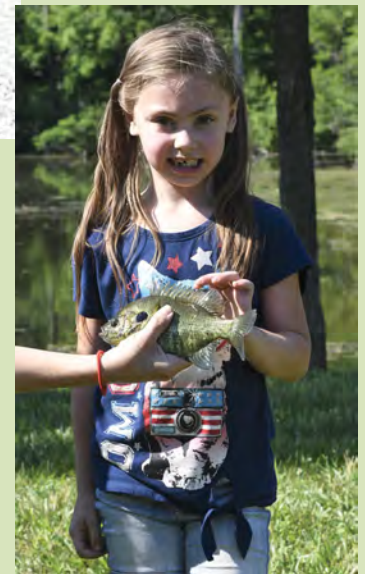
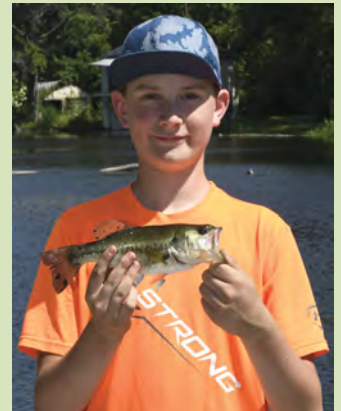


2016 FISHING RODEO



Thank you to all those that volunteered to make this another successful day! Congratulations to all our young fishers for their great catches of the day!



Business Manager's Report

Greg Thoennes

I want to begin by welcoming David Hoopingarner as your new Field Representative. He will be working primarily from the Terre Haute office. Along with his normal duties, he will be working on Gas Distribution. I am confident that he will work hard on behalf of the members of our Local. There is a lot to learn with this new position but he is quickly picking up on his responsibilities.

Work continues to be slower than normal for this time of year in our jurisdiction but we are fortunate that many of the Local's in the Midwest have travel opportunities. There are quite a few projects out for bid and work is still solid in the northern part of our Local. There may be a change with the EPC contractor for the Cronus Chemical Fertilizer project in Tuscola. We are still optimistic about that project moving forward and we will continue to keep you updated as we receive information. The project proposed at the former SG Solutions Plant is currently in preliminary planning. Quasar Syngas LLC is part of the Phibro Group that acquired the plant in May of this year. Their plan is to repurpose the plant to produce ammonia fertilizer. The project is estimated to be \$450 million with a two year construction schedule. One of the reasons that these fertilizer projects are proposed in this area is due to 77% of the 20.7 million tons of total U.S. ammonia fertilizer consumption is in the Midwest region. Nine ammonia terminals are located within 200 miles of this site and there is a nearby ammonia pipeline. The Vigo County Council approved a resolution in support of the project on June 30th. This is the first step in Quasar Syngas LLC obtaining a tax-exempt environmental improvement revenue bond. We will keep you updated on the status of this project as it develops.

You recently received a mailing from the Indiana Pipe Trades Pension Plan that included a fee disclosure notice and information regarding the change of recordkeeper from McCready and Keene to Nyhart. The Board made the decision to improve the level of service to our participants. Nyhart uses TD Ameritrade as their custodial agent, which is the one we have been using, so the fund options will not change. It is important that you note that for this transition there is a "blackout period" from July 25th until no later than August 31st. During this period you cannot make any changes to your account or take a distribution.

The Kid's Fishing Rodeo was a big success again this year. I want to thank all those that participated and volunteered to help out.

The summer is going by very quickly and your picnic committee has met to begin planning this year's picnic. The picnic is on Saturday, September 10th. I hope everyone gets the chance to come and enjoy the day. We will have several games for the kids, bingo for the adults, lots of good food and great fellowship. We also hope to see everyone on September 3rd at the Labor Family Picnic in Lafayette and at one of the Labor Day Parades on September 5th in Terre Haute, Danville or Palestine.

I want to conclude by thanking Darrek Davis for all of his contributions as your Field Representative and wish him the best in his new position as the Indiana State Pipe Trades Association Executive Director.

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Business Agent's Report

Wilbur E. "Webb" Crouch, III



As of this publication there are 249 Journeymen and 51 Apprentices actively seeking employment with 99 members on travel jobs. For the month of May we dispatched 120 Journeymen and 25 Apprentices with 28 call backs and 24 members to travel jobs. For the month of June we dispatched 125 Journeymen and 26 Apprentices with 21 call backs and 74 members to travel jobs. Work in the jurisdiction remains very slow with the exception of Lafayette.

