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The 400 Block - Wausau, Wis.
Miron Construction Co., Inc., was the general contractor for The 400 Block in Wausau, Wis., a new public park located in a downtown city square. The $1.5 million project began in mid-October 2010 and was dedicated June 20, 2011. All monies for the project were donated by the community in an effort to upgrade and beautify the downtown area. The park includes a performance stage with canopy, landscaped entrances and terrace, water fountain and permanent seating. For more information, go to www.squareupwausau.org.
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## On the cover
Laura Hampton LU548 participated in a “train the trainer” course in March at L.J. Shosten Union Training Center in Saint Paul, Minn. The course covered high tower rescue for wind turbines and included a dozen participants from across the region. Another photo from the training appears on this page.

## Letters to the editor
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Despite setbacks, your Union is working hard for you

Our Union faces the toughest challenges that I have seen in my 45-plus years in the UBC. In the last three years we have been in the midst of the worst economic recession in the construction industry since at least the 1980s — and probably even before that. We have also found ourselves targeted by opportunistic politicians who are trying to advance their personal ambitions by attacking the wages and benefits of working people. Amidst all of this, I recently read a front page New York Times article about huge sections of the San Francisco/Oakland Bay Bridge being prefabricated in China. We must unite in action to defend against these threats.

Benefits

I have traveled to Locals across our six-state area and the most common question I receive is “What are you doing to ensure that my pension will be there for me when I retire?” Since 2006, our pension trustees have been dealt a hand that includes 1) destructive legislation requiring drastic measures in response to underfunding, 2) a huge reduction in contributions due to the depressed construction economy, and 3) 2008 double-digit investment losses across the board that have caused underfunding.

By working together, our union and employer trustees are ensuring the viability of our pension plans across the Council through difficult decisions regarding benefits and by taking advantage of good merger opportunities. The Sioux City, Iowa, pension, which had been seriously underfunded, has been preserved through a merger with the Twin City Plan (without negatively impacting the Twin City Plan). The Twin City Plan's funding level improved to 76.7 percent for 2011, which is not where we want to be, but much improved over 2009, when the plan was below 70 percent funded. Additionally, the Twin City Plan trustees hired a new type of investment advisor to specialize in great local Minnesota investment opportunities that are often overlooked by the East Coast investment crowd. It's win-win: our pension dollars are creating jobs for our members, and making a good return on investment.

The Wisconsin Pension Plan has continued its safe, long-term focus on preserving benefits and has remained in the Green Zone throughout the recession.

On the health care front, times are tough as well. Despite recent legislation, health care costs are rising rapidly. Employer and Union trustees have worked hard to ensure that our plans hold the line on costs wherever possible. We are merging health plans for Nebraska and Iowa members and Minnesota floor covering members. By doing this we decrease administrative costs and increase our bargaining power when negotiating with the health care industry.

Future of our Industry and our Union

If bridge sections can be outsourced in a unionized area like Northern California, we need to recognize the full scope of the threats we face. Those who exploit labor in the U.S. and abroad must understand that union carpenters are the best value in the industry through our training and efficiency, and that we are an integral part of our local economies.

We continue to improve our competitive position through training and organizing. Since 2008, we have invested in the expansion/improvement of our training centers in Saint Paul, Duluth and North Dakota. We have also constructed new training centers in recent high growth markets such as Sioux Falls, Rochester and Fargo. These training centers help us organize in new industries and areas while improving our skills, safety and productivity in our higher market share areas. Training is our best defense and our best offense.

We must also stand together against the attacks on labor posed by Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker and like-minded leaders in each of our six states. Make no mistake about it — these anti-union extremists are intent on destroying the labor movement. They attack labor by pitting us against each other in a classic divide and conquer strategy. As union carpenters, we are strategically using our collective might to go on the offensive against these attacks. Our future depends on it.

To get involved in political action or local Volunteer Organizing Committees, contact your Local Union office!
Local 322 formed in Twin Cities; Local 1934 formed in Northwest Minnesota; Floor Coverers join Local 68

Effective February 22, 2011, two new Locals were created within the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters. Local 322 is located in Saint Paul, Minn., and Local 1934 is located in Bemidji, Minn.

Local 322 is formed of Regional Council members formerly in Twin Cities area Locals 87, 851 and 1644. Local 322 currently has some 5,000-plus members. The referral office for Local 322 is located at 710 Olive Street in Saint Paul. Dues may be mailed to the Local 322 office at 730 Olive Street in Saint Paul or paid in person at that office.

Local 1934 consists of 214 members from 15 counties in northwestern Minnesota. Dues may be mailed to the Local 1934 office or paid at the Local meeting.

Interior Systems Local 68 now includes former members of Floor Coverers Local 596 and interior systems carpenters from throughout Minnesota. Local 68 currently has nearly 2,000 members. Dues may be mailed to the Local 68 office or paid in person at that office, located at 670 Olive Street in Saint Paul. Job referral for Local 68 is also at that address.

Creating two larger Locals from five smaller Twin Cities Locals was part of an organizational restructuring by United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners General President Douglas J. McCarron to make the Brotherhood more efficient. Merging of Locals has been taking place across the UBC.

Golfing for Scholarships this summer

The Regional Council is hosting three golf outings to raise funds for scholarships this summer, including events in the Twin Cities, Des Moines and Green Bay areas.

A Twin Cities Scholarship Fundraiser 4-person Best Ball Golf Tournament was held for all Minnesota Locals Saturday, July 30, at Manitou Ridge Golf Course in White Bear Lake, Minn. Look for photos at www.facebook.com/NC SRC C.

Iowa and Nebraska Locals combined to host a 4-person Best Ball Golf Tournament Sunday, August 7, at Lake Panorama National Resort in Panora, Ia. Look for photos at www.facebook.com/NC SRC C.

The North Central States 2011 Scholarship Golf Outing will be held Sunday, September 18, at Pinewood Country Club, 4660 Lakewood Road in Harshaw, Wis. Registration is at 8 a.m. with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Event includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart, greens fees, lunch, beverages, and an awards banquet dinner. There will also be $2 raffle tickets with prizes. For more information, contact Ben Moore at bmoore@ncsrcc.org.

Scholarships in the amount of $500 will be awarded on a one-time basis to the children or dependents of Council members. Applications are available at www.northcountrycarpenter.org.

LOCAL 68
Dues may be mailed to:
670 Olive Street
Saint Paul, MN 55130
Contact: Danielle Schweitzer
local68@ncsrcc.org
651-379-0268
Fax: 651-379-0292

Meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 6 p.m., 710 Olive Street in Saint Paul.

LOCAL 322
Dues may be mailed to:
730 Olive Street
Saint Paul, MN 55130
Contact: Denise Haugum
local322@ncsrcc.org
651-379-0272
Fax: 651-379-0273

Meetings are held the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m., 710 Olive Street in Saint Paul.

