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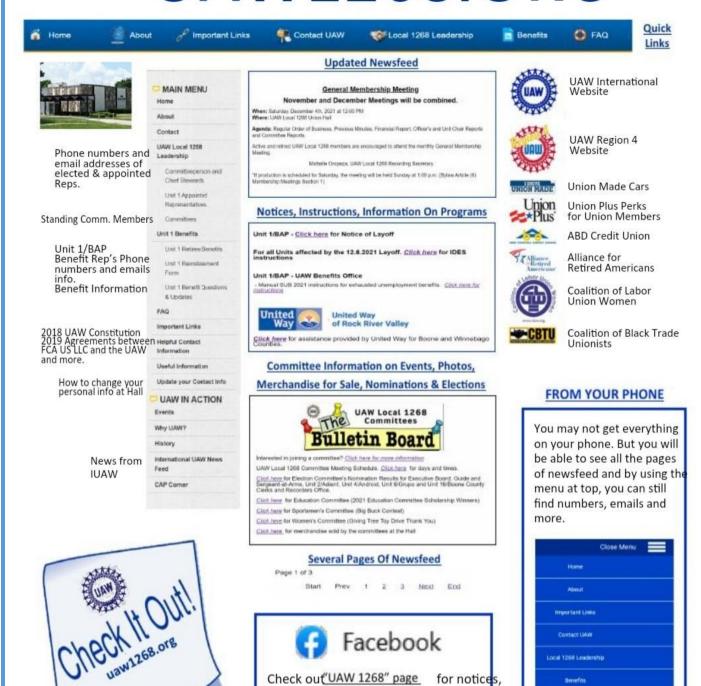




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Please visit

UAW1268.ORG



events and notifications

PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Sisters and Brothers,

2021 has been a very challenging year for our members from the many months of layoffs due to the conductor chip shortage created by the pandemic to the elimination of another shift back in July. 2022 is looking to be another challenging year for us as we wait to hear about potential future product. Many of our members at our outside supplier Units have had no choice but to find work elsewhere because of exhausting their unemployment benefits and running out of their insurance benefits. We have lost many members from Stellantis due to transferring to other Stellantis locations just to keep their Company paid benefits going and many more of those members have had to turn down those transfer opportunities and lose their Company paid benefits because they couldn't just pack up and leave their families.

Your local leadership recently met with the President and CEO of United Way for the Rock River Valley asking what resources are out there to help our members through this very difficult time. We will be sharing that information in this Union Voice and also on our local website (uaw1268.org). We encourage all of our members that are indefinitely laid off or have been laid off and out of unemployment benefits with no SUB pay and struggling to make ends meet to use this information to take advantage of these services.

We will also be having another job fair at Local 1268 sometime in January to have local employers come out and talk about their business and hiring opportunities. We will be talking with The Workforce Connection to get the job fair put together with employers and we are requesting Companies only that are offering their starting wages at least \$17 per hour or more.

This is a very difficult time for everyone and I pray that we get some good news in the near future about new product so we can start to get people back to work and able to provide for their families. I hope this finds everyone in good health, and despite the challenging times, I'm hopeful this holiday season can bring some joy to you and your family.

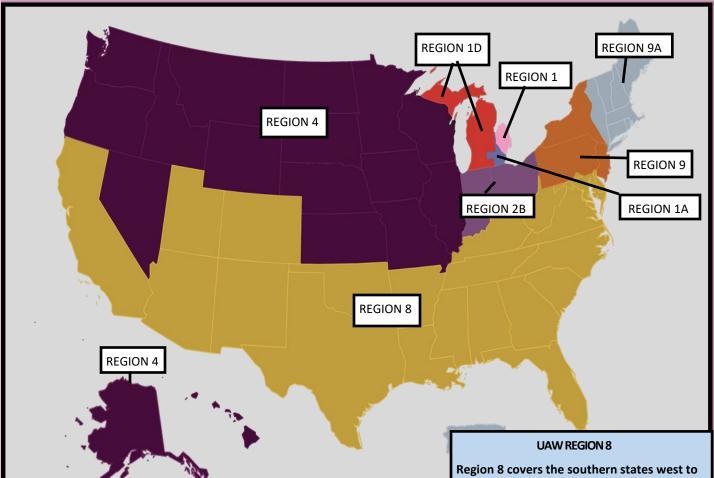


In solidarity, Kevin Logan





THE NEW REGIONS OF THE UAW



UAW REGION 1

Region 1 covers the following counties in Michigan: Huron, Lapeer, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, Sanilac, Tuscola and part of Wayne (including Detroit) and Canadian UAW local unions.

