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EASTER EGG HUNT FOR 2020 WILL BE CANCELLED



We apologize but want to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Easter!

KIDS FISHING RODEO SATURDAY, JUNE 13TH, 2020

Registration is 8:00 am
Tournament from 8:30 to Noon
Pond East of the Main Office Building

**Prizes will be given in each age group!
Lunch will be provided.**



**This event is open to all Local 157 Members
children and grandchildren.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.**

IN SEARCH OF:

I AM LOOKING FOR A FEW PICTURES. PICTURE OF THE BUS USED TO TRANSPORT
MEMBERS FROM LAFAYETTE TO TERRE HAUTE MEETINGS DURING 70'S AND 80'S.

PICTURE OF APPRENTICE BUILDING LOCATED BEHIND OLD UNION HALL ON 13TH STREET

PICTURES OF DANVILLE, LOCAL 293 MEMBERS, JOBS, ETC.

PICTURE OF OLD ARCADE BUILDING LOCATED AT 116 SOUTH 6TH STREET IN TERRE HAUTE. OUR
LOCAL WAS OPERATED OUT OF THAT BUILDING IN THE LATE 40'S

UNTIL WE PURCHASED THE PROPERTY.

ALSO, LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE ONE OF AT LEAST THREE GENERATIONS OF LOCAL 157, 293, OR 240.

THANK YOU, MITCH POYNTER - MITCHP53@GMAIL.COM



Business Manager's Report

Mark W. Swaner

Here we are in the first week of March writing this column and for now it is starting to look like spring just might be on its way.

To bring everyone up to date, we are going to receive a grant from the United Association so that we may bring on an Organizer for our Gas Distribution Division. On April 1st we have scheduled interviews with four of our members to fill this position. The interviews will be conducted by Joe Rohrer UA Special Representative for the Organizing and Recruitment Department, Robert Johnson UA Special Representative for the states of Indiana and Kentucky, Brian Moreno Lead Organizer for the Indiana State Pipe Trades and Mike Mikich UA Special Representative for the Pipeline and Gas Distribution Department.

On March 24th we will be meeting with Marathon, Mike Pleasant Assistant General President of the United Association and Illinois State Building Trades members to discuss the NMA and address building trades issues concerning the 95 percent wage scale at the Robinson Marathon Refinery.

By the time the next newsletter comes out it will be the first of May. At that meeting we will need to vote our raise of \$1.00. There is time for thought and discussion before May so please attend the union meetings.

In accordance with the CDC guidelines, we are unfortunately having to cancel the April Union Meeting and the Easter Egg Hunt. Everyone please stay safe!

**NEVER MISS AN
ELECTION AGAIN
VOTE.ORG**

Am I registered to vote?

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 140 journeymen and 43 apprentices actively seeking employment with 75 Journeymen and 9 apprentices on travel calls. For the month of January we dispatched 47 journeymen and 11 apprentices with 10 call backs and 25 members to travel jobs. For the month of February we dispatched 49 journeymen and 16 apprentices with 5 call backs and 30 members to travel jobs.

As this newsletter reaches you the spring outage at Newton Powerhouse should be in full swing. Fluor Maintenance Services will be replacing coal piping, burner nozzles and some high energy piping. They are scheduled to work 5 to 7 weeks of 6-10's. The Marathon spring turn around started March 10th. It is a short turn around and Morris was able to work it with the manpower they already have employed. The fall turn around will be much larger and will require more people. I will keep you informed as more information is available.

I have no new information regarding the casinos or fertilizer projects. They are currently clearing property for the Danville Carle Clinic. This is approximately a 200 million dollar project and the mechanical and plumbing bids have not been awarded yet but we should hear something soon.

The Terre Haute V.A. Clinic is scheduled to start June 1st and the project is currently being bid. Travel work has slowed considerably but should pick back up the closer we get to spring.

Save the date for the Annual Kids Fishing Rodeo. It will be held June 13th and registration will be 8:00 am to 8:30 am with fishing from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. Lunch and bait will be provided and there will be prizes for each age group.

Financial Secretary Treasurer's Report

Paul "P.A." Atterson



At the time of this writing, we are in the first week of March. I have flowers peeking through in my yard, and spring is coming. Like everyone I am thankful for our mild winter and await hopefully a busy spring.

Like many of you, I have been watching way too many political shows. After Super Tuesday it looks like we are down to Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders as the last two Democrat Presidential Hopefuls.

