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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RANDY DIEHL, President _____

Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

We had a decent number of members march in the Labor Day Parade this year. I always wish for more members to participate but I totally understand that our members have other things going on in their lives.

We got bids for a new roof at the hall and selected the low bidder to do the work. The old roof is 34 years old and starting to leak so it is time to replace it. This will possibly be done by the time this is published.

We are sending all of our grievance committee people for training in Ottawa the first week of October. I believe that training our union representatives is an excellent use of our dues dollars.

As always, please call or stop by the hall if there is anything I can help with.

In Solidarity,
Randy Diehl



"UNION MEETINGS"

Oct. 8th & Nov. 12th

Executive Board Meeting – 12:00 P.M.

General Council Meeting – 1:00 P.M.

Oct. 19th & Nov. 16th

Safety Meetings – 8:00 A.M; 12:00 P.M.; 4:00 P.M.

Oct. 26th & Nov. 23rd (Cancelled)

Steward Meetings – 8:00 A.M; 1:00 P.M.; 3:00 P.M.; 4:00 P.M.

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INSURANCE & BENEFITS REPORT – OCTOBER 2023

JOHN ARNOLD _____

Hello Brothers & Sisters!

Happy Fall everyone! We are just over a month away from this year's Annual Enrollment. I don't have the exact dates as of writing this article, but it usually is the first 3 weeks of November. Be on the lookout for the postcard that Caterpillar will send discussing the timeframe. I won't have the premiums for next year until the end of October or the first of November. My expectations are that all the premiums will be going up no matter if you are a retiree or an active employee.

Remember that the Annual Enrollment period is the time to make any changes to your coverage. Whether you're adding someone, taking someone off or dropping the coverage all together, this is the time to do so.

In closing, Congratulations to all the winners of this year's scholarship awards.

In Solidarity

John Arnold, Insurance & Benefits Chairman

RETIREES - Medicare Reimbursement

From time to time, I remind our retirees about the Medicare Part B reimbursement portion of our plan. If you or your spouse are Medicare age, 65, and enrolled in Medicare Part A & B, you are eligible for reimbursement of the Part B Premium.

The Plan will reimburse your Medicare premium up to \$99.50 per month every January and July. This only pertains to members and spouses that opted out of the management/executive plan and retired prior to March 26, 2017. **You must contact Alight Solutions (Hewitt) at 1-877-228-4010 to enroll for the reimbursement. Once you're signed up, you won't have to sign-up again.**

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The Rules are Changing.

Loren Meyers, Plantwide Safety Chairman

Summer is coming to an end and the kids are back at school which brings to mind about some casual reading I have been doing that I find somewhat alarming for our youth from a safety aspect. I have been reading Articles from **usatoday.com**, **npr.org** and **pbs.org** on lawmakers in at least 11 states this year have sought to loosen child labor laws to help employers fill empty jobs. These sites are on both sides of the political views but seem to share the same concern over some state legislators, most of them Republicans, that see teenagers as a partial solution to fill the gap. The unemployment rate sits at 3.5% – a level last reached in 1969 – and businesses of all types, from factories to restaurants to retail stores, are struggling to find workers.

Arkansas and Tennessee enacted changes last month. A new Arkansas law removes a requirement that **children under 16 provide proof of parental consent to work**. The Tennessee law scraps the prohibition on 16- and 17-year-olds working in restaurants that derive more than a quarter of their revenue from alcohol.

Under current law, only workers aged 18 and above can serve alcohol to customers in Wisconsin. A new bill being introduced by 3 republican law makers would broaden that to workers ages 14 to 17. They could only serve seated customers, not drinkers who were at the bar itself.

Bills introduced in January in Minnesota and Iowa would allow some teenagers to work in construction and meatpacking plants, respectively. The Iowa bill would also let some youth under 16 drive themselves to work and extend the hours teenagers could work. In 2022, efforts to expand teens' working hours passed in New Jersey but weren't signed into law in two other states. In the Iowa legislation, one of the provisions is to **exempt employers from civil liability due to the company's negligence**. "It is astounding that they would have the gall to knowingly acknowledge that more young people will be harmed, but focus on exempting businesses," said Marcy Goldstein-Gelb, co-executive director of the National Council for Occupational Safety and Health. In the past two years, even as federal officials and news investigations suggest that many minors working in manufacturing, meatpacking and construction jobs are being exploited or hurt.