As some of you may know the S&G Solutions plant in Terre Haute was acquired by Quasar to be converted into a fertilizer plant. Currently they are requesting EPC quotes from ICS, Nooter and CB&I with hopes of starting the conversion at the end of this year.

Morris Construction is in the process of bidding a sizeable fabrication job and if successful will start work approximately mid-August. The water treatment project at Cayuga Powerhouse should be released for bid at the end of July. At this time I am being told that this project will start in September but I do not have manpower requirements or duration information to date.

All of our sister locals are very busy this summer and I have been successful in getting members to work on these projects. Anyone who is interested in a particular travel job, feel free to give me a call and I will be more than happy to try to get you employed.

The 2016 Fishing Rodeo was a big success again this year with 24 kids participating. I want to thank everyone who came out and helped with and participated in this event.

Financial Secretary Treasurer's Report

John "JB" Strange



Summer is a very busy time of year for us in the office. Along with our usual annual events, this year we are trying to coordinate all the information associated with the U.A. Convention in August for our delegates. There is a lot of work involved with hotel reservations, credentials, registrations, pictures, itineraries, etc. Our Office Manager Patti, has done a great job keeping everything on track and staying on top of the changes and deadlines.

We are already making some preparations for our Labor Day events along with our Local Union Picnic. These events take an incredible amount of effort to put together every year. Your elected officers, office staff, benefit club and volunteers work hard to make these summer events fun and memorable for our members and your families.

I would like to pass along what I believe to be some helpful information. I received a phone call from a member that had a problem with his First Financial Bank card. This is the card that is connected to our "Local 157's savings account." This is the account that receives the \$1.15 an hour deduction per our collective bargaining agreement from your pay check and has a bank ATM card associated with the account for withdrawals. He needed a new card and was told that he had to pay a fee for the card replacement. This information came from a branch associate that was not familiar with "our account."

I wanted to let members know that even though this member was at a First Financial Bank branch, if a member has any issues with their cards or questions about their account, it is best to contact the First Financial "Seelyville Banking Center branch." This branch is more familiar with our account and can help members in a more efficient and timely manner. The branch is located at 9520 East U.S. Highway 40 in Seelyville and their phone number is 812-238-6295.

I would like congratulate and welcome our new Field Representative David Hoopingarner. David is a 26 year member of Local 157 and I'm sure he will do a great job.

Field Representative's Report David Hoopingarner



I am truly humbled being selected for the position of Field Representative. My grandfather and father were members along with my older brother who is a current member. Between me and my family members, we have over 100 years of service to Local 157.

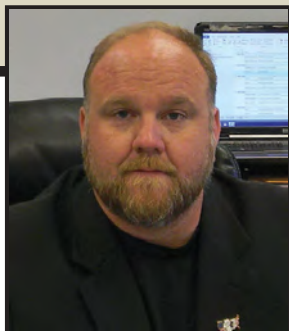
My first day on the job resulted in a day spent volunteering for the United Way weeding and trimming trees. On the second day, Greg and I met with Art Baker and his assistant. We discussed building a good relationship and how well the shutdown had gone. Overall, Marathon is very pleased with our members' performance. Greg has developed an outstanding relationship with Marathon and it continues to get better which allows me to continue this relationship on a good note.

We will be signing up new members for Miller Pipeline out of Indianapolis. I have also talked with George Kikes, Business Agent out of Local 342 in Oakland, California and they will have some work with overtime coming up in about a month or so. Closer to home, John Bates and Michael Falkenstein, Business Agents from Local 136 in Evansville said they have work coming after the 4th of July at Petersburg, Gibson & Rockport. They will be hiring several travelers with a time to be determined.

On June 24th, I attended a safety luncheon at Edwardsport. I met with Shawn Decker regarding the manpower and work scope. He stated a shutdown is scheduled for September 10th and they will need approximately 30 stainless welders with certification in 9 Chrome, and Duplex, Instrumentation Techs and heavy rigging. This shut down will run for 10 weeks at 10 hour days, seven days a week. In talking with Todd Receveur, his manpower needs will include needing around 30-40 heavy riggers and instrumentation techs.

Dave Forbes, Business Agent from Local 190 called and told me about a need for manpower in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This will require 250 members for 70 plus days at a nuclear plant. The scale will be \$38.99 with pension at \$9.83.

Field Representative's Report Steve Snyder



Work in the Northern jurisdiction has been holding its own for the last several months and should continue throughout the summer.

