

## **Annual Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 23rd, 2024**

### **AGE GROUPS**

- 3 and under
- 4 through 7 year olds
- 8 through 11 year olds

- Registration - 11:00 am
- Crafts, Pictures & Lunch - 11:00 am
- Hunt - 12:00 noon
- Presentation of Awards - 12:45 pm
- Picture of Winners - 1:00 pm

The event is open to the children and grandchildren of Members of Local 157 who are 11 years old and under. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

## **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**The Officers & Staff of Local 157  
would like to wish EVERYONE  
a Safe and Propserous 2024**





# Business Manager's Report

## Mark W. Swaner

2024 is already here! We hope everyone had a Joyful, Healthy and Safe holiday season. Let's start 2024 out with a positive outlook for the new year.

With upcoming contract negotiations and the starting of new projects in the Local 157 jurisdiction, things are sure to get busy. Two major projects that should be underway in the first part of 2024 are both going to sign a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) with our Building Trades. That will insure union labor will be used. The one on our mind is Entek/Clayco and their 1.5-billion dollar Battery Components Plant. Wabash Valley Recourses has also committed to signing a PLA. This is great news for Local 157 and all area labor unions.

We should talk next about what the outlook for Local 157 in regards to negotiations for our upcoming contract. With high expectations of big projects starting early this year along with inflation being at record levels, we do believe that puts us in a good position to come out with a better contract than we have seen in recent years. We have met with your elected officers and talked in length about money and language changes. I did talk about the questionnaire that will be going out soon for your recommendations and comments in these areas, so be on the lookout for that in your mailbox. One item we did discuss at our last meeting was regarding the \$1.15/hour Vacation Fund. One issue that we will be facing in the near future is with travelers coming into the jurisdiction. The staff for the contractors and the union will spend a lot of time and money tracking them and their funds and assuring that the travelers receive those funds. By removing this fund we believe it would make our wage/benefit package more enticing to travelers. We believe it would be a good time to stop removing the \$1.15/hour from your gross wages. This is our recommendation for helping to draw as many travelers it will take to man upcoming work. But as always this will be what this membership wants.

In closing from the expectations of big work starting and a very good new contract we are optimistic that 2024 will be just a start of good happenings in the jurisdiction of Local 157.

***Stay Safe and take care of one another!***

### Piping Industry News

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## Business Agent's Report

### Stephen A. Snyder



Work opportunities throughout Local 157's Wabash Valley has slowed down during the holiday season as our Industry partners and customers reflect on 2023 and strategize for 2024. New directions, new budgets and new ideas are leading the charge in virtually every section of our market. As your Business Agent, I have been working tirelessly to make sure that Local 157 Plumbers and Pipefitters are part of the planning process to help our contractors, community and end users meet their current and future challenges.

As I reported in my last article, we had the pleasure to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for the 1.6 billion dollar Entek project located in Vigo County. I have been in communication with ICON Industrial contracting service based out of Cedar Rapids, Iowa about said project.

They informed us that they have been awarded the MEP systems for the shell and core of all the physical structures pertaining to the battery component development. How this project is structured and how much work ICON will self-perform has yet to be determined. The project site prep has started with mobilization to follow. Terre Haute Rose Hulman has released bids for a 14 million dollar new educational facility scheduled to start 2nd QT of this year. This project along with several remodels at ISU and Vigo County School Corp. should keep our licensed plumbers busy for the foreseeable future. Wabash Valley Resources (WVR) continues to educate and engage the public to help steer the perception and understanding of Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS). This monumental project has been in the works for years and has made progress over the recent months, however, it has been made clear that misinformation about CCS needs to be addressed in order to sway public support. I encourage everyone to educate themselves about CCS from reputable scientific sources before forming an opinion. For more information, please visit [www.usgs.gov/faqs/what-carbon-sequestration](http://www.usgs.gov/faqs/what-carbon-sequestration). The Queen of Terre Haute Casino is shaping up very well with the ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled to be held in March of this year. A hard date has not been established at this time.

This is yet another successful construction project being constructed by Freitag-Weinhardt and Sycamore Engineering using the women and men of the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 157.

Our energy sector has had a recent resurgence in maintenance work in the last recent months. This stems from The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) grappelings with 28 billion dollars of new investment in Indiana. All these current and future projects throughout Indiana need electricity, which has resulted in a massive change in strategy of Indiana's Energy delivery system. This means the plan to close Power Plants are on hold until the current demand for power is met. This will result in future plans to renovate and band-aid these existing plants along with fast tracking new construction of new plants. This will ultimately produce significant work opportunities for our skilled members. The Sugar Creek NIPSCO Power House outage is complete at this time. This particular outage had many unexpected challenges and obstacles that challenged our members skills and endurance. The outage at Merom/Hallador went just as smoothly and was not immune to additional work and scope being added by the owner during this outage. I am happy to report that the job was completed on time with zero accidents/injuries and with a high degree of weld quality pass rate. For those who participated I want to say thank you for keeping our lights on. We have also met with a large Engineer Procurement Construct (EPC) contractor to discuss skilled labor availability for construction of a new combine cycle power plant in our jurisdiction. Due to a non-disclosure agreement signed by all the party's involved information and specifics for this project is not available at this time. However, work is scheduled to start 3 Qt of this year.