UAW REGION 1A

Most of Wayne County, Michigan (including part of Detroit), Monroe County and Washtenaw County, and extends to the Ohio border

UAW REGION 1D

UAW workers in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and the central, western and northern portions of the Lower Peninsula

UAW REGION 2B

Region 2B members come from over 50 diverse companies in Ohio and Indiana.

UAW REGION 4

Region 4 includes the North-Central and Northwest states of Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Kansas, Missouri, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Nevada, Alaska and Hawaii



Region 8 covers the southern states west to the Pacific Ocean, including Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Florida, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Oklahoma, Utah and California and four Pennsylvania counties: Franklin, Cumberland, Adams, York

UAW REGION 9

Region 9 covers western and central New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, excluding the counties of Franklin, Cumberland, Adams and York

UAW REGION 9A

Region 9A covers eastern New York (including the New York City metropolitan area, the Hudson Valley and the Capital District area), Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont, Maine and Puerto Rico

For Residents of BOONE COUNTY

ALWAYS CALL FIRST to ensure all services are open and what their process is!

Utility Bills

LIHEAP, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, provides energy assistance for residents in which a benefit is paid directly to the utility companies on behalf of income-eligible households. If eligible, you might get help with your ComEd, NICOR and Water & Sewer bills. Contact United Way of Boone County, (815) 544-3144, to schedule LIHEAP appointments for Boone County residents.

Emergency assistance for food, shelter, utilities, and medicine.

The **Belvidere and Boone County Salvation Army** provides emergency financial assistance. There may be resources for food, shelter, utility and heating bills, and prescription medicine. Or children can get free school uniforms or supplies, winter jackets or clothes, or Christmas gifts. They can also refer people to various local charities and non-profit agencies as well as transitional housing programs in Boone County. Phone 815-544-3892 for information.

Free legal aid in Boone County Illinois

Prairie State Legal Services is a non-profit law firm that provides low income, elderly and others with free legal advice, information on how to get legal aid, and free legal representation to people in need of help. Call 815-965-2902 to learn more.

Food, clothing and household products

The **Belvidere Food Pantry** is a non-profit agency that provides help and emergency assistance. Among other options, receive free food and groceries, non-food products, gently used and new clothing and other household products. Phone 815-569-1571.

Senior assistance programs

Stop by or contact the **Boone County Council on Aging (The Keen Age Center).** The non-profit provides assistance to the elderly and senior citizens. Receive transportation assistance, med-car, access to the Meals on Wheels program, Meet & Eat Program, information & referral to Illinois and government programs, and learn about support groups for older adults, senior citizens and their caretakers. Phone 815-544-9893.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

Boone County Health Department WIC

1204 Logan Ave, (815) 544-2951

In order to start your application process, you will first need to call the office to setup an appointment. <u>Make sure to ask what documents you need to bring to your meeting so they can quickly and easily determine if you can receive Illinois WIC benefits.</u>

Infant Needs

The Baby Bank works toward creating a healthier community, by providing hygiene supplies to children in need. Our vision is to provide products to families in need, containing diapers, wipes, diaper rash cream, and baby-safe detergents and soaps.

1105 7th Ave Belvidere, IL 61008 (815) 901-4966

They distribute the first two Thursdays of the month at <u>B1 Food Pantry</u> located at Belvidere First Assembly of God. If you have an emergency, call (815) 901-4966.

Food Pantries

B1 Food Pantry

1105 7th Ave, Belvidere
(815) 544-3906
Open on Thursdays – check their facebook page
If an emergency, call and they say they will typically respond within an hour

God's Glory Food Pantry at Total Faith Community Church

1250 South Perryville Road
Rockford, Illinois 61108
Contact.us(at)godsgloryfoodpantry.org or call (815) 580-8184
Currently serving people who live in 61108, 61109 and 61016 zip codes

Kirkland Food Pantry

510 W. South Street Kirkland, IL - 60146 Phone: (815) 522-3886

Belvidere Boone County Food Pantry

Capron, IL - 61012 (815) 569-1571

The above information provided by



For Residents of WINNEBAGO COUNTY

ALWAYS CALL FIRST to ensure all services are open and what their process is!

