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Primary election set for Tuesday, Aug. 2

With the state's Tuesday, Aug. 2, primary election less than a month away, absentee ballots are, or soon will be, in the hands of the state's voters.

Candidate endorsements: The Michigan Building and Construction Trades Council and its affiliated local councils have compiled on Page 4 a limited list of endorsed candidates for the primary.

When you go to cast your ballot either absentee or at your local polling place, remember that in a primary election in Michigan you can only vote straight Democrat or Republican — cross-over voting will spoil your ballot.

Detroit Labor Day Parade is back on
The Detroit Labor Day Parade is back in 2022. Unless Covid infection numbers spike like crazy over the next six weeks, the Labor Day march along Michigan Avenue will return for the first time since 2019. That's the word from the City of Detroit, which is responsible for granting parade permits.

More details will follow, but parade planners expect a traditional 9 a.m. kickoff at Michigan and Trumbull Avenues. Hope to see you there.

Steady confidence in organized labor
Inflation. Covid. The war in the Ukraine. Regular mass shootings. Members of Congress at each other's throats. All the upheaval in society is enough to make one doubt America's institutions. In fact... "Americans' confidence in institutions has been lacking for most of the past 15 years, but their trust in key institutions has hit a new low this year," says the Gallup organization, upon the release of a new poll on July 5. "Most of the institutions Gallup tracks are at historic lows, and average confidence across all institutions is now four points lower than the prior low."

According to the poll, every one of the 16 key institutional categories — except one — cited by Gallup in their *Change in Americans' Confidence in Major U.S. Institutions, 2021-2022* saw a decline. The lone exception: the category of "organized labor," which saw zero percentage change during the year.

The categories which saw the greatest percentage loss in confidence ("great deal/quite a lot") include the presidency (-15 percent); the Supreme Court (-11 percent); police, organized religion, the medical system, banks, and the criminal justice system (all -6 percent), and Congress (-5 percent).

Gallup first measured confidence in institutions in 1973 and has done so annually since 1993. This year's survey was conducted June 1-20. By political party, 41 percent of Democrats said they had a "great deal or quite a lot" of confidence in organized labor, in both 2021 and 2022. Among Republicans, that number actually increased from 13 percent in 2021 to 15 percent in 2022.

Quotable

"Don't join the book burners. Don't think you're going to conceal faults by concealing evidence that they ever existed. Don't be afraid to go in your library and read every book..."

—Dwight D. Eisenhower (1890-1969)



A NEW 127,000-square-foot, 100-bed Caro Psychiatric Hospital is under construction, progressing under the management of Granger Construction. The new facility replaces an older facility nearby. Photo credit: Granger Construction

New state psychiatric hospital progresses in Caro

By Marty Mulcahy
Editor

CARO — Construction of the new Caro Psychiatric Hospital is progressing nicely, on its way to completion at this time next year.

The new 127,000-square-foot, 100-bed hospital will replace an existing facility nearby. It will be mostly single story, but some second-story space will be devoted to administration and training areas. The new hospital will consist of four separate 25-bed patient units, with a "downtown" zone and two neighborhood spaces in a centralized location that will house various support spaces.

Granger Construction is managing the project, along with design partner Integrated Design Solutions, a host of subcontractors and some 80-120 union tradespeople who have been working the project in recent weeks.

"We're doing well, we're happy with the work that we're

seeing," said Granger Project Engineer Mike Evans, working with Granger Project Manager Nate Massa. "We've seen some re-

sidual effects from Covid — some materials are hard to get. But we planned well on this

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IN FRONT OF THE switchgear panels that they helped install at the Caro Psychiatric Hospital project are (l-r) Reed White and Nick Iles of IBEW Local 557. They're employed by Master Electric.



READYING A WELD on a 6-inch chilled water pipe at the Caro Psychiatric Hospital project are (l-r) Brant Scheurs and Rob Crummel of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 85. They're employed by Remer Plumbing and Heating. We will have more project photos in our next edition.

Former Bayer/BASF plant to get \$430M conversion

MUSKEGON TWP. — There will be new life for the shuttered Bayer CropScience facility.

Global Life Sciences Solutions USA is on track to purchase the former Bayer CropScience/BASF facility at 1740 Whitehall Road in Muskegon Charter Twp. after receiving approval from the Michigan Economic Development Corp. (MEDC) board for an incentive of approximately \$5.7 million. The news of the incentive came late last month, and with it, came news of an estimated \$430 invest-

ment in the facility and the creation of some 200 new jobs.

According to the MEDC, Global Life Sciences Solutions plans to establish its first operation in Michigan, where it will manufacture resins for use in biologic medi-

cines. Pending the Bayer site acquisition the company plans to invest in property upgrades and new machinery and equipment to establish an environment capable of high-quality life sciences

manufacturing, including lab and clean-room space.

"Thanks to bipartisan legislative support of critical business attraction tools like the Michigan Business Development Program, we are empowering MEDC to compete for every project and every job," said Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on June 28. "We're pleased to welcome Global Life Sciences to Michigan, and we look forward to working with the company as it continues to grow



THE Bayer CropScience plant in 2015. Photo credit: MLive

More money flows to build new Soo lock

By Marty Mulcahy
Editor

SAULT STE. MARIE — Some more serious federal money is being allocated to advance the construction of a new Soo lock.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the agency that oversees the locks, announced July 2 that Phase 3 construction will commence this summer with the awarding of a \$1.068 billion construction contract.

This contract allows Kokosing Alberici Traylor, LLC, a joint venture headquartered in

Westerville, Ohio, to begin work constructing the largest phase of the project, the new lock chamber and rehabilitation of the downstream approach walls. With continued funding, the remaining work, valued at \$803.95 million, may be awarded over the next three years. Corps of Engineers officials expect this Phase 3 construction to take seven years.

"The Corps of Engineers looks forward to beginning construction on the new lock chamber later this summer, and we continue to work hard to maintain the

pace and continue to make progress toward New Lock at the Soo total project completion in summer 2030," said New Lock at the Soo Project Manager Mollie Mahoney.

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THE NEW SOO LOCK, at left, will be carved out of space currently devoted to two older locks. It will twin the Poe Lock, currently the only lock that allows the movement of the largest freighters on the Great Lakes.



