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# The 4-3-4 Newsletter

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- President** Brian Moens  
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**Committeeman at Large** Kurt Miner  
**Editor** Cory Nussear

## President's Report

Worker's Memorial Day is recognized on April 28<sup>th</sup> of each year. This day was established to recognize workers who died or suffered from exposures to hazards at work. It also encourages us to think of ways in which we all can help to achieve the goal of safer and healthier workplaces. The day was inspired by the signing of the Occupational Safety and Health Act into law in 1970 and the formation of OSHA on April 28, 1971. Please take a moment that day to remember those we've lost on the job and to continually be cognizant of creating a safer work environment for ourselves and those that come after us.

Chairman Septer, Brother Ebert and I have just returned from the Special Bargaining Convention held in Detroit, MI March 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>. At this Convention the UAW establishes the ground rules for all bargaining over the next 4 years. There was great discussion on many of the proposed resolutions and very passionate debate on a few of them as well. I feel the delegate body was successful in establishing the framework necessary for future bargaining committees to achieve the needs of their respective memberships.

On the Local level, our elections have concluded, and the results are as follows:

- President - Brian Moens
- Vice-President - Rob Bern
- Recording Secretary - Mike Lilius
- Financial Secretary - Jason Ebert
- Trustees - Steve Summers
  - Gavi Gomez
  - Dan Betcher
- Guide - Chris Flores
- Sergeant At Arms - Junior Thompson
- Shop Chair - Clyde Septer
- Seeding Committeeperson - Shaun Harris
- Cylinder Committeeperson - Don Ingalls
- Committeeperson At Large - Kurt Miner

Congratulations to all who won their respective positions and Thank You to all who ran! These officers will be installed at the June Membership Meeting and will serve a 3 year term concluding in June of 2026.

In Solidarity,  
 Brian Moens  
 President

### Our Editorial Policy

To Our Readers: This publication is the voice of your local and international union, and it is our main vehicle for bringing you the views and actions of the leaders you elected. The publication is also the voice of the membership, and we welcome articles from UAW members. All articles should contribute positively to the welfare of this union and its members. We will accept no attacks on any union leader or member. We reserve the right to edit letters to the editor for length.

### Holidays 2023

- April 7th
- May 29th
- July 3rd and 4th
- September 4th
- November 10th, 23rd, and 24th
- December 25th and 26th

## Safety Report YTD

Seeding First Aid 41 OSHA 7 Near Miss 107 18 open	Cylinder First Aid 11 OSHA 4 Near Miss 34 4 open
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# UAW Local 434 Newsletter

This months Union meeting is Sunday,

April 16, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

E-board meeting at 7:45 A.M. and Steward Council at 9:00 A.M.

Next months meeting is May 21, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

**COME TO A MEETING!**



## ATTENTION 434 RETIREES



FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

Lunch starts at noon and doors open at 10 if you want to come early and catch up! Call for your reservation by Noon Monday prior to the meeting.

Cost is \$7.00 per person.

Bob Buller at 309-738-3740



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### Veterans Committee Update

It is finally April, and "theoretically" spring. But there will be no fooling in this update Brothers and Sisters. April has some special call outs for Military families, and is a historical bonanza.

The entire month of April is the Month of the Military Child. The children of those that served and are still serving bear as much of a burden, and I believe more so at times than the service member or spouse. Children are not always as deeply involved in the information loop, and not knowing can be stressful. Little imaginations can run wild, and need a lot of reassuring at times. This is universal for all children for that matter. Give *your* kids some extra hugs and encouragement this month for good measure!

April 5th is Gold Star Spouses Day. We honor and grieve with the families of lost or wounded military service members. The Gold Star Wives of America (<https://goldstarwives.org/>) is an organization who's mission is to preserve and enhance benefits to surviving United States Military spouses and children; to help our members and their children face the future with courage and determination; and to honor the memory of our military spouses who made the ultimate sacrifice.

In Solidarity, Vincent Nylin, Veterans Committee Chair

### Important Telephone Numbers

Local 434 Union Office 1-309-755-5046

434 Committee Office 1-309-765-7077

or 1-309-765-7088

MetLife Legal Service 1-800-821-6400

Mental Health or Chemical  
Dependency/United Behavioral Services  
1-800-867-6758

Fidelity Investment 1-800-354-3427

Deere Direct 1-888-432-3373

United Healthcare 1-888-533-3731

You can create an account

[www.myuhc.com](http://www.myuhc.com)

Benefits Center 1-844-689-7833

[www.yourbenefitsresources.com/deere](http://www.yourbenefitsresources.com/deere)

[www.region4.uaw.org/uaw-local-434](http://www.region4.uaw.org/uaw-local-434)

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### Passing's:

Thomas "Tom" Feliksiak 73 of Colona IL

Loren "Butch" Hampton 79 of Andalusia IL

Douglas D. Wingerter 91 of Davenport IA

### Retiree's monthly lunch menu

May is Roast Beef,

June is Chicken,

July is Swiss Steak,

August is Pork Chop