



VETERANS DAY

☆☆☆ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ☆☆☆

*Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157
would like to Thank all the brave men and women
who have and continue to serve and protect.*

May we NEVER forget that Freedom is not Free!

Retiree Christmas Luncheons

Wednesday, November 29th
Noon (CST)
Crawford County Forest Preserve

Tuesday, December 5th
Noon (EST)
Lafayette Meeting Hall

Friday, December 1st
Noon (EST)
Terre Haute Meeting Hall

Thursday, December 7th
Noon (CST)
Danville American Legion Post 210



Entek Groundbreaking Ceremony



**Manufacturer of Lithium Battery
Separators, breaks ground on a
\$1.5B Production Facility in
Terre Haute, Indiana.**

Pictured Left to Right -
Training Coordinator Shane Alumbaugh,
Financial Secretary/Treasurer Troy Bennett,
Business Manager Mark Swaner,
Business Agent Steve Snyder,
Gas Distribution Organizer Tom Gofourth,
Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb.



Business Manager's Report

Mark W. Swaner

Time for the third quarter October newsletter. We will start with updates I have concerning the rezoning of our property for construction of the new training center. On September 19th the Vigo County Commissioners approved the request from Local 157 to change from A-1 to C-3 regional commercial district. This will make it where we will be able to construct our new training center just north of where the Health & Welfare sits now, the zoning had to be completed before we could proceed further.

Now that this is complete we will talk further about funding and possible start dates. We do not yet have the new pricing from the size reduction, but hopefully we will by the November third Union Meeting.

Next we have a couple no cost improvements to our Health & Welfare, one is Hello Heart which is an at home heart monitor that connects to your phone and is at no cost to eligible members. Second is Sword Health and again from your phone after receiving your Sword kit you can have at home physical therapy. This is also at no cost to the members.

On October 7th we had our quarterly union meeting with our annual service pin ceremony. I would like to congratulate all recipients and thank them for their past and present service to Local 157.

We are currently in Open Enrollment for our Voluntary Dental and Vision Program. Please call the hall and request a packet if you are interested in enrolling.

In closing, I want to thank the largest Apprentice class ever for showing up to our quarterly meeting and taking the oath to become a member of Local 157. These young men and women will definitely help us with supplying skilled labor for the future of this Local.

I would like to wish everyone and Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

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Business Agent's Report

Stephen A. Snyder



Work opportunities throughout Local 157's Wabash Valley continues to be prosperous for our skilled plumbers and pipefitters. The construction market continues to evolve and change at a daily pace. One thing that keeps rising to the surface is the availability of skilled tradespersons to complete the massive number of future projects on time and under budget.

We had the pleasure to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the 1.6 billion-dollar Entek project located in Vigo County last month. This invite only ceremony was attended by the Governor and other dignitaries from Indiana as well as leadership from the General Contractor Clayco. Dialog was brisk and cordial with a heavy emphasis on skilled labor supply and scheduling

requirements of the project. Currently they are looking to move dirt the 4th quarter of this year. Wabash Valley Resources (WVR) continues to become more and more of a reality as grant requests have been submitted to the Department of Energy. WVR has held several local informational public meetings which have been heavily attended by naysayers. This has highlighted the need for education and public relations to help offset misinformation and fears about CO2 capture and storage.

The Queen of Terre Haute Casino is moving along well with construction timelines and milestones being met by Freitag - Weinhardt and Sycamore Engineering. This project has been a marquee for the City of Terre Haute and an economic game changer for the region. We have been fortunate enough to have Atlantic Plant Maintenance (APM) and BMWC working on an outage at Sugarcreek Power House. This small outage will employ several of our members for 6-8 weeks of 7-12 hour days. Completion is expected around November 11th.

Next up is Merom Power House with Sterling Industrial and Freitag - Weinhardt starting on pre-outage work as I type. This will be a much smaller outage for our members but good work none the less. These locations and Newton Power house emergency calls have kept our energy sector busy.

