



LOCAL 211 NEWS

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Congratulations To Our Newly Elected Local 211 Officials Executive Board

President - Larry Cooper

Vice President - Heather Campbell

Recording Secretary - Lisa Crossland

Financial Secretary - Sandy Stanfield

*Trustees - Tony Curtis, Reyes Ramirez
& John Wiseman*

Seargent-At-Arms - Danny Green

Guide - Ricky Johns



GM Shop Committee

Chairman - Rob Egnor

Committeemen

Dan Maynard & Victor Lopez

Alternate Committeemen

Brian Brellahan & Harvey Campbell



President's Report

By Larry Cooper

Greetings Retirees and all members of Local 211. Our GM unit had two retire as of June 1st, Jessie Mendoza Jr. with 59.7 years and Keith Boecker with 32.5 years. Congratulations, I hope you have a happy and healthy retirement. I would like to take this time and thank Keith Boecker for all his work and dedication to the UAW and to our local. Keith has spent numerous hours not only serving the membership but also working with people personally. He has encountered many difficult tasks and conquered many obstacles. Keith has done many good things for us all. I am glad to have worked beside him and I have learned so much. Keith will be missed for sure and has sent precedence for us all to be proud of. Again, thank you Keith Boecker for all you have done for our Union.

I would like to congratulate the newly elected board members and our newly elected Shop Committee. I am looking forward to working with you all. I would also like to thank our past board members, it was a privilege to work with you all and I appreciate everything that you have done for our Local Union. Your dedication and hard work will never go unrecognized.

John Hagerty is the newly hired groundskeeper for our grounds here at the UAW Hall and Memorial Hall. I would like to thank him for applying for this position and am looking forward to working with him. Gary Brown has retired as our groundskeeper, he has been with us for many years and has done such an amazing job with our property. He put so much pride in everything he done; thank you Gary for your hard work and dedication. You will be missed.

I would like to thank the membership for your continued support as your Local 211 President. This will be a big change for me, I have been on 2nd shift for over 20 years and now I will be on 1st shift.

Here is a little bit about me and my family...My wife is a big supporter of mine. We have been married over 30 years. We have two sons that both work at Johns Manville unit here in Defiance. They are both part of the union there and I am very proud of them.

Dave Green, Regional director sent us an update on the Clarios, Local 12, UAW strike. They make car and truck batteries. They have been on strike for

several weeks with no end in sight. The Company has brought in scabs and shows no empathy towards the membership. If anyone is interested in dropping off household items including water, diapers, canned goods, formula etc. They can drop these items off at the Local 211 UAW Hall. Let's show these members some support.

The recreation committee is hosting the 2nd Annual UAW Local 211 Catfish Tournament. This is open to all members, on July 15th; check in time is 5:00 P.M. For more information please check the website or postings on the Union Communication Boards.

Being on the Civil and Human Rights committee, I was sent to Warren, Michigan for some diversity training. On the 3rd day I learned about creating a respectful, engaged and valued workforce. We also learned of social media policies that are very important to today's society and the workforce; other factors in this training was to listen, collaborate with others, lean in and build trust with one another. These factors will help anyone that is new to our workforce. I was informed that all Local 211 members will go through the updated version of this diversity training.

In Solidarity

UAW Local 211 Retiree Executive Board



UAW Local 211 Retiree Executive Board members were re-elected by acclamation at the April Union Meeting.

We want to thank the retiree membership for their vote of confidence and support as we continue finding the ways to best serve you.

In Solidarity,

Teddy Fleming – Chairman

William Thomas – Vice Chairman

Ivan Burgei – Recording Secretary

Dennis Harr – Sergeant-At-Arms



Retirees Report

By Ivan Burgei, Recording Sec

Spring is finally here and we are ready to begin with the election of officers for the Local 211 Retirees. With the membership's approval, all present officers will remain the same. We want to thank you for your wonderful support.

Let's begin by the planning of Grandparents/Grandkids Day. Everything has been approved and consignments have been reserved for this day of fun and fan-fair. This will be held at our UAW Park on Thursday, July 6th with a rain date on the 13th. The activities will begin at 11:30 A.M. and end around 3:30 P.M. with pony rides, bouncy rides, snow cones, face painting, food and most of all live music; so bring a lawn chair and enjoy the day with your grandkids, past fellow co-workers and friends.

The new picnic tables are finished with the donors and dedicated plaques names on them. If anyone else is interested in purchasing a table for the park, please see myself or Ted Fleming.

