



POWERNEWS

Defiance Mission Statement...

"ONE TEAM - INNOVATING THE FUTURE"

On this day in history (April 10)....

1633 First bananas go on sale in London in the shop window of Thomas Johnson's apothecary
 1710 The first law regulating copyright is issued in Great Britain
 1790 US Patent system forms
 1816 2nd Bank of US chartered
 1825 1st hotel in Hawaii opens
 1849 Safety pin patented by Walter Hunt (NYC); sold rights for \$400
 1866 American Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) forms
 1869 Congress increases number of Supreme Court judges from 7 to 9
 1872 1st Arbor Day celebrated in Nebraska, later changed to Apr 22
 1878 California Street Cable Car Railroad Co starts service
 1887 US President Abraham Lincoln's re-buried with his wife in Springfield, Illinois
 1896 Spyridon Louis of Greece wins inaugural Olympic marathon (2:58:50) in Athens; runs last lap accompanied by Constantine I
 1912 RMS Titanic sets sail from Southampton for her maiden (and final) voyage
 1913 New York Highlanders play first MLB game as the New York Yankees; lose to the Washington Senators, 2-1 at Griffith Stadium, President Woodrow Wilson throws out 1st ball
 1915 Castbergian Child Laws adopted in Norway - one of the first laws in the world to protect the welfare of extra-marital children [1]
 1916 The Professional Golfers Association of America (PGA) is founded in New York City
 1924 Tubular steel golf club shafts approved for championship play
 1925 Scribners publishes "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald
 1930 Thiokol synthetic rubber 1st produced in Yardley, New Jersey
 1936 200" mirror blank arrives from Corning Glass Works of New York at Caltech's optical shop in Pasadena, California for use in Palomar Observatory's Hale Telescope; the work takes 11-1/2 years
 1945 NFL's Boston Yanks & Brooklyn Tigers merge
 1953 "House of Wax" 1st color 3-D movie, premieres in New York
 1961 Washington Senators play first game in franchise history with President John F. Kennedy in attendance; lose a 4-3 decision to the Chicago White Sox
 1970 Paul McCartney officially announces the split of The Beatles in a press release promoting his solo album
 1976 Cleveland Cavaliers win their 1st NBA Central Division title
 1981 Computer glitch keeps Space Shuttle Columbia grounded
 1985 At 80 Leo Sites becomes oldest bowler to score a 300 game
 1988 Herschel Walker performs Fort Worth Ballet

1991 Last automat (coin operated cafeteria) closes (3rd & 42nd St, NYC)
 1992 NHL strike ends after 10 days
 1995 NYC bans smoking in all restaurants that seat 35 or more
 2012 Apple Inc claims a value of \$600 billion making it the largest company by market capitalization in the world
 2012 Rick Santorum suspends his candidacy for the Republican presidential nomination making Mitt Romney the overwhelming favourite
 2014 29th Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees: Peter Dinklage; Hall & Oates; KISS; Nirvana; Linda Ronstadt; Cat Stevens; The E Street Band; Brian Epstein; and Andrew Loog Oldham
 2018 Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg begins testifying before US Congress about data use and security
 2019 China announces move to cull more than 1 million pigs in effort to eliminate African swine fever
 2019 First home delivery service by drone begins in Canberra, Australia by Wing, part of Google's Alphabet company
 2019 First-ever photo of a black hole announced, taken by The Event Horizon Telescope Collaboration in 2017 in galaxy M87, 6.5 billion times the mass of earth, 55 million light-years away
 2019 Four tiny sweat bees removed alive from a woman's eye in world's first operation of its kind at Fooyin University Hospital, Taiwan
By On This Day in History

GET WISE
Get Women In Science & Engineering

GM DEFIANCE
Bake Sale

A fundraiser for GetWISE

Free Will Donations

April 16th 2025

3rd Shift: 4am- 6am
 1st Shift: 10am -12pm
 2nd Shift: 3pm -5pm

Location: Plant 2 Cafe

We will be accepting card and cash

Please Support GetWise by:
 Signing up to **MAKE** Bake Goods
 Sign Up to **SELL** Bake Goods
Donate and Enjoy Bake Goods