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers rendering

Biden signs final rule to bolster failing union pension plans

By Marty Mulcahy
Editor

CLEVELAND — Since the buck stops at the Oval Office, President Biden is getting his fair share of heat — and low approval numbers — for the high cost of gas and consumer goods and an economy that's approaching recession territory.

But on July 5, he traveled here to announce the final rule of his administration's most important piece of legislation to date, the American Rescue Plan Special Financial Assistance Program, a huge portion of which has the union label plastered all over it. That stimulus, adopted by Congress and signed by Biden in March 2021, injected \$1.9 trillion into the economy, helping it emerge from the throes of the pandemic.

A key portion of that stimulus broke a years-long Congressional logjam of unpassed legislation, which helps prop up the fortunes of failing union pension programs with an injection of \$66 billion. Adopted in the form of the Butch Lewis Act, the law immediately steered out of pending in-

solveny approximately 100 multiemployer pension plans that were expected to run out of money necessary to pay vested union retiree benefits over the next 20 years.

"As a candidate for President, I argued for its passage and promised, when it passed, I would sign it," Biden said at a Cleveland high school. "And that's the promise I've kept when I included the Butch Lewis Act in the American Rescue Plan. Now, multiemployer plans will remain solvent for decades to come at least until 2051. Those retirees who lost their benefits will have them restored retroactively. We turned a promise broken into a promise kept."

This has been the most important worker legislation signed by Biden, who pledged to be the "most pro-union president in the history of the United States."

Prior to the America Rescue Plan, the agency that is supposed to backstop failing pension programs, the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, was projected to become insolvent in 2026. Millions of union retirees — many in

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CEOs'/workers' salary gap becoming a chasm; widened again in 2021

The rich get richer. Lather, rinse, repeat.

So it goes with CEO salaries in the United States, where their pay is ever-higher and where the salary gap between workers — especially those on the lower rungs of the pay scales — and company leaders grows ever-wider.

One of the groups that keep track of these things is the Institute for Policy Studies, a progressive think-tank. The title of its annual report released last month, is descriptive: *Executive Excess 2022*. And the sub heading says even more: "The CEOs at America's largest low-wage employers are grabbing huge raises while workers and consumers are struggling with rising costs."

The institute studied compensation over the past year at 300 firms where median worker pay failed to keep pace with the 4.7 percent average U.S. inflation rate in 2021.

They found that the average gap between CEO and median worker pay in their sample jumped to 670-1, from 604-1 in 2020. Forty nine of those firms had ratios of 1,000-1. CEO pay at the 300 firms increased by \$2.5 million to an

average of \$10.6 million (+23.5 percent), while median worker pay increased by \$3,556 to an average of \$23,968 (+14.8 percent).

That 14.8 percent was a nice hike for many — but "but despite all this pay-increase buzz, at over a third of Corporate America's 300 low-wage firms — 106 in all, 35 percent — median worker pay did not keep pace with the 4.7 percent average U.S. inflation rate in 2021," the report said. "At 69 of the firms, typical worker pay actually dropped last year in

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Rosy job gains and jobless rate belie wage woes

WASHINGTON (PAI) — The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported July 8 that U.S. businesses added 381,000 new jobs in June — a strong increase that quieted, for now, talk of a recession. But even as firms claimed they can't find workers, the BLS data revealed one possible reason why: wage growth has slowed to pre-pandemic levels.

The nation's jobless rate held steady at 3.6 percent for the third straight month (nearing the lowest rate in the past 50 years) and the number of jobless declined by 38,000, to 5.91 million.

"Private-sector employment has recovered the net job losses due to the pandemic and is 140,000 higher than in February 2020, while government employment is 664,000 lower," BLS said.

Companies have moaned for months they can't find workers to fill job vacancies, especially in low-paying occupations such as hotels, restaurants and health

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Viewpoints



How Biden can help workers

Did you know Joe Biden can help American workers right now, even without Congress? He can sign three executive orders, affecting a fifth of the economy and transforming millions of workers' lives.

Biden has made campaign promises to support workers. Here are three ways he can fulfill that promise.

First: require that the federal government contract only with unionized companies whenever possible. This would give workers more bargaining power in every industry from healthcare to telecoms to food service to tech to defense.

Back in the last century when I was secretary of labor, the Chamber of Commerce sued me for trying to do something similar. The Clinton Administration had issued an executive order barring federal contracts with companies that permanently replaced striking workers. A federal court struck it down, ruling that the administration hadn't shown that the executive order was necessary to save the government money.

The way to ensure this executive order holds up is to include evidence that unionized companies save the government money. And that's not hard to do.

Unions may deliver higher wages but they also have been shown to deliver higher productivity. And higher productivity saves the government money.

Secondly, discourage union busting. Biden can require that federal contracts go only to companies that pledge to remain neutral in efforts to unionize.

Companies routinely use an arsenal of union-busting tactics. Some are blatantly illegal. A third of companies fire employees who try to form a union. They harass and intimidate their workers. About half threaten to close up shop or slash wages and benefits. Why should taxpayers subsidize companies that illegally quash unions?

Third, deny federal contracts to companies that break labor laws. Biden can require bidders on federal contracts to disclose any labor violations in the past three years. This would just be reinstating Obama's executive order, which Trump revoked.

Companies that break the law and hurt workers shouldn't be rewarded with lucrative federal contracts.

A policy like this helps workers everywhere. One study found that when the Labor Department announced penalties for violating safety standards, other companies in the industry improved their safety standards.

Taken together, these three executive orders will improve the lives of millions of Americans.

Make it happen, Joe.

Robert Reich
Professor of Public Policy
University of California-Berkeley

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Psychiatric hospital progresses in Caro

(Continued from Page 1) project, and did a lot of pre-ordering of long-term items, so that has really helped us. We're still on schedule."

Massa said challenges have been few and far between on the project, when it comes to the site, material acquisition and the ability to hire a sufficient number of skilled tradespeople. "We have generally been able to find the labor we need, that has not had much of an impact," he said. "Overall, we're smiling, we've had pretty good luck."

Work started on the project in October 2021 on the grounds of the existing aging and outmoded Caro Regional Mental Health Center on Chambers Road.

