

BUILDING MICHIGAN: The Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal HISTORY IN THE MAKING

By Marty Mulcahy

Michigan has a formidable history of engineering and construction accomplishments.

We have built two underwater vehicular tunnels and two underwater train tunnels, we erected the mighty Mackinac Bridge, we built the first mile of paved concrete road, we built and rebuilt the Soo Locks, and we installed some of the most brutish engines in the world to pull iron ore from the ground in the Upper Peninsula.

On the other hand, we tried canal building.

You can't win them all. The relatively short-lived effort to build a canal to move goods by creating a navigable, east-west Lower Peninsula waterway that would eventually connect Lake Michigan and points west, with Lake St. Clair and points east, was intended to spare farmers, loggers and cartage companies all the extra time and effort it took to ship goods and people up, down and around the Straits of Mackinac.

Given the success of the Erie Canal in New York state, Michigan's canal builders couldn't exactly be faulted for trying to replicate that waterborne conduit of commerce. But a combination of factors — especially the construction of railroads — meant Michigan's canal effort didn't nearly live up to the promise of its boosters. At all.

Today, there isn't much more to show for their work, except for the existence of a number of water-filled ditches and some masonry structures.

"The former Territory of Michigan became a state in January 1837," says the Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal Society. "Almost immediately the new state Legislature passed acts to improve internal transportation like building canals, turnpikes and railroads. It borrowed \$5 million for this purpose. One of the first improvement projects was the Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal which would cut across approximately 216 miles of Lower Michigan and connect Lake St. Clair with Lake Michigan. Ships



ONE OF THE SEGMENTS of the Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal can be seen today in River Bends Park in Shelby Township. Many sections of the canal have been filled in by residential and commercial construction.

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Shelby Twp. Parks and Recreation

from Detroit and the eastern Great Lakes wouldn't have to make the long journey up and around the Lower Peninsula to get to western cities like Milwaukee and Chicago."

The aforementioned Erie Canal was the model for Michigan and other states. It was completed in 1825 after eight years of work, and spanned 363 miles. Connecting New York City with the eastern end of Lake Erie, it was the largest canal in the world, including eighty-three canal locks and rising and dropping 675 feet in elevation.

It was a successful water route (and remains in limited use today), until the first railroad — which soon became the overwhelming mode of preference for moving people and goods over land — was constructed in New York State in 1831.

"At age 26, Michigan's first governor and 'Boy Wonder,' Stevens T. Mason, was determined to get the state off to a fast start," wrote Burton Folsom in a paper for the Mackinac Center for Public Policy. "To him, that meant an activist government, which would build and own railroads and canals to promote economic growth. With his encouragement, Michigan's first constitution required the state to get into the highly controversial business of what was then commonly called 'internal improve-

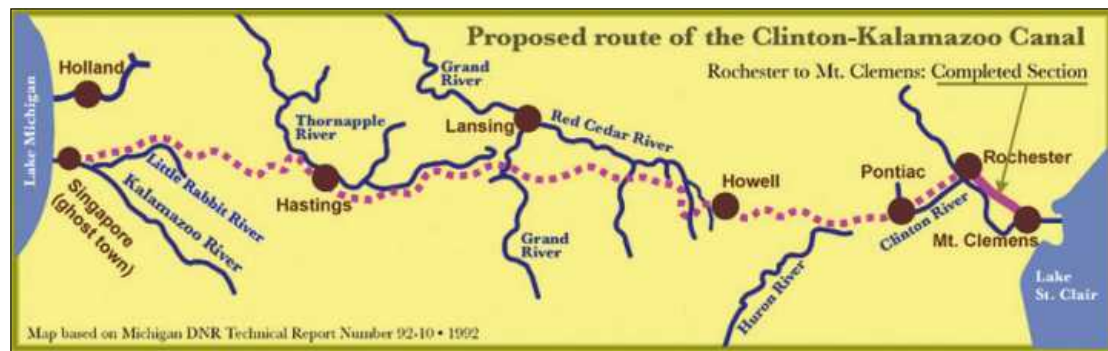
ments.' Mason and his allies were so confident state projects would flourish that they risked millions in tax dollars and put the state deeply into debt to make it all happen.

"Among the first projects was a canal that was to begin in Clinton Township near Detroit and move 216 miles west to Kalamazoo. This Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal began with high hopes and much fanfare."

It was hardly the only canal in the country. The Michigan canal "was a product of the canal fever following the opening of the Erie Canal," said the American Canal Society, which indexes all the nation's canal efforts.

According to the Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal Society, on July 20, 1838, there was a grand celebration marking the start of the project, including businessmen and local and state dignitaries. Gov. Mason turned the first shovel full of dirt near Cass Avenue in Mount Clemens, where the entrance of the canal would connect to Lake St. Clair. The canal was expected to cost \$2.5 million, and an initial \$40,000 loan was obtained by the Morris Canal and Banking Co.

A history provided by Shelby Twp. Parks and Recreation Department said the Clinton River would be used as part of the waterway from the long-lost town of Belvidere to Mount Clemens,



THE PROPOSED CANAL route, shown in pink, along the bottom of the Michigan mitten.

and then to the village of Frederick (within Clinton Twp.) where the major digging was to begin. From there the canal would proceed through the townships of Clinton and Sterling, to Utica, and on through Shelby Township to Rochester and Pontiac.

The canal would then cross southern Michigan, through Howell, Hastings, and finally to the Kalamazoo River. In all, the canal was to span 216 miles, and using the Kalamazoo River in Allegan County, make the connection to the mouth of Lake Michigan at Singapore, now a ghost town near Saugatuck.

"The digging was contracted in one-mile segments and the woods were soon filled with men laboring with picks, shovels, and wheelbarrows digging the canal and placing dirt alongside the ditch for a towpath," said the Shelby Twp. history. "Locks were built and an aqueduct was constructed to carry the canal over the Clinton River."

Building a canal prior to steam shovels or other mechanical means was incredibly laborious — and slow. We didn't find records of the dimensions of the Clinton-Kalamazoo Canal, but the Erie Canal's was four feet deep and 40 feet wide. It would be enough water to float a laden barge or boat passing in either direction and allow beasts of burden to tow the watercraft from the sides of the canal. Owners of the watercraft would pay tolls for use of the canal.

"Only the eastern 16 miles from the Clinton River at Mount Clemens to Rochester, MI were completed and that was lightly used," said the American Canal

Society. "This section contained 17 oak locks and one aqueduct and rose 200 feet."

"Unfortunately, the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal project was doomed from the start," said the Clinton and Kalamazoo Canal Society. "In 1837, there was a national financial panic that caused an economic depression across the nation that lasted about six years. The main financial institution that was based in New York that backed the canal went bankrupt during this six-year depression."

"By 1841 the Clinton and Kalamazoo canal project began to run out of money. Workers weren't getting paid and sections of the canal were left half-finished. Two years later construction of the canal stopped altogether at Rochester."

"All in all, just under \$400,000 had been spent to build the 16 miles of canal between Rochester and Frederick before the project ran out of money."

The Morris Canal and Banking Co. went bankrupt in

1843. With no funds to pay laborers, the workers "drifted off into the wilderness. Before doing so, they pilfered anything they could carry and inflicted serious damage to the canal," the Shelby Twp. account said.

An 1846 committee report to the Legislature described the canal as a failure. Revenues from canal tolls were negligible. With the increasing popularity of the railroads, no further work was done on the canal, and title passed to the Utica Milling Co., which used a portion of the canal as a millrace. By keeping the canal open, they were able to use the water power for grinding farm produce for more than a century.

