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<div><div><div>Passing’s:</div><div><div>James (Jim) McManus</div><div>84 of Taylor Ridge, IL</div></div><div><div>Tony Figurin 90</div><div>of Sheffield, IL</div></div><div><div>John Hume 82</div><div>of Davenport, IA</div></div><div><div>Ernest (Ernie)</div><div>Telkemeyer 90</div><div>of Geneseo, IL</div></div><div><div>Ralph Miller 75 of</div><div>Milan, IL</div></div></div></div>	<div><div>Brothers and Sisters,</div><div><p>Welcome back from the Holidays ,I hope everyone had a safe and happy time with your families.</p><p>We are down to one grievance for Step 3’s and 2 for Joint Appeals Board, JAB will be in January screening will be the 6th and 7th of January.</p><p>Please remember the EAP committee if needed.</p><div><div>IN SOLIDARITY</div><div>Clyde Septer</div><div>Chairman</div><div>UAW Local 434</div></div></div></div>													
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This months Union meeting is Sunday,
January 11, 2026 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 February 15, 2026 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 at least one week prior to the meeting.
Cost is \$10.00 per person.
Bob Buller at 309-738-3740



Notice to Retirees: Due to a change in vendors, we are forced to raise the price of dinners from \$8.00 to \$10.00 effective at our September meeting.

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630 19th STREET
EAST MOLINE 61244



Welcome Back
Have a safe and Happy 2025

2026 Holidays
January 19th, April 3rd, May 25th, July 3rd, September 7th,
November 11th, 26th and 27th, December 24th, 25th and 31st.
Christmas shutdown days are December 28th, 29th and 30th

Made in America Store: Did you know the “Made in America” stamp can be put on any product that consists of 50% foreign material. At the Made in America store the 50/50 products don’t fly. They only sell products that are 100% American made. Visit their website www.SaveOurCountryFirst.com

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
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Retiree’s monthly lunch menu
The meal will be decided at
the meeting the month prior.