

UAW Local 74
205 N. James St.
Ottumwa, IA 52501

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“The only effective answer to
organized greed is organized labor.”

– Thomas Donahue

Congratulations to the VTEP Retirees

Michael Besler	James Hatfield	Joseph Roe
Larry Black	Richard Hazelwood	Ricky Rowell
Michael Bower	Jason Hubbart	Shawn Ruckman
Roger Cary	Jeffery Hudson	David Rysdam
Timothy Clark	Rodney Irwin	Jeremy Sample
Robert Collins	Todd Knight	Shannon Sample
Jason Comstock	Raymond Lanman	John Scott III
Milo Comstock	Michael Lapoint	Ricky Scott
Chad Cram	Terry MacQueen II	Charles Seeley
Rodney Dabney	Johnny Matlock	Donald Sherwood Jr.
Ronald Daniels	Jeffery McFarland	Michael Shilling
Steven Dickinson	Jeffery McGoldrick	Timothy Shoemaker
Danny Dunlavy	Darl Miller Jr.	Patricia Stewart
Matthew Emberton	Rick Minard	Scott Taylor
David Fenter	Toby Munley	Richard Tully
Randy Fowler	Shawn Nelson	Donald Venator
Brent Good	Jerry Newman	Bernard Vinton
Thomas Green	Chris Pohren	Billy Ware
James Greiner	Jackie Pohren	David Watson
Mark Grimes	Scott Poncy	John Weilbrenner
	Tommy Guffey	Michael Guiter
	Kevin Harland	Tracie Ransford
	Gilbert Robinson	James Roe
	Bradley Whitlow	Stephen Wilt

UAW Local 74 Quick Tidbits

- We are not at 100% solidarity, we have 3 S.C.A.B.s. Dustin Ratzloff, Brody Long, & Jesse Dobbins have chosen to drop their membership to UAW Local 74. That means these 3 individuals aren't paying dues so the local has to pick up their international per capita dues. If you see or know these people, 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, and life insurance. To get this and 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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Contract Extension Vote

The membership met on Sunday, August 23rd to discuss and vote on the contact extension offer that John Deere proposed. It was decided to turn down John Deere’s contract extension offer and go to bargaining in 2027.

Congratulations to our 2026 Schlorsip Receipants

- Zachariah Shoemaker
 - Kylie Tuller
 - Dain Burkhardt
 - Kallee Nebel
- Griffin Johnson

Bylaws & LUCA Committees

We are currently looking for members interested in joining the Bylaws & LUCA (Local Union Communication Association) committees. We want to get our bylaws & website updated. If you are interested in helping out with either of these committees, please contact Stewart at the hall, 641-682-0897.

Phasing Out Printed Newsletters

Unfortunately Ottumwa no longer has a union printer. Due to that, rising postage costs and low membership numbers, we have made the difficult decision to start phasing out the printed newsletter.

The good news is, there are still many ways you can receive the newsletter. Email, text, our website (once up and running) or stopping in to the hall for a printed copy to name a few. We will continue to use Ottumwa Printing through the end of the year but then will no longer be sending the newsletter to a printer.

Please make sure your email address is updated with the hall before the end of the year. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Rachelle on Fridays at 641-682-0897.

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

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