Added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1972, the route of the canal in various places has been marked by signs and historic markers in Rochester Hills, Shelby Township, Utica and Clinton Twp. The remains of an aqueduct built over the Clinton River can still be seen in Yates Park in Rochester Hills.



A SECTION OF THE CANAL looking west toward Hayes Road in Clinton Township, date unknown, likely early last century. Modern development have buried most of the original canal works. A towpath, at right, would allow for horses, oxen or mules to drag barges and other low-draft watercraft through the canal.

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DETROIT – Membership of Plumbers Local 98.

Brothers and Sisters,
Have you checked out our website? Announcements, information on meetings, links to your benefits the Training Center, and more can be found there. Go to UALOCAL98.COM to see what's happening.

Plumbing License. The State of Michigan renewal notices have gone out for Journeyman and Apprentices. It has moved to online for renewal, go to <https://aca3.accela.com/LARA> this site may not be compatible with some mobile devices. If needed you can receive help at the training center or the Union Hall (make sure to bring all your information).

MEETINGS & Union Hall. The next Union Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14th at 7:00 pm. The meeting will take place indoors at our Union Hall and all. We are currently reevaluating the mask requirements here at the hall.

Retiree Meetings. The APRIL RETIREE MEETING is Wednesday, April 13th from 12 pm – 2 pm. Please note, any existing Covid-19 protocols are still being adhered to for these meetings.

Education Opportunities. The Apprentice Applications process will open April 1, 2022. To learn more and apply please visit Plumbers98TC.org/Apprenticeship.

For continuing education opportunities or classes, you can contact Training Center Coordinator Ryan Lyle at 248-585-1435.

COVID-19 Information. You can now get 4 free at home COVID-19 tests per residential address. Go to COVIDtests.gov to request yours today.

Please visit ualocal98.com/covid-update-3 for the most current COVID-19 updates.

SUB Apps/OOW. You have 48 hours to report being out of work and to fill out a SUB App. Once you have proof of unemployment, please send that to the hall at SUB@ualocal98.org so we can set you up in the SUB system. We are now able to offer Direct Deposit on SUB Pay.

You should have received a letter in the mail with the form for Direct Deposit on SUB Pay. Please return that to the hall and note that it takes 30-60 days to set up. It is your responsibility to check your location on the Out of Work List. Make sure your contact information is up to date as well as MUST and other certifications. If you have any problems with state agencies involving unemployment, or questions on MUST models and staying current, please contact Gary Glaser at 313-580-0148 or Dan Nixon at 248-752-3702 and hopefully they can help you get that resolved.

Benefits. We have exciting news as we now have a dedicated BeneSys employee at the Union Hall to help with benefit issues. His name is Andrew Hill and he will be at the hall daily. As we make this transition Financial Secretary Jon DeRoo will still be receiving the calls coming into the Union Hall benefits line and Andrew will be receiving the calls coming into the Local 98 dedicated number at BeneSys. That number is (248) 641-4988 for those members who may not have known. Andrew and Jon will be working together to create a process that assures members issues get addressed quickly and properly. Jon will report this progress at the monthly Union Meetings.

Dues. You can pay your dues online, over the phone, or by mailing in a check. You can also set up auto payments. If you have questions or want to pay your dues by phone, please call the hall at (248) 307-9800 ext. 4.
NOTE ON DISABILITY/RETIREMENT. If you are filing for Social Security Disability you will need to file for your Local 98 Disability Pension at the same time in order to make sure you get all of your pension checks. Social Security normally takes at least a year and sometimes a lot longer. If you file for your Local 98 Disability Pension at the same time, when you receive your award from Social Security, we will be able to pay you all the retro money owed. If you are less than a year from retirement, we suggest you set up a meeting with Jon DeRoo prior to your retirement date.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES. All of the information regarding the scholarships avail-

able through Local 98 and the UA can be found on our website, ualocal98.com/scholarship. These scholarships are open to the dependents of our members who are seeking a higher education. Please note, the UA scholarship deadline is June 9, 2022. The deadline for the Local 98 Scholarship is June 30, 2022, but it is best to get your application submitted sooner rather than later.

In Memoriam. Our deepest condolences go out to the family and friends of Brother John Wathen who passed away on February 15, 2022.

Good/Welfare. Congratulations to John Bailey, Jonah Beisel, Justyn Bowels, DaMarius Copeland, Allen Ernst, Matthew Rembisz, and Davonn Walker who are now Journeymen Extraordinaires!

ATTN: HOCKEY PLAYERS! Plumbers Local 98 is looking into forming a hockey team to play league and tournament hockey. Any member interested in playing hockey for Local 98 please contact BA Dan Nixon. Call or text 248-752-3702 or email dnixon98@ualocal98.org for more information.

Macomb County Adopt-A-Highway Week is April 23rd thru May 1st. Join us on April 30th as we clean up our stretch of I-94. Please call BA Gary Glaser (313)580-0148 for more information and to sign up so we can assure we have adequate equipment for the number of volunteers. This is a great volunteer opportunity for any high schoolers in need of volunteer hours.

We are currently looking for Residential and Service Plumbers. This is a great opportunity to expand and grow, as many members are looking to retire. If you know anyone working Non-Union or is a past member that may be interested, have them call Organizer Rob Moses at 248-763-2187.

In solidarity I remain, Carlo Castiglione Business Manager Plumbers Local 98 TRAININGCENTERNEWS Phone# 248-585-1435

Check out The Training Center's website: www.Plumbers98tc.org

The Apprenticeship Application process is currently closed.

The Training Center is open. The mask mandate has been lifted. We are asking that people still practice social distancing while in the building. Please call Ryan Lyle at 248-585-1435 ext. 122 if you have any questions.

STATE OF MICHIGAN PLUMBING LICENSE. The State of Michigan is sending out renewal notices. The renewal process is online. All State of Michigan plumbing licenses are renewable at this time without a code update. If any member needs help renewing, with the online system, please call the Training Center and we will assist you. There are not any code updates offered at this time. Once 2018 code update classes are available, we will offer them at the Training Center.

CALL THE TRAINING CENTER TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES OFFERED IN 2022. All classes are register and pre-pay by check or money order only. Deadlines for registration and prices are listed with each class.

Medical Gas Installer (Full 40 hour): Fall Class: September 1st – November 10th Deadline is August 12th \$206

Monthly Code Class – Next class is April 13, 2022 at 4:30 pm. Open to any member looking to have discussions about the interpretation of the Michigan Plumbing Code. Great refresher for anyone wanting to take a state plumbing exam. Please call Paul at the Training Center at 248-585-1435 ext. 123 to register.

ASSE Backflow Tester Recertification: Please be sure to check your expiration date, it is now required that you complete your update class prior to your expiration. This class is offered quarterly, \$75
4 hour recert class July 26th and 27th Deadline is June 24th

4 hour recert class October 25th and 26th Deadline is September 23rd

ASSE Tester (Full 40 hour): Fall Class: August 30th – November 8th Deadline is August 5th

ASSE Repairer:* Prerequisite:** Must hold a current 5110 Tester Certification Fall Class: (Continued next column)

GIVING A WAVE working on a scaffold at the Book Depository project in Detroit is Cortez Guerrero of Laborers Local 1191. He's employed by Dixon Maosny.



