

LOCAL 751 NEWS

REPRESENTING WORKERS AT CATERPILLAR DECATUR, IL

MARCH 2025



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MONDAY - FRIDAY
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March Meetings

- 4- Retirees Breakfast 8 AM
- 7- Women's Committee 3:30 PM
- 9- Membership Meeting 10:00 AM
- 12- Steward meetings (7:15 AM, 1:00 PM, and 3:15 PM)
- 14- Veteran's Committee 3:30 PM
- 17- St. Patrick's Day
- 25- Attorney Frank Bertuca at the hall. Please call for an appointment
- 26- Steward meetings (7:15 AM, 1:00 PM, and 3:15 PM)

~REMINDER~

STEWARDS MEETINGS ARE HELD EVERY 2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A STEWARD TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME. THIS IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS, RAISE ANY CONCERNS OR COMPLAINTS YOU MAY HAVE ON HOW THINGS ARE HANDLED ON THE SHOP FLOOR



PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MARCH 2025

GERRY MYERS, PRESIDENT

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

For our active members that are reaching their 20 years of seniority, it could take up to 30 days for your \$10,000 company contribution to show up in your 401K. To meet the requirements for this, you must be actively employed on the date of your 20th full-time anniversary.

We are still struggling with reimbursements for our retirees that have VIA benefits. All reimbursement forms must be mailed in unless you have access to the VIA Benefits App or have an account set up online. If you have any questions involving VIA Benefits, please contact the Union Hall.

We have received several complaints about the prescription plan switchover from Magellan RX to Prime Therapeutics. All of the information on your Magellan RX card is still valid. If you are having trouble with your prescriptions being denied, make sure to call the number listed on the back of your card and ask why and if there are any alternatives to that medication that is covered.

The Recreation Committee will be hosting a fish fry for all members (active and retired) on Memorial Day weekend. They are currently selling raffle tickets to win a Traeger pellet smoker. You can purchase tickets for \$10 a piece at the union hall or contact a member of the Recreation Committee.

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Grievance Committee Report – March 2025

Greetings from your Grievance Committee.

This month we would like to touch on your Weingarten rights. In 1975, the U.S. Supreme Court established the Weingarten Rights, which allows Union Employees to have a Union Representative present during investigatory interviews. Here is a basic breakdown of your rights.

When do Weingarten rights apply?

Anytime an employee believes they may face disciplinary action, or if they are being questioned and believe that may lead to disciplinary action.

What can the union representative do?

Assist and counsel the employees, request clarification on questions, halt attempts at intimidation and advise the employee on how to answer questions.

What are the consequences for violating Weingarten rights?

Employers can be found to have violated the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), and employers can face repercussions for retaliating against employees who request a representative.

How can I invoke my Weingarten rights?

Demand a union representative to be present before answering any questions which may lead to disciplinary action and DO NOT let them talk you out of it.

We strongly encourage all members to use your Weingarten Rights cards in any situation that you feel may result in disciplinary action. Weingarten Rights cards that attach to your name badge can be found at the Union Hall.

In Solidarity,

Your Grievance Committee

Grievance Committee

Chairman

Marty Hunter

1st Shift Committeeman

Brian Marts

1st Shift Committeeman

John Gruber

2nd Shift Committeeman

Rob Walters

2nd Shift Committeeman

Jed Rohr

3rd Shift Committeeman

Blake Force



Retiree Representative

James Taylor

Medical Care Services Crisis

Last month, citizens appeared at the Decatur City Council meeting to express anger about the decline of medical care services in Decatur. The citizens of Decatur demanded that the council act to improve its services.

Speakers described hours of wait time at the hospital emergency rooms. Speakers also mentioned that they have been forced to travel to Springfield, Champaign and Monticello for medical care. All of this is coupled with St. Mary's withdrawal from obstetric care and mental health rehabilitation.

What to do?

Write and call the Decatur City Council and Macon County Board members demanding that they hold a joint meeting with hospital CEOs to address the decline of medical care in our community.

The city council meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 5:30 PM. County Board meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 PM. Show up at the beginning of the meeting and tell the council and board how you feel during public comment time.

Here's the deal... things are only going to get worse...

- Local Medical providers have severely cut back patient services in the Decatur area.
- The demand for medical services in Decatur is increasing, not decreasing due to an aging population.
- The availability of capable and sufficient medical affects the quality of life in our community.
- The availability of quality medical care would draw families to Decatur and to relocate to Decatur.

The Decatur City Council holds the responsibility to address the Illinois Legislature and Governor and urge them to provide the necessary financial and physical resources to improve and support medical care providers in Decatur.

The Macon County Central Committee petitions the Decatur City Council to immediately initiate action, investigation and consultation with state and federal authorities to preserve and improve medical care services in Decatur.