But opponents say the bills, backed by business groups, are an attempt to roll back crucial child labor protections that are nearly a century old. Many adults lament the trend, perhaps because they fondly remember their teenage jobs scooping ice cream, waiting tables or working the cash register.

But in a report released last month, the Economic Policy Institute argues that the decline in teenage employment is a positive development, because it largely reflects the fact that more teenagers are staying in school. Of the 16- to 19-year-olds who said they were not working in 2021, 58.1% said it was because they were in school – up 21 percentage points compared with 2001.

"Putting off work in order to obtain more skills and education is a positive trend – for both individuals and the economy – not one that should be slowed or reversed," the report states.

"Attempts to weaken state-level child labor standards are part of a coordinated campaign backed by industry groups intent on eventually diluting federal standards that cover the whole country," the report says.

Debbie Berkowitz, a former federal and union worker-safety official who is now a fellow at the Kalmanovich Initiative for Labor and the Working Poor at Georgetown University, said that for decades, policymakers generally have agreed on the need to protect minors in the workplace. Recently, though, she has seen a "pretty pronounced" shift in the states. This is a push by certain industries to see if they can get away with hiring children so they can pay them less and disguise it as job training," she said. "These entry-level jobs provide little in terms of skills."

Berkowitz said there is a place for true apprenticeship programs and opportunities for minors to work in safe environments, but certain dangerous industries should be off-limits for children. She added that government workplace-safety regulators at the state and federal level are vastly underfunded, leaving most workplaces unchecked until a major injury or death occurs. "There are certain low-road industries that are going to cut down on labor costs where they can," she said.

Child Labor Violations increase:

The state-level push to loosen rules comes amid an increase in the number of child labor violations tracked by the U.S. Department of Labor.



Last year, there were 835 child labor violation cases involving 3,876 children. The number of minors illegally employed in fiscal 2022 was 37%.

The **One major case concluded in February when Packers Sanitation Services Inc.**, one of the nation's largest cleaning services for meatpacking plants, paid \$1.5 million in civil penalties after the Department of Labor found that it had employed at least 102 children in hazardous jobs in eight states, including Arkansas, Minnesota and Tennessee. Agency investigators found that the company had children ages 13 to 17 working overnight shifts performing such jobs as using caustic chemicals to clean razor-sharp saws. Last summer, Reuters revealed that children as young as 12 many of whom were migrants were hired to work in a metal shop owned by Hyundai.

A 16-year-old boy from Guatemala died as a result of an on-the-job accident at a poultry plant in Mississippi. It happened at about 8 p.m. on July 14, 2023, at the Mar-Jac Poultry plant in Hattiesburg, Forrest County deputy coroner Lisa Klem said. Workers under the age of 18 are not allowed to work in poultry plants because it's deemed to be too dangerous and therefore a violation of child labor laws. The **Occupational Safety and Health Administration** and the Labor Department's Wage and Hour Division have launched investigations into the incident, a spokesperson said. Any company found to be in violation could face a federal fine of more than \$30,000 per incident. In 2015 the low point in the data the Wage and Hour Division found 1,012 minors employed in violation of child labor laws, with an average of 1.9 per case. In 2022, that number more than tripled to 3,876, averaging 4.6 per case.

Illinois allows children as young as 12 and 13 to work only on farms and with the parent's consent. Kids 14 and 15 can have jobs that are officially not hazardous, not manufacturing, and not mining. For kids 16 and 17, those last two restrictions are dropped. But they still can't do hazardous work. An official "employment certificate" is required to legally employ anyone under 16. It's issued by the local school superintendent, and requires an application signed by a parent or guardian. Employer and parent each get a copy of the issued certificate. Caterpillar has a program for high school students to shadow jobs and experience the job environment so when they graduate, they could choose to work at Caterpillar.

None of these labor law changes will correct the issue of high turnaround in the labor market. I have witnessed this myself in my own building.

Management has been overly aggressive about pushing all the liability and risk on the employee. Through dishonest and unethical means, new workers do not want to work under that punishment and are leaving. I hear Management say, "No one wants to work anymore". Especially not under constant hypocrisy from management. UAW members can ask for a Union steward or a Union representative if they feel that a contract violation has occurred. Or you have been put in an unsafe situation and your supervisor is not taking your request seriously, call for a UAW safety Representative. Now if your supervisor says you don't need a representative and he or she just doesn't get you one, ask him 3 times to document it and if you know who your stewards are, inform them of the issue. If you don't know who your steward is call the Union Hall 309/694-3151 ask for Bobby Koller. Please do not get on social media and complain that you asked for a representative **one time** and your representative does not care. Caterpillar management doesn't take your right to representation seriously but given the opportunity, as from my own experience as a UAW steward and Safety Representative, **WE DO CARE.**

Hope everyone had a good LABOR DAY weekend!

