

14-A Uniserv Newsletter
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WHERE IS CHUCK?

- Jan. 8 - Johannesburg-Lewiston EA Bargaining (Joberg)
- 9 - Meeting with Alpena ESP I (MEA Office)
Meeting with Alpena EA (APS offices)
14A Coordinating Council Meeting (MEA office)
- 10-11 - BFCL – Developing High Performance Leader/Staff Teams w/local
Leader/Staff Teams (Lansing)
- 12 - Northern Zone Staff Meeting (Gaylord)
- 15 - Atlanta EA Mediation (Atlanta)
- 16 - Meeting w/Doug Wilcox, MEA Staff Attorney, re: Bargaining Conference presentation &
seniority issues with Atlanta EA (Houghton Lake)
Meeting w/Alpena EA Bargaining Team (MEA Office)
- 17 - Alpena EA Mentor/Mentee Workshop (MEA Office)
- 18 - Data Training (Best Western – Gaylord)
NMEA – (BJ's – Gaylord)
- 22 - Rogers City EA Mediation (Rogers City)
- 24 - Workforce Development Board Meeting (Gaylord)
- 25 - Statewide Staff Meeting Agenda committee (Lansing)
- 26-27 - Northern Zone Bargaining Training (Grand Haven)
- 29 - Travel to Detroit in p.m.
- 30 - School Law Training (Detroit)
- 31 - Statewide Staff Meeting (Detroit)
- Feb.1-2 - Bargaining/PA/PR Conference (Detroit)
 - 5 - Meeting w/ACC Faculty Bargaining Team (Alpena)
 - 6 - NMEA Staff Retreat (Afton)
 - 7-8 - Pre-Retirement Workshops (MEA Office) TENTATIVE – MAY BE RESCHEDULED
 - 8 - ULP Hearing re: Atlanta EA (Lansing)
 - 9 - Presidents'/CC Delegates' Workshop (location to be announced)
 - 10 - NMEA Winter Executive & Staff Retreat (Petoskey MEA Office)
 - 13 - ESP Bargaining Workshop (MEA Office)
 - 14 - EA Bargaining Workshop (MEA Office)
 - 16 - Northern Zone Staff Meeting
 - 20 - Dinner meeting w/CC Chair to plan CC Agenda (Lewiston)
 - 21 - Region 14 Council (BJ's – Gaylord)
 - 22 - Second Presidents' Meeting (Lewiston Lodge)
 - 28 - Atlanta EA Arbitration Prep
- Mar.1-2- Atlanta EA Arbitration Prep
 - 3 - NMEA Bargaining Workshop & General Membership Meeting (Treetops - Gaylord)
 - 5 - Atlanta EA Arbitration (Atlanta)
 - 6 - 14A Coordinating Council Meeting (MEA Office)



DID YOU KNOW...

...Tom Luoma from Sault Ste. Marie can be your personal financial planner? Yup. It is as easy as calling 1-800-342-0411. He will set up an individual appointment or a group appointment at your school.

I have known Tom for 30+ years. He and I had undergrad classes together at Northern Michigan University. We both hired on with the Sault Schools. For entertainment when we were making \$6,000/year, we played pinochle 3-4 times a week. His first child and mine were born four weeks apart.

But I digress. Bottom line--Tom handles my money and has done very well for me. Give him a call. You will not be disappointed.

...in 1966-67, MEA provided research on fringe benefits in our area. Their findings were as follows:

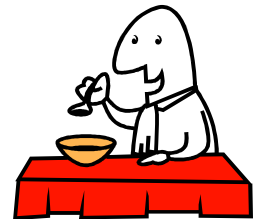
<u>Health & Accident Monthly Payment</u>	<u>Life Insurance Coverage</u>	<u>Other Fringes</u>	<u>District</u>
No	No		Posen
\$8.85	No	May borrow up to 30 additional sick days	Rogers City
No	No-but	\$100K bodily injury \$300K each occurrence \$25K vehicle if on school business	Alcona
Partial-\$10	No	30 day sick leave Bank on initial employment Tax shelter annuity deduct.	ACC Faculty/ Alpena

There is no mention of the other districts served by this office: Hillman, Atlanta, Mio AuSable, or Johannesburg-Lewiston. They probably did not belong to MEA at the time of this survey.



...one penny costs 1.4 cents to manufacture? The cost went up 44.3% in 2005 because of increasing metal, manufacturing and transportation costs. *Time*, 1271 Avenue of the Americas, New York City 10020.

...the amount we spend on luxuries—such as eating out and entertaining—hasn’t changed much proportionately from 50 years ago? But transportation spending has risen and accounts for more than 19% of spending, according to recent data. Housing claims one-third of spending. “100 Years of consumer Spending,” a study by the US Department of Labor.



...rare coins can be fool’s gold, according to scam expert Chuck Whitlock. Don’t be fooled by advertisements to buy “rare” gold coins. They often are not rare. *Example:* A one-tenth—ounce gold coin (with a \$5 face value) offered for \$71, plus \$31 for shipping, handling and insurance. Although the premium to the price of gold might be acceptable (with gold at about \$630 an ounce, the actual gold value of the coin is about \$63), the shipping charges are exorbitant. And there is little chance that there will be any collectible value above the value of the gold. Chuck Whitlock is an expert on white-collar crime, con artist and scams, Vancouver, Washington, and author of *Mediscams* (St. Martin’s). www.chuckwhitlock.com.



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