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LOCAL 652

Ben Frantz,
President



Season's greetings, brothers and sisters. As we close out the year, I wanted to write to all of you about how grateful I am to be part of this Union family. This year in review has been one of unprecedented challenges for UAW Local 652; that said, I am still grateful to be part of this labor family. One of the biggest challenges we faced this year was losing the full use of our valued Vice President, Lena Wyeth. Lena has been an invaluable asset not only to me but to this entire membership, and losing her capacity early in 2025 has been felt by this President for sure. Coupled with Lena's return to material handling, we faced the retirement of our longtime maintenance and front desk man, Jeff. Though we saw his retirement coming, we understood replacing him was not an option. Not only because you can't replace that kind of institutional knowledge, but also because we have been planning the extreme downsizing of our membership while we remodel our Lansing

Grand River assembly plant. Since we learned of our \$1.25 billion investment from the 2023 UAW/GM National Agreement, we have been planning how to manage the loss of income and keep the Union Hall open and available to the membership. Brother Matt Schneider and I, as the only two full-functioning officers, have understood from the start that the many tasks assigned and completed by those who have returned to the plant and departed would fall to our shoulders during this transition period. Planning to pick up that burden and actually doing all that work are two entirely different things. For the past six months, Matt has been excellent at learning all his new tasks and keeping this Local on track far better than I ever expected. Matt is a true asset to this membership, and I could not fathom another person taking on all the added tasks he has and not being even a bit more sour about it. For those who don't know Matt, your Financial Secretary here at Local 652, he came out of the box as a snarky little pessimist, but as a worker, second to none, and this Local is all the better for having him. As you have read, there has been a lot happening around the Local this year, and I can assure you, this is only scratching the surface of all the activity. Doing all the routine maintenance, lawn care, cleaning, and all of the other small things that went unnoticed for so many years, on top of the jobs we have been elected to do, has not turned me sour either, though difficult, understanding it is necessary to set this Local up for success, only contributes to my grateful heart. I am thankful to have the team we have, I am thankful to have the Local we have, and most of all, I am grateful to be able to contribute in any small way, seen and unseen, to the bright and exciting future of UAW Local 652. I see 2026 pre-

senting this Local with many more steep challenges that will demand even more from us, but I will leave that to next year. For now, I want to wish you all the happiness this time of year brings and peace to those who face challenges during the holidays. I would like to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ben

LOCAL 2256

Amy Castanon,
President



As 2025 winds down to a close, I look back with pride in seeing and appreciating the hard work and dedication of our rank and file. The Union Movement is alive and well, in capable hands with a great outlook towards the future.

I am particularly proud of our active standing committees here at Local 2256. They serve tirelessly to benefit our membership and the Greater Lansing community. Without my prompting, these committees are working together with each other as well as with their UAW counterparts throughout the region.

Special thanks go out to our Community Services Committee for another year of non-stop activities supporting many individuals, families, and basically the general welfare of our community. From Toys For Tots with Local 4911 to the National Letter Carriers Association's Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive to sponsoring deserving families in the SIREN Adopt A Family Program during the holiday season with food, clothing and needed gifts, Co-chairs Bree Whalen and David Allen have worked closely with other UAW Locals, proving there is strength in solidarity.

Our perpetually powerful Civil Rights Committee, chaired by Sonya Bennett and Nicole Bell-Blair, continues to help our community through varied events during this challenging year for so many people. Despite any and all negative messaging regarding DEI and Civil Rights that we see daily in current events, our Civil Rights Committee, through their positive activism continues to shine a righteous light on the UAW's unwavering support for all marginalized groups. I hope that everyone saw on the UAW International Facebook and LinkedIn accounts the photo of both the Civil Rights as well as our Education Committee volunteers standing before the Walter Reuther Labor Library as Sonya and Nicole conducted research for the upcoming 2026 Black History Month Program, proudly sponsored in conjunction with our Lansing area UAW Locals.