Simply call 211 and connect with confidential operators, 24 hours a day, for information on:

- Rent/Utility Assistance
- Health Resources
- Elderly Care
- Day Care
- Infant Needs
- Food Pantries
- Shelters/Housing
- And more

If you have trouble connecting, call (888) 865-9903 and they are also online at www.findhelp211.org

Winnebago County, Illinois

<u>Emergency Rental Assistance Program</u>

(ERAP) (815) 972-7368

FCA FAMILY HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

Influenza and COVID-19 in 2021.

Every year the flu virus changes a little, and every year it's responsible for millions of illness, missed days of work, hundreds of thousands of hospitalizations, and tens of thousands of deaths. Every year. Even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the flu vaccine will reduce your chances of getting the flu, lessen the likelihood of ending up in the hospital if you do get it, and reduce the chance of you giving the flu to someone you love. It is extremely important to consider getting a flu shot.

As we approach the second anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic we are facing the latest (but likely not that last) variant, omicron. We will learn more about this variant over the coming weeks, however, the best thing you can do today to slow it down is to get vaccinated. If you haven't started the series, start. If you haven't finished the series, finish. If you haven't gotten your booster, please make your appointment today. Almost 500,000,000 doses of vaccine have been given in the US, nearly 8 billion worldwide, making it one of the most widely administered medications in history. This speaks to its safety and tolerability. As you gather with your loved ones to celebrate the holiday we urge to you continue to take this pandemic seriously. Wear masks, distance when able, wash your hands frequently, and always stay home if you are sick. The BEST way to keep those around you safe, avoid illness, hospitalization, and even death is to get the COVID 19 vaccine.

Thomas Schiller, MD

Medical Director of Employer Based Clinics

FCA Family Health and Wellness Center



Financial Secretary Report

Greetings Sisters and Brothers;

The last 2 years have been very trying times. I believe in the resolve of this membership to stay dutiful

And continue to put their best work effort forward as we continue to ride out these difficult times. I know you have all heard this before, but it is the truth. The automotive industry is very cyclical. When business is booming, bank as much as you can. We are definitely in a down loop right now. History says that we will eventually pull out of it and get back to some semblance of normalcy.

As I have already received numerous calls, I will try to use this space to explain what will happen in January. As of this writing, FCA/Stellantis has announced the first 2 weeks in January to be down weeks for production. If you have IDES benefits left, you will file for unemployment as usual the week of January 3-7. If you are among the vast majority of employees currently out of benefits and your benefit year resets on 01/11/2022, you will be able to file during the second week of January (January 10-14). If you are not sure you do or don't have benefits, I would recommend trying to file the first week of January. If you have exhausted your benefits, it will not let you file a claim rather you will get a message saying that your benefits are exhausted and you can't file at that time.

To FCA/Stellantis workers asking about SUB. SUB (supplemental Unemployment Benefit) is by it's very name a benefit and is therefore handled by your Benefit Reps. They will be putting out information specific to SUB, I will just touch on some commonly asked questions. Most of you have already uploaded your "Benefit Payment Explanation" sheet to the HUB to receive SUB earlier this year. Therefore, in order to get paid for the first week of January, you will have to manually enter for the SUB on your HUB account. Remember that you can't put in for SUB until the following week (Monday January 10th at the earliest). For the second week, it is extremely important that you remember to file your IDES claim in that week. You will then receive a UI finding sheet where your date of claim will match your benefit year begin date. This signifies that it is your waiting week, and that sheet will have to be uploaded in order to get paid for the second week. I can't stress how extremely important it is that you certify for that week, 2 weeks after you file. If you file and don't certify to get credit for your waiting week, you will lose that amount of money the next time you file, which will likely happen early next year. IDES does NOT backdate claims. They view it that you have one job on the week you are laid off and not working, and that is to file a claim. If you have not registered with the new IDES system yet, DO IT NOW!!! Almost a quarter of everyone I assisted had to contact IDES for assistance in getting through the registration for the new security system. Don't wait until January if you haven't done it yet.