The concrete for the shelter house is poured and completed, thanks to the Executive Board and the members for approving this. This was a project long overdue. Thanks everyone who helped make this possible. The park is now open to the public. Let's try to keep it clean for future gatherings.

I would like to thank all who supported me for Trustee. I am writing to express my sincere appreciation to the membership for allowing me to serve as Chairman of Local 211 Trustee for the past three years. I also want to congratulate the newly elected officers and wish them the very best. May God grant them the wisdom to make the right decisions for the good of us all.

As Trustee my goal was to help with the restoration of our UAW Park to what it once was. The goal was to get rid of the port-a-potties and get water to the restrooms, install water fountains, repair and paint the playground equipment, replace several picnic tables and repair flooring in the Shelter House. My wife Lisa and I donated numerous days and many hours to help this become a reality. Some of these changes did not come easy. At times they were difficult to carry out. However, it is the gratification of knowing that these improvements have been good for our members, families and the community.

I hope the new administration will work with the same vigor.



Financial Secretary's Report

By Sandy Stanfield

Hello to all our membership. I am Sandy Stanfield, the newly elected Financial Secretary for our Local 211. I want to thank you for electing me and for your support.

I had the opportunity to shadow Sheri Baker for training and to get an understanding on what and how much this job encompasses. I have been busy diving in; reading, learning, asking questions and taking notes.

I look forward to getting to know and working with everyone on the Executive Board. I can say that this group will keep me sharp, asking more questions and looking for resources to enrich our Local Union.

I am looking forward to this new added chapter in my career. Again, thank you for electing me as your Financial Secretary. I will work hard and do the best

LOCAL 211 UAW WOMEN'S COMMITTEE FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

THIS IS A 50/50 DRAWING TO BE HELD IN THE
MONTH OF JUNE. THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE
WINNER WHO WILL WIN 50% OF THE PROCEEDS.
THIS MONEY WILL GO FOR FUTURE FUNCTIONS.

COST: \$5.00 FOR TWO (2) TICKETS
OR SIX (6) TICKETS FOR \$10.00

PLEASE SEE ANY MEMBER OF THE
WOMEN'S COMMITTEE OR CONTACT
THE UAW HALL FOR ANY FURTHER
INFORMATION. 419-784-5399



Our sympathy for your loss...

To our bereaved members and their families, we offer our condolences for the loss of their loved ones. We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of:

Concepcion Hernandez – Retired 5/94

Dennis Gibson – Retired 7/91

Alan Deatruck – Retired 5/04

Marjorie Wilhelm – Retired 3/93

Joseph Coutts – Retired 1/97

Ioma McCague – Retired 1/2000

Kenneth Seiple – Retired 4/04

Lawrence Johnson – Retired 7/98

Anselmo Gomez – Retired 10/98

Alfredo Ramos – Retired 3/89

David Zedaker – Retired 1/06

Howard Neff Jr. – Retired 11/99

John Pufpaff – Retired 7/08

Jack Wiswell – Retired 4/09

Dwight Ordway – Retired 7/90

Tommy Jones – Retired 10/03

John Perry – Retired 2/08

Ronald Verhoff – Retired 10/03

Roger Back – Retired 6/95

Mike McCann – Retired 4/96

Wilfred Temple – Retired 7/17

Gregory Brubaker – Retired 7/04

Willie Dilworth – Retired 5/92

Roger Bradford – Retired 7/08

Richard Harter – Retired 4/99

Timothy Korpi – Retired 2/08

George Holloway – Retired 10/99

Narcisco Rodriguez – Retired 11/89

Eugene Batt – Retired 10/89

Donald Herge – Retired 6/93

Rollie Prowant – Retired 2/05

Ricky Williams – Retired 7/06

Benny Esquibel – Retired 7/95

Harold Horstman – Retired 6/06

Bruce Ramsey – Retired 4/16

Joseph Robbins – Retired 1/07

Robert Hatfield – Retired 11/06

Gilbert Gonzales – Retired 3/08

David Armstrong – Retired 7/2000

Anthony Richman – Retired 7/08

***Support UAW
Local 12 Clarios
Toledo OH***



Donations Needed

- Water
- Hygiene Items
- Diapers
- Paper Products
- Food
- Firewood
- Monetary

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UAW CAP
Council**

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**Contact your
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Active now



**Thank
You!**

The Education Committee would like to wish our former President, Keith Boecker a long, happy and healthy retirement! Thank you for your many years of dedicated service. You will be missed!

