



LOCAL 974 NEWS

REPRESENTING WORKERS AT – CATERPILLAR, TAZEWELL MACHINE, CITY OF DELAVAN, MASON CITY
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Famous Quotes of Solidarity



Labor is not fighting for a larger slice of the national pie - labor is fighting for a larger pie.

Walter Reuther - UAW President 1946-1970

Every advance in this half-century-Social Security, civil rights, Medicare, aid to education, one after another-came with the support and leadership of American Labor.

Jimmy Carter

By outlawing Solidarity, a free trade organization to which an overwhelming majority of Polish workers and farmers belong, they have made it clear that they never had intention of restoring one of the most elemental human rights- the right to belong to a free trade union.

Ronald Reagan

The only effective answer to Organized Greed is Organized Labor.

Thomas Donahue

"I consider it important, indeed urgently necessary for intellectual workers to get together, both to protect their own economic status and also, generally speaking, to secure their influence in the political field."

Albert Einstein

There is no power in the world that can stop the forward march of free men and women when they are joined in solidarity of human brotherhood.

Walter Reuther



If I went to work in a factory the first thing I'd do is join a union.

Franklin Roosevelt

Solidarity Forever!

For the Union Makes Us Strong.

Ralph Chaplin

The history of the labor movement needs to be taught in every school in this land. America is a living testimonial of what free men and women, organized in free democratic trade unions can do to make a better life. We ought to be proud of it!

Hubert H. Humphrey

Only a fool would try to deprive working men and working women of their right to join the union of their choice.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

One thing that corporations do not do is give our money out of the goodness of their hearts.

Molly Ivins

In our glorious fight for civil rights, we must guard against being fooled by false slogans, such as 'right-to-work.' It provides no 'rights' and no 'works'. Its purpose is to destroy labor unions and the freedom of collective bargaining... We demand this fraud be stopped.

Martin Luther King

Our labor unions are not narrow self-seeking groups. They have raised wages, shortened hours, and provided supplemental benefits. Through collective bargaining and grievance procedures, they have brought justice and democracy to the shop floor.

John F. Kennedy

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RANDY DIEHL, President _____

Greetings Brothers & Sisters,



As of September 1st, we have 11 teams registered for the October 2nd Golf Outing. I hope we get several more. The scholarship fund is suffering a little due to canceling last years events but the local awarded fifteen (15) \$500.00 scholarships to our members children and grandchildren on September 12th at the General Council meeting.

We sent 18 stewards to Ottawa for training in July and all committeemen will be attending training in Ottawa in January. We need our union representatives well trained to deal with issues in the shop!

Local 974 will again host the October 12th thru 14th Joint Safety Conference. We will have Safety Chairmen from all of our business units along with chairman from our UAW/Caterpillar locals in Decatur, Pontiac and York, PA.

Stay safe and In Solidarity,

Randy Diehl



"UNION MEETINGS"

Oct. 10th & Nov. 14th

Executive Board Meeting – 12:00 P.M.

General Council Meeting – 1:00 P.M.

Oct. 21st & Nov. 18th

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

Oct. 28th & Nov. (Cancelled)

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

Russell Harvey Charlson, If you knew or worked with Russell Harvey Charlson at any time at Caterpillar from 1958-1975 please contact Ron Moore, 314-391-6354 or email, parkmadisonllc@gmail.com. Your response is of great importance to his family.

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Andrea Cantrall

INSURANCE & BENEFITS REPORT

JOHN ARNOLD _____

Hello everyone! Fall has started and football season is upon us. This is my favorite time of year when the temperature starts dropping and the leaves start to change. I hope everyone is being safe out there. I'm writing this article the first week of September and I hope by the time you are reading this that everything has remained opened, and nothing has been cancelled.

I wrote in my last article that I probably would not have the premiums for 2022 and unfortunately, I was correct. The next newsletter won't come out until December for me to include next years premiums. So please look on our website periodically to see if I have posted them once this newsletter hits your mailboxes. Maybe by mid-October is when I would start checking the website. Our website is www.uawlocal974.org and look under the Benefits tab.

I am expecting the premiums to go up again next year. With that said, I want to show the retirees that are on Medicare how I look at your premiums. Using this year's premium of \$234.56 for a single person I'll show you that you're actually paying less than that. It all starts with you signing up for Medicare reimbursement through the Cat Benefits Center. Once you get signed up you will be getting a reimbursement of \$99.50 per month. That reimbursement is paid out every January and July in your pension checks. Those two months you will get an extra \$597.00 added onto your monthly pension check.