I want to wish you all a very safe and happy holiday season! The hall will be closed as of 12/24/2021 and will re-open on 01/03/2022. Assuming that we go back to traditional 40-hour work week, the hall hours will go back to 8 am-4 pm; Monday –Friday come January. There is reason to be hopeful for next year. Let's finish this year as best we can and look forward to getting back to consistent running.

United We Stand Strong,

Michael G. Moe

Financial Secretary UAW Local 1268





PARTICIPATE ON A COMMITTEE

Thousands of UAW members participate in local union standing committees, sub-committees or programs. They are rewarded by a feeling of accomplishment, working with their co-workers on meaningful projects, and "being the change" of what they want to see for working people. But we need many more activists at the table to help.

By working every day to develop and expand our standing and other committees, we can help meet the needs of our members and community.

UAW 1268 Standing Committees

- · Constitution and Bylaws
- · Union Label
- Education
- · Conservation and Recreation
- · Community Services
- · Civil and Human Rights
- Citizenship and Legislative (CAP)
- · Veterans
- · Women's



Volunteer! We Need You!

UAW Programs:

Chaplaincy Committee

UAW 1268 Sub-Committees:

- · Sportsman's
- Paranormal
- . Motorcycle
- . Workers with Pride

Elected Committee:

. Election

As members, you are the lifeblood of your local union. Some of the most rewarding experiences you will have as a UAW member will come from volunteering to help with a local union standing committee.

All UAW local unions must have standing committees to make a lasting union and community impact. Whether you're interested in veterans, politics, community work, civil rights, education, recreation, or something else, you can fire up your local union by volunteering to serve on a committee or helping with a committee project as your time permits.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Just stop down at the Union Hall and request a committee application. Hall hours are 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday.

- You may join up to two Standing Committees.
- You may join the Chaplaincy Program or any sub-committees.
 (even if you are on two standing committees)
- The Election Committee is elected at the September General Membership Meeting immediately preceding the General Elections. (Next election of committee will be in September, 2022. Watch your union boards for notification of election)

Not quite ready to sign up for a committee, but would like to volunteer? Many times Committees have events and would appreciate extra volunteers. If you see an upcoming event and would like to participate, please contact the chairperson of the committee holding the event to offer your help. You can find a list of committees on UAW1268.org on the menu to the left. Or search *UAW 1268 Committees* on your phone.



UAW LOCAL 1268 COMMITTEES

Standing Committees:

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE: Monitors and maintains our Local Union Bylaws, making sure existing bylaws conform to our International Constitution. Researches and acts upon any new bylaws that are submitted.

CONSERVATION-RECREATION COMMITTEE: Works to promote meaningful recreation and leisure time activities, and also develops to help correct energy and environmental problems.

CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE: Serves as Guardian over the Local Union's interest to assure the members full rights regardless of religion, race, creed, color, sex, political affiliation, national origin, age, or handicap. Informs members of steps and procedure, including filing of complaints whenever a member or members believe their rights have been violated, either by management or by other Union members in the workplace, in the community, and the nation. (This committee should mirror the diverse population of our workforce).

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE: Works through public and private organizations to assure that problems faced by our members in emergency situations get the help they need. Generally, handles the strike insurance benefits when local Unions are force to use their economic strength.

CITIZENSHIP-LEGISTLATION COMMITTEE: Also known as Community Action Program (CAP). The in-plant political arm of the Local Union and is the basic link to our members concerning legislative issues and elections that affect us as workers and trade Union families.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Works with all other committees and the leadership to inform our members on issues and mobilize greater solidarity behind the program of our Union.

UNION LABEL COMMITTEE: Emphasizes the importance of supporting those goods produced in Union shops, by members under union-won working conditions. Also alerts members of manufacturing that has been moved out of the United States and product boycotts endorsed by the AFL-CIO.

VETERAN'S COMMITTEE: Seeks members who are willing to represent the interest of all active and retired UAW Veterans and their families. This committee is dedicated to advocating for the political and social concerns of Veterans.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE: Promotes greater understanding of the UAW's policies and programs. Furthering the objectives of our Union in the communities in which we live. Conducts programs which are of special interest to women. Encourages women to become active in our Union.

Sub-Committees:

PARANORMAL: Sub-committee of the Veterans Committee that explores the existence of the unknown.