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DETROIT – Monthly Membership Meetings: Union meetings are held on the first Friday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Union hall (except for holidays),

Dear Local 1191 Members: There will be a special meeting for the purpose of nominating candidates to all offices of Laborers' Local 1191. It will be held **Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 7:00pm** at Laborers' Local Union, 1191 Union Hall, 2161 West Grand Blvd Detroit MI 48208.

The following offices shall be placed for nomination: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Secretary Treasurer, Business Manager/ Convention Delegate & District Council Delegate, Sergeant-at-arms, Auditors (3), Executive Board (2), Delegates to District Council (5).

Nominations may be made from the floor of the meeting by members in good standing. A member who has been nominated must accept such nomination in person, unless absent from the meeting on union business, or excused for just cause by a vote of the membership of the Local Union.

Local 98 cont'd

August 31st – October 5th, Deadline is August 12th \$75

Industrial Rigging: June 30th – August 27th, Deadline is June 10th \$100 Class size limited to 10

6010 Medical Gas Installer Recertification - *All current 2018 Medical Gas Installer certification holders are required to take this update to 2021. \$130.00

OPEN WELDING - Our welding shop is open! The new ventilation system has been installed. Please call Chris Opalka 248-585-1435 ext.146 for any welding related inquiries and to check on booth availability.

If your brazing or welding certs are ready to expire, call to schedule an appointment. The next WELDING Test session will be April 2nd. You must call to schedule your welding tests at least 3 days prior to the test.

The next BRAZING Cert Session will be Friday, April 8, 2022. Please note: All members must be dressed appropriately to be in the shop area.

2022 Course Hour reimbursement forms are available at the Training Center. You must have 8 hours (approved hours credited may vary from actual hours attended) of verifiable approved classes/training from January 1 - December 31, 2022 to be eligible for the \$100.00 reimbursement. **2021 forms must be submitted by deadline of March 31, 2022 for reimbursement.

OSHA Training - OSHA 10, available as on an online class for \$25 at www.careersafeonline.com. This OSHA 10 class is not affiliated with the UA or our Training Center. OSHA 10 and 30 Hour Training is also offered online through the MUST website. Go to www.mustonline.org. **Be sure to take the Construction Safety courses; not the General Industry courses.

It is each member's individual responsibility to keep all their Certifications current.

If the person you are trying to reach at the Training Center is unavailable, please leave a message to ensure we can return your

the next membership meeting will on the April, 1st 2022.

Retirees: Retiree Council's meetings are the last Friday of the month. The meetings are held 11:00 a.m. at the Local Union Hall, located at 2161 West Grand Boulevard Detroit Michigan 48208.

Union Dues For 2022: Effective **January 1, 2022** regular monthly dues are **\$35.00 for active members.** Retiree monthly dues will remain the same **\$8.00.**

Reminder: Be sure to keep the Local Union updated with any changes to your phone number, address, and/or email.

Members can now Pay Dues online 24/7 on our website at www.laborerslocal1191.org!!! Upper right-hand corner Pay Dues tab, and follow the instructions... Please also check out our website and "Laborers' Local 1191" Facebook page for important information about your Local Union.

NOTICE: The Uniform Local Union Constitution Article VIII sec. 4. The monthly dues are due on the first day of the month and unless paid on or before the last day of the following month, the member shall be deemed suspended by the International Union without notice.

Save Time & Money: We urge members to make their payments timely to avoid additional costs! Monthly dues can be deducted from your vacation check and sent directly to the Local Union. Please stop by the Local Union office to get one of the "Vacation Monthly Dues Deduction" forms or you may call the Local Union office at (313)-894-2241 to have one mailed to you.

Members who sign up for Vacation monthly dues deduction and pay (6) months at a time will receive a 1-month rebate!!! To better serve our membership, we are accepting Credit & Debit payments.

Vacation Monthly Dues Deduction Authorization: Members may revoke vacation monthly dues authorization at any time by signing a vacation deduction cancellation form. This cancellation form must be sent to the Local Union 1191 office, however understand that Local 1191 needs to have this form on file at least sixty (60) days before the next vacation checks are distributed for the months of May or November.

Vacation Check Direct Deposit: If your mail delivery is slow or your mail is getting lost, then it is highly recommended to get your vacation check direct deposited into your bank checkings or savings account. A Payee Deposit Agreement must be completed and signed, and the member must return the payee deposit agreement at least sixty (60) days before the following vacation distribution for the month of May, or November to Michigan Laborers Vacation Fund, 6525 Centurion Dr. Lansing Michigan 48917.

MUST Safety Awareness Training: Please check the MUST website at www.mustsafe.com to see how many modules you have.

Drug Test Renewal: Members are reminded to keep your Yearly Drug Test current and also your 18 safety modules. You can schedule an appointment to take your modules at our training schools located in Perry, Wayne, St. Joseph, or Iron Mountain by calling (517) 625-4919 or visit the training school website www.mltai.org to sched-

ule appointments for modules. You can also contact the Local Union office at (313) 894-2241 to use a Local Union computer to complete required modules.

Training: Check out the training classes available to you at no cost. Journeymen and apprentices may still obtain training through MLTAI's online training at <https://lms.mltai.org>. Types of training you can take include: Asbestos Awareness-Silica Awareness-Infectious Disease Awareness-Respirator Awareness-Hazard Communication-Blood borne Pathogens Awareness-Covid-19 Awareness-Lead Awareness.

NOTE: Classes & Certifications contractors have been asking for are: OSHA 30, Asbestos & Lead Awareness, Hoisting & Rigging, Pipeline Safety, Class A Cdl License, Asbestos Removal Supervisors Licence, Confined Space Permit Required, Grade Checking Blueprint Reading & Measuring Tools, GPS Location. The above training and certifications are all available at the training center. It could mean the difference of being sent to work or not!

FYI: By taking the OSHA 30 your 18 MUST Safety modules are updated as well. If you are not able to go to the Training Center for MUST Safety Modules contact the Local Union to assist you with making arrangements to complete them.

Referral List: Every member who is looking for work must call, or come to the Local Union Office on Mondays between 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm and put their name on the out-of-work list. You must have an out-of-work skills sheet filled out and on file in order to be referred out for work by the Local Union. Also be sure to Check & Update your Skills regularly.

Roll Call: All members on the out-of-work list must re-register every quarter within the first five days of the following months March, June, September and December. Your failure to do so will result in your name being removed from the referral list. *Example: If your name is on the list in April and or May and you don't re-register by June 5th your name will be removed from the list.

Members are urged to report new project starts to the Local Union. Members working for a contractor who may be looking to hire additional laborers are urged to call the Union Hall and help a brother or sister get referred out to work. The next time, it may be your name on the list when that call comes in for work.

CONTACT NUMBERS. Michigan Laborers' Fringe Benefits Funds (Annuity, Insurance, Pension & Vacation)

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BENEFICIARY REMINDER: Please remember to designate or update your beneficiary choice especially after a divorce on all of your LIUNA Local 1191, American Income Life Accidental Benefit, Pension and Healthcare funds. The law requires that in the event of an untimely death your benefits go to your estate and may be taxable. Each individual benefit needs to have a designated beneficiary.

Death Certificates: Please always notify the Union Hall with a phone call when a member of the Local has passed away and submit a copy of a Death Certificate for deceased active or retired member.