LOCAL 1934
Dues may be mailed to:
607 Second Street SE
Bemidji, MN 56601
Contact: Carmen Smith/
Mike Harrom
local1934@ncsrcc.org/
mharrom@ncsrcc.com
218-759-0153
Fax: 218-759-0101

Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m., 607 Second Street SE in Bemidji.
Radisson Blu under way at MOA with help of pension fund investment

On May 26, ground was broken for a Radisson Blu, the first piece of a planned Phase II expansion at the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn. The 13-story, 501-room upscale hotel will be located between Macy’s and Bloomingdale’s on the south side of the mall and is scheduled to open in March 2013. The hotel will connect to the mall via skyway.

The $130 million development project includes $40.3 million in tax exempt stimulus bonds from the Bloomington Port Authority and $40 million in private taxable bonds bought by union pension trusts.

The project was made possible in part through the efforts of NCSRCC Executive Secretary-Treasurer James E. Moore, who encouraged trustees of the Twin City Carpenters and Joiners Pension Fund to invest in the project. In February, the group hired a Qualified Professional Asset Manager to invest up to $50 million in local projects, $8.4 million of which was invested in the Radisson Blu. Moore’s goal was not only to create immediate jobs for members, but also to spur further Phase II development of the mall.

“Through our QPAM we negotiated a better deal than what was initially offered,” explained Moore. “We are taking advantage of a unique opportunity to stimulate the Twin Cities economy and put members to work while receiving an excellent return on our investment.”

Mortenson Development, the developer/general contractor on the project, said more than 120,000 carpenter hours are expected on the hotel, resulting in nearly $6 million in wages/fringe benefits for members.

Mortenson partnered with Carlson hospitality company of Minnetonka (which will manage hotel operations) to contribute another $42.2 million in equity to the project. The mall contributed $800,000 to skyway construction, and the City of Bloomington provided $14.5 million in tax increment financing bonds to build the 509-space parking ramp, which will be owned by the city. The hotel will be built above the three-story ramp.

The next part of the mall’s Phase II construction will likely be a Mayo Clinic facility attached to the north side of the mall. Construction is expected to begin in 2012 and last 18-24 months.

The NCSRCC Fund Office will host a Benefit Conference Saturday, September 24, at Ki Convention Center in Green Bay, Wis., from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Watch your mail for more information.

Steward Training available in St. Paul

Steward training is available Monday and Tuesdays from 5-9 p.m. at 710 Olive Street in Saint Paul, Minn. Classes will be held August 8-9, September 12-13, October 10-11, November 14-15, December 12-13.

Job stewards are frontline union advocates representing workers where they need it most — on the jobsite. Stewards gather and transmit information such as hours worked, union label issues, grievances, overtime, changes in workforce size, disputes, membership concerns, presence of non-union contractors and more from the jobsite to business representatives.

For more information or to register, contact Nick Vevea at 651-341-4415 or John Raines at 651-341-4440.
Council creates Wind Tower Qualification program

The Council has created a Wind Tower Qualification Program for millwrights. To earn the qualification, a member must have:

- 8 hours First Aid/CPR
- 32 hours Rigging/Signaling
- 8 hours HYTORC
- 32 hours Machinery Alignment Qualifications
- 32 hours OSHA 30
- 16 hours Confined Space
- 8 hours Fall Protection Components (3)
  1) Fall Protection
  2) Knot Tying
  3) Climb Test
- 8 hours Human Performance
- 16 hours Tower Rescue
- 8 hours Wind Turbine Familiarization
  = 168 total hours

For more information on how to earn this qualification, contact your area training center.

Makarios named leader in Public Policy

Minnesota Political Director Kyle Makarios was named an award winner for Leaders in Public Policy 2011 in the Labor category. Presentation of the award took place June 21 at The Saint Paul Hotel in Saint Paul, Minn. Other award winners were noted in the categories of Lifetime Achievement, Business, One to Watch, Top Legislative Staffer, Unsung Hero, and Public Policy Achievement in the areas of health, energy and liquor. Minnesota Secretary of State Mark Ritchie was guest speaker at the event.

Area standards of organizing are in full swing in the Omaha, Neb., area, according to NCSRCC Director of Organizing Mark Kramer. With assistance from the UBC International, the goal is to regain market share in Omaha.
Sioux Falls Training Center celebrates with Open House

An Open House was held in November to celebrate the opening of a new training center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Special guests included Sioux Falls Mayor Mike Huether, UBC Midwestern District Vice President Bobby Yeggy, NCSRCC Executive Secretary-Treasurer James E. Moore, Field Service Director Toby Biegel, Business Representative Joel Laskey and 50 or so members, apprentices and people from the community.

Moore welcomed guests and said the opening of the Council’s 14th training center “is a great day for our organization.”

The council agreed to build a training center in Sioux Falls in order to expand membership and increase market share in the area. A grant from the UBC paid for 80 percent of the cost to build the 5,184-square-foot center.

“This training center provides opportunities for members to hone their skills and apprentices to learn their craft,” said Yeggy. “Training is the piece that puts it all together, and it will pay dividends in wages and benefits for years to come.”

Mayor Huether noted “union workers in this area rallied around me in a big way” and said he both appreciates and respects working families. He said that although the Sioux Falls area — like many across the country during this economic recession — is dealing with both unemployed and under-employed workers, more projects will be coming down the road.

“We’re continuing to work at it and I’m willing to listen,” he said. “Thanks for investing in this town with this training center.”

Biegel thanked the Council and the UBC for “taking a chance on this area.” He noted members are benefitted by not having to travel for training and by the ability of the training center to offer more upgrade classes to journeypersons, thereby being able to react more quickly to changing market needs.

The Council’s newest training center includes traditional classroom space as well as offices and hands-on workshop space.

The Sioux Falls Training Center is located at 4208 North Hainje Avenue in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Sioux Falls Mayor Mike Huether (second from left) had dinner with members of Local 587 during an Open House for the Sioux Falls Training Center last fall.

Members and their families attended the Open House celebration at the Sioux Falls Training Center.
In January, Blackwell Job Corps Center brought 20 of its students to shadow carpenter apprentices at the Eastern Training Center in Kaukauna, Wis. Blackwell Job Corps is a no-cost education and career technical training program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor that helps youths age 16-24 improve the quality of their lives through career technical and academic training.

In March, the United States Postal Service in Eagan, Minn., donated a gearbox and drive to Local 548 at the recommendation of Western Industrial Contractors. The donation, valued at $3,000, allows millwrights to train on dual axis alignment. Pictured, from left, LU548 members Ken Schak, Ben Bowen, Kevin Karaba, Brett Scheler, Lonnie Finke, Dean Luckow, Mark Sandbo, Jeff Hoppe, Roland Miller, Bill Fish, Kyle Gray, Dwayne Anderson, Ryan Johnson and Superintendent Jimmy Groff.

