

## “Like” us on Facebook



Hey all you Facebookers, Local 655 now has a Fan page. Make sure to find us by searching UFCW Local 655, and click “Like” to join. Facebook is another tool that Local 655 can use to communicate with our members, allow our members to communicate with other members and to provide members with a way to play an interactive role in their Union. So don’t be shy, click “Like”.

## Education grants

Each January and June (20) Education Grants of \$150.00 are randomly drawn at the 7 p.m. monthly Union Meeting. Local 655 members who are in college, pursuing higher education or technical training following high school are eligible for the drawing. The next scheduled Education Grant drawing will be held during the January 2012 monthly meeting.

**Don’t forget!! Fill out those applications.**

## HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

In accordance with the contract between UFCW Local 655, FAIR and OPEIU (which represents the Local’s staff and office staff), the Union office will be closed Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday, and Friday, Dec. 30 and Monday, Jan. 2 to observe the New Year holiday. An Officer of the Day will be available at 636-394-6500 to answer calls on the dates listed above.



## SPOTLight on Matt Govero, Queen’s Market-Pevely

*Local 655 urges members to help someone this holiday season*

Matt Govero, a 4-year member Local 655 and a clerk at Queen’s Market in Pevely, is no dyed-in-the-wool humanitarian, but he recently learned the value of volunteering.

He’s seen the devastation of the spring tornado in Joplin become a collective effort in rebuilding; he’s seen the smile on the faces of families whose homes were restored by those who care; and he’s seen the satisfaction of those who helped.

“Everybody has good ideas, you just got to bring it out in them,” said Govero remembering how he was suddenly thrown into a situation of helping Joplin tornado victims early last month. “We all worked together and had to put aside our differences—all for a common goal.”

Govero, Vice President of the Jefferson College Student Senate, said he and about 80 other students from throughout the state were attending a conference in Branson when the Senate President decided to cut short the conference to help rebuild Joplin. The next thing Govero knew, he was part of “Ten for Joplin,” a group with a vision for volunteerism. Govero’s work was to survey damages, clear cracked foundations and paint newly constructed homes.

“This was the first time I volunteered for anything like this, but it felt really good

to give back,” Govero said. “Sometimes helping out is even more beneficial than money. You see the people and know you’re doing something they appreciate.”

During a “blitz build” spanning 16 days, Govero and the Student Senate participants joined forces with the Tulsa and Joplin Area Habitat for Humanity teams to construct 10 homes for low-income families impacted by the devastating tornado. Since then, he has also volunteered with Habitat for Humanity in Crystal City.

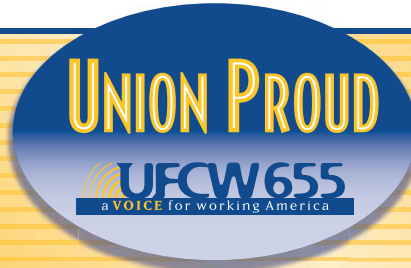
“I guess I’d tell others to give back in any way, shape or form,” Govero said. “I was shocked to see that Joplin still looked the way it did. There are a lot of ways to help out there. You just have to do it.”

Looking for ways to help? Contact your Union Representative at 636-394-6500.



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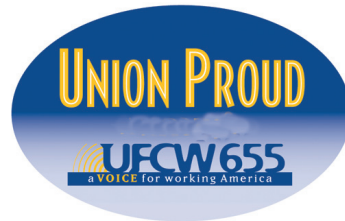
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## Warning!!!

If you don’t use your Personal Holidays before December 31, 2011 you will lose them! So get them in as soon as possible, so you don’t lose out.

## TRANSFERS/40 Hour Requests

All Transfer requests and 40 hour requests need to be made in writing, to the Labor Relations/Human Resources Department prior to February 1, 2012.



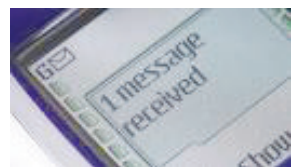
## Vision of the Future (President Cook’s Message)

All 655 members want better contracts, and you can help make that happen. Find out how by visiting the Local 655 website [www.ufcw655.com](http://www.ufcw655.com) or search for “Dave Cook Vision” on YouTube. Get the message; spread the message.

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## Local 655 Mobile Text Messaging

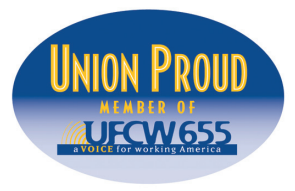
Local 655 has launched a new texting program to communicate better with our members. Want to know what is happening in contract negotiations? Want to know which politician is supporting worker issues and who is not? Stay informed!



**Text UFCW to 738674 for union/worker updates.**



## Say it loud



“UNION PROUD.” That is what the new Local 655 union buttons say, and that is what Local 655 members need to tell the world. “If you want good benefits, work rules and wages you need to be Union; you need to be members of Local 655.”

Wear your union button and be **UNION PROUD.**

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