**State and National
Officers**

County Board Chairman

Kevin Greenfield
(217)-424-1367

Mayor

Julie Moore – Wolfe
(217)-424-2804

Governor

J.B. Pritzker (D)
401 S. Spring St.
Springfield, IL 62704
(217)-782-6830 or (217)-
782-6831

LT. Governor

Juliana Stratton (D)
214 State House
Springfield, IL 62706
(217)-558-3085

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Alexi Giannoulas (D)
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Springfield, IL 62756
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44th Senatorial District

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48th Senatorial District

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54th Senatorial District

Steve McClure
A-Section Stratton
Building Office L

Representatives

87th Legislative District

William Hauter
207 N. Stratton Building
Springfield, IL 62706
(217)-782-0221

88th Legislative District

Regan Deering
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Decatur, IL 62525
(217)-876-1968

95th Legislative District

Mike Coffey (R)
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401 S. Spring St.
Springfield, IL 60706
(217)-782-0053

96th Legislative District

Sue Scherer (D)
E-2 Stratton Office Building
Springfield, IL 62706
(217)-524-0353
107th Legislative District
Brad Halbrook (R)
200-1 N Stratton Office
Building
Springfield, IL 62706
(217)-782-8398

Congresswomen

13th Congressional District

Nikki Budzinski (D)
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Decatur, IL 62523
(217)-859-5313

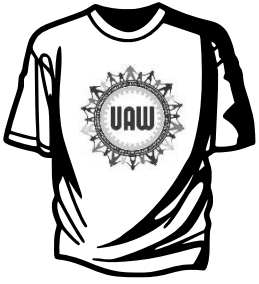
15th Congressional District

Mary Miller (R)
604 E Main Suite G
Mahomet, IL 61853
(217)-703-6100

Illinois U.S. Senators

Tammy Duckworth (D)
8 South Old State Capitol
Plaza
Springfield, IL 62701
(217)-528-6124
Dick Durbin (D)
525 S. 8th St.
Springfield, IL 62703
(217)-492-4062
Fax: (217)-492-4382





NEED A WORK SHIRT?

Fill out this form and drop off at the union hall including payment. We will call you when your order is in.

Color options: Navy, Hunter Green, Black, Red, Orange, Pink

Prices: Small – 2XL = \$15 3XL – 4XL = \$18 5XL = \$20

SHIRT ORDER FORM

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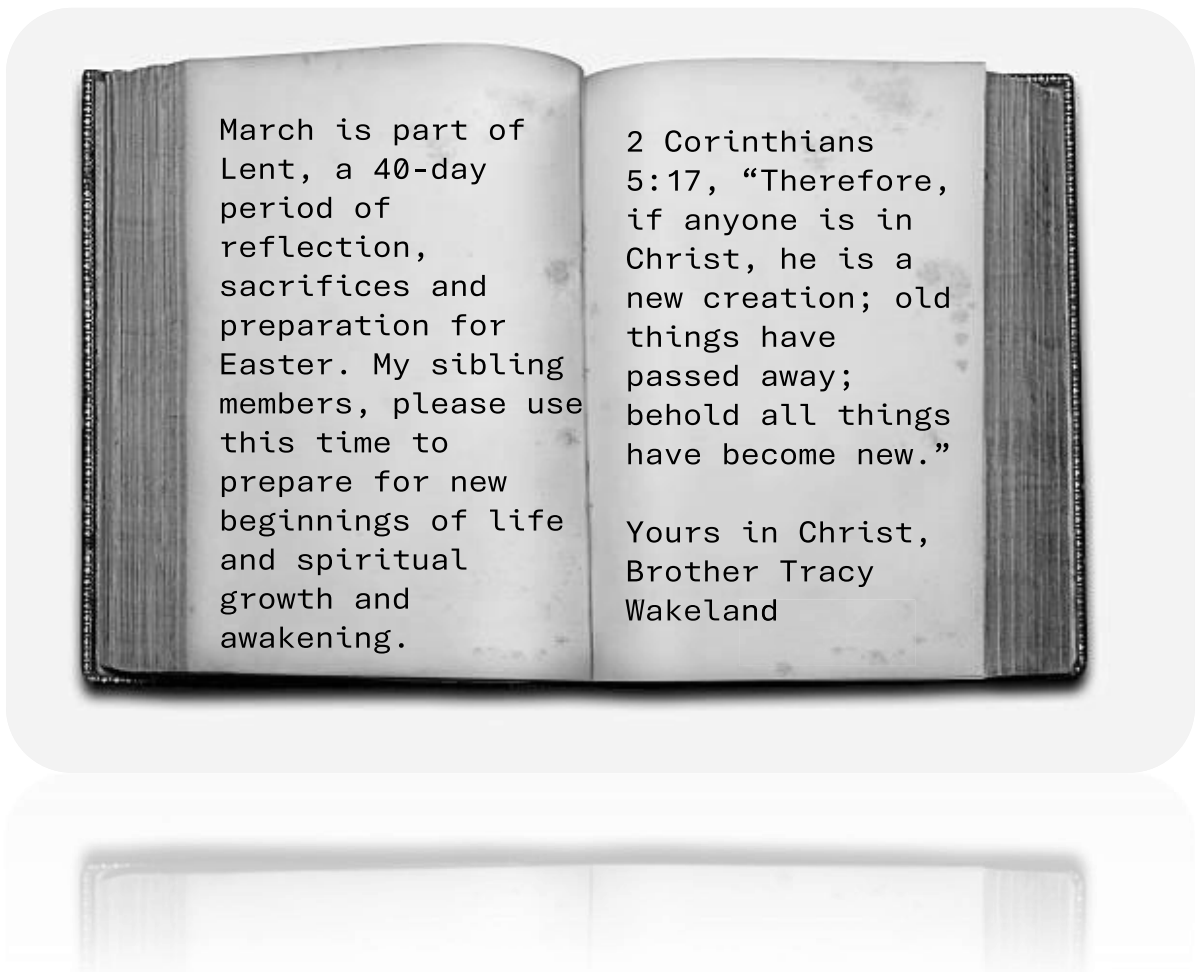
Must bring exact amount due!

