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**Congratulations to Local 136 and Local 157 Members who competed in the 43rd UA National Softball Tournament taking 3rd Place in their division.**

Special thank you to Local 136 for putting together this joint team and allowing our members to be a part. We look forward to building the teams in the future.



## RETIREMENT WORKSHOPS

There are 2 Retirement Workshops currently scheduled. Lafayette on the 30th of July at 9:00 am and Terre Haute on the 13th of August at 9:00 am. Spouses are encouraged to attend. You must register by either calling (260) 570-5463 or by emailing Lee Dillon at [lee@unionbenefitadvisors.com](mailto:lee@unionbenefitadvisors.com). Don't delay call and register!

## CONTACT INFORMATION

Make sure that the hall always has your updated contact information. Phone, email and current mailing address. It is important so you receive any correspondence and notifications. You can look online in the Member's Only section to verify that the information is correct. We will be adding your email address in that section soon.



On the job at Arconic working for Industrial Contractors Skanska are Local 157 Members (L to R) David Hoopingartner, Steward Robert Weaver, Skyler Lawrence, Nolan Lee and Connor Ferdinand



## Business Manager's Report

### Mark W. Swaner

Since my last column we have all experienced the change from spring to a very hot and dry summer and already beyond half way through 2022.

On Saturday, June 26th and Sunday, June 27th at the Terre Haute meeting hall our Health & Welfare and Health Gauge preformed a health screening that was free to all members and their dependents that were in good standing with the Health & Welfare. This screening turned out to be a big success with participation being enough to cover two days that were full of appointments. Everyone I have spoken to was impressed with the level of screening they received. There was a group of members that had received information of an immediate problem that needed to be taken care of as soon as possible. We do believe an annual health screening is beneficial to the well-being of our membership and in the long run a savings to our Health & Welfare plan. Those of you in the Northern area that were unable to attend the screening in Terre Haute should keep a lookout in the mail for Health Gauge coming to the Lafayette office soon.

For those members wanting information on investment and preparation for retirement we have scheduled two Retiree Workshops. This workshop was held last year and most everyone found it informative. The first seminar will be in Lafayette on July 30th and the second in Terre Haute on August 13th.

In the month of June, we did receive word that the first phase of the Steel Dynamics expansion had gone to non-union. This was highline piping going from existing facility to the new project. We are working with the Terre Haute Building Trades, Indiana State Pipe Trades, State Organizers and County Commissioners to turn this project around.

In closing we hope everyone had a safe and happy 4th of July and enjoy the rest of this hot summer.

## Piping Industry News

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## Business Agent's Report

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



As of this publication there are 175 journeyman and 22 apprentices actively seeking employment with 76 on travel jobs. For the month of May, we dispatched 80 journeymen and 35 apprentices with 20 call backs and 10 members to travel jobs. For the month of June, we dispatched 89 journeymen and 33 apprentices with 9 call backs and 41 members to travel jobs.

Danville is booming right now with school house work, two clinics, the casino and work at the Veterans Hospital. There is a large mechanical project also being bid for the Danville School District and we are still in dire need of Illinois Licensed Plumbers.

The Terre Haute Casino should start at any time and we are fairly confident that the plumbing and mechanical will be performed by Local 157 members.

I recently met with the CEO of Boulder Industries who has purchased the old Pyrolex facility. He assured me that he would use our members for any mechanical work on this project. The last factory they started in Missouri was completed using 90% union labor.

We recently met with a representative from Bechtel concerning the Cronus Fertilizer Project. They are updating EPA permits and working to complete the engineering for this proposed facility. He stated that they would like to start moving dirt late 2023 and would peak in 2025 at 500 pipefitters with 2-million-man hours in mechanical work. With a large player like Bechtel involved hopefully this project will finally get off the ground.

The first phase of the Steel Dynamics expansion went non-union despite our efforts with market recovery money. We will continue to monitor the situation and act accordingly.

