discussion of all related issues in the letter column, and reserve the right to reply to those that seem to reflect a misunderstanding of the Union and its policies.

We ask that you keep your articles brief. We reserve the right to edit all articles. We look forward to hearing from you. The news and opinions expressed are not necessarily those of Local 6000 or the International UAW.

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DHHS UPDATE

DEPARTMENT of
HEALTH and
HUMAN SERVICES

by Jim Walkowicz, UAW Local 6000 DHS Labor/Management Team Chairperson

Your DHHS labor management team met with the Department early in January, 2020. A major focus of our discussions continue to be the high turnover rate in Children's Services. We have had a number of meetings on this. Management has explained some of the changes they have made in recruiting employees, but this still does not address the excessive discipline that causes people to quit.

DHHS is moving some of the Centralized Intake staff positions from Grand Rapids to Detroit. We were told no employees are being reassigned. Rather, as positions become vacant, the new positions will be located in Detroit.

The Grand River/Warren district in Detroit has numerous health and safety issues. Some of these are being addressed, but ultimately DHHS is telling us they plan to

move out of this location to a new building. The time frame for that is still unclear.

In regards to other DHHS buildings, The Caro Center hospital situation is closer to being resolved. However, there is not a clear time frame for the new facility yet.

The final fiscal year allocations are due to be released soon. The draft allocations, county by county, have been out for a while, but the Union has not seen the final allocations yet.

A reminder to staff: If you work overtime, make sure you put in for the time. If management refuses to pay you, make sure to see your Union steward to file a grievance. The rules are clear. If you do the work, and management accepts the work, they *owe* you the money for the overtime work you did.

Questions or comments? I can be reached at 313-999-9418 or walkowiczj@aol.com

DOC UPDATE

DEPARTMENT
of CORRECTION

by Kim Williams, MDOC Liaison, UAW Local Representative 1A

REDUCTION IN FORCE: Special Alternative Incarceration (SAI) Program

On January 14, 2020, the Union was officially notified, that the Michigan Department of Corrections (MDOC) is planning to relocate the SAI Bootcamp program, currently located in Chelsea, MI, to the Cooper Street Correctional Facility in Jackson, MI. The letter advised that "the relocation will result in a reduction of positions and possibly indefinite layoffs."

Positions effected include:
1 Trades Instructor, 1 Special Education Teacher, 1 Secretary, 2 School Teachers, 3 Registered Nurses, 1 General Office Assistant, and 4 Corrections Program Coordinators.

The Union has requested a "Meet and Confer" to obtain specific details involving the relocation/layoff of the employees. The meeting was scheduled for February 6, 2020. The affected employees were scheduled to receive official notification of their status on February 7, 2020. The projected date of the relocation and reduction in force will be no earlier than March 8, 2020.

Workload Study

On December 4, 2019, discussed with management, and the company contracted to do the workload study to get an overview. We are in the process of setting up a second telephone conference to discuss more specific information regarding the study.

Statewide, 350 officers will participate in the workload study. There will be rural and urban offices involved. MDOC decided to select supervisors and have their entire staff be the participants. The workload study will be looking at a sample of all caseload types, including specialized caseloads, court services, and presentence writers.

Statewide Labor Management

On December 16, 2019, the Statewide Labor Management Team met with management...

• *Regarding the COMS (Corrections Offender Management System) –*

The date of rollout is not known. Training for the system will not be contracted out.

- *Requesting AWS* – The CAJ-432 should be filled out for anything outside of core hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Supervisors have the discretion to decide the amount of people who can have AWS due to operational needs.

The expectation is that if it can be approved then the schedule should be approved. If this is not being done, then the information should be forwarded up the chain and the UAW Local Representative for your office should be notified.

- *All job postings should appear on "neo.gov."* If you discover an instance where this is not done, please inform your UAW Local Representative.
- *OP 06.01.120 Effective 10/14/2019* – Paragraph G now states Probation agents cannot restrain/detain offenders. *This was not an oversight.* Per statute, agents don't have the authority to arrest, detain, or restrain a probationer unless it is in the offender's probation order, or by general rule of the court authorizing the apprehension, detention, and confinement of a probationer accused of violating a probation condition.
- The general rule of the court allowing arrest, detainment, or retainment of probationers should be in writing. This written court authorization is needed for arrests, detention, and retention of probationers for violation of probation warrants and warrants found in LEIN.
- If the agent questions whether they are authorized to arrest, detain, or restrain a probationer, the agent should seek clarification **in writing**. The agent should also inform their UAW Local Representative.
- *The Director* has heard both sides regarding the requirement to wear vests if issued a State-issued weapon, but has not rendered a decision.