By the time you read this article the outages at the Subaru Automotive plant should be wrapping up. The size and scope of the July outage was not as vast or as long as originally reported due to the skilled trades getting more work accomplished during the first outage in May. The majority of this outage work was performed by Project Design Piping who had 30 plus pipefitters working two 12 hour shifts. Shambaugh, Sexson Mechanical and Dyad Mechanical had the remaining balance of work to be completed over the week. I am happy to report that all work was completed

without any lost time accidents. Preparations continue on the addition to the new Paint 2 system. As I have reported previously this will include two new locker rooms and washrooms along with 80' expansion of the drying ovens along with several new utilities and piping drops. The removal of the Toyota line during Mays outage has given the plant room to upgrade, remodel and retool several of the existing Subaru lines. This work is fairly complex due to shutting down services, installing new services and moving multi-ton robots without disrupting production. This type of work will continue throughout 2016. The warehouse addition on the North side of the plant continues with HMM Contractors. Currently one warehouse A-12 is under construction with groundbreaking on A-13 right around the corner.

Purdue work continues to remain strong. The 60 million dollar Creighton Hall of Animal Science has been under construction for several months. As I have reported this is a multi-prime project with a non-risk construction manager. The shell and core of the structure has been let to Wilhelm and has been underway for several weeks. The mechanical and plumbing work has just been let to DA Dodd. This should be a quick start fast pace project. The Honors College and the Wilmett Active Learning Center are both well underway and should be substantially complete into early fall. There continues to be a large amount of utility work going forward on campus. Most of this work consists of a remodel repair nature. These utilities are typically housed in the seven miles of tunnels throughout campus and consist of chilled water systems, steam and condensate systems, instrument air piping, and some domestic potable water piping. Several miles of these tunnels and systems are well over 80 years old and are quite outdated. They are in direr need of consistent maintenance.

The Indiana Veterans Home has released bid documents for a long awaited multi-million dollar rehabilitation project. The largest portion of the work consists of mechanical and electrical upgrades throughout the campus along with a large Heating System Conversion. I will be watching this project closely as it develops. Start date is scheduled for this fall.

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TRAINING NEWS

Rich Cheever
Training Coordinator

From the Educational Trust Department of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157

Jeff Ehrlich
Welding Coordinator

Mike Smelser
Assistant Training Coordinator

In this time while class is not in session, the Training Center is busy getting everything in place for the upcoming school year. We have altered the curriculum in each Apprenticeship level to better provide well-rounded training. We have added soldering and brazing to the 1st year schedule, as well as OSHA 10 for the first class attended. We are now also including OSHA 30 in the 4th year schedule.

The books for the upcoming school year have been ordered and many have already arrived at the Training Center along with the multiple items arriving from our UA Grant application. We have grant items arriving daily in this last week of June as this article is being written. We are excited about the 50 new computers, 15 of which are equipped with CAD for training opportunities we have planned for the near future. Also in these grant items is an amazing new beveling tool due to arrive before the upcoming school year is to begin. This tool is versatile and will provide the number of practice coupons required for training in an efficient manner to always keep us ahead of the demands with high quality pipe preparation.

The arrangements have been made for the 15 individuals that will be attending the annual UA Instructor Training Program in Ann Arbor, Michigan. This annual training event each August is a valuable tool that provides our Instructors with the latest information and teaching techniques to keep our training constantly improving. This year with the addition of OSHA 10 and OSHA 30 into our curriculum, we will return with two new OSHA Instructors, Troy Bennett and Shaun Coomey. We would like to thank all of our highly valued Instructors for their participation in our Apprenticeship Program. We wish we could take every Instructor each year to The UA Instructor Program, but funds are limited. It is our intention to have each and every Instructor in our Apprenticeship Program attend this training as time and funds allow.

Progress has been made in the development of plans for a new Training Center building on the north side of E. Milner Avenue across from the existing Welding Shop. Preliminary blueprints have been developed by Terre Haute based engineer and consultant, Michael Waldbieser. He also has developed an estimated budget for the amount the new building will cost by collaborating with local contractors. This, of course, is not a final cost. It was based on that building going out for bid and does not take into account the fact that we could self-perform some of the labor required. It is in the early stages of planning when we consider that the JATC only meets every 2 months and these plans are only discussed at those times. This article will provide updates as these plans develop.

Enjoy your summer and remember to support Union and the US economy by buying American whenever possible.

