

DEFIANCE, OHIO



May 21, 2026

POWERNEWS

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

On this day in history (May 21) ...

- 1819 First bicycles in the US, called swift walkers, are debuted in NYC
- 1832 First US Democratic National Convention is held in Baltimore
- 1846 1st steamship arrives in Hawaii
- 1861 Richmond, Virginia, is designated the Confederate Capital
- 1881 American Red Cross founded by Clara Barton
- 1898 US Assay Office in Seattle, Washington, authorized
- 1906 Louis H. Perlman patents a demountable tire carrying rim for cars
- 1908 First American horror movie, silent film “Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde” premieres in Chicago
- 1914 Greyhound Bus Company is founded by Carl Wickman in Hibbing, Minnesota
- 1916 Britain begins “Summer Time” (daylight saving time)
- 1918 US House of Representatives passes amendment allowing women to vote
- 1927 Aviator Charles Lindbergh, in the Spirit of St. Louis, lands in Paris after the first solo air crossing of the Atlantic
- 1932 After flying for 17 hours from Newfoundland, Amelia Earhart lands near Londonderry, Northern Ireland, completing the first solo transatlantic flight by a woman
- 1934 Oskaloosa, Iowa, becomes first US city to fingerprint its citizens
- 1954 US Twenty-sixth amendment to give 18-year-olds right to vote is defeated
- 1969 Robert F. Kennedy’s murderer Sirhan Sirhan sentenced to death, later commuted to life imprisonment
- 1980 “Star Wars Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back,” produced by George Lucas, opens in cinemas in the UK and North America
- 1982 “WKRP in Cincinnati”, an ensemble TV sitcom created by Hugh Wilson and set in a struggling radio station, 90th and final episode airs on CBS
- 1990 Last episode of “Nehhart” airs on CBS-TV, with a special twist of an ending
- 1992 Reality TV series “The Real World,” created by Mary-Ellis Bunim and Jonathan Murray, debuts on MTV; considered one of the first modern reality shows
- 2013 Microsoft announces the release of Xbox One
- 2017 Barnum & Bailey Circus performs for the last time at the Nassau Coliseum in NYC after 146 years
- 2024 French Post Office La Poste issues a scratch-and-sniff stamp that smells of bread, to celebrate the baguette

By On This Day in History

LifeSteps – Wellbeats spotlight



Blue light & mental health:
 Can it affect your mood?

Too much screen time and blue light can disrupt sleep and affect mood. This video shares simple tips to reduce exposure and improve sleep, well-being, and productivity.

Time duration: 5 minutes
 Related categories: Eye health

Search **Blue light & mental health** on the Wellbeats platform!



Wellbeats registration starts at LifeSteps.com.

Scan the QR code to watch a video and learn how to register for Wellbeats.

Spirit Wear Fridays – May

Wear Green for Mental Health Awareness



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

YOU ARE NOT ALONE



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Send your Spirit Friday Pics to justin.1.zimmerman@gm.com 330-553-0478 or brandy.thompson@gm.com 419-769-2175 (Plant 2 ops area Friday's 8:15am for pic)

May 1	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29
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GM DEFIANCE HOSTED 145 5TH - 8TH GRADE GIRLS ON MAY 7, 2026



IMPORTANT NOTE: Limited to the first 26 PAID 4 person teams!

GM Defiance with UAW Local 211 UNCF Golf Scramble

UNCF Golf Outing August 15th, 2026

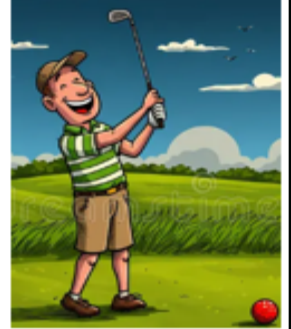
Eagle Rock Golf Course

9:00 a.m. Shot Gun Start

Registration 7:30 a.m.

Captains Meeting 8:15 a.m.

\$100.00 entry fee per player



Includes: 18 holes of golf, cart, Continental Breakfast, and Lunch

Prizes, Drawings, & Giveaways!!

No last-minute entries on the day of the event. Accepting entries through Aug. 1st, 2026

NOTE: — MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **GM Defiance PMN**

Organized by: GM Leadership, UAW Local 211, & UNCF Teams

**ALL FUNDS RAISED BENEFIT The UNCF 38th Annual Walk for Education & KAVIC
Veterans Organization**

ENTRY FORMS & MONEY ACCEPTED by the following employees

Defiance: LaWanda Blassingame, Curtis Switzer, Ed Hogan, & Jon Giove



The Red Cross will be hosting a blood drive at the plant on Tuesday, June 9, 2026. To donate blood contact Heather Troyer.



ATTENTION:

There is a GM Hourly Pre-Retirement Meeting at Local 211 Memorial Hall
2140 Baltimore St.
Defiance, OH
Friday May 22 @
7:30 am
12:45 pm
3:30 pm.

Shoe Mobile Schedule

2026

*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 20th	January 22nd
February 24th	
April 21st	March 3rd
	April 16th
	May 21st
July 21st	June 25th
	August 18th
October 20th	October 29th
	December 10th

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 Cameron Harris and take it to a Red Wing or Saf-Gard store
- 2) Order from the catalogs in the crib office
- 3) Contact Alex for any special needs.

Alexandria English
419-784-7271
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Recognition Update!

We're enhancing our Recognition Program with additional reward options! Along with Avanti Bucks and the GM Pint Glass, team members may now receive a cup, water bottle, ball caps, or an umbrella.

Please note: quantities are limited, and items will be distributed as part of our current recognition program with all entries logged in SharePoint.

Thank you for continuing to recognize great work across the plant!

After recognition is logged in SharePoint - See Curtis Switzer in the Plant 2 Quality Systems office to get one of these items.



OPEX Recognition Rewards Program

Our Operational Excellence Rewards Program resets each year. We've made some updates this year!

We encourage all team members to submit their OPEX projects to qualify for the rewards listed on this page. Let's strive for excellence together!

To ensure that projects are accounted for, please submit them to Curtis Switzer in the Quality Systems Office in Plant 2.

3 Completed Projects = \$5 Avanti Certificate / OpEx Pint Glass

5 Completed Projects = OpEx Hat or Straight 8 or GM Tumbler
Limited Qty

8 Completed Projects = Lunch of your choice

10 Completed Projects = OpEx Polo or OpEx T-Shirt



Limited Qty



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