Contact: Heather Troyer

Subject: MEC Quarterly Meeting in Defiance

I would like to thank the Defiance Team for their exceptional support in hosting the first quarter Manufacturing Engineering Council meeting with Ed Duby and the Global Propulsion System (GPS) Engineering Leadership team. We had the privilege of welcoming 24 Executive Directors, Directors, Senior Managers, and ME Managers for an all-day event. The morning was dedicated to productive meetings, followed by a floor tour of the facility in the afternoon. As always, the Defiance team showcased their professionalism and dedication, making a great impression on our guests. Thank you for your outstanding representation and hard work.



ONSITE HEALTH SCREENINGS

LifeSteps
BUILDING A HEALTHY LIFE
ONE STEP AT A TIME

Please complete your online health assessment at lifesteps.com before your health screening.



Cafeteria- Plant 2



**Tuesday, April 15th
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

No fasting required.

Looking for remote options or have a question?
Visit LifeSteps.com or email petronela.burr@gm.com



Shoe Mobile Schedule

2025

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

Red Wing

6 a.m.-10:30 a.m.,
11:30-4 p.m.

Saf-Gard

6 a.m.-10:30 a.m.,
11:30-4 p.m.

January 21st	January 16th February 27th
April 22nd	April 3rd May 15th June 26th
July 22nd	August 7th September 18th
October 21st	October 30th December 11th

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 me or Brian Kempe and take it to a Red Wing or Saf-Gard store,
- 2) Order from the catalogs in the crib office, the online website or 3) Contact me for any special needs.

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BUSES AND BOWTIES

April 8, 2025

By; Sarah Foss & Kevin Nadrowski

A Defiance Operations employee's journey from Millwright to moonlighting as a bus driver extraordinaire ...

General Motors is a company that moves people – we are working on self-driving cars, ICE vehicles, and EVs to get people where they need to go, and making sure everyone does so safely. But in Ohio, one employee has literally moved into the driver's seat to help local school kids get to their destination.



On and off the job: (Left) Matt Dewitz on the job as a millwright at Defiance Operations, (Right) driving buses for the local school district.

Meet Matt Dewitz. He's a millwright at Defiance Operations in Ohio and has spent his 30-year career with GM making sure the parts produced at the foundry are the best they can be. He puts a lot of himself into his work, ensuring the cylinder blocks and cylinder head castings for our engines measure up to the quality our customers expect.

He also does a lot of good in his local community — but one of those is truly unique among volunteer activities. You see, Matt moonlights as a bus driver for school athletics, helping students' championship dreams stay alive by transporting them to their games safely and on time. When he noticed there was a need for drivers, he went above and beyond.

"Our school district, like many others, had a perpetual shortage of bus drivers," said Matt. "I thought it would be a great idea to help, but it has turned into one of my favorite hobbies."

But when we say Matt shows up, he shows up – sporting a button-down shirt, dark jacket, chauffeur hat and bowtie to match the sport the students are playing. Oh,