Now even though the program is called "Medicare Reimbursement" I wouldn't look at it that way. You HAVE to be on Medicare since you are 65 or older so you are going to have to pay that premium out of your Social Security check no matter what. If I were in your shoes and getting this reimbursement, I would apply it to the Caterpillar premium you're paying. Doing this would make your Caterpillar premium actually \$135.06 per month for this year. (Ex. $\$234.56 - \$99.50 = \$135.06$) or \$270.12 per month for a married couple instead of \$469.12. You can't find a supplemental plan to Medicare that covers medical, prescription, dental and vision for \$135.00 per month on the open market. Obviously that \$135.00 will change depending on what the 2022 premium is going to be.

With the next newsletter coming out in December I want to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

As always if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to give my office a call. I will do my best to get you the answers you seek.

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.**



Congratulations on your retirement. If you have recently retired from Caterpillar, please don't forget to come by the UAW Hall and pick up your Retiree hat, pin and membership card.



FINANCIAL SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

JUDY POULSEN

FINANCIAL REPORT OCTOBER 2021

JULY 2021		AUGUST 2021	
Income	173,254.08	Income	190,213.49
Expenditures	170,820.71	Expenditures	218,811.32
Excess of Expense over Income	2,433.37	Excess of Expense over Income	(28,597.83)
Regular Dues received on:	2,655	Regular Dues received on:	2,722
Bonus Dues received on:	1	Bonus dues received on:	1,754
Initiation Fees received on:	69	Initiation Fees received on:	97
PER CAPITA TAXES:		PER CAPITA TAXES:	
International Union UAW	87,046.68	International Union UAW	88,800.28
CAP Council	5,122.43	CAP Council	4,754.49
CAT Council	3,516.21	CAT Council	3,531.37
Retirees Dues PCT	151.45	Retirees Dues PCT	95.55
Labor Council of West Central IL	184.00	Labor Council of West Central IL	184.00
Ag Imp Council	104.36	Ag Imp Council	104.88
IPS Council Pooled Arb Fund	5.00	IPS Council Pooled Arb Fund	5.75
TOTAL:	96,130.13	TOTAL:	97,476.32

Bard Optical

For All UAW 974 Members

Union Discounts ~ Bill Your Insurance Directly

Our Vision Benefits at Bard Optical

VSP Choice Plan (former Executive Plan)		VSP Access Indemnity Plan (former Union \$150 Allowance Plan - Benefits every 2 years)	
SERVICE	COST	EXAM/FRAMES:	Members Retail
Comprehensive Eye Health Exam	\$20.00 Co Pay (per year)	Comprehensive Eye Health Exam	\$40.00 \$59.00
Contact Lens Exam	\$60.00 Co-Pay (per year)	Frame	\$34.00 up to \$79.00
Frame Benefit	\$160.00 allowance (per 2 yrs)	Designer Frames	30% OFF RETAIL FULL RETAIL
Contact Lenses	\$140.00 allowance (per year) instead of glasses	LENSES:	
Lenses	\$20.00 Co-Pay for standard lenses (once per year)	Single Vision	\$40.00 \$60.00
Additional 25% discount on frames over \$160.00 and lens add-ons!		Line Bifocal	\$65.00 \$90.00
<small>\$20 Co-Pay for "medically necessary" contact lenses (designated by a doctor in cases where a patient's vision cannot be corrected through the use of glasses)</small>		Line Trifocal	\$85.00 \$190.00
		PROGRESSIVE LENSES:	
		Basic	\$110.00 \$190.00
		Premium	\$170.00 \$240.00
		Additional 25% discount on other progressives and lens add-ons!	

VSP Insurance covers routine optometric visits only. Medical visits are covered under the member's health insurance and/or Medicare.

Bard Optical is a medically modeled practice which allows its doctors to diagnose, treat and follow eye diseases with extended testing equipment other practices simply do not offer. This allows members to avoid unnecessary referrals. Also, every member, retiree or family member who purchases a complete pair of glasses will receive a FREE pair of single vision prescription sunglasses!

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Call Bard Optical or go to bardoptical.com to schedule an appointment and verify your eligibility.