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H&S UPDATE

HEALTH and SAFETY COMMITTEE

by Nicole Jones, Health and Safety/Benefits Representative 1A

Health & Safety/Benefits Report: (December 2019)

The following is a list of concerns that were addressed and resolved for the month of December 2019:


- **Ergonomic Assessment:**
Fifteen issues reported – It was brought to this writer’s attention that Management in various departments continues to refuse to conduct ergonomic assessments. OSE has failed to address these issues.
- **Asbestos Exposure:**
Three issues reported – *At this present time this writer is in the process of addressing this issue with Management to make sure our contract was followed and OSHA Regulations were followed as well.*
- **Mold:**
Nine issues reported – *Issues were addressed by Management. This writer will continue to look into ongoing issues.*
- **Power Outages:**
Twenty-seven issues reported – The UAW contract was followed; our members were either placed on administrative leave or sent into the field. *To this writer’s knowledge all problems have been resolved.*
- **Heating and Cooling:**
Twenty-nine issues reported – Due to the changing weather across the State. Management was contacted and all issues were addressed. *To this writer’s knowledge all requests have been honored in regards to heating and cooling issues.*
- **Bedbug Sighting:**
Ten reported – Issues have been addressed by Management. *To this writer’s knowledge. This in an ongoing issue.*
- **Plumbing:**
Five issues reported – *Issue resolved to this writer’s knowledge*
- **Bomb Threat:**
None reported – *To this writer’s knowledge*
- **Zero Tolerance Letter:**
Fifteen cases reported – These are letters that were sent out by Management to clients warning them of their behavior, whether verbal or physical threats against our members stating that Management out of DHS will prosecute clients.
This writer continues to contact members to verify that Management has followed the law, and the UAW contract, in the issuing of these letters.
- **Harassment:**
It has been brought to this writer’s attention that when it deals with sexual harassment and discrimination against members for their sexual orientation. This type of harassment is covered under Article 25 of our UAW contract. Harassment complaints of this kind to go through the grievance process should be handled by the Local Rep.
- **Work Place Violence:**
Twenty-one cases reported – *To this writer’s knowledge.*
- **Work Place Bullying/ Threatening Behavior:**
Thirty-five cases reported – Members have been so disgusted that they have left the State employment. All issues brought to this writer’s attention occurred in Genesee Cnty, Dickinson Cnty, Delta Cnty, Cheboygan Cnty, Washtenaw Cnty, Calhoun Cnty, Monroe Cnty, Oakland Cnty, Wayne Cnty, Schoolcraft Cnty, Alger Cnty, and Inkster.
- **Verbal Abuse:**
Twelve cases reported – By our members being verbally abused by clients via the telephone or in person.

- **Slip and Falls:**
Eight cases reported – *To this writer’s knowledge.*
- **Members Self Injuries:**
One case reported – *To this writer’s knowledge.*
- **First Aid Kit/Spill Kit:**
None reported – *To this writer’s knowledge.*
- **Building Construction And Maintenance:**
Thirty-two conducted statewide – All where Management had notified the Union of various construction or renovation work being conducted across the State.
- **Gas Leaks:**
Three cases reported – *To this writer’s knowledge.*
- **Grievances:**
Seven cases reported – In regards to Management creating a hostile work environment and workplace bullying. I continue to ask the Local Reps to file grievances on any bullying or harassment by Management due to the increase of the number of complaints this writer has received since we became a right-to-work state.
- **Water:**
Two issues reported – *Due to water main break. Management followed contract. To this writer’s knowledge.*
- **Worksite Inspections:**
None conducted.

BENEFITS ISSUES

- **FMLA** 600 calls
- **Prescription Drugs**..... 15 calls
- **General Insurance Questions** 1,000 calls
- **401K Questions/Retirement** 75 calls

During the month of December, this writer attended one building meeting and one District meeting. This writer had the opportunity to discuss Article 22 and the changes that have been made to better service the membership of Local 6000. I also discussed having more worksite inspections and asking the members to file more grievances and incidents reports on workplace bullying and intimidation by Management. This writer discussed the protocol for reporting worksite health and safety issues and also to further encourage our members to work together as a team to help get health and safety issues resolved. I continue to have monthly meetings with all the Health & Safety Reps to stay apprised of health and safety issues going on across the State. I am truly grateful to be able to work and service the membership of Local 6000.



SERVICES

Local 6000 MEMBERS

Benefits Representative
NICOLE JONES, Region 1A
MIKE MCWHIRTER, Region 1D
are available at the Local to help with benefits questions.

Health & Safety Representative
NICOLE JONES
is available at the Local for assistance with health and safety issues.

EAP Representative
MIKE McWHIRTER
is available at the Local for help with substance abuse, marital, emotional and personal problems.