McAbee Renewable Natural Gas plant located at the Brickyard landfill in Danville Ill. Is all but finished as commissioning has started. This is yet another project that has been completed on time and under budget. Projects like these are designed and built all across our country to help mitigate climate change and landfill gas methane emissions.

Heresy is ongoing and moving forward with the expansion in Robinson. Ridge Plumbing has completed the plumbing portion and is all but finished. Jarrell contracting is currently working on the comfort systems while Freitag - Weinhardt have just started equipment hook ups. This 80 plus million-dollar expansion has been a bright spot for employment for our members. We were able to meet with Senco and Marathon supervision last month. Much of the discussion was centered around labor projections and future manpower loading for several projects at the refinery. Everyone is grappling with this "new normal" of skilled labor supply.

A natural gas electric-generation facility called Maple Creek Energy is on the way to Fairbanks Township in Sullivan County. Those involved said the \$750 million project will maintain 19-20 full-time jobs locally. Engineering, management and operations personnel will be hired. Up to 550 construction jobs will also be provided over the 2-3 year construction period which is still scheduled to start the 3rd quarter of 2024. Currently Maple Creek is waiting on MISCO for a grid connection permit. Once this is achieved, then everything else will fall into place and construction will begin.

In closing, I want to remind everyone to please promote our trade to anyone that will listen. We have spent dozens of hours trying to man the work with our current membership only to come up short again and again. This will only get worst as time moves on. If you want to come home from the road and you have the skills we need, then please give myself or Jon in Lafayette a call to coordinate.

Being a member to the best Building Trades union is like having a membership to the gym, and just like a gym membership, it doesn't work unless you exercise. Please get involved and give back to our Local and exercise your membership. www.157trainingcenter.org.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and God bless.



Field Representative *Jon Wooten*



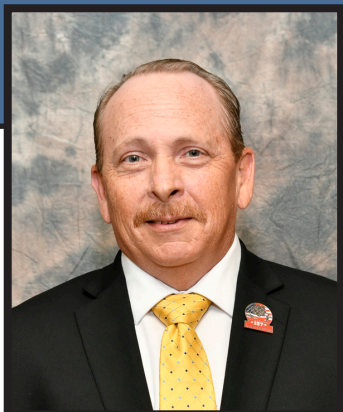
The month of September has been very busy for Local 157 and our sister Locals. With the groundbreaking of Rolls Royce I'm planning a prejob meeting with A&R Mechanical to go over the manpower projections for late 2023 and all of 2024. This job will take several licensed plumbers and apprentices. Commercial Air continues to work on the new Klondike Middle School and has added a few hands in the month of September. As the remodel kicks off at the existing Klondike building, I look for Commercial Air to add some more hands there.

Bids are ongoing at Evonik and we are keeping a watchful eye on the new Lipid Innovation Center. With Winter looming the underground has to be hot on their radar. The second phase is scheduled to be awarded any day now and I fully expect it to go Union. A big thank you to the working hands of 157 out at Evonik for getting through a very difficult time with the non-union on site. Freitag is slowly reclaiming all of this work.

Recruitment of our area High Schools has really ramped up to start the month of October. Educators, welding teachers and counselors call us daily to come and speak to their students. I have currently 8 invitations to speak and job fairs to attend. This is great news for Local 157 as we continue to educate kids on a future career in the best skilled traded in the country. AWP applications are rolling in for a new class that is starting in January. Our AWP instructors Adam Bennett, Joe Strasser, Butch Ramsey and Ron Greenlee have worked to take the skills learned by these students in high school and help turn them into UA certified welders. Keep up the good work.

Travel work continues to roll in by the minute. I speak to agents in Local 597, 502, 440, 300 and 172 daily with open calls for hands with certs. Certified riggers and combo welders will be a premium for years to come. Anyone needing a job feel free to reach out.

