Michigan waits in painful holding pattern for COVID health threat to diminish

By Marty Makely

Michigan’s month-to-month decline of 230 construction jobs is one of the steepest drops in one month. That means what is expected to be a homeless show of workers on job sites fade across the country.

Based on U.S. Labor Department numbers released April 17, the Associated General Contractors of America said that Michigan is relatively lucky. Michigan lost 1 percent of jobs in those two months still ranks among the worst (No. 48) among the states. That is only Indiana that lost a construction industry. But the numbers from the past two months take into account the impact of the COVID-19 virus on construc-
tion in March and March, with a monthly “two-er”-ing out of the job numbers, by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Michigan unemployment rules have severely understate employment

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The project is managed by the Lathrop Co., a subsidiary of Turner Construction Co. Lathrop Project Manager Phillip Baatz and work began on the project in June 2018 and is expected to wrap up on June 5. The 207,000-square-foot, three-level hospital is being constructed along M-52 about 5 miles north of Ann Arbor.

"The trades, the subs, everybody has been excellent, everyone has done a super job," he said. "The Solidarity among the trades that the contractors are building is great," he said. The contract had led to some overtime for the patients to get back in work.

"We can start to get some traction on that now," he said.

Angela Lima, director of community engagement at the Economic Policy Institute said with the looming recession, "it's going to be hard to get more job loss than men within the workforce becoming unemployed." Lima noted that the Michigan unemployment rate in the second quarter of 2020 was 4.3 percent, the lowest rate since 1994.

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(Continued from Page 1) is the extension of Gov. Whitmer’s at-home order. According to the governor, “is encouraging the use of the stay-at-home order to help containing necessary for the health of our state.”

While there is no guarantee that construction will begin anytime soon, some are suggesting that the new city council should look to a commission to ensure the allocation of future funds.

However, Michigan is also one of the few states that has not yet to provide three COVID-19 testing rates in the country. In fact, it is one of the few that are higher than our Midwest neighbor, Ohio, at three times higher than Wisconsin, and twice the rate of Illinois.

As a result, a variety of city council members, including the mayor and city council members, are working hard to ensure that every resident has access to a COVID-19 test.

According to the mayor, the city council has made it clear that they will not be able to provide funding for testing due to the current financial situation.

However, the city council is also encouraging residents to take advantage of the available resources and seek testing as soon as possible.

For more information on the city’s COVID-19 response, please visit the official city website or contact the city’s emergency management office.

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**Just joking**

An eight-year-old girl was recently given a surprise birthday gift from her father. As the father and daughter were sitting in their car, her father pulled out a box filled with birthday gifts. The little girl was overjoyed and started crying.

"Don’t cry, dear," her father said. "You have a surprise birthday gift from your dad." The little girl was finally able to stop crying and open the box.

To her surprise, she found a small cake decorated with her favorite colors. Her father had gone the extra mile to make sure she had a special day.

As the little girl savored her cake, she realized how lucky she was to have a loving family who cared for her. She smiled with gratitude and hugged her father tightly.

Her father asked what she thought of her birthday present.

"I love it, Dad," she replied. "Thank you for making my birthday so special."
LUSCH EMPLOYMENT: The union meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 25 at 7:00 a.m. at 8590. If you have any questions or need further information, please call (734) 424-0962, Ext. #210.

NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS:

ATTENTION ALL GM WORK REQUIRES (Lack of participants)

MACHINIST INJURIES IN HOSPITAL — A machinist who was injured due to a lack of OSHA training on May 13, 2020.

NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS:

ATTENT CONGRATULATIONS:

CAREER PATHS:

NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS:

ATTENT: New elections for the Union Meeting are scheduled for June 1, 2020. If you have any questions or need further information, please call (734) 424-0962, Ext. #210.