– Toll Free 800 Line –
will answer questions and refer members to the proper person for assistance on
Mon-Fri, from 8 to 5, at 1-800-243-1985.

LABOR HISTORY

"Take not from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned."

– March 4, 1801 President Thomas Jefferson inaugural address

February 4, 1825

The Ohio legislature authorizes construction of the 249-mile Miami and Erie Canal, to connect Toledo to Cincinnati. More than 4,000 workers, mostly recent immigrants from Ireland and elsewhere, work from sunrise to sunset, earning 30 cents a day. Akron and other Ohio towns begin as shelters for canal workers.

February 5, 1830

First daily labor newspaper, the *N.Y. Daily Sentinel*, begins publication.

February 23, 1864

19-year-old Irish immigrant Kate Mullany leads members of the Collar Laundry Union – the first all-female union in the United States – in a successful strike in Troy, New York, for increased wages and improved working conditions. Women working in commercial laundries spent 12 to 14 hours a day ironing and washing detachable collars with harsh chemicals and boiling water and were paid about \$3-\$4 a week.

February 7, 1894

Mine owners in Cripple Creek,

Colorado cut wages from \$3.00 to \$2.50 a day, leading union miners to begin a five-month strike that ends in victory. In an unprecedented move, the governor calls out the state militia to protect the strikers from the owners.

February 24, 1912

Women and children beaten by police during Bread and Roses textile workers strike in Lawrence, Massachusetts.

February 11, 1913

Workers at the Firestone factory walk off the job over the imposition of a new piece-rate scale. Four days later, nearly 15,000 workers were on strike in the city.

February 3, 1941

U.S. Supreme Court upholds the Wages and Hours Act (later known as the Fair Labor Standards Act) banning child labor and establishing the 40-hour work week.

February 7, 1957

Hockey players formed the NHL Players Association in New York City after owners refuse to release pension plan financial information.

February 22, 1968

After the mayor of Memphis, Tennessee obtains an injunction against picketing and hires scabs,



striking AFSCME Local 1733 sanitation workers hold a mass meeting and crash a City Council meeting to demand a resolution on the strike. When the Council's promise proved empty, the workers took to the streets.

February 2, 1977

Chicago legal secretary Iris Rivera is fired for refusing to make coffee, sparking protests by secretaries across the metropolitan area.

February 5, 1993

President Bill Clinton signs the Family and Medical Leave Act, which requires most employers of 50 or more workers to grant up to 12 weeks of unpaid leave for a family or medical emergency.

February 5, 2003

Circuit City fires 3,900 experienced sales people and eliminates commission sales. Sales plummet and in six years, the company declares bankruptcy.

February 26, 2004

United Food & Commercial Workers reach an agreement with employers to end the nearly five-month-long grocery strike and lockout of 59,000 workers in Southern California, fueled by management's demand to strip workers of healthcare benefits. The new two-tier contract requires employees to pay for healthcare benefits for the first time, includes no raises, pays new hires less and puts them in a different healthcare plan.

February 13, 2008

Hollywood writers return to work at the end of a 100-day strike that shut down more than 60 television shows. The new contract gives Writers Guild of America members residual payments for programs streamed online and formalizes union jurisdiction over Web programming.

February 4, 2009

President Barack Obama imposes \$500,000 caps on senior executive pay for the most distressed financial institutions receiving federal bailout money, saying Americans are upset with "executives being rewarded for failure."

February 16, 2011

Public schools in Madison close after teachers call in sick to protest Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker's bill that would strip the state's 175,000 public employees of their collective bargaining rights.

February 27, 1937

Just days after the autoworkers' victory at General Motors, more than 100 women workers at one of forty Woolworth stores in Detroit, Michigan, begin a sit-down strike over wages, hours, working conditions, and union recognition. Solidarity action in support of the workers was incredible, the strike spread, and on March 5 the workers won their demands, including the union shop. The union won a uniform contract for all forty stores in Detroit, which covered 2,500 workers.

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SOS UPDATE

SECRETARY
of STATE

by Rhonda Favors-Smith, Steward, Secretary of State

New Work/Life Balance Solution in the Works

I bring you greetings from the Secretary of State (SOS) statewide labor/management team. With so many changes being implemented, it is important to let the members know how things are going.

First off, we have gotten rid of the ridiculous 10-hour Wednesdays. That shift has plagued us for the past 15 years and caused lots of undue stress and fatigue. The new administration has been listening. I'm proud to say that they were willing to make themselves available to hear our concerns, and actively work towards a resolution.

I know many of us (I know I am for sure) are waiting with baited breath to hear what the new "work/life balance" solution is that the administration is working to bring to fruition. For now, we are still in the dark about any plans that may be in the works.