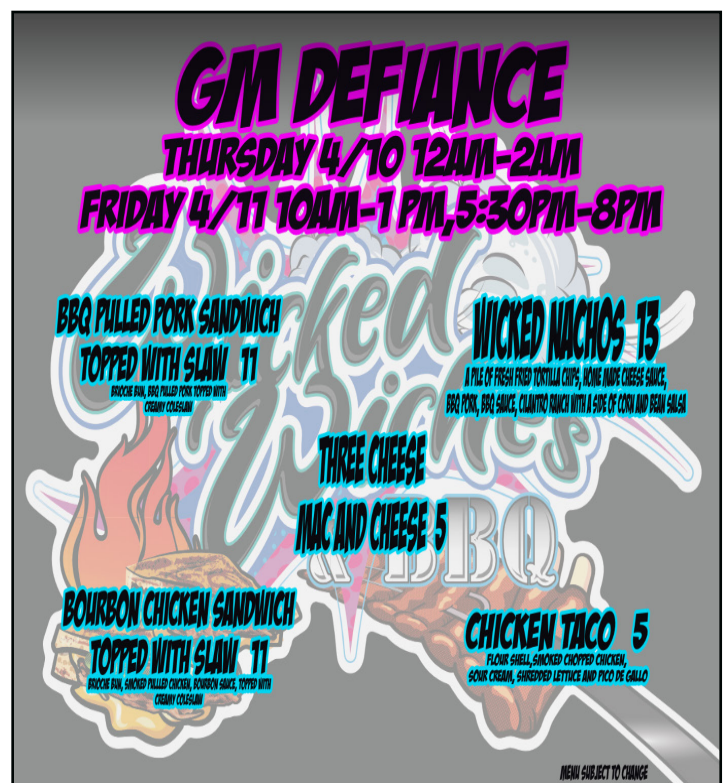
and did we mention he also makes the bowties himself?

Not only has he gotten a great reaction from the students, who rally around him, but the parents love the added excitement he provides. The basketball team thought so much of Matt's efforts that they got him a huge thank you card, and the whole team and their parents signed it and gave him a gift card.

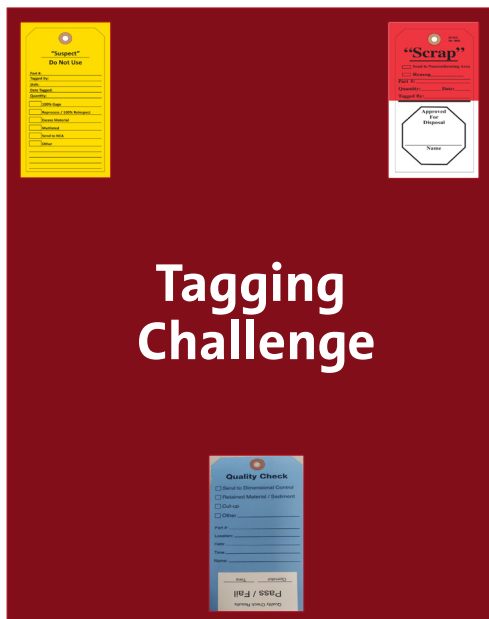


Matt with the boys basketball team at the end of their regular season.

Since he started in October of 2023, Matt has expanded his driving schedule to band concerts and fills in on regular bus routes. He enjoys chatting with the students, encouraging them before their games and seeing their faces light up when they see him on a regular bus route. And while Matt has no plans to retire anytime soon, he'll keep driving buses long after his GM days are over.



TAGGING CHALLENGE



Is your team up to the challenge?

Find tagging violations in your area and correct them.

Submit the violations to the Quality Department (before and after pictures).

The team that finds the most violations and fixes them wins a pizza party.

There will be 2 chances to win. Round 1 will run April 7th - April 20th, 2025. The second round will run April 21st - May 4th, 2025



Spirit Wear Fridays – April

Wear Floral / Tropical



Send your Spirit Friday Pics to Jeremiah.Fleischman@gm.com 419-769-1859, justin.1.zimmerman@gm.com 330-553-0478 or eric.rogers@gm.com 716-857-1045

ATTENTION:

Due to the increased issues with the SafGard website – we have decided to cancel it and you will no longer be able to order shoes through it.

You can still check it for styles and order through the cage as always

GROUP LEADER REMINDER TEAMS FOLDERS

- 2025 Monthly Folders have added to the Teams Files.
- You can add Employee Recognition to these folders and the information will be added to the Plant TVs.

ATTENTION

OPTICIAN ON SICK LEAVE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Anyone with a new prescription can fax it to my office

@ 419-784-7312,

or email to

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I will be able to send orders to the lab while I am out, before I can return to regular hours.

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