My right to work

By Dean Poggiali, President, Local 724

First and foremost we hope everyone had a peaceful and joyous holiday season. Time spent away from work and with loved ones can be very therapeutic. Even though we seem to have more activities this time of the year, when they are spent with family and friends it is worth the added confusion. We can only hope that 2013 brings good times and better days to you and yours.

After the last article the labor movement was given the proverbial kick in the hindquarters by the Governor and the Republican majority in the House and Senate. The inactivists are now demanding that employers put the so-called “right to work” legislation in the law. I use the term so-called because I have had the right to work since I started collecting a paycheck over 40 years ago. Also a point of clarification is that some Republican legislators did cross the aisle to vote the law down.

At this juncture the actual ramifications of the legislation are being reviewed in union halls, regional offices, and International offices. Therefore in order to make sure we are all singing out of the same hymnal, the Local is awaiting the same hymnal, the Local is awaiting direction on the law. As soon as we have some time to digest the ramifications, we will make sure that all the units get information.

Here are just a few thoughts in my humble opinion. They say it is matter of choice. Why do folks seek employment in a setting that is unionized in the first place? Is it because the wages, benefits, and working conditions are for the most part better, which allows families to live the American dream of a better life. We made the choice when we sought employment in these workplaces knowing there are obligations that entail paying union dues every month for the benefits we receive. Is it a perfect system? No, but it is better than the alternative of not having a representative advocating for my rights as a working person.

Another thing struck my curious nature during the media frenzy about the “right to work” issue. The Chamber of Commerce, usually not on the side of working people and unions, said that they didn’t have an opinion on the issue. Then they changed their stance and came out in support and again mentioned the word “choice.”

With that mindset I am curious if a business that belongs to the chamber and pays their dues, chooses to no longer pay dues but still expect to receive all the benefits the Chamber offers, what will be the Chamber’s reaction? After all, whether union dues or Chamber dues, if their stance is choice and still get the service, if they refuse a non-dues payer or “free loader,” is that not a double standard and shoots holes in their policy?

It is time to move on to a Local 724 update. The Christmas party at the Local was again a success and well attended. The Local 724 Women’s Committee Chair Debra Mills and her committee of elves decorated the hall in a festive mood, had some great activities, some treats, and made sure that every child that visited with Santa got a toy.

A special thanks goes out to Mary Holmer, who continues to remain active in the Committee activities even though she has been laid off. The Old Newsboys sale went great again this year. Although the total was slightly less than last year, we still collected over $2,000 when the Unit sales, Local donation and some Local sales were all accounted for.

The “Christmas Tree of Warmth” again was full of donations. Many of the donations were again handmade hats, mittens, and scarves so the warmth they will provide were also knitted with an extra helping of warmth and love. Recently the workers at the General Motors Lansing Grand River facility who perform non-production related maintenance duties voted to join the UAW. This Unit along with the current JLL-Drayton and JLL-TEAM Units perform various duties within the LGR facility and saw the benefits of joining the UAW. The JLL-LGR Unit recently elected a committee and will be working on getting a collective bargaining agreement.

The Bharat Forge Unit met with some resource providers recently at the Hall to explore what lies in the future. While there have been members looking at retiring, many of the members still look to continue working. We are asking if anyone has any job leads, please forward them to me and I will make sure we get them to the membership. I can be reached at 517-203-5027 or dpoggiali@yahoo.com.

As 2013 is upon us with some uncertainty, I am confident that the labor movement will still be a force to reckon with. Having joined a union over forty years ago, my family has seen the difference in our lives by paying our way. I look at the fact we pay to have insurance on our dwellings, insurance on our vehicles, and in many cases have life insurance to help provide for our families. I equate my union dues as not a choice but my paying on insurance on my job.

May the wind be at your back and peace and joy within your soul.
LOCAL 602
Bill Reed, President
Speak up!
We spoke, we yelled, we asked, we begged—and yet, our voices fell on deaf ears at the Capitol. Our Governor Rick Snyder went against our pleas and proof, and signed the “right-to-work” legislation. There were over 300 bills signed into law over the lame duck session. Most of them were thrust through without due process, hearings, or comments from the public.