MOTORCYCLE: Sub-committee of the Veterans Committee that are dedicated to raising motorcycle safety awareness for both riders and non-riders for fun & safe motorcycle riding, along with supporting local charities.

SPORTSMENS: Sub-committee of the Recreation Committee that promotes through education the importance of good sportsmanship and the conservation of wildlife and other nature resources.

WORKERS WITH PRIDE: Sub-committee of the Civil & Human Rights Committee that works to ensure equality for LGBT families by building community awareness and advancing social justice for all families.

UAW Programs:

CHAPLAINCY: It shall be the duty of each member/chaplain to render aid and assistance to a brother or sister in cases of illness, death or distress, and in every way acquit her/himself as a loyal and devoted member of the International Union.

UAW PRESIDENT RAY CURRY PARTICIPATES IN SEMICONDUCTOR CHIP SHORTAGE ROUNDTABLE



Today, UAW President Ray Curry joined a roundtable hosted by Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (MI-12) and U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo at UAW Region 1A in Taylor, MI to discuss the nation-wide semi-conductor shortage and its impact on autoworkers across the state and country. Michigan's Governor Gretchen Whitmer, the state's Senators and Democratic members of Congress, as well as representatives from Ford, GM, and Stellantis were also in attendance.

Currently, the United States only produces about 14% of the global semi-conductor stock, and shortages are holding back the production of vehicles as well as work to transition to building more electric vehicles. Participants in the roundtable all encouraged the passage of the U.S. Innovation and Competition Act in both the House and Senate, which includes \$52 billion for domestic semiconductor production.

"This is both a challenge and an opportunity," said UAW President Ray Curry, "We have an opportunity to work with Congress and the Biden Administration to develop trade and policy solutions that ensure that advanced technology that has been offshored is brought back and new technology stays right here in the United States produced by UAW workers."

The UAW looks forward to continuing to work with our partners in Congress and the Biden Administration to increase semi-conductor production here in the United States.

https://uaw.org/uaw-president-ray-curry-participates-semiconductor-chip-shortage-roundtable/





On behalf of the Education Committee, I would like to greet everyone hoping for a good holiday for you and your family, aside from the obvious that has been a part of our lives for the last couple of years. We have to go into 2022 thinking positive that life will eventually get back to some normalcy. The Education committee will be working on getting a lot of our union members from ALL units to come for a day here at the hall to learn and understand more about how YOUR union works. It will be a full day to work together in groups in understanding not only of a clear definition of a union but the different things that work within the union structure. I would love to see more of our members from other units getting involved with committees, which in fact is listed in here as well. All locals are supposed to have ten (10) standing committees, which are required in our bylaws as well, and we are very lucky to have that including other

committees that are known as "Sub-committees", which are new additions to our local over the years. We will also go over our UAW history and the list is long. You will be surprised of how interesting all of this will be for you, especially learning of our own training center in our own back yard, located in Ottawa, Illinois known as the "Pat Greathouse Center" which is named after one of our great leaders of Region 4, who also worked with our fourth UAW President, Walter Reuther, as Vice-President. He was a union member of Local 551 (Ford Stamping Plant) located in Chicago Heights. We are fortunate to be the only Region with our own Education facility.

The Walter and May Reuther training facility, otherwise known as "Black Lake" located in Onaway, Michigan, is where the majority of our UAW members go for training and International conferences such as, Women's; Veterans; Civil Rights and Education conferences . Also we have what is known as a "Family Scholarship Conference" which usually runs in July, where you can take your family up there. Once you fill out an application, if selected, your stay, which will be from a Sunday to the following Friday morning, will be paid for by the region (We are Region 4) where the only thing you would have to do on your end is send a fifty dollar advance payment, which you will get back the day before you leave, and travel there yourself with your family, roughly seven hours from this area. You may have to take a vacation week if it is not during the downtime week, but It is worth it! Your children ages four years and up are able to go and meet new friends. Note, you will have UAW members there across the U.S. including Canada and Puerto Rico, who will see and quickly understand of why this place (YOUR PLACE), is of the utmost importance, because your union dues help keep this place going, which in turn benefits our union members in strengthening us all. Food and rooms come with all of this, and we have family activities in which we all come together to do. But you're up there for education first and foremost, and your spouse and children, who are not quite sure of what you do will be in classes as well will guickly understand what the UAW is and how we got the things that a number of us seem to take for granted as to how these things came in existence.