The Clock Tower renovations at DACC and lab remodels at the VA in Danville, Ill. has been keeping our Illinois members busy. The workloads this year for that region will be brisk with institutional work leading the charge. School work in Bismark and Tilton is scheduled for late 2nd quarter of 2024. Hershey in Robinson, Illinois is ongoing and moving forward on the \$80 million dollar expansion. Jarrell Contracting is currently down to a skeleton crew taking care of change orders and commissioning items. The process piping and equipment hook ups are on-going and should keep several dozen of our members busy in the months ahead with more work becoming available as time progresses. Freitag-Weinhardt and Sycamore Engineering are the two successful contractors on site. Marathon Refinery has a small outage scheduled for the 2nd week of March that will last 10 days, 2 shifts working 12 hours. This will take around 44 pipefitters and welders for this short brief small turn around. Please be aware that Marathon has added yet another site-specific safety program that will be required to be completed before stepping foot on site. A natural gas electric-generation facility called Maple Creek Energy is still on the way to Fairbanks Township in Sullivan County. While we are confident the project will happen, it appears that the size and ground breaking are still very fluid. This 750 Mega Watt combine cycle has the potential to grow in size as IURC works on the delivery system for electricity for Indiana's massive growth.

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## Field Representative

### *Jon Wooten*

Work has slowed down in the Northern Jurisdiction for the winter but the bench remains clear of licensed plumbers. The underground scope of work has been completed at the new Rolls Royce facility by A&R Mechanical and the crew has pulled off the project while walls are being formed and 1000's of yards of concrete are being poured. A&R was also successful in winning the mechanical portion of work at Rolls Royce. Reports show that BMWC will be installing the process piping at a later phase in the project. I will work on getting a prejob meeting set up with

BMWC to get a better manpower projection. The Skywater chip plant slated to be built in West Lafayette has gone silent. There have been no public updates since July of 2022. We will continue to follow this closely and provide the membership any updates as they become available.

I expect our bench to be clear in the northern jurisdiction for the foreseeable future. Between Rolls Royce, Zucrow Laboratories at multiple renovation projects at Purdue University we will need every licensed plumber and apprentice we can get. Shambaugh and Son has announced they are starting an expansion at Rea Wire on the southside of Lafayette. The underground will be started as soon as Feb/March and this project will add 6-8 hands.

Travel work continues to boom and callouts from our sister locals come in daily. Perdiem has rolled out on all major projects and anyone that has wanted to travel has gone to the battery plants in Kokomo, Indiana and Glendale, Kentucky. These jobs are on a minimum 6-10s schedule paying perdiem. If you know of a job and are interested in it give me a call anytime.

We preach this over and over but certifications are the key to long term employment. There's never been a better time to use our 157 training department to upgrade your skills to make your self more employable. Pick up that extra weld cert, get the OSHA Certified rigging and signal cert, go take the plumbing code class as a refresher and get your States Journeyman Plumbing License, take the medgas and brazing class to get your Medgas installers cert.

As always reach out to me at anytime for assistance.



## Financial Secretary/Treasurer

### *Troy E. Bennett*

My first year in office went by way too quick, I would like to thank everyone for having patience and taking time to work with me in the office. The next few months ahead, we will be having contract negotiations with Indiana American Water and of course our contract as well. Our Gas Distribution has had another good year with over 280,000 man hours reported. With the upcoming work for our Gas Division in the next couple of years, they are going to need more man power and skilled workers more than ever before. We are currently taking apprenticeship applications until Jan. 31st, 2024 so if any of our members knows of anyone wanting to join our

Local, please let them know to act fast.

In the month of December a few of our members were interviewed by the Indiana State Pipe Trades for the position of Union Organizer, they have selected Mr. Justin Swartz to represent our area and the U.A. Congratulations Justin and good luck.

I would once again like to let our members who are still actively paying dues, know that we now have automatic withdrawal set up, to withdraw \$93.29 from any of your checking or savings account every quarter. The \$0.29 cents, is for a convenience fee which is less than the 2% you pay online or when you call in and pay over the phone using your credit card. If we get an overdraft charge this will be passed along to you, and you can always contact us to stop the withdrawal to avoid this. If you would like to sign up contact me at the office and I will email you the form. If you forget to pay your dues and you fall 1 quarter behind there is a \$50.00 reinstatement fee. If you are 2 quarters (6 months) you become expelled which means you will have to pay the \$200.00 reinitiation fee and lose your original initiation date. Keep this in mind, if you have 30 years of "uninterrupted" service, that means you never had to pay a reinitiation fee, your dues will be free when you retire or, your years of uninterrupted service and age equal 90 your dues will be free.



