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A special shout out to Local 157 CWI Jeremiah Lewis who took the day off of work to proctor several weld test for the Twin Lakes HS welding class. Thanks for stepping up Jeremiah and representing Local 157.

L to R: Jess Horlacher Assistant Director Career Tech Ed Indiana Trails Co-op, Twin Lakes Welding Instructor Kim Rosenbaum, Jim Stradling Executive Director with Indian Trails Co-op and CWI Local 157 Member Jeremiah Lewis.



Local 157 Member Justin Ashby works on top of Loeb Stadium checking refrigerant pressures for startup of walk-in coolers.

Keep up the good work!



Local 157 Hosted Lee Dillon from Union Benefit Advisors to meet with our members regarding retirement. The do's and don'ts. Anyone interested in meeting one on one with him can reach out to Lee at lee@unionbenefitadvisors.com



Local 157 Business Manager Mark Swaner meets with Joe Donnelly at the American Rescue Talk held at the Operator's Hall



Business Manager's Report

Mark W. Swaner

It is already the start of the third quarter of 2021 and the summer is more than half over. We hope that all members and their families enjoyed their 4th of July celebration and braved the heat and humidity because it was a hot one.

By now everyone should be aware that the negotiations between the Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157 and the Wabash Valley Mechanical Contractors Association have come to a dead end. The issue that got us here was the differences with the economic package. The WVMCA feel we do not need much of a raise because Local 157 has not had much work in the past three years and is reflecting on a cost-of-living indicator of 1.3%. Well there is a lot of things getting ready to happen in this jurisdiction from the announcement at Wabash Valley Resources to the new communication from Thyssenkrupp-Cronus and Steel Dynamics Heartland LLC, just to mention a few. With an inflation rate of 5% I believe a higher economic package is in order. It is my opinion that they had no intentions of negotiating from the start. It was just to hold our scale down before work starts happening. So, at this time we were left with three options first to take the offer, second would be to go out on strike and the third is arbitration. Through the United Association there is a group called the Industrial Relations Council (IRC). The purpose of the council is to provide an approved and orderly process to avoid strikes/lockouts and settle grievances. Taking the offered minuscule raise was not an option, going out on strike right now knowing only jobs under our current CBA are affected with looming non-union standing at the gates makes a strike very risky. Now I'm not saying the IRC does not come with risk because it does and there is no way to get through this without occurring some risk. But with the research of facts and real large work coming to the jurisdiction of Local 157 I think we stand an excellent chance of leaving arbitration with a good and fair result. The meeting is in Denver, Colorado on August 9th and 10th with the outcome most likely on the 10th. When the outcome is reached we will be preparing to bring this information to the membership.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming events.

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Business Agent's Report

Wilbur E. "Webb" Crouch III

As of this publication there are 166 Journeymen and 34 Apprentices actively seeking employment. For the month of May, we dispatched 64 Journeymen and 15 Apprentices with 17 call backs and 38 members to travel jobs. For the month of June, we dispatched 85 Journeymen and 32 Apprentices with 11 call backs and 31 members to travel jobs.

Recently Nikola Corporation invested 50 million dollars in the proposed hydrogen plant at Wabash valley Resources (former DESTEC). This is an enormous boost for the plant and will be one of the largest carbon capture and clean hydrogen production projects in the United States.

The Danville Building Trades is currently working on the PLA for the Casino project.

The Danville Prison water upgrade project has been reassigned to Reliable Mechanical. It is approximately 6000 man hours and I will pre-job with them as soon as they have a signed contract.

Davis/Houk has yet to receive a signed contract for the Danville Carle Clinic. This project is approximately 21,000 man hours.

Vermillion County, Indiana awarded the jail expansion project to A&R Mechanical. They are reviewing the terms of the contract and I will pre-job when they agree upon the details. This project has a sizeable 4.2 million man hours on the mechanical portion.

Over the last few months Bob Stieneker, Chair of the ISPTA drug policy committee, has been working diligently to get all of the information from DISA transferred to ITI to no avail. Starting July 1, 2021 everyone in the plan will start with a clean record and will receive new drug cards and numbers. Moving forward the policies and protocol for test procedures, failures and reestablishing compliance will remain the same.

Travel work is starting to open up. Anyone interested in traveling feel free to call me at the office.

Wishing you a great summer and looking forward to seeing all of you at the picnic!



Financial Secretary Treasurer's Report

Paul "P.A." Atterson

At the time of this writing we believe our world is moving back towards a bright future and away from fear and uncertainty. This last year we know so many things were cancelled or put on hold. Now we have seen a resurgence in all directions. Everyone is ready to start moving forward.