Peoria		Pekin	309.353.9313	
Metro Centre	309.692.8222	Washington	309.444.2277	Our other 12 offices may be near kids in college.
Campustown	309.672.2273	East Peoria	309.694.2273	
Knoxville	309.713.3664	Canton	309.647.0366	
Grand Prairie	309.691.1320	Galesburg	309.343.7799	

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Regina Spears Memorial

Steak Fry

October 13, 2021

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

at

*Jimmy's Bar & Grill
2801 W. Farmington Road
West Peoria, IL 61604*

\$25.00 per person

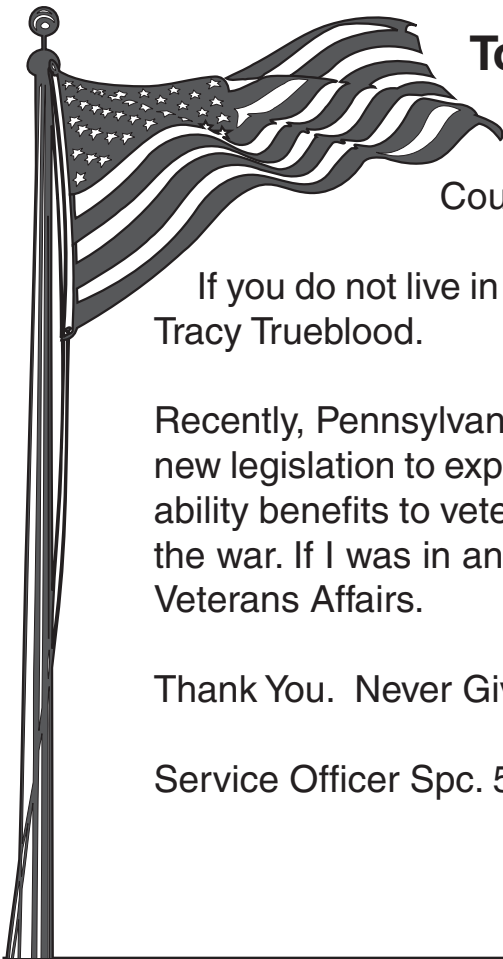
*Dinner includes:
Steak, Baked Potato, Salad & Beverage*

Dinner tickets available at the door.

Raffle drawing at 6:00 p.m.

Proceeds go to the Peoria County Democrat Central Committee.

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To All Veterans in Peoria County:

For HELP call 309-681-2554, the number for the Peoria County Veterans Assistance Commission.

If you do not live in Peoria County, call Veterans Affairs 309-671-3179 ask for Tracy Trueblood.

Recently, Pennsylvania Reps. Matt Cartwright and Brian Fitzpatrick introduced new legislation to expand the presumption of exposure to Agent Orange for disability benefits to veterans who served in Thailand, Laos and Cambodia during the war. If I was in any of these areas, I would get with Veterans Assistance or Veterans Affairs.

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23rd ANNUAL 9-PIN NO TAP TEAM TOURNAMENT

Sponsored by: Local 974 Heather Henninger Scholarship Committee

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022

**SUNSET LANES
3000 Court St.
Pekin, IL 61554**



5 person teams consisting of **ANY COMBINATION** (Male & Female Bowlers).



There will be One (1) squad at 1:00 p.m.



Teams should check in one-half hour before their squad starts.



The number of teams that qualify for the Tournament based on a 3 game series will be 1 of 7 entries based on qualifying scores.



The teams in the Tournament will be seeded after the scores are turned in and the qualifying Round will begin immediately following.



Squads will be filled on a *First Paid/First Served Basis*.



Cost: \$100.00 for 5 person team.

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Pekin, IL 61554**

--- Cut along the Line ---

9-Pin No Tap Team Tournament Entry Form

Team Name: _____

Bowler 1: _____ **Bowler 2:** _____

Bowler 3: _____ **Bowler 4:** _____

Bowler 5: _____

Phone Number: _____ **Email:** _____

Entry fee: \$100.00 for 5 person team

Please make all checks payable to: UAW Local 974

Return completed entry form and entry fee to:

UAW Local 974
3025 Springfield Road
East Peoria, IL 61611

For more information call: Matt Diebel (309) 712-3743 or Randy Diehl (309) 251-3377

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**THURSDAY, OCT. 7, 2021
8:00AM -11:00AM**

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HEATHER HENNINGER SCHOLARSHIP FUND \$500 SCHOLARSHIP DRAWING WINNERS 2021