The Marathon TAR is still tentatively scheduled for October and will take 20 plus people for 3 to 4 weeks of 6-10's. I received a call from the Business Agent of Local 553 thanking all the Local 157 members that came to work and helped make their TAR a success.

The Kids Fishing Rodeo had a good turnout with 20 kids catching 70 fish. Thank you to my official weights and measures team and all who helped set up and tear down for this event.

Congratulations goes out to our 157/136 softball team for a 3rd place finish in the UA tournament. Thank you Craig Stephens for getting the group together and thank you to Aaron Atterson, Ryan Bennett, TJ Dressler, James Benson and Michael Daugherty for representing Local 157.

## Financial Secretary Treasurer's Report

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



At the time of this column I have returned from Cincinnati, Ohio and the UA National Softball Tournament. This year after a number of years not being a part of it, Local 157 was contacted by our Brothers to the South, Local 136 in Evansville to combine players and form a 136/157 Team. This joint venture turned out to be quite successful. With a short window and not knowing each other very well, the Team was able to go through the Class-C portion of the tournament and gain a 3rd Place Trophy. Hopefully this success jump starts both Local's to field their own teams. It was a good time, with friendships made that I'm sure will last a lifetime. Again a big Thank You to Local 136 in Evansville.

As I am sure you are aware, work is getting ready to break all around us. Our own proposed, while down the road a little bit, sounds quite substantial. We believe Tuscola, Wabash Valley Resources, Evonics, Elanco, Nucor and Steel Dynamics all will come to life soon! While I don't believe anything until they order members, I am convinced the world has forced us to get moving on these homegrown jobs.

Like I have reminded our membership on countless occasions now is the time to gain certifications and licenses. You need to be prepared for where ever you want to go. Get with our Training Department Shane and Brad, they are here to help you obtain the skills for what you need. Don't procrastinate, do the work, get the job. It's that simple.

In closing I hope everyone has a great summer! Drive safely and please be aware of what's going on around you.



## Field Representative's Report

### Stephen Snyder

Supply chain issues still hamper several projects that are currently underway in our Northern region. Arconic Waste Water Treatment facility is still moving forward at this time. A contract extension has been granted to Skanska Contracting for this project by the owner. Completion date is now scheduled for September pending the arrival of owner supplied equipment critical to the completion and forward progression of this project. This is the same story but different metrics for other projects as well through out the region. The landscape and delivery system for construction projects are currently being re-written as we speak not only in our trade jurisdiction but across the nation affecting every aspect of the construction industry.

However, one rule of the construction industry is still applicable and at the forefront of this disruption of progress. That is the rule of supply and demand. Whomever has the largest, drug free, highly mobile skilled construction workforce will be at the absolute center of solving this massive problem we as a country face. No longer will labor cost drive the conversation going forward. The new driver of the conversation is process of transitioning to the availability of a reliable workforce that can deliver on time and under budget. This is in process and it will become the new normal going forward as the labor market for skilled plumbers and pipefitters continue to contract and decline due to natural attrition rates.

Purdue continues to aggressively lead the charge on bringing major players of the military industrial complex to the table. The new partnership with the United States Air Force has created quite the buzz across the entire country. The announcements of several multimillion-dollar capital investments by SABB, Rolls Royce and Raytheon will create its own micro economy that will spur development, both private and public for years to come. Purdue's jet propulsion Zucrow Labs has a \$73 Million dollar project on the books with Pepper Construction as CMC. Bid dates have not been released for the MEP portion. The site utilities are being installed, as I expect this to move as fast as the supply chain will allow. Mach 8 Hypersonic Research Lab is still tracking on schedule for early completion. The \$53 million-dollar multi-phase Schlemm/Stewart Hall renovation is still on the bid docket. The MEP for this project has not been released as of today.

Our regional high school work continues to unfold as time goes forward. Commercial Air was the low bid on the \$60 million-dollar new Klondike Elementary School. A pre-job has yet to be conducted, however this project is scheduled to start in the 1st quarter of 2023. Mintonye Elementary also has been awarded to Commercial Air and has started. Underground and rack piping are starting this month. This is a sizeable addition to the existing structure. Those two schools are the largest of the projects going on however we have dozens of mechanical and plumbing projects across the region that will keep our members busy.