# TRAINING NEWS

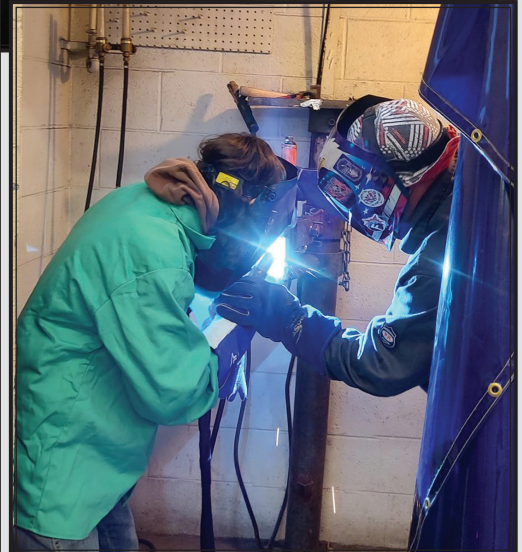
Shane Alumbaugh  
Training Coordinator

From the Educational Trust Department  
of Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 157

Brad Robertson  
Welding Coordinator

## INTRODUCING THE YOUTH TO OUR TRADE

Over the past few months we have hosted some local high schools, allowing them to bring students in to get a first hand look at our trade.







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**Stephanie Morgan  
Administrative Manager**

During the months of October, November, and December 2023, your Health & Welfare Plan staff processed 27,019 claims, totaling \$12,297,114.37.

With the start of a new year underway, I would like 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.

Remember, one way to save some out-of-pocket costs 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. Since the issuance of new Anthem BCBS cards, you will need to update your insurance information so that they can find your eligibility with your new numbers. Every dependent over the age of 18 will need to set up their own account. If you should be charged for your LiveHealth visit, please contact this office so that we may assist you.

## **Business Agent's Report** *Stephen A. Snyder (continued)*

Myself and Business Manager Mark Swaner recently had the pleasure to meet with the new Mayor of Terre Haute, Brandon Sakbun. While Mayor Sakbun is no stranger to the Building Trades, it was refreshing to talk to a young, educated, driven person that will have the chance to change, for the better, the economic landscape of Terre Haute for decades to come. We emphasized to the Mayor that Local 157 is at his service and will help, in whatever capacity, to usher in the new economy that is coming to the Wabash Valley. Once again, we are doing the hard work to make sure the members of the Plumbers and Pipefitters claim their rightful place on the future economic stage. I am looking forward to a bigger seat at the table. Exciting things are coming!

In closing I want to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year. Please be kind to your fellow co-workers and don't forget to help our business office help you stay employed by maintaining and upgrading your skill set.

*I want to also wish all my Irish family and friends a happy St. Paddy's Day.*



***"Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne, yet that scaffold sways the future  
and behind it in the dim of eternity standeth GOD keeping watch above his children."***

***James Russel Lowell***



## In Memoriam

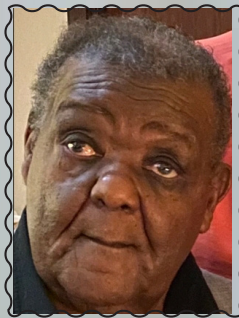


**Perry L. Poston**, a retired Division Trades Journeyman from Middletown, Indiana passed away on October 24th 2023. Perry was born on November 27th, 1959 and was initiated into the United Association on May 13th, 1981.



**Gordon A. Shoaf**, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Kingman, Indiana passed away on November 14th, 2023. Gordon was born on September 25th, 1934 and was initiated into the United Association on October 4th, 1968.

**James T. Rice Jr**, a retired Building Trades Member from Brownsburg, Indiana passed away on November 29th, 2023. James was born on June 3rd, 1944 and was initiated into the United Association on September 3rd, 1970.



**David R. Shaffer Sr**, a retired Building Trades Member from West Terre Haute, Indiana passed away on December 10th, 2023. David was born on September 8th, 1939 and was initiated into the United Association on November 21, 1970.



**Fred M. Wineland**, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Indianapolis, Indiana passed away on December 17th, 2023. Fred was born on November 3rd, 1933 and was initiated into the United Association on September 26th, 1955.



**Roger L. Osborn**, a retired Building Trades Journeyman from Robinson, Illinois passed away on December 30th, 2023. Roger was born on May 27th, 1946 and was initiated into the United Association on November 4th, 1966.

