



# POWERNEWS

Defiance Mission Statement...

**"ONE TEAM - INNOVATING THE FUTURE"**

October 12, 2023

## On this day in history (October 12)....

1492 Christopher Columbus's expedition makes landfall on a Caribbean island he names San Salvador (likely Watling Island, Bahamas). The explorer believes he has reached East Asia (OS 21 Oct)  
1609 Children's rhyme "Three Blind Mice" is published in London in a book edited by and possibly written by Thomas Ravenscroft

1773 America's first asylum opens for 'Persons of Insane and Disordered Minds' in Virginia

1892 US Pledge of Allegiance first recited in public schools during Columbus Day

1900 The first modern submarine is commissioned by the U.S. Navy as the USS Holland, named for its designer John Philip Holland



USS Holland  
(Submarine  
Torpedo Boat  
#1) underway  
1900

1901 Theodore Roosevelt renames the "Executive Mansion" as "The White House"

1915 Ford Motor Company under Henry Ford manufactures its 1 millionth automobile at the River Rouge plant in Detroit

1920 Construction begins on Holland Tunnel connecting NJ & NYC

1928 1st use of iron lung (Boston's Children Hospital)

1931 Christ the Redeemer statue opens standing 98 feet high on top of Mount Corcovado overlooking Rio de Janeiro, built by engineer Heitor da Silva Costa



1933 Alcatraz becomes a federal prison (unofficially)

1933 Gangster George Francis Barnes, aka Machine Gun Kelly, is sentenced to life imprisonment

1933 John Dillinger escapes from jail in Allen County, Ohio

1987 George Harrison releases single "Got My Mind Set On You", becomes his third solo #1 hit, and the last chart-topper by any of the Beatles

By On This Day in History



**DONATE BLOOD  
AND SAVE LIVES**

The Red Cross will be onsite Tuesday, October 31, 2023. You can sign up by scanning the QR code to the left.



## Quality Star Meetings

Wednesday, October 18



**Plant 2 Conference Room A**



**Meeting times are 4:30am,  
1:00pm and 4:00pm**

## Refresher: Accessing Socrates, WorkDay & More

In order to access many GM tools, you must have two-factor authentication and your GM credentials set up! Here's how

1. From your home computer, work computer or a mobile device go to [GMID.GM.COM](https://gmid.gm.com). Under the **Account Maintenance** section, click **Account Remediation for Team Members** and enter your GMIN. Click **Submit**.  
Detailed instructions depending on the action that you need to take will open, i.e. *2-Step Verification Instructions or GMID password reset or disabled account instructions*.
2. Follow the prompts to rectify your account issue.
3. If you need to know your GMID, in the [GMID.GM.COM](https://gmid.gm.com) under **Forgot your GMID?** section click **GM Employees** and follow the prompts.



Congratulations to the following employees who retired on October 1, 2023!

Walter Iliff 34.7 years of service, DOH: 02/13/1995, Millwright  
 Robert Rogers 33.3 years of service, DOH: 06/17/1996, Electrician



## Meet Defiance's PERT (Powertrain Emergency Response Team) Members



Back Row L to R: Graeme Bockrath, Brady Laudick, Chase Dugan, Ben Sabins, Dylan Stechsulte and Colton Prowant

Middle Row L to R: Jason Hoffaman, Jeremiah Fleischman, Veronica Poindexter, Cindy Schroeder, Tony Fairchild and Logan Kemper

Sitting L to R: Tony Barnett and Natalia Cantu



# HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

### WHEN WALKING

- CROSS THE STREET AT CORNERS
- USE TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND CROSSWALKS
- LOOK LEFT, RIGHT, AND THEN LEFT AGAIN BEFORE YOU CROSS
- PUT YOUR PHONE DOWN AND HEAD UP WHEN CROSSING
- HAVE CHILDREN LEARN TO MAKE EYE CONTACT WITH DRIVERS BEFORE CROSSING IN FRONT OF THEM
- WALK ON SIDEWALKS, NOT THE STREET
- KEEP A LOOKOUT FOR CARS THAT ARE TURNING OR BACKING UP

### WHEN DRIVING

- DRIVE SLOWLY AND STAY ALERT
- TAKE TIME TO LOOK FOR CHILDREN AT INTERSECTIONS, MEDIANS AND CURBS
- BACK YOUR VEHICLE UP SLOWLY AND TRIPLE CHECK TO MAKE SURE NO ONE IS AROUND
- ELIMINATE DISTRACTIONS
- AROUND THE HOURS OF 5:30 TO 9:30 THERE WILL BE A LOT OF CHILDREN OUT. DRIVE EXTRA CAREFUL AT THESE HOURS
- STOP FOR ALL CHILDREN AND ALLOW THEM TO CROSS IN FRONT OF YOU TO ELIMINATE THE RISK OF THEM DARTING OUT





Thank you to all you participated in the Chili Cook Off Wednesday, 10/4/23. With your efforts and generosity we raised \$592.95 that will be donated to the United Way's Feeding Success Program. The UW's Feeding Success program is a personal care item and food pantry that is stocked in every Defiance County middle and high school, including Four County Career Center, that allows counselors, teachers, administrators and coaches the opportunity to access items when needs are presented.

