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LOCAL 974 NEWS



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Summer Summer 9-Pin No Tap Bowling Tournament

Sponsored by: Local 974 Heather Henninger Scholarship Committee

Saturday, June 11, 2022

SUNSET LANES 3000 Court St. Pekin, IL 61554

Ŏ	5 person teams consisting of ANY COMBINATION (Male & Female Bowlers).
ŏ	There will be One (1) squad at 1:00 p.m.
ŏ	Teams should check in one-half hour before their squad starts.
Ŏ	The number of teams that qualify for the Step Ladder Tournament based on a 3 game series will be 1 of 7 entries based on qualifying scores.
Ŏ	The teams in the Step Ladder will be seeded after the scores are turned in and the qualifying Step Ladder will begin immediately following.
Ö	Squads will be filled on a First Paid/First Served Basis.
Ö	Cost: \$100.00 for 5 person team.
	FOOD & DRINK SPECIALS

50/50'S DOOR PRIZES

To Enter:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RANDY DIEHL, President —————

Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

I am writing this on March 1, 2022, which means we are one (1) year from either a new contract or potentially being on strike if we can't reach an acceptable agreement with Caterpillar. If we choose to go on strike, the strike pay is \$275.00 per week and the UAW will pay your insurance premiums. Obviously, that isn't enough money to live on, so please try to save money now if at all possible.

Caterpillar is still hiring a lot of new people, but a high percentage are not making it through supplemental status or their probational period, due to them quitting or Caterpillar separating them.

We will have our Heather Henninger Bowling Tournament at Sunset Lanes in Pekin on June 11th, so call over and get registered ASAP. We have filled all lanes in the past and had to turn members away. All profits from this will go into our scholarship fund to fund scholarships to our members children and grandchildren.

In closing, I just heard that we are finally mask free in Caterpillar. I certainly hope that we never have to wear them again.

In Solidarity, Randy Diehl



"UNION MEETINGS"

Apr. 10th & May. 8th (May Cancelled)

Executive Board Meeting - 12:00 P.M.

General Council Meeting – 1:00 P.M.

Apr. 21st & May. 19th

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

Apr. 28th & May. 26th

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 - APRIL 2022

JOHN ARNOLD	
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Spring has finally arrived. Winter as a whole wasn't that bad this year except for the month of February. I hope that by the time you are reading this we haven't had anymore winter storms.

Leading up to the enrollment period last year many people got letters from Springfield Clinic stating they would no longer be in the Blue Cross Blue Shield network. Usually, those contract disputes get resolved and nothing changes. But as of March 1st, according to the Blue Cross Blue Shield agent I talked to Springfield Clinic is still not in the network. As far as I know they are not in the United Healthcare network either. So, for those that received a letter last year from your doctor about this dispute it has not been resolved yet.

If anything changes, I will let you know. In the meantime, be safe.

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.

UAW LOCAL 974

SUMMER 9-PIN NO TAP BOWLING TOURNAMENT SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022

	Cut along the Line
Summer 9-Pin	No Tap Team Tournament
	Entry Form
Team Name:	7
Bowler 1:	Bowler 2:
Bowler 3:	Bowler 4:
Bowler 5:	
Phone Number:	Email:
Entry fee: \$100.00 for 5 pers	on team
Please make all checks payab	le to: UAW Local 974
Return completed entry form	and entry fee to:
IIAW Local 974	

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



3025 Springfield Road East Peoria, IL 61611

FINANCIAL SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT

JUDY POULSEN----

FINANCIAL REPORT APRIL 2022

JANUARY 2022		FEBRUARY 2022		
Income	204,783.04	Income	233,434.67	
Expenditures	<u>178,775.04</u>	Expenditures	206,234.17	
Excess of Income over Expense	26,008.00	Excess of Income over Expense	27,200.50	
Regular Dues received on:	3,049	Regular Dues received on:	3,147	
Bonus Dues received on:		Bonus Dues received on:	3,078	
Initiation Fees received on:	100	Initiation Fees received on:	99	
PER CAPITA TAXES:		PER CAPITA TAXES:		
International Union UAW	101,126.65	International Union UAW	126,074.77	
CAP Council	5,413.21	CAP Council	5,609.33	
CAT Council	4,030.02	CAT Council	4,899.39	
Retirees Dues PCT	174.20	Retirees Dues PCT	173.55	
Labor Council of West Central IL	184.00	Labor Council of West Central IL	184.00	
Ag Imp Council	116.20	Ag Imp Council	120.32	
IPS Council Pooled Arb Fund	5.00	IPS Council Pooled Arb Fund	6.96	
Region 4 Competitive Shop IPS Council	50.00	TOTAL:	137,068.32	
TOTAL:	111,099.28			