20 Facts You Never Knew About the 4th of July

By Amina Lake Abdelrahman and Yaa Bofahupdated



Before you fire up the grill and whip up some delicious burgers, creative hot dogs and stunning summer salads this July 4th, check out these little-known facts about the holiday and America itself. We've included Fourth of July trivia that can be shared with friends and family that will certainly have them impressed with your history knowledge (kids will especially love learning about the day). For starters, did you know that Independence Day was once celebrated on July 5? Exactly! You'll also learn a little bit about traditions around the holiday, including how much Americans tend to spend on fireworks this time of year.

So once you figure out your 4th of July activity, plan your perfect patriotic playlist and pick out the best Instagram caption for all of your BBQ pictures, be sure to memorize some of these fun facts and trivia.

Thomas Jefferson was the main author of the Declaration of Independence.

There were four others on the drafting committee: Roger Sherman, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams and Robert Livingston.



John Hancock was the first person to sign the Declaration of Independence.

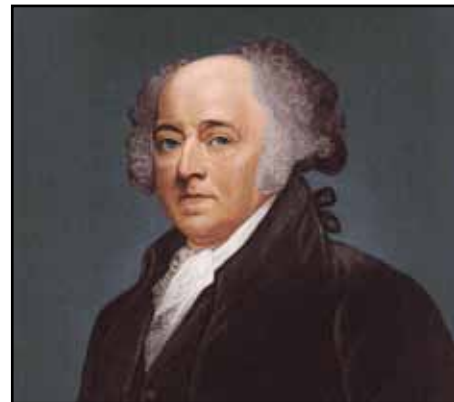
Likely because he was the President of Congress at the time, he signed in a large hand and at the center of the document, according to the National Archives. His bold signature is where we get the phrase "put your John Hancock" when referring to signing your name.

Independence Day should have been celebrated on July 2, 1776.

Although the document was dated July 4, congress actually voted for independence from Great Britain two days prior on July 2, 1776. It apparently wasn't signed by everyone until a month later on August 2, 1776.

John Adams wrote a letter to his wife about how memorable Independence Day would be in American history...

He was obviously right — in his letter, he said the day should be celebrated with parades, bonfires and fireworks. Scarily accurate, right?



... but he thought it was celebrated on the wrong day.

In fact, he was known to turn down invitations to 4th of July celebrations in protest. In his correspondence to his wife, Abigail Adams, he only referred to Independence Day as July 2nd.



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The 'Pennsylvania Evening Post' was the first newspaper to print the Declaration.

It came out in the newspaper on July 6, 1776 for everyone to see, after a local printer named John Dunlap produced copies of the declaration's manuscript.



An estimated 2.5 million people lived in the nation in July 1776.

As of July 2021, about 331.8 million people live in the U.S., according to the United States Census.

Three presidents who signed the Declaration of Independence died on July 4.

John Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826 — on the 50th anniversary of the country's independence. James Monroe died five years later on July 4, 1831.

The Liberty Bell rings 13 times every Independence Day to honor the 13 original states.

Descendants of people who signed the Declaration of Independence tap the bell, located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, at 2 p.m. eastern time every 4th of July.



Independence Day was once celebrated on July 5.

The holiday fell on a Sunday in 1779, so the country celebrated on July 5th instead.

The very first 4th of July fireworks show took place in Philadelphia in 1777.

Fireworks, canons and bells all went off to honor the 13 original states. Much like modern celebrations, they even had a dinner and parade for the Declaration of Independence's first anniversary.

U.S. soldiers got a special treat on the 4th of July in 1778.

George Washington helped the troops celebrate by allowing them a double ration of rum, according to Live Science.

Americans spend over \$1 billion on fireworks every year.

According to the American Pyrotechnics Association, the numbers continue to go up every year. The biggest celebration is the Macy's 4th of July Fireworks show, which takes over 8,000 hours to prepare!



4th of July sales have been a thing for a while.

According to Live Science, it was seen as unpatriotic if you kept your business open on Independence Day before the Civil War. But after, restaurants and stores started having sales on red, white and blue merchandise and they've continued to ever since.

There are 33 places in the United States with the word "liberty" in their names.

According to the U.S. Census, four of them are counties — Georgia, Florida, Montana and Texas have a Liberty County.



Calvin Coolidge was the only president born on the 4th of July.

That probably helped his presidential campaign, right?



