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## **Union Negotiating Contracts with Several Employers**

UFCW 951 is in the midst of its busy 2016 collective bargaining schedule as the union is currently in some stage of contract negotiations with four employers.

“Our current negotiations include contracts covering members working in food processing, transportation, warehousing, retail drug, at a single grocery store, and for a large retail food chain,” John Cakmakci, UFCW 951 president, said. “Each of the negotiations are unique, but our commitment to the membership involved is the same — to bargain the best contract possible.”

### **Harding’s 383**

Contract negotiations are currently underway for a new contract covering the approximate 26 UFCW 951 members who work at this Bangor, MI grocery store. The top bargaining issues are wage increases, health benefits and pension cost. The union expects to have a new agreement before the contract’s May 9 expiration.

### **Rite Aid**

With the sale of Rite Aid to Walgreens pending, the union has begun contract talks with the company on a new contract covering 535 UFCW 951 members at 61 stores. Given the uncertain future of the company, the union is working to negotiate stronger successor language and an improved severance package, along with wage increases. The current contract expires May 7.

### **Knouse Foods**

The approximate 86 members at this Paw Paw, MI food processing plant identified wage increases and the maintenance of benefits as their top priorities for contract negotiations scheduled to begin in early May. The union expects to hold the contract ratification vote in mid-May.

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## Meijer

UFCW 951 continues to prepare for its upcoming contract negotiations covering Meijer members working in retail, warehousing, transportation and property maintenance. Prior to entering negotiations, the union is working with Meijer to test potential contract language changes through several pilot programs, including advanced scheduling, additional full-time jobs, vacation schedules with only six shaded weeks, higher starting rates and retention bonuses. Additional pilot programs will be tested prior to negotiations, including changes to Meijer's disciplinary points system.

## Upcoming Members Only Discounted Events



### Bus Trip to Greektown Casino

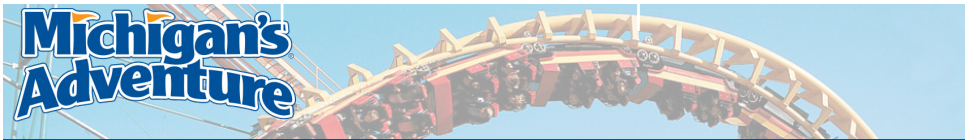
UFCW 951 is offering members a discounted bus trip to Greektown Casino in Detroit on Monday, May 23, for \$20 a person. Price includes \$20 in casino cash, along with round-trip bus transportation. Members may purchase a maximum of two tickets.

Casino regulations require individuals be **at least 21 years old**.

## UFCW 951 DAY AT THE BALLPARK

### Detroit Tigers v. Minnesota Twins | Wednesday, May 18

For \$50 members can receive an upper box infield seat, an all-you-can-eat pre-game picnic and round-trip bus transportation from Grand Rapids or Lansing. Members may purchase a maximum of two tickets.



### Saturday, June 18 & Thursday, August 11

UFCW 951 members can enjoy a fun-filled day at Michigan's Adventure at special UFCW 951 rates. Members may purchase up to six tickets for each date priced at \$25 each. Additional tickets are \$35 each. Tickets available through UFCW 951 include admission to both the amusement and water parks and an all-you-can-eat lunch at 2 p.m.

Tickets can also be purchased online at [www.ufcw951.org/events](http://www.ufcw951.org/events). Order forms are available from your union representative and in the April issue of *The Voice of 951*.

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