MANDATORY MEETING DATES

- New Apprentice Orientation -

Tuesday, August 23rd, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the
Terre Haute Meeting Hall

- A2 through A5 Apprentice Meeting -

Thursday, August 25th, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the
Terre Haute Meeting Hall



Graduation Dinner

Friday, September 23rd, 2016

6:00 pm

Terre Haute Meeting Hall

WELD TESTS AT THE TERRE HAUTE TRAINING CENTER

Saturday, September 17th, 2016 at 8:00 am

Saturday, October 15th, 2016 at 8:00 am

Saturday, November 19th, 2016 at 8:00 am

You must call the
Training Center at (812) 877-1736 and let them know
you are interested.





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Tim Thacker
Administrative Manager

During the months of April and May 2016 your Health & Welfare Plan staff processed 17,321 claims, totaling \$6,582,060.61.

In this article, I would like to state the Plan's Reinstatement of Eligibility Rules.

An Employee who loses his eligibility shall become eligible again on the first day of a Benefit Quarter following receipt of Employer contributions in the amount of three hundred (300) hours at the applicable rate for the applicable calendar quarter. If the Employee works at least two hundred (200) hours but less than three hundred (300) hours, the Employee may pay the difference in order to reinstate eligibility. Payment shall be in an amount equal to the difference in the hours reported and three hundred (300) multiplied by the applicable Employer contribution rate and may only be made at the beginning of the reinstated Benefit Quarter.



In Memoriam



Larry J Hightshoe, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Hutsonville, Illinois passed away on May 24th, 2016. Larry was born on September 30th, 1936 and was initiated into the United Association on June 29th, 1953.

Jacob L Thompson, a Building Trades Journeyman from Rosedale, Indiana passed away on July 4th, 2016. Jacob was born on February 8th, 1988 and was initiated into the United Association on August 1st, 2006.

Field Representative's Report **Steve Snyder**

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Some of you may not know the History of the Indiana Veterans Home. This Home is one of the very few throughout the country that serves our veterans and is specifically unique to Indiana. Construction was started well after the civil war in 1890 on 250 acres in West Lafayette. The need for such a facility was due to the massive amount of Veterans needing care from their war related injuries and illnesses. In 1896 the Indiana Veteran Home welcomed its first patient. Many of the same structures are still standing today. It also houses the Veteran Homes Cemetery on its 250 acres of land and is listed in the National Historic Landmarks registry.

In closing I hope everyone had a safe and happy Fourth of July. Please keep in mind that our Unofficial Local 157 Golf Outing is August 28th and Labor Day at the Park in Lafayette is September 3rd under the shelters off of Park Street located in Columbia Park. Games and park rides are free for the public. Hope to see you there!



BENEFIT CLUB

PICNIC RAFFLE



**YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS YEAR'S BENEFIT CLUB
RAFFLE! NOT ONLY COULD YOUR TICKET WIN YOU**

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**BUT THIS YEAR YOU COULD ALSO WIN
A HENRY GOLDEN BOY .22 CALIBER ACTION COMMERATIVE
RIFLE ENGRAVED WITH
LOCAL 157'S 120TH ANNIVERSARY INSIGNIA**



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**THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE GREAT PRIZES
YOUR TICKET COULD WIN YOU! SO DON'T DELAY!
MAKE SURE YOU BUY YOUR
BENEFIT CLUB PICNIC RAFFLE TICKET!!!**

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Local 157

Annual Family Picnic

BINGO

Carnival Rides
Horseshoe Tournament
Cornhole Tournament
(Adult and Youth)
Clowns—Band
Children's Field Games
and More!

Saturday

September 10, 2016

**GATES
OPEN AT
10:00 AM**

On behalf of all the Local 157 Officers,
We would like to cordially invite
you and your family to this year's
Annual Family Picnic!



MENU:

Bar-B-Cue Pork, Grilled Chicken,
Pork Loin, Pork Burgers, Brats, Corn Dogs,
Ham & Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad, Baked
Beans, Corn on the Cob, Deep Fried Biscuits &
Apple Butter, Ice Cream,
Lemon Shake Ups &
Cotton Candy

To be cost effective as possible, we are asking members
to purchase guest tickets for non-family.

GUEST TICKET ORDER FORM

Ticket Request Forms need returned by
Friday, August 26th.

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE GATE.

Ticket Prices: \$10 Adult (18 Yrs & Up)
 \$5 Child (6 yrs to 17 yrs)

Number of Adult Tickets : _____

Number of Children Tickets : _____

Please make checks payable to:
Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Schedule

10:30 am	BINGO Starts
11:00 am	Horseshoe Tourney Starts
11:00 am	Cornhole Tourney Starts
11:00 – 1:00 pm	Clowns
11:30 am	Lunch Served
12:00 – 3:00 pm	Band
1:00 pm	Children's Field Games

REMINDER:

THERE IS TO BE NO CAMPING IN THE FENCED IN AREAS WHERE THE OFFICE BUILDINGS ARE LOCATED.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER.