I hope that they continue to talk with us and work for a resolution that would bring some much-needed relief our way. I know that

we are all weary and the vacations for most of us are very few and far between. While the OT has been somewhat reduced, the end of the day has not slowed as yet, but we should all be mindful that the problems didn't occur overnight and nor will the solution happen overnight. Please know that your labor/management team is working diligently toward relief.

We have requested to meet with the new Chief of Staff. We had made great strides working with the previous Chief of Staff. We look forward to being able to continue our collaboration efforts to move this department forward.

Please keep your heads up! You do a wonderful job of assisting the citizens of the State of Michigan and do so under some of the most stressful of situations. Just know that your L/M team is still working for the good of the membership and I pray we are seeing the light at the end of this very long tunnel that we've been in!



Can we talk?

DHHS Pontiac Building Meeting...

BUILDING MEETINGS from Front Page

on at your worksite.

Remember, you have ten (10) weekdays to file a grievance from the date you become aware. Many times, people are working through lunches and taking work home on weekends to complete without being compensated – **STOP!** You are entitled to your lunch period and you are entitled to be compensated according to the contract and Civil Service Rules and Regulations. See your Steward or Local Rep. for specifics on issues to see what your rights are.

A lot of the issues we discover at building meetings have not been addressed because people don't have the correct understanding of the contract or Civil Service Rules and Regulations. We can learn a lot from each other when we communicate and talk about the issues. Remember, *Knowledge is Power!*

Remember, the *Can We Talk* team can visit your worksite for brunches and lunches. If you'd like to schedule a meeting, contact your worksite Steward or Local Rep.



Chief Steward Heather Stickel



Local Representative 1A Jim Walkowicz assists members

Retirees Bring Smiles with donations to Toys for Tots



UAW Local 6000 Statewide Workers Chapter with Toys for Tots donations.



(L-R) Retirees Joanne Wieland, Sue Engle, Suzan Forch, and Wanda Withers



(L-R) Retirees Kathy Marcoux, Lorraine Tourangeau, June Turner, Kathy, and Caroline Ross



Caroline Ross,
Chairwoman,
Statewide Retired
Workers Chapter

Belonging to the UAW Local 6000 Retired Workers Chapter is about renewing old friendships with co-workers, becoming a family together, serving others in our communities, fighting for justice for all and having fun, too.

We had a great opportunity to connect with other retirees at some fabulous get-togethers and parties during the holidays! Members contributed several toys for Toys for Tots, at the Statewide Retiree Christmas luncheon at Krzysiak's in Bay City. The Saginaw sub-chapter collected toys and personal care items for the Mustard Seed Shelter in Saginaw. *God Bless you all!*

I hope everyone had the opportunity to attend one of the



meetings on Medicare Advantage. Because there were so many questions, President Mitchell and myself sent a letter to ORS and Blue Cross requesting them to add additional meetings throughout the state, significantly in the UP and in the Detroit area.

We will be requesting Blue Cross to attend a Retiree meeting in February to again go over the information on the new programs and answer any questions you may have encountered.

Many retirees received their Silver Sneakers cards recently.

The White House 2020 budget proposal calls for major reductions in spending on Social Security and Medicare. Social Security is an important source of retirement income, as 3 in 5 beneficiaries aged 65 or older rely on it for at least half of their income.

Benefits are an earned right, as workers financed the program through a payroll tax. If benefits were cut or decreased, it would cause disaster to thousands of families.

More than ever, everyone must stay informed and **VOTE!**

All eligible and registered voters in Michigan may now request an absentee voter ballot without providing a reason.

Absentee ballots became available January 25th for Michigan's 2020 presidential primary. Per information on the Office of Secretary of State website (michigan.gov/sos), your request for an absent voter ballot must be in writing and can be submitted to your city or township clerk. You must be a registered voter to receive an absent voter ballot, but you can register and apply for an absent voter ballot at the same time.

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. You have until 8:00 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 it matches

see RETIREE CORNER on page 10

— UPCOMING UAW MEETINGS —

Local 6000, Statewide Retired Workers Chapter

THIRD THURSDAY of each month • 10:30 a.m.

UAW Local 6000, 3350 N. Grand River Ave., Lansing, MI 48906

Local 6000, Region1-A Retired Workers Chapter

FIRST MONDAY of each month • 10:30 a.m.

UAW Region 1-A, 9650 S. Telegraph Road, Taylor, MI 48180

Local 6000, Region 1-D Saginaw Retired Workers Sub-Chapter

Will NOT meet in January, February or March, 2020

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REGION 1-D RETIRED WORKERS COUNCIL

You are invited to attend any of these Michigan meetings.

If you are traveling out of state, there are UAW Retired Workers Council meetings across the country that you can also attend.

LIVINGSTON – Last WEDNESDAY of each month • 10:30 a.m.