It was recently announced that Nikola Motor Company bought \$50 million stake in an Indiana Hydrogen Plant. Our old S&G Solutions or Destec Plant is slated to produce a supply of hydrogen to power their line of hydrogen powered trucks. They have stated the Hydrogen Plant would supply their fueling stations for their fleet of semi-sized trucks within a 300 mile radius of the plant.

Some reports also talk of enough hydrogen to turn a turbine capable of producing 285 megawatts. So that means possibly some kind of power supplying unit. Single-cycle, combined-cycle would need to be built.

We also still believe the fertilizer, our original by-product of breaking the syn-gas down is still in the mix. And we still have Sequestration of CO₂ as an important factor in the equation for this plant to grow. There are a lot of things they need to answer first before a sense of comfort becomes evident. Plus people must get on board.

So as you can see there are several different directions we are going. I personally can't wait for Local 157 to once again shine. Our local and members are up for any task or skill set that is required.

As always now is a good time to give yourself an evaluation. Whether it's weld certifications, plumbing licenses, med gas or etc. We all need to stay current with what our industry is needing. Our Training Department with Shane and Brad are here to help you become more employable. Start planning to get the certifications and licenses that you need. Don't let time go by. You don't want to miss a job because you don't have a piece of paper. Please plan ahead.

We have been very busy making plans for upcoming events. We fully expect to have our Local Picnic, Labor Day events in Terre Haute, Palestine, Danville and Labor Day in the Park in Lafayette. As well as our 125th Anniversary Celebration here in Terre Haute. Stay tuned for dates and times. We really hope and want everyone to participate in all these events. We especially hope our retiree's come out. After the last year we all need to see old friends and make some new ones.

I do want to take a moment to Congratulate our newest Journeymen. This last year several of our members simply were not able to be celebrated for reaching their accomplishments the way we would have liked. So again, Thanks for putting in all the hard work. Welcome to the best trade in the world! In closing, keep the Faith, it will all work out.





Field Representative's Report

Stephen Snyder

Work continues to move forward in the northern jurisdiction. The recent weather surge with rain and humidity has not slowed any projects down. Its now more than ever important to stay hydrated and keep your core body temperature regulated. This is also an important time to make sure your co workers are doing the same. Please keep an eye on our young apprentices and older members as we move forward through this heat wave.

As I reported in my last article the material cost for construction and the massive supply chain issue continues to plague construction budgets across the region. Many end users, municipalities and manufactures are hedging their bets and taking a "wait and see approach" to these issues. This approach will definitely have a negative impact on work projections for our members going forward. I hope this will be short lived and our recovery will continue to progress forward.

We still have several projects that are underway at Purdue University that should keep several of our members busy for the months ahead. The multi-million-dollar Vet Pathology Building is still under heavy construction at this time along with the Combined Heat and Power conversion at Wade Utility. The Hagel building (band orchestra) is moving along nicely and the multi-story restroom remodel for Hillebrand Hall is all but finished at this time. Lab remodels and HVAC upgrades ranging from \$100K to \$2 million are abundant at this time and continue to employ our skilled members.

The municipal work is looking bright for the first quarter of next year. Both Lafayette and West Lafayette are making progress moving forward on a master plan for the twin cities. The West Lafayette Library is back under construction after having massive delays from COVID 19 and unexpected tax revenue shortfalls. This unforeseen drop in tax revenue has definitely put a damper on future projects and development however both Mayor Roswarski and Mayor Dennis have both done an outstanding job managing our tax funds and revenue over the years. That statement means that this financial impact will be a little easier to handle than other municipalities.

The heavy industrial work is still moving albeit slow and unpredictable. The supply chain disruption is really impacting this sector of our work. There is not one silver bullet to return things to normal but a combination of events that need to happen for us to experience a full recovery. We still have crews at Arconic, Wabash National, Rea Magnet Wire, General Electric, Subaru Industrial, Heartland Automotive and Raybestos in Crawfordsville to name a few. Both IU Health and St. Francis Hospitals continue to use our drug free highly skilled workforce to improve and update their facilities as healthcare continues to lead the charge in life saving work.

Our service department is going forward at yet another rapid pace. Currently we have 41 HVAC members working in the Northern area. Of those 41, 20 have been organized directly from our competitors along with their customers. This is what is called direct market share recovery. We work on everything from centrifugal chillers, Ice machines, food processing equipment, HVAC comfort systems, cryogenics and on and on. This continues to prove once again that this vein of work needs our full attention to grow our membership and provide steady employment for our members. Growing pains are not easy however our Training Department has been leading the charge on this necessary shift to our training curriculum.

This past year has been hard on a tremendous amount of people both mentally and physically. So please remember to employ empathy towards your sisters and brothers along with a heavy dose of patience. We are healing and will emerge stronger and better than before.