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• www.facebook.com/NCSRCC (Regional Council)
  You can also go to www.facebook.com and do a search on:
  • Sib NCSRCC (Sisters in the Brotherhood)
  • Carpenters Local 731 (Carpenters Local 731 in Sheboygan, WI)
  • Local 1146 (Carpenters Local 1146 in Green Bay, WI)
  • Millwrights Northern Minnesota (Millwrights Local 1348 in Virginia, MN)
  • Carpenters Local 1382 (Carpenters Local 1382 in Rochester, MN)

And the following websites:
• Regional Council: www.northcountrycarpenter.org
• Local 68: www.local68mn.org and www.installminnesota.com
• Local 444: www.carpenters444.org
• Local 464: www.hickorytech.net/~464kato/
• Local 1056: www.millwrights1056.org
• Local 1348: www.millwrights1348.org
• Local 1382: www.local1382.com

If your Local has a Facebook page or website that is not listed here, contact Tracy Madden at tmadden@ncsrcc.org or 651-379-0235.

Looking for an event hall for a wedding, reunion, graduation, retirement or other event? Consider

710 Olive

Our event hall, located at 710 Olive Street in Saint Paul, Minn., seats up to 350 at tables or 400 theater-style. Our lobby is an excellent space for receptions or cocktail parties. Our kitchen has stainless steel appliances and countertops and includes a stove, oven, dishwasher and ice machine. We also have smaller meeting rooms available for rent.

For more information, contact Tracy Madden at 651-379-0235 or tmadden@ncsrcc.org.

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GREEN BAY, WI — Miron Construction Co., Inc., was the general contractor on The Salvation Army Ray & Joan Kroc Corps Community Center located in Green Bay, Wis. The center was made possible via a gift to The Salvation Army by Ray and Joan Kroc, who are perhaps best known for founding the McDonald’s fast food franchise. Joan's vision was to build state-of-the-art recreational and arts facilities in underserved communities throughout the nation.

Groundbreaking for the 95,186-square-foot building, which sits on 15 acres of land, took place April 29, 2010. Building completion is expected in July 2011 with a dedication to take place in late August. Full programming is expected to be in place by 2012.

The Kroc donation included $24 million for the building and $22.5 million in endowment funds. The building includes a gymnasium, aquatics, recreation field, fitness area and jogging track, chapel/auditorium/performing arts center, computer lab, meeting and event space, and more. The goal of the facility is to provide educational and academic programs, as well as health, fitness, wellness and recreation programming.

The Green Bay location is one of 25-plus community centers planned using Kroc funds across the United States. All services will be provided by The Salvation Army. For more information, go online to www.gbkroccenter.org.

Jeff Schroeder, Local 955, has volunteered with The Salvation Army since 1980, “so working on this building is kind of a treat,” he said.
Cascade Meadow

ROCHESTER, MN — Cascade Meadow Wetlands & Environmental Science Center was created as a regional resource center for environmental education with a focus on energy, water and wetlands.

General contractor on the project was Alvin E. Benike, Inc. The center was built using state-of-the-art techniques in designing the building, systems used within the building and materials chosen for the building.

President of Cascade Meadows is Jack Remick, primary benefactor of the project and one of the co-founders of Fastenal. When he first approached Benike, the idea for a “green” project was still in the early planning stages. Because Benike was involved early on, the owner, architect and builder were able to settle on an integrated design approach that included a focus on energy efficient materials.

“Many of the materials we used were new, so it was almost like an on-site classroom,” according to Mike Benike. “There was a lot of hands-on learning going on. Our crew was excited to use these different materials and willing to learn.

“I think the guys are very proud to have worked on this project,” he added.

Cascade Meadow was a challenging project in many ways, Benike noted, but said his company was grateful to have the opportunity to be involved. He said the project was environmentally friendly even during construction, not just as a finished project. The health and safety of workers was kept in mind at all times, from using dust-less sanders to covering ductwork.

“It’s something I look forward to implementing on future jobs,” he said.

The year-long, $15 million project began in November 2009 and finished in Fall 2010. Framing subcontractor on the 16,000-square-foot project was Palmer Soderberg.

For more information, go online to www.cascademeadow.org.
CRIVITZ, WI — Howard Immel, Inc., was general contractor on a project at the 2,800-acre Governor Thompson State Park, located 15 miles northwest of Crivitz. Although the park was initially established as a day-only park in 2000, recent work by Immel — including a visitor center and offices, a maintenance building and 50 campground sites — expanded recreational opportunities at the park considerably.

The $3 million, year-long project involved logging out the park, cutting roadways, developing the area and adding amenities like water and electricity.

The project was “green” in many ways, including the use of geothermal heating, energy-saving lights and radiant heat in the maintenance garage. The Department of Natural Resources took possession of the visitor center/offices in January.

“It was challenging, but a fun and interesting project,” said Todd Kollross, Superintendent.

All buildings for the State are intended to last 100 years with little maintenance, said Kollross. Fiber cement boards used in the Visitor Center are expected to last 50 years.

Nineteen campsites with full utilities were established, including his and hers facilities with individual showers. Another 31 campsites were also built, and more sites will likely be established in the future.

For more information, go online to dnr.wi.gov/org/land/parks/specific/govthompson/.
NASHWAUK, MN — Essar Steel Minnesota LLC is building an on-site, fully integrated state-of-the-art open pit mining, concentrator and pellet plant operation, which will be followed by a Direct Reduced Iron (DRI) plant and slab caster. Once fully operational, Essar Steel Minnesota will be the first fully-integrated mine through steel-making facility in North America.

Carpenters poured 40,000-plus yards of concrete on this $1.6 billion project. Pouring concrete began in November and ended in April. The project covers 20,000-plus acres.

Contractor on the project is Hammerlund Construction Inc.

Iron Range (Minnesota)

Magnetation, Inc., is a specialty iron ore mining company that uses mineral processing technology to recover high-grade iron ore concentrate from low-grade hematite iron ore resources, including tailing basins, lean ore stockpiles and virgin ore bodies. Pictured at Plant 1 near Keewatin, Minn., from left, are Local 1348 millwrights Jason Odella and Todd Korpela, who are precision setting the machine base for a balling drum. For more information, go online to www.magnetation.com.
The Selmer Co. was general contractor on a six month, $1.7 million remodel and addition project at New Hope Presbyterian Church in Green Bay. Subcontractor was H.J. Martin & Son, Inc. Work included adding a library, office space, a cry room, nursery and meeting rooms. The former sanctuary was turned into a dining area. One of the challenges of the project is the church continued to operate during construction. Work began in April and ended in December 2010.

Friendship Place, located adjacent to the Odd Fellow Home and Rebekah Haven, is a community-based residential facility for memory and dementia care. It was constructed by The Selmer Co. from June 2010 to April 2011. The 36,000-square-foot, $6.25 million, three-story building includes 37 beds, living, dining, food prep, therapy, storage and laundry areas, executive offices, a conference room and enclosed walkways. Pictured is Dave Andrashie LU310 securing steel trusses to an I beam.