Scholarships. LIUNA members can apply for scholarships for university, college, trade school and technical trainings through Union Plus. Learn more information about Union Plus scholarships at www.unionplus.org/benefits/education/union-plus-scholarships

"We should every night call ourselves to an account: What infirmity have I mastered today? What passions opposed? What temptation resisted? What virtue acquired?"
– Seneca (5 BC - 65 AD)

"Whenever evil befalls us, we ought to ask ourselves, after the first suffering, how we can turn it into good. So shall we take occasion, from one bitter root, to raise perhaps many flowers."
– Leigh Hunt (1784 - 1859)

"Great events make me quiet and calm; it is only trifles that irritate my nerves."
– Queen Victoria (1819-1901)

"It is easy to take liberty for granted when you have never had it taken from you."
– M. Grundler

"I think the first virtue is to restrain the tongue; he approaches nearest to gods who knows how to be silent, even though he is in the right."
– Cato the Elder (234 BC - 149 BC)

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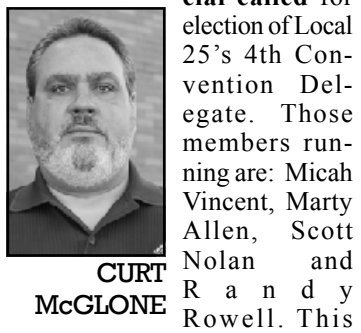
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Heat and Frost Insulators Local 25

Heat & Frost Insulators Local 25 SOUTHFIELD – UNION MEETING - The next scheduled Membership Meeting will take place Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Union Hall, 21353 Bridge Street, Southfield, MI 48033. This Meeting will be special called for



election of Local 25's 4th Convention Delegate. Those members running are: Micah Vincent, Marty Nolan and R a n d y Rowell. This meeting is mandatory for all apprentices.

APPRENTICE APPLICATIONS: We are currently accepting applications for the Apprenticeship Program. Please find all the necessary information on our website: heatfrostinsulators.org. under the apprenticeship tab.

NOTICE TO ALL: When you move into the Medicare Advantage Program, your deductible balance for the year, is supposed to carry over. Whatever you have paid toward your annual deductible, prior to changing over to Medicare Advantage Program, should follow you. As with any system, there can be flaws. Please keep an eye out for any charges, related to your deductible balance not being carried over, when you move into the Medicare Advantage Program. If you receive a charge that should have been covered by your deductible, please contact the Fund Office.

APPAREL: New Local 25 apparel is available at the Union Hall. New items include: knit hats and beanies, new hi-vis short and long sleeved t-shirts and hi-vis hoodies. Apparel can be viewed on the Facebook page.

M.U.S.T. SAFETY MODULES: It is important to keep your M.U.S.T. Safety Modules up to date. If you have Modules expiring and needing to be completed, give the Union Office a call to have the testing authorization turned on.

EMPLOYMENT CHANGES: All employment changes; hire, lay off, fire, shop change, disability, etc. must be called into the Union Hall. This is the only way to guarantee you are on the out of work list and your employment records remains current and correct.

LAY OFF/HIRE: Please be reminded, all members shall notify the Business Manager within forty-eight hours after accepting a job or upon termination of employment. Failure to report will result in an automatic fifty dollar fine.

S.U.B. FUND: Please be reminded, in order to receive a S.U.B. Fund check on Friday, all paperwork must be submitted to the Office no later than 2:00 p.m. on Thursday.

SUB FUND TIME LIMITATION: Please be reminded, per the Plan Document: Each time a participant receives a State Unemployment check, he/she must mail or deliver the receipt, check stub, or a copy of the check to the Administrator's office within thirty (30) days of receipt of said State Unemployment check. Any request for a benefit payment past the thirty (30) days will be denied per the Plan Document.

BENESYS: When calling the Fund Office, Benesys, please be sure to get the name of the person providing you information. Lately, we have been experiencing some incorrect information being provided to our members. In order to make sure the correct information is provided, it helps to have a name so the Union Office can call Benesys, correct the person providing incorrect information and find out why they are providing our members with incorrect information.

SICK AND INJURED: Please keep all our sick and injured members in your thoughts and prayers.

"Be wiser than other people, if you can, but do not tell them so."
-Lord Chesterfield (1694 - 1773)



Heat and Frost Insulators Local 47

Heat and Frost Insulators & Allied Workers Local 47 LANSING - The next Regular Union Meeting will be held on Friday, April 8, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the J.A.T.C. Training center located at 906 Terminal Rd., Lansing, MI 48933.

The May 13th Union Meeting will be a notified meeting to elect the 4th Quinquennial Delegate as stated in the International Constitution and Bylaws: Article 5, Conventions.

To combat and limit the spread of Covid-19, Local 47 encourages all members to continue to work safe, and if you feel sick contact a doctor immediately.

Any retirees wanting to go to work, please call the office. The Funds Trustees have waived the 79-hour rule.

All members should have received a letter from our International regarding the Asbestos Exposure Scientific Study. For more information on how to participate in this study, please contact Business Manager Patrick Welch at the main Local 47 Office number: 517-708-0665

Per the Rules and Procedures: Members must notify the office within 24 hours of being laid off or charges may be placed.

Members must notify the office before ANY overtime is worked. Contracts are available at the Union Office or at the Union Meeting upon request.

OSHA 10: Local 47 will be offering OSHA 10 to any Active Member who is not current with the program. The course is done online, so if you wish to take the course please contact the Local Union office with your email address and we will be more than happy to set it up for you. If you do not have a computer at home, you are welcome to come to the Local Union Office to take the course.

To ensure all Active Members and Retirees are receiving their Robo calls please make sure you have not blocked the following number: (804) 441-8365. There are several members who have the number blocked and therefore are not receiving the Robo Calls. These calls are only used for Important Notifications from the Local Union Business Manager and Funeral Notifications. If you are not receiving these calls, please contact the Local Union Office and we will double check to make sure we have the correct number in the system or if you may have blocked the number.

Local 47 has been receiving a lot of returned mail from our members. We ask that if you have a change of address or phone number to please call the Local Union Office right away so we can update your information throughout our system, TIC's, and the with the International. It is very important to make sure your contact information is always update with Local 47.

The JATC will be hiring two new Instructors for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are interested, please send a letter to the Local 47 office by April 8th, 2022. If you have any questions regarding the JATC Instructor position please contact Phil Wilson at (616) 466-8736.

Pension and Health Welfare: Joshua Kroell (989) 385-2671 Allied Workers' Local 47 Fringe Benefit Funds

6525 Centurion Drive Lansing, MI 48917-9275
Toll Free: (800) 323-8079 Telephone: (517) 321-7502 Fax: (517) 321-7508 Joshua Kroell will be available via phone to answer any questions regarding Pension, Welfare and Vacation Funds. Joshua is the Secretary for the Pension, Welfare, Vacation and Special Benefits and can be reached by phone at (989) 385-2671, or by mail at: P.O. Box 1498, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48804.

To all active members, if you have not sent in your Coordination of Benefits Form, your Spousal Form, or your Birth Certificates for your Children, no one

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READYING ANOTHER piece of 3/8-inch tempered glass for installation at the former Book Depository Building in Detroit is Max Hoisington of Glaziers and Glassworkers Local 357. He's the project foreman for EGD Glass and Door.



Local 25 Iron Workers

Iron Workers Local 25
NOVI - **March's Union meeting will be Monday March 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm.** (in-person & via Zoom). There were no By-Laws were submitted for this year.