Regardless of your own personal feeling on which party does what, keep in mind that the bills that were pushed through by the Republican Party over the lame duck are extremely hurtful to us, the taxpayer. Our retirees are already taxed on their pensions, more than ever before. Our children suffer in our schools with the lack of necessary tools for learning, and have fewer teachers each year. There are no facets left untouched by the Governor’s swift pen.

Although our hearts may be heavy, and our signs worn, we must continue the vigilant effort to bring justice to our world. Our Michigan is growing weaker and our signs worn, we must continue and show our solidarity. It does make a difference.

We are not able to always show our presence at the Capitol, but we can always write a letter, or make a phone call to the elected that are representing us. Call Governor Rick Snyder today at 517-373-3400.

Would you also like to call your State Representative? Or your State Senator? These are the people in power that have the ability to help or hinder you. Make the choice to not sit back and watch. We all need to get, and stay, involved.

Together we bargain. Divided we beg. Please remember that.

LOCAL 652
Randy Freeman, Vice President
Coming events
Congratulations to everyone on the ATS Cadillac winning the International Auto Show’s Car of the Year award. Again showing there’s no better global manufacturer of workers than right here in Lansing, Michigan.

Martin Luther King Day
Remember that Martin Luther King would have been 82 this year. He is best known for his role in the advancement of civil rights using nonviolent civil disobedience.

Cesar Chavez
He was an immigrant farmer who became a labor leader and a civil rights leader. His birthday will be coming up March 31. He would have been 84. There will be a Chavez program scheduled on page 3, column 4

LOCAL 652
Mike Green, President
ATS awarded car of the year
I would like to welcome everybody back from the Christmas holiday. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays.

We welcomed the new year with the news that our ATS Cadillac would receive the Car of the Year award at the Detroit auto show. I want to congratulate everyone for your efforts in building a world-class vehicle.

Your efforts have been rewarded. Our launch of the ATS was difficult and I know personally everyone rolled up their sleeves and went to work making sure we overcame any and all problems related to this launch of the ATS.

Our ATS Cadillac was a finalist for car of the year in 2008 and again that was made possible by your efforts then! Camaro—American muscle car—comes home.

It’s an honor and a privilege to be the president of Local 652 and receive the news our plant will be building the Camaro.

Congratulations to all our members for all your efforts in building world-class products. Your efforts are being rewarded. I want to say thank you to “world-class workers who build world-class products.”

Governor Snyder and the lame duck representatives go on a hunting trip.

The Governor of Michigan stated he had no argument with labor and “right-to-work” legislation was not on his agenda. When Proposal 2 was defeated, that’s all they needed to call an all-out war on organized labor and working people across the state.

UAW Dateline reported that the bill was rammed through an abbreviated process in the legislature, bypassing the committee process and denying Michigan workers the opportunity to speak out against the bill in public hearings. Substitute versions of the bill were quickly adopted in the Senate on December 6, with final approval by the House just days later.

More than 17,000 union activists and their allies rallied at the Capitol in opposition to the legislation. At several points access to the building was shut down, leaving some cut off against the cold.

The House vote was 58-52, mostly along party lines. Six Republicans joined the Democrats—including Forline, Goetz, Mowbray, Somerville and Zorn.

In the Senate it was 22-16 with four Republicans joining Democrats in opposition—Casperson, Green, Nofs, and Rocca.

Legislative assault on middle class
The process the legislature and Governor Snyder chose was an assault on the middle class and organized labor, UAW Dateline reported. The day-long assault on the middle class made a mockery of the legislative process, by passing public input and using parliamentary procedures to ram the legislation through both houses.

The perversion of regular legislative procedures included no public hearings or committee meetings, discharging the bill from committee to the floor, substituting versions adopted on the floor, the combination of multiple amendments into one vote, and fast gavel maneuvers where presiding officers dismissed amendments without a record rollcall vote.

The right-to-work (for less) bill was not the only one that was passed. The emergency manager law that was turned down by the voters was repackageged under SB 805. The bill ratifies all action under PA4 and includes an appropriation so there can be no referendum.

