



LOCAL 211 NEWS

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Our success is attributed to the rank and file—the working men and women—of our local union!

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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED FOR THE FOLLOWING
 STANDING COMMITTEES FOR LOCAL 211, UAW

RECREATION COMMITTEE
 WOMEN'S COMMITTEE
 COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE
 BY-LAWS COMMITTEE
 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE
 LEGISLATION COMMITTEE
 VETERANS COMMITTEE
 EDUCATION COMMITTEE
 CIVIL RIGHTS COMMITTEE
 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY JULY 24, 2026 AT 4:00 P.M.

ALL MEMBERS OF LOCAL 211, UAW ARE ENCOURAGED TO SUBMIT
 THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR THESE STANDING COMMITTEES THROUGH
 THEIR CHAIRPERSON, MAIL OR EMAIL TO: secretary@uawlocal211.com

A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF EACH COMMITTEE'S DUTIES IS POSTED
 ON THE MAIN BULLETIN BOARDS.



President's Report

By Ben Sabins

First, I'd like to congratulate the incoming officers, committee and constitutional delegates. I look forward to working with each one of you.

UAW Local 211 will be accepting applications for standing committees until July 24th. All local 211 members are encouraged to apply.

The 3rd SAP for this agreement is open until June 30th. According to UAW Vice President Mike Booth, with about 2 weeks to go, 1507 members have signed up for the SAP corporate wide. As of last count 27 of our members at Defiance have signed up.

American Axle and the UAW have reached a tentative agreement. If the contract is ratified, they will resume making axles June 15th.

UAW President Fain says the UAW is already preparing for the 2028 negotiations and that we should expect a fight. I'd like to ask our members to put a little money away each week as an emergency fund. It's better to have it and not need it than to need it and not have it.

The U.S. and Mexico completed the first round of negotiations related to review of the USMCA. The parties discussed Rules of Origin (ROOs) and economic security issues. Reporting indicates that the Trump administration is proposing to adjust the automotive ROOs to require that vehicle imports contain at least 50% U.S. content, on top of existing North American content rules. USTR announced that the second round of negotiations with Mexico will be held in Washington, DC from June 16-17 and will cover agricultural and labor issues, with a third round to be held in Mexico City on July 20.

UAW Local 211 members proudly produce goods and services for our communities, our nation, and the world. Although we are very proud of what we do, it's not worth getting injured or killed for. Summer is upon us, which means heat, humidity, thoughts of vacations and summer activities, Please stay focused, hydrated, work safely and look out for each other.



Retirees Report

By Ivan Burgei, Recording Sec

It has been a while since we had some communication with you, so let me catch you up a little.

Thursday, June 11, 2026 we went on a Maumee Boat trip with 42 retirees. We left the hall at 9:30 AM boarded the Sand Piper in Toledo. The cruise took approximately 2 hours on a scenic route towards Perrysburg. Everyone really enjoyed the trip, so please check some of the pictures. If and when we have more excursions, try to join us for a fun filled adventure.

Our Grandparents/Grandkids day is set for July 9th, 2026 from 11 AM until 3 PM. This is a day the retirees have set aside for the grandkids to play outside and enjoy the food, rides and playground.

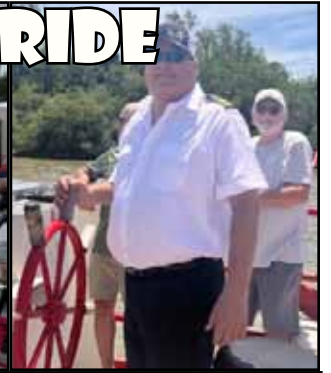
This year we have a new ride just for the little ones. It is a barrel train ride. Check the pictures out to see what I'm talking about. And yes, the pony rides, carriage ride, snow cones and face painters will be there as well. Hope to see you at the park!

Barrel Train Ride

purchased by the Local 211 Retirees



RETIREE MAUMEE BOAT RIDE



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:

BEATHEAM ESTRADA RETIRED 11/1/1978
 STEVEN DAVIS RETIRED 7/1/2017
 JACK LICHTY RETIRED 5/1/2016
 MICHAEL MORAN RETIRED 3/1/2020
 PAUL SCHROEDER RETIRED 7/1/2006
 RICHARD TOLLES RETIRED 6/1/2006
 JAMES WINNIE RETIRED 1/1/1985
 JIMMIE WILBERT RETIRED 1/1/2005
 DALE PATTSLEY RETIRED 3/1/2012
 RITA GREEN RETIRED 5/1/2001
 PARIS LOWE RETIRED 3/1/2001
 JON EXTINE RETIRED 3/1/2025
 FRANK TRESSLER RETIRED 7/1/2005
 DANIEL KOPPENHOFER RETIRED 5/1/1997
 MARVIN LEMASTER RETIRED 6/1/1998
 RONALD BURGEI RETIRED 6/1/2006
 DAVID DOBBELAERE RETIRED 5/1/1998
 ROYAL HOFACKER RETIRED 10/1/2001
 JODY SCHLOSSER RETIRED 1/1/2012
 BENJAMIN HOLMES RETIRED 2/1/2001
 KEITH KELLY RETIRED 2/1/2004
 SONYA LAMPKIN RETIRED 8/1/2000
 GEORGE HOFFMAN JR RETIRED 3/1/1993
 JUAN SANTOS RETIRED 12/1/1999
 JOHN ADAMS RETIRED 8/1/1997



