



# The Flame



Northern Michigan University Clerical/Technical Union Local 1950  
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## Penny Hubble State Farm Insurance

by Penny Hubble

2005 was a year to remember – or not – for the Hubble family. I attended a NMU Jobfair which resulted in an offer from State Farm Insurance to become an agent in Tawas City, Michigan. My husband, Jim, thought it would be an even better idea if we could move to the southwest and away from “this white stuff”.

Many business plans and interviews later, State Farm offered me an agency opportunity in Chino Valley, Arizona (90 miles northwest of Phoenix or 40 miles south of the Grand Canyon). I had several months to study and pass the required life, property and casualty Series 6 and 63 exams, a license for selling Mutual Funds and Variable Annuities. Afterwards, I attended mandatory State Farm training which led to a 3-month internship.

On November 1, 2005, the *Penny Hubble State Farm Insurance* opened for business at 1596 Susan A. Williams Way, Chino Valley, AZ 86323.



Penny (red suit) and the mayor, Karen Fann, to her left

In February, I was able to return to Marquette to work for NMU’s Controllars Office and satisfy the state’s Office of Retirement Services (ORS) requirement to work an additional twelve 6-hour days. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to D.W., Pat Woods, Phyllis Zaenglein, and Local 1950 UAW. THANK YOU!

I credit my friends at NMU and the USOEC for much of my (4634) success. Contact me at my NMU email address ([phubble@nmu.edu](mailto:phubble@nmu.edu)) any time you plan to be in the Chino Valley area. I’d love to see you!

## TurboTax Has Hidden Fees

by Kimber Olli

**WARNING: TurboTax Has Hidden Fees** (and it’s set up in a deceitful manner).

TurboTax pricing practices for using their tax preparation software is completely deceitful.

I paid \$19.95 for the software and thought that was all I’d have to pay in order to file my taxes on the Web. I had to go through the entire preparation process, including adding all employer ID numbers, social security numbers, W2’s, etc. before I found out the real cost was not just \$19.95. TurboTax did not make their pricing policies clear on the software package box, or after I loaded the software on my computer. TurboTax charges additional fees for e-filing from \$14.95 to \$24.95 and an additional \$30 for a state return.

I am completely perturbed that the fee structure doesn’t come up until right before you push the FILE NOW button. I am completely dissatisfied with the deceitfulness of this company and its endorsement by the IRS. I did not pay TurboTax an additional penny for e-filing and I removed the software from my computer. I will file a paper copy of my taxes with the IRS. Since I actually have to *pay* taxes, I do not qualify for the IRS free e-filing services offered.

Since TurboTax has a clearly marked Customer Satisfaction Guarantee, I took the software back to Walmart, where I

Good deeds are kind thoughts put into action.

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## March Birthdays



Kelly Dore ..... March 2  
 Linda Roe ..... March 4  
 William Kipple ..... March 7  
 Robert Jensen ..... March 11  
 Kristi McClure ..... March 12  
 Marianne Eyer ..... March 14

Sherry Trotochaud ..... March 17  
 Terri Mattson ..... March 20  
 Martin Hill ..... March 22  
 Grace Albert ..... March 23

Gloria Alexander ... March 23  
 Kerry Mohr ..... March 28  
 Diane Goethe ..... March 29  
 Georgia Tillotson ... March 30  
 Nancy Ohman ..... March 31

The February "Take a Break" drawing winners were: Tami Glish, Kathy Gobert, Kathy Solka, and Cindy Lajoy.



It's time for Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake. This is their only fundraiser for the year, and the money raised at this event goes for program administration to match more needy kids with big brothers or big sisters. If you are interested in making a donation or a pledge (BB/BS will bill you after 3/25), please contact Kathy Solka at [ksolka@nmu.edu](mailto:ksolka@nmu.edu) or at 2135. Any donation, no matter how small, is appreciated.

Thank you! *Kathy*

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## Thank You

Dear UAW 1950,

Thank you very much for the scholarship. I used the money to purchase my nursing school books. This money was greatly appreciated.

Thanks again, Justin Kleinschmidt

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To everyone in UAW - Local 1950 Clerical/Technical

Thank you guys so much for choosing to allow a student in a two years program to receive the Education Scholarship! It couldn't have come at a better time. I plan to purchase my own Lab values book, a medical drug book, and pay for my N-Clex (state boards) with your gift. Thank you!

Sincerely - Kristl Kangas

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I would like to thank the members of UAW 1950 for providing scholarships to the dependents of UAW clerical/technical members and to the selection committee for choosing me as a recipient. It was nice to be able to cover the cost of my books for my last semester and still have a little left over to help with utility bills. I am very grateful.

Michelle Rantala

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Thank you for your generous sponsorship of NMU's Wildcat Wellness Health Fair 2006. Your contribution of \$50, on behalf of the UAW Local 1950, will greatly assist us in keeping this a truly quality health promotion event. Thanks again for your support.