Our local Education Committee, we are always looking for any members to come aboard and join us for helping educate our membership. By all means, you are welcome!

We're planning on a few things in 2022 (hopefully), and we had a number of people ask if we're going to do another "BBQ Cook-Off"? And the answer to that Is YES, we plan to do another one, and we expect even more BBQ participants to go against one another for the championship. Last time we had a championship belt for the winners, and we intend to make it even better for the new year, so stay tuned for that one! We will be doing our Annual Education Committee Scholarship awards with one addition, which is coming from the Sportsmen's Committee. A Scholarship from them in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars. We will let you know the requirements in the near future also. So with that, stay safe, along with your family. God bless you all and look forward to seeing everyone in the new year!

Horace W Hubbard Jr
Local 1268 Education Committee
Chairperson





SPORTSMENS COMMITTEE 10TH ANNUAL 2022 WILD GAME BANQUET



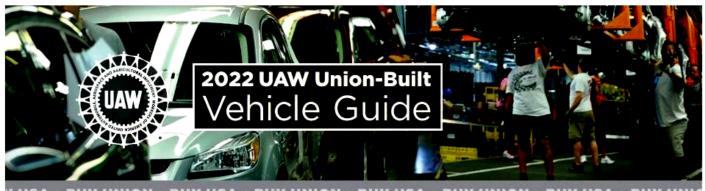


Saturday, February 5
Doors open at Noon/Serving food at 1:00 PM
1268 Union Hall
ALL YOUR FAVORITE WILD GAME DISHES
CHICKEN, PIZZA & BEVERAGES

Deer Racks will be measured and WINNERS will be announced.

Measuring will be done by Don Rich of Natures Touch Taxidermy

Thank you for your support - UAW Local 1268 Sportsmen's Committee



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UAW CARS



Cadillac CT4 Cadillac CT4-V

Cadillac CT4-V Blackwing

Cadillac CT5 Cadillac CT5-V

Cadillac CT5-V Blackwing Chevrolet Bolt (Electric) Chevrolet Bolt EUV (Electric)

Chevrolet Camaro Chevrolet Corvette Chevrolet Malibu Ford Mustang Coupe Ford Mustang Convertible Ford Mustang Shelby Lincoln Continental

UAW TRUCKS



Chevrolet Medium-Duty Silverado Navistar (Regular and Crew Cab) Chevrolet Silverado Light Duty

(Crew** and Double Cab only) Chevrolet Silverado Heavy Duty

Ford F 150 Ford F-150

(Hybrid/Electrification)

Ford F-650/750 Ford Ranger Ford Super Duty GMC Canvon

GMC Sierra Light Duty

(Crew** and Double Cab only)

GMC Sierra Heavy Duty GMC Hummer Pick-up

(Electric) Jeep Gladiator Ram 1500

Ram 1500 Classic Ram 1500 (Hybrid) Grand Wagoneer Wagoneer

UAW SUVS/CUVS



Buick Enclave Cadillac Escalade Cadillac Escalade ESV Cadillac Escalade (Hybrid)

Cadillac XT4 Cadillac XT5 Cadillac XT6

Chevrolet Suburban Chevrolet Tahoe

Chevrolet Tahoe (Police)

Chevrolet Tahoe (Special Service)

Chevrolet Traverse Dodge Durango Ford Bronco Ford Escape

Ford Escape (Hybrid) Ford Expedition/Max

Ford Explorer

Ford Explorer (Hybrid)

Ford Explorer (Police Interceptor)

GMC Acadia **GMC Yukon**

GMC Yukon (Hybrid)

GMC Yukon XL

Jeep Cherokee

Jeep Grand Cherokee

Jeep Grand Cherokee

(Hybrid)

Jeep Grand Wagoner

Jeep Wrangler

Jeep Wrangler (Hybrid)

Lincoln Aviator

Lincoln Aviator (Hybrid)

Lincoln Corsair Lincoln Navigator/L

UAW VANS 🚝



Chevrolet Express Chevrolet Express (Cut-Away) Ford Transit

Ford Transit (Electric)

GMC Savana

GMC Savana (Cut-Away)

UNIFOR CARS ()



Dodge Challenger Dodge Charger

UNIFOR SUVS/CUVS ()



Chevrolet Equinox* Ford Edge Lincoln Nautilus

UNIFOR VANS (



Chrysler Pacifica Chyrsler Pacifica (Hybrid) Chrysler Voyager

These vehicles are made in the United States or Canada by members of the UAW and Canada's Unifor union, formerly the Canadian Auto Workers (CAW). Because of the integration of vehicle production in both countries, all of the vehicles listed as made in Canada include significant UAW-made content and support the jobs of UAW

However, vehicles marked with a single asterisk (*) are also produced in Mexico.