2025 also kicked off a renewed commitment to learning the proud history of the UAW, our own Local 2256 milestones, and a reassurance that our Education Committee will continue to help our entire rank and file (both seasoned and new hires) understand the importance of who we are, how far we have come, and through continued solidarity create the most educated unionist workforce in the UAW. Co-chairs Alan Harris and Chavae Tower have created a new and expanding Labor History Library at our Hall, have sponsored with the help of International Regional Representative, Scott Dedic, a well-attended UAW 101 workshop, and are laying the groundwork to transform the walls at our Hall for our Local 2256 history to be told through murals. Special thanks to President Stephanie Riley for allowing us to visit Local 598 to admire and learn from the wonderful Hall murals that honor their history and created the educational space that we hope to emulate.

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The sharing of ideas is alive and well at Local 2256. We appreciate how other Locals and UAW leaders have supported and continue to support the mission of our committees.

Isn't Solidarity wonderful! From our Local to yours, have a great 2026!

Amy

LOCAL 4911

Kim Wheeler,
President



Hello Union Brothers, Sisters, and Siblings!

UAW Local 4911 continues to work diligently at the bargaining table, and both sides remain committed to negotiating the best possible contract for our members. At UMH Sparrow - Lansing, our members are the backbone of the organization—the people who keep it running day in and day out. Despite working with dedication and compassion, our members do not always receive the recognition they deserve. That is why these negotiations matter so deeply. I am honored to serve as President of UAW Local 4911 and to represent our members. We sincerely appreciate the support of our brothers, sisters, and siblings who choose UMH Sparrow - Lansing for their care. Your trust enables us to sup-

port our community every day of the year—delivering the highest quality, compassionate care.

Looking back on 2025, the commitment we showed in our workplace was matched by our commitment to our community. For the third consecutive year, we participated in the BWL Adopt-a-River program, helping keep our River Trail and waterways clean. Our team of volunteers continues to serve dinner once a month at the Lansing City Rescue Mission, and throughout the year we partnered with organizations such as the Greater Lansing Food Bank, Helping Women Period, the Mikey23 Foundation, the Humane Society, Old Newsboys, and Toys for Tots. These efforts reflect who we are as a Local: we all give a little, but together we make a big difference.

As we enter the holiday season—a time for family, friends, and reflection—we also remember those who are no longer with us and hold their memories close. As we look forward to 2026, I am confident in our strength and unity as one UAW family. Thank you for your continued support, dedication, and hard work. It is because of you that our Local remains strong.

In Solidarity,
Kim



Local 2256

UAW Archivist Gavin Strassel, Jenna Catallo, Alan Harris, Sonya Bennett, Nicole Bell-Blair, Sarah Higgins and Chavae Tower

LOCAL 602

Mike Huerta,
President



I hope you are all doing well and have adjusted to wearing extra layers of clothing, be strong and remember, the first day of spring is March 20th!

November brought our annual Veterans Day event to local 602. Veterans Chair Bernadine Ross and her committee did a great job putting the event together. The event had great speakers, good food and our Brother Sam Warren was honored during the event. Congratulation to Sam and thank you for your years of commitment to UAW local 602 and for your service to our country!

The Kids Christmas party was fantastic. Santa stopped by to visit with all the kids and even told them all a Christmas story. The Grinch stopped by and even brought his dog with him! A big thank you to everyone that helped make the event happen, you all made a lot of kids (and parents) very happy!

Retirees Chair Marta Bobillo put on a wonderful Retiree Christmas dinner this year. It was a packed union hall and barely an empty seat. It is so wonderful to see so many of our Brother and Sisters during the holidays. Thank you to Marta and all of the retirees for paving the way for all active and future UAW local 602 members!

Someone once said - "The Joy of brightening other lives, bearing each others' burdens, easing each other's loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of the holidays." Brothers and Sisters of UAW local 602 you outdid yourselves again. This year we raised over \$18,000 during the Toys for tots gate collection. Over 350 bikes and helmets were donated and so many toys that it took two box trucks and two pickup trucks with trailers multiple trips to deliver all the toys. We also took in over \$17,000 for the Old Newsboys gate collection. Our Community Service commit-

tee held a food drive that we were able to deliver to local food pantry's in the area. The Community Service committee also delivered Thanksgiving dinners to family's in need during the holiday. Thank you local 602 for brightening lives in our community and help bear the burdens of those in need. Your generosity has helped restore the magic of the holidays for thousands in our community. Well done!