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021



Winner	College Attending	974 Family Member
Josie Brown	<i>Sophomore</i> , Florida Southern College	Granddaughter of George Witherbee
Caetlin Chilton	<i>Senior</i> , Illinois State University	Granddaughter of Richard Taylor
Anna Elizabeth Conn	<i>Freshman</i> , Missouri State University	Daughter of Brent L. Conn
Vanessa N. Jackson	<i>Sophomore</i> , Illinois Central College/Methodist	Granddaughter of Paul Jackson
Briaunna Ann Marie Tanksley	<i>Freshman</i> , Eureka College	Granddaughter of Joe P Greer
Darah Taylor	<i>Sophomore</i> , Missouri Baptist University	Granddaughter of Karl Taylor
Rebecca Thrasher	<i>Senior</i> , Drake University	Granddaughter of Robert Stanton
Quest Dobbelaire	<i>Senior</i> , Bradley University	Grandson of Donald D. Dobbelaire
Zane Dobbelaire	<i>Freshman</i> , Illinois Central College	Grandson of Donald D. Dobbelaire
Francisco Gomez	<i>Freshman</i> , Illinois Central College	Grandson of Shirley Harris
Anders Lindgren	<i>Senior</i> , Aurora University	Grandson of Jerry L. Tibbs
Justus Meints	<i>Freshman</i> , Lincoln Land Community College	Grandson of Daniel Phillips
Charles Neville	<i>Sophomore</i> , Bradley University	Grandson of Larry Hobbs
Conner Rush	<i>Junior</i> , Illinois State University	Grandson of Robert Stanton
WINNER OF THE \$500 THOMAS KLEIN SCHOLARSHIP		
MaKayla Biggs	<i>Sophomore</i> , Southern IL University Edwardsville	Daughter of Carl Biggs



OCTOBER 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2ND	UAW GOLF OUTING – 9:00 AM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH	EXECUTIVE BOARD MTNG – 12:00 PM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10TH	GENERAL COUNCIL MTNG – 1:00 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21ST	SAFETY MTNGS – 8:00 AM; 12:00 PM; 4:00 PM
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28TH	STEWARD MTNGS – 8:00 AM; 1:00 PM; 3:00 PM; 4:00 PM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31ST	HALLOWEEN

**HAPPY
HALLOWEEN**

NOVEMBER 2021 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, NOV. 1ST	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – (DECEMBER PAPER)
SUNDAY, NOV. 14TH	EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG – 12:00 PM
SUNDAY, NOV. 14TH	GENERAL COUNCIL MTG – 1:00 PM
THURSDAY, NOV. 18TH	SAFETY MTGS – 8:00 AM; 12:00 PM; 4:00 PM
THURSDAY, NOV. 25TH	THANKSGIVING – (UNION HALL CLOSED)
FRIDAY, NOV. 26TH	DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING – (UNION HALL CLOSED)



ASK THE EXPERT

Hello again to all UAW members I hope everyone is doing their part in staying Healthy and safe during the surge in Covid-19 cases. It seems like this nightmare will never end.

So here is a question for you. If you were asked whether you would let a loved one perform the jobs we currently do, with the same equipment, following the same processes, what would you do? Do you feel that when you perform your job, you are exposed to job place hazards? If you are, then would you be comfortable with a loved one being exposed to the same hazard? If not, why is it good enough for you?

If you know it is there, why don't you ask your Supervisor to have it corrected? You are required to do so under the provisions of 8.3 of the Health and Safety Language, "An employee who believes that a condition has developed which presents a significant threat to his health or safety shall promptly notify his/her Supervisor of such conditions.(not a teamlead)". The union's best instrument for improving your health and safety is you! Don't get suckered into Caterpillar Rewards program! Its main focus is to reward individuals for bad behavior by working out of process and unsafe. If you have to work around or walk over trip hazards, tell your boss, and if he/she doesn't address it to your satisfaction, file a complaint. Any time your feet leave the floor, especially if you're four feet or more above the floor and you can't maintain three points of contact, you are at risk of fall. If your coolant is bad or if you have to breathe air that you can see, your boss needs to know. If you're required to lift something that is over your facility maximum or any lift that causes pain, report it.

Do you know that you are responsible for every word of every Safe Job Procedure, Standard Work, CPS or CLMS class you are required to take or have taken? Do you really take time to read the information? When the time of year comes around and management is pressuring UAW members to do their required learning, are you reading through the material or just filling the answers in that you saved from the year before? I actually witnessed two individuals calling for management to help them correct their cheat sheet and management was more than helpful because they don't care if you know the information. They just want to make sure they are hitting all their metrics to ensure they get a nice big bonus. In the event something happens, you'll be sure to see any and all of these documents, plus some that you've forgotten about. Believe me, they will be used as evidence of your "wrongdoing" in a disciplinary action.