I urge all our members to "GET OUT TO VOTE". Try to involve your entire family as well as all your friends. We will need to be more involved then ever before. So plan on helping where you can. Please remember to vote for Friends of Labor. Not people who like "Right to Work".

The last several months we have been working on getting a dedicated Organizer for Local 157's Gas Distribution Division. Our Local has jurisdiction for the state of Indiana and Kentucky, as well as 6 counties in Illinois. We feel this is a market we can grow. We know many of our shortcomings can be fixed once we develop a person who will become recognizable to our utilities, our contractors and our membership. We have plans for our Local to become a much better partner with our Distribution Contractors. With time we believe we can improve things for everyone involved.

In closing, I want to thank all our sister locals, as well as locals all over the country who employ our members daily. We are truly blessed with the many good relationships we have maintained over these years. Thank you to all the hands out there, who "represent" on these many jobs. It is because of your efforts we enjoy such a good reputation.



Field Representative's Report

Stephen Snyder

The groundwork for major construction projects continue to be laid in our Northern territory. If you are looking for solid employment and have an Indiana Plumbing License then please call the Lafayette office (765) 477-7092. The demand for licensed plumbers will surpass the 2019 demand and will continue to climb. These jobs are generally year round and are stable and reliable. Please contact the Training Department for help obtaining an Indiana Plumbing License.

Several of the largest and most intense projects are still in full construct mode. The schedule of the Meredith Hall and 3rd Street Towers known as P3 at Purdue has slowed considerably due to other finishing trades and general construction falling behind. This has caused the contractor to scale down on plumbers until things get caught up. Other projects that are still underway are (STEM) Science Technology Engineering and Math building, (ABE) Agriculture Biological Engineering building and the (PMU) Purdue Memorial Union Hotel renovation. All three of these projects are still under heavy construction. The second phase of the Polytech building has been awarded. This is yet another make ready package that involves utility work for services including steam and chilled water feeds for the 255K sq.ft. \$140 million dollar building. The largest mechanical and plumbing packages are phase IV which is scheduled to bid this April. The \$108 million dollar new Vet Science building has begun. Augur Cast Piles are being drilled as I type. Shambaugh and Son have picked up the first phase of underground plumbing. The massive quick turn-around restroom remodel at Shreve and Hillenbrand hall has been awarded with a May start date. These two separate bid projects consist of over 700 plumbing fixtures and associated drain waste vents with potable water supplies demoed and reinstalled on 24 floors in three months. This will take several dozen licensed plumbers working overtime to meet this aggressive schedule. \$40 million dollar DATA Science building has been awarded to Wilhelm Construction and Gilbane has picked up the \$20 million dollar Band and Orchestra building. Both of these projects start this summer.

The City of Lafayette and West Lafayette both have aggressive capital improvement projects currently underway. The most notable are the new \$25 million dollar Loeb Stadium project and the Penguin exhibit both at Lafayette's Colombian Park. The (RFD) Request for Design was issued by the City of Lafayette for a large multi-million dollar Lafayette Police Department. Over 36 (AE) Architect and Engineering firms have been solicited. West Lafayette has a multi-million dollar City hall renovation as well as a brand new Aquatic Center located on the North side of the city. Both of these projects are currently underway. The (RFP) Request for Proposal for the \$11 million dollar West Lafayette Library has been awarded to KRM Architecture as a Construction Manager and as constructor (CMc). Studies are being done to determine schedules and bid dates.

Our Service work enjoys constant growth. Our contractors are consistently in need of HVAC/REF Techs. in our Northern market. Our market share in this sector continues to grow and has proven a challenge to keep up with the demand. The demand for a 30 year old service tech with 20 years' experience is not attainable. We must educate and cultivate willing and capable mechanically minded apprentices through our HVAC/REF program at our Lafayette Training Facility. If you know of interested and capable potential apprentices get me a resume.

Enjoy your Easter and I wish all good luck and have a blessed 2020.

Do you know who your Beneficiary is.....?

Has your situation changed and needs updating.....?

When in doubt, call and confirm and update if needed.

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Pension Plan (812) 877-3588

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Rich Cheever
Training Coordinator

TRAINING NEWS

From the Educational Trust Department of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157

Shane Alumbaugh
AWP Welding Instructor

www.157trainingcenter.org

On Saturday, January 25, we hosted our local's apprentice contest to determine who would represent us in the plumbing, pipefitting and welding disciplines at Fort Wayne Local 166 at the Indiana State Pipe Trades Apprentice Contest March 24-26. These contestants were given the same projects to complete in accordance with their skill discipline of choice. Their projects were then judged by experts and ranked. FYI—all this is done on a voluntary basis. The Training Department would like to thank these volunteers.



