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## Saturday, June 15th, 2019

REGISTRATION AT 8:00 AM  
TOURNAMENT FROM  
8:30 AM TO 11:30 AM  
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!

## HELP US, HELP YOU!



In an effort to update our database we are asking members who have the capability, to please email an updated head shot of themselves to [patti@ualocal157.org](mailto:patti@ualocal157.org).

Remember this needs to be with no sunglasses or hat and we prefer a solid background. These photos will be used to request replacement drug cards and are also uploaded to the UA's site when a member has certs and a photo is needed. **THANK YOU!**





## Business Manager's Report

### Mark W. Swaner

Well it is May and it is finally starting to look like spring, the grass needs cut and leaves are on the trees.

On Wednesday, May 1st we had our second quarter Health & Welfare meeting. At this meeting we voted to increase the 2019 contribution rate by \$0.25, and to launch our HRA that the membership voted on nearly a year ago. This was just in time to give our mechanical contractors a thirty day notice to add the new fringe benefit to our package.

Effective July 1st we have a contract raise of \$1.10 and at the May 3rd Union Meeting it was voted to distribute the monies as follows:

\$0.25 - Health & Welfare Plan  
 \$0.25 - HRA  
 \$0.10 - Educational Trust Fund  
 \$0.50 - On the check

This puts Journeyman scale at \$38.23, our Health & Welfare at \$9.50, the Educational Trust Fund at \$0.80 and our HRA at \$0.25. There will be a \$0.30 raise added to our contract in January of 2020.

The Plan documents for the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) will be sent out in the second or third week of May. The \$0.25 voted to go into our HRA will start going into the new account starting with hours worked July 1st and forward. It will most likely take about one year to build up funds before the members can start using this benefit.

In closing I would like to remind everyone of the June 15th Kids Fishing Rodeo held at the back lake east of the main office building. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

## Piping Industry News

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## Business Agent's Report

### *Wilbur E. "Webb" Crouch III*



As of this publication there are 192 journeymen and 49 apprentices actively seeking employment with 97 journeymen and 15 apprentices on travel jobs. For the month of March we dispatched 147 journeymen and 55 apprentices with 18 call backs and 36 members to travel jobs. For the month of April we dispatched 147 journeymen and 34 apprentices with 27 call backs and 68 members to travel jobs.

Work in the Terre Haute, Robinson and Danville areas has slowed with most of the spring outages and turnaround work finishing up. Local work should pick back up in mid summer.

I have nothing new to report on the Tuscola Fertilizer project other than it's still moving forward. The fertilizer project at the S & G plant site is moving forward as well, with the approval of Indiana House and Senate to sequester CO<sub>2</sub> at the site.

The Indiana General Assembly passed several large job creation bills which will be beneficial to Local 157. Roughly \$750 million will be spent state wide.

Work across the country continues to be strong and will eventually find it's way to our jurisdiction.

If you have anywhere in particular you would like to travel for work call me at the hall and I will try to get you there.

If you have any questions concerning the 21 day short call or the robocall system, give me a call and we can clear up any misconceptions that may be floating around out in the field or on social media sites.

I would like to acknowledge four of our apprentices who competed in the State Apprenticeship Competition, Jacob Keller in HVAC, Brad Fouts in plumbing, Ryan Bildilli in pipefitting and Brady Ramsey in welding. All of them worked extremely hard and represented Local 157 with pride. Unfortunately we come up short of the prize this year.

The annual Kids Fishing Rodeo will be held Saturday, June 15th with registration starting at 8:00 am. There will be prizes given in each age group and door prizes as well. Food, drinks and bait will be provided.

## Financial Secretary Treasurer's Report

### *Paul "P.A." Atterson*



I know the Indiana "Primary" will be over by the time you read this, but I hope everyone of our members and their friends and family voted.

The General Election is scheduled for November 5, 2019. Please plan on voting. These are mainly municipal elections. But like everything it all starts at the grass roots level.

If you have been paying attention to our Terre Haute area politics, you know we are moving forward with the proposed casino and "sequestration" at our proposed fertilizer plant at the old S&G Solutions (Destec) site. Now known as "Wabash Valley Resources". We started work recently at Hulman Center and I believe county and city councils are working towards plans to get the "Terre Haute Convention Center", the "Larry Bird Museum" and at least one Hotel funded and/or permitted. All these things take time. I for one am extremely proud of all the hard work by a lot of people. It has been awhile since "West Central" Indiana received this much attention, and for that we are thankful.

We all believe this will be a good year. We think even if you are not working at home, there will be opportunities nearby.