The Education Committee is offering members to receive the UAW Local 211 Newsletter via email instead of viewing it from the website. If you would like to sign up, contact us at secretary@uawlocal211.com to be placed on the email list. At this time this is the only way to sign up. Please allow 7-10 days for notification of receipt of your email.

NEW LOCAL 211 UAW BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS

THE LOCAL 211 BUSINESS OFFICE WILL NOW BE CLOSED ON MONDAY'S AND TUESDAY'S BEGINNING ON MARCH 3, 2025

THE OFFICE WILL BE OPEN ON WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS FROM 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 4:00 P.M.

LOCAL 211 UAW OFFICE PHONE NUMBER
419-784-5399

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419-784-7750

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1-800-482-7700

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There's a direct relationship between the ballot box and the bread box, and what the union fights for and wins at the bargaining table can be taken away in the legislative halls.



WALTER REUTHER

UAW PRESIDENT (1946-1970)
SEPT. 1, 1907 - MAY 9, 1970

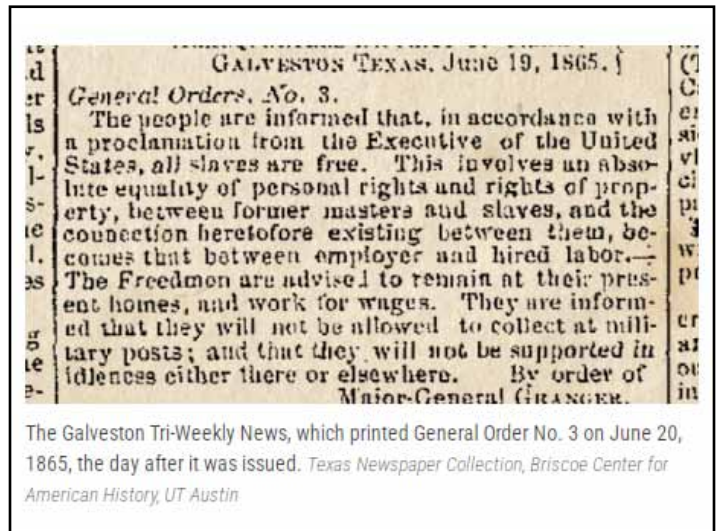
RETIREE SPOTLIGHT If you would like to be featured in the “Retiree Spotlight”, or know someone who would, please contact the UAW Hall (419) 784-5399 or email secretary@uawlocal211.com.



Juneteenth

Juneteenth (a portmanteau of "June" and "Nineteenth") is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. It marks the day in 1865 when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas, to announce that all enslaved people in the state were free. **History & Significance** **The Announcement:** On June 19, 1865, Union Major General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston and read General Orders No. 3, which finally freed the more than 250,000 enslaved people in Texas. **The Delay:** This announcement came a full two and a half years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. **National Holiday:** While it has been celebrated by Black communities since 1865, it was signed into law as a U.S. federal holiday on June 17, 2021. **Celebrations & Traditions** **Community Gatherings:** Juneteenth is widely celebrated with parades, family reunions, street festivals, and historical readings. **Red Foods:** Traditional Juneteenth foods often feature the color red (such as strawberry soda, red velvet cake, and watermelon), which symbolizes resilience, sacrifice, and the West African heritage of enslaved people

By History.com



ATTENTION

Local 211 Office will be closed on Friday, June 19 and Friday, July 3 in observance of the holidays.



The Meaning of America, 250 Years Later

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the United States. This is an opportunity to celebrate America and what she represents, and to reflect upon the essential values and liberties we all cherish.

What does America mean to you? Perhaps the meaning is tied to the story of your family and how they arrived in America. Perhaps you think of the opportunities your children or grandchildren will have. Or perhaps you're grateful for the freedoms embedded in America's founding documents.

President Donald Trump issued an executive order early last year calling for "a grand celebration worthy of the momentous occasion of the 250th anniversary of American Independence." Gov. Gretchen Whitmer wrote that this year's celebration offers an opportunity for "examination of the historic themes and values upon which our country is based." Local America 250 committees around the nation are gearing up for this summer.