Two of the first classroom buildings at University of Wisconsin-Green Bay recently received multi-million dollar facelifts, including John M. Rose Hall and L.G. Wood Hall. General contractor in renovating offices, classrooms, a lecture hall and common areas was Howard Immel Co., with H.J. Martin & Son, Inc., as subcontractor. Remodeling at Rose Hall began in October 2010 and was completed in December. Work on Wood Hall began in January 2011 and was completed in May. Pictured is Jerry Tahlier LU1146 taping drywall.

Zeise Construction built a $10 million, 80-unit independent living apartment building from May 2010 to April 2011. The four-story, 88,585-square-foot structure includes underground parking. Pictured is apprentice Harley Zelzer LU1146.
EAGAN, MN — Millwrights with Western Industrial Contractors have been on site at the bulk mail postal unit in Eagan, Minn., since November and will be on site until August. They are doing demolition of structural steel, removing beams and conveyors and upgrading state-of-the-art equipment using close tolerance installation so equipment moves as smoothly as possible. Nearly 1 million pounds of steel will be hauled out of the building by project end.

This 600,000-square-foot building has two mail sorters of 600-800 feet, six bays and several miles of conveyors.

“We are re-supporting, re-designing and re-installing the conveyor system,” said Ken Schak LU548. “There are 20 different conveyor modifications that had to be made so it would accept the new system.”

All work on this multi-million dollar project is being done while the building is occupied and processing mail, so it is necessary to maintain operations in the building during construction.

“It’s surgical demolition,” Schak explained. “We take out certain pieces so other pieces keep running.”

This is the fourth Bulk Mail Center to be upgraded; 21 total will be upgraded across the United States. Some equipment that is no longer needed in the Eagan building will be sent on to be re-used by other postal facilities across the U.S.

Everyone employed by the U.S. postal system is a union member, Schak said, and the building itself was built union. “It’s huge for both sides to have union work done in a union building,” he said.

HASTINGS, MN — Ground was broken for the new Hastings Bridge in October 2010. The $120 million project, which will replace the two-lane High Bridge on U.S. Highway 61, is being built west of the existing bridge. It will have four lanes and a 12-foot wide pedestrian and bike path. Completion of this longest free-standing arch bridge in North America with 545-foot twin tied arches is expected in 2013. Total bridge length is 1,938 feet long. The south end of the bridge will feature artwork depicting Hastings history and will feature aesthetic lighting.

The bridge is a joint project between Lunda Construction Company and Ames Construction. Half of the bridge is expected to be open for two-lane traffic in Summer 2012 with all four lanes open by June 2013. For more information, go online to dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hastingsbridge.
Persistence pays off...

Elk Run BioBusiness Park to build union

With ordinary talent and extraordinary perseverance, all things are attainable.
– Thomas Foxwell Buxton

Local 1382 member Eric Jarmuz remembers the day he first started paying attention to occurrences at what will eventually become Elk Run BioBusiness Park near Pine Island, just outside of Rochester, Minn. On August 24, 2006, Tower Investments, LLC, purchased 1,350 acres from the Haney Brothers, and just five months later on January 30, 2007, Tower bought 382 acres from Elmer and Judy Stock, for a total of 1,775 acres.

“That’s what got my attention,” said Jarmuz. “They kept buying land and they were spending money way higher than what property values were going for. You knew they were going to do something with it.”

On March 19, 2008, Jarmuz brought his theory up to the executive board of his Local, where it was met with some skepticism. People thought the project was too large, that it would never get off the ground.

Tower then spent $50 million purchasing land and getting water and sewer lines extended from Pine Island to the purchased property in an initial phase of development.

Jarmuz tried to get information about the project funding by paying attention to Tower’s stocks, and in February 2009 he invested money in Burrill & Company’s stocks (the capital venture group partnered with Tower Investments). This move not only provided him with regular email updates on his investment, but also gave him the inside track to the larger picture of what the Elk Run project was all about, and contacts to whom he could ask questions.

“I had no idea how influential Tower Investments and Burrill & Company were at the time, but the buzz was out about the property and all of their transactions were public record,” said Jarmuz. “It’s been really exciting to follow this project from the beginning.”

Jarmuz, who was unemployed in 2008 due to the economy, formed a goal of trying to make the project go union and to keep the work local.

“I’m kind of persistent,” he said. “I just figured we gotta do something.”

At that time he approached Local 1382 Business Representative/Organizer Darrin Westphal and the two sat down together half a dozen times within a single month to decide if the project was something worth pursuing. They laid out a plan of how they wanted to go about it and they got to work.

Jarmuz began attending Pine Island City Council meetings and Westphal began working with Tower’s Chatfield office.

“I knew we needed to build relationships,” said Westphal.

Taking bits and pieces from a 16-day intensive core training Westphal took in Las Vegas as a Business
Representative/Organizer, he and Jarmuz set low, medium and high goals for themselves, putting together weekly and monthly schedules. As they achieved a particular goal, they then took steps forward to achieve their next goal.

“In my training from apprentice to field agent, what we’ve been able to accomplish is a testament that the training works,” said Westphal, “and that it can even teach a member, if you share your knowledge and show that it works.”

Their ultimate goal? To bring union contractors to the table when Tower was ready to talk construction. “Whoever was going to be a part of this, we wanted to be in on it,” said Westphal.

The two made a point of meeting people face to face, of introducing themselves and building relationships. They shared information with key stakeholders of what the carpenters union is about and gave them a reason to believe in union workers. “At the end of the day, we wanted to give people a reason to say, ‘We want to work with that organization,’” said Westphal.

At some points, the process seemed almost overwhelming, admitted Jarmuz. “We hardly knew where to start, and we were spending all this time without a clear indication if we would even have a place at the table in the end.”

As relationships were built, however, entities from both Tower Investments and the City of Pine Island began asking Jarmuz and Westphal for their help. In Fall 2009, Tower Investments visited Local 1382 and its members, and toured the Rochester Training Center to see what union carpenters have to offer.

“We really pushed the idea of having the best trained workforce,” said Westphal. “It wasn’t so hard to sell our program once we got our foot in the door and they were open to listening to us. They could see what we’ve got and they were impressed.”

Not long after, Tower asked Westphal for a list of Top 10 contractors in the area. Of the eight invitation-only bid requests Tower sent out in September 2010, seven of those invitations went to union contractors. Not surprisingly, signatory union contractor R.J. Ryan Construction, Inc., was awarded the contract for construction of the first building at Elk Run.

“After two years of us working on this project, people finally realized — Hey! This is gonna happen — and tried to slide in on our shirttails,” said Jarmuz. “If you’re not involved from the beginning, and try to get in later on… it doesn’t always work. Contractors respected us for getting them to the table to bid.”

“We set the pace that carpenters are the leaders in Rochester,” he added. “We put the work in, and now union carpenters are going to get the work out of it.”