Welding - Trevor Hill



Pipefitting - Brad Wilcox



Plumbing - Cole Bell

Last fall, Business Manager Mark Swaner and I attended a meeting at the Terre Haute Children's Museum. We met with Executive Director Susan Turner and two others to discuss an exhibit promoting the construction industry, and specifically our trade. Troy Bennett and I discussed how we could incorporate this into a class project. Troy took ownership of it and utilized ideas from different members, including apprentices and journeymen. Troy also met with Grizzly Supply and Industrial Supply for material donations to complete the design. Visit the Terre Haute Children's Museum and take the time to visit the third floor "Construction Zone" area. Many hours went into the design and construction of this interactive display. Thank you to Troy Bennett and all those that contributed.

Dates to Remember:

Weld Tests - 3rd Saturday of each month

Med Gas Recertification - T.H. Training Center March 28th 8:00–2:00 EST

Industrial Rigging Recertification - T.H. & LAF Training Center March 28th 8:00-4:00 EST

The computer test starts at 8:00am EST on April 4th

ISPTA State Apprentice Contest - Fort Wayne, IN. – March 24, 25 & 26





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Stephanie Morgan
Administrative Manager

During the months of December 2019 and January 2020, your Health and Welfare Plan staff processed 16,365 claims, totaling \$7,202,076.29.

I would like to take this time 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. Noncovered expenses and expenses which exceed the Maximum Annual Benefit or other Plan maximums, DO NOT apply to the Deductible Amount or the Out-of-Pocket Limit.

One way to reduce your co-insurance and out of pocket expense for doctor and urgent care visits, 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. You will find the app in your smartphone's App Store. If you should run in to any trouble using the app or would be charged for your LiveHealth visit, please contact this office so that we may assist you.

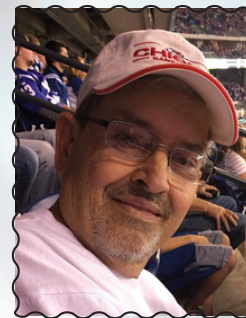


In Memoriam

Harvey L. Breland, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on January 11th, 2020. Harvey was born on February 4th, 1938 and was initiated into the United Association on April 25th, 1968.



Danny L. Harris, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on January 14th, 2020. Danny was born on August 20th, 1947 and was initiated into the United Association on September 3rd, 1970.



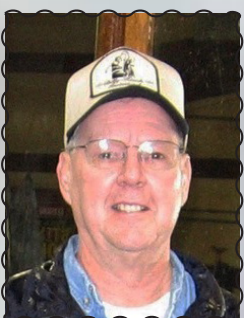
Claude W. Foote Jr, a retired Metal Trades Journeyman from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on January 16th, 2020. Claude was born on December 20th, 1934 and was initiated into the United Association on January 3rd, 1994.



Richard E. Weir, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from West Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on February 10th, 2020. Ricahrd was born on June 25th, 1946 and was initiated into the United Association on June 3rd, 1966.



Jerry L. Mahan, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on February 13th, 2020. Jerry was born on December 1st, 1941 and was initiated into the United Association on May 5th, 1972.



John L. Bian, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Hanover, Indiana passed away on February 24th, 2020. John was born on February 23rd, 1935 and was initiated into the United Association on December 28th, 1970.



BLOOD DRIVE

Help Someone
Bloom

SCHEDULE YOUR
DONATION NOW

**Tuesday
March**

31

5:00PM-8:00PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.

PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS BLOOD DRIVE

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Blood Center of Indiana



SHOWCASING THEIR TALENTS

Local 157 apprentices designed, drafted, built and hydro tested the copper structure which resembles a welding stinger.

L to R front row - Ian Darr, Tyler Myers, Chris O'Toole, Dylan Bickett and Jonah Paris.

L to R back row - Andrew Scott, Troy Wheeldon, Tyler Davis, Brady Petit, Tyler Cornell, Eian Stidham and Buck Scott.



FIELD TRIP

A group of high school students from Casey-Westfield High School toured the training center where they were able to get a better understanding of the industry and what it entails.