The 250th anniversary is keyed to the Declaration of Independence, ratified on July 4, 1776. Years of tension between the American colonies and King George III led to the moment when 56 men serving in the Second Continental Congress signed the Declaration. The signers said that their "decent respect" for mankind called for an explanation.

Then came those familiar words: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

Governments, said the Declaration of Independence, exist to secure these rights and derive their powers from the consent of the people. But when a government becomes destructive of these rights, the people have the right to form a new government.

The 56 men who signed the Declaration knew they were risking everything. They did not do so for "light and transient causes." They explained what compelled such a grave action. Great Britain, they said, tried to establish "absolute tyranny over these States."

The Declaration then listed, in specific detail, just how the king had done this: He refused to recognize duly-enacted laws, obstructed the establishment of a judiciary, kept standing armies in the colonies in times of peace, cut off American trade with other parts of the world, imposed taxes without consent and deprived people of trial by jury.

Given those reasons, said the Declaration, the colonies were "absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown" and were thenceforth free and independent states.

What happened over the next 250 years was the greatest expansion of personal liberty and prosperity in all of human history.

Thomas Jefferson, principal author of the Declaration of Independence, drew upon his fellow Virginian George Mason, who drafted the Virginia Declaration of Rights a few weeks before the United States declared independence. In its declaration, Virginia said that no free government can be preserved unless by "frequent recurrence to fundamental principles."

That admonition — to return to fundamental principles often — is powerful. Especially today when the political left in America flirts with socialism and the right is drawn to authoritarianism and populism. If we forget the fundamentals, we endanger our freedom and the rule of law.

So it's worthwhile to ask: What do we as Americans stand for? What priorities and values do we hold in common? How do we recommit to the things that made us a shining city on a hill?

Two-hundred and fifty years ago those men pledged their lives, fortunes and sacred honor. We can be grateful they did. And it's up to us to continue.

This article originally appeared in The Detroit News January 13, 2026.

Union-Made in America Father's Day

Celebrate your dad in solidarity style this Father's Day by getting him a gift that sports the union label.

Clothing and Accessories

- Carhartt
- New England Shirt Company
- Joseph Abboud
- Southwick
- Naturalizer Shoes
- Nunn Bush Shoes
- Red Wing Shoes
- Timex watches
- Union Boot Pro
- Art Craft Leather
- Horween Leather Co.
- Danner shoes
- Air Step Shoes
- Wage's Silversmiths custom silver belt buckles

Tools

- Armstrong
- Stanley Black & Decker
- Klein Tools
- Lawn-Boy

Skin and Personal Hygiene Care

- Dove
- Old Spice
- Caress
- ChapStick
- Ralph Lauren cologne
- Grey Flannel cologne
- Rapid Shave
- Lander personal care products

Sporting Equipment

- NordicTrack
- American Athletic (Russell Brands)
- MacGregor Golf clubs
- Standard Golf
- Top-Flite golf balls

Cookware and Grilling

- Thermador grills
- Weber grills
- All-Clad
- Anchor Hocking
- Cutco knives
- Fiesta tableware
- KitchenAid
- Durex Maverick barbecue tools
- Igloo coolers

Whiskey

- Knob Creek
- Du Nord Craft Spirits
- Jim Beam
- Wild Turkey

If you're thinking of splurging, spring for some game-day tickets so you can watch your favorite baseball players, who are members of the Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA), and make sure dear old dad gets a heaping cup of Budweiser beer, made by the Teamsters (IBT) and the Machinists (IAM). A visit to a movie featuring SAG-AFTRA members in front of the camera and Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) members behind the scenes, or some live entertainment with Actors' Equity Association members and IATSE crew, would make a lovely celebration.

By AFL-CIO



Women's Committee Father's Day Raffle

Tickets will be available until June 19 at Local 211 Union Hall or from any member of the Women's Committee.

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UAW Local 211 Unit Meetings
Please confirm exact dates and times.

General Motors

Active, Wednesday, August 5 (UAW Hall)

Retiree, Thursday, July 2 (UAW Hall)

Herbert E. Orr

Tuesday, July 7 (Paulding Fire House)

Midwest Community FCU

Wednesday, August 5 (UAW Hall)

Sims Metal Management

NO MEETING SCHEDULED (UAW Hall)

Johns Manville

Tuesday, July 7 (UAW Hall)

Powers & Sons Wednesday, August 12 (Rilla's Recreation House)

DFM Monday, July 13 (UAW Hall)

CSP Monday, August 10 (USW Hall, Van Wert)

Defiance Area UAW CAP Council Tuesday, July 14

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