I am happy to report that DA Dodd has inked a contract with Tonn and Blank to help build the new \$43 million dollar cancer center. The Sisters of Saint Francis continue to invest in our community and have displayed a continuous commitment to grow our region both in prosperity and spiritually. IU Hospital still is moving forward on its five year plan of enlarging its service at the McCarthy Lane facility. Numbers are not yet confirmed but what I have heard is very impressive and encouraging.

The Industrial sector is booming. Recently we had a chance to meet with Evonik, Freitag and Weinhardt and Wilhelm personnel to discuss Local 157 partnership going forward. The Site Trades Partnership (STP) is due to expire this coming October. Currently Wilhelm has this contract in full force at the Tippecanoe Lab site. The meeting was encouraging and candid as we discussed ways both of us could improve our business model and help each other going forward. We discussed the planned \$220 Million Capital plan to invest in production capacity and engineering. Currently Evonik's operators are at the table helping with design and operations for this new facility. NUCOR Steel is still planning the \$290 Million dollar expansion in the 3rd Quarter of 2023. This will be a major investment in this part of Montgomery County and will be a sizable project. Arconic WWTP, SIA, Frito-Lay, NHK seating and Wabash National have been keeping a lot of our members working steadily. The demand of our skill set continues to incline as retirement continues to reduce the qualified workforce.

Our service department is going forward at yet another record pace as I indicated last month. Refrigeration techs and HVAC Techs will remain in high demand as our work load continues to remain heavy in this market. The Supply chain ripple has turned this industry upside down and has reeked havoc on the ability to fix and repair critical systems. This problem, as well as equipment availability, has had customers resorting to fixing what they own at all cost until new equipment becomes available.

In closing I want to remind everyone that September 3rd we have our annual "Labor Day at the Park" in Lafayette. We will be located at the yellow shelters 1 and 2 along Park Ave. I hope to see everyone there. Please be safe and stay hydrated.

***"Right temporarily defeated is stronger than evil triumphant." MLK***



Shane Alumbaugh  
Training Coordinator

# TRAINING NEWS

## From the Educational Trust Department of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157

Brad Robertson  
Welding Coordinator

The new school year is about to begin.

Some of the upcoming classes that journeymen can attend if interested are OSHA 30, Industrial Rigging/Signaling and Illinois Plumbing Code Class. The OSHA Class will start on August 29th through September 27th and will meet on Monday and Tuesday evenings in both the Terre Haute Training Center and the Lafayette Training Center.

We will also be having Industrial Rigging/Signaling Class starting on August 29th and will end on October 11th, they will also be meeting on Mondays and Tuesdays.

We will be offering an Illinois Plumbing Code Class in Lafayette if we have enough people interested. These classes will be posted on our website and you must apply for them online.

## Industrial Rigging Class





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

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**Stephanie Morgan**  
Administrative Manager

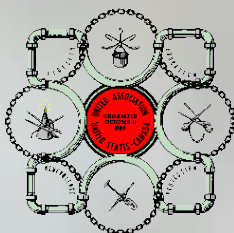
During the months of April and May 2022, your Health and Welfare Plan staff processed 17,017 claims, totaling \$6,610,288.20.

The annual HRA balance statements were mailed out in June. I would like to take this time to remind you of some of the HRA guidelines and coverage benefits available. The Internal Revenue Service defines qualified medical expenses as those specified in the plan that would generally qualify for the medical and dental expenses deduction when filing your taxes. These are explained in detail in the Internal Revenue Service's Pub. 502 and Pub. 969 and include amounts paid for health insurance premiums, amounts paid for long-term care coverage, amounts that are not covered under another health plan, and expenses for over-the-counter medicine (whether or not prescribed) and menstrual care products. Upon receipt of a reimbursement request and proof of payment, claims are reviewed and qualified prior to processing which eliminates the possibility of any tax liability and the need to send additional IRS forms at year end. Payments can be directed to the provider of service if the claim is unpaid OR sent back to you as a reimbursement for medical services paid out of pocket.