NOTE TO ALL MEMBERS:

ATTENT: The next Union Meeting is postponed until further notice. All NON-CRITICAL actions are canceled until further notice. Please use email and phone calls whenever possible. Below is a list of important dates:

- June 4, 2020:
- June 17, 2020:
- June 21, 2020:
- June 23, 2020:
- June 25, 2020:
- June 27, 2020:
- June 30, 2020:
- July 1, 2020:
- July 7, 2020:
- July 8, 2020:
- July 15, 2020:
- July 22, 2020:
- July 29, 2020:
- August 21, 2020:
- August 28, 2020:
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- October 13, 2020:
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- October 27, 2020:
- November 3, 2020:
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- December 22, 2020:
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- January 26, 2021:
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About Us

Pipe Fitters 636
FURNACE & HEATING
The instructors will cover:
- Fundamentals of electrical system
- Parts of the furnace and controls
- Starting and shutting a furnace
- Venting and Codes
- Servicing a furnace
- Heating Options

Organizational Update:

For the month of April, there will be no [--url-missing--] meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for May 24th or 31st.

Your Dues Statement:

You are receiving this statement due to your membership status with Local 636. It serves as a record of your membership status, dues payment, and the benefits you are entitled to.

Local 174, continued

NEW BUSINESS

The following businesses will be conducted by UA Local 174:
- Collective Bargaining Agreement
- Labor-Management Committees
- Job Levy

Local 357, Plumbers, Pipefitters & HVAC Service

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Organizational Update:

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Your Dues Statement:

You are receiving this statement due to your membership status with Local 357. It serves as a record of your membership status, dues payment, and the benefits you are entitled to.
MADISON HTS. — 2020 is a very important election year! We know about your political views and what you believe in, we know your beliefs and we want to know you. If you are a registered voter and are planning to vote in the May 5 primary, you can register at any Secretary of State office.

The Local is now accepting applications for a Plasterers Business Agent. Applications can be found at http://www.micsfa.org.

Contact the Mid-Michigan Roofers and Waterproofers Training Center and turn right into the Lansing Training Center for RESPIRATOR FIT TESTING at this time. To make your appointment, please contact Tom Wright at (517) 554-0017. The Mid-Michigan Retirees’ Association will hold a meeting at 7 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month. The meeting will be held at 1050 Michigan Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226. For more information, please call (313) 619-1302.

The Retirees’ Association Insurance and social membership has been closed. If you are a retired member and are interested in joining the Retirees’ Association, please contact the office at 248-545-8301 for details or any questions.

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[A list of contributions may be obtained from the Benefit Office at the local union hall or at: us@58Womenscommittee@ibewlocal58.org. If there is an error, contact the Benefit Office at (586) 575-9200 ext. 212. Please check the listed contributions from your em- ployer as normal. Disbursement from the Vacation Fund is anticipated to be transferred to your PNC Bank Stored Value Card or if you elected, a check will be mailed. The Electrical Industry Training Center is offering Continuing Education classes. Please check them out at http://www.detroitbusinessevent.com. The Electrical Industry Training Center will be offering a class for the RN Certification Pathway starting May 11, 2020. The class is free and open to all interested individuals. Please note that the class is being offered because we are one of the many training centers that do not meet the minimum enrollment requirements, or more hopefully, the classes have been scheduled because we have the Storm Book must secure their training through the Continuing Education classes. Please register early if you are interested in attending and contact Rick Koerber @ rick_dona@hotmail.com or 248-421-2636 for more information.

Members of the Entertainment Committee: The next meeting of the Entertainment Committee will be Tuesday, May 12, 2020 immediately following the Community Service Committee which starts at 5 PM. Every member is invited to attend. The full meeting agenda will be posted online at http://ibew@local498.net. Contact Panicucci @ 586-291-8014 or Diana Wright @ 734-934-9029 for further information.

**H.A.S. CANCELLED.**

The Local 445 Golf Outing has been postponed for a later date due to further notice. The date is TBD as of right now. The next local meeting date is scheduled for Thursday May 14, 2020. The next local meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 5 PM. Every member is invited to attend. The full meeting agenda will be posted online at http://ibew@local498.net. Contact Panicucci @ 586-291-8014 or Diana Wright @ 734-934-9029 for further information.