Ironworkers Local 25 APP - Sign up for our Alerts & E-mails via our website (www.ironworkers25.org). We continue to communicate through the PUSH NOTIFICATIONS - download the APP if you haven't done so yet!

Steward meeting(s): The Lansing Hall Steward Meeting will be Monday April 11, 2022 at 6:30 pm. The Flint Hall Steward Meeting will be April 20, 2022 at 5:30 pm. The Saginaw Hall Steward Meeting will be April 28, 2022 at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

Stewards' Notes:
1) The link for Online Steward Report forms is found in the upper right-hand corner of our website www.ironworkers25.org

LOG-IN DIRECTIONS will follow once you click the link that reads "Electronic Steward Reports." These forms are much easier than the paper forms, we encourage you to give it a try if you have not yet done so.

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will be covered on our insurance until these items are sent to TIC. Please call TIC immediately at (800) 323-8079 and get the above-mentioned forms into the fund ASAP and you will be reinstated retroactively

Remember that Auto and Motorcycle accidents are not covered by our plan. Auto and Motorcycle accidents should be covered by your personal Auto Insurance policy.

Members having questions regarding Pension and Welfare Fund please contact TIC International at the numbers below or log onto their Website: www.heatfrostlocal47benefits.org

Please complete and return the working spousal forms to TIC.

JATC Coordinator Phil Wilson (616-466-8736)

Applications are open for the Apprenticeship Program. Call the Union Office.

Under Duties of Apprenticeship, Section 5.3 part L, page 4 of the Apprenticeship Standards states, "According to the Apprenticeship Standards you are required to accurately fill out the online work report for NO later than ten (10) days from the end of the current work week."

Good and Welfare: Get well to all our sick and/or injured members.

2) PLEASE be sure to check dues for members and boomers too AND BE SURE ALL BOOMERS HAVE SIGNED BOTH THE RECIPROCAL AND THE ASSESSMENT-TARGETING

3) All members please be sure to keep your Union dues paid up to date as it is criteria for working. You can be asked to leave the jobsite if your dues are not current.

4) Doby/Travel Service Dues are \$10.00 per week.

24/7 CREDIT-DEBIT CARD processing for Union Dues: Pay via our APP or website www.ironworkers25.org. The phone number is 866-635-2826.

Pay union dues with personal check or money order and mail to: Iron Workers Local 25 - P.O. Box 965 - Novi, MI 48376-0965. Pay union dues in person at the Novi Union Hall (M-F) from 8 am to 3 pm (NO Cash).

FRINGE BENEFIT OFFICE: 800-572-8553 or 248-347-3100 and follow the prompts. Hours 7:30am to 4:30pm. The mailing address for member BENEFIT related matters is: Iron Workers Local 25 Fringe Benefit Funds, PO Box 99219, Troy MI 48099-9219. Blue Cross Health Claims and Customer Service 877-790-2583. Delta Dental Claims and Customer Service 800-482-8915.

BENEFIT FOR NEW CHILD: Any member who has a new born child, or a new dependent child through marriage MUST NOTIFY the Fringe Benefit Office of your new dependent within 31 days; otherwise wait until the next open-enrollment period (April 1-April 30).

BENEFIT FOR LIFE CHANGE: Any member experiencing a divorce or a new spouse MUST NOTIFY the Fringe Benefit Office within 31 days; otherwise wait until the next open-enrollment period (April 1-April 30).

New Apprentice Applications are being accepted BUT you MUST go to ironworkers25.org, print the application, gather documentation then phone the school for an appointment; no walk-in foot traffic. The Wixom Training Center - Phone: 248-960-2130

Apprentices: Fill out your monthlies online at the website or mobile app located under the apprenticeship tab "Monthly Report Sign-In" this gives you the ability to electronically submit your monthlies. Also located under the apprenticeship tab you will find "Evaluation Form" Journeyman/Supervision can use this

to submit apprentice evaluations using computer/cell phone and submit electronically. Please also note, you must check your email for your pay raise slips.

To view classes at the Local 25 Apprenticeship School, please go the ironworkers25.org to view the block schedule. The 2022 Raising Gang Training schedule has been added to the website. Please call the school to make up days Do not just show up and expect to be allowed to stay.

The Iron Workers' Local 25 Retirees' Club: The Novi Chapter Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday April 5, 2022 at 9:00 am. The Retirees meeting will be Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 10:00 am in Novi. All are welcome.

The Retiree Club Scholarship Fund applications are available. Contact John Miller for rules, application, and deadline 734-812-8036 or email jlmillertime50@yahoo.com

Thoughts & well-wishes to Lifetime Ironworker **George Smith #808498** who is recuperating after a fall, at St. Mary's Hospital Livonia. George is 94 and we wish him kind regards - get well!

The West Michigan Chapter Retirees breakfast will meet Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 9:00 am at Red Rock Grille & Cafe, 228 N. Ball Creek Rd, NW, Kent City, Michigan 49330. Future meeting

scheduled for the 1st Tuesday of each month. All are welcome.

The Bay City Chapter Retirees quarterly meeting will be Thursday April 21, 2022 at 1:00 pm at the Bay City American Legion Post 18, 700 Adams Street, Bay City, Michigan 48708. All are welcome.

The Downriver Chapter Retirees breakfast will meet Friday April 15, 2022 at 9:00 am at Mom's Restaurant, 2691 Fort St., Trenton, Michigan, 48183. Future meetings scheduled for the third Friday of each month. All are welcome.

Watch for updates at (www.ironworkers25.org) or the Local 25 app that you can download by searching "Iron Workers Local 25" to stay informed on union matters.

In Memory: JSIW Mark Carey #1139667 of Wyoming, Michigan passed away suddenly on Friday March 11, 2022. He was 61 years old, and a 34-year member. Lifetime IW Roderique "George" Pearson of Lansing MI passed away March 12, 2022 at the age of 91. He was a 67-year member.

Our deep condolences to all of the family and friends as you mourn the loss of your dear loved one(s)!

This information is as of Submission Time for this Article (March 18, 2022 12:00 pm E.S.T.)

"Although prepared for martyrdom, I preferred that it be postponed."
-Sir Winston Churchill (1874 - 1965)

"The major difference between a thing that might go wrong and a thing that cannot possibly go wrong is that when a thing that cannot possibly go wrong goes wrong it usually turns out to be impossible to get at and repair."
-Douglas Adams (1952 - 2001)

"Associate yourself with men of good quality if you esteem your own reputation, for 'tis better to be alone than in bad company."
-George Washington (1732 - 1799)

"Man is distinguished from all other creatures by the faculty of laughter."
- Joseph Addison (1672 - 1719)

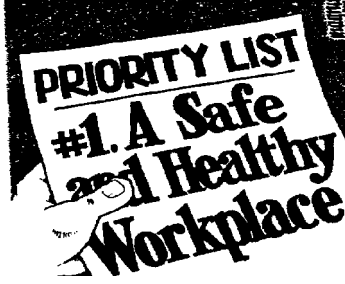
"Music has charms to soothe the savage breast To soften rocks, or bend a knotted oak."
-William Congreve (1670 - 1729)

"All truth passes through three stages. First, it is ridiculed. Second, it is violently opposed. Third, it is accepted as being self-evident."
-Arthur Schopenhauer (1788 - 1860)

"Honest differences are often a healthy sign of progress."
-Mahatma Gandhi (1869 - 1948)

"Never does the human soul appear so strong and noble as when it foregoes revenge and dares to forgive an injury."
-Edward Chapin

"The essence of knowledge is, having it, to apply it; not having it, to confess your ignorance."
- Confucius (551 BC - 479 BC)




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IBEW Local 131 Serving Southwest Michigan Since 1916

IBEW Local 131 KALAMAZOO - The next General Membership Meeting will be held April 4, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Work Outlook: Pfizer Maps Project will begin to start having boots on the ground near the end of March to first part of April.