Elks Club, 2830 E. Grand River Ave, Howell, MI 48843 (517-548-7313)

GAYLORD – Second TUESDAY of each month • 12:00 noon

BJ's Restaurant, 990 N. Center (Old 27 North), Gaylord, MI 49734

TRAVERSE CITY – Second THURSDAY of each month • 12:00 noon

757 East Silver Lake Rd., Traverse City, MI 49684 (231-943-9611)

BALDWIN – Second MONDAY of each month • 1:00 p.m.

Hollister Senior Center, 1505 N. Michigan Ave., (M-37) Baldwin MI 49304

ROSCOMMON – First FRIDAY of each month • 12:00 noon

VFW Post 4159, 219 Terrace Dr., Roscommon, MI 48653 (989-275-4136)

GLADWIN – Second FRIDAY of each month • 1:00 p.m.

Fraternal Order of Eagles 3292, 101 N. State St., Gladwin MI 48624

ALPENA – First WEDNESDAY of each month • 11:00 a.m.

VFW Hall, 2900 Cannon Rd., Alpena, MI 49707 (989-956-4959)

AU GRES – Second MONDAY of each month • 12:00 noon

K of C Hall, 263 Main St., Au Gres, MI 48703

ESCANABA – Third TUESDAY of each month • 1:00 p.m.

Plumbers & Pipe Fitters Local 506

2601 N. 30th St., Escanaba, MI 49829 (906-786-4828)

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RETIREES

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Through the voluntary dues program, if you wish to donate \$3.00 per month, please fill out the application below. Retirees \$3.00 Dues – by 36th UAW Constitutional Convention Action in June, 2014, the voluntary dues were established at \$3.00 per month. Fill out the application below. Dues must be submitted with application. *Make check payable to: UAW LOCAL 6000.* They cannot be deducted from your pension check.

CHECK ONE: ☐ Surviving Spouse ☐ Retiree

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Local Union # _____ Email _____

Mail to: **LOCAL 6000 RETIRED WORKERS CHAPTER**
P.O. Box 40720, Lansing, MI 48901-7920

Please keep Local 6000 updated on any address changes.

BLACK HISTORY SCAVENGER HUNT

Local 6000's retired E.A.P. Representative Travis Erby, who was a teacher for 26 years at the Maxey Boys Training School, developed this year's **Black History Scavenger Hunt**.

- The person who gets the most correct answers to this 20-question contest will win a jacket with their name embroidered on the front, along with the Local 6000 logo.
- All answers must be sent to **Travis Erby c/o UAW Local 6000, P.O. Box 40720, Lansing, MI 48901-7920** and **MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020**.
- In case of a tie, those names will be placed in a hat and there will be a public drawing to select the jacket winner. All the rest of the names in the drawing will receive a consolation prize.
- The correct answers will be printed in the April issue of the *Newsbreak*.



1. Sojourner Truth was one of the first black women to lecture against slavery and toured the U.S. for over 40 years. Ms. Truth worked as a nurse during the Civil War and aided ex-slaves. She moved to Michigan around 1850 and lived here until she died in 1883.

What Michigan city did she settle down in and is buried there? _____

2. Due to cost, this black man was forced to drop out of school at age 14. But this didn't stop him from becoming one of the greatest computer pioneers of our time. In fact, he's often called "The Bill Gates of Africa." As an adult, he began studying nature, specifically bees. The construction of the honeycombed inspired him to rethink computer processing. In 1989, he put this idea to work, using 65,000 processes to help invent the world's first super computer, which is able to perform 3.1 billion calculations per second.

What is the name of this black computer scientist? _____

3. **True or False.** One of every four (4) men in the Union Navy was black during the Civil War. _____

4. The site on which Madison Square Garden in New York City now stands, once belonged to a Negro woman. She deeded the land to the city.

What is the name of this Negro woman? _____

5. On November 8, 1960, this black gentleman became the first black in the United States to win a statewide election since Reconstruction.

What is his name and in what state? _____

6. These two (2) sibling inventors were born in Monroe, North Carolina. While neither sister aimed to get rich with their inventions, they produced their creations with an intention of improving the quality of life. The older sister was the more prolific inventor of the two, securing five (5) patents between 1956 and 1987. She patented an early incarnation of the sanitary napkin by fashioning the device with a belt. She invented the moisture-resistant packet for the belt. She also invented a toilet paper holder. The younger sister, who was struck with multiple sclerosis at a young age, invented a children's board game that explored family ties. In 1980, she trademarked the game's name, "Family Treedition."

Who were these little-known black sibling inventors? _____

7. In 1918, a series of comedies about the adventures of a group of children titled "Our Gang" included a black boy as the pickaninny. Instead of being a foil or a slave to the white kids, he stood on equal terms with them, as much a part of the gang as the others.