Financial Secretary/Treasurer *Troy E. Bennett*



I would like to start by congratulating the 2023 class of journeyman. I know the last five years have been a mental, physical and financial struggle and burden for some, but you finally made it. You are now part of the best journey workers in the U.A. Local 157 has a reputation through out this country of being the best in the business, always keep your head held high when some one asks, what local are you from as you tell them with pride, Local 157. Never stop investing in yourself with education and training. I would also like to congratulate this year's retirees, thank you for all the years of dedication, service and sacrifice you made for our Local and its Membership you all deserve a standing ovation.

As for our incoming Apprenticeship class, I want to welcome you to a brotherhood and sisterhood that will last a life time through the bad and good times. This Local and its Membership is here to support you on and off the job, you are the feature of this Local, if in need of help all you need to do is ask.

This year's picnic in the park in Lafayette Indiana as always was a great time, got to see some old familiar faces and new one's as well. Thanks to all that volunteered their time with getting everything set up at the shelter. We had a great turn out for Labor Day Parades in Danville, Palestine and Terre Haute. The turn out for our Local picnic was up in numbers this year compared to the last few. I very much appreciate everyone that helped with the picnic, we couldn't do it without you.

With all the work we have had this year our finances are starting to look better than they have for a while with that being said, let's not forget the Holidays are right around the corner. Let's not forget some of our members may need a little cheer around this time of year, please feel free to reach out to me or our Benefit club if you need a little help or know of any member who needs help.

In the past few months, I have talked with some members about the automatic withdrawal for dues we set up in March, and had no idea what I was talking about. So, I want to put this out there again, you can fill out a form that we can email to you or come in the office and fill one out and set up an automatic withdrawal from your account to pay your dues. Once set up your dues will be taken out of the account of your choice every quarter. I know life gets a little busy and some forget to pay dues, this was set up to help those that are a little forgetful. If you have any questions about this call or email me anytime.

In closing, I want to wish all of my Local 157 family Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

TRAINING NEWS

Shane Alumbaugh
Training Coordinator

From the Educational Trust Department
of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157