This past month our Training Department has held several classes for our membership. Some such as the "UA Rigging Certification" are obtainable within a week. So if you are in need to "cert up" please take advantage. The T.W.I.C. card will continue to be needed, so get that.

Keep your phone on if you are looking for or have applied for a job. If your voicemail is full or you are not accepting calls at this time, we can not reach you to get you a job. So help us, help you.

In closing I wish everyone a great summer!



## Field Representative's Report

### Stephen Snyder



Work continues to increase as groundbreaking for major projects in our Northern Jurisdiction continue to load up on manpower for the summer rush. The premium need will be for licensed plumbers and apprentices. This will by far out pass any other demand at this time. The construction schedules are compressed due to the late starts making this potentially one of the busy 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, the \$100 Million plus P3 new dormitory buildings and the remodel of Hillebrand Hall dorm are just a few projects that are currently underway. Underground piping has been completed on most of these projects with slab on deck being poured out in rapid fashion. 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 still looks promising as time moves forward. I have been assured by several advanced manufacture 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 the 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 has been bid and awarded to DA Dodd. Construction is scheduled to start immediately. We were also successful in picking up the new multi-million penguin exhibit as well. Shambaugh and Son was the apparent low bidder. 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 areas High Schools have reached out to us to attend or present information on what our apprenticeship programs have to offer. The last month of April we reached out to over 600 area students in five separate High School Youth Summits. 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 at [unionsbuilditbetter.com](http://unionsbuilditbetter.com). This summer construction camp will be the first of its kind in the Lafayette area.

In closing I'll leave you with this;

*"It is not enough that we pull drowning people out of the river.*

*We must go upstream and find out why they are falling in."*

## Tippecanoe Building Trades Summer Camp 2019



**To learn more and register, go to:**  
[Unionsbuilditbetter.com](http://Unionsbuilditbetter.com)

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

*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](http://www.157trainingcenter.org)

**Shane Alumbaugh**  
Accelerated Welding Instructor

As classes come to an end for the 2018 – 2019 school year, it is time to plan for the next apprenticeship classes. We will be integrating the Industrial Rigging Certification class into our Fifth year curriculum.

There are 23 apprentices finishing their required classes this year. Some would say, out with the old and In with the new. With that being said; we had 90 plus applicants for our apprenticeship program with 75 meeting our testing protocol. The first round of interviews will be held in May. Those candidates who qualified for the apprenticeship program will be given an opportunity to answer the same bank of questions. How they answer these questions will determine their ranking and if they get invited to the second round of interviews. The second round of interviews will happen in June or early July, with the Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee determining their fate.

The Training Department has been busy with our Career Outreach invitations. These invites come from different schools in our jurisdiction in Illinois and Indiana.



### *Dates of interest:*

Saturdays; June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29	Industrial Rigging @ Lafayette Training Center	8 – 4:30 EST
Mon – Fri; July 8 – 12	Industrial Rigging @ Terre Haute Training Center	8 – 4:30 EST
Friday, September 20	Graduation Banquet @ Terre Haute Meeting Hall	6:00 PM EST
Saturday, September 21	Industrial Recertification @ Terre Haute Training	8 – 12 EST
Wednesday, October 16	IL Plumbing Continuing Education @ Danville TC	6:00 to 10:00
Saturday, October 19	IL Plumbing Continuing Education @ Hutsonville TC	8:00 to noon
Saturday, October 26	Industrial Recertification @ Lafayette Training Center	8 – 12 EST

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

[www.157trainingcenter.org](http://www.157trainingcenter.org)

## **WELD TESTS AT THE TERRE HAUTE TRAINING CENTER**

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

**Saturday, July 20th, 2019 at 8:00 am**

**Saturday, August 17th, 2019 at 8:00 am**

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



**Pipe Trades Industry  
Health & Welfare Plan**  
[www.pthwplan.org](http://www.pthwplan.org)

**PO Box 3040  
Terre Haute, IN 47803-0040  
Toll Free: (800) 837-5678  
Phone: (812) 877-2581  
Fax: (812) 877-4542**



**Stephanie Morgan**  
Administrative Manager

During the months of February and March 2019, your Health and Welfare Plan staff processed 16,475 claims, totaling \$6,357,758.54.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the prescription benefits available under the Plan. Sav-Rx Prescription Services administers the prescription benefits on behalf of all primary insured members and their dependents. In addition to retail pharmacy coverage, they also provide a mail order service for long-term medications. Your SavRx card should be shown each time you fill a prescription at a retail pharmacy. Please refer to the Schedule of Benefits starting on page 16 of the Summary Plan Document for the current co-pay amounts. If your dependent(s) have other primary coverage through another group health plan and we are the secondary carrier, the SavRx card will not work for them. They will need to use their primary prescription card at the pharmacy but can submit their prescription receipts and the primary payor payment details to the plan for consideration as the secondary carrier.

