

UAW Local 74
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It was the labor movement that helped secure so much of what we take for granted today. The 40-hour work week, the minimum wage, family leave, health insurance, Social Security, Medicare, retirement plans. The cornerstones of the middle-class security all bear the union label.

– Barack Obama

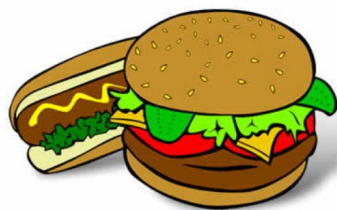
UAW Local 74 2026 Picnic

The UAW Local 74 picnic this year will be held at Lake Wapello on Sunday July 26th. Lake Wapello is located west of Drakesville, Iowa and is a State Park the address is 15356 Campground Road, Drakesville, Iowa 52552.

We have reserved the Lake Wapello Lodge, which is located next to the beach. Along with the beach for swimming there are several other activities at the lake from fishing, kayaking, canoeing, paddleboats, hiking trails, etc. (Lake Wapello does rents paddleboats, kayaks, canoes, row boats, and SUPs.)

The picnic will start around 11 am and go thru 4 pm. Lunch will be served around 12 pm we will be grilling hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and soda or water.

There will be an car show, if you or know a member with a hot rod, classic car, cool tractor, motorcycle, or truck please bring them out and show them off.



UAW Local 74 Quick Tidbits

- We are not at 100% solidarity, we have 5 S.C.A.B.s now, David Arduser, Larry Black, Dustin Ratzloff, Brody Long, & Jesse Dobbins have chosen to drop their membership to UAW Local 74. That means these 5 aren't paying dues, the local has to pick up their international per capita dues. If you see or know these please encourage them to rejoin UAW Local 74.
- A reminder that the hall is **YOUR** hall and you can use it for certain events - birthday parties, baby showers, wedding showers, Retirement parties, and celebration of life. Please contact the hall for more info - 641.682.0897
- Retirement Benefits - There has been some inquiring by members on retirement benefits such as cash balance, pension, life insurance, along much more information. Go to www.yourbenefitsresources.com/deere - click on new user and follow the steps to create a user name and password.

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Election Results for Remaining Positions

Trustee - Wes Scholtus
Guide - Ryne Pickrell
Alt. Committeeman 2 - Ryne Pickrell
Deere Council - Jay Jones
Editor - Rachelle Duffield
Congrats on your new positions!

UAW Local 74 Leadership

President: Stewart Nebel
Vice President: Phil Francis
Shop Chairman: Billy Weinhold
Committeeman 1: Michael DeWild
Committeeman 2: Travis Manship
Committeeman 3: Ron Hall
Recording Sec.: Ron Hall
Financial Secretary: Rachelle Duffield
Trustee's: Travis Manship
Eric Reyman
Wes Scholtus
Sgt. at Arms: Josh Gardner
Guide: Ryne Pickrell
Retiree Chairman: Tim Walker
Editor : Rachelle Duffield

LSB & SSB

Deere & Company announced that John Deere Ottumwa Works will no longer be in the Square Baling business by 2028. The LSB production will not start back up, this line has been idle for 2 plus years, due to inventory levels and product demand. The SSB will end production after the 2027 build season. JDOW has offered VTEP for qualifying employees.

JDOW Offers VTEP

John Deere Ottumwa Works is offering Voluntary Termination Employment Program. This is the same program that JDOW offered in the spring of 2024 when Deere & Co. moved the MOCO to Mexico. The company has announce that it not be building Square Baling equipment in Ottumwa after 2028. The company is accepting around 70 employees that qualify for VTEP this includes 1 per skilled trades. There is approxi-

Deere & Company Offers Contract Extension

Deere & Co. has offered a 2 year extension to the Collective Bargaining Agreement, this would extend the current agree-ment to October 31st 2029. Details include 4% general wage increases for 2026 and 2027 with the 3% lump sum payment moved to 2028. Along with a \$3000 ratification bonus. More details to come when available.

Janitor Needed

With Mike Short stepping down as the janitor for the UAW Local 74 hall. We will be looking for someone to take on the responsibilities for cleaning the hall. Tasks included sweeping and mopping of the floors, cleaning bathrooms, along with the possibility of waxing the floors. If you are interested please call or stop by the hall. 641.682.0897

Dates and Times

Steward Council
1st Thursday of each month –7:15 a.m.
1:00 p.m. & 3:45 p.m.
Retiree Executive Board
2nd Monday of each month - 11:00 a.m.
Retiree Co-op Dinner
2nd Monday of each month - 11:45 a.m.
Local 74 Pension Board
2nd Friday of each month - 3:30 p.m.
Executive Board
1 day prior to the Membership Meeting
- 3:45 p.m.
Membership Meeting
3rd Wednesday of each month
7:15 a.m., 1:00 p.m.3:45 p.m.
Community Service Committee
Thursday before Membership Meeting
3:45 p.m.
Civil & Human Rights Committee
Monday before Membership Meeting
3:45 p.m.
Education Committee
Monday Before Membership Meeting
4:45 p.m.

Important Phone Numbers

Union Hall - 641.682.0897
United Healthcare - 1.888.533.3731
United Healthcare Vision - 1.800.638.3120
United Healthcare Dental - 1.800.996.7518
Optum Rx Prescription Drugs -
1.800.797.9794
John Deere Benefits Center -
1.844.689.7833
John Deere Pension Benefits Center -
1.844.689.7833