Other actions included:
SB 878 – prison privatization
Recall elections made more difficult
Business tax cut
Repeal of the Job Safety Commission.
You can find explanations of these bills on the Labor News website.
I want to thank everyone who has come to the rallies at the Capitol to help the cause!

LOCAL 1753
Ray Whitford, President
CC&A employees once again show their generosity
The employees of CC&A, both hourly and salaried, showed their caring again. Recently we held fund-raising events to benefit the victims of the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy. This money was raised through the sales of burgers, hot dogs and brats at lunch times. You donated a total of $1,000! Keith Jones was instrumental in putting this together.

When we prepared to send the money, representatives from Sandy Hook sent out numerous emails and news reports stating that there had been such an outpouring of support from all across the United States that they did not need any more money. They did request that any additional donations be made to other deserving groups in memory of the Sandy Hook victims. Therefore, we have donated the funds to the Hurricane Sandy New Jersey relief fund.

CC&A employees have always made generous donations no matter what collection takes place at plant entrances.

Our society is an everyday changing of events. When growing up there were always disagreements, but we didn’t turn to a sudden end. What a sad society makes claims that this is all about worker freedom, that everyone should have the right to choose a union or not. This is a flimsy excuse, and an absolute charade! Everyone that is a member of a union today had the freedom of choice when they took the job. I chose to work at GM because of the Union! I knew the benefits and pay were better with union representation. Anyone that says different must be related to Governor Snyder!

This is what I propose. If this Right to Work stuff is truly about worker’s rights and freedoms, then let’s truly have freedom. I believe that every working person in Michigan, whether the employer, should be free to walk into their boss’s office and state that they want to join a union and START paying union dues whether the employer has a collective bargaining agreement or not. That would be true worker’s rights! Too bad that this action is considered illegal under the National Labor Relations Act but laws can be changed and changed quite easily as we saw in the last session. I would hope that the Republicans and Governor Snyder will continue their “fight” for worker’s rights and work with us to change this law. If all workers were free to join a union I think we would be pleasantly surprised at the positive response. So, Governor Snyder, I call on you to help, and when pigs fly...

Local 602 meetings
Following are Local 602’s meeting dates for the upcoming period. The Executive Board will meet at 4:30 p.m. and the Membership at 6:00 p.m. on:
02/10/13 03/10/12
04/14/13 05/19/12
06/08/13 07/14/12
10/13/13 11/10/13
12/08/13
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"In our glorious fight for the Right to Work bill was completed," Reinvent Michigan? The rush to pass this bill is the Governor's defining moment to have little effect on the Governor. Was the Right to Work Legislation in Michigan successful as we recently discovered that the community and to the interest of Labor here and elsewhere. Published January, May, September, and December. Periodicals postage paid at Lansing, MI and at additional offices. Three percent per month

Another excerpt from Jan/Feb 2013 Solidarity magazine reads: “We’re at a crossroads as a country, and the choice is ours: We can build an economy that works for all and strengthens the middle class, or an economy that works for the 1% and guts Medicare and Social Security. Like your voice heard? Never before has it been so vitally important for us to join the rank and file to protect our families and our collective bargaining rights. People who don’t have the funds to purchase television, newspaper and radio ads or produce countless commercials. Some of the viewpoints you may see broadcast on the news or read in the newspapers typically depend on who owns the radio or television network or the newspaper. Therefore, please stay tuned to Solidarity magazine for labor-friendly information. Otherwise, you may see labor being portrayed as “union thugs” as announced by the media regarding the December rally at the Capitol.

I don’t know about you, but the last time I looked at the mirror, I certainly didn’t think I looked or acted like a “union thug.” Apparently, if you are supporting the middle class people (99%) and are fighting for a living wage, benefits, a safe and healthy work environment, collective bargaining rights and respect, you become a “union thug” in the eyes of some.

Faced with the current economic decline, many young people may not understand what a Union is and why so many people want to be a part of this organization. Unions strive for equality, justice, and dignity for the workers they represent as well as promote job security and fairness in the workplace. Statistics show that Unions do make a difference and are good for society.