According to Granger:
•The facility includes East/West patient wings, with a north administration facility and a central patient area.

•A central nurse station will be located at the core of each of the patient units, with views down each wing.

•There will also be secure yards provided between each of the two units at each end of the facility, and unsecured yards for staff and patients.

•Four clinical staff and office pods will be located at the connector of each patient wing.

•Medical services and patient intake will be located on the first floor along the main corridor that connects to the downtown zone, while the main entry, family visitation and legal services will be adjacent to medical services.

•The building will be oriented to provide views of the woods, meadows and river to as many patient rooms as possible, while other rooms will have views of the interior garden courtyards.

Evans said "a different mindset" needs to be employed when constructing a psychiatric facility, with the use of "anti-ligature" fixtures designed to reduce the ability of patients to do self-



WE ASKED THIS GROUP of Sheet Metal Workers Local 7 members to pause what they were doing for a photo in front of some of their handiwork – a large insulated plenum they installed at the Caro Psychiatric Hospital. They are (l-r) Colby Hemgesberg, Dave Moening and Kevin Scharich. They're working for Dee Cramer.

harm with wire, cords or sharp edges. "The fine details are a lot more important," he said, "with everything designed for the safety of the patients."

Caro Psychiatric Hospital is one of five state-operated psychiatric facilities. The replacement was originally scheduled to be 225,000 square feet and have 200 beds, an increase of 50 beds from the existing facility. Progress on the project was halted following a review by an independent consulting firm, and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services the MDHHS recommended construction of the smaller-than-planned new facility in Caro, while meeting the needs of the state by "reopening units at existing state hospitals, and increasing resources into community-based programs to help serve individuals in need of mental health services."

"We believe the benefits of a new hospital will affect our pa-

tient outcomes, our patient and family satisfaction, patient safety, staff efficiency and satisfaction, as well as organizational outcomes," said Rose Laskowski, director of the Caro hospital.

The Caro Center originally opened in 1914 to care for people with epilepsy. The current facility provides service to adults with serious mental illness from 48 Michigan counties.



GIVING THE BRUSH to a wall that will contain dumpsters at the new Caro Psychiatric Hospital is Ray Robison of Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers Local 2. He's employed by Boettcher Masonry.

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The Monroe Power Plant

HISTORY IN THE MAKING

By Marty Mulcahy



DTE ENERGY'S Monroe Power Plant is shown about 25 years ago, with its original, since-demolished 800-foot stacks. They were replaced by 540-foot stacks erected in the last decade that were part of the plant's modern pollution control system. Dominating the foreground is the plant's coal reserves – the plant burns 8-10 million tons of the black stuff every year.

Photos courtesy of DTE Energy

In an era firmly in the grip of worldwide conversion to alternative, green energy sources – solar, wind, hydro – there stands in Michigan an extremely important elephant in the room: the 11th largest power plant (by megawatt production) in the nation.

And unlike other coal-burning energy facilities across Michigan and the nation, the Monroe Power Plant isn't being retired any time soon. (But its end is on the horizon). With all four of its generating units in operation, the plant is capable of producing 3,300 megawatts – providing, at this point, an irreplaceable 40 percent of DTE Energy's total capacity.

Sited on 1,200 acres at the River Raisin and Lake Erie shore, the need for the construction of a facility the size of the Monroe Power Plant grew throughout the 1960s as power demands continued to increase. Detroit Edison had been building a number of smaller but still-significant power plants earlier in the decade, when it decided to go big. Very big.

"The plant was constructed in the early 1970s and was completed in 1974," says *Academic*. "The plant has four generating units, each with an output of 850 megawatts. With all four generating units operating, the plants total output is 3,300 megawatts. It is the second-largest coal fired plant in operation in the United States after Georgia Power's Plant Bowen near Cartersville, Georgia" (3,450 megawatts).

Construction of the plant began in 1968. The contractors involved with the electrical generation for the units included Siemens Energy and GE Power. Babcock & Wilcox Enterprises supplied steam boilers for the project. The first generating unit came on line in 1971.

It was a precedent-setting plant at the time of construction. The Federal Power Commission's *National Power Survey* said in 1970 that when completed, the "Monroe plant of Detroit Edison Company, now under construction, will be the largest plant" in the nation.

The Monroe plant's power production would easily surpass the existing largest facility, the Tennessee Valley Authority's three-unit, 2,558-megawatt Paradise plant, completed in 1970.

The high-end power output of the Monroe Power Plant proved to be just about the zenith for mega-megawatt plants, although the Federal Power Commission (wrongly) predicted in their 1970 report that the economies of scale would likely lead to

larger and larger power plants.

While acknowledging that protests by potential power plant neighbors, opposition from the (then-budding) environmental movement, the need for tremendous amounts of land on which to build the plants, as well as the need of a nearby significant source of water were likely limiting factors, the Power Commission looked past all that and saw a future for bigger, more powerful plants.

"The problems of site acquisition and development may be less severe for one large site than for two or more smaller ones," the federal agency said. "These and other advantages of large installations suggest that plant sizes will continue to increase in the years ahead."

In fact, they predicted that by 1980, coal-burning power plants would be built that have a capacity of 10,000 megawatts. They turned out to be false prophets. Today, in terms of coal-burning plants, a power station in China is the largest that's still operational with a capacity of roughly 6,700 megawatts. The largest built in the U.S. never surpassed 3,500 megawatts.

(The Three Gorges Dam in China is the world's largest power station in terms of installed capacity – 22,500 MW – and the rest of top of that list are also hydro-electric or nuclear plants).

The work of performing renovations, pollution control upgrades and expansions at the Monroe Power Plant and smaller coal-burning plants across Michigan have generated incomes and helped foster a middle-class lifestyle for generations of building trades workers.

To the general public, the Monroe Power Plant's original, twin 800-foot-tall stacks were the most readily visible landmarks associated with the plant. The Environmental Protection Agency (signed into law in December 1970) was not in existence when the plant was under construction. So the 80-story stacks were actually a tall, state-of-the-art pollution control system – although "control" isn't exactly the right word.