Here's to a season of love, laughter, and unforgettable memories with your home being filled with the warmth of family and friends this holiday.

In Solidarity,
Mike

LOCAL 652

Lena Wyeth,
Vice President



Hello everyone, I wanted to take a moment to reach out, say hello, and simply remind you that I'm still here as your Vice President. Most days, however, you'll find me in General Assembly on my tucker, doing the same work and facing the same challenges as so many of you active members. I truly miss my time at the hall and the chance to connect with our retirees. But, by me working in the plant full time, I save the hall thousands of dollars each year since GM covers my pay when I work in the plant. Also, it's a reminder of why our union is as strong as it is: because of the people on that floor and because of the retirees who built it. I've learned that sometimes the smallest question can mean the world to the person asking it. I can't tell you how many times I've come close to shutting down the line just to make sure someone gets the support they need. And I never hesitate—your questions, concerns, and moments of uncertainty matter. Taking the time to listen is one of the most important things I can do. What matters most is being present. Standing shoulder-to-shoulder with my union brothers and sisters every single day keeps me grounded. It reminds me of where I came from, and it keeps me connected to

the people I serve. Even as Vice President—second in leadership—I want you to know that I have never forgotten my roots. I am your coworker, your fellow union member, and your equal. Being out there with you is not just part of my job; it's truly an honor.

I wish each of you a warm, joyful, and safe Christmas season. I also want to give a shout out to my Gratiot County retirees and to my daughter's Uncle Bob who has been looking for my articles. Lastly, I want to wish my favorite retiree, my dad, Randy Whitaker, a very happy birthday!

As always, it's an honor to be your VP of UAW Local 652. If you ever need anything, don't hesitate to call on me.

In Solidarity,

Lena

LOCAL 602
Rob Randolph,
Rec. Secretary



I want to take a moment to personally thank the members of UAW Local 602 for building a world-class vehicle that quite literally protected me when it mattered most. Recently, another driver ran a red light, causing me to total my 2023 Traverse. Remarkably, I walked away with only minor neck pain — a testament to the craftsmanship, dedication, and pride that each of you puts into the vehicles you build every single day.

You should all be incredibly proud of the work you do. The quality, safety, and integrity that go into each vehicle built by Local 602 members make a real difference in people's lives — not just for the drivers, but for their families as well. What could have been a devastating situation instead became a powerful reminder of the impact of your skill and commitment to excellence. I also want to extend special thanks to President Mike Huerta for his leadership of our local in 2025, and to Shop Chairman Ryan Eding for his dedication and service this year.

As we close out 2025, I want to

wish all of our members a very happy holiday season. I'm excited to see what Local 602 accomplishes in 2026 and beyond. A heartfelt thank-you also goes out to our Shop Committee Representatives, executive board and Standing Committees for their tireless efforts and leadership that continue to make UAW Local 602 the great local it is today.

In Solidarity,
Rob

LOCAL 652
Matt Schneider,
Fin. Secretary



As I began the brainstorming process for this article, I found myself torn between an upbeat year-end message and multiple article ideas addressing the multitude of headwinds facing organized working-class Americans. Ultimately, I decided on a hybrid approach based on my conundrum: a heartfelt seasonal message and a couple of synopses of potential articles to come.

As this edition of the Labor News is being mailed, most of us will be in the middle of the holiday season. Traditionally, that also means the giving season. This giving spirit is no more evident than in the results of the many acts of kindness and successful charitable fundraisers by our Lansing-area UAW members. Though the full results are currently not in, it's clear that Lansing labor is going to

Lansing Area UAW Locals Wish you a safe and happy Holiday Season

knock it out of the park once again for those in unfortunate situations.

These successful acts of kindness are only possible because of our collective efforts, and this collectiveness leads us to our first headwind. It has become apparent that the current environment of hyper-partisanship and treating government like a team sport has no immediate cure. These ideologies and the process of collectiveness are generally incompatible. No matter your believed affiliation to politics, the data does not lie; the working class is losing ground faster than ever before. We are teetering on the edge of a reborn Gilded Age. Until there is a solution to the aforementioned issue of divisiveness, we must somehow put those differences aside and work collectively to grow union density and diminish the power of the ultrawealthy.