By passing right-to-work legislation, some politicians believed they could undermine the Unions by cutting off their funding. The strength of the UAW is dependent upon the number of dues-paying members in our organization. However, I know the majority of our members will continue to support their Union.

Furthermore, I foresee us continuing to organize non-union companies and grow our membership base. We will have a struggle, but we will not give up on the workers’ desire to achieve the American dream of social and economic justice for all.

Happy New Year! To everyone by the time you read this, the Christmas holiday has passed and we will have celebrated the 2013 New Year. As we look back on the year, we have since seen some improvements on our economic decline which touched everyone in our nation. We all have family and friends who have been impacted by the loss of a job, home, or savings. As we move into 2013, let’s hope for a brighter and secure future.

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However, the person who is the glue behind the scenes that brings the above and beyond is Mary Holmer from the Lear Unit. With Mary’s time and dedication, and flair for decorating the hall, the event was again a rousing success.

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As we enter the New Year there are many challenges we will be facing. The “right-to-work” law our Governor signed into law on December 12th is a big challenge for the middle class. The Governor is now saying it has already created at least two new jobs. These, of course, are government jobs with a salary of $76,000 a year, paid for by the taxpayers.

When you file your tax return you are in for a surprise. Seniors no longer can claim the homestead property tax credit along with the Social Security tax credit. It didn’t cause the deficit, so why should it be allowed to pay down the deficit?

I am updating my list of retirees who have never gone to Black Lake as a retiree and would appreciate your giving me a big me a call at 517-627-3542 or call the Union Hall to get your name on the list. Retired Fisher Girls, mark your calendar for July 25 for our annual luncheon gathering at Finley’s restaurant on South Cedar St at 2:00 p.m. Hope to see everyone there.

The area-wide picnic is planned for August 12 at Hawk Island. There will be more details later on.

Kudos go out to Local 652 and the employees at the Grand River plant where they make the Cadillac that was named Car of the Year! Great job!

I just received a phone call from one of my snowbirds, and the weather is fantastic in Florida and they’re loving and enjoying every minute of it.

For all our sick and shut-ins you are in our thoughts and prayers and for all who have lost a loved one or dear friend, we send you our sincere condolences.

Dorothy Stevens
602 retirees

Mike Bauer
652 retirees

Happy New Year everyone! Congratulations, Lansing Grand River on having the Cadillac ATS named as Car of the Year!

The following is our monthly schedule of events:

- First Tuesday of the month is Bingo. The games start at 5:00 p.m.
- Fourth Tuesday of the month is potluck dinner and business meeting. Bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Dinner starts at noon.

The Lansing Labor News is now online. You may access it at www.lansinglabornews.org

The Food Bank could use our help. If possible, bring canned goods to donate when you attend retiree events. No expired food please.

If you have benefit questions, contact a retiree rep for answers. 517-372-7581 ext. 500.

You may contact me at the following email address: retiree652@hotmail.com

Lois Schultz
1618 retirees

Hello out there all you wonderful people! Mark your calendars for March 5 and June 4. These are the dates for Ted’s breakfast at Guerazzi’s Restaurant. The address is 15643 South US 27, Lansing Townships, and the gathering starts at 9:00 a.m. Ted’s number is 517-321-4754. There’s lots going on for us.

The year’s calendar will be out next month. We hope to have a casino trip March 26-27, an overnight that hits Petoskey, Traverse City, Turtle Creek, and Little River. With a first stop in Mount Pleasant. Call Curt Dunn at 517-323-2146.

On our sick list

Dick Slocum with a hip replacement
Lois Dyer fell and broke her hip
Don Marrow under the weather
Donnie Wise, having tests
Jordie Browerman’s wife having tests

Get well soon, everybody!

Condolences to the families of: Douglass Duffy; Kenneth Warner, 90, leaves this life holding. Leveson (Red) Varney, 80, leaves his wife Betty.

Birthdays: Lois Calahan, November 24. Happy belated! Calvin Smith, age 80 on January 5. Bud Miller, the big 65. Curtis Dunn, holding. Happy birthday to all!

Happy anniversary to Ted and Connie Gauss.