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VSP Access Indemnity Plan						
(former Union \$150 Allowance Plan - Benefits every 2 years)						
EXAM/FRAMES:	Members	Retail				
Comprehensive Eye Health Exam	\$40.00	\$59.00				
Frame	\$34.00	up to \$79.00				
Designer Frames	30% OFF RETAIL	FULL RETAIL				
LENSES:						
Single Vision	\$40.00	\$60.00				
Line Bifocal	\$65.00	\$90.00				
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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UAW AMALGAMATED LOCAL 974 ELECTION NOTICE



38TH CONSTITUTION CONVENTION DELEGATES

Nominations will open MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022 at 8:00 a.m. and close FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. with drawing for position on the ballot on SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. for the:

CONSTITUTION CONVENTION DELEGATES (5) CONSTITUTION CONVENTION ALTERNATE DELEGATES (5)

All nomination forms must be notarized unless personally handed to an Election Committee Officer. Printed names on the form should reflect how the candidates wish their names to appear on the ballot.

Last withdrawal date will be WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Nominations and withdrawals will be accepted during Local 974 normal business hours ONLY.

ELECTION WILL BE HELD:

TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 2022 FROM 6:00 AM TO 7:00 PM

Election will be held at Amalgamated Local 974 UAW Union Hall, 3025 Springfield Road, East Peoria IL 61611

BILL SMITH, CO-CHAIRMAN ELECTION COMMITTEE UAW LOCAL 974

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UPDATE: 4/1/2022 DOWNDATE: 6/22/2022



APRIL 2022 – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH EXECUTIVE BOARD MTNG – 12:00 PM SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH GENERAL COUNCIL MTNG – 1:00 PM FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH GOOD FRIDAY (UNION HALL CLOSED)

SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH EASTER

THURSDAY, APRIL 21ST SAFETY MTNGS – 8:00 AM; 12:00 PM; 4:00 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 26TH ISLE OF CAPRI BUS TRIP – 8:00 AM

THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH STEWARD MTNGS – 8:00 AM; 1:00 PM; 3:00 PM; 4:00 PM

MAY 2022 - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, MAY 2ND NEWSLETTER DEADLINE – JUNE PAPER

SUNDAY, MAY 8TH MOTHER'S DAY (ALL MEETINGS CANCELLED)

THURSDAY, MAY 19TH SAFETY MTNGS – 8:00 AM; 12:00 PM; 4:00 PM

TUESDAY, MAY 24TH CATFISH BEND BUS TRIP – 8:00 AM

THURSDAY, MAY 26TH STEWARD MTNGS – 8:00 AM; 1:00 PM; 3:00 PM; 4:00 PM

MONDAY, MAY 30TH MEMORIAL DAY (UNION HALL CLOSED)







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VETERAN SUICIDE

Since 2010, more than 65,000 United States Veterans have died by their own hands... 65,000

That's more than the total number of Combat deaths during Vietnam, and the Iraq & Afghanistan Operations combined.

My heart aches with the thought of a U.S. Veteran sitting alone and feeling so lost and forlorn that he or she would even consider ending this life's journey.

We owe these veterans and their families a better response in addressing this crisis.

Suicide is a very complex and preventable problem.

Last year the House of Representatives passed H.R. 2441- Sgt. Ketchum Rural Veterans Mental Health Act. This bill is now law, and requires the V.A. (this year) to establish and maintain three new centers in areas with interest from personnel and a need for additional mental health care for rural veterans.

Last November the White House announced a series of priority goals that I believe will really help in the prevention of veteran suicide. Even more important this action brings much needed added attention to the crisis at the highest levels of our government.

Currently there is a bipartisan bill in the Senate (S. 3293) that will fill important programming gaps in mental health services for veterans who are at high risk of suicidal behavior and have mental health conditions.

Senate Bill S. 3293 is also supported by the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). The DAV supports S. 3293 in accordance with DAV Resolutions Nos. 026, 106, and 118.

You too...can and should help, contact your senators to ask them to support Senate Bill 3293.