"Tall stacks, here defined as stacks over 500 feet high, do not reduce overall emissions, but help disperse the effluent over a wider area," said the 1970 *National Power Survey*. The goal was more to improve local air quality than to reduce greenhouse gases, which wasn't the household term it is today.

The Monroe plant did in-

clude some emission controls. Small electrostatic precipitators – which use static electricity to remove soot and ash from exhaust fumes before they exit the stack – were originally installed.

The Monroe plant burns 8-10 million tons of coal every year to create electricity. There is no question among scientists that coal burning contributes to greenhouse gases, and federal regulators in recent decades have been mandating the installation of exotic new hardware and advanced technologies to capture harmful emissions from coal-burning plants.

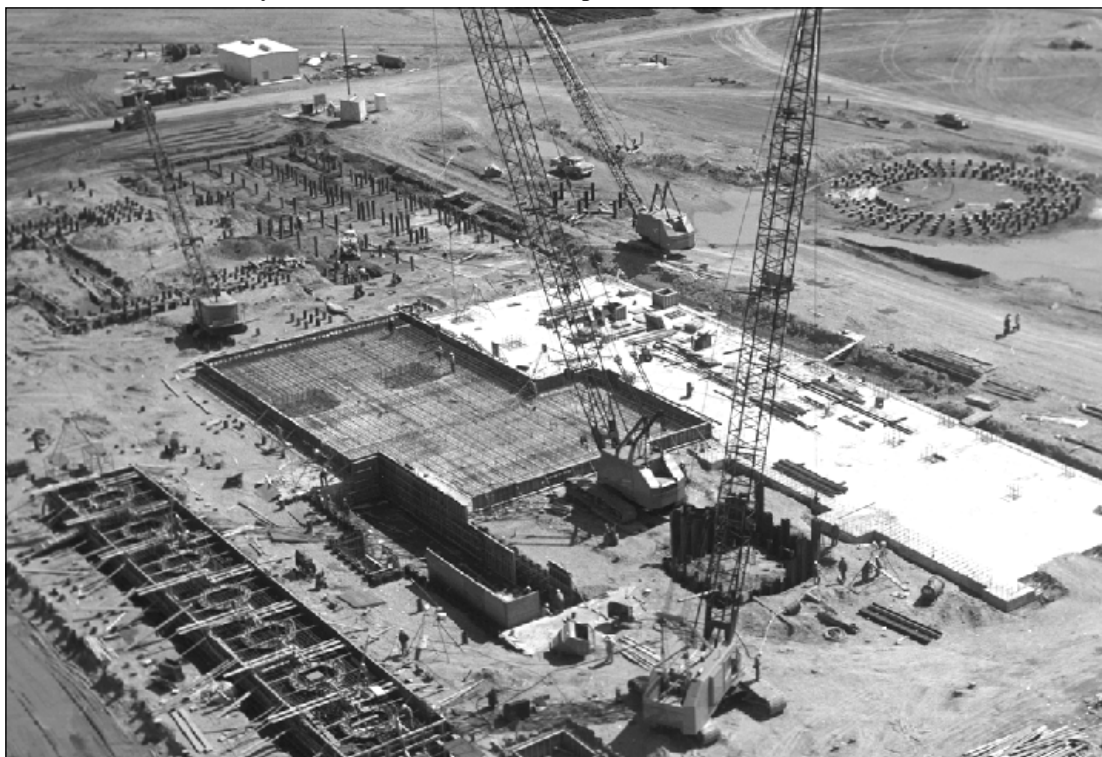
To support that mission, the Monroe plant's pair of original, signature 800-foot exhaust stacks were demolished, one in 2012 and the other in 2014. They were replaced by new 580-foot stacks built to support the operation of new flue gas desulfurization (FGD) systems – pollution control "scrubbers" to reduce sulfur dioxide, mercury and other emissions.

The work to reduce those emissions that was completed in 2014 marked the end of a 14-year, \$1 billion process to install the clean air equipment, making the Monroe plant among the cleanest coal-fired plants in the country.

The installation of emission control systems have been a major focus at the plant, with the trades also installing selective catalytic reduction (SCR) systems at Monroe during the last decade. It became the first plant in Michigan that operates scrubbers in combination with SCR systems. That's on top of previous generations of pollution control systems. And the plant continues to undergo regular maintenance, and hire building trades workers en masse to do the work.

"Another industrial milestone in Monroe's life, and for that matter, all of Southeast Michigan, came in 1971 when DTE Energy began operating the Monroe Power Plant," says a history provided by the City of Monroe. Coal is delivered via coal off-loaded from freighters docking on the River Raisin, or from trains with 115 cars, each carrying 100 tons of coal. "The plant and equipment that sit on DTE Energy's 1,200-acre site makes the Monroe Power Plant the city's largest taxpayer, comprising about 39 percent of the city's tax base."

But for how long? The most recent word from DTE Energy is that it intends to retire all of its coal-burning plants by 2040 – including the Monroe Plant.



CONSTRUCTION OF the Monroe Power Plant in 1969.



Local 36

Elevator Constructors

Elevator Constructors Local 36

DETROIT – ALL MEMBERS ARE INFORMED that our next regular Membership Meeting is planned for Monday, July 25, 2022, at 5:30 pm at 1358 Abbott Street Detroit, MI (Electricians Hall). Watch your emails for any change in venue.

Reminder to all Members, 2nd quarter cards were due July 1, 2022. If you have not paid them, please do so immediately. The Death assessment for Brother John Hawkins will be collected. Please add \$5.00 for this assessment to your payment. Hall hours are 8 am- 4:30 pm but please call to make sure someone is available.

We have the new Constitution and By-Laws (revised edition October 2021) along with the new NEBA Agreement July 9, 2022 to July 8, 2027 books at the Hall.

Attention All Members, save the date for July 30, 2022 for the Union picnic. We are in need of volunteers to help with set up, games and clean up, please contact the hall if you are able to help out in any way.

On Sept. 17 we will be having a golf out at Bay Pointe Golf course in Commerce Township, if interested check your email for contact info or call the Hall for more info.

Attention All Apprentices, Classes will be starting the week of Aug. 15, 2022. Due to the amount of students/classes we will be having two orientations, Monday Aug. 1, 2022 and Wednesday Aug. 3, 2022. Email will be sent to all with your class and orientation night and time. It is your responsibility to attend, as attendance is mandatory.

