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Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 13th, 2019

11:00 am	Registration
11:00 am	Crafts, Games, Pictures & Lunch
12:00 Noon	Hunt
12:45 pm	Presentation of Awards
1:00 pm	Picture of Winners



AGE GROUPS

3 and under

4 through 7 year olds

8 through 11 year olds

The event is open to the children and grandchildren of Members of Local 157 who are 11 years old and under.

All children must be accompanied by an adult.

easter egg hunt



Saturday, June 15th, 2019

REGISTRATION AT 8:00 AM
TOURNAMENT FROM
8:30 AM TO NOON
POND EAST OF THE
MAIN OFFICE BUILDING

THIS EVENT IS OPEN TO ALL
LOCAL 157 MEMBER'S
CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN IN EACH AGE
GROUP! LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

Kid's Fishing Rodeo

Bait will be provided.

Children must be accompanied by an adult!





Business Manager's Report

Mark W. Swaner

Well it's March already and most everyone is ready for a weather change with some spring like temperatures.

First to talk about our Health Reimbursement Account (HRA), this was passed on the floor of our union meeting nearly one year ago. However completing the necessary programming and dealing with all the legality in setting up an account to receive member's contributions and meeting IRS guidelines has been time consuming. But we are finely about there and will be moving forward with a thirty day notification given to our contractors notifying them to start the twenty five cents (\$0.25) an hour to start funding this program. I do want everyone to remember that it will take roughly one year for our accounts to build up to sufficient funds before we will be able to use them.

Just to review the (HRA) since it has been a long time since all the discussions and the approval to move forward and pay startup costs from our general fund. First the (HRA) is before tax money put in an individual savings account for all active members to use for health costs. This account is to be used for claims filed directly to a medical provider or reimbursement after the medical bill has been paid. This account can also be used for deductibles, self-payments and COBRA premiums. We are looking for the Summary Plan Description documentation to be sent out by the end of March to the first of April and funds getting started by sometime in May.

In closing I would like to remind everyone with young children or grandchildren that our Local 157 Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 13th and our Local 157 Kids Fishing Rodeo will be on Saturday, June 15th. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

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ELECTION AGAIN
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Where do I vote?

Can I get reminders so I don't forget?

Where can I get an absentee ballot?

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Business Agent's Report

Wilbur E. "Webb" Crouch III



As of this publication there are 156 journeymen and 26 apprentices actively seeking employment with 92 journeymen and 9 apprentices on travel jobs. For the month of January we dispatched 79 journeymen and 16 apprentices with 47 call backs and 39 members to travel jobs. For the month of February we dispatched 51 journeymen and 13 apprentices with 20 call backs and 15 members to travel jobs.

By the time this reaches you the Marathon spring turn around should be in full swing employing approximately 190 local members and a few travelers for roughly 30 days of 6-10's. Morris Construction will also be starting some expansion work at Marathon in the 3rd quarter of this year. I will keep you informed on manpower, duration and work hours when more information becomes available to me.

I have nothing new to report on the Terre Haute or Tuscola fertilizer plants except that they are still seeking final funding for both projects.

Cayuga Powerhouse will have a short 3-4 week outage starting March 18th for 10 to 12 people working 6-10's. Work in the Midwest this year is projected to be very good with many large scale projects getting started soon. I am expecting to get quite a few calls for outage work in sister locals this spring for refineries, coal burners and nuclear power houses. Local work hasn't rebounded yet but it is coming soon.

Financial Secretary Treasurer's Report

Paul "P.A." Atterson



Brothers & Sisters, every morning when we rise there a few things we realize, the sun is coming up earlier each morning, "Punxsutawney Phil" is a liar and eventually spring and warmer weather will get here. This has definitely been a tough winter.

When weather breaks, there should be opportunities everywhere. Make sure you are prepared. If you want to go to a particular place, find out what is required to get there and make arrangements to get the certifications, licensing or skills to make it happen!