Jerome Brown

U.S. Army 1966-68

Firm Brown

Life member DAV

Member UAW Local 974 Veterans Committee



Remembering Our Brothers and Sisters

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January			February			
Clarence T. Sutherland	R	01/01/22	Dorwin W. Hedden R	02/03/22		
Richard L. Humphrey	R	01/01/22	Sidney M. Graffis R	02/03/22		
Franklin L. Hess	R	01/03/22	William F. Norton R	02/04/22		
Edward W. Davies	R	01/04/22	Thomas J. Bastean R	02/05/22		
Donald E. Myers Sr.	A	01/05/22	Gary T. Sevier R	02/07/22		
Ronald L. Dothager	R	01/10/22	Sammie L. Ervin R	02/08/22		
David A. Gale	R	01/11/22	Walter L. Egan Sr. R	02/12/22		
Steven D. Ford	R	01/12/22	Louis A. Courtouise R	02/14/22		
Phillip J. Andrews	R	01/12/22	Howard M. Parker R	02/16/22		
Ryan C. Lindsay	R	01/12/22	William M. Baker R	02/16/22		
Gerald L. Guengerich	R	01/13/22	Harold D. Dwyer R	02/18/22		
Larry L. Moritz	R	01/14/22	George L. Knollenberg R	02/19/22		
Robert D. Gibson	R	01/15/22	Damon P. Rearden R	02/19/22		
Randal R. Hon	R	01/15/22	Jeffrey C. Ribak R	02/22/22		
James E. Tallyn	R	01/17/22	Cecile E. Amerson R	02/23/22		
Hiram L. Vanderheiden	R	01/18/22	Larry E. Shideman R	02/23/22		
Terry M. Owsley	R	01/19/22	Walter W. Wilson R	02/26/22		
Vernon D. Landis	R	01/20/22	William A. Brewer R	02/28/22		
Robert H. Rahn	R	01/21/22				
James L. Kashock	R	01/24/22				
Mary L. Smith	R	01/24/22				
Howard H. Hendricks	R	01/25/22	2 C			
Harold L. Middleton	R	01/25/22				
Henry L. Long	R	01/26/22	(Dononon W. M.			
David H. Eisele	R	01/26/22				
Bille D. Sours	R	01/26/22		,		
Dennis D. Murdy	R	01/28/22	(Comember	red.		
Eugene R. Cottingham	R	01/28/22	Tovever Life Remember	-000		
Thomas C. Duncan	R	01/29/22				

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.



Tuesday, April 26 – Isle of Capri Casino
Tuesday, May24 – Catfish Bend Casino
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 Pam Newman, Recording Secretary • Gary E. Hall, Sergeant-At-Arms • Thomas J. Bencher, Financial Secretary Raymond "Dale" Cassel, Guide • David Blumenstock, Trustee • Steven C. Adams, Trustee • Garry Rendleman, Trustee

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BARGAINING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT APRIL 2022

BOBBY KOLLER —————

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

As I write this report on March 3, 2022, Caterpillar has announced that they will follow the CDC guidelines by lifting the mask mandate. I'm sure that almost everyone is happy to be moving back to a normal life after 2 years.

We currently have two (2) grievances and one (1) just cause on the docket. It appears that the company has been laxed on discipline for the last couple of months. Except for attendance and more serious infractions like workplace violence etc. This is probably due to having a tough time in the hiring process. When things slow down, I'm sure this will change.

The week of May 9, 2022, all of the Committeemen will go to Ottawa, IL to our Region 4 facility for Committeeman and Bargaining Training. On June 27, 2022, we will also be sending 25 Union Stewards to Ottawa for basic Union Steward Training (Summer School).

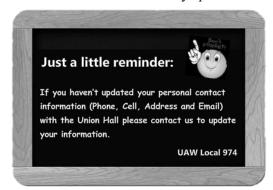
One year from now we will be voting on a new contract, I suggest everyone come up with a backup plan that suits your situation. Hope for the best and plan for the worst.

With Easter right around the corner, I want to wish you and your family a Happy Easter.

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

In Solidarity,

Bobby Koller Bargaining Chairman



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NAME:	BADGE #				
NEW ADDRESS:					
Phone (Home)	_ Cell:				
Email:					
Please check: Active Retired Disability -	Laid off (date)				
Please check: Supplemental Competitive Wag					

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LIMIT 16 WORDS PER AD - ONE (1) AD PER ISSUE - DEADLINE: 1ST OF THE MONTH

Ads should be submitted to UAW Local 974,

3025 Springfield Road, East Peoria, IL 61611-4801. No ads will be accepted on the telephone.

Ads will be accepted ONLY when they are submitted on this form.

Name						je No		
Address		_ City _						
Phone Number with Area Code ()								
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