Not everything along the way was smooth sailing. For instance, at one point it looked as though the $36 million in funding for the important Highway 52 interchange to the proposed biobusiness park was going to fail.

“We had to do a lot of education about why a project like this is important,” said Westphal. “We had conversations with county commissioners, and with people in their driveways.”

“I learned something new every week,” said Jarmuz. “Darrin has been my mentor through this whole process.

“The City of Pine Island has been great,” he added. “Everything they’ve said they’d do for us, they’ve done. And, everything we’ve said we’d do, we’ve done.”

Over time, the two were able to move from 20 phone calls in attempts to get a meeting to making just one call to have lunch with someone. As trust was built, they went from having a hard time getting a foot in the door to being asked for their advice.

“It all comes down to contractors bidding appropriately,” Westphal added. “Our job was to get them to the table and give them an opportunity.”

There’s no guarantee all projects at Elk Run will be built union in the future, Westphal noted, but assuming the first union project goes well, the chances are good.

The next goal for Westphal/Jarmuz on the Elk Run project is for carpenters from the Rochester area to be doing the work.

“That’s what Tower and the Pine Island City Council wanted,” said Westphal. “For people who live here to work here.”

The first building on the Elk Run property will be 50,400 square feet, requiring 10-15 exterior carpenters and 30-50 total carpenters over the span of the project (including interior work).

“It’s all about job creation,” said Westphal. “We have more than 100 members out of work in the Local on our books right now, and this job should put some of them back to work.”

Jarmuz, who spent so much personal time and energy on turning...Continued on page 16
For more information, call the Project Hotline at 1-866-729-3995 or go online to:

- burrillandco.com
- towerinvestments.com
- www.elkrun.info
- www.pineislandmn.com
- www.mndot.gov
- www.dot.state.mn.us/elkrun

“We obtained the goal of getting a union contractor on the project,” said Westphal. “Now the real work begins.”

**AS OF PRESS TIME,** work has still not commenced on the Elk Run project. Some site preparation has taken place, but no buildings are in the process of being built and the Highway 52 interchange has been put on hold at least temporarily. Delays are being blamed on the economy, though Tower has issued a statement that all of its initial goals will still be met.

**Fast facts:**

The Elk Run project is billed as “A place to work, live and play.” It is intended to be a mixed use project, including a variety of housing types, neighborhood with green spaces and trails, retail and dining, hotels with meeting and conference space.

Acreage is currently 2,325 acres in Olmstead County.

The BioBusiness Park portion will be 200 acres, offering flexible space and state-of-the-art infrastructure. The park will be designed to support early stage development, clinical development, and commercial manufacturing in one location with tech/showcase, warehouse, and distribution space also available. The intent is to accommodate firms of varying sizes and types with build-to-suit options.

Its location near the City of Rochester gives the park access to world class biotech industry and logistical resources, including Mayo Clinic, IBM, University of Minnesota, Hormel Institute, FedEx, and international airports.

Funded improvements include sewer and water lines, a stormwater retention pond and a sanitary lift station. The project has committed to incorporating sustainable design and green technology.

Land for the Biobusiness Park, located east of Highway 52, has already been purchased. Land is still being purchased west of Highway 52 for residential homes and other non-business park portions of the project.

The goal is to have 14-15 new buildings on the BioBusiness Park portion of the property within five years, as well as to have added nearly 200 jobs to that area.

Tower Investment’s sights toward union carpenters, admitted he’s not even assured of a job at the end of all this.

“Hopefully, I can be a part of it from start to finish,” he said. “But, it’s really been about anything we can do to help get members back to work.”

In the last two-plus years, both Jarmuz and Westphal have logged more than 500 hours of time — each — into ensuring the Elk Run project went union. They attended Minnesota Department of Transportation meetings, city council meetings, county commission meetings and more, missing time with their families in pursuit of this larger goal.

“It’s been a big investment of time, but also a huge learning experience,” said Jarmuz. “We did everything as a team.”

In Fall 2010, Jarmuz was invited to attend a three-day training at the UBC in Las Vegas. “They give you strategies that I know, from my own experience on this project, really work,” he said.

Jarmuz hopes his efforts on this project encourages other members to get more involved.

“It helped keep my sanity from being laid off,” he said. “It was something to focus on versus the negativity of being off work. Doing something like this helps you stay positive, makes you feel like you are involved.

“If you don’t believe in your Brotherhood, we’re not going to survive,” Jarmuz added. “If every laid off person gave two hours of their time every month, what could we accomplish?”

“The more help we have from members is what is going to guarantee our future,” Westphal agreed.

The first building is expected to bring anywhere from six months to a year of work for carpenters. Once that is completed, more buildings are expected to follow. Ultimately, some $300 billion is expected to be spent by the final phase of the project.

“This is the biggest campaign I’ve ever taken on,” said Westphal. “Failure was not an option — at least as far as things we could control. We made sure our ducks were in a row, that our i’s were dotted and our t’s were crossed.”

The two made sure to give credit to others, including to Field Service Director Toby Biegel, who made sure they had a plan, talked over goals and helped create a timeframe, as well as to 1382 members and its Volunteer Organizing Committee, who got excited about the project and got involved.

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The Apprentice wins grant for self, training center

Michael Zei, Local 314, applied for a Home Depot grant posted at the Southern Training Center in Madison (Wis.) and geared toward students in a trade school. He filled out an online application and submitted an essay describing why he felt he deserved the money. He won $500 for himself and $500 for the training center/NCSRCC education fund.

“It was really simple,” Zei said. “I wish more people would take the time to do it.”

Twin Cities retirees earn cash, donations for food shelf

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Ardex conducted a moisture control system training seminar for floor coverers March 10 in Madison, Wis., and April 7 in Kaukauna. The day-long seminars were attended by apprentices as well as area flooring contractors. Contractors and members who completed the training seminar are now able to offer the Ardex MC Moisture Control 10-year warranty.

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In March, Minnesota Political Director Kyle Makarios hosted Minnesota’s third Legislative Conference. The event kicked off with a Monday evening social hour for members and legislators, and included a tour of the Saint Paul Training Center. On Tuesday, members met in the morning to hear from speakers and learn more about the current political climate before heading off to the State Capitol to speak with legislators.

Makarios told members there are 60 new legislators this session, including all new committee chairs in the Senate. Since there are so many new faces, they are still learning how things work, he said. “It is important to figure out the Republicans who are sensitive to our concerns,” he added.

Makarios discussed several anti-union bills that have been drafted, including those that would make Minnesota a “Right to Work” state and three intended to modify or repeal the prevailing wage law. He also discussed bills that would positively affect our members, including one that streamlines the environmental permit process and a proposed $1 billion bonding bill.

UBC Midwestern Vice President Bobby Yeggy spoke with members, reminding them that the issues we are passionate about — including prevailing wage, a Vikings stadium and mining — are all about garnering jobs for our members.