Our Training Department has "bent over backwards" to arrange classes for our members. Many of these classes can be completed in a weeks time. Not tying your Saturdays up for weeks at a time. "Thanks" to our Instructors.

This summer there should be some med gas jobs available in some of our sister locals. The T.W.I.C. card will be a must, almost everywhere. Don't be caught sitting. Take care of the skills you need to go to work.

In Indiana, the state purged the voter registration roll last year. So please check that you are registered to vote. As well as your family and friends. Go to indianavoters.com to confirm your registration.



VOTER REGISTRATION ENDS - APRIL 8TH
EARLY VOTING BEGINS - APRIL 9TH
PRIMARY ELECTION - MAY 7TH
GENERAL ELECTION - NOVEMBER 5TH

VOTE FOR YOUR WALLET!



Field Representative's Report

Stephen Snyder

First of all I must apologize, when I reported in January's article that the "winter weather will not be a huge factor" for the first quarter of the construction schedule, my timing was terrible because shortly after that we were graced with the polar vortex which has in fact affected the construction schedule for the first quarter. Things are still moving along and picking up speed as warmer weather increases. The good thing is none of the scheduled projects have been canceled due to the weather. The bad news is all the construction schedules will be compressed making this potentially one of the busiest on record for our Northern Area jurisdiction.

Some of the most notable construction projects are at Purdue University. The \$65 million dollar STEM building, the \$80 million dollar Agriculture Biological Engineering Building and the \$100 million plus P3 new dormitory buildings are just a few projects that are currently underway. Underground piping is currently underway on two of the three projects. These projects along with this Multi-million Convergence building that will serve as the administration office for the \$1.2 billion dollar Discovery Park will keep our members very busy in the months ahead.

Our industrial work looks promising as time moves forward. I have been assured by several advanced manufacturer leaders that 2019 will be a robust year for capital improvement projects at a number of facilities throughout our region. This market is an area where we have had robust growth in the recent years. Advance manufacturing is at an all-time high with major retro fits and renovation projects planned for 2019. The hardest part other than financing these projects is scheduling shut downs and absorbing anticipated loss of revenue. I will keep everyone informed as time moves forward.

The \$25 million dollar Loeb Stadium renovation is scheduled to bid the first of April with construction to start immediately afterward. This will be a multi-prime Construction Manager project with over 40 separate bid packages overall for all the various scopes and trades. This project is being funded 100% by the City of Lafayette and will revitalize the Park Avenue neighborhood in Lafayette. West Lafayette has released plans for a multi-million dollar City Hall renovation at their existing location of the Morton Center. This project and a new multi-million dollar indoor recreational facility will keep the bid docket full in the weeks ahead.

As the Tippecanoe Building Trades President we have been busy working to attract new and fresh talent from our area High Schools. Many of the area's High Schools have reached out to us to attend or present information on what our apprenticeship programs have to offer. Last year we reached out to over 1500 area students and we anticipate surpassing those numbers this year. We have been making the concrete effort to be on the forefront of educating teachers, counselors, students and parents what our skilled trade association apprenticeship programs can offer. Also we are in the process of planning our first Tippecanoe Building Trades Summer Camp for 2019. Please review the inserted flyer for details or go to our website unionsbuildingitbetter.com.

This summer construction camp will be the first of its kind in the Lafayette area.

In closing I'll leave you with this; "The best time to plant an oak tree was 200 years ago, the next best time is today." I hope everyone has a safe and blessed spring!

"The foundation of every state is the education of its youth!"

Diogenes

Tippecanoe Building Trades

Summer Camp 2019



- ❖ **All day hands on instruction from skilled tradesmen from the trade of your choice at local Lafayette Training Facilities.**
- ❖ **Starting June 4th and reoccurring every Tuesday until July 9th.**
- ❖ **Active Professional construction site visits are available.**
- ❖ **Catered lunch and morning refreshments.**
- ❖ **PLUS Free SWAG!**

To learn more and register, go to:

Unionsbuilditbetter.com

Don't miss out!