Happy Thanksgiving!



AMALGAMATED UAW LOCAL 974

NOTICE OF ELECTION

FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTIONS HELD AUGUST 15, 2023:

MORTON GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE (OTHER THAN 1ST SHIFT)

1 Dexter Anderson	13.3%
2 Randy Bowers	66.7% *
3 Teresa Schmitt	20.0%

GENERAL COUNCIL DELEGATES FOR EAST PEORIA PRIME PRODUCTS

1 Jon M. Christopher	46%
2 Rhiannon Rae Douglas	75% *
3 Arleen Herndon	89% *
4 Roy Prokesh	82% *
5 Rita Rodriguez	79% *
6 Angela Smith	89% *
7 James W. Tabor	61% *
8 Jeffrey A. Young	57% *

** denotes winners*

The Morton Grievance Committee now consists of:
Andrew Marvel, Chairman (1st shift)
Matt Butler (1st shift)
Randy Bowers (3rd shift)

AMALGAMATED UAW LOCAL 974 ELECTION COMMITTEE

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UPDATE: 8/17/2023

DOWNDATE: 9/22/2023

OCTOBER 2023 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCT. 8TH	EXECUTIVE BOARD MTNG – 12:00 PM
SUNDAY, OCT. 8TH	GENERAL COUNCIL MTNG – 1:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, OCT. 18TH	RETIREE DINNER – 11:30 AM
THURSDAY, OCT. 19TH	SAFETY MTNGS – 8:00 AM; 12:00 PM; 4:00 PM
TUESDAY, OCT. 24TH	BALLY'S QUAD CITIES BUS TRIP – 8:00 AM
THURSDAY, OCT. 26TH	STEWART MTNGS – 8:00 AM; 1:00 PM; 3:00 PM; 4:00 PM
TUESDAY, OCT. 31ST	HALLOWEEN

NOVEMBER 2023 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 1ST	NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DEADLINE – (DEC. ISSUE)
SUNDAY, NOV. 12TH	EXECUTIVE BOARD MTNG – 12:00 PM
SUNDAY, NOV. 12TH	GENERAL COUNCIL MTNG – 1:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15TH	RETIREE DINNER – 11:30 AM
THURSDAY, NOV. 16TH	SAFETY MTGS – 8:00 AM; 12:00 PM; 4:00 PM
THURSDAY, NOV. 23RD	THANKSGIVING – (UNION HALL CLOSED)
FRIDAY, NOV. 24TH	DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING – (UNION HALL CLOSED)
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH	ISLE OF CAPRI BUS TRIP – 8:00 AM

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BARGAINING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – OCTOBER 2023

BOBBY KOLLER _____

Greetings Brother and Sisters,

The Bargaining Chairman's office currently has 9 issue and 10 just cause grievances on the docket.

As I write this article (September 5th) I hope everyone had a nice Labor Day weekend and was able to enjoy some family time. Thank you to everyone that joined in the Labor Day Parade.

We have a couple of things coming up in the month of September. Including an arbitration case on September 20th out of the Morton Business Unit. I will keep everyone up to date with the outcome. We have a Presidents/Chairman meeting in Ottawa on September 29th and directly after that we will be attending Leadership/Committeeman training in Ottawa on October 3rd through 6th.

The Steward meetings have been going well and attendance is up. We continue to focus on current issues our members are having and reviewing arbitration awards each month.

I want to say Congratulations to all the winners of the Scholarships awarded at the General Council meeting on September 10th.

Don't hesitate to call the hall for any questions you may have.