Congratulations to the winners of the Chili Cook Off!

**1st Shift:** 1st shift PERT members Graeme Bockrath, Jacob Meyer, Jeremiah Fleischman, & Hank

**2nd shift:** A tie between Brent Leady and Roger Sierra (seen wrestling over who gets to keep the trophy on their desk)

**3rd shift:** Eric Hess

A big thank you to these employees that rounded out the competition by making Chili for us all to enjoy: Tony Barnett, Mary Boyd, Regina Dix, Breanna Wilder, Gary Hoehn, & Joe Profera.



### Shoe Mobile Schedule

10/11/2023

*The Shoe Truck will be closed for lunch from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.*

Red Wing	Saf-Gard
6 a.m.-10:30 a.m., 11:30-4 p.m.	6 a.m.-10:30 a.m., 11:30-4 p.m.
	Nov. 16
	Dec. 21

A limited number of boots are available in the GSC office in the crib for emergencies.

In addition, employees may:

- 1) obtain a shoe authorization form from Alex English or Brian Kempe and take it to a Red Wing or Saf-Gard store,
- 2) place an order in the crib office,
- or 3) contact me for any special needs

# CANCER PREVENTION



## Why Preventive Health Matters

Preventive health measures are essential for maintaining overall well-being and reducing the risk of developing various health conditions, such as cancer. Adopting a proactive approach to health may improve your quality of life and longevity and enable you to lead a healthier and happier life.

Cancer risk depends on different factors. Some cannot be changed, like genes and your age. But a big part of the risk comes from things you can change, like adopting healthy habits and taking preventive measures.



## Preventive Health Measures

### Limiting Alcohol Intake

Be mindful of alcohol intake - excess intake may increase your risk for certain types of cancer.

### Keeping a Healthy Weight

Maintaining a healthy weight is crucial in reducing the risk of certain cancers.

### Avoiding Tobacco

Lung cancer is the primary cause of cancer-related deaths, with cigarette smoking being the leading risk factor.

### Protecting Your Skin

To help prevent skin cancer, protect yourself by applying sunscreen and wearing protective clothing while in the sun.

## The bottom line

Preventive health is the foundation for a longer, healthier life, emphasizing proactive measures to reduce the risk of cancer and promote overall well-being.



Harry Potter Book Day, formerly Harry Potter Book Night, will be held on October 12 this year to celebrate and allow fans to immerse themselves in the wizarding world of Harry Potter for one day. It was originally held during the first week of February but the creatoros wanted to find a date that worked for as many countries as possible, and October was chosen. Every year at this time, we reflect on how this magical world has brought joy to the lives of its admirers. From old seasoned fans who can recite the spells word for word to new young wizards and witches who are experiencing the world for the first time, this magical day is an amazing time to cater to the imaginations of readers and fans of all ages. To indulge in some of Hogwarts' staples such as dressing up in your favorite of the four houses, enjoying a game of quidditch, and showing off your magical creature or pet. This exciting day brings some of the most memorable moments from that reality to life.

## HISTORY OF HARRY POTTER BOOK DAY

The "Harry Potter" series is said to have been one of the books to have rejuvenated the '90s babies' zest for reading. Harry was first introduced over 20 years ago when British author J.K Rowling released the first book of the series "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's stone" in 1997. The book begins with Harry realizing that he was a wizard, that his parents were witches and wizards, and that he was slain by a terrible wizard named Voldemort, not in a car accident as he had been told. He eventually goes to school at Hogwarts where he becomes fast friends with Ron Weasley and Hermione Granger and finds a special bond with Headmaster Dumbledore. As the book series progressed J.K Rowling enthralled us with the remarkable fictional stories of the three young friends Harry, Ron, and Hermione, and took us on a journey like no other.

The fantasy books have sold over half a billion copies since their publication, making them the best-selling book series in history, with over 80 different language versions. What's almost better than a book series? A movie series! In 2001 the first Harry Potter book hit the screen, with young charming Daniel Radcliffe cast as Harry Potter.

The eight-part film series, like the books, was a huge success, and it is now the third highest-grossing film of all time. The book and film's popularity has resulted in millions of devoted admirers and has become an all-encompassing phenomenon, which is why Bloomsbury Publishing launched the day to commemorate this amazing movement.

## HARRY POTTER FACTS

- 1997 The first book titled "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" is written with only 500 hardback prints.
- 2001 The first Harry Potter film is released on July 4, in the United States, it is directed by Chris Columbus and distributed by Warner Bros. Pictures.
- July 31, 1980 Fans are always curious to know when Harry was born as it gives them another opportunity to celebrate their love for his character. Harry Potter was born on, which is the same day but not the year as the author J.K Rowling. **By National Today**