Orders will not be placed without payment.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER – MARCH 2025

TRACY WAKELAND



March is part of Lent, a 40-day period of reflection, sacrifices and preparation for Easter. My sibling members, please use this time to prepare for new beginnings of life and spiritual growth and awakening.

2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new."

Yours in Christ,
Brother Tracy
Wakeland

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 20 YEAR MEMBERS!

Neil P Lorton

Michael B. Mauzy

Christopher Tipton

Chuck W McGraw III

Wayne A Davenport

Rex B Tschantz

Jason L Howard

Bruce W Cramm

Bruce A Walker

Daniel E Jones

Robert Kruse

Thomas L Kirkland Jr.

Duane K. Askins

Gary W Crabtree

Adeona D Simpson

Terry L. Young

Gerry L Myers Jr.

Clifford M Boleyn

Earl D. Herrin

Shaune M Earnest

Jason W Lockwood

Richard T Stone

James C. Daniels

John R. Clark

Brandon M. Saner

Todd A. Daniels

David M. Hill

Jedediah K. Rohr

Stacy L. Brown

Jeffrey E Broux

Bradley P Niana

Billy R Irvin

Jeremy C. Robinson

Corry M Tracer

Michael J Collins

Steven R Collins

Terry L. Massey

Darien L. Patterson

Christopher L Miller

Natalie J Knisley

Adrian A. Carter

Steven T Crawford

Charles E. Galla

John A. Hedrick

Brian T. Woodhall

Sandra E. Barnes

Randy L. Miller

Michael T. Heckwine

Gerald L. Rogers Jr.

Roger E. Woods

Matthew M. Personette

Randal R. Black

Winter L Tucker

William A Brocksmith

Christopher D Kerwood

Bryan O. Dubson

Stacy Byers

Robert S Redden

Steven L North

Michelle R. Swindall

Robert L Weaver III

Jennifer C. Turnbo

Gerald E Mathias

Cynthia Payne

Stacey Teitsort

Markina R. Young

Wendy L Hinton

Kevin M. Ellis

Valary M. Bethard

Thomas D White

Josh L. Wehrle

William R. Baker

Andrew G. Miller

Gregory W Love

Brandon M. Brosamer

Kevin Hardy

James P Wempen

Melvin E. Adrian

Shawn T. Brown

Greg A. Logue

John WE Courtney III

Tracy D Wakeland

Darin L. Hanafin

Stephen C. Huff

Welby W. Scogin

Shane A Sporrer

Nathan E. Webster

Clint E. Piatt

Karl W. Chapman

Bart W. Harris

George A Miller Jr.

Brandon D. Hayes

Alex W. Smith

David L. Hepp

Richard M Hunter

Mark Tuttle





**Fishing tackle winner
George Weich
from UAW Local 838**

**Henry raffle winner Jed Rohr from
Local 751**



ATTORNEY FRANK BERTUCA'S

2025 SCHEDULE

March 25	August 26
April 29	September 23
May 27	October 28
June 24	November 25
July 29	December 16

*All interviewing dates are on Tuesdays from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Please call Deanna (217.428.7706) to schedule an appointment.*

Remembering Our Brothers and Sisters

November

Joe Allison 11/17/2024
Bart Kraeger 11/19/2024
Brandon Jones 11/20/2024

December

Charlie Kilzer 12/04/2024
Travis Pierce 12/06/2024
Bob Teela 12/23/2024

January

Michelle Woodland 01/03/2025
Barry Toothman 01/27/2025

February

Robert Miller 02/11/2025

Forever Remembered ~ Forever Missed

On behalf of the Officers, Members and Retirees of Local 751, may we offer our deepest condolences to the families of our brothers and sisters who have recently passed away. May God comfort all of you in your loss.

Please notify us when one of our active or retired members passes away.



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