Barbara Coleman, Coordinator

## Upcoming March Events

*So many things to do, so little time...*

- March 1 ----- 7:30 pm **University Symphonic Band** - (Reynolds Recital Hall)
- March 1-5 ---- 7:30 pm **Closer Than Ever** - (Forest Roberts Theatre)
- March 2 ----- 7:00 pm **Dan Flesher on Guitar** - Peter White Library
- March 2-31 -- **NMU Art Student League Arts Exhibition** - Lower Level Gallery of Peter White Public Library
- March 4 ----- 1:00 pm **Closer Than Ever** - (Forest Roberts Theatre)
- March 4 ----- 5:00 pm **Spring Break begins**
- March 5 ----- All day **NTN Gourmet Ski & Feast** - Forestville Trailhead
- March 10-12 - 5:00 pm **U.P. Builders Show** - Superior Dome
- March 13 ----- **Classes resume**
- March 17 ----- 6:00 pm **President's Ball**
- March 17 ----- 7:30 pm **University Faculty Chamber Music Concert** - (Reynolds Recital Hall)
- March 18 ----- All day **"Learning to Walk Together" Traditional Pow Wow** - (Vandament Arena)
- March 18 ----- 9:00 am **Upstride Down Ski Race Adventure** (Forestville Trailhead)
- March 18 ----- 1:00 pm **Earth Day Fair** - Lake Superior Village Youth
- March 18 ----- 7:30 pm **Danilo Perez Trio** (Kaufman Auditorium)
- March 19 ----- 9:00 am **10th Annual Benefit Breakfast/Silent Auction** - Masonic Center - Alzheimer Assoc benefit
- March 19 ----- 3:00 pm **Faculty Flute and Guitar Recital** - (Reynolds Recital Hall)



**Yooper SOS**

Thanks to Sue Henderson

## UAW Local 1950 Meetings

**2006**

Wednesday, March 1  
Wednesday, April 12

All meetings are scheduled for the Marquette/Nicolet/Cadillac rooms. (9574)

Our May Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2006 in the Ontario/Michigan rooms.

## Turbo Tax (Conclusion)

made the original purchase. The guarantee states on the TurboTax Web site and software packaging to return the software to the place of purchase for a full refund. I did that but Walmart wouldn't take the software back. Walmart said that because the software was opened, I would have to return it directly to Intuit. That cost an additional \$4.60 to send it UPS with a tracking number (traceable shipping method) as required.

I highly doubt that TurboTax will refund the shipping fee I had to pay because their retailer, Walmart, would not honor their guarantee. And, I doubt that I will be refunded the money any time soon. Intuit said to allow 6 weeks for a refund. Do you think I'll have my refund by April 15<sup>th</sup>?

*Love is not something you feel. It's something you do.*

DAVID WILKERSON

## PATRICK OF IRELAND'S LIFE

ST. PATRICK'S DAY honors the patron saint of Ireland.

Patrick was born in Britain. His father was a wealthy alderman and a Christian. Pirates captured Patrick at the age of 16, during a raid and sold him as a slave in Ireland. During this time, Patrick dedicated himself to religion. He was a slave for 6 years, and then escaped back to his home of Britain.

Patrick's experiences in Ireland made him driven by the idea of converting the Irish to Christianity. He studied in the monastery of Lerins, on an island off the southeast coast of France. Patrick also went to Auxerre, France, and studied religion under Saint Germanus, a French bishop. His religious superiors were reluctant to let him return to Ireland as a missionary, because of his inadequate education. But Palladius, the first Irish missionary bishop, died in 431. Pope Celestine I then sent Patrick to Ireland.

No one had ever preached Christianity in northern and western Ireland, so this is where Patrick began his work. He gained the trust and friendship of several tribal leaders and soon made many converts. Patrick founded more than 300 churches and baptized more than 120,000 people. He brought in clergymen for his new churches from England and France. (7254) Patrick preached in Ireland the rest of his life. Patrick was chiefly responsible for converting the Irish people to Christianity. He became known as the Apostle to the Irish. His name in Latin is Patricius.

Patrick wrote CONFESSION in his later years, an account of his spiritual development, to justify his mission to Ireland. This, along with his other writings,

are the most important sources of information about his life and work. He wrote this book to justify his mission to Ireland.

Many stories about Patrick are based only on legend. One of the best-known tales tells how he charmed the snakes of Ireland into the sea so they were drowned. According to another legend, Patrick used a three-leaf shamrock to illustrate the idea of the Trinity. Many people believe the shamrock came to be the traditional symbol of Ireland as a result of this legend. Today, Irish Catholics throughout the world celebrate Saint Patrick's Day on his feast day, March 17. *I arise today to witness a mighty strength: God's power to guide me.* Patrick of Ireland (389-461)

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th, the feast day of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. It is a national holiday in Ireland. It also is celebrated outside of Ireland in cities with a large number of people of Irish descent.