What was this black kid's character name and what was his real name? _____

8. Michigan was one of the last stops to freedom for thousands of fugitive slaves, who were escaping through the Underground Railroad to slave-free Canada. One of the state's most prominent abolitionists was Captain Jonathan Walker. Walker lived in Muskegon, Michigan. He earned his nickname because of sheltering and

smuggling thousands of fugitive slaves to freedom.

What was his nickname and how did he get it? _____

9. All of these famous black actors were in a play together. Samuel L. Jackson, Denzel Washington, David Alan Grier, Patti LaBelle, Robert Townsend, Howard Rollins, Mike Williams, Larry Riley, Adolph Caesar, Art Evans, David Harris, John Hancock and William Allen Young.

What is the name of this play? _____

10. This black genius is one of America's most important contemporary mathematicians. At 13, he became the University of Chicago's youngest student. He continued his studies there, earning a bachelor, master, and eventually earning his doctorate degree in mathematics at the age of 19. His greatest contribution to scholarship was the development of mathematical models to explain gamma radiation and his work on developing a shielding against gamma radiation. His other claim to fame came from working on the Manhattan Project.

Who was this black genius? _____

11. This African American was born in Pennsylvania in 1823 to a free black minister and his wife. He worked as an apprentice carpenter until his early 20s. He met influential abolitionists and decided to join the fight to end slavery. Some of the most dramatic operations came under his personal observation. He landed on the dock at San Francisco in 1850 with 60 cents in his pocket. He became a partner in a lucrative business in which they gained a reputation for producing some of the finest quality shoes and helped start the first black newspaper in San Francisco. He later returned to Little Rock, Arkansas, practiced law and became county attorney and then municipal judge there in 1873. Later President Hayes appointed him Registrar of the United States Land Office and then U.S. Consul to Madagascar, Africa.

Who was this black man who went from fighting slavery to public service? _____

12. John W. Wilson was the first black man hired as a Metropolitan Policeman in Detroit. **In what year did this happen?** _____

13. In a cartoon, Betty Boop is captured by island cannibals and as she flees, this jazz man is seen in the background singing, "I'll be Glad When You're Dead, You Rascal You."

Who is this legendary jazz artist? _____

14. **In what year did delegates of the NAACP meet for the first time with Hollywood executives to discuss pejorative racial roles and the desegregation of studio labor?** _____

15. **In the first Kentucky Derby running in 1875, how many of the 15 jockeys were black?** _____

16. Did you know that the first home security system was invented by a black nurse? Although she was a full-time nurse, she recognized the security threats to her home and she devised a system that would alert her of strangers at her door and contact relevant authorities as quickly as possible. Her patent titled "Home Security System Utilizing

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your signature on file.

April 1, 2020 is Census Day! A census is taken every 10 years to get an accurate count of the nation’s population and demographics. Be sure you and your family are counted. The information is used for a wide range of political and funding decisions, including how many seats states will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, funding for K-12 education, nutrition assistance, Head Start, elderly services and many other programs.

If you are interested, the U.S. Census Bureau is still recruiting to fill temporary positions in some areas to assist with the 2020 Census count. Census takers will typically

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be employed for about six weeks, with the majority of the work occurring from April to July 2020. Average hourly pay ranges from approximately \$12.00 - \$25.00 per hour. This is the address to apply: <http://recruitment.2020census.gov/client/census> or 1-855-562-2020.

Please contact the Office of State Employer (OSE) with any changes in your status, especially your current address. Whenever bulk mailings are done from Local 6000 (including *Newsbreak*, election ballots or other notifications) the address list from OSE is used. If your address is not current you may be missing important notifications. Call OSE with any changes, do not miss any future notifications. (517) 373-7400

You are invited to attend any or all of the UAW Local 6000 Chapter and Sub-Chapter Retired Worker meetings. The invitation also includes any or all of Region 1-D Regional Retired Worker meetings. Please bring a friend (or friends) and join us for our meetings!