White Shirt Day is February 11 at the Local 599 Hall in Flint. Wear a white shirt in honor of the sit-downers.

As you well know, the “right-to-work” got railroaded in. Like I’ve said before, it’s been all fun and games yet. You may have a good job today, but how sad to have to live with not knowing what tomorrow will bring. Right to work for less and less.

If you supporting the Republican Party’s Super PACs and don’t even know it? Have you heard of the Koch brothers? Koch Industries products include: Angel Soft toilet paper, Brawny paper towels, Dixie plates, bowk napkins & cups, Mardi Gras napkins and towels, Quilted Northern toilet paper, Scott ‘n Gentle toilet paper, Sparkle napkins, Vanity Fair napkins, Zee napkins, Georgia-Pacific paper products & envelopes, All Georgia-Pacific lumber & building products, (INVISTA Products), and Lyca. Stays a mystery.

Let’s just hope this will be a better year for us all. It sure didn’t start out that way …

You can call me at 517-543-5385. I like hearing from you folks.

Laura Clark
1753 retirees

Happy New Year! Are you feeling older and wiser? After last year, I know I feel both. Older after living thru the impact of the Deepwater Horizon and weather tragedies and wiser knowing just what the Governor meant when he said Right to Work is not on my agenda.

Thank you to all retired members who gathered together with Dennis, Pam and I at the Capital for your concern. It is your right, for your voice to be heard and not to be locked out of the process. I know we won’t be locked out of the next election process.

Thank you to Region 1-C for providing lunch and a place to warm up. The last day of the rally was very cold! If you were one of the strong activists who were there and I did not call you, put yourself out there.

Call the Local or me to leave your number for further action, so you won’t miss lunch and other activities. I was pleased and proud when I heard thru Facebook about how many members participated.

We heard about a lot of action, fun and just checking in, at our Christmas Open House. The place was packed tight at the end of the day. It was so nice to see about one hundred of our brothers and sisters celebrating the season. Did you have enough time to visit with everyone you wanted to? I did not.

Think of ways to improve next year’s party.

A BIG “thank you” needs to go out to the Executive Board and volunteers. I could not have attended without the help. They come early, stay late and help you and I in so many ways. They make our Local feel like home, so much so, sometimes I feel like I’m still a New Yorker.

We have recently welcomed back some members from other Locals. If you are retired and you would like to transfer your membership back to 1753, welcome home! As to the rest of you, are you signed up for your dues? Are you on the list to share your phone number with other retirees? Did you receive your calendar for upcoming meetings and luncheons?

For all this and more, come on down to the next lunch and meeting, Thursday, February 14. We have coffee at 11:00, lunch is at 12:00, and a short meeting will follow. We may check in, check out or games.

Last month we set a record for clean up time, more hands make light work! I know this is Valentine’s Day, but we will also celebrate White Shirt Day. We do this by wearing traditional white shirts and eating the bean soup that was a staple of the Sit Downers. Come join us! Bring your spouse or a coworker and a dish to pass. See you there.
LOCAL 652
Scott R. Lounds, Recording Secretary

Lessons from our history

Seventy-Six years ago today (January 11, 1937) during the Flint Sitdown Strike, strikers forced open the plant gates. The company called in the Flint police. The police responded with tear gas and bullets. Picketers and supporters outside Fisher 2 turned over the Flint police car and took it apart piece by piece. A report on the battle in the Flint Journal on Jan. 12, 1937, included a list of those seriously hurt in the fighting with injuries ranging from “shot in left leg” to “gassed” to “heart attack.” In all, 28 people were injured.

The reaction to the violence was swift; Michigan Governor Frank Murphy vehemently stated, “Law and order will be maintained in Michigan.” By the next day, 1,200 armed and helmeted National Guardsmen began to arrive in Flint by bus and train. The Governor himself arrived in Flint around 1:00 a.m. January 12 and was given a handwritten note from the mayor of Flint and Genesee County Sheriff Wolcott stating that there had been rioting and bloodshed and more was expected.