Rich Cheever
Training Coordinator

TRAINING NEWS

From the Educational Trust Department of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157

Jeff Ehrlich
Welding Coordinator

www.157trainingcenter.org

Shane Alumbaugh
Accelerated Welding Instructor

The Training Department has been busy this winter getting ready for our spring classes. It is hard to believe that over half of the 2018-2019 apprentice curriculum is over. The planning for the 2019-2020 classes will start soon.

On January 26th, some of our fifth year apprentices competed in the Local 157 Apprentice Contest at our Terre Haute campus. Those representing Local 157 at the Indiana State Pipe Trades Contest will be Ryan Bildilli (Fitter), Jacob Keller (HVAC), Brad Fouts (Plumbing) and Brady Ramsey (Welder). The state contest will be held the week of March 19th at Local 172 in South Bend, IN. These contests take a lot of coordination and preparation by all six training departments to work together to make this state contest a success as well as prepare their apprentices for the competition. The winners of the four disciplines will move on to the District #2 contest to be held in Detroit, MI. in June. Good Luck to our Local 157 representatives!

In February, Jeff and I attended the UA's Training Coordinators & Director Conference in San Diego, CA. We attended three days of meetings and classes pertaining to Fiduciary Responsibilities, Recruitment, Organizing Technology and Relating to Today's Apprentices.



Mark Your Calendar

Dates of interest:

Mar 6 & April 20	Weld Test TH 8:00am EST
March 19, 20, 21	ISPT State Apprentice Contest >> UPCOMING EVENTS
March 25-29	Industrial Rigging Certification Class TH
April 22-26	Industrial Rigging Certification Class LAF
April 1-5	OSHA 30 TH
April 6, 13, 20, 27	608-EPA Certification LAF
May 9	Ivy Tech Graduation at Hulman Center
September 20	5th Year Apprentice Graduation Ceremony & Dinner
October 16	Illinois Plumbing Continuing Education Class Danville
October 19	Illinois Plumbing Continuing Education Class Hutsonville

Don't forget to check the Training Centers website for upcoming certification classes at:

www.157trainingcenter.org

WELD TESTS AT THE TERRE HAUTE TRAINING CENTER

Saturday, April 20th, 2019 at 8:00 am

Saturday, May 18th, 2019 at 8:00 am

Saturday, June 15th, 2019 at 8:00 am

Please call the Training Center at (812) 877-1736 to sign-up.



**Pipe Trades Industry
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www.pthwplan.org

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Terre Haute, IN 47803-0040
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Stephanie Morgan
Administrative Manager

During the months of December 2018 and January 2019, your Health and Welfare Plan staff processed 13,777 claims, totaling \$6,619,410.97.

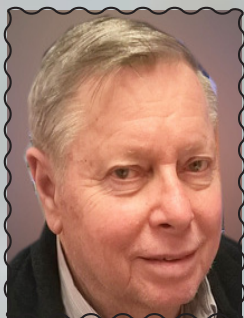
With the start of a new year underway, I would like to remind you of the current deductible and out of pocket limits that renew each January 1st. The current deductible is \$700.00 per person per calendar year with a family maximum of \$2,100.00. Please keep in mind, one person cannot meet more than the individual deductible towards the family maximum. The annual out of pocket per person per calendar year is \$4,000.00 with a family maximum of \$8,000.00. Again, one person cannot meet more than the individual limit.

Remember, one way to save some out of pocket costs is to utilize the FREE and easy to use LiveHealth Online service your plan offers all eligible members and dependents not entitled to Medicare or other primary group coverage. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year and can be accessed from any smartphone or computer with webcam capabilities.



In Memoriam

James A. Baumgart, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Danville, Illinois passed away on January 25th, 2019. James was born on March 20th, 1946 and was initiated into the United Association on November 25th, 1966.