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**LOCAL 498**

FLINT – Our Union’s May Union Meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, 2020. The meeting will be at 5 PM at the Union Hall in the Administration Building located at 1949 Miller Road in Flint. The May Retirement Club Meeting will also be held on May 11, 2020. The meeting will be held at 5:30 PM. We will be discussing the annual pension payments. There will be a $5 donation to cover the cost of refreshments. Please bring your ID for the meeting. Attendees can also check in at our website for new content. Be sure to check out our website for new content. To log in to see all the new content, you will need to update your password. To update your password, please go to: https://ibewlocal498.org. You can log in using your email address to view all the new content.

**Lucy McNichols**

**May Retiree Club Meeting**

- President, Vic Serafini will open the meeting.
- Treasurer, Terry Lavender will give the treasurer’s report.
- Secretary, Ken Cooper will give the secretary’s report.
- The agenda for the May Retirement Club Meeting will be posted on our website at http://ibewlocal498.org.
- Don’t forget after 3 hours of retirement, you will have to come down to the Union Hall to renew your pension rights. The process is very simple.

**Gregory Rengers**

**June Meeting**

- E-mail or Re-Sign if: I received the address information, it would be a good idea to send us an e-mail to let us know if you are still with us. A complete list of addresses will be sent to your email address to log into our website for new content. Be sure to log into our website for new content. To log in to see all the new content, you will need to update your password. To update your password, please go to: https://ibewlocal498.org. You can log in using your email address to view all the new content.

**THE BUILDING TRADESMAN**

[Continued next column]
The IBEW Constitution whose President is Fred Pardee, Vice President: Richard McPherson; Recording Secretary: Treasurers: Finance Committee Chair; Executive Secretary: Business Manager.

The IBEW Local 665 will meet in delegates for the at-large delegate election for all applications has been opened.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Annual meeting will be held virtually. Time: 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18, 2020. All members shall have the opportunity to have their name counted. A complete list of members shall be posted for the at-large delegate election.

An election will be held during the meeting to elect the executive board. It is required that the membership is my number one priority. I must be in touch with the members and the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic is my focus.

To avoid a reinstatement charge applied.

Nominations for the at-large delegate election, whether by mail or automatic withdrawal, must be postmarked by May 6th, 2020. Nominations for the office of the membership is my number one priority. I must be in touch with the members and the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic is my focus.

Attendance at the meeting will be limited to 50 people. Members who are unable to attend the meeting will be able to listen to the meeting via Zoom.

The current and upcoming construction projects are expected to continue in person Executive Board Meetings.

The BAY CITY – IBEW Local 665 message from the Business Manager/Financial Secretary, Michael Smith, can be read online at:

https://www.ibew665.org

The IBEW Local 665 is located at 5205 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Lansing, MI 48917.

Please make note of this increase and if you have automatic bill pay set up through your bank or credit union, you will receive the increase. If you have not set up automatic bill pay through your bank or credit union, please contact your bank or credit union to make arrangements for automatic bill pay.

Please visit the IBEW Local 665 website at www.ibew665.org for all the latest news and announcements.

The May meeting is still up for grabs on May 12, 2020. Many of the governor’s guidelines to restart the economy have been approved. There is too much can and will happen and we cannot have a set of rules and this is not just lip service. We have set up a couple of data sets for each other. The information you will follow the assumptions in my world. Our assumptions are on track.

Nominations are at a standstill and the COVID-19 pandemic has put the elections on hold. The IBEW will work to ensure that the elections are held as soon as possible.

In order to be nominated, a member must be a candidate for any of the executive board positions. The candidate must be a member in good standing for at least 2 years of continuous good standing in Local Union 665. The candidate must also be a member of the Executive Board at the time of the meeting.

The IBEW Local 665 has a number of contracts with Dow Chemical and some construction companies received the Paycheck Protection Program in order to keep workers on the payroll and help secure projects for the membership. This agreement can be found online at the IBEW Local 665 website.

Please note that there may be others in attendance as we gather in an open meeting under an open order of business. There is no question we will meet in person, we will be able to meet in person and follow the guidelines that will be posted on the date of the election.

The nominations for all members up to 5 days prior to the election. The results shall be posted on the IBEW Local 665 website.

Key to vote as alternate one, etc.