The HRA Claim for Reimbursement Form can be found on the Plan's website at: <http://www.pthwplan.org/supp.asp>. As a reminder, the total of receipts submitted must equal \$200 or more and paid within the last six (6) months to be eligible for reimbursement. Balances can be carried over year after year. You will forfeit the balance in the HRA if your coverage under the Pipe Trades Health & Welfare Plan terminates and there is no activity (contributions OR reimbursements) for a period of 36 months.

If you did not receive your annual statement or have additional questions regarding the HRA or Health and Welfare Benefits, please contact the office.

## In Memoriam



**Charles E. Wilde Sr**, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Jamestown, California passed away on May 20th, 2022. Charles was born on June 11, 1933 and was initiated into the United Association on July 2nd, 1964



**Leonard D. Johnson**, a retired Metal Trades Member from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on May 31st, 2022. Leonard was born on August 19th, 1951 and was initiated into the United Association on October 18th, 1976.

**Monte S. Garrett**, a Building Trades Journeyman from West Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on June 14th, 2022. Monte was born on September 17th, 1973 and was initiated into the United Association on September 1st, 1995.



**Paul E. Dudley**, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on June 26th, 2022. Paul was born on August 28th, 1949 and was initiated into the United Association on September 6th, 1974.



Those who touch our lives stay in our hearts forever.





# POSTLEWAIT-GRIFFIN OHS SCHOLARSHIP RIDE

**Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

## **OBLONG FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

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

**ALL BIKES & VEHICLES WELCOME! RIDING RAIN OR SHINE!**

**ROUTE:** Newton Rest Haven - Timbercreek Village, Robinson -  
Ridgeview Care Center, Oblong

Prizes will be given at each stop.

**This Year's Ride will be a Senior Meet and Greet.**

**GUN RAFFLE:** HENRY SILVERBOY .22

**HOG RAFFLE:** 2 winners for half hogs, processing fees included

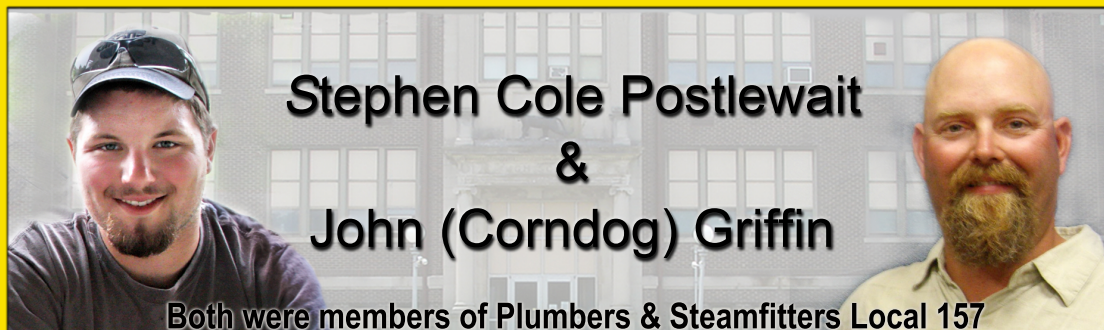
**ALL RAFFLE TICKETS ARE \$1 EACH OR 6/\$5**