For those covered under Medicare, you have been enrolled in United Healthcare as your Medicare Part D primary prescription plan and SavRx as the wrap prescription plan. You will need to take both cards to your pharmacy with your prescription. You may continue to utilize the Sav-Rx Mail Order pharmacy to fill your long-term medications. Please refer to the Prescription Drug section of the Schedule of Benefits starting on page 23 of the Summary Plan Document for your current co-pay amounts.

If you should have any questions, need mail order forms or new prescription cards, please contact the fund office.



## In Memoriam

**Richard L. Teague**, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Crawfordsville, Indiana passed away on March 11th, 2019. Richard was born on October 11th, 1936 and was initiated into the United Association on October 6th, 1972.



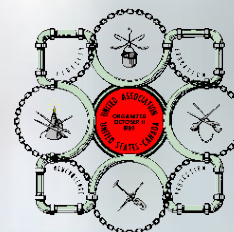
**Ernest A. Sutherlin**, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Brazil, Indiana passed away on April 6th, 2019. Ernest was born on July 9th, 1940 and was initiated into the United Association on September 9th, 1977.



**Alfred A. Miller Jr**, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on April 11th, 2019. Alfred was born on October 7th, 1945 and was initiated into the United Association on June 8th, 1973.



**Donald F. Lanning**, a retired Gas Division Journeyman from Rushville, Indiana passed away on April 13th, 2019. Donald was born on July 4th, 1936 and was initiated into the United Association on September 3rd, 1970.



**Walter Keller Jr**, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Camden, Indiana passed away on April 21st, 2019. Walter was born on December 31st, 1931 and was initiated into the United Association on December 22nd, 1961.



**Jeff L. Atkinson**, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Montezuma, Indiana passed away on May 4th, 2019. Jeff was born on February 2nd, 1956 and was initiated into the United Association on September 6th, 1974.





# 2019

# EASTERN

egg hunt



All pictures can be viewed  
and downloaded at  
[ualocal157.org/Photo Gallery](http://ualocal157.org/Photo%20Gallery)





# TRAINING OUR FUTURE



## CAREER DAY



Instructor Jason Breymer and Apprentice Anna Cerminara speaking to students about their craft.



Training Coordinator Rich Cheever talking to the students about the benefits of the Apprenticeship program.





# INDIANA STATE APPRENTICE CONTEST

The Indiana State Apprenticeship Contest was held in South Bend, Indiana this year. Representing Local 157 was Ryan Bildilli in pipefitting, Jacob Keller in HVAC, Brady Ramsey in welding and Brad Fouts in plumbing. Even though none of them advanced, they all did an excellent job.



Jacob Keller - HVAC



Ryan Bildilli - Pipefitting



Brady Ramsey - Welding



Brad Fouts - Plumbing



# SUMMER RETIREE'S LUNCHEONS

*Terre Haute Luncheon - Friday, June 7th at Noon (EST)*

*Lafayette Luncheon - Tuesday, June 11th at Noon (EST)*

*Danville Luncheon - Thursday, June 13th at Noon (CST)*

## 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)

HOLE SPONSORS - \$150.00

PLEASE SEND PAYMENT NO LATER THAN 8/04/19 TO

ADAM WRIGHT

551 JONATHAN WAY - LAFAYETTE, INDIANA 47905

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SPONSORSHIP

AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!

JON WOOTEN  
CHAIR

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TREASURER

(574) 870-1924

DONATIONS ARE NOT TAX DEDUCTIBLE.







# June, 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7 TH Retiree's Luncheon - Noon  Union Meeting 8:00 pm	8
9	10	11 Lafayette Retiree's Luncheon - Noon 	12	13 Danville Retiree's Luncheon - Noon 	14  Flag Day June 14	15 Kid's Fishing Rodeo Registration 8:00 am  UA Weld Test 8:00 am
16  Happy Fathers Day!	17	18	19	20	21	22
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29



# July, 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4  Happy 4th of July!	5	6  Union Meeting 10:00 am TH Hall
3	8		10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20  UA Weld Test 8:00 am
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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

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

Monthly Union Meeting  
 Friday, August 2nd, 2019  
 8:00 pm in the  
 Terre Haute Meeting Hall

**Dated Material Do Not Delay**

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