In Solidarity,

Bobby Koller , Bargaining Chairman

HEATHER HENNINGER SCHOLARSHIP FUND



\$500 SCHOLARSHIP DRAWING WINNERS 2023

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023



Winner	College Attending	974 Family Member
Makeena Bartels	<i>Freshman, University of Missouri</i>	Granddaughter of Gary Bartels
Katie Russell	<i>Freshman, Western Illinois University</i>	Granddaughter of Tommy J. Russell
Anja Muller	<i>Sophomore, Illinois College</i>	Granddaughter of David B. Steinborn
Emma Braten	<i>Senior, Eureka College</i>	Daughter of Angela Braten
Rachel Slater	<i>Senior, Western Illinois University</i>	Daughter of Roy Slater
Kayla Mayer	<i>Senior, Bradley University</i>	Granddaughter of Kenneth Quick
Aliah M. Cox	<i>Freshman, Illinois Wesleyan University</i>	Granddaughter of Thomas L. Cox
Beau Durbin	<i>Sophomore, Bradley University</i>	Grandson of David E. Durbin
Riley Jepsen	<i>Junior, North Park University</i>	Grandson of Steve Roberts
Ely Horner	<i>Freshman, University of Alabama</i>	Grandson of Bill Horner
Joshua Kizer	<i>Senior, Bradley University</i>	Grandson of Troy N. Kizer
Joshua Smith	<i>Sophomore, Bob Jones University</i>	Grandson of Franklin L. Smith
Jacob Hall	<i>Freshman, Southern Illinois University</i>	Grandson of Enoch L. Hall
Dylan Rainwater	<i>Freshman, Blackhawk East</i>	Step-Grandson of Richard L. Lashbrook
WINNER OF THE \$500 THOMAS KLEIN SCHOLARSHIP		
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Mr. Stephens is a graduate of John Marshall Law School and has a Juris Doctor Degree and handles personal injury and wrongful death cases.



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FINANCIAL SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

MATTHEW BUTLER _____ FINANCIAL REPORT OCTOBER 2023

JULY 2023	
Income	232,298.10
Expenditures	253,142.09
Excess of Expense over Income	(20,843.99)
Regular Dues received on:	3,300
Initiation Fees received on:	39
PER CAPITA TAXES:	
International Union UAW	127,518.34
CAP Council	6,829.98
CAT Council	5,072.66
Retirees Dues PCT	111.15
Labor Council of West Central IL	184.00
Ag Imp Council	132.72
IPS Council Pooled Arb Fund	8.30
TOTAL:	139,857.15

AUGUST 2023	
Income	223,104.07
Expenditures	306,559.40
Excess of Expense over Income	(83,455.33)
Regular Dues received on:	3,296
Initiation Fees received on:	52
Bonus Dues received on:	3
PER CAPITA TAXES:	
International Union UAW	125,529.53
CAP Council	6,724.14
CAT Council	5,016.49
Retirees Dues PCT	96.20
Labor Council of West Central IL	184.00
Ag Imp Council	131.04
IPS Council Pooled Arb Fund	5.00
TOTAL:	137,686.40

I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing Labor Day Holiday. After those hot days in the shop, it's always nice to have a long 3-day weekend to recharge!

Thank you to everyone that took the time to come out and march with us in the parade! It's always good to see members together in solidarity.

I placed a shirt order for two of the three designs we picked during our July Executive Board meeting. Our supplier is working on these and should be at the hall shortly.

The flex fit hats our members have been asking for are proving to be a challenge. The usual suppliers we have used in the past have not provided hats that fit properly or are very cost effective so I'm working with International to seek out alternative suppliers that can produce flex fit hats that are American made.

In Solidarity,
Matthew Butler, UAW Local 974, Financial Secretary/Treasurer

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Remembering Our Brothers and Sisters

July

Norman Townsend	TSD	R	07/01/23
Ronald C. Osborn	Moss	R	07/04/23
Gerald C. Southwood	TBU	R	07/05/23
Terry L. Monks	Mapltn	R	07/06/23
Ray E. Bollinger	TTTD	R	07/07/23
William P. Reaves	TSD	R	07/07/23
Robert F. Freitag	Moss	R	07/10/23
Stephen E. Clark	Moss	R	07/11/23
Earl E. Flatt	TTTD	R	07/11/23
Tommy D. Johnson	TBU	R	07/13/23
Richard R. Henderson	Morton	R	07/14/23
Wiley J. Mansker Jr.	Mapltn	R	07/15/23
Kathleen J. Mott	TBU	R	07/16/23
Franklin J. Jones Sr.	TTTD	R	07/18/23
Dusty A. Drawyer	Mapltn	A	07/19/23
Ira L. Rounds	Mapltn	R	07/20/23
John D. Newman	Morton	R	07/23/23
George E. Walker	TTTD	R	07/23/23
William A. Dean	Morton	R	07/23/23
Robert G. Lawless	TTTD	R	07/26/23
E. Jean Eichorn	TTTD	R	07/26/23
Larry A. Stoehr	Morton	R	07/27/23
Lyle D. Smith	TTTD	R	07/30/23
Lloyd A. De Giovanni	TSD	R	07/31/23