Your UAW Health and Safety Representatives are there to help members address safety concerns when management is not taking member's hazard concerns serious. If your supervisor is not taking action, call for your UAW Safety Representative and file a complaint. C.I. cards are there to slow the process up to 30 days or longer. You are the expert on your job. Give your boss a chance to address your health and safety issues, but don't settle for anything but being satisfied with the resolution. Always remember why you go to work each day and those who depend on you.

Remember, you are the expert on your job!

Loren Meyers
Plantwide Safety Chairmain



Remembering Our Brothers and Sisters

July

Thomas F. Turner	R	07/02/21
Delmar E. Clark Sr.	R	07/06/21
Archie T. Green Sr.	R	07/08/21
Haley F. Stoner Jr.	R	07/09/21
Richard C. Hardy	R	07/13/21
Horace C. Mead III	R	07/13/21
Dale G. Montgomery	R	07/14/21
Joseph C. Ford	R	07/18/21
Robert S. Bennett	R	07/19/21
Arthur M. Scott Jr.	R	07/19/21
David O. Putnam	R	07/20/21
John Todd	A	07/22/21
Donald B. Cole	R	07/29/21
Della V. Gillespie	R	07/29/21
Philip E. Pikington	R	07/29/21
Ronald A. DeWitt	R	07/29/21
Charles L. Meischner	R	07/30/21
Glen R. Rupert	R	07/31/21

August

Lawrence D. Nehmelman	R	08/10/21
James L. Terry	R	08/10/21
James R. Baer	R	08/11/21
William Harston	R	08/11/21
L. E. Minor	R	08/11/21
Mark C. Pemberton	R	08/13/21
Roy L. Harrison	R	08/16/21
Patrick M. Reel	R	08/16/21
Gerald L. Mankle	R	08/20/21
Vern E. Goodell	R	08/21/21
Michael J. West	R	08/22/21
Phillip D. Smothers	R	08/23/21
Billy F. Taylor	R	08/23/21
Melvin Littlejohn Jr.	R	08/24/21
Michael L. Mallicoat	R	08/25/21
William A. Noack	R	08/28/21
Randall C. Newberry	R	08/30/21

*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.





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RETIREES CHAPTER UAW LOCAL 974

ALL POTLUCKS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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



Tuesday, October 26th – Isle of Capri

Tuesday, November 23rd – Catfish Bend

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

Jane R. Evans, President • Velma Walton, First Vice President • James W. Tabor, Second Vice President

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BARGAINING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

BOBBY KOLLER _____

Greetings Brother and Sisters,

I hope everyone is doing well and had a great Labor Day with family and friends. The Bargaining Chairman's office remains very busy with calls, more so with a lot of new members. Caterpillar is continuing to hire in all of our business units. Please take the time to welcome new members that enter your areas.

Just to touch on some COVID-19 issues there have been a lot of calls with concerns that the company is not extending benefits with the uptick in new positive cases and quarantines. Rest assure it's not due to the Local and International not trying to get those benefits reinstated. If you find yourself in a situation where the company does not let you work due to COVID-19, please call me as soon as possible to discuss options.

To follow up on the arbitration that took place on April 8, 2021, pertaining to an overtime grievance out of Mapleton, that grievance was denied. I have to say that I'm not sure what the arbitrator was ruling on, but he was nowhere close to the issue at hand. Specifically quoting verbiage from what he said was in the transcripts that did not exist. That arbitrator has been fired and will be replaced with one that is hopefully capable of ruling on the issues in hand.

There are currently 7 issue and 7 just cause grievances on the docket.

The next General Council meeting will be October 10, 2021, and the next Steward meeting will be October 28th. I hope to see everyone there.

Please don't hesitate to call me at the Union Hall with any questions or concerns at (309) 694-3151.

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In Solidarity,

Bobby Koller
Bargaining Chairman



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MON. - FRI. 9:00A.M. - 5:00P.M. & SAT. 9:00A.M. - 12:00 NOON

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OFFICE HOURS FOR:**UAW
AMALGAMATED
LOCAL 974**3025 SPRINGFIELD ROAD
EAST PEORIA, IL 61611**MONDAY
THROUGH
FRIDAY****7:30 A.M.
TO
4:30 P.M.***(Closed Holidays)***SPORTING GOODS**New woman's 26" bicycle
\$115 / Men's 26" 10 speed
bicycle \$75 309-224-9867**HOUSEHOLD GOODS**Brand new Whirlpool smooth
top electric range. Stainless
knobs and handles, black
programable convection
oven. 309-333-3110**MISCELLANEOUS**Etagere: 3 shelves \$28
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