In Ireland, St. Patrick's Day is primarily a religious holiday. People honor Saint Patrick by attending special religious services, enjoying family and community gatherings, and wearing shamrocks.

St. Patrick's Day is primarily a secular holiday in the United States. Many people wear green clothing, and they hold parties and march in parades. The first St. Patrick's Day celebration in the United States was held in Boston in 1737. Today, more than 100 cities hold parades. The parade held in New York City is the largest.

Source: <http://www.entourages.com/barbs/stpatrick.htm>

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Each issue of the Flame contains 4, 4-digit numbers of the member's choosing. If you see your number, call Rita Leppanen @ ext. 2495. She will issue a \$5 check to you. Christine Olivier-Hakes, Lorilee Weiger, Beth Sanderson, Grace Albert, Pat Woods, and Robert Jensen were the February winners.

## Check Gas Prices

To check everyday gas prices, go to

<http://autos.msn.com/everyday/gasstations.aspx>

Fill in your zip code to find the gas prices in town. It's a few days behind but accurate.

## Spotting Depression in a Friend

According to the Emotional Health Network site at <http://emotionalhealth.waterfrontmedia.com>, the first step toward defeating depression is to define it. But people who are depressed often have a hard time thinking clearly or recognizing their own symptoms. They may need your help. Check the following to see if a friend or friends have had any of these symptoms persisting longer than two weeks.

Do they express feelings of:

- Sadness or “emptiness”?
- Hopelessness, pessimism, or guilt?
- Helplessness or worthlessness?

Do they seem:

- Unable to make decisions?
- Unable to concentrate and remember?
- To have lost interest or pleasure in ordinary activities — like sports or band or talking on the phone?
- To have more problems with school and family?

Do they complain of: (6138)

- Loss of energy and drive — so they seem “slowed down”?
- Trouble falling asleep, staying asleep, or getting up?
- Appetite problems; are they losing or gaining weight?
- Headaches, stomach aches, or backaches?
- Chronic aches and pains in joints and muscles?

Has their behavior changed suddenly so that:

They are restless or more irritable?

They want to be alone most of the time?

They’ve started cutting classes or dropped hobbies and activities?

You think they may be drinking heavily or taking drugs?

Have they talked about:

- Death?
- Suicide — or have they attempted suicide?

If you answered yes to several of the items, a friend may need help. Don’t assume that someone else is taking care of the problem. Negative thinking, inappropriate behavior, or physical changes need to be reversed as quickly as possible. Not only does treatment lessen the severity of depression, treatment also may reduce the length of time (duration) your friend is depressed and may prevent additional bouts of depression.

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## March 1st Lunch

Chicken Broccoli Rice Casserole  
Chef Choice Vegetable  
Tossed Salad w/ Dressing  
Jellied Fruit Salad  
Coffee, Tea, Milk, Pop, Water  
Apple pie

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## Urge Canada's Prime Minister to put an end to the seal hunt

With more than 317,000 seals killed for their fur in 2005 alone – 98% of whom were babies under three months of age – Canada's harp seal hunt is the largest commercial hunt of marine mammals on earth. It is certainly the cruelest.

Although Canadian citizens don't support the seal hunt, the fishing industry and the federal government have refused to end it. With the recent election of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, (7009) there is renewed hope that 2006 will be the last year that seals are clubbed and shot to death on Canadian ice.

As Prime Minister Harper begins his term, we have an unprecedented opportunity to influence the Canadian government and save hundreds of thousands of baby seals.

Please take action today to help end the cruel Canadian seal hunts by sending an e-mail to Prime Minister Harper immediately at the address below:

[https://community.hsus.org/campaign/harper\\_protectseals?rk=Pp1vwuS1SXEPW](https://community.hsus.org/campaign/harper_protectseals?rk=Pp1vwuS1SXEPW)

## Walmart

I just watched a new cartoon that I thought you might like: "Friends with Low Wages."

Check it out at

<http://www>

[WalmartWorkersRights.org/](http://www.WalmartWorkersRights.org/)

According to country star Garth Brooks, "it's great to work for Wal-Mart." In fact, he's so proud of Wal-Mart that he's been all over television promoting their holiday sales. But if he found out how Wal-Mart really treats its workers, he'd discover he has "Friends with Low Wages."

After you watch the cartoon, please join me in telling Wal-Mart to clean up its act! To take action, go to: <http://action.americanrightsatwork.org/campaign/>

[wm\\_flash?rk=3pSOL7E16POYW](http://action.americanrightsatwork.org/campaign/wm_flash?rk=3pSOL7E16POYW)

Caral Turner, UAW Local 6888, CMU, Faculty Personnel Services

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WHEEL  
EYES ON THE ROAD  
THAT'S THE SKILLFUL  
DRIVER'S CODE  
Burma Shave**

**THE ONE WHO DRIVES  
WHEN HE'S BEEN  
DRINKING  
DEPENDS ON YOU  
TO DO HIS THINKING  
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