The LMCC has launched a new website www.poweringkalamazoo.com. This website will be used to highlight local signatory contractors and used as an organizing tool.

If you believe we do not have your email address or correct cell phone no., please email Christine, cbohms@ibew131.com

Dues pricing - The price for dues in 2022 is \$40/month. If you're unsure about your balance, please call the Hall for the exact amount or email Christine.

At the time of this writing, the following members are three months or more behind in counter dues payments: Anthony Falvo, Easton Lovell, Nick McKenna, Jason Streit

We have finalized our automated dues reminders; these reminders will be sent ahead of possible late dues. You may receive a message via text or email if you have not tendered your most current I.O. Dues payments.

We have also now integrated Death Benefit and Retirement payments into the online portal, you should expect to start seeing them accounted for in your month dues payments, both at the window and in the form of online payments.

Life events happen, and we'd always like to make sure you have updated beneficiary forms. If you're questioning whether yours is up to date, stop on down to the Hall to get new documents.

If you're interested in receiving updates from the Hall, please email Christine at cbohms@ibew131.com to get your email address added.

All Memorials (members and members families) and full obituaries can be viewed on the website under the Memorials Tab.

FROM THE APPRENTICE-SHIP: **Code Update Classes: it is now required for Journeyman to pay in advance to hold your spot in the Code Update Class.

Drug Test Renewals: Please keep track of your drug test expiration date through www.safe2work4you.com. It is your responsibility to stay current on your drug test.

Organizing: As much technology as we use to track non-union electricians in our jurisdiction, often, our best resources are you, the members.

Retirees: We are working on updating the Retirees List for Julius, if you believe we do not have a good phone number for (Continued next column)

IBEW LOCAL 557 SAGINAW, MICHIGAN

IBEW Local 557 SAGINAW - Union News-Good Afternoon brothers and sisters! Deadline for apprentice applications has come and gone.

The local received a good number of applicants. We wish them all the best of luck with aptitude testing and interviews.

Local elections are coming up! Nominations will be in May and vote tally in June. You must be present at the May meeting or submit a written confirmation prior to the meeting.

IMPORTANT - The Service-Learning Policy has been reinstated for apprentices. Apprentices will now once again be expected to be in attendance of all Union Meetings or make up the absence.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS - Our next meeting will be April 5 at 5:30pm. Masks are suggested but not required.

MICHIGAN INITIATIVE - Please contact Brother Gus Voisine for any organizing issues you see or have.

UNION HALL OPERATIONS - If you have any questions or issues, our Business Hours are M-F 7-4:30pm.

BOOK SIGNING - Many Locals throughout the State of Michigan will continue to accept fax/email initial book signings.

WORK OUTLOOK - Van Herweg will be starting work at Handley school, Saginaw County Animal Shelter and the new Value City Furniture soon.

ELECTIONS - 2022 brings with it Election time! If you would like to stay informed and contribute to labor friendly candidates, please visit www.ibew.org/IBEWPAAC.

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IBEW LOCAL 557

HEALTH CARE - We would like to inform our members that any purchased at-home Covid test is now reimbursable through the Health Plan and Blue Cross.

Also, if you used Express-scripts for your RX needs, BCBS has opted to use Optum RX in its place. This mainly applies to members who have their RX delivered to their homes.

Don't forget to schedule your annual physical with your doctor. By completing your annual physical, you could catch a health concern early and also help keep the cost of health care down.

BLUE CROSS APP - Download the Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Michigan app for your smartphone. Search for "BCBSM" on the Google Play app or Apple store.

WEX APP - Search for the "TIC HRA" app in Google or Apple and download it today. Utilization of this app will give you access to account balances, receipt reviews and submittals.

JOB CALLS - Please stay vigilant checking the Job Line if you are seeking work. All work calls for the day will be available on the Job Line after 4:30 pm.

STAY CURRENT ON DUES - Please check to see if you are current. The Hall has the ability to accept credit cards and also E-checks.

CONTACT NUMBERS - Michigan Electrical Employee Pension fund and Michigan Health Plan (517) 321-7502 or (855) 633-4584.

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you please call the hall and contact us. Retiree Lunches all start at 11 A.M. at the following Locations: April 20th, La Rue's, 6375 Stadium Drive

AFL-CIO affiliated Local Union families and friends are welcome to join us for the 13th Annual IBEW Local 58 Benevolent Fund Detroit River Walleye Tournament SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022

IBEW LOCAL 58

IBEW 58 DETROIT - The next General Membership Meeting the Next General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2022.

VACATION FUND: Disbursement from the Vacation Fund is anticipated to be transferred to your PNC Bank Stored Value Card or if you elected, Direct Deposited into your checking or savings accounts, on or around May 23, 2022.

ATTENTION - TO UPDATE BANKING INFORMATION THE FUND OFFICE MUST RECEIVE CHANGES BY April 29, 2022. You may check your Stored Value utilization history by logging on to www.pncpaycard.com

Electrical Industry Training Center is offering Continuing Education classes. Please check them out at http://www.detroitetc.org/continuing-education/

Local 58 Dues Information: Dues can be paid on the APP/Website. If you have not enrolled in the new dues' payment system - you will need to do so before you can pay.

Local 58 Motorcycle Group: Group meetings have moved to the 3rd Tuesday of the Month @5pm in the basement classroom before the General Membership Mtg.

Local No. 58 Benevolent Fund: The next Benevolent Fund meeting will be Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 5 p.m.

The 13th Annual Local 58 Detroit River Walleye Tournament will be Saturday, May 7, 2022, beginning at 7:00 AM until 3:00 PM - Rain or Shine!

The Jerry Gaudi Memorial Golf Outing will take place on June 3, 2022. More information to follow in the next paper.

Members of the Community Service Committee: The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 12 at 5:30 PM. The Wobbly Kitchen is up and running again and we are assisting them every 2nd and 4th Sunday with food prep and distribution at Cass Park.

Members of the Entertainment Committee: The next meeting of the Entertainment Committee will be Tuesday, April 12, 2022, following the Community Service Committee meeting that starts at 5:30 pm.

EWMC of Southeastern MI The next chapter meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 18, 2022 at 6pm. This will be an in-person meeting with a ZOOM option.

The RENEW Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, April 26, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

The Safety Committee meeting will be on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 5:30 PM.

The Veterans Committee will now be meeting monthly immediately after the Safety committee meeting on the 2nd Monday of each month.

The Political Action Committee (PAC) meets the 1st Wednesday of each month Via Zoom. To be added to our email list please contact Jeannette Bradshaw (313-408-1287).

Local 58's Women's Committee: Our next regular meeting is Thursday, April 28th at 5:30 pm at the hall and on zoom.

Local 58 Senior Softball Team - Now that springtime is upon us, we will be starting practicing soon with games beginning May 9, 2022.

IBEW Local 58 Retirees Association Retirees Association: As things unfold, the Local 58 staff are back full time in person at the (Continued next column)

IBEW LOCAL 275

IBEW 275 COOPERSVILLE - Dear Brothers and Sisters, the work outlook remains unchanged from what we've been reporting over the last few months.