**FOOD & AUCTION:** Following the Ride at Oblong Christian Church  
at approximately 12:00 - 12:30 P.M.

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

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

### **In Loving Memory Of**



**\$88,500.00 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**

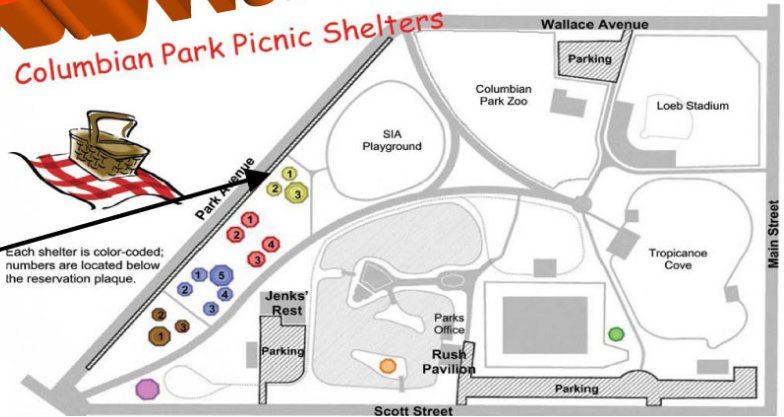


# Labor's Family Day Picnic

**SATURDAY, September 3rd**  
Columbian Park, Lafayette, Indiana

Yellow Shelters #1 and #2

11:00 am - 4:00 pm



# Labor Day Parades

**MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

## Danville

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

## Terre Haute

Line up at 10:00 am  
at 11<sup>th</sup> & 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!!

## LOCAL 157 FAMILY PICNIC

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2022**

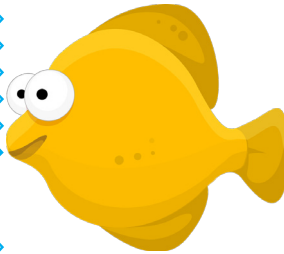
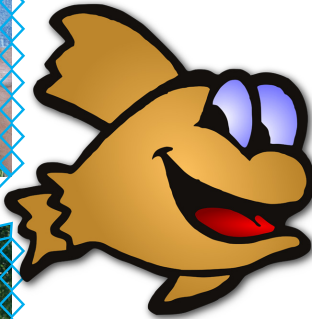
**GATES OPEN AT 10:00 AM**

**WATCH IN THE MAIL FOR YOUR INVITE WITH  
A LIST OF ALL THE HAPPENINGS!**





# KIDS FISHING RODEO





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**LOCAL 157**

## Golf Outing 2022

Rocky Ridge Golf Course  
Darlington, IN

Please note date change!

**Saturday, August 20, 2022**

**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 7/30/2022**

**Make checks payable to:**

**Adam Wright,**

**551 Jonathan Way, Lafayette, IN 47905**

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

Jon Wooten  
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Adam Wright  
Treasurer  
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Donations are not tax deductible.

**Major Sponsors of 2022 Local 157 Golf Outing:**





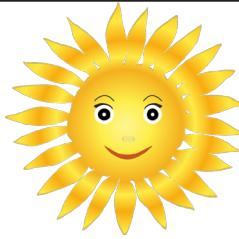


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	1	2	3	4	5  Union Meeting 8:00 pm TH Hall	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13  Retiree Workshop 9:00 am Terre Haute Meeting Hall
14	15	16	17	18	19	20  Local 157 Golf Outing - Rocky Ridge Reg 6:30 am
21	22 New Apprentice Orientation 6:00 pm	23  Returning Apprentice Orientation 6:00 pm	24  Instructor Orientation 6:00 pm	25 	26	27  Postlewait-Griffin OHS Scholarship Ride - 8:00 am
28		30	31			



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				1	2  Union Meeting 8:00 pm TH Hall	3  Labor Day in the Park Lafayette
4	5  LABOR DAY Parades in TH, Palestine, Danville	6	7	8	9	10  LOCAL 157'S FAMILY PICNIC
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23  Apprentice Graduation Dinner	24
25	26	27 <i>Holiday Gift Basket Donations being accepted</i>	28	29	30	

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Monthly Union Meeting  
Friday, August 5th, 2022  
at 8:00 pm in the  
Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Monthly Union Meeting  
Friday, September 2nd, 2022  
at 8:00 pm in the  
Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Quarterly Union Meeting  
Service Pin Ceremony  
Saturday, October 1st, 2022  
at 10:00 am in the  
Terre Haute Meeting Hall

**Dated Material Do Not Delay**

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