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Happy Fourth of July!



Our lives changed a lot over the past couple years since COVID became a household word, i.e., staying home, masks, etc.

Many businesses, including UAW Local 578, have now been open for business. In-person meetings are happening again and conferences and training sessions are being scheduled too. More normalcy, we hope.

The local is also doing its best to keep its members and their families informed. The local has a presence on social media with business pages on Twitter and Facebook.

Here are the links:
<https://twitter.com/Local578> & <https://www.facebook.com/uaw578>

We also have a website (uaw578.org) that contains a calendar of events and other valuable information.

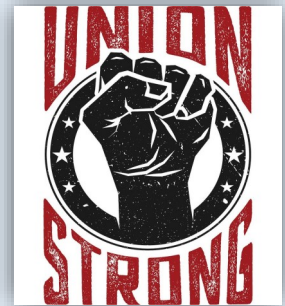
The website and social media pages are updated regularly.

We also plan to get a newsletter out regularly.

We want to wish everyone a happy and safe Fourth of July holiday this year!

We are here to help!

If you have any questions or concerns for us, please stop by or call the union hall at (920) 231-5153; or e-mail or drop off a note and include your name so we can contact you.



Newsletter Feedback

This is the membership's newsletter. We welcome your feedback & suggestions on what you like and do not like so we can improve on it for future issues. Please share your suggestions for content!

Any members who are interested in being a part of the newsletter committee, please contact Sandy Drifka at the union hall at (920) 231-5153.

Thank you!



Local Union News & Happenings



Message from Brian Hulbert, Vice President of UAW Local 578

Good day!

At this time, we have seven (7) arbitration dates set with six (6) more dates to be determined. Five (5) employees were brought back to work before arbitration so far this year with a total of 71 over 5½ years.

We proposed 800 backlog grievances to the company and are waiting on an answer.

Sportsman Committee

The Sportsman Committee is planning a raffle for the Fall.

2021 Big Buck Winner:
Duwayne Renn

2021 Big Sturgeon Winner:
Brian Paulin

Also sponsored the Rymer Lakeshore Men's and Women's Ice Fishing Tournament. The Big Fish Winner was Wendy Nolan and the First Place Tournament Winners were Wendy Nolan and Crystal Patt.

In solidarity,

Brian Hulbert
Vice President & Grievance Chair
UAW Local 578



Delegates to the 39th Constitutional Convention

An election was held on May 3, 2022 at UAW Local 578 and the delegates representing UAW Local 578 at the UAW Constitutional Convention are: Bob Lynk, Gina Felker, Kurt Sauer, and Andy Rushing. The convention, which is held every four years, will be held in Detroit on July 25-28, 2022.

Our Standing Committees

Here are UAW Local 578's current committee chairs. Talk to them anytime about the committee they oversee and see how you can participate!

Chaplaincy: Nick Hoch
(West Plant)

Veterans: Terry Miller
(Harrison Plant)

Elections: David Schenk
(South Plant)

Women's: Chris Nutt
(Harrison Plant)

CAP: Tim Jacobson (South
Plant)

Sportsman: Brian Hulbert
(Harrison Plant)

Bylaws: Andrea Patri (South
Plant)

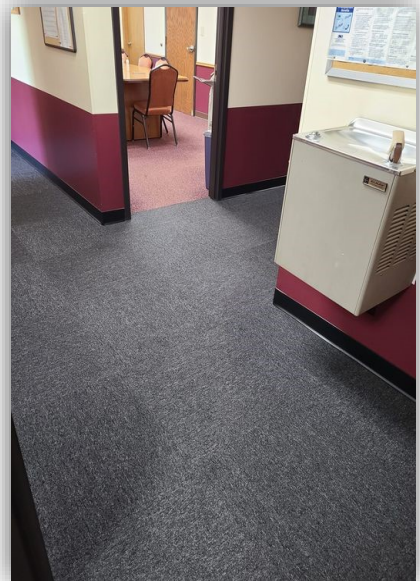
Education: Laird
Schumacher (North Plant)

Recent Union Hall Updates

The union hall had a few changes over the last few years and it's looking good!