**Students were given hands on training utilizing the tools of the trade.
We hope to see these young people apply and succeed!**





Children's Museum Display "UNDER CONSTRUCTION"

In this hands-on exhibit, kids of all ages will learn how buildings are built, what it takes to have a career in the trades, the skills needed to use tools and get a bird's-eye view of the construction site for the new Terre Haute Convention Center.

You must go by and see the Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157 interactive display that Instructor Troy Bennett put together. Thank you Troy for representing the local and putting together this excellent display for the Children's Museum.

Meeting With Our Political Candidates

Local 157 Field Representative Steve Snyder meets with Attorney General candidate Johnathan Weinzapfel to discuss the issues that concern working families.



Members on the job at the Newton Power Station

Members working the spring outage for Fluor Mechanical Services
Pictured L to R - Joe Nichols, Danny Bellessa, Rob Bower, Robert Shock, Webb Crouch III, Leonard Daugherty and Alen Jones



TIPPECANOE BUILDING TRADES SUMMER CONSTRUCTION EXPO

All hands-on instruction from skilled tradespersons from the trade of your choice.



	June 9th	Operating Engineers	Operating Engineers: Operate mini excavators and learn about earth moving and excavation fundamentals also receive an introduction to GPS and Trimble systems.
	June 9th	Teamsters	Teamsters: Learn the controls and operations of dump trucks and transport equipment.
	June 16th	Plaster & Cement Masons	Plaster & Cement Masons: Build a rock wall with plaster and cement. Learn how to apply proper epoxy flooring and different finishes.
	June 16th	Bricklayers	Bricklayers: Learn about mortar and material manipulation. Build hands on a brick and block wall.
	June 23rd	Carpenters	Carpenters: Learn how to read engineering rod, build scaffold and build birdhouse out of pine materials.
	June 23rd	Roofers	Roofers: Learn how to apply different waterproofing systems including shingles and rubber roofs.
	June 30th	Painters/Glazers	Painters/Glazers: Learn how to finish drywall and properly apply interior and exterior painting systems. Learn how glass and storefront window systems are made and installed.
	June 30th	Electricians	Electricians: Learn to size wire, bend metal conduits and mount motor equipment. Use electrical meters and devices with low voltage applications.
	July 7th	Ironworkers	Ironworkers: Learn how structural steel is erected and fabricated. Operate cutting torches and welding equipment. Experience hands on installation of I-beam structure.
	July 7th	Sheet Metal Workers	Sheet Metal Workers: Layout and build several projects out of galvanize sheet metal including barn star, pencil holders and tool box. Learn proper tool use and identification.
	July 14th	Heat Frost Insulators	Heat Frost Insulators: Cut and fabricate equipment and pipe covering out of several insulation materials.
	July 14th	Plumbers/Pipefitters	Plumbers/Pipefitters: Learn to solder copper, braze and weld carbon steel piping along with hands on piping projects ranging from metal material to plastics.
	July 21st	On-site Visits	On-site Visits: Tour active, high profile construction sites to observe skill trades in action.

Are you interested in a career in the trades?

Join us this summer to explore all the trades in Greater Lafayette. Check out some of the activities you can experience this summer and get a glimpse of the day in the life of a skilled journey person.

- Register at www.unionsbuilditbetter.com
- Must be 14 years of age or older.
- Each trade will have both morning and afternoon classes available.
- Catered lunch will be provided each day, plus free swag!
- Camp locations at Professional Training Facilities located in Lafayette



SPRING RETIREE'S LUNCHEONS



Lafayette

Terre Haute

Danville

April, 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 CANCELLED Union Meeting 10:00 am TH Meeting Hall
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 CANCELLED Easter Egg Hunt 11:00 AM
12 Happy Easter	13	14	15 Tax Time	16	17	18 UA Weld Test 8:00 am
19	20	21	22 Earth Day	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

May, 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Union Meeting 8:00 pm TH Meeting Hall	2
3	4	5 Indiana Primary Election Vote	6	7 Apprentice Graduation Hulman Center 6:00	8	9 Stamp Out Hunger USP Workers Food Drive
10 MOM Happy Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16 ARMED FORCES DAY UA Weld Test 8:00 am
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25 MEMORIAL DAY	26	27	28	29	30

MARK YOUR

Quarterly Union Meeting
Saturday, April 4th, 2020
10:00 am in the
Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Monthly Union Meeting
Friday, May 1st, 2020
8:00 pm in the
Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Monthly Union Meeting
Friday, June 5th, 2020
8:00 pm in the
Terre Haute Meeting Hall



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