All testing must be done according to Michigan State Code and your company's MCP. Remember YOUR license is being put on the forms so do the test correctly no matter how long it takes!!

If work being done on any equipment make sure you document what you did on your company's MCP. If you are working on a trouble car or working shift work let the on-call guy or next shift know what you did or what issues you are having with the equipment. Communication is key in safety so make sure you communicate with your Brothers and Sisters so they can go home after their shift.

All Members, Local 36, Local 85, EIWP are holding outreach sessions on Monday nights, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Reviewing and answering any questions pertaining to Michigan and Detroit Elevator Codes. Contact the Hall if you are interested and the link will be sent for online or phone participation. We are also holding code book layout sessions monthly, this is a great class for all members so you can reference the codes easily for testing, maintenance, construction or studying/taking the State/City tests.

If anyone is interested in QEI training, please call the Hall so we can build a potential class list.

We wish to extend our condolences to the family of Brother Walter Ruiz and a get well to all Brothers and Sisters on our sick list. Be safe and stay healthy.

Biden signs final rule to bolster pension plans

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the building trades, and some of whom already had seen their pension checks reduced – would have seen significant cuts in benefits.

An estimated 1.3 million retirees could have lost up to 70 percent of their retiree benefits – and millions more would have lost lesser percentages – without the infusion of the federal dollars. More than 80,000 workers and retirees had already had their benefits cut under a 2014 law. The new program will aid those workers retroactively and boost all plans at risk.

"With the support of this administration, millions of retirees – including thousands of LIUNA retirees, members, and beneficiaries can breathe a sigh of relief, knowing that they will still receive their full pensions and be able to retire in dignity after a lifetime of hard work," said Laborers International Union (LIUNA) General President Terry O'Sullivan. "LIUNA is grateful to the White House for their leadership in protecting pensions and looks forward to the implementation of rules that will further strengthen retirement security for working men and women."

The legislation was named for Ohio Teamsters union leader and pension advocate Butch Lewis, who died in 2016.

AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler said the passage of the pension protections was the result of "united advocacy by our unions. Pensions are more than just a vital part of the retirement plans of millions of Americans, they are a promise made to workers by their employers. And those pensions should not be ripped away after years or decades of hard work. We will keep fighting to protect that promise."

Said Biden: "Losing a big part of your income late in life, that's a scar, though, that doesn't heal. Well, not this time. With today's actions, millions of workers will have the dignified retirement they earned and they deserve."

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and add jobs for West Michigan residents."

Global Life Sciences is a leading provider of technologies and services that advance the development of therapeutics. The company said customers undertake life-saving activities ranging from fundamental biological research to developing innovative vaccines, biologic drugs, and novel cell and gene therapies. The company has more than 8,000 employees across 40 countries.

A Global Life Sciences Solutions spokeswoman said her company intends to use the Muskegon Twp. factory to manufacture and supply chromatography resins to the U.S. market, which are used by global pharmaceutical and technology companies to purify life-saving medical treatments and vaccines. The company was reportedly considering locating sites in five other states.

BASF was the most recent operator at the Muskegon site, announcing the herbicide plant's closure in 2020.

"This is great news for us," said Morgan Carroll, director of business development at Greater Muskegon Economic Development, who worked with MEDC to bring the company to Muskegon Township. "Very high paying jobs for the county, and one of the largest construction projects we've seen in Muskegon County in decades."

A man walks out to the street and catches a taxi just going by. He gets into the taxi, and the cabbie says, "Perfect timing. You're just like Frank." Passenger: "Who?"

Cabbie: "Frank Feldman. He's a guy who did everything right all the time. Like my coming along just when you needed a cab, things happened like that to Frank Feldman every single time." Passenger: "There are always a few clouds over everybody."

Cabbie: "Not Frank Feldman! I keep getting told he was a terrific athlete and that he could golf with the

Just joking

pros. He sang like an opera baritone and danced like a Broadway star. I'm told he could play the piano. Just an amazing guy."

Passenger: "Sounds like he was really something special."

Cabbie: "There's more. I've heard he had a memory like a computer; he remembered everybody's birthday. He took his wife to the nicest restaurants. Knew all about wine, and which food to order."

"Around the house, he would cook dinner, do the laundry. I guess he could fix anything. Not like me. I

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nominal terms." In 2021, a tight labor market created a rare moment of leverage for low-wage workers, but many workers never received a bigger piece of the pie. Among all CEOs and workers from all pay levels, the American corporate chiefs made 351 times more than workers last year. In 1965 it was 15 to one.

"Executive excess, overall, has Americans across the political spectrum fed up," the institute's report said. "One just-released poll shows that 87 percent of us see the growing gap between CEO and worker pay as a problem for the country. An astounding 62 percent of Republicans and 75 percent of Democrats favor a cap on CEO pay relative to worker pay, regardless of company performance."

Instituting such a pay cap by Congress is a highly unlikely scenario, and probably wouldn't pass a court challenge. But lawmakers have historically taxed higher wage earners at a greater rate to encourage narrower CEO-worker pay gaps.

Shareholder actions to limit CEO pay are also an alternative, as well as executive action to limit tax breaks for companies with CEOs who have high income disparities with their workers.

More money flows to build new Soo lock

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After decades of inaction, a new lock is finally being constructed at the Soo. The project will carve out two existing locks to create a new lock that will twin the Poe Lock – which is currently the only conduit to move the largest bulk carrying freighters among the Great Lakes. A new lock is sought as a backup in case of mechanical failure or sabotage to the Poe Lock – whose failure to operate for an extended period would be catastrophic to the U.S. economy.

The project's first phase to deepen the upstream channel began in spring of 2020 and is substantially complete with punch-list items and final cleanup remaining. The project's second phase to rehabilitate the upstream approach walls began in spring of 2021.

With Phase 1 nearly complete and Phase 2 scheduled for completion in summer 2024, the third construction phase is a big milestone for the project, the Army Corps says. A major cost increase led to a five-month contract award delay while the Corps of Engineers developed necessary reports to deliver a new cost estimate for reauthorization to Congress. The cost increase's causes are changing market conditions, inflation, a nationwide labor shortage, design modifications and early estimate assumptions.