**As President of the Tippecanoe Building Trades
I was asked to say a few words at the IBEW 668
110th Year Anniversary Celebration.
I took that opportunity to let them know
that the Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157 are
and forever will be the superior craft.**

Pictured L to R; Business Manager of IBEW 668 Larry Spencer
and Local 157 Field Representative/President
of the TBTC Steve Snyder



Shane Alumbaugh
Training Coordinator

TRAINING NEWS

From the Educational Trust Department of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157

Brad Robertson
Welding Coordinator

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

The new school year is coming soon. There have been some changes made to some of our classes and certifications. The Industrial Rigging certification has been changed to a combo cert. It will now be an Industrial Rigging/Signaling certification. The test now consists of 120 questions instead of 100. It has 37 signal and crane dynamic related questions instead of 10.

For members who already have the Rigging cert; to recertify, they have to take the 120 question test instead of the 50 question test. Anyone that takes the Recertification test and fails will have to retake the 40 hour class and do the practical and written test again.

This Fall we will be offering Industrial Rigging Recert and Med Gas Recert classes. These classes will be posted on the website as soon as we have the dates.

The Weld Shop is open from 8:00am – 4:30pm EST for anyone that wants to come in and weld. The door is locked and has to stay locked due to the Anti Shooter Policy we had to put into place. If you knock and get no answer, call the number on the sign on the door and someone will let you in.

Congratulations Class of 2020



2020 Graduating Apprentices didn't have the same celebration as in years past. However, at the July Union Meeting they were honored and received their diplomas.

Pictured L to R; Webb Crouch, Donald Julbert, PA Atterson, Zeberiah Bickett, Nick Edington, Monty Nester, Daniel Norris and Business Manager Mark Swaner



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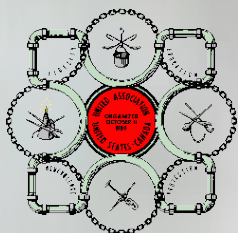
During the months of April and May 2021, your Health and Welfare Plan staff processed 16,601 claims, totaling \$6,455,563.83.

I would like to remind all Active, Eligible Employees of a Weekly Disability Benefit that is available when eligible for coverage under the plan.

Accrued Weekly Disability Benefits shall, subject to receipt of proper proof of loss, be paid provided the period for which payment is sought has elapsed. When Sickness or Injury suffered on or off the job shall disable and prevent an active, eligible Employee in the labor market area from engaging in any gainful employment, the Plan shall pay the benefit set forth in the Schedule of Benefits which is currently \$500.00 per week, less FICA tax. Benefits shall be paid for full weeks of disability only for a maximum period of fifteen (15) weeks and no benefits shall be paid for partial weeks of disability. In the case of Sickness, you WILL NOT be paid for the first seven (7) days; however, a form properly certifying that you were under the care of a Physician during that week must be filed. Each form must be signed and submitted by the Physician who verifies that you were unable to work during the period for which you are claiming benefits. No Weekly Disability Benefits shall be paid on behalf of an Eligible Dependent, a retired or Disabled individual or a widow or widower and is not available under the COBRA coverage.

Please contact the fund office for additional information or to inquire on filing a form.

In Memoriam



David A. Carroll, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Crawfordsville, Indiana passed away on May 17th, 2021. David was born on July 5th, 1946 and was initiated into the United Association on October 6th, 1967.



William D. Garringer, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Lafayette, Indiana passed away on May 24th, 2021. William was born on October 18th, 1931 and was initiated into the United Association on October 21st, 1968.

Russell E. Nixon, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Bloomington, Indiana passed away on June 30th, 2021. Russell was born on August 6th, 1929 and was initiated into the United Association on September 27th, 1955.



Larry W. Rodgers, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Granite City, Illinois passed away on July 4th, 2021. Larry was born on March 10th, 1951 and was initiated into the United Association on October 1st, 1975.





NYHART RETIREMENT PLAN ACCOUNT

Participant Website Access

The participant website provides access to your retirement plan account so you can view your funds and manage your account. You can also learn about investing concepts and retirement plan topics. Because Nyhart became part of FuturePlan by Ascensus in 2019, you'll slowly start to see references to FuturePlan in our information and website.