It didn't become a federal holiday until 1870.

It took nearly 100 years for it to be recognized as such, but when it finally happened it was up in the ranks with Christmas and a few other holidays.

The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution were both signed in Philadelphia.

The Constitution was signed in September of 1787, a little over 11 years after the Declaration of Independence. While both are important to U.S. history, they are totally separate documents with different meanings.

Thomas Jefferson believed that a new Constitution should be written every 19 years.

In a letter to James Madison, he asked if "one generation of men has the right to bind another," saying that otherwise "the lands would belong to the dead, and not to the living, which would be the reverse of our principle".

Americans eat around 150 million hot dogs each Independence Day.

According to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council, from Memorial Day to Labor Day, which they call 'peak hot dog season', Americans consume around 7 billion hot dogs. That means that 818 are being consumed every second. Producers estimate that during July, which is designated National Hot Dog Month, 10% of annual retail hot dog sales occur. That's a lot of hot dogs!



2ND ANNUAL UAW LOCAL 211 CATFISH TOURNAMENT

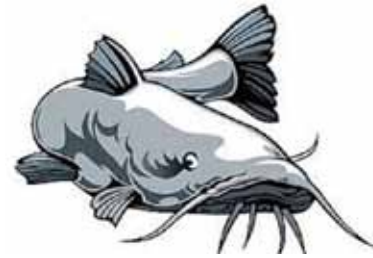
5:00 P.M. CHECK-IN ON JULY 15 TH AT THE LOCAL 211 UAW HALL

FINAL WEIGH IN ON JULY 16 TH BY 5:00 P.M.

NO BAIT WILL BE PROVIDED

\$ 10 ENTRY FEE PER PERSON.

PRIZES WILL BE DETERMINED BY NUMBER OF ENTRIES.



TOURNAMENT RULES

1. ONE MEMBER OF THE TEAM MUST BE A UAW LOCAL 211 MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING
2. \$ 10 ENTRY FEE PER PERSON ON TEAM
3. NO MINIMUM/MAXIMUM NUMBER OF TEAM MEMBERS. NO AGE LIMIT
4. FISHING BOUNDRIES - ANY LEGAL BODIES OF WATER IN OHIO, EXCEPT UAW LOCAL 211 POND.
5. SATURDAY, JULY 15TH CHECK IN TIME IS 5:00 P.M. OR ANY TIME THEREAFTER. LIVE FISH WEIGH IN ANYTIME PRIOR TO THE 5:00 P.M. FINAL WEIGH IN ON SUNDAY, JULY 16TH.
6. WINNING FISH WILL BE DETERMINED BY WEIGHT. TIE BREAKER - FIRST BY LENGTH, THEN BY COIN TOSS.
7. NO RELEASING YOUR WEIGH IN FISH IN THE UAW LOCAL 211 POND.
8. TEAMS MUST COMPLY WITH STATE, LOCAL AND FEDERAL FISHING AND BOATING REGULATIONS. FISHING AND BOATING LICENSES ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS
9. ALL FISH MUST BE CAUGHT BY ROD AND REEL ONLY. NO CATFISH MAY BE TAKEN FROM A HOOP NET, BOX TRAP, TROTLINE, JUG OR LIMB LINE
10. ANY LEGAL COMMERCIAL OR NATURAL BAIT WILL BE ALLOWED. NO FISHING KNOWN CHUM HOLES.
11. BLUE CAT, CHANNEL CAT OR FLATHEAD CAT MAY BE WEIGHED IN.
12. IF THERE ARE ANY DEAD FISH BROUGHT TO THE WEIGH-IN LINE IT WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION. IT IS THE DISCRETION OF THE TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL TO DEEM A FISH DECEASED.
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UAW Local 211 Unit Meetings
Please confirm exact dates and times.

General Motors

Active, Wednesday, August 2 (UAW Hall)

Retiree, Thursday, July 6 (UAW Hall)

Herbert E. Orr

Tuesday, July 11 (Paulding Fire House)

Midwest Community FCU

Wednesday, August 2 (UAW Hall)

Sims Metal Management

July cancelled (UAW Hall)

Johns Manville

Tuesday, July 11 (UAW Hall)

Powers & Sons Wednesday, August 9 (Drop Time
Winery & Tap House)

DFM Monday, July 10 (UAW Hall)

Teijin Automotive Technologies Monday, August
14 (USW Hall, Van Wert)

Defiance Area UAW CAP Council Tuesday, July 11

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