The "Project Fully Funded Cost," the Corps says, has climbed from \$1.031 billion to \$3.189 billion.

"Courage is the power to let go of the familiar."

– Raymond Lindquist

change a fuse, and the whole street blacks out. But Frank Feldman, I'm told all the time he could do everything right.

Passenger: "Wow, what a guy!"

Cabbie: "That Frank, I doubt he ever made a mistake, and he really knew how to treat his wife and make her feel good. I'm told he would never talk back to her, even if she was in the wrong. Basically I guess he was the perfect man! Nope, no one could ever measure up to Frank Feldman!"

Passenger: "How did you meet him?"

Cabbie: "I never actually met Frank. He died and I married his wife. She tells me about him all the time!



SPECIAL DELIVERY – David Frick of Heat and Frost Insulators Local 47 moves a lot of insulation board the easy way, working on the roof of a building at the Caro Psychiatric Hospital. He's employed by Mechanical Insulation.



MUDDING A DRYWALL joint in a patient room at the Caro Psychiatric Hospital project is Harold Loney of Michigan Painters District Council Local 2353. He's employed by Commercial Contracting Corp.

Local 25
Heat and Frost
Insulators

Heat & Frost Insulators Local 25 SOUTHFIELD-UNION MEETING – The next scheduled Membership Meeting will take place Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Hall, 21353 Bridge Street, Southfield, MI 48033.

ANNUAL PICNIC: Heat & Frost Insulators Local 25 Annual Picnic will take place on Saturday, August 6, 2022. The festivities will take place at Willow Metropark, New Boston. As more details become available, we will be sure to notify the membership. Anyone with questions or who is interested in volunteering, please call the Union Office and we can put you in touch with the Picnic Chairperson, Trevor Presnell.

LOU KLOTT: There is a Memorial Service planned by the family of retiree Lou Klott. Here is the information they have provided.

Lou Klott Memorial Service, July, 24, 2022, American Legion Post #32; 9318 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, Michigan; 3-7 p.m.

The family is asking that anyone who plans to attend, please contact them by calling (734) 709-6078. Please keep Brother Klott's family in your thoughts during this difficult time.

APPAREL: New Local 25 apparel is available at the Union Hall. New items include: knit hats and beanies, new hi-vis short and long sleeved t-shirts and hi-vis hoodies. Apparel can be viewed on the Facebook page.

M.U.S.T. SAFETY MODULES: It is important to keep your M.U.S.T. Safety Modules up to date. If you have Modules expiring and needing to be completed, give the Union Office a call to have the testing authorization turned on.

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: All employment changes; hire, lay off, fire, shop change, disability, etc. must be called into the Union Hall. This is the only way to guarantee you are on the out of work list and your employment records remain current and correct.

LAYOFF/HIRE: Please be reminded, all members shall notify the Business Manager within 48 hours after accepting a job or upon termination of employment. Failure to report will result in an automatic \$50 fine.

S.U.B. FUND: Please be reminded, in order to receive a S.U.B. Fund check on Friday, all paperwork must be submitted to the Office no later than 2:00 p.m. on Thursday.

SUBFUND TIME LIMITATION: Please be reminded, per the Plan Document: Each time a participant receives a State Unemployment check, he/she must mail or deliver the receipt, check stub, or a copy of the check to the Administrator's office within thirty (30) days of receipt of said State Unemployment check. Any request for a benefit payment past the thirty (30) days will be denied per the Plan Document.

NOTICE TO ALL: When you move into the Medicare Advantage Program, your deductible balance for the year, is supposed to carry over. Whatever you have paid toward your annual deductible, prior to changing over to Medicare Advantage Program, should follow you. As with any system, there can be flaws. Please keep an eye out for any charges, related to your deductible balance not being carried over, when you move into the Medicare Advantage Program. If you receive a charge that should have been covered by your deductible, please contact the Fund Office.

BENESYS: When calling the Fund Office, Benesys, please be sure to get the name of the person providing you information. Lately, we have been experiencing some incorrect information being provided to our members. In order to make sure the correct information is provided, it helps to have a name so the Union Office can call Benesys, correct the person providing incorrect information and find out why they are providing our members with incorrect information.

SICK AND INJURED: Please keep all our sick and injured members in your thoughts and prayers.



Local 47
Heat and Frost
Insulators

Heat and Frost Insulators & Allied Workers Local 47 LANSING – The next Union Meeting will be held on Friday, August 12, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the J.A.T.C. Training center located at 906 Terminal Rd., Lansing, MI 48933.

To combat and limit the spread of Covid-19, Local 47 encourages all members to continue to work safe, and if you feel sick contact a doctor immediately.

Any retirees wanting to go to work, please call the office. The Funds Trustees have waived the 79-hour rule.

All members should have received a letter from our International regarding the Asbestos Exposure Scientific Study. For more information on how to participate in this study, please contact Business Manager Patrick Welch at the main Local 47 Office number: 517-708-0665.

Per the Rules and Procedures: Members must notify the office within 24 hours of being laid off or charges may be placed, you can do so by calling or texting the office at (517) 708-0665 with your layoff date and the name of the Contractor you were laid off from.

Members must notify the office before ANY overtime is worked. Contracts are available at the Union Office or at the Union Meeting upon request.

OSHA 10: Local 47 will be offering OSHA 10 to any Active Member who is not current with the program. The course is done online, so if you wish to take the course please contact the Local Union office with your email address and we will be more than happy to set it up for you. If you do not have a computer at home, you are welcome to come to the Local Union Office to take the course.

To ensure all Active Members and Retirees are receiving their Robo calls please make sure you have not blocked the following number: (804) 441-8365. There are several members who have the number blocked and therefore are not receiving the Robo Calls. These calls are only used for Important Notifications from the Local Union Business Manager and Funeral Notifications. If you are not receiving these calls, please contact the Local Union Office and we will double check to make sure we have the correct number in the system or if you may have blocked the number.

Local 47 has been receiving a lot of returned mail from our members. We ask that if you have a change of address or phone number to please call the Local Union Office right away so we can update your information throughout our system, TIC's, and the with the International. It is very important to make sure your contact information is always update with Local 47.