SCAVENGER HUNT from page 9

- Television Surveillance” laid the foundation for the modern closed-circuit television system that is widely used for surveillance, home security systems, push-button alarm triggers, crime prevention, and traffic monitoring used today.
- Who was this black nurse/inventor?** _____
17. William Henry Johnson (1901-1970) was regarded as one of the most progressive painters of his time and as one of the South’s most revered twentieth-century artists. He was awarded the Harmon gold medal in the fine arts field in 1930. He studied in Paris and lived in Denmark. William was born and raised in Florence, South Carolina. He once was jailed for using a brothel hotel as the subject of a painting in 1930.
- What was the name of that hotel?** _____
18. In 1910, this black baseball team was considered the best in the South.
- What was the name of this black baseball team?** _____
19. In 1758, the first known black Baptist congregation was the “Bluestone” African Baptist Church. It was located on the William Byrd plantation in Mecklenberg, Virginia.
- How did the church come by its nickname “Bluestone”?** _____
20. This black woman you probably don’t know, but you should! In 2013, she was inducted into the Women in Technology International’s Hall of Fame. She holds over 135 patents. She has another 100 patents currently under review. She has previously served as Senior Vice President of Research and Development at AT&T Labs. She currently is a Vice President of Engineering at Google.
- Who is this super woman?** _____

DISTRICT MEETINGS

UAW Local 6000 holds District Meetings in each Region monthly. Check the current Newsbreak for Region, date, time and locations. Members from various departments attend so they can discuss what is happening at their work sites, plus get information on what is occurring in your union.

As a member of UAW Local 6000 you can attend any or all of the meetings, they are held at different locations each month. Please try to attend one in the near future. Refreshments are furnished.

– ONITA GAGNE



FEBRUARY 2020			
District 1A1 (Peggy Haywood) (810) 667-2045, Ext. 2440240 Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, St. Clair and Tuscola	Mon-Feb 24 th	5:30 p.m.	China Lite Lounge 3290 Gratiot Blvd.-Marysville MI 48040
District 1A2 (Wanda Withers) (800) 243-1985 Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw, Wayne	Tues-Feb 25 th	6:00 p.m.	UAW Region 1A 9650 S. Telegraph Road-Taylor MI
District 1D1 (Amy Robare) (906) 226-6531, Ext 2521261 Baraga, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Marquette, Ontonagon	Thurs-Feb 20 th	5:30 p.m. EST	Pine Mountain Resort N3332 Pine Mountain Rd.-Iron Mountain MI 49801
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District 1D5 (Bobbie Johnson) (989) 506-3594 Arenac, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw	Tues-Feb 11 th	6:00 p.m.	Brann's Steakhouse 3898 State Road-Bay City MI 48706
District 1D6 (Dawn Copeland) (616) 885-0949 Ionia, Kent, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana and Ottawa	Tues-Feb 25 th	6:00 p.m.	Russ' Restaurant 3531 Alpine Ave., NW-Grand Rapids MI 49544
District 1D7 (Peggy Shobowale-Benson) (269) 491-5403 Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and VanBuren	Thurs-Feb 20 th	6:30 p.m.	Papa Vino's 1332 Hilltop Rd., St. Joseph MI 49085
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MARCH 2020

District 1A1 (Peggy Haywood) (810) 667-2045, Ext. 2440240 Huron, Lapeer, Sanilac, St. Clair and Tuscola	Mon-March 16 th	5:30 p.m.	Brentwood 178 Park Drive-Caro MI 48723
District 1A2 (Wanda Withers) (800) 243-1985 Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw, Wayne	Tues-March 24 th	6:00 p.m.	UAW Region 1 27800 George Merrelli Drive-Warren MI 48092
District 1D1 (Amy Robare) (906) 226-6531, Ext 2521261 Baraga, Dickinson, Gogebic, Houghton, Iron, Keweenaw, Marquette, Ontonagon	Thurs-March 19 th	5:30 p.m. EST	Baraga Lakeside Inn 900 U.S. Hwy 41 S-Baraga MI 49908
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District 1D4 (Erica Starkey) (517) 763-1233 Antrim, Benzie, Charlevoix, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Missaukee, Osceola and Wexford	Wed-March 25 th	6:00 p.m.	The Bungalow 1100-28 th Street-Manistee MI 49660
District 1D5 (Bobbie Johnson) (989) 506-3594 Arenac, Bay, Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella, Midland and Saginaw	Tues-March 10 th	6:00 p.m.	Uno's Pizzeria & Grill 4960 Towne Centre Rd.-Saginaw MI 48604
District 1D6 (Dawn Copeland) (616) 885-0949 Ionia, Kent, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana and Ottawa	Tues-March 24 th	6:00 p.m.	Pizza Ranch 1848 E. Sherman Blvd., Suite W-Muskegon MI
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4G LTE HotSpot, Back-Up Camera, 7" Touchscreen Radio w/ MyLink, Bluetooth, StabiliTrak, Digital Compass, Steering Wheel Radio Controls, Aluminum Wheels, Power Windows, Power Locks, Power Mirrors and much more!

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20" Bright Aluminum Wheels, Remote Start, Theft-Deterrent System, Rear Window Defogger, LED Bed Lighting, Lift Assist Tailgate with Lock, OnStar w/ 4G LTE Wi-Fi Capability, Trailering Package, Auto Locking Differential and much much more!