To Labor leaders this had to seem terrifyingly familiar. Private security and government troops had been killing strikers for decades in the coal mines and other industries. In fact, less than five years earlier the Army had been ordered to clear out thousands of WW1 veterans protesting in Washington D.C. and had done so with infantry, cavalry, and tanks. Violence toward its own citizens was certainly not a foreign concept for the American government of that era. It certainly seemed that the situation in Flint was headed in the same direction. But, instead of turning the Guard on the strikers and clearing the plant of the sit-downers, the Governor ordered the National Guardsmen to train their guns on both sides of the conflict. This gave the strikers, for the first time, a power and position equal to that of the company, and greatly contributed to the eventual agreement between the UAW and General Motors.

Three-fold purpose

My purpose in recounting this story is threefold. First, to honor and remember those who sacrificed so much for the rights we as workers have today. Second, to encourage and comfort those who may have to re-fight these battles if the course of our state is not corrected. And, third, and perhaps most important, as a reminder of just how much it matters who we elect to government office.

Frank Murphy had defeated Republican Governor Frank Fitzgerald just two short months before the “Battle of Running Bulls” took place. Yet in the short two years he served as Governor, Murphy did two specific things—the intervention in the sit-down strikes and the passage of a Workers Compensation statute—which helped make possible a better life for working people in this state. Both of these actions were vehemently opposed by the wealthy corporate interests of the time, and as a result Murphy lost in 1938 to Frank Fitzgerald, the man he had defeated just two short years earlier.

What a contrast between Frank Murphy and our current Governor, one standing for workers and the people, and another thumping his nose at the wealthy corporate interests, and the other thumping his nose at the working people of his state and bowing down to the interests of the Chamber of Commerce and the wealthy special interests like the Koch brothers.

In closing I would ask that you remember what the great Walter Reuther famously said, “There’s a direct relationship between the bread box and the ballot box, and what the union fights for and wins at the bargaining table can be taken away in the legislative halls.”

GM, Chevrolet and UAW contribute vans to veterans facilities

By Mike Mefli, Local 652 Veteran’s Committee Chair and Region 1-C Veteran’s Association Chair

“We owe a debt of gratitude for their courageous service to this nation,” said Joe Ashton, UAW Vice President and Director, General Motors Department. “The men and women of the UAW, many of whom are veterans themselves, are grateful to those who have worn this nation’s uniform and are proud to know that these high-quality vans built by the members of UAW Local 2250 will be used by veterans who have special transportation needs.”

The first of the vans was delivered recently to the Detroit VA Healthcare System. The vans, built in the U.S. by GM’s Wentzville (Mo.) Assembly Plant and UAW Local 2250 near St. Louis, are specially adapted to accommodate veterans using wheelchairs or who have other mobility issues.

The other four facilities receiving vans are: Battle Creek VA Medical Center, Battle Creek, Mich.; G.V. Sonny Montgomery VA Medical Center, Jackson, Miss.; VA St. Louis Healthcare System, St. Louis; and the Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service & Education Center, Inc., Philadelphia. Each van has been customized with special equipment that meets the specific needs of each facility.

“Those who serve our country deserve the best, and these brand-new, full-size vans built by our team in Wentzville will help the VA medical centers safely and comfortably transport vets to wherever they need to go,” said Cathy Clegg, GM Vice President of North American Labor Relations. “On behalf of our patriotic workforce with nearly 5,000 military veteran employees, and 45,000 retirees who are veterans, we’re glad to make a difference in veterans’ lives.”

With nearly 5,000 military veteran employees, General Motors’ support for veterans Administration hospitals and facilities across the country may soon have a new way of getting around. UAW-GM, General Motors and Chevrolet announced that full-size Chevrolet Express vans will be presented to five hospitals for transporting veterans to medical appointments and other activities.

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UAW LOCALS 652, 1618, 1753 and LAFCU
BOTH SALARY & HOURLY
Tuesday, February 19, 2013
In Bradenton, Florida
American Legion
Kirby Steward Post 24000 75th Street West
(Between Cortez & Manatee Ave.)
Register at 11 a.m.
Eat at Noon
Meal and plastic tableware will be provided. Make plans to attend and see your friends from Lansing. Call Jere Auvenshine, (517) 626-2398, for information.

