

14-A Uniserv Newsletter
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WHERE IS CHUCK?

- Mar. 6 - Alpena ESP I Executive Committee (MEA Office)
- 14A Coordinating Council Meeting (MEA Office)
- 8-9 - Chuck on Leave
- 12 - Travel to Bay City (a.m.), Northern Zone meeting (p.m.)
- 13-14 - Statewide Staff Meeting (Bay City)
- 15 - Legal Update (Bay City)
- 16 - Bargaining w/ACC Faculty
- 19 - Student Teacher Workshop (Spring Arbor-ACC)
- 20 - ACC Community Survey (all day)
- 21 - Atlanta EA Mediation (Atlanta)
- 22 - Bargaining w/ACC Faculty
- 23-24 - Bargaining Workshop (Traverse City)
- 26 - LSSU Faculty Training (Soo)
- 27 - Dinner meeting with CC Chair re April CC Agenda (Lewiston)
- 28-30 - Chuck on Vacation**
- Apr.1-11-Chuck on Vacation**
- 11 - Region 14 Council (Gaylord-BJ's)
- 12 - Bargaining w/ACC Faculty
- 13 - Lansing
- 17 - 14A Coordinating Council (MEA Office)



Cabin Fever: Caesar was warned by a Soothsayer, “Beware of the Ides of March!” I warn all in the March newsletters of “March Madness”. What it all comes down to is the end of winter and cases, sometimes advanced, of “cabin fever”. So what is this “cabin fever” or loving to hate your neighbor, peer, spouse, boss, Uniserv, etc.? According to those who know, a simple deprivation of light. Those in the know also state it is very easy to counter. Simple exposure to sunlight will do the trick. It is now light (sort of) when the alarm goes off and it is still light when one is done with work (sort of). No, I am not including bus drivers! Get out, take a walk. We will all feel better. Until, we all feel better, we should all engage the thought process before the vocal process.

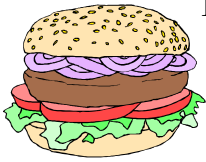


Bargaining:

This office will be utilizing the services of a “special projects” SNAP this year and hopefully, for years to come. The purpose this year is to establish a software file which profiles a district’s fiscal track record, i.e., where is it spending money and why? The second purpose will be to create for each district a total expense spreadsheet for EA units. The ESP has yet to be created, due to the differing ways ESP members are paid. This should be ready to go for next year. The purpose of this is to give us fiscal knowledge going to the table.



“Where’s the beef?” Remember this Wendy’s ad? The governor is asking the same of the Republicans. How will the budget deficit be funded...She has suggested a two cent tax on services and some cuts—but none to education K-12 or Higher Ed. The Republicans are just saying, “No”. This does not fix the problem!!!! Call, write, email or yell to our Republican legislators. Tell them to approve the governor’s proposal or give us one better, but no lip service!!!



Background Checks: We have several superintendent positions opening up this year. I have the ability to get past information on the candidates. If you have not tapped this resource, do so. I can usually get information on superintendents and principals within 48 hours.



Did you know...



...most people have fantasized about murdering someone? In a study of 5,000 people, 91% of men and 84% of women have had at least one vivid fantasy about killing someone. David Buss, PHD, professor of psychology, University of Texas at Austin, and author of *The Murderer Next Door* (penguin).
(Thought this would be appropriate for this issue.)

...set clocks one hour ahead on Sunday, March 11. Starting this year, daylight savings time will be one month longer than in the past. Also: Change the batteries in your smoke alarms.



...a college degree is worth \$23,000 a year? That’s how much more a person with a bachelor’s degree can expect to earn, on average every year, versus someone with a high school diploma. College grads averaged \$51,554 a year in 2004 (most recent data). Adults with high school diplomas averaged \$28,645. US Census Bureau statistics.

HAPPY ST. ERHO’S DAY AND ST. PATRICK’S DAY!