On March 14, Local 275 and our NECA contractors sat down for negotiations for the Inside Wireman's Agreement.

There may be an increase to health care this year and that amount won't be known until our next MEEHP Trustee meeting.

Wild game tickets are still available at the Hall. This year's dinner is scheduled for May 5th @ 6:00 p.m. in Muskegon.

Any Members who are not currently registered to vote will soon receive a voter registration letter and registration form in the mail from the Local.

At the time of this writing, the following members are three or more months behind in dues: Joanna Gunnett, Antonio Zizumbo and Robby Engelsman.

Regular meetings for the EWMC and RENEW committees are every month on the 4th Tuesday @ 6:00pm at the Union Hall in Coopersville and/or via zoom.

Dues for 2022 are \$42.90 per month. Please make adjustments when making payments through the mail and automatic bank payments.

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hall, and masks are optional for staff, and temperatures and signing in has been suspended. It's very likely that the retirees will have a board meeting in April, on Wednesday 13th, 2022 at 10 a.m.

We are planning to have the Annual Pin Party on April 30, 2022. Details to follow. It's still appropriate to be cautious out and about. It may be practical to wear a mask in places that include large groups of people, like grocery stores.

Be sure to keep the Union Hall updated with any changes to your phone number, address, and email.

IBEW Pension: Congratulations to the following members who have been placed on International Pension: Jack Casad and Douglas King.

Members that have Passed Away: Doris Buckenberger, Mother-in-law to Business Representative of IBEW Local 58, Technician I William "Bill" Green; Frederick Hansen, Pension member, 53 year IBEW membership; Leo Jaroneski Jr., Pension member, 52 year IBEW membership, Father to JIW Jason Jaroneski; John McCrea, Pension member, 70 year IBEW membership; Timothy McGahey, Pension member, 50 year IBEW membership; Virgil Pokorski, Pension member, 47 year IBEW membership; Pension member, 44 year IBEW membership, Brother-in-law to JIW's Mark Hagemann & Ronald Merritt. We extend our sincere sympathy to the families on their loss.



Local 36
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Elevator Constructors Local 36
DETROIT – ALL MEMBERS ARE INFORMED that our next regular Membership Meeting is planned for Monday, March 28, 2022, at 5:30 pm at 1640 Porter Street Detroit, MI. Correction from last Article the April Meeting (not the March Meeting), will have nominations for Officers of the Local, per Article XI of the Locals Constitution and By-Laws. The April Meeting will be on the 25th and will a Special Called Meeting. Keep watching your email for changes as we are seeking a larger venue.

We have the new Internationals Constitution and By-Laws (Revised edition October 2021) at the Hall, Article XXVII(Safety) was created. Your Company's Safety policy states the same, so always follow your Company's Safety policies.

Attention all Apprentices, monthly OJL forms are now online at NEIEP which must be completed before the 9th day of the next month. **If you are working out of our jurisdiction, laid off or a probationary, OJT forms must be filled out and turned into the Hall. This is a requirement of the Department of Labor.** Reminder to All that the NEIEP website is available to All interested in Reviewing and Continuing Education. Any apprenticeship certifications missed, or non-current can be retaken if we can build a class as part of continuing education program through NEIEP. CPR/First-aid OSHA, Scaffolding, are available to all members though some classes may require fees. Go to the NEIEP website for the status of your apprenticeship. Continue to watch your NEIEP and personal emails for further information, this is a responsibility of your apprenticeship. The Local is seeking Instructors for NEIEP, anyone interested please contact the Hall.

Attention all Members, a Motion was made to have a picnic this summer at our October meeting and was passed by the body at the November meeting, save the date of July 30th, 2022. There is a need for members to assist with the Picnic from start to finish as this will help all enjoy the time with families and friends. The Local also has committees that NEED members to run/assist. Safety, Organizing, Mentoring, Golf outing and Picnic, please call the hall! Local elections are coming this year, members participation keeps the Local moving in a positive direction.

The Locals Constitution and By-Laws has changes that will be read starting at our February meeting with Three consecutive reading at Monthly meetings. The Second reading will be at our March meeting. Per Article XIX (Amendments) of the Locals Constitution and By-Laws.

All should have received their W2s from your companies, be advised the Local has sent out the Locals W-2 statement and letter. Your next quarter card and W2s must be taken care of before the First day of the second quarter Per Article XIV in the Locals Constitution and By-Laws.

All Testing must be done according to Code and your Companies Maintenance Control Program. Document all tests that are due and only tasks you have completed. Keep all job logs current with this information. When you need assistance, technical or for safety, request, receive and document. Check your paystubs weekly, are you getting what you put in? Paper copies can be requested as stated in Article XI, Par. 2. Forms are available at the Hall. Check your recent pay stubs for proper Holiday pay and hours.

All Members, Local 36, Local 85 and the EIWPFF are holding outreaches sessions on Monday nights, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Reviewing and answering any questions pertaining to Michigan and Detroit Elevator Codes. Contact the Hall if you are interested. The link will be sent to you for either online or phone participation. We are holding code book layout sessions monthly, call the hall if interested. Maintenance Control Programs (MCP) reference the Codes, are you being Code compliant? Know what the MCP is referencing for you the Licensed Journeyman. If anyone is interested in a class for QEI training



Local 149
Roofers &
Waterproofer

Roofers Local 149

DETROIT – Attention. This paper is to serve as an official notice to the membership.

Regular Membership Meeting. The regular membership meeting is scheduled for Tues, April 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Executive Board Meeting. The next Executive Board meeting is scheduled for Tues., March 29, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Detroit Wage Allocation. During the April 5, Detroit membership meeting, proposals will be taken to determine what to do with this year's \$1.65 raise.

Detroit Vacation Checks (quarterly). The Detroit Union Hall will open at 5:00am, Friday, April 22, 2022 to distribute vacation checks. The Hall will also be open from 8:00 until Noon, Saturday, April 23, 2021 for anyone who cannot make it down Friday. Detroit Members will need to contact the Union Hall if you what the check mailed.

Vacation and Holiday Check Direct Deposit. Members will have the option to have their Vacation and Holiday check direct deposited in their bank account starting with the April 2022 payout. This includes all contracted areas.

To get your Vacation check direct deposited, members will need to complete a direct deposit agreement. The form will be available at the Detroit and Mid-Michigan Union Hall. Member will need to know the following Financial Institution information, Routing No., Account No., name of Financial Institution, address, and telephone number.

Detroit Training Center Information. Journeyworkers upgrade classes to improve your skills, your worth, and our Brotherhood/Sisterhood is available at no cost to all Detroit LU 149 members.

Dues must be current in order to enter the Training Center. If you are interested in any of these classes, contact Thomas Jaranowski at the Training Center, 248-543-3847, or Tjaranowski@DetroitRoofers.org to make arrangements.

Union Dues. Make sure you pay your monthly dues before the end of every month to stay in good standing. You can pay dues at the Hall with a cash, money order, credit, or debit card. Union dues can be paid over the phone with a credit or debit card. Monthly dues can be taken out of your vacation check by filling out a form at the Hall (active Members only). The mailbox is only to be used for checks and money orders do not put cash in the mailbox. To be eligible for the International Union Burial Benefit, a member must be in continuous good standing.

If you have any questions please call the Hall at 313-961-6093

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ing, please call the Hall so we can build a potential class list.