A picture from last year’s Winterfest. This year, the Oldsmobile Outdoor Club’s annual Winterfest will be held in Grayling. See their website for more information: www.oldsmobileoutdoorclub.com

The 13th annual Pride Ride for motorcycle safety will be on Friday, May 17. T-shirt deadline is April 15. We will have more info and a T-shirt form on our website, lansinglabornews.org.
602 Obituaries
Donald Abbott – Retired and Father of Susan Eaton, Body Shop
Terri Herline – Body Shop (Doors) and Wife of Fred (Fritz) Herline, General Assembly (Engine Dress)
Bruce Linton – Retired Body Shop; Husband of Sally Linton, former Doorline employee; Son of Ed Linton, deceased; Father of Bridges Skiffington, General Assembly (Trim 1); Brother of Sandy Hansen, Retired General Assembly (Final 1); and Brother-in-law of Ron Hansen, Retired General Assembly (Engine Dress)
Jill H. Pringle – Wife of Dale Pringle, Retired
Richard Slocum – Retired Material
Omar Cooper – Retired
Vernon Dewitte Montague Jr. – Father of Gary Montague, Skilled Trades
Fredrick Parks – Father of Scott Parks, Body Shop
Joanne Adams – Mother of Jeff Adams, Material
Michael LaChapelle – Retired
Ernest Dehart – Retired
Edward Stanek – Retired
Oliver Bryant – Retired
Jack Hamilton – Retired
George (Ben) Betys – Retired Windsheild Glass
Inez B. Spayde – Mother of Melvin Spayde, Retired Trim 3X
Gerald B. Heniser – Retired
Tranquility – General Assembly
Mary Klein – Mother of Tom Klein, Quality (DBT Driver)
William Matthews – Step-Father of James Blankenburg, Material
Edward F. Shuja – Father of Randy Shuja, Quality (Paint Verification)
Katharine Ogston – Mother of Denise Holmes, General Assembly (Final 1)
Tolllie Sharpe – Mother of Art Sharpe, Electrician
Albert Clark – Retired
David Oles – Retired
Kenard Heiser – Retired
Kenneth Noyes – Retired, Body Shop (Underbody Pans)
James Allen – Step-Father of Marshall McNeil, Material
Bruce Jamison – Quality (General Assembly)
Kenneth Schwartzfischer – Retired Quality (Body/Paint)
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652 Obituaries
Lynn R. Botke – Spouse of Robert “Bob” Botke, Sister-in-Law of Tom Dean, Chuck Botke and Dave Gibson
Howard Paul Buck – Retiree, Brother of Peggy Byington, Brother-in-Law of Phillip Byington, Uncle of Dennis Mick, Cousin of Francis Bennett
Karen Butler – Spouse of Jerry Butler, Sister-in-Law of John Butler
Thomas Cary – Retiree
Frank Chovance Jr. – Retiree
Jack Craig Jr. – Retiree
Robert “Bob” Croley – Retiree, Lucille L. Dunn – Mother of Joann Costilla
Terrence “TJ.” Evans – Retiree
Christopher Hayward – Brother of Arthur Hayward Jr.
Frank O. Kreiling – Retiree, Alvin “Al” J. Mack – Retiree
Beithel V. McCleod – Spouse of Arnold McCleod, Shirley J. McDanielis – Spouse of Don McDanielis
Charles R. Myers – Retiree, Brother of Jack and Ernest Myers
Betty L. Robinson – Mother of Gary Robinson
Cindy Ruesh – Spouse of Paul Ruesh, Tom Short – Retiree, Son of Arnold Short, Brother of Tony Short
Steven Smith – Brother of Wayne Smith, Dale Swan – Retiree
Wille Ann Wilson – Retiree
Thank-You’s were received from:
The Calvin Oles Family

724 Obituaries
Retiree Christopher Arthur Hayward (retired from Atlas) passed away January 5 in St. Petersburg, Florida.

1753 Obituaries
Fledda Canfield
Stacy Zinn
Gabrielle LaBelle (Peggy Music)
Fred Washburn
Gloria Heathman

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