Carpeting was replaced in the hallway and windows were replaced in the offices this year.

The updates were much needed. Come on over and check out your union hall!



More Local Union News & Happenings

Women's Committee Easter Party

COVID was still volatile when the Women's Committee planned the Easter Party for early 2022, so they decided to go with a drive-through party.

The party was scheduled for Saturday, March 26, 2022. Because of the weather, everyone was asked to come inside. Children received a basket full of treats and the Easter Bunny was there too!



UAW Local 578 Scholarship Program

UAW Local 578 set up this scholarship with the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation who also administer it.

The local provides one scholarship of \$500 per year. The application period opens in the Fall and closes in February.

For eligibility requirements and to apply, go to this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/UAWLocal578Scholarship>

Brochures are available at the union hall.

Summer School

Three stewards, John Strombeck, Leon Sumrall, and Kieffer Mengel are attending UAW Basic Summer School in Ottawa, IL from June 26 through July 1.

They will learn about how unions work, grievance handling, and understanding bargaining, as well as other topics like labor history and health and safety.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

The union held a joint Community Mental Health Awareness event with the company which was held after the Membership Meeting on Saturday, May 14, 2022.

UAW Local 578 Chaplains were guest speakers. In addition to the chaplains, counselors were on hand to talk and answer questions.

Material was available to take for reference.



When your address changes, please contact the union hall so we can update your information promptly!

Thank you!

Even More Local Union News & Happenings

UAW Local 578 Gear For Sale

Stop by the union hall any time between 8 & 4:30, Monday through Friday and check out all the union t-shirts, sweatshirts, long-sleeve shirts, beanie-style winter hats, and baseball hats! All are made in the United States!

Toys for Tots

UAW Local 578 once again participated as a proud donation collection site in 2021.

The local received 2 boxes full of toys! All for the less fortunate children in our community.

Thank you to all who participated!

UAW Retiree Picnic

The Fox River Valley Retired Workers Picnic is scheduled for Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at South Park in Oshkosh from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Notice Regarding Donations To WI Veterans Home at King

According to Terry Schroeder, Retirees Representative, until further notice, King is **not** taking used clothing. They do continue to accept new clothing and new items; those type of items Terry can take to King. We will let you know when their procedures change.

Office Hours

Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



UAW Local 578 Committee Scholarships

The Women's/Vets Committee Scholarships and CAP's Elkar Zarnott Scholarship deadlines have come to pass. The lucky winners will be chosen and notified soon!



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Chief Steward: Jeff Hitz
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Chief Steward: Tim Jacobson
Retiree Representative: Terry Schroeder

Upcoming Meetings & Events at UAW Local 578 Union Hall

June 2022

Workers Compensation Attorney on
June 9 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Region 4 Pooled Arbitration Screen-
ing Committee Meeting on **June 17** at
9:00 a.m.

July 2022

Plant Shutdown **July 4 through**
July 8. The union hall will be closed
as well. We will reopen on July 11.

Stewards Meeting on **July 11** at
3:15 p.m.

Fox River Valley UAW Retired
Workers Picnic on **July 13** from
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at South Park



Workers Compensation Attorney
on **July 14** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

August 2022

Stewards Meeting on **August 1**
at 3:15 p.m.

Workers Compensation Attorney
on **August 11** from 1:00 to
4:00 p.m.

Stewards Meeting on **August 29** at
3:15 p.m.

September 2022

LABOR DAY is September 5

Workers Compensation Attorney on
September 8 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Membership Meeting on **September**
10 starting at 9:00 a.m.

UAW Local 578 Retirees Meeting on
September 14 beginning at
11:00 a.m.

UAW Local 291 Retirees Meeting on
September 21 at 11:00 a.m.