The topics of collectiveness and union density bring us to the UAW elections in the upcoming year. To succeed and create a fairer playing field with corporations and the ultrawealthy, unions must hold power. Unions derive strength from their members. When a high density of union members in the American workforce shares common interests, that is how we will rebuild the middle class. Our union leaders

will need to keep fighting to organize more workers. They must be creative in their efforts to educate members about the importance of collective action over individualism. They will need to put aside internal conflicts and resist temptations arising from the new direct election system. With member support, those leaders will need to continue refining our membership lists. Most importantly, they must emphasize that being a union member is not a fee-for-service arrangement; it's about collective strength made possible by everyone doing their part.

So, as we ready ourselves for the headwinds of the new year, please also take the time to celebrate the successes of 2025 and enjoy the magic of this season. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a Happy New Year!

LOCAL 4911
Charlene Watson,
Fin. Secretary



Greetings UAW Brothers and Sisters,

It is with a sad heart that I write about a piece of American history that has been demolished and lost forever. The East Wing of the White House is now gone. Here is a brief history of what I have always thought of as the "First Lady's House."

In 1902, President Theodore Roosevelt built the East Terrace and used it as a carriage entrance and formal guest entrance. Then, in 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt expanded the structure, enclosing the terrace to create the East Wing, providing space for the growing federal government and the First Lady's staff, as well as the public entrance to the "People's House," all while concealing an underground bunker.

In the 1970s, First Lady Betty Ford created the formal Office of the

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First Lady in the East Wing. Betty Ford, a proponent of women's rights, argued for equal pay for her female staff and an end to sex-based discrimination in the East Wing—reminders that progress in fairness and equality often mirrors the same values we in the labor movement continue to fight for today.

In 1977, First Lady Rosalynn Carter established the tradition of the East Wing being used as the First Lady's office.

In 2025, the historic East Wing was demolished as part of a privately funded project initiated by President Trump to build a large White House State Ballroom on the site.

The East Wing has long been considered a seat of soft power, a place focused on social events, and it was visited by millions of tourists each year.

The initial construction was a practical build. With World War II raging, an emergency underground bunker was created on the spot and required the East Wing above to help hide and disguise it. The underground bunker became known as the Presidential Emergency Operations Center (PEOC).

During the 9/11 attacks, a number of key personnel were evacuated to the PEOC, including Vice President Dick Cheney, First Lady Laura Bush, Lynne Cheney, Condoleezza Rice, Mary Matalin, Lewis "Scooter" Libby, Joshua Bolten, Karen Hughes, Stephen Hadley, David Addington, Secret Service agents, U.S. Army Major Mike Fenzel, and other staff. President George W. Bush was visiting a school in Florida at the time. President Trump was also taken there during protests in his first term.

President George W. Bush used the East Wing to practice his State of the Union address in 2004. The East Wing also housed the President's movie theater and was home to many social events.

As I researched the East Wing demolition, I also discovered that other structures were removed. The Jacqueline Kennedy Garden and at least six historical trees were taken down, including two magnolias that had been dedicated to Presidents Warren G. Harding and Franklin D.

Roosevelt.

Farewell, East Wing. I hope your wonderful history can live on in the minds and memories of your many visitors, in history books, museums, and even school curriculums. I, for one, feel a great emotional attachment to our White House and its history, and this includes the East Wing. It is very hard to watch such a significant structure—a piece of our shared national story—being torn down and gutted.

The White House belongs to the American people, and its future should always involve the voices of those it represents. The East Wing served as an important arm of the White House—a safe environment for First Ladies to pursue their visions, a place where priorities such as caregiving, health, education, women's equality, and community-focused initiatives took shape. This extension of the White House—the arm so often dedicated to women's issues—has now been severed, cut off without any anesthetic, prior knowledge, or consent.

The loss of the East Wing is a stark reminder of how important it is to protect the institutions and rights that support working people, because once they are gone, rebuilding them is never simple. History matters, and so do the people who shape it.