Brad Robertson
Welding Coordinator

5th Year Rigging Class

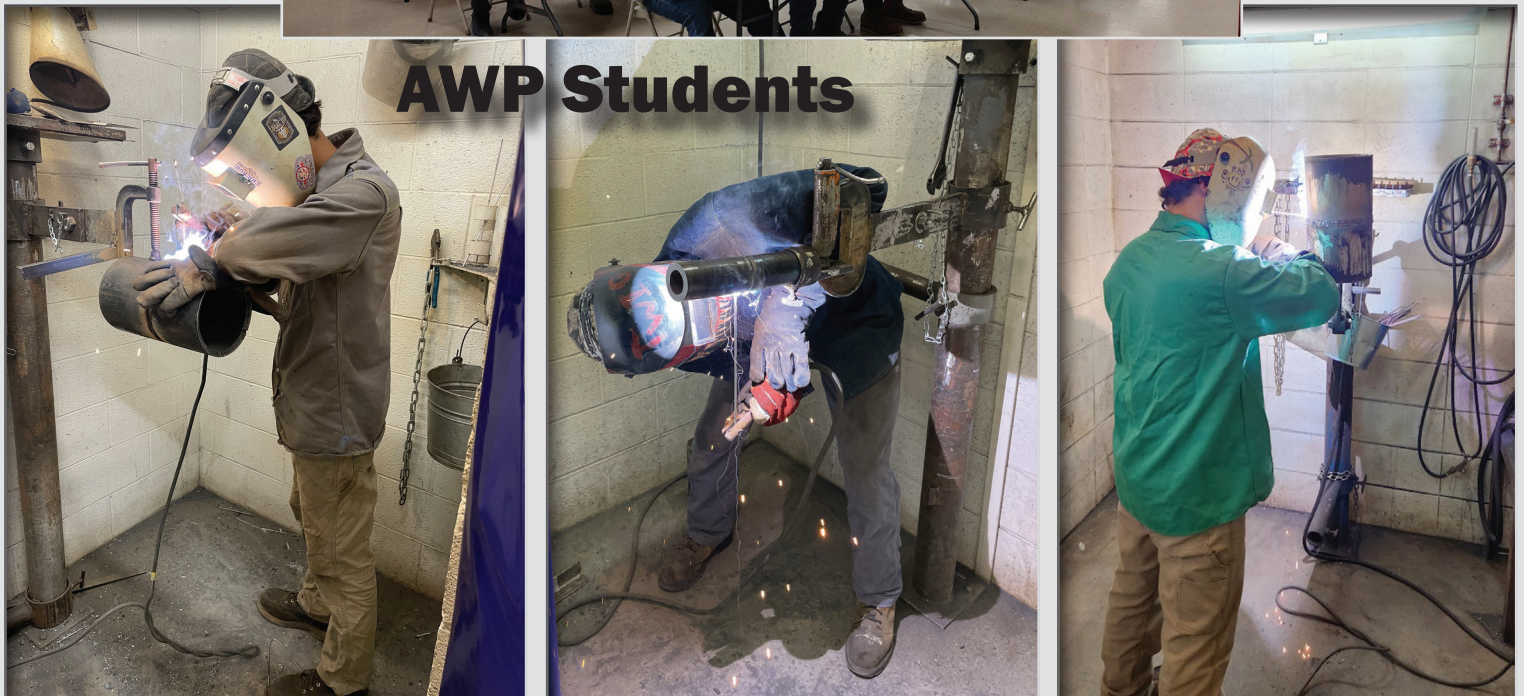


Training Center Busy with Classes

New Apprenticeship Orientation



AWP Students





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**Stephanie Morgan
Administrative Manager**

During the months of June, July, August, September 2023, your Health & Welfare Plan staff processed 49,853 claims, totaling \$15,490,191.31.

In this article, I would like to take a moment to highlight the eligibility requirements to establish or re-establish coverage in the plan. You must have a minimum of 100 hours of credited hours in a month to be eligible for coverage as shown on the following chart. Hours worked at the applicable rate over 100 in each “worked” month shall be used to continue eligibility during periods of unemployment or underemployment. The maximum amount of Reserve Credit that can be banked is equal to 6 months of “eligible” coverage.

WORKED:	ELIGIBLE:	WORKED:	ELIGIBLE:
AUGUST	OCTOBER	FEBRUARY	APRIL
SEPTEMBER	NOVEMBER	MARCH	MAY
OCTOBER	DECEMBER	APRIL	JUNE
NOVEMBER	JANUARY	MAY	JULY
DECEMBER	FEBRUARY	JUNE	AUGUST
JANUARY	MARCH	JULY	SEPTEMBER

The gap between the Calendar Month in which hours are worked and the Benefit Month in which eligibility is received allows time for payment and recording purposes. As stated in the chart, hours worked in August 2023 will support October 2023 eligibility, hours worked in September 2023 will support November 2023 eligibility and so forth.

As always, please feel free to contact the fund office for additional information and for any questions you may have regarding your coverage.

VISION AND DENTAL OPEN ENROLLMENT

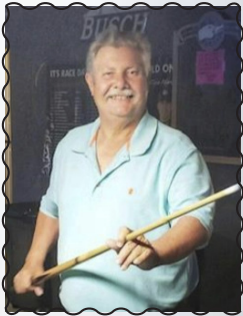
It’s that time of year again, Open Enrollment for the Vision and Dental. If you are already participating, you will receive your renewal letter shortly. If not and you are interested, call the main office at (812) 877-1531 and request one. Remember this is a voluntary program and is **not** associated with the Pipe Trades Industry Health & Welfare. You will be required to make monthly payments or have the monthly premiums deducted from a checking/savings account.



DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2023



In Memoriam



Homer D. Morrison, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Hanover, Indiana passed away on May 25th, 2023. Homer was born on April 11th, 1950 and was initiated into the United Association on September 2nd, 1969.



William J. Treash, a retired Metal Trades Journeyman from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on July 5th, 2023. William was born on January 22nd, 1948 and was initiated into the United Association on January 9th, 2001.

