

DEFIANCE, OHIO



April 2, 2026

POWERNEWS

DEFIANCE MISSION STATEMENT...
“One Team – Innovating The Future”

On this day in history (April 2) ...

1792 The Coinage Act is passed, establishing the United States Mint and authorizing the \$10 Eagle, \$5 Half-Eagle, \$2.50 Quarter-Eagle gold coins, and the silver dollar, half dollar, quarter, dime, and half-dime

1819 1st successful agricultural journal (“American Farmer”) first publishes

1827 US inventor Joseph Dixon of Salem, Massachusetts, begins manufacturing lead pencils

1845 H. L. Fizeau and Léon Foucault take the first photo of the Sun

1865 Confederate President Jefferson Davis flees Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia (US Civil War)

1866 US President Andrew Johnson ends civil war in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee & Virginia

1872 US engineer George Brayton patents an internal combustion engine (Brayton Cycle)

1877 First Easter egg roll held on White House lawn

1902 Electric Theatre, the first full-time movie theater in the United States, opens in Los Angeles, California

1912 RMS Titanic undergoes sea trials under its own power

1917 Jeannette Rankin (Rep-R-Montana) begins her term as 1st woman member of US House of Reps

1917 US President Woodrow Wilson asks Congress to declare war against Germany

1921 Albert Einstein lectures in New York City on his new “Theory of Relativity”

1931 17-year old girl Jackie Mitchell strikes out New York Yankees stars Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig in an exhibition baseball game at Engel Stadium in Chattanooga, Tennessee

1932 Charles Lindbergh turns over \$50,000 as ransom for his kidnapped son

1954 Plans to build the first Disneyland are publicly announced

1956 Soap operas “As the World Turns” & “Edge of Night” premiere on TV

1958 Wind speed reaches a record 450 kph in tornado, Wichita Falls, Texas

1962 “Eye of the Needle”, a revolving restaurant, opens atop the Space Needle at the Century 21 Exposition (World’s Fair) in Seattle, Washington; designed by architect John Graham, Jr

1978 TV show “Dallas” starring Larry Hagman and Barbara Bel Geddes premieres on CBS as a 5 week mini-series; ratings success leads to a 13 year run

1980 In his first full season in the NHL, Wayne Gretzky scores for Edmonton in a 1-1 tie with Minnesota North Stars to become the youngest player to reach 50 goals at 19 years and 2 months of age

1986 NCAA Basketball Rules Committee votes to adopt the 3-point shot beginning the 1986-87 season; sets college distance at 19 feet, 9 inches, compared to 21 feet in the NBA

2005 Bubba Stewart becomes first African-American to win a major motor sports event when he takes out the Monster Energy AMA Supercross C’ship event in Irving, Texas

2013 The UN General Assembly approves the first Arms Trade Treaty

2019 Lori Lightfoot elected first female African American Mayor of Chicago

2019 NASA states it wants to send astronauts to Mars by 2033, and land on the Moon again in 2024

2021 New study suggests the asteroid that wiped out the dinosaurs 66 million years ago created South America’s tropical rainforests

2025 Powerful spring storms begin crossing the US Midwest and mid-South, killing at least 23 people in Kentucky, Arkansas, Tennessee and Missouri

By On This Day in History

Happy Retirement!

Congratulations to Tyrone Johnson who retired on April 1, 2026 with 27.9 years of service, DOH: 04/18/1995 - Production



FITNESS CENTER REPAIR!

See a machine in need of repair? Please scan the QR code outside of the "IN" door -> Rate it a 1 with a description of what needs repaired!

1



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Restroom Cleanliness Feedback
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Required

1. Please rate the condition of this Restroom.

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1 Star : Poor.
5 Stars : Excellent.

2. Additional Feedback (optional)

Enter your answer

Stair Climber not working

APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 PAVIS SUBS & BEYOND 10-1PM 530-8P	2 PAVIS SUBS & BEYOND (Day 4) 12-2AM	3 <i>good friday</i>	4
5 Happy Easter	6 HOLIDAY	7	8	9 THE TAMALE GUY 10-1PM 530-8P	10 THE TAMALE GUY (Day 5) 12-2AM	11
12	13	14	15 LOADED GASTRO (DAY 3) 12-2AM 10-1PM 530-8	16 HOME PLATE KITCHEN (DAY 4) 12-2AM 10-1PM 530-8PM	17	18
19	20 wanna Make'er Loaded (DAY 1) 12-2AM 10-1PM 530-8	21	22	23	24 SABROSA TACO TRUCK (DAY 4) 12-2AM 10-1PM 530-8P	25
26	27	28	29 WILLOW Lane KITCHEN 10-1PM 530-8	30 WILLOW Lane KITCHEN (Day 4) 12-2AM		

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!

WORKPLACE OF CHOICE

SURVEY



GM Defiance Online Apparel Store

The GM Defiance Online Apparel Store is now open through April 6 at midnight. You can order items with the GM Defiance Operations logo, the combined GM/UAW logo, and an optional Defiance Casting Powerhouse sleeve logo, with the choice of home delivery or pickup at Higbea Embroidery.



GM Defiance Online Store

The GM Defiance Online Store is open from now until April 6 at Midnight.



Orders may be shipped directly to your home or picked up at Higbea Embroidery approximately 2-3 weeks after the store closes

Scan the QR code to access the online store



PAPER SUGGESTIONS AVAILABLE @ SUGGESTION BOX LOCATIONS:

Paper suggestions are still available. The new forms are located near the suggestion boxes throughout the plant. Please contact Tonya Huss if there are no forms available.

PLANT 1:

- 1) Beside the west door of the old 116 break room across from the cage
- 2) NEW LOCATION! By the new Suggestion Office door (room 101 in the Training Center by the Safety Supervisor's office)

PLANT 2:

- 3) North exterior wall of Plant 2 Pattern Shop or the old bead room (directly across from Tool Cleaning)
- 4) West wall of Lab between vestibule doors.

MAINTENANCE BUILDING:

- 5) In the Maintenance break room.

If you need assistance submitting an electronic suggestion, you or your group leader can contact Tonya Huss to set up a meeting time. 2nd and 3rd shift hours are available.

**Email - tonya.huss@gm.com
Phone - (419) 784-7727**

SUGGESTION REMINDERS

- 1) Suggestions can be submitted online or paper suggestions are also accepted.
- 2) Paper forms are available near the suggestion boxes.
- 3) There are 5 suggestion boxes located throughout the plant.

Plant 1:

- * In the training center by Suggestion Office
- * By the breakroom door across from the cage

Maintenance Building:

- * In the maintenance break room

Plant 2:

- * On outside of the west wall of the lab across from the cafe in the enclosed area
- * On the outside of the north wall of the old bead room by the entrance door

- 4) If you need assistance submitting an electronic suggestion or you need a paper form, contact Tonya Huss at:

tonya.huss@gm.com or (419) 784-7727

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Located between Plant 1 and Plant 2

April 21

**6:00am – 10:30am
11:30am – 4:00pm**



Staffed by Red Wing certified fit specialists who will select the right product and the right fit, right on the spot.



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**Text or Call Rich directly
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