Please visit whitehousehistory.org, where you can explore many interesting facts, events, history, and so much more! Well worth the internet highway trip!

As a quick reminder to members: If you've recently moved, please make sure your address is updated with the Labor & Employment Relations (HR) department so you don't miss important communications from the company or your union. Retirees: please call the union hall directly at 517-372-7201 to update your contact information. Staying connected means staying informed!

Thank you for your time, your trust, and your continued solidarity through communication.

Wishing happy holidays and a prosperous New Year to all,

In Solidarity,

Char

LOCAL 602

Heather
Schroeder,
Fin. Secretary



The holiday season is a time for celebration, reflection, and time spent with the people who matter most. But for many UAW families, it can also bring financial stress as we try to balance gift-giving, gatherings, travel, and everyday expenses.

As your Financial Secretary-Treasurer, I want to share a few practical strategies to help you protect your budget, reduce stress, and enjoy a more meaningful and financially confident holiday season.

1. Set a Realistic Holiday Budget—And Stick to It Before the holiday rush begins, take a few minutes to write down how much you can comfortably spend, who you plan to buy for, and any additional holiday expenses. A budget is not a restriction—it's a roadmap to a stress-free holiday.

2. Use Cash or Debit to Avoid Seasonal Debt Using cash or debit keeps spending grounded and helps prevent high-interest debt in the New Year. If using credit, choose the lowest interest card and plan to pay it off quickly.

3. Take Advantage of Union Resources UAW families support one another. Many locals offer holiday support programs such as food baskets, toy drives, or hardship assistance. If help is needed, reach out—our union is strongest when we lift each other up.

4. Shop Smart: Compare Prices and Avoid Impulse Buys Compare prices, check coupons, and wait before making larger purchases. Small smart decisions add up to big savings.

5. Give Meaningful Gifts—Not Expensive Ones Homemade gifts, photos, or experience-based presents can be more meaningful than costly items.

6. Plan Ahead for Next Year Setting aside even a small amount each month can build a comfortable holiday fund for next year.

7. Take Care of Your Mental and Emotional Well-Being Financial stress affects more than the wallet.

Prioritize rest, connection, and simplicity this season.

A Final Message to Our UAW Families. As UAW members, we face challenges together and support one another through every season. My commitment as your Financial Secretary-Treasurer is to provide guidance and stability year-round.

Happy Holidays from my family to yours.

Heather

LOCAL 652

Arlene Pesik
Retiree

What a beautiful fall we had, and now it's on to the holidays. Our Christmas dinner will be held on December 16th at 12:00 p.m.

Please remember to bring your table service and a dish to pass. When going through your mail, be sure not to throw anything away from the UAW Retiree Medical Benefits Trust. The Retiree Committee would like to extend its condolences to those members who have lost a loved one this year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

Arlene



Greetings Sisters and Brothers, from my family to your family, with wishes for a Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year full of health and happiness and love.

May God watch over us and our Country.

Reminder, we meet the 1st Monday of the month for Bingo at the Union hall at 6:00pm for bingo and the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 12:00 noon for lunch meeting and Bingo

Love, Peace and Justice.

Marta

LOCAL 1753
Laura Clark
Retiree



Seasons, greetings I hope the best for you and your family and friends this Christmas. Just yesterday was our December meeting. We have been enjoying meetings and lunch at World Buffet and Grill on Saginaw. We always meet on the second Thursday of alternate months. Our next get together will be February 12th, we eat at noon, meeting at one. We would like to see you and/or your spouse, no matter what department you are from. Ha ha ha!

If you would like to get notifications, you can put your name on Al's email list of retirees, thanks, Al. We appreciate you doing that for us! mr45and33rpm@aol.com we rely on him for our updates!

Thank you to everyone for your help, alerting me when you hear of obituaries. Hope to see you on the 12th at noon.

Obituaries- Freddie Sue Slocum, Steven Paul Worthy.

