Return Service Requested

"After all it really is all of humanity that is under threat during a pandemic."

-Margaret Chan

Due to The Coronavirus Pandemic, our International UAW President Rory Gamble, requests that all local Union meetings and events be canceled until April 15th, 2020. Dates may change.

This will include the Local 74 Easter Egg Hunt that was scheduled for April 4th.

We have been notified that the Employee Blood Screening that was scheduled April 16-18, has also been canceled.

Please join us in thanking all of our UAW members who are First Responders, Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters, Medical Staff and all who deal directly with the public on a daily basis.

Thank You!!!

# NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS Local Union Officers

Nominations of local union officers, alternate committeemen, committeemen, and delegates to all affiliates shall be held at the regular membership meeting on **April 15, 2020**.

Any Active Local 74 Member can be nominated for a local office position.

All nominations shall be made from the floor and named orally.

The nomination acceptance must be submitted in writing to the election committee on or before 7:00 P.M. on Monday **April 20, 2020**. The elections will be held on Monday **May 18, 2020**.

If there is a need for run-off elections, they will be held <u>May 26, 2020</u>.

All the elected officials shall take office at the first regular membership meeting on <u>June 17, 2020</u> after the completion of the election.

Retirees of Local 74 have the right to vote in the Regular General Elections. The offices that will appear on the Ballot will be: President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Trustees, Sergeant of Arms, Guide and Delegates to Deere Council.

## **UNION REPORTER**

### The Executive Board

**President Chris Laursen** Vice President Danny Shaver **Shop Chairman Toby Munley** Committeeman 1 Billy Weinhold Committeeman 2 Matt Pickrell Committeeman 3 Ron Hall Recording Sec. Ron Hall **Financial Secretary Angie Hobbs** Trustee's Jeremey Barker Jason Ewing Tim Pickrell Sqt. at Arms Abe Elam **Guide Mike Shaw Retiree Chairman Stephen Tews** 

#### **Dates and Times**

Plan to attend! Steward Council

1st Thursday of each month -7:15 a.m. 1:00 & 3:45 p.m.

**Retiree Executive Board** 

2nd Monday of each month - 11:00 a.m.

Retiree Co-op Dinner

2nd Monday of each month - 11:45 a.m. Local 74 Pension Board

2nd Friday of each month - 3:30 p.m. **Executive Board** 

1 day prior to the Membership Meeting - 3:45 p.m.

**Membership Meeting** 

3rd Wednesday of each month

7:15 a.m., 1:00 p.m.3:45 p.m. & 5:45 p.m. **Women's Committee** 

2nd Monday of each month - 5:45 p.m.

**Labor Action Committee** 3rd Monday of each month - 6:00 p.m.

**Community Service Committee** 2nd Thursday of each month - 5:45 p.m.

## **UAW Local 74**



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As of March 19, 2020 President Trump has declared John Deere essential critical infrastructure but the other two companies in UAW's Agricultural Implement Dept, Case New Holland and Caterpillar, have not received that designation as of yet.



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## **Department of Homeland Security: Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers**

As the nation comes together to slow the spread of COVID-19, on March 16th, the President issued updated Coronavirus Guidance for America. This guidance states that: "If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule."

John Deere continues to operate in the face of COVID-19 because our business, as designated by the President of the United States and the United States Department of Homeland Security, is essential to ensuring community and national resilience and well-being.

Keeping farmers and those involved in infrastructure and energy production up and running is essential to food production and our ability to support critical infrastructure needs. Today, our employees were identified by the Department of Homeland Security as essential critical infrastructure workers, defined as "the essential workers needed to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily and need to be able to operate resiliently during the COVID-19 pandemic response."

This designation does not take away from the fact that our priority continues to be the safety and well-being of our employees and the communities we serve. To that end, we have put in place international and domestic travel restrictions, staggered shift schedules to enable social distancing, remote and flexible work arrangements for those employees not required in factory operations, and enhanced cleaning and sanitation regimens across our facilities, and enhanced social distancing, among other efforts.

We're continuing to monitor guidance from regulatory bodies, including state and federal officials, the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization.

Our efforts to keep our factories running is to ensure we're able to keep our customers operational with the parts, service, finance, support and equipment they rely on us for—including farmers and contractors who are critical to the well-being of our nation and world.