**Stacy D. Atkinson**, a retired Building Trades Member from Montezuma, Indiana passed away on January 2nd, 2024. Stacy was born on February 5th, 1962 and was initiated into the United Association on March 1st, 1984.



Those who touch our lives  
stay in our hearts forever.





**Plan to attend the Tippecanoe Building Trades Hands On Apprenticeship Expo to learn about skilled trades opportunities for YOUR future.**

**When:**

**Thursday April 25th 2024  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Where:**

**Tippecanoe Fairgrounds  
1406 Teal Road Lafayette, IN 47905**

**Union Representatives will be on site to provide information about applying to our Apprenticeship Programs.**

**These skilled trades will be onsite the day of the camp:**

- Brick Layers - Electricians - Insulators - Iron Workers**
- Laborers - Operating Engineers - Painters - Pipefitters**
- Roofers - Sheetmetal Workers - Teamsters**

**You should wear correct clothing to be outside and work with your hands.**

**(Long sleeve shirts, jeans and closed toe shoes, etc.)**

**Lunch will be served to all attending**



**SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR PHONE'S CAMERA FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS EVENT!**





# SAVE OVER 35%

## 2024 Indiana State Building & Construction Trades Council

Jan. 1 – Mar. 22    Mar. 23 – Jan. 5, 2025

Adult	\$10.75	\$21.75	<del>\$34.75</del>
Youth (2-12)	\$8.75	\$17.75	<del>\$31.75</del>

1. Go to:

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Tickets are good any day and can be used for special Zoo events including:



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# 2023

## Deceased

**Kenneth Verhoeven ~ Jan 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Tyler Montague ~ Jan 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Alan Gilbert ~ Feb 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Howard Bolton ~ Feb 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Melvin Duncan ~ Feb 20<sup>th</sup>**

**David Kalber ~ Mar 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Jack Hornbrook ~ Mar 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Scott Ogle ~ Mar 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Jerry Fisher ~ Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**John Hobson ~ Mar 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Wayne Keegan ~ Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Robert Heidenreich ~ Apr 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Marvin Kelly ~ Apr 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Stewart Fitzsimmons ~ May 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Ralph Osborn ~ May 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Robert Farmer ~ May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Homer Morrison ~ May 25<sup>th</sup>**

**William Treash ~ Jul 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Albert Crowley Jr ~ Jul 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Gerald Edwards ~ Aug 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Marvin Utley ~ Sep 13<sup>th</sup>**

**David Shirley ~ Sep 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Robert Owen ~ Sep 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Catherine Shane ~ Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Perry Poston ~ Oct 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Le'Olin Hill ~ Nov 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Gordon Shoaf ~ Nov 14<sup>th</sup>**

**James Rice Jr ~ Nov 29<sup>th</sup>**

**David Shaffer Sr ~ Dec 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Fred Wineland ~ Dec 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Roger Osborn ~ Dec 30<sup>th</sup>**

## Retired

### January

**Paul Atterson ~ Ned Frey Jr  
Denver Hix ~ Jerry White**

### February

**Larry Carter ~ Adam Gifford  
Connie Hudson ~ Jerome Pitts Jr  
Matthew Rich**

### March

**Charles Hendren**

### April

**Kimber Bratcher ~ Timothy Lovellette**

### May

**James Hewitt ~ Bernard Parmely  
Randy Rose Sr ~ Curtis Vaughn**

### June

**John Smith**

### July

**Bart Sexton ~ Michael Mattox**

### August

**Douglas Blue ~ Michael Miller**

### September

**Wilbur Crouch III**

### October

**Joseph Herring ~ Kevin Lemmons**

### November

**Tracey Banter ~ John Crays  
William Miller ~ Michael Purdy**









### December

**Richard Kirk**

(We apologize if we have missed anyone,  
our system is updated once notice is  
received from the NPF)



# MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FEB	26	27	28  Robinson Retiree's Luncheon - Noon Location - TBD	29	1 <sup>TH</sup> Retiree's Luncheon - Noon  Union Meeting 8:00 pm TH Meeting Hall 	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 	11	12  Lafayette Retiree's Luncheon - Noon	13	14  Danville Retiree's Luncheon - Noon Location - TBD	15	16 UA Weld Test 8:00 am 
17 	18	19	20	21	22	23 Easter Egg Hunt Reg. 11:00 am 
24/31 	25	26	27	28	29	30

# APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Union Meeting 10:00 am TH Meeting Hall
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Monthly Union Meeting  
Friday, March 1st, 2024  
at 8:00 pm in the Terre Haute  
Meeting Hall

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

Monthly Union Meeting  
Friday, May 3rd, 2024  
at 8:00 pm in the Terre Haute  
Meeting Hall

## Dated Material Do Not Delay

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