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Elizabeth Alder - Retired
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Price, Gary R - Retired
Leroy D Tenant- Retired
David Vannest – Retired, Father of Alice Vannest, Retired and spouse of Mary Tanto
Juan Centeno – Retired
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Larry D Morrison – Retired
Reida Williams - Retired
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Lee M. Zuker - Retired
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Remember to look after each other over the holidays

We all know the holidays are *supposed* to be magical—full of warmth, laughter, and those picture-perfect moments. And sure, for some people, they really are. But let's be honest: for a lot of us, this time of year can feel pretty heavy. The truth is, the holidays can be tough, and pretending otherwise doesn't help anyone.

Maybe you're missing someone who's no longer at the table. Maybe money's tight and the pressure to buy gifts is stressing you out. Maybe your family gatherings are... complicated. Or maybe you're just exhausted from trying to keep up with everything while putting on a brave face. Whatever it is, you're not alone in feeling this way—even if it sometimes seems like everyone else has it all figured out.

That's exactly why we need to look out for each other right now. If someone you care about seems off—maybe they're quieter than usual, more irritable, or just not themselves—don't brush it off. Those little changes can mean they're struggling. And honestly? Sometimes all it takes is asking, "Hey, are you really okay?" and actually waiting for the answer. That kind of genuine attention can mean more than you realize.

You don't need to have perfect advice or fix everything. Most of the time, people just need to know someone sees them and cares. Listen without trying to solve. Let them know their feelings make sense. Remind them they're not alone. Even small gestures—inviting someone over, helping with errands, or just sending a "thinking of you" text—can be a lifeline.

And while you're checking on others, don't forget about yourself. Taking care of your own mental health isn't selfish—it's necessary. Say no when you need to. Take breaks. Stick to your routines when everything feels chaotic. And if things feel like too much, reaching out for professional help is one of the bravest things you can do.

Here's the thing: the holidays don't have to be flawless to matter. When we're willing to admit this season can be hard and show each other a little grace, we make room for real connection. So keep your eyes open. Check in. Listen. Be kind. Because nobody should feel alone or invisible during a time that's meant to bring us closer together.



**Happy Holidays
from the
Lansing Labor News**

Happy Holidays
From Local 602 Retiree
Executive Board and Members

Marta Bobillo, Chairperson

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*Wishing you the
best holiday
season and a
Happy New Year.*

*Members and Leadership
of UAW Local 602*

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

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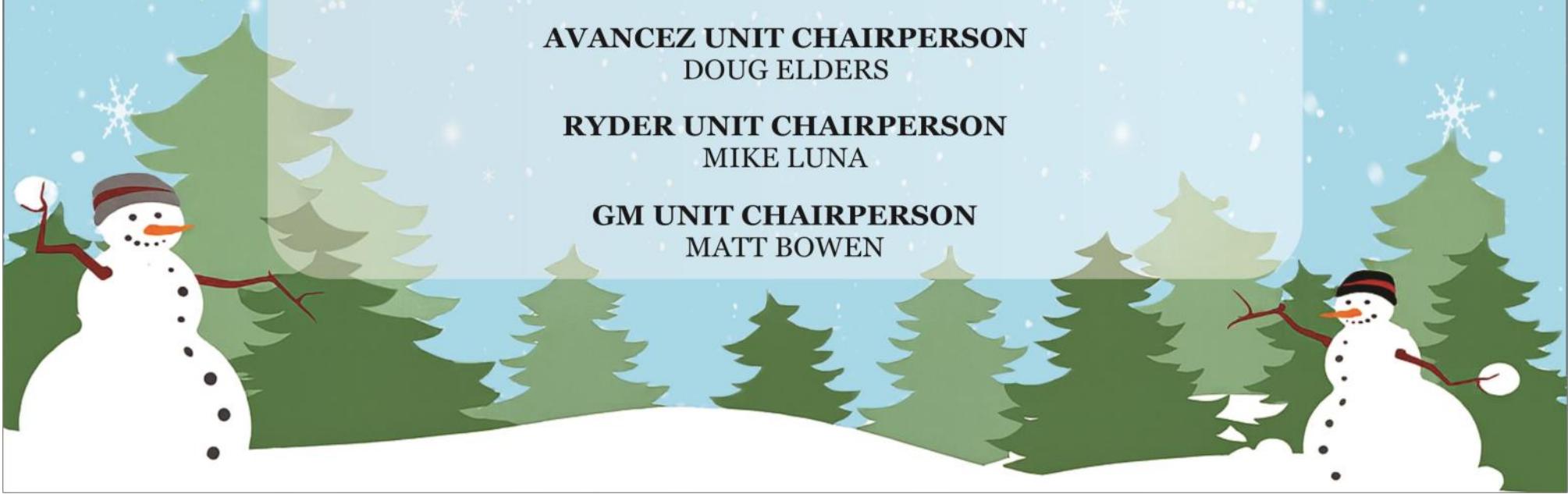
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General membership meeting second Tuesday of the month at 6pm