Please send your nominations by May 6, 2020. Please send your nominations by email at 252Electromail@gmail.com or by mail to 252 Elec- tromail Judge, P.O. Box 994, Adrian, MI 49221. Ballots will be counted no later than 4:30 p.m. on June 5, 2020. The IBEW Local 665 does not
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2020-12-03 – The overwhelming majority of Local 105 is retired, and those who can do what they were trained to do, will always amount to much. If you have become discouraged and are about to quit, please contact us and we will encourage all members to apply for unemployment. I believe that in the long run, we will see the best of this pandemic. The cash is there to keep the lights on at the plants for the next few days. We have the funds to pay your members at the end of the business day on Tuesday, May 5th.

Deadline: Turn in completed applications and documentation for O&O Scholarship or on or before May 31, 2020

To check our website (www.ironworkers25.org) or for information on members who are out of work, please continue to monitor the Local 25 Job Line after 4:30 p.m. IF closed, please call the Hall to see if there are any changes to the Job Line if your dues are not current.

The Blue Cross/Blue Shield website is highly recommended if you have not done so recently. Benefits to utilizing is to save lives. While many lives have been lost, our best resources are often, our best resources are technology, as we use to track non-union-related cases. If you’ve been exposed to COVID-19, please let the Hall know. The COVID-19 Pandemic continues to be a real concern. To those who have not yet begun, please contact us and we will encourage all members to apply today.

The O&O Scholarship Fund is available at the Union Hall as well as online under the Secretary of the Local 25. Please apply for this scholarship by May 31, 2020 or your dues will be charged.

The Electronic Steward Program is available at the Union Hall as well as online. The E-Steward Program is a way for union members to participate in their unions. To join this program, please contact us and we will encourage all members to apply.

The Annual Instructor Training has been completed. The dates for the next Annual Instructor Training will be announced soon.

The Union will be closed during this pandemic. Members are encouraged to stay home and stay safe.
Local 169 Boilermakers

**ATTENTION ALL LOCAL MEMBERS**

The Local 169 monthly membership meeting will be held on the first Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Hall. Members must present their card to be admitted to the Hall. For the month of April, 2020, the meeting has been canceled. All agenda items will be maintained for the next meeting.

- **MAY 4, 2020**
  - **Spotlight**
  - **Meeting Adjourned**

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

Please continue to do your best to safeguard your Local and your loved ones. We all have made the difficult decision to fight this deadly pandemic. These interventions can be made both at the hall and over the phone. We ask that if you have any questions, please call the Local Union Office.

**Connecting with Our Members**

- **Email**: Local Union Office
- **Phone**: 517-554-2387
- **Website**: www.boilermakers.org

Please call TIC immediately at 734-419-8000 for any questions regarding Pension, Medical, or S.U.B. Fund matters. Please visit our website at www.boilermakers.org for more information.

**Important Dates**

- **April 9, 2020**: Recall Deadline for all New Hires.
- **April 10, 2020**: Our first class of 2020.
- **April 30, 2020**: May Meeting.
- **May 11, 2020**: Due Date for all Active Members.
- **May 12, 2020**: Due Date for all Active Members.
- **May 14, 2020**: Membership Meeting.
- **May 15, 2020**: The May 1, 2020 S.U.B. Fund check on Friday, all S.U.B. Fund recipients will be mailed their new card to any provider when returning your working spouse's forms to the Trustees. Please call Larry Tolbert for any questions regarding the Trustees have implemented self-payment to maintain eligibility under the Plan for all active members.

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- **May 15, 2020**: The May 1, 2020 S.U.B. Fund check on Friday, all S.U.B. Fund recipients will be mailed their new card to any provider when returning your working spouse's forms to the Trustees. Please call Larry Tolbert for any questions regarding the Trustees have implemented self-payment to maintain eligibility under the Plan for all active members.

**Pension and Health Notice**

- **April 10, 2020**: Due Date for all Active Members.
- **April 30, 2020**: May Meeting.
- **May 11, 2020**: Due Date for all Active Members.
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Local 292 Sheet Metal Workers

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TROY – MEETING NOTICE: MAY MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED. The next general membership meeting will be held in June.

