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The 4-3-4 Newsletter

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President's Report

Just a reminder on "Prior Authorizations" and "GAP Exceptions". A "Prior Authorization" is the approval from UnitedHealthcare of a specific procedure(s). This means the procedure(s) will be covered by UnitedHealthcare as an in-network procedure. A "Prior Authorization" can be granted for an in-network facility or out-of-network facility. It is the members responsibility to make sure the facility and the doctor performing the procedure will also be covered by UnitedHealthcare. A "GAP Exception" would come in to play when a member is seeking to have a procedure or visit with a doctor or facility that is considered out-of-network. The member and their doctor would need to go through the process of applying for a "GAP Exception". UnitedHealthcare would typically check the network of doctors and facilities under our coverage to see if it is something that can be addressed with an in-network doctor or facility first. They will also check to see if the procedure(s) being requested are clinically proven and FDA approved or if they are still in the experimental or trial stage. This is where the doctor requesting the "GAP Exception" would need to give as much detailed information as possible on why the service being requested is medically necessary. As always, it is the members responsibility to make sure any service they are having is covered at the in-network level by contacting UnitedHealthcare at the number on the back of the insurance card. If you have any questions about either of these feel free to contact me at the Union Hall.

If you are referred to a doctor or other medical facility for any reason it is your responsibility to ensure they are part of our network. Do not just take the referring doctor's word that they will be. Contact UnitedHealthcare to get confirmation of whether they are In-Network or not. I have had a few instances of this happening recently and unfortunately once you have gone to that doctor or facility, I am unable to get those charges covered. If there is ever any question that a provider is part of our network, call the number on the back of your insurance card or go to myuhc.com and check they are part of our network.

I'd like to encourage all members to attend the monthly membership meetings. These meetings are the place that the Local conducts our business. Whether it be decisions on sending members to the various conferences that are held or making donations to local community groups, to discussing issues members are having in the shop, this is where those decisions and discussions are done. If you want your voice heard and to have a say in what happens within this Local, please attend the meetings. The more involved and informed each member is the stronger we are as a Local.

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.

Passing's:

Dorance Johnson 103 of Moline, IL 7/28/1922 to 4/19/2026

UAW LOCAL 434
SOLIDARITY
CELEBRATION

**AUGUST
9
2026**

Riverside Riverside &
Riverside Park Pavillion
Moline, IL



SAVE THE DATE

Safety Report YTD

Seeding

First Aid 14

OSHA 4

Near Miss 44 7 open

Cylinder

First Aid 12

OSHA 1

Near Miss 26 5 open

UAW Local 434 Newsletter

This months Union meeting is Sunday,

May 17, 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 June 14, 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



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
- Benefits Center 1-844-689-7833
- www.yourbenefitsresources.com/deere

www.region4.uaw.org/uaw-local-434

Check us out on Facebook under
UAW Local 434

Retiree's monthly lunch menu

June 3rd is Italian Beef

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION WITH THE UAW

STAY IN TOUCH...

FILLING OUT THIS FORM ALLOWS THE UNION TO:

- Send you important communications, news, and updates.
- Ensure you receive a ballot to vote in the 2026 UAW International Officer Election.

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UAW Retired Members

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2026 Holidays: 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