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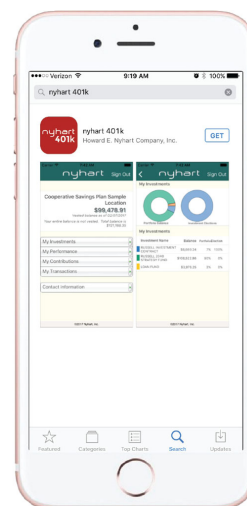
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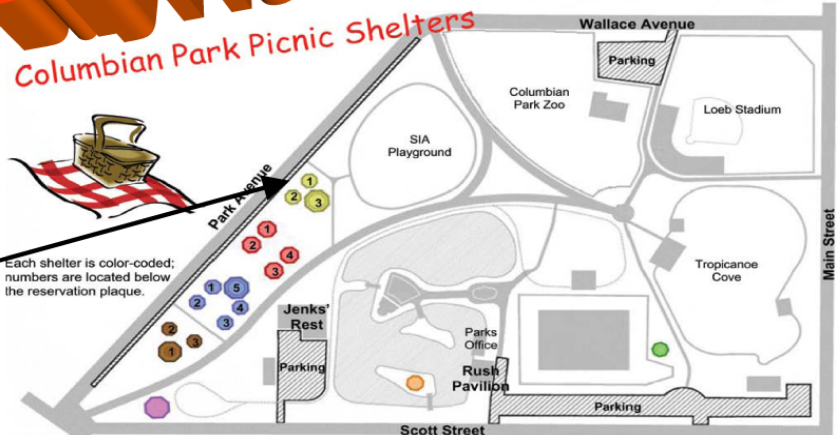
Labor's Family Day Picnic

SATURDAY, September 4th

Columbian Park, Lafayette, Indiana

Yellow Shelters #1 and #2

11:00 am - 4:00 pm



Labor Day Parades

MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 6th, 2021

Danville

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

Terre Haute

Line up at 10:00 am
at 11th & Wabash

Palestine

Line up at 9:00 am
Call for the location

**Any Local 157 Member who participates in any of the Parades
or the Lafayette Labor's Family Day Picnic will receive their
Local 157 T-Shirt Free!!**

Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157

Family Day Picnic

Saturday, September 11th, 2021

Gates Open at 10:00 am

Watch your mail for your
Invite with a list of this year's
happenings!



Local 157 Golf Outing Rocky Ridge Golf Course Darlington, IN Saturday, August 7, 2021

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

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Thank you in advance for your Sponsorship and we
look forward to seeing you there!

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POSTLEWAIT-GRIFFIN OHS SCHOLARSHIP RIDE

Saturday, Aug. 28th, 2021

Oblong First Christian Church (North of 4-Way Stop)

SIGN-UP: 8:00 A.M. KICKSTANDS UP: 9:00 A.M.

NATIONAL ANTHEM & DRIVER'S MEETING: 8:45 A.M.

ALL BIKES & VEHICLES WELCOME! RIDING RAIN OR SHINE!

ROUTE: Lincoln Log Cabin and the Charleston Dam

Prizes will be given at each stop.

GUN RAFFLE: SMITH & WESSON SHIELD 2.0 Easy Slide

HOG RAFFLE: 2 winners for half hogs (processing fees not included)

(ALL RAFFLE TICKETS ARE \$1 EACH OR 6/\$5)

FOOD & AUCTION: Following Ride at Oblong First Christian Church
at 206 N. Range at approximately 12:30 - 1 P.M.

T-SHIRTS: Limited numbers will be available for \$12 at sign-up.
Please pre-order by August 1st to ensure availability.

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

In Loving Memory Of








\$81,500.00 in scholarships have been awarded to OHS graduates since 2010.

**For info, tickets, Rachel Snider Steve or Lisa Postlewait Harlei Postlewait
or t-shirts, contact: 618.562.1297 618.455.3664 618-562-1252**

August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6  Union Meeting 8:00 pm TH Meeting Hall	7  Local 157 Golf Outing Reg. 6:45 am 8:00 am Tee-off
8	9	10 Incoming Apprentice Orientation - 6:00 pm	11	12 Returning Apprentice Orientation - 6:00 pm	13	14
15	16 Instructor Meeting 6:00 pm TH Hall	17 Instructor Meeting 5:00 pm Lafayette Hall	18	19	20	21  UA Weld Test 8:00 am
22	23	24	25	26	27	28  Postlewait - Griffin Scholarship Ride See Page 10
29	30 CLASSES RESUME	31	-----UA CONVENTION-----			

HELLO September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3  Union Meeting 8:00 pm TH Hall	4  Labor Day in the Park Lafayette See Page 8
5	6  LABOR DAY Parades in TH, Palestine, Danville See Page 8	7	8	9	10	11  LOCAL 157'S FAMILY PICNIC
12	13	14	15	16	17	18  UA Weld Test 8:00 am
19	20	21	22	23	24 Apprentice Graduation Dinner	25
26	27	28	29	30		
		Holiday Gift Basket Donations being accepted				

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Friday, August 6th, 2021 at
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Monthly Union Meeting
Friday, September 3rd, 2021 at
8:00 pm in the
Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Quarterly Union Meeting
Saturday, October 2nd, 2021 at
10:00 am in the
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