August

Robert D. Uphoff	Moss	R	08/01/23
Don E. Freitag	Morton	R	08/01/23
Richard L. Watson	Mapltn	R	08/02/23
Ronald W. Higdon	Moss	R	08/05/23
George E. Ward	TTTD	R	08/06/23
Robert L. Hall	Moss	R	08/07/23
Ramona J. Bricka	TTTD	R	08/09/23
Robert L. Rawlings Jr.	TTTD	R	08/10/23
Barnett F. Grisham	TTTD	R	08/12/23
John Bryan Jr.	TTTD	R	08/13/23
Lee L. Boles	Moss	R	08/16/23
Willie Jennings	Morton	R	08/18/23
Richard E. Whitby Jr.	TTTD	R	08/18/23
Raymond Bart	TBU	A	08/22/23
Douglas R. Leesman	Mapltn	R	08/22/23
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Robert Crum	TTTD	R	08/25/23
Carrie Gleason	Morton	R	08/26/23
John D. Green	Morton	R	08/26/23
Theodore Howard	TTTD	R	08/27/23
John R. Backes Jr.	TBU	R	08/28/23
Barry W. Peck	Moss	R	08/28/23
Retha Branscumb	TTTD	R	08/31/23

Forever

Remembered



Please notify us when one of our active or retired members passes away. We do not receive this information from the company.

On behalf of the Officers, Members and Retirees of Local 974, 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.



RETIREES CHAPTER UAW LOCAL 974

WEDNESDAY POTLUCKS (*Dinner begins at 11:30 a.m.*)

OCTOBER 18TH & NOVEMBER 15TH

We invite and encourage all the new Retirees to join us for dinner and bingo after the meeting.
(Please bring your own table service.)

We also encourage the spouses of deceased members of Local 974 to join us. Surviving spouses are Associate Members of our Retiree Chapter and we invite you to participate in our activities.

BUS TRIPS (*Bus Trips leave at 8:00 a.m.*)

Tuesday, October 24 – Bally's Quad Cities Bus Trip 

Tuesday, November 28 – Isle of Capri Bus Trip

For questions concerning the trip call Velma Walton at 694-3151.

HOW CAN I JOIN THE RETIREE CLUB?

Upon retirement Local 974 members in good standing are encouraged to register at the Dues Office to become Chapter members. Retirees and their spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend the Retiree Chapter Meetings and activities.

We have a Potluck the third Wednesday of every month – meat, coffee and doughnuts are furnished. A variety of other activities are planned at various times throughout the year.

To assist in financing these activities a \$3.00 per month voluntary membership dues can be established at the Dues Office. The largest portion of the dues dollars goes to the International Retired Workers Advisory Council which is concerned with retired-workers programs and policies and other matters that affect the welfare of retired workers.

Contact Retirees' Officers at 309/694-3151

Velma Walton, President • James W. Tabor, First Vice President • (Open), Second Vice President
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Thursday, October 12th


8:00 am - 11:00am @
Peoria Area Electrical JATC
4313 S. Entec Dr., Bartonville IL 61607

*Everything You Need to Know about
Your Physical Health*

GET A FREE HEALTH CHECK-UP:

Some of the services will include blood testing (must fast), flu shots (free you must have insurance cards). There will be many agencies plus other services.

Refreshments will be provided.



Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Risks to Peoria County Residents

Look at this:

- A CO2 pipeline ruptured a mile from rural Sartartia, Mississippi, and the gas traveled.
- 200 people were evacuated, 45 sent to hospital including first responders.
- The rupture created a 40 ft. deep crater in the ground, spreading dry ice.
- A CO2 pipeline rupture can have a cloud of carbon dioxide, which displaces oxygen.
- CO2 does not have enough oxygen to breathe.
- High levels can result in convulsions or death within minutes of lasting health issues.
- Gas and diesel vehicles will not run if there is not enough oxygen.
- U.S. CO2 pipeline regulations are being reviewed since the Sartartia incident.
- Updates to regulations are not expected until late in 2024.

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**CO₂
Pipelines**

noillinoisco2pipelines.org

Carbon Pipeline Rupture



Carbon Dioxide Pipeline Rupture, 40 ft. crater, dry

Support the Moratorium on CO 2 Pipelines!

Sign a Petition Card! Phone City Council & Governor!

Central Illinois Healthy Community Alliance, Peoria, with Heart of IL Sierra.

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