Myron S. Newhart, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Lafayette, Indiana passed away on February 2nd, 2019. Myron was born on February 20th, 1927 and was initiated into the United Association on May 7th, 1951.



Brian D. Lewis, a Building Trades Journeyman from West Lafayette, Indiana passed away on February 5th, 2019. Brian was born on October 25th, 1962 and was initiated into the United Association on August 19th, 2008.



James N. Bryan, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Brazil, Indiana passed away on February 8th, 2019. James was born on October 13th, 1935 and was initiated into the United Association on November 7th, 1969.



Robert G. Tryon Jr, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on February 27th, 2019. Robert was born on December 29th, 1933 and was initiated into the United Association on December 24th, 1973.





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- Assistance with sudden events that disrupt life
- Job or career concerns
- Dealing with marriage and family issues
- Dependent care assistance for children and elderly dependents
- Conflict and communication skills
- Drug and alcohol problems
- Financial and legal resource website, free phone or face-to face consults and reduced rates

Work-site Issues

- Conflict resolution with co-workers or supervisors
- Consultation for managers
- In-service training and education at your work-site
- Support after a traumatic event

To make an EAP appointment, call 317.962.8001 or 800.745.4838, ext. 2 from 8 am – 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday. 24 hour crisis access by phone.



2019 5TH YEAR APPRENTICE CONTEST

Plumbing:

* Brad Fouts
Tyler Little

Pipefitting:

* Ryan Bildilli
Kimberly Koerner

Welding:

* Brady Ramsey

HVAC:

* Jacob Keller

* Will be advancing to the State Contest.





*Terre Haute
Spring Retiree's
Luncheon*

*Lafayette
Spring Retiree's
Luncheon*



*Danville
Spring Retiree's
Luncheon*



**Lafayette
2nd Year
Apprentices
Drafting
Copper
Project**

Pictured front row, left to right: Harvey Biddle, Kolton Perry, Nick Jones, Jake Esposito, Shawn Rahm. Standing, left to right: Keetin Arnold, Mike Greski, Justin Jones, Parker Hoffman, John Wratten, James Bolden. Not pictured, Anna Cerminara.

RAISE YOUR SLEEVE.



BLOOD DRIVE

Colt's Football for
Donors
(while supply lasts)



TUESDAY, APRIL 2nd from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

The Bloodmobile will be in front of the
Terre Haute Training Center

All Members and their Families are encouraged to donate!

LOCAL 157 GOLF OUTING ROCKY RIDGE GOLF COURSE DARLINGTON, IN SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH, 2019

REGISTRATION - 6:30 A.M. TO 7:45 A.M.

TEE-OFF - 8:00 A.M. SHARP!

BOGEY IS YOUR FRIEND

\$45.00 PER PERSON

(INCLUDES GREEN FEE/CART, LUNCH, DRINKS AND RAFFLE AFTER THE ROUND)

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AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!



JON WOOTEN
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April, 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2  Blood Drive! 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm	3	4	5	6  Union Meeting 10:00 am TH Hall
3	8		10	11	12	13  Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 AM
14	15  PAY TAXES	16	17	18	19	20  UA Weld Test 8:00 am
21  Happy Easter	22  Earth Day April 22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				



May, 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3  Union Meeting 8:00 pm	4
5	6	7	8	9  Apprentice Grauation Hulman Center	10	11  USP Workers Food Drive
12  HAPPY MOTHER'S Day!	13	14	15	16	17	18  ARMED FORCES DAY UA Weld Test 8:00 am (Subject to attendance)
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27  MEMORIAL DAY	28	29	30	31	

MARK YOUR

Quarterly Union Meeting
Saturday, April 6th, 2019
10:00 am in the
Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Monthly Union Meeting
Friday, May 3rd, 2019
8:00 pm in the
Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Monthly Union Meeting
Friday, June 7th, 2019
8:00 pm in the
Terre Haute Meeting Hall



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