Invites and Scholarship Applications have been sent out to all Active Members and Retirees. Please fill out the invite and send it in as soon as possible so we can get a count on how many to expect.

Local 47's Annual Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, July 30, 2022. The cost will be \$75/person or \$300/team. If you wish to participate, please call the office with the names of your team members, and you can either pay by check or Venmo.

If any Fourth or Fifth year Apprentices are interested in attending the Central States Conference Breath of Life Golf Outing in September located out at Roanoke, WV, please contact Patrick Welch.

Pension and Health Welfare: Joshua Kroell (989) 385-2671 Allied Workers' Local 47 Fringe Benefit Funds, 6525 Centurion Drive, Lansing, MI 48917-9275. **Toll Free Number: (800) 323-8079** Telephone Number: (517) 321-7502 • Fax Number: (517) 321-7508

Joshua Kroell will be available via phone to answer any questions regarding Pension, Welfare and Vacation Funds. Joshua is the Secretary for the Pension, Welfare, Vacation and Special Benefits and can be reached by phone at (989) 385-2671, or by mail at: P.O. Box 1498, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804.

To all active members, if you have not sent in your Coordination of Benefits Form, your Spousal Form, or your Birth Certificates for your Children, no one will be covered on our insurance until these items are sent to TIC. Please call TIC immediately at (800) 323-8079 and get the above-mentioned forms into the fund ASAP and you will be reinstated retroactively.

Remember that Auto and Motorcycle accidents are not covered by our plan. Auto and Motorcycle accidents should be covered by your personal Auto Insurance policy.

Members having questions regarding Pension and Welfare Fund please contact TIC International at the numbers below or log onto their Website: www.heatfrostlocal47benefits.org:

Please complete and return the working spousal forms to TIC. JATC Coordinator Phil Wilson (616-466-8736)

Applications are open for the Apprenticeship Program. Call the Union Office.

Under Duties of Apprenticeship, Section 5.3 part L, page 4 of the Apprenticeship Standards states, "According to the Apprenticeship Standards you are required to accurately fill out the online work report for NO later than ten (10) days from the end of the current work week."

Good and Welfare: Get well to all our sick and/or injured members.

"Real joy comes not from ease or riches or from the praise of men, but from doing something worthwhile."
–Sir Wilfred Grenfell (1865 - 1940)

District Council 1M MICHIGAN
Michigan Painters District Council

Painters District Council 1M WARREN - Dear Members, **DCIM WEBSITE:** www.iupatdc1michigan.org **DCIM FACEBOOK:** www.facebook.com/iupat1m

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extension 100
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Warren office# is 586-552-4474 or Freeland office# is 989-695-6888. New job starts should be reported to the Union office, please do so

Get involved. Work smart. Work safe.

Local 357
Glaziers & Glassworkers

WARREN – Monday, July 4th was a paid holiday. We hope that everyone had a safe, enjoyable long holiday weekend.

Our next scheduled union meeting will be held on Monday August 1st, 2022 at 6pm. Please attend.

The F.T.I. Of The Great Lakes District Council 1 Michigan is looking for a full time glazier apprenticeship teaching instructor for the Warren, Mi training center.

Interested candidates must be a member with a minimum of five years in the union, must also have an extensive background in the glass, and glazing industry.

If you believe that you possess the skills to prepare the next generation please send your resume to the Director of Training Shawn O'Neill dot@iupatdc1m.org

We will be accepting resumes now until July 22, 2022 with interviews following.

The IUPAT has a new app that you can download. It's called IUPAT Mobile Member Portal. You can find this in the app store, and it is a free app. Once you download this app, you will need your union member id to log in. You can find your member id printed on your quarterly union card. Once you log into this app

it's a helpful tool to track your hours worked, and it all has a digital copy of your union card.

Keep your working status current; this helps protect your benefits. If you have a mailing address and/or telephone number change, please notify the Union and Fund Offices of the changes.

Dues payments may be mailed to the Union Office at 14587 Barber Avenue, Warren, MI 48088. Make checks payable to: **DISTRICT COUNCIL 1M** in care of Glassworkers #357.

When traveling to work out of town, all members are reminded that they must check in with the local that you are working in as per the International Constitution and our local C.B.A.

The Fund Office address is Michigan Glass and Glazing Joint Funds, P.O. Box 966, Troy, MI 48098-0666; phone number: 248-641-4957; fax 248-813-9898.

District Council 1M MICHIGAN
Sign, Pictorial & Display Local 591

Sign Pictorial & Display 591 WARREN – There will be no August meeting, the next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 6:30p.m. Trustees and union stewards meet at 6:20 p.m.

Members must be in good standing (dues up to date) with District Council 1 app or receipt of paid dues to attend meeting

Anyone possessing a union membership and willingly works at a nonunion shop doing union work can have charges preferred against them under Sec. 16.4, and 19.8 of the District Council By-laws

Any questions on local union issues, please call Jeremy Haviland at 586-899-0183, or Keith Anderson at 586-899-7958, your Business Representatives.

Questions pertaining to Local 591 Pension Fund issues call 248-645-6550 and/or Health Care issues call 248-358-3340 or 800-482-8736 which will then be answered directly through fund office.

District Council 1M MICHIGAN
Local 2352

Business Rep: Jeremy Haviland
Meeting Date: 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.
Place: District Council 1M, 14587 Barber Ave., Warren, MI.

Local 2353
Business Rep: Keith Anderson
Meeting date: 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.
Place: District Council 1M, 14587 Barber Ave, Warren, MI.

Local 2352
Business Rep: Rocky Ackerman
Meeting date: 2nd Thursday of every month at 5:30 p.m.
Place: 3115 Joyce St. Burton, MI 48529

Local 826
Business Rep: Fred Frederickson
Meeting date: 1st Thursday of every month at 7 p.m.
Place: 419 S. Washington Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933

Local 845
Business Rep: Jake Fluty
Meeting date: The Fourth Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m.
Place: 3115 Joyce St., Burton MI 48529

District Council 1M MICHIGAN
Local 591

Local 1803
Business Rep: Josh Ovalle
Meeting date: 4th Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.
Place: 7677 Midland Road, Freeland, MI 48623.

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Business Rep: Jeremy Haviland
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Place: District Council 1M, 14587 Barber Ave., Warren, MI.