All heavy-duty Chevrolet Silverados and GMC Sierras will be built in Flint, Michigan, only, Light-duty Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra regular cabs are produced in Mexico only. Vehicles marked with a double asterisk (**) are the crew cab versions of the Chevrolet Silverado light-duty and GMC Sierra light-duty trucks. Those are assembled by UAW members in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and also in Mexico.

When purchasing a vehicle marked with a single or double asterisk, it's important to check the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). A VIN beginning with "1" or "4" or "5" identifies a U.S.-made vehicle; a "2" identifies a Canadian-made vehicle; a "3" identifies a vehicle made in Mexico. Not all vehicles made in the United States or Canada are built by union-represented workers. Vehicles not listed here, even if produced in the United States or Canada, are not union made.



Every year our Women's Committee holds a fall craft show in the month of October. Due to Covid, we were unable to hold the event last year. Our vendors and crafters did not disappoint this year with their talent. If you're interested in getting on our mailing list, please contact Terri Lightner at Terrimerwin@hotmail.com. The Women's Committee is still looking for donations for our Giving Tree benefiting our local Salvation Army. You can bring unwrapped toys or a monetary donation to the UAW Hall and let them know it is for the Giving Tree. We will make sure they get delivered. Please no gift cards because the Salvation Army cannot accept them. Our committee would like to thank all those who have donated and the continued support every year. A huge Thank You to the Retirees Chapter, the Rockford Area CAP, members of our Women's Committee, the Executive Board, Mary Bingenheimer and for all those that dropped off toys already. This is your chance to make a child's Christmas a little brighter during the Holidays. With that said, the UAW 1268 Women's Committee would like to wish each and every one a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Be safe and enjoy time with your families.

The Women's Committee

VETERANS COMMITTEE REPORT



Hello Sisters & Brothers of UAW Local 1268. As your Locals Veterans Committee Chairperson I would like to report that over the pandemic period and the shift reduction and layoffs that we as a Veterans Committee have lost some committee members due to those reasons, and on behalf of the committee that saddens us, and we hope and wish for those a great future in what ever they pursue.

As for YOUR Veterans Committee, we have began having committee meetings again, and some members were able to volunteer for OUR Top of the Illinois Veterans Stand-Down, In which we were able to help out many Veterans. Also we were able to hold a 2021 Regional Veterans Fall Conference in October at our own Region 4 Pat Greathouse Center located in Ottawa, Illinois. I must say it was a great conference with great speakers, and also even welcoming in our new Region 4 members from the Missouri & Kansas City area.

The Veterans Committee Color Guard had the Honor to Post Colors in the plant at the Veterans Wall the day prior to Veterans Day, I must say as a 27 year employee that it has been great over the past few years to see this wall of recognition for OUR Veterans.

The committee has some plans & ideas coming up, such as a Texas Hold'em to be held at a date TBA, and will be held during the downtime at the Union Hall for Local 1268 members only.

So with that Sisters & Brothers of UAW Local 1268, as your Sgt-At-Arms & Veterans Committee Chairperson, on behalf of the committee, we want to wish each and everyone of you a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year, as we all know that we all need a better year.

Semper Fi,

Ron Sodko

Sgt at Arms, UAW Local 1268



BENEFITS ALERT!!!!

(PLANT SHUTDOWN FOR THE WEEK OF 12-6-2021 THRU 12-12-2021)

<u>DENTAL</u>—If you returned to work in November and worked through December 3, 2021 your dental coverage Will be reinstated as of December 1, 2021. Delta Dental's system will not be updated until December 9th or 10th To reflect that your dental coverage was reinstated as of December 1, 2021. If you do not return to work after December 6, 2021 you will have dental coverage until January 31, 2022.