“When meeting with legislators, it’s very important you respectfully explain to them the life of a working carpenter,” he said. “We’re a vibrant part of the economic health of this state.

“Go with a sense of purpose,” he added. “We need jobs. We’re willing to work hard, but we need their help.”

Makarios added that the goal was not to “convince someone who disagrees with us that we’re right and they’re wrong. Be respectful, polite and impactful. Try to make a positive lasting impression.”

Lester Bagley, Vice President for Public Affairs and Stadium Development for the Minnesota Vikings, spoke about plans to get a stadium funded and built. Speaker of the House Kurt Zellers (R) was also on hand, noting the legislature was going to “try to live within its means” and termed the proposed bonding bill “a very interesting concept.” Ultimately, he said, we need to “focus on the few things we do agree on.”

Governor Mark Dayton (D) addressed the room, noting there are 19,000 fewer jobs in Minnesota when Governor Tim Pawlenty left office than when he started, but 136,000 more people in the state. He said there are many areas in which he does not agree with House Speaker Zeller and the Republican legislature, including the proposed bonding bill and the need for a stadium for the people of Minnesota.

“Some people have a ‘Just say no’ attitude toward job creation,” he said. “We’re here to put people to work.”

Dayton said he would veto any Right to Work legislation, would recommend against any constitutional amendment, and rejects anti-unionism and the destruction of the middle class. “I put my faith in the people of Minnesota,” he said. “We all depend on one another, and we all depend on one another doing well. We’re going to put government on the side of the people.”

Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry Commissioner Ken Peterson spoke about issues such as worker’s compensation and misclassification of independent contractors. Attorney General Lori Swanson talked about the economy and said “unemployment remains too high due to corporate greed and irresponsibility.”

LaTisha Gietzen, Vice President for Government Affairs for PolyMet Mining, discussed the economic benefits of copper/nickel mining. Senate Minority Leader Tom Bakk (D) noted “having a Democratic Governor is paying out in spades” and reminded members that Minnesota was just “9,000 votes away from being Wisconsin” (with a Republican Governor and a Republican majority in both houses).

A video by U.S. Senator Al Franken (D-Minnesota) was viewed, and the afternoon was spent at the State Capitol and the State Office Building, where members lobbied on behalf of carpenter issues.

“Democracy is not a spectator sport,” Makarios said. “If you want to affect the outcome, you need to be involved.”
Wisconsin Legislative Conference

The seventh biennial legislative conference was held in Wisconsin in March, hosted by NCSRCC, Wisconsin State Council of Carpenters, Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters and the Carpenters Industrial Council. With more than 20 percent unemployment in the construction industry, members were reminded that participation in legislative issues is vital.

Chris Heinz, a UBC legislative advocate in Washington, D.C., bet that 35 percent of UBC members didn't vote last fall, and said many legislative seats were won or lost by just a few thousand votes. “It's about turning people out and voting their interests,” he said.

“The reality is, we can't win without a bipartisan strategy,” he said. “We need to reach out to members who are registered Republicans, we need to encourage our members to run for office, we need to get our point of view out there, and we need to elect people who are going to support us — both Democrats and Republicans.”

Political Consultant Andy Grossman showed that Republicans gained 63 seats in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2010, and seven in the U.S. Senate. They also gained 12 State Governorships. “Democrats are at the lowest number of seats [in the U.S. Congress] since 1946,” he said.

Wisconsin Political Director Mark Reihl discussed legislative issues taking place in the state of Wisconsin. He mentioned the extreme partisanship and noted 1938 was the last time both houses and the Governor flipped parties in a single election year. He talked about state budget cuts and carpenter issues such as prevailing wage, contractor misclassification and Right to Work.

NCSRCC Executive Director Ken Clark read a letter from EST James E. Moore, which discussed the council’s commitment to protecting worker rights. In the letter he announced a gift of $25,000 to the Wisconsin AFL-CIO Defense Fund on behalf of the Council and the UBC, which was presented to Wisconsin AFL-CIO President Phil Neuenfeldt.

Neuenfeldt discussed the fight at the State Capitol over collective bargaining rights for public employees, the demonstrations that were growing daily, and the unprecedented levels of solidarity. He said workers in every state were coming together to take a stand.

“We didn't start this fight,” he said. “It is part of a conservative corporate agenda. It is not about balancing the budget, it is about breaking the union movement.

“Workers must be seen as part of the solution,” he added. “Workers must be treated with respect. Workers must be recognized for our value. When we work together, we can win.”

UBC Midwestern Vice President Bobby Yeggy talked to members about the necessity of getting Democrats in office and holding them accountable, of getting members more involved, and the need to seek out moderate Republicans to help further our goals. Matt Robbins, attorney for the Carpenters, discussed Right to Work laws and the correlating decrease in wages in states that have them in place.

Minority Leader of the Assembly Peter Barca (D) spoke of the assault on the middle class in Wisconsin, saying “I no longer recognize what state we are in.

“Rights taken away from any workers is really rights taken away from all workers,” he said.

Secretary Manny Perez, a labor market economist with the Department of Workforce Development, discussed the importance of aligning training with anticipated needs of the future. Department of Natural Resources Secretary Scott Gunderson talked about streamlining permitting and new opportunities for youth.

Capping off the event was a visit from Senator Mark Miller, Democratic Minority Leader and one of 14 Democratic Senators who left the state in order to prevent a vote on collective bargaining rights for public workers. “What happened over the last four weeks is the people of Wisconsin stood up and made their voices heard!” he said. He noted that respect for workers has “always been a part of the Wisconsin Senate tradition” and that the proposed bill was “a sweeping taking away of workers’ rights”.

After lunch, members visited legislators at the Wisconsin State Capitol to lobby on behalf of carpenter issues.

Senator Mark Miller demonstrates his support for all workers.

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Local 310 - Rothschild, WI
Local 310 encourages other Locals to donate funds to Honor Flight, which sends World War II veterans to Washington, D.C. It costs $500 to send a veteran to see our nation’s Capitol. For more information, go to www.honorflight.org.

The Local granted a $250 scholarship to member Mark Stubbe’s daughter, Jennifer, who plans to continue her education in the area of health.

Local 361 - Hermantown, MN
Local 361 held its annual party March 19 at the Holiday Inn in Duluth. The evening included social hour, dinner, and an awards and recognition program.

Local 106 - Des Moines, IA
Members of Local 106 participated in the 2011 Rebuilding Day sponsored by United Way of Central Iowa. They split into two groups, doing siding work, doors, a deck and shoring up an addition.

Pictured, from left: Don Minks, Paul Minks, Harry Stover, Jeff Weeks, Rod Spratt, Brian Ewing, Dave McCartney, Bernie Rangel.

Floor coverer Sergeant Tim Quast installed rubber flooring with vinyl glue in a B-hut under less-than-ideal conditions while serving at Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan. “I should get paid double time for combat installation,” he joked.