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Outdoors

Rails to trails connect Michigan

By Dan Spigel
Heritage Trail Coordinator,
Michigan Department of
Natural Resources



With more than 13,000 miles of state-designated trails that provide access for everyone to enjoy the great outdoors, Michigan is becoming known nationally as the "Trails State."

Many of these trails are built on abandoned railroad corridors. These popular and safe pathways are fondly known as "rail-trails," and Michigan has more miles of them than any other state.

Rail-trails tend to be long, linear trails that connect communities. They also have a fundamental connection to the past. Beginning in the mid-19th century, railroads were built through Michigan's interior, creating a conduit for settlement and development.

Many of Michigan's towns and cities, some of which are now gone, were established along these rail lines. This historical connection makes Michigan rail trails a great place to discover our state's early history.

This year, people enjoying the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail State Park, a 34-mile rail trail in Livingston, Ingham and Jackson counties, will discover stories ranging from muck farmers growing onions to World War II German prisoners of war.

In November 2021, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Heritage Trail Program installed 11 signs interpreting the natural and cultural history along the trail. This year, a 12th interpretive sign will be added once the trail is extended 3.7 miles to Blackman Township near the city of Jackson.

The Mike Levine Lakelands Trail is popular with locals and visitors looking to stretch their legs, ride a bike or simply enjoy the outdoors.

"While many areas of the trail are rural, they attract a huge variety of hikers, bikers and equestrians," Nick Van Bloem, Michigan Department of Natural Resources trails specialist for southeast Michigan said. "The variety of uses means it's a great place to teach children how to ride a bike, train for a marathon, or ride your horse from your farm to the trails in Pinckney Recreation Area."

The Lakelands Trail is also a



AN INTERPRETIVE SIGN about seasonal farm labor, located along the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail near Stockbridge in Ingham County. MDNR photos

backbone for trail connectivity in southern Michigan.

"The original trail has been expanded both east and west and will be the centerpiece for connections encompassing Jackson, Ingham, Livingston, and Oakland counties," Van Bloem said. "It's also a desired connection point as local municipalities add more regional trails."

One ambitious project connecting trails is the Great Lake to Lake Trail Route No.1. The 275-mile route unites individual local and regional trails from South Haven to Port Huron and includes the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail.

The trail's namesake is local philanthropist Mike Levine. A longtime user and supporter of Lakelands Trail State Park, Levine generously provided the means to finish trail extensions and improvements. His support for trails also includes other segments of the Great Lake to Lake Trail Route No. 1.

"Mike set a goal to ride his bike across the state on this trail. Being the type of person who strives to solve problems, he combined his persuasive and philanthropic traits to assist multiple communities along the

route," Van Bloem said. "The Mike Levine Lakeland Trail State Park now bears his name in recognition of his longstanding efforts."

Since 2015, the DNR's Michigan History Center has helped dozens of communities across the state identify and share their history through its Heritage Trail Program.

The addition of heritage interpretation enhances the trail experience by strengthening the connection between people and the place. It provides context and shares the stories that make a location special. It also makes the trail more appealing to people who value culture, and it creates new economic opportunities as it encourages people to explore the towns along the trail.

The Heritage Trail Program held the first Lakeland Trail community meeting for the interpretive sign project in December 2018, at the Hamburg Township Hall. Thanks to a grant from Levine, Josh Kaminski – then a graduate student in Eastern Michigan University's Historic Preservation Program – worked on the project for two years, researching, gathering images and

writing text for the signs.

"What I found to be most memorable was the amount of support and dedication that the community gave towards planning this," Kaminski said. "People stepped forward with excitement and were eager to share their stories. That level of care is inspiring."

The Mike Levine Lakelands Trail is not the first trail in Michigan to embrace history.

The Iron Ore Heritage Trail

in Marquette County opened in 2008. Now 47 miles long, it connects communities forged in the heyday of Michigan iron mining. It provides dozens of interpretive signs, artifacts and artwork to share their story.

The Iron Ore Heritage Trail's impact on the region inspired the DNR to create the Heritage Trail Program.

Michigan's first rail-trail, the Haywire Grade, is also in the Upper Peninsula. To celebrate the Haywire's 50th anniversary in 2020, the Heritage Trail Program partnered with the Manistique area community to create and install 11 customized interpretive kiosks and 34 mile-markers.

Another notable example is Kal-Haven Trail State Park. Opened to the public in 1989, the trail runs 34 miles between Kalamazoo and South Haven on a railroad corridor built in 1870.

In 2015, the Michigan History Center selected Kal-Haven to be the pilot project for the new Heritage Trail Program. This led to a three-year collaborative effort with the local community to identify and interpret the history along the trail.

The 2019 result was 31 interpretive signs, a mobile app designed for increased accessibility and a multi-sensory display.

"Ever since the installation of the Heritage Project on the Kal-

Haven Trail, our guests will almost always comment on the panels they've seen along the way by saying, as we had hoped, 'I had no idea this was here before,'" said Jeff Green, chairman of the Friends of the Kal-Haven Trail.

"Once the project was installed, we had an uptick in traffic to our Facebook and web pages," Green said. "We have also noticed a definitive increase in visitor traffic. Rarely does a busy day on the trail go by that we don't see guests stopping to read the heritage panels."

Back on the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail, the new interpretive signs share the history of the land and the stories of people who once lived there. Trail users will cross over the Huron River, where they can learn about how it formed and the important role it played in the life of the Potawatomi.

Trail users will also get a glimpse of what life was like 140 years ago in communities including Stockbridge, Gregory, Hamburg and Munnith. They will discover remnants of the railroad era and learn how it transformed the area in the 1880s.

Other stories told along the Lakelands Trail include those of novelist Mary Clavers, photographer Daisie Chapel, seasonal farm laborers and the Jackson prison.

The 12 new signs are in addition to five that the Motor Cities National Heritage Area had previously installed on the eastern section of the trail. With 17 interpreted historic stops, the trail is an outdoor recreation and cultural destination for all to enjoy.



AN INTERPRETIVE SIGN at the old Roots Station site along the Mike Levine Lakelands Trail in Leoni Twp. in Jackson County.

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