SUB – The majority of members will be submitting a request for full SUB benefits for the week ending

December 11, 2021 due to the fact that they have exhausted their unemployment benefits. If you have

Exhausted your unemployment benefits you should have received a "Benefit payment Explanation" sheet. On

That sheet under the box that shows the "Weeks Paid" it should state "You have exhausted your

Unemployment Benefits" you will need to scan and upload this sheet and follow the step by step instructions

Listed in the "2021 Manual instruction for SUB" that will be poste on the UAW 1268 website

(www.uaw1268.org). You only need to scan and upload Benefit Payment Explanation sheet once but you will have to attach it to every SUB request. The instructions will tell how to attach the document. THE EARLIEST

DATE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SUBMIT A SUB REQUEST WILL BE MONDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2021. IF YOU SUBMIT

A REQUEST BEFORE THIS DATE IT WILL BE DENIED AND WILL FURTHER DELAY YOUR SUB PAYMENT! THE

EARLIEST DATE YOU CAN EXPECT TO RECEIVE PAYMENT IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021. YOU NEED TO ALLOW

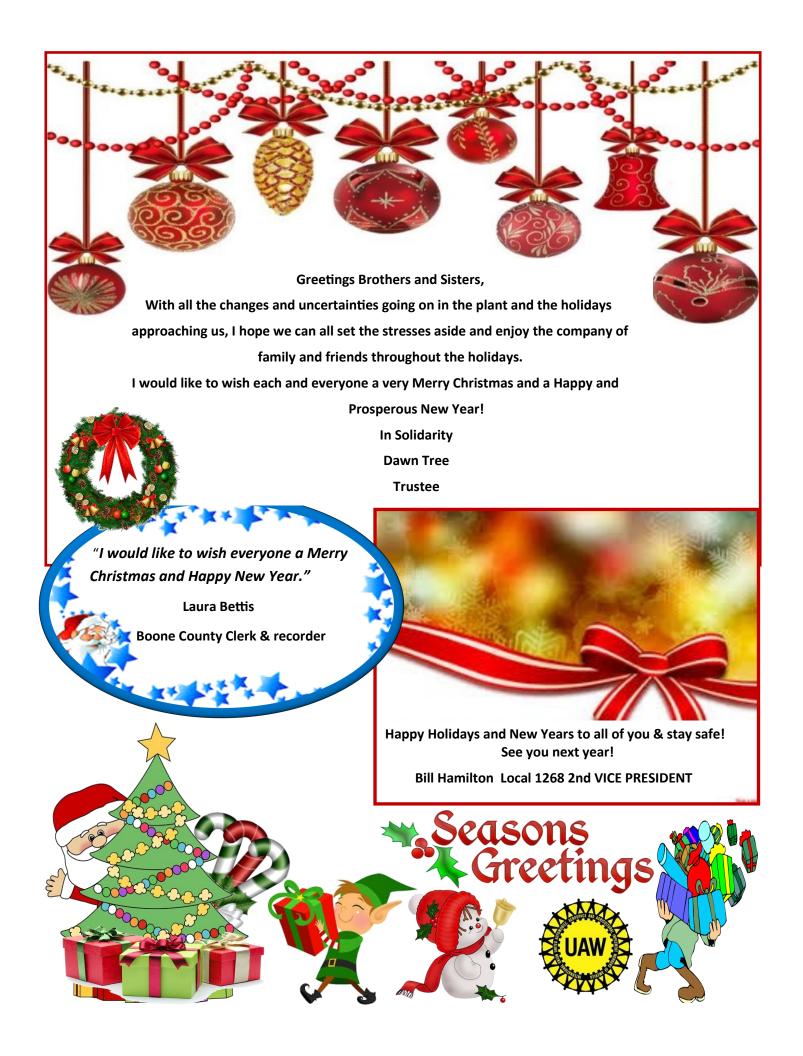
2 WEEKS FOR SUB TO PAY OUT. SUB DOES NOT PAY OUT THE SAME WEEK YOU SUBMIT THE REQUEST. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE PAYMENT BY DECEMBER 31, 2021 YOU WOULD NEED TO CONTACT THE BENEFITS OFFICE ON MONDAY JANUARY 4, 2022. If you have not exhausted your unemployment benefits you will need to open a

Claim (refer to instructions provided by Mike Moe)

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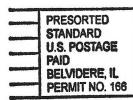
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