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**Notice:**

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Meeting date:

May 18, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Union Hall

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May 19, 2020

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**Notice:**

Meeting date:

May 31, 2020

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Union Hall
Metal strips a big deal for mask-making

(Continued from Page 1) custom-fitting the top of a mask to a nose’s unique shape, making them more effective; less likely to slip off and more comfortable to wear.

In Michigan, as of the end of April, 50,000 of the metal strips had been ordered with an Alliliated Mechanical contractors, who have “dropped everything” to fill the orders, according to Sheet Workers Local 7 Business Manager Sam Fuller. Among the contractors manufacturing the strips are Allied Mechanical Services, W. Soule and Kalakanos and Vermont in Allen Park. Machinery at SMART Local 80 and 292 making centers are also being utilized to make the pieces, with union staff and volunteers helping to make and distribute them.

“There has been a lot of effort to fill these orders, and I don’t think anyone expected this to be as big an operation as it has turned out to be,” Fuller said. “But you see these people volunteering their time day and night to make the masks, it makes you proud to help.”

Long-time union contractor W. Soule through his own company and with a union affiliate, followed up on April 22, although additional orders could be coming in.

Local 7 members Jakob Morris, Logan Forrester and Darren Ringle cut-out the pieces at W. Soule, in two different sizes. W. Soule Operations Manager Jason Carter said the company had ample aluminum material on hand; he said the metal is normally used to build fixtures like hoppers and chutes for the food, beverage and pharmaceutical industries.

“We’re fortunate, our work has been deemed an essential by the state, so our doors are open to help the people on the front lines in the medical community and wherever they need the masks,” Carter said. “Together with our union teams, we’re definitely proud to help.”

Local affiliated contractor Allied staff and volunteers helping to make and distribute the pieces. There’s a similar effort among personnel at Local 7 as of last week about 40,000 metal strips had been ordered with a focus on sending them to front-line medical workers.

The SMART Local 7 said the effort began in late March, when the Hillery Co., a custom metal fabrication shop located in Clinton Township, began posting messages on its Facebook page announcing that the company would donate the nose strips to anyone looking to make masks. “We’re working around the clock to make the aluminum nose strips available to the people on the front lines in the medical community and wherever they need the masks,” said SMART Local 80 Business Manager Tim Callahan said that with the combined effort with SMART Local 80 and Vermonters for Justice, about 20,000 masks were manufactured.

“Important work is being done across the state to help those on the front lines,” Hillery said. “Our team is proud to be part of this effort.”

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-Widow of Chrysler Engineer

Tunisia: OSHA ‘AWOL’ on safety during crisis

(Continued from Page 1) In a separate statement, the Fire Fighters union also called out Trump’s Federal Emergency Management Agency for putting first responders far down the list of workers who should have priority for protective gear, such as N95 masks, respirators and gloves.

“Keep in-line with workers,” is a top labor demand, Trumka declared. “Keep workers employed” — through guaranteed income even if they can’t come in “and their pensions,” and “Keep the Postal Service healthy” as its members, all unionists, can deliver medical supplies, packages and food during the pandemic.

And workers have a right to a safe and healthy work environment, as they come, Trumka declared. “And we determine the limits of the funds and continuous monitor management” of how and when they’re used and spent, he added. That’s preferable to just handing out cash, watching firms fail, and “then trying to rescue the money after it’s been spent.”

All those are needed because of closures due to the coronavirus pandemic, which has infected 800,262 people in the U.S. — one-third of the world total — and killed 42,460, or one-fourth — as of the morning of April 21. U.S. case workers health insurance, too, Trumka said.

The AFL-CIO said those demands, in detail, is a letter to legislative leaders last week. They also quickly took the list from ABC, Congress Progressives and Detroit’s Caucus, whose 95 members are trying to insert those priority clauses into the next economic stimulus law. The GOP-run Senate passed a $484 billion stimulus proposal on April 21, without them.

Trump welcomed the coronavirus crisis, which Trumka calculated pushed U.S. unemployment above 20 percent, by refusing to call the situation an economic emergency and puting first into the next economic stimulus law.

And workers must have a seat at the table on recovery measures, when the economy re-opens, he declared. “We have a say on that at every level” of both government and business. “And any decision must be based on safety, not on politics, and not on profits.”

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