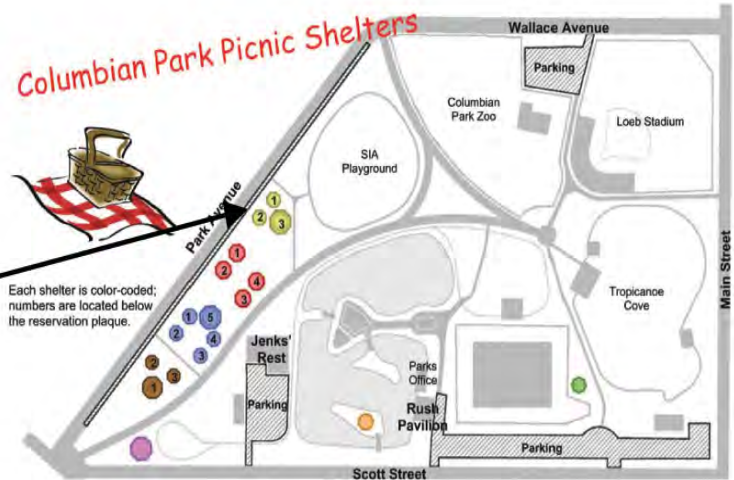
DON'T MISS THE LABOR DAY ACTIVITIES.....

LABOR'S FAMILY DAY PICNIC SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd

Columbian Park, Lafayette, Indiana

Yellow Shelter's #1 and #2

11:00 am - 4:00 pm



Monday, September 5th Labor Day Parades



Terre Haute
Line Up at 10:00 am
at
11th & Wabash

Danville
Line Up at 9:00 am
at the Railroad Crossing
next to Big-4



Palestine
Line Up at 9:00 am
Call the office for
the location



Postlewait-Griffin **OHS** Scholarship Ride

Saturday, Aug. 27th, 2016 at Oblong Park

Sign-up: 8:00 A.M. Kickstands up: 9:00 A.M.

All bikes & vehicles welcome; riding rain or shine!

FREEWILL DONATIONS APPRECIATED

Route to be announced at sign-up; prizes will be given at each stop.

Raffle: Lever-Action Nickel-Plated Henry Rifle .22 engraved with 2016 Scholarship Ride + Stephen's and John's names.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6/\$5.

An identical rifle will be auctioned following the ride.

Food & Auction following at American Legion at Oblong Park

Scholarship donations can be made at First National Bank in Oblong or Robinson.

T-shirts in limited numbers will be available for \$12 at signup.

Pre-orders are appreciated to ensure availability.

**For info or
tickets**

contact:

**Steve or Lisa
Postlewait:
618.455.3664**

**Rachel
Snider:
618.562.1297**

In Loving Memory Of









\$24,500.00 in scholarships have been awarded to OHS graduates since 2010.

August 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	UA CONVENTION					
7	8	9	10	11	12  Union Meeting 8:00 pm Terre Haute Meeting Hall	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	UA INSTRUCTOR TRAINING					
21	22	23 Incoming Apprentice Orientation 6:00 pm	24	25 2-5 Year Apprentice Meeting 6:00 pm	26	27  Postlewait-Griffin OHS Scholarship Ride - 8:00 AM
28  Local 157 Golf Outing Rocky Ridge Golf Course Darlington, IN Reg 6:30 am Tee off 8:00 am	29  First Day of Classes	30	31			

September 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2  Union Meeting 8:00 pm Terre Haute Meeting Hall	3 Labor Day in the Park 11:00 am Lafayette, IN
4	5  Labor Day Parades in Terre Haute, Danville & Palestine	6	7	8	9	10  Local 157 Family Picnic Gates open at 10:00 am
11	12	13	14	15	16	17  UA Weld Test 8:00 am (Subject to attendance)
18	19	20	21	22  Autumn Begins	23  Apprentice Graduation Dinner 6:00 pm TH Mtg Hall	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

MARK YOUR CALENDARS**Monthly Union Meeting
PLEASE NOTE DATE
CHANGE**

**Friday, August 12th, 2016 at
8:00 pm in the Terre Haute
Meeting Hall**



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**Monthly Union Meeting
Friday, September 2nd, 2016
at 8:00 pm in the Terre Haute
Meeting Hall**

**Quarterly Union Meeting
Saturday, October 1st, 2016
at 10:00 am in the Terre
Haute Meeting Hall
Service Pin Ceremony**



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