Albert E. Crowley Jr, a retired Building Trades Member from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on July 15th, 2023. Albert was born on March 29th, 1933 and was initiated into the United Association on August 21st, 1989.



Gerald E. Edwards, a retired Building Trades Member from Lafayette, Indiana passed away on August 6th, 2023. Gerald was born on February 6th, 1948 and was initiated into the United Association on December 19th, 1966.



Marvin L. Utley, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on September 13th, 2023. Marvin was born on October 28th, 1943 and was initiated into the United Association on September 3rd, 1971.

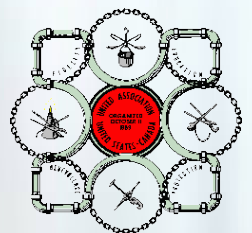


David A. Shirley, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Wichita, Kansas passed away on September 18th, 2023. David was born on January 14th, 1945 and was initiated into the United Association on February 5th, 1968.

Robert L. Owen, a retired Building Trades Member from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on September 19th, 2023. Robert was born on June 9th, 1964 and was initiated into the United Association on March 1st, 1986.



Catherine M. Shane, a retired Metal Trades Member from Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on October 2nd, 2023. Catherine was born on June 19th, 1925 and was initiated into the United Association on May 1st, 1978.



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It's easy to enroll and get started!

Visit join.helloheart.com and enter

Indiana Pipe Trades Health and Welfare Plan



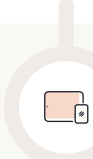


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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MEMBERS FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE!



Robert Moreland
70 Years of Service



Daniel Bays
60 Years of Service



James Mishler
60 Years of Service



Charles Schaffer
60 Years of Service

For all photos go to www.ualocal157.org/photogallery

2023 Holiday Gift Baskets

Requests for food baskets must be made by a Local 157 Member, each member is limited to **2 Requests Only**. They may request one either for themselves, another Local 157 Member, or for their immediate family member only. However, **Union Members will be given first priority**. Please use the attached form to submit your request and return it to Local 157~Basket Fund Request~8801 E Milner Avenue~Terre Haute, IN 47803 or call the main office at (812) 877-1531 or toll-free at (866) 373-3157

Requests must be received in the main office ASAP and those who are approved to receive a basket will be notified by phone.

Baskets will be distributed on November 21st ONLY, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Basket Requested For:

Name _____ City/State _____ Number of Household Members _____

Local 157 Member who is making the request

Name _____ Phone # _____

(This section must be completed)

All donations and requests can be mailed to

Local 157 ~ Basket Fund Request ~ 8801 E Milner Ave ~ Terre Haute, IN 47803

November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Union Meeting 8:00 pm	4
5 FALL BACK	6	7 VOTE	8	9	10	11 IN HONOR OF OUR VETERANS
12	13 FINAL DAY FOR BASKET FUND REQUESTS	14	15	16	17	18 UA Weld Test in TH Training Center 8:00 am Call to Schedule
19	20	21 <i>Holiday Baskets!</i> <i>Pick up</i> <i>8 am - 3 pm</i>	22	23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING	24	25
26	27	28	29 Robinson Area Retiree's Christmas Luncheon - Noon CC Forest Preserve	30		

hello DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Union Meeting 8 pm TH Retiree's Luncheon - Noon	2
3	4	5 Lafayette Retiree's Christmas Luncheon	6	7 Danville Retiree's Christmas Luncheon	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 DEADLINE to submit Your dental and vision applications!	16 Weld Test 8:00 am - TH
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31 	25 Merry Christmas	26	27	28	29	30

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Monthly Union Meeting
Friday, December 1st, 2023
at 8:00 pm in the Terre Haute
Meeting Hall

Quarterly Union Meeting
Saturday, January 6th, 2024
at 10:00 am in the Terre Haute
Meeting Hall

Monthly Union Meeting
Friday, February 2nd, 2024
at 8:00 pm in the Terre Haute
Meeting Hall

Dated Material Do Not Delay

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