Local 314 - Madison, WI
Members spent hundreds of hours in rallies at the State Capitol and other political involvement surrounding Governor Scott Walker’s attempt at taking away the collective bargaining rights of public employees.

The Local again paired up with Project Home’s “Hammer with a Heart” program to provide needed repairs to homes of low income families in Dane County. This year’s event took place Saturday, May 7. The selected homes needed window replacement, siding repair, front door and threshold, hand rails, ceiling work, flooring, countertops and roofing. We appreciate everyone who took the time to help us out this year.

The Retiree Club has gained much interest from our members and the breakfasts and cookout/luncheons have been a great hit. Don’t forget to thank those who have dedicated their time and efforts to put these activities together and, if you have a little time to help out, your efforts would be greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Leo Thorsen at 608-873-9704.

Local 548 - Saint Paul, MN
Local 548 held its Pin Dinner and Apprentice Graduation Party June 3 in Saint Paul, Minn., to celebrate graduates of the Millwright Apprenticeship program and to recognize years of service of its members.
Local 731 - Sheboygan, WI

Thirty-six members and their families, along with other volunteers from the community, participated in the Rebuilding Together Annual Project Day in Manitowoc and Sheboygan April 30. They helped repair 12 homes for persons in need, including the elderly, disabled and low income.

The Local held its quarterly meeting and annual steak fry July 7. The next meetings are August 4 and September 1 at the Union Hall, 1210 North Eighth Street, Sheboygan. Meetings start at 6:30 p.m.

Do you need legal advice? Free consultations for members is available at the Sheboygan Labor Hall, 1101 Wisconsin Avenue, the first Tuesday of each month from 1:30-5:30 p.m.

Local 731 again sponsored a food tent with brats and burgers to raise funds for The John Michael Kohler Arts Center during the Center's Midsummer Festival of the Arts July 16-17.

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Local 444 - Omaha, NE

Above, Retirees Club #37 meets for its annual holiday party. The next retiree meeting is August 9 at 10 a.m. at the Local 444 Hall, 5051 F Street in Omaha.

Local 548 continued...

The annual summer picnic will be Saturday, August 20, 12 p.m. at Lake Phalen Park Pavilion, Saint Paul, Minn.

This winter, Local 548’s Secret Santa program raised more than $2,000 to assist five member families and 18 children. The families were given both presents and gift cards for groceries. The money was raised largely at union meetings via donations of cash and gifts. “We were able to help all families who asked for help,” said Business Representative John Raines.

Local 587 - Sioux Falls, SD

Attention Retirees: Are you interested in having a monthly meeting? If so, contact Joel Laskey at 605-357-8284 to set a meeting place and time.

Local 606 - Virginia, MN

Our holiday party was held January 15 at the Sawmill INN in Grand Rapids, Minn., with 90 people in attendance. “This is the first time we held one in Grand Rapids,” said Business Representative Gary Nelson. “Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and the food was great. The retirees all enjoyed seeing some of their old partners.”

Receiving years of service pins were Scott Freed, 5 years; Ben Worcester, 10 years; Dale Engdahl, 20 years; James Schiefert and Stewart Simmons, 25 years; William Casey and Gary Cencich, 35 years; Floyd Pierce, 45 years.

Melvin Holm accepted a 20-year pin on behalf of his son, Mark, who passed away from cancer in December.

Local 606 members receiving years of service pins in January were, from left, William Casey, Floyd Pierce, Melvin Holm on behalf of son Mark Holm, Gary Cencich, James Schiefert, Dale Engdahl, Scott Freed, Stewart Simmons.
Local 731 cont.
The National Rebuilding Together Board appointed Greg Wells as Chairman of the Organizational Development Institute. He will be responsible for organizing the National Convention and training at the convention. His personal task is leadership for networking of all volunteer affiliates and to develop curriculum to do so. Wells joined Rebuilding Together in 1995. He became President of Rebuilding Together Sheboygan County in 2005 and continues to serve as President.

Local 1934 - Bemidji, MN
Local 1934 was chartered in Northwestern Minnesota February 22, 2011. Pictured, from left, Bob Monette, Mike Studanski, Matt Nagle, Rick Oster, President Mike Harrom, Council EST James E. Moore, Tom Tinglov, Todd Hornseth, Toby Biegel.

Local 1847 - Saint Paul, MN
The Pile Drivers 18th annual Ice Fishing Contest at Lake Mille Lacs was held January 15 with 62 participants. Fish were caught, prizes were awarded and a good time was had by all. $150 was raised by passing the hat on behalf of Jason Haraldson, a Local 322 member who was struck by a drunk driver in a wrong-way car crash last August.

Haraldson suffered broken bones in his shoulder, hip and leg, and had severe damage to his left foot. In January, a benefit was held for Haraldson at the Hugo American Legion. It included raffles, music, food, etc.

Local 1056 - Kaukauna, WI
Held its quarterly meeting and picnic June 14. The retirees steak fry will be August 11 starting at 11 a.m. at South Park in Waupaca.

Local 1146 - Green Bay, WI
Will host its annual Summer Picnic and Service Pin Awards Saturday, August 20, at the Local union office. Cookout is from 2-5 p.m. with pin presentation at 4 p.m. Raffle and door prizes included.

For pictures of members participating in the Heroes at Home project and Rebuilding Together, go to www.facebook.com and search “Rebuilding Together of Green Bay”.

Local 731 retirees meet for a potluck and meeting the second Wednesday of most months at noon. For transportation or more information, call 920-452-9424. Pictured, standing from left: Jim Kloppenburg, Ken Rake, Bob Freye, Rodney Schultz, Gene Blindauer, Jim Worminghaus, Jerry Denboer, Bill Tess. Seated, from left: Leonard Doelder, Fritz Fischer.
Wilbert “Jiggs” Janke builds a boat at age 88

Wilbert “Jiggs” Janke, retired Local 731 member from Sheboygan, Wis., built his first boat at age 10. Both too narrow and too short to actually ride in, “my mother was afraid I’d drown.” After getting out of the Army he built another, and he spent 20 years volunteering with the Sea Scouts every Saturday to build kayaks from kits at the yacht club. Just last year at age 88, he built yet another boat.

“I’ve been building boats all my life,” he said. “If we needed a boat, we built it.”

His most recent vessel is a 22-foot shanty boat with an 8-foot beam. The cabin is 8 feet wide by 9 feet long. The boat is framed in 1-1/8-inch weatherboard, as is the transom, which is also covered in 1/2-inch plywood. The boat is sheeted in 3/8-inch plywood on longitudinal stringers covered with six ounces of fiberglass fabric, and everything is laminated.

The boat, which fits six or seven people, wasn’t built from a kit or blueprints, but simply from a vision Janke had. It even has tie-up cleats of hand-carved mahogany, created by a woodcarver friend.