Wishing
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season !





Region 1D Veterans Council

asks you to



SAVE THE DATE

21st Annual John Grimes – UAW Staff Council -
VFW National Home - Veterans Golf Fundraiser

June 5-7, 2026

Black Lake Golf Club, Onaway, MI

Contact your local leadership to organize your own team and to request support for our nation's veterans. Local union, personal, and corporate donations are all gratefully accepted.

For your donation to this worthy cause, you can claim a charitable contribution to the Staff Council Charity Fund FID#83-4519748 on your income tax.

Checks payable to: Staff Council Charity Fund

Mail to: UAW Region 1D, 1010 River Street, Lansing MI 48912

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ATTENTION: UAW Local 4911 Retiree Chapter #881

2026 Union Meeting dates

Wednesday, February 18th – 3:00pm
Wednesday, April 22nd – 3:00pm
Wednesday, June 24th – 3:00pm
Wednesday, October 28th – 3:00pm
VEBA/HRT Updates - TBD

Meetings located at:

UAW Local 4911, 1010 River St. Lansing, MI 48912
You're welcome to wear a mask & practice social distancing

We need your email address!

Updates & special events will be communicated via email. Contact our office with your email and whenever you have changes to your address or phone. 517-372-7201 x10 or info@uawlocal4911.org
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✿ Oldsmobile Outdoor Club – Winterfest 2026 ✿

Winterfest 2026 – The Tradition Continues in Grayling with a Date Change

We're excited to invite everyone back to Grayling for another year of Winterfest fun! This year's event will take place February 13–14, 2026, at the Ramada Grayling Hotel & Conference Center. Join us for ice fishing, raffles, family games, and more. The weekend brings free hot dogs and chili, plus evening fun with swimming, games, raffles, and bingo. It's the perfect winter getaway for families and friends — come celebrate the season with us! All prizes and games will end on Saturday evening



Board members:

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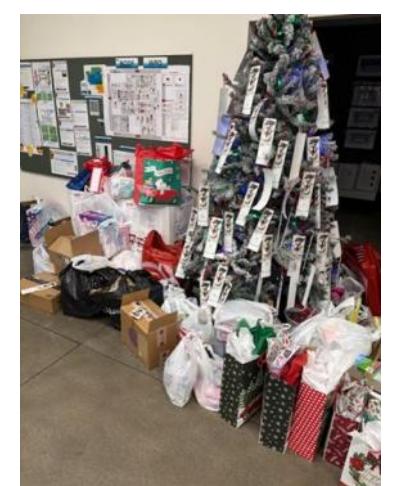
Meet the dedicated board members making Winterfest possible!

Want to join or have questions: Email: oldsmobileoutdoorclub@gmail.com

On November 11, 2025, **R.E. Olds Transportation Museum** (REOTM) opened its newest permanent exhibit entitled "Soldiers of Production: Lansing and the Arsenal of Democracy." This event commemorated the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II and highlights the efforts and sacrifices of Greater Lansing's automobile industries and workers at Oldsmobile, Motor Wheel, REO Motors, and many others, who endeavored to supply the equipment for Allied victory in Europe and the Pacific. The exhibit was made possible through the support of the R. E. Olds Foundation, William and Linda Demmer, and the Weber Group. We also wish to thank our event sponsor, LAFCU. More information on upcoming events, how to become a member, volunteer, or purchasing a car raffle ticket can be found on our website (www.reoldsmuseum.org/).

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