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Tri-Zone Auto Climate Controls, EZ Keyless Entry, Bluetooth, 7" Color Touchscreen Radio, Apple CarPlay/Android Auto, Back-up Camera, 18" Aluminum Wheels, 8-Passenger Seating, Teen Driver Mode, Rear Air Conditioning, Heated Mirrors and much more!

2020 EQUINOX

\$129^{*}

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Automatic Emergency Braking, Forward Collision Alert, Following Distance Indicator, Lane Keep Assist with Lane Departure Warning, Forward Automatic Braking, IntelliBeam Headlamps, Bluetooth, Keyless Start, 4G LTE HotSpot, Back-Up Camera, SiriusXM, Touchscreen Radio w/ MyLink, Steering Wheel Radio Controls, StabiliTrak, Heated Mirrors, 17" Aluminum Wheels and much more!

2020 COLORADO EXTENDED CAB

\$99[^]

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Locking Differential, Remote Keyless Entry, Cruise Control, Power Windows, Locks & Mirrors, EZ Lift & Lower Tailgate, Theft Deterrent System, StabiliTrak, Automatic Transmission, Back-Up Camera, Bluetooth Audio, Android Auto & Apple CarPlay and much more!

2020 TAHOE 4X4

\$329[^]

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Power Pedals, Forward Collision Alert, IntelliBeam Headlights, Lane Keep Assist, Automatic Emergency Braking, Safety Alert Seat, Remote Starter, Rain Sensing Windshield Wipers, Trailering Equipment, Rain Sensing Wipers, Polished Aluminum Wheels, Running Boards, Keyless Entry, Back-Up Camera, Rear Parking Aid, Bluetooth, Auto Locking Differential, Apple CarPlay/Android Auto, 4GLTE Wi-Fi, Teen Driver Mode, USB Ports and much more!

2020 SPARK

\$12,562^{}**



Back-Up Camera, Split Folding Rear Seat, Rear Defroster, Color Touchscreen Infotainment 3 Radio w/ Bluetooth, Apple CarPlay & Android Auto, USB Data Ports, OnStar w/ 4G LTE Availability, StabiliTrak, Traction Control, Air Conditioning and much more!

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UNION LABEL

LOCAL 6000
COMMITTEE
UPDATE

by Onita Gagne, Union Label Committee

Make it a Union Label Valentine's Day



The holidays are over and now we are in not only a new year but a new decade! It's February already, so it's time to think of what you are going to give your sweetheart on Valentine's Day.

Valentine Candies

- Hershey Kisses
- Ghiradelli Chocolates
- Brach's Candy Hearts
- Russell Stover Hearts
- Sweet Tart Conversation Hearts

Flowers

- Albertson's
- Pavilions
- Costco
- Ralph's

Wine & Bubbly

- Almaden
- Andre Champagne
- Arbor Mist
- Bartles and James
- Carlo Rossi

Restaurants

- Applebee's
- Outback Steakhouse
- Ruby Tuesday's

This year, February has a "leap year," Mardi Gras is celebrated, Ground Hog Day (*let's hope the furry critter gets the start of spring right this time*) and Super Bowl LIV is played. Here are some wild and wacky holidays that there are celebrated in February...

- 16th – Do a Grouch a Favor Day
- 20th – Love Your Pet Day
- 27th – No-Brainer Day
- 28th – Public Sleeping Day

As always, remember to buy Union-, American- or Michigan-made products when you can.

Keep the men and women of America working!

CHAPLAINCY CORNER

by Sheila Stribling, Chaplaincy Chair

The UAW International Constitution Article 41 Section 2 states, "It shall be the duty of each member to render aid and assistance to our Brothers or Sister Members in cases of illness, death or distress and in every way acquit him or herself as a loyal and devoted member of the International Union."

Local 6000 Chaplaincy Committee would like to recognize the passing of the following members:

- **Royce McKinney** – DHHS Cadillac Place
- **Kimberly Jarrett** – DOC Ypsilanti
- **Starlit Carpenter** – DHHS Joy/Greenfield
- **Ginger Corpus** – DHHS Petoskey
- **Joanne Lewis** – DHHS Cadillac Place
- Member **Marsha Ellison**, MSHDA Cadillac Place, requests we keep her and her family in prayer due to the passing of her sister Sarah Hawkins and her uncle Ernest Tolbert

Many of our members have suffered the passing of family members and/or friends and the Chaplaincy Committee would like to express our sincere sympathy and condolences in your time of bereavement. We understand they are your loved ones and we support you in prayer and in unity, during the difficult times ahead. May you be supplied comfort and peace and if you need prayer or a listening ear feel free to reach out to our committee. Please notify the Local of the passing of UAW Local 6000 members in your worksite so we can make sure there is a condolence card and Bible sent to the family.