He built the boat at his home, beginning in January 2010 and taking nine months from start to finish. “I had a little bit of help here and there from a lot of people,” he said, including from a niece who assisted him frequently.

By mid-September, he was out on the Erie Canal. He and a friend started their trip at Tondamonda in the Buffalo, N.Y., area, transporting the boat in a homemade trailer. They spent a week on the water, traveling 360 miles and taking 40 lifts from lakes to rivers to the canal.

The last lock, in Albany, N.Y., is 42 feet, Janke said. “Then you’re on the Hudson River.”

“The canal systems were fabulous,” he added. “They were built in the 1830s — one of the biggest engineering feats in this country.”

They ate, slept and simply hung out on the boat, talking to people and seeing the sights.

“Having a boat like mine is almost like being a goodwill ambassador,” Janke said. “You meet people who are friendly and willing to talk to you; they want to ask you questions.”

Janke decided to build his most recent boat after taking a 2009 trip on the Severn Riverway across Ontario in a 12-foot Zodiac with a 15-horsepower motor. From the Georgian Bay to the Trent Canal, he traveled 260 miles on that trip.

Other places he’s taken this boat are the Wolf and Fox rivers in Eastern Wisconsin and up and around Door County, Wis. In the future he might take it to Sault Ste. Marie or Drummond Island in Michigan.

“It was enjoyable to build, and it’s enjoyable to use,” Janke said. “I enjoy working toward a goal, and the net result was rewarding.”

Do YOU have a fun story to share for “Member Spotlight”? If so, contact Tracy Madden at 651-379-0235 or tmadden@ncsrcc.org.
For several weeks in October, volunteers with the American Red Cross utilized the Rochester (Minn.) Training Center as a headquarters in providing outreach to hundreds of people affected by flooding across southern Minnesota. Equipping the training center with laptops, emergency phone lines, food and other supplies, nearly 400 Red Cross volunteers worked to support the various needs of families caused by flooding in an 11-county area. The training center has also been used by the Rochester Police Department for emergency disaster training.

Pheasants Forever, Chapter 844, Carpenters for Conservation

Pheasants Forever meets the second Thursday of each month at 4 p.m. at the NCSRCC Saint Paul office, 700 Olive Street, Saint Paul, Minn.

Chapter President Sean Brown may be reached at 651-746-4180. Please contact him if you are interested in participating.

Support our Union soldiers deployed on active duty

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Local 322 - Paul Caswell, Brian

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Local 1382 - Bryan Jantzen
Local 1934 - Frank Chilson

Do you know a union member not listed who is deployed on active duty in the military? The Twin Cities Retirees send monthly care packages to Regional Council soldiers via a program called Union Care. To have a package sent to your soldier, send their name, Local, military address, rank and APO to Bernie Schmidt at bigbern@q.com.
In Loving Memory
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### Congratulations on 50 years of Union membership

**Local 106**
C.L. Blankenship
Frank Conkling

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Charles Kittel

**Local 322**
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Curtis Peterson
Merle Rychner
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Robert Peterson

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Milford Tetzlaff
Ray Tomasello
Albert Wolfe

**Local 464**
Gery Gulden

**Local 731**
Earl Kerchefske
Robert Levenhagen

**Local 804**
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Dominic Sosnowski Jr.

**Local 930**
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Donald Wieber

**Local 955**
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Willard Flunker
Stanley Marhefke

**Local 1074**
Byron Bobb
Donald Granger

**Local 1091**
Gordon Isaak

**Local 1146**
Ronald Frease

**Local 1463**
Kenneth Schram

**Local 1847**
Valerius Haakonson

### FOOD BANKS

- **Saint Paul, Minnesota**
  Every Thursday
  10 a.m.-2 p.m.
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  First Thursday each month
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SIB Women’s Conference
Sept. 30-Oct. 1 in Saint Paul

Earlier this year, the NCSRCC pledged $15,000 toward hosting a Women’s Conference in Saint Paul this fall, along with $7,500 the following year to maintain and expand on Sisters in the Brotherhood committees and activities.

“It’s the right thing to do,” said Executive Secretary-Treasurer James E. Moore.

The NCSRCC Sisters in the Brotherhood committee is hosting a Women’s Conference in Saint Paul, Minn., September 30-October 1.

A block of rooms has been reserved at Hilton Garden Inn, a union hotel located at 411 Minnesota Street in Saint Paul. There are a limited number of rooms available; reservations can be made under the room block until August 31. (Please note the conference is the same weekend as the Twin Cities Marathon, so rooms may be scarce.)

Rooms are reserved under: NCSRCC Sisters Conference. Cost is $159/night plus tax. There is also a separate parking fee. To make reservations, call 877-782-9444.

Everyone is encouraged to approach their Local for help in defraying expenses. Local Sisters have also offered to host conference attendees in their homes. To offer space or request a space to stay, contact D Rojas at drojasusa@yahoo.com. If you need assistance with transportation, contact Barb Pecks at bpecks@mn carpenter.org or call 651-379-0227.

This conference is a union event sponsored by the North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters and is free of charge if you register by September 1 (a $50 late fee will be assessed to registrations received after September 1). If you have not received a registration form, go online to www.northcountry carpenter.org or contact Pecks at the information listed above.

The Sisters in the Brotherhood committee meets the second Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the NCSRCC Saint Paul office, 710 Olive Street. If you aren’t able to participate in person, you may join in via conference call at 760-569-9000. Follow the prompt and input 738343#. Also, keep up to date by going to www.facebook.com and searching for “SIB NCSRCC”.

Friday, September 30

• 6-7 p.m. Networking and Social Hour
• 7-7:30 p.m. Welcome/Introduction to the conference
• 7:30-9 p.m. Caucus groups by trade

Saturday, October 1

• 8-9 a.m. Continental breakfast
• 9-11 a.m. Workshop 1: Move Well - Avoid Injury
  Get a working knowledge of how your brain and body work together. Learn how to move comfortably, use your strength to its best advantage and stay as pain-free as possible throughout your career.
• 11-12:30 p.m. Lunch
• 12:30-2:30 p.m. Workshop 2: Money! Money! Money!
  Mary Kajoyan from Exclusive Wealth Planning will be on hand to discuss financial planning for now and in the future. She’ll talk about how to function financially in an industry where our income fluctuates — what to do when money is coming in, and what to do when it isn’t. She’ll discuss retirement and other future expenditures.
• 2:30-3 p.m. Break
• 3-5 p.m. Workshop 3: Sisters in the Brotherhood
  Start a Sisters Committee in your area, or learn how to get more involved in your Local and its existing committees.
• 5:15-6 p.m. Caucus groups by area
• 6-7:30 p.m. Dinner
The Zippin Pippin wooden rollercoaster is the newest attraction at Bay Beach Amusement Park in Green Bay. Constructed by Miron Construction Co., Inc., every inch of the structure was hand nailed. Construction began in September 2010 and the rollercoaster opened in May 2011.