Reminder, Keep your State of Michigan, and City of Detroit licenses current. Sign up to receive Safety Alerts at IUEC.org for safety and product alerts to your phone. All Construction and Modernization work is Teamwork. Cab work complete is the work of our Elevator Constructors, Article IV Par. 2(j), cross the threshold and it is our work! Keep the hall informed of all jobs and have permit as required before starting. Per Article X par. 2 of the NEBA agreement all jobs shall be manned in accordance with this Article, any discrepancies with this ratio you must inform the Hall immediately. These are violations of the NEBA Agreement and International Constitution and By-Laws. Inform the hall on any employment status changes as we need to inform the International. When your Company Assignment takes you outside our jurisdiction it is your responsibility to report in to that Local before you start, as stated in the International Constitution and By-Laws.

All Members, you are obligated to keep current with the Local your contact information, including address, phone, and email information, notify any changes including company phone numbers. Your company should take care of all business during regular working hours, after hours phone calls are not acceptable.

Get well wishes are extended to all our Brothers and Sisters who are on our sick list. Be Safe and Be Healthy!

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CARPENTER'S UNION LEADERSHIP! The Carpenter's Union (UBC) has targeted the Roofer's & Waterproofer's Union and other union trades in an attempt to destabilize and bypass the jurisdiction of not just our industry, but other unionized construction trades as well, to raid our Pension Funds.

If you are on a jobsite and any RAT Carpenter Agent approaches you or anyone in your crew about monopolizing the Roofer's & Waterproofer's Union, PLEASE NOTIFY THE UNION IMMEDIATELY at 313-961-6093! Tell the RAT Carpenter to go out and organize the carpentry market that is currently unrepresented.

We stand in solidarity with all sincere Trade Unions and with the Rank and File members of the Carpenters Union, who should openly condemn these heinous actions by their leadership in their name.

Website for announcements, news, and updates. www.rooferslocal149.com

Moving? If you have a new address please make sure to let the Union Hall know. We will take care of your account with the Union Hall that includes the Building Tradesman Paper, International Union, and Trust Fund.

Reminder. Members please call the Hall when you see a roofing project whether it is one of our signatory companies or not. The Hall needs this information for recruitment purposes, and hopefully to get a picture of our members for Facebook.

CLEARANCE CARDS. Are you scheduled to go out of town for work in another Local's territory? Clearance cards are needed when you are sent out of town to work. Get a clearance card from the Hall and call the Local in that area to avoid fines against you.

MID-MICHIGAN AREA—Clio Office. The next Mid-Michigan regular membership meeting scheduled for Tue., April 12, 2022 at 6 p.m. at 810 Tacoma Ct. Clio MI, 48420.

Notice of Election – Mid-Michigan Negotiating Committee. The following members are running for the committee: Robert Coats, Jesse Wangler, Frank Ostrander, Douglas Heyd

Three to be elected. The election will take place at the Mid-Michigan Union Hall, 810 Tacoma Ct., Clio, MI 48420, on April 12, 2022, from 4pm thru 6pm. You must be a member in good standing to cast a ballot.

Mid-Michigan Training Center Information. Journeyworkers upgrade classes to improve your skills, your worth, and our Brotherhood/Sisterhood is available at no cost to all Mid-Michigan LU 149 members.

Dues must be current in order to enter the Training Center. If you are interested in any of these classes, contact the Union Hall/Training Center, 810-687-1368, or midmicroofers149@gmail.com to make arrangements.

Notice. When contractors call the Union Hall for help, we need to know who is available, and have an up-to-date phone number. All Mid-Michigan Area members who are out of work need to call the Hall at (810) 687-1368 to be put on the out of work list.

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In Solidarity, Brian Gregg
Business Manager, Roofers & Waterproofer Local 149

"There is nobody so irritating as somebody with less intelligence and more sense than we have."

–Don Herold
"Procrastination is the thief of time."

–Edward Young (1683 - 1765)
"The successful revolutionary is a statesman, the unsuccessful one a criminal."

–Erich Fromm (1900 - 1980)
"Live so that your friends can defend you but never have to."

–Arnold H. Glasgow
"Man invented language to satisfy his deep need to complain."

–Lily Tomlin (1939 -)
"Good questions outrank easy answers."

–Paul A. Samuelson
"Difficulties strengthen the mind, as labor does the body."

–Seneca (5 BC - 65 AD)



THE SIX-STORY headquarters for the United Auto Workers, aka "Solidarity House," is undergoing repairs by trades workers after a third-floor fire. Completed in 1951 along East Jefferson on Detroit's riverfront, the building encompasses more than 165,000-square-feet of space, and underwents multiple subsequent additions and mechanical renovations over the years.

Union trades bring their skills to UAW's Solidarity House

A devastating fire on July 13, 2019, at the headquarters of the UAW – "Solidarity House" on East Jefferson Avenue in Detroit – has brought about needed repairs currently undertaken by Barton Malow, its subcontractors, and building trades union workers.

The third floor fire – whose cause has remained undetermined – forced UAW staff from the building to other locations, and ushered in the building trades, who have had a significant amount of work to do.

The work consists of "interior and exterior renovation, rehabilitation and modernization of UAW Solidarity House building, and additions," says Barton Malow. "The project has been broken out into two separate design and bid scopes" consisting of:

- Core and shell including but not necessarily limited to the new building envelope and approximately 9,040 square feet of additions. Also included are the main HVAC, plumbing, and electrical systems.
- Interior fit-out of the existing building and new additions. Also included are the secondary HVAC, plumbing, and electrical branch systems.

TRADES WORKERS fit out the bottom of the structure of what will hold the UAW sign on the front of the building.



Young union women welders exemplify WIC week at Andy Egan

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If anything about her first days in the shop was intimidating, Lampe says it was working side-by-side with so many great welders who had years more experience than her. "My confidence in myself has definitely grown," she says. "At first, I was nervous, but that became my motivation to show people what I could do. I love challenging myself, knowing that I can improve every single day on something. I feel like we surprise people every day."

In some instances, the women have been able to do things that would be physically impossible for their male colleagues. Lampe shared an example where, because of her size, she was able to complete a weld in a tight space that no one else could access. "We're not very big," says Conway, and advises other women not to worry about their size when considering a career in construction. "People often think that to do this job, you have to be super strong. But we have all sorts of equipment that will help you lift heavy things, and no one should be doing that much heavy lifting anyway."

Organizational skills and attention to detail are other strengths both women feel they bring to their work, joking that they hate clutter and have the

most organized weld booths. Their supervisor, Foreman Shane Shook, agrees. "They are hard workers with a focused attention to detail," he says. "Both women are driven to excel and want to be great at their craft. They are respected for what they want to accomplish and have been welcome additions to our shop and trade."

When asked what advice they would give other women considering a career in the trades, without hesitation both Conway and Lampe replied in unison, "Do it. Just do it." Lampe pointed out that even if you don't have experience, there are many people willing to teach you a skilled trade. "It might be hard at first," she says. "But in five years, it will be worth it. And your team will take care of you because they do not want to lose you."

Conway adds, "The trades

are just a great thing to get into. Even if people are telling you to go to a four-year college, you can give the trades a try. You can learn a lot of stuff and make a lot of money really quickly. You keep those skills forever and, and if you're good at what you do, you'll always have a job."

(From the Andy J. Egan Co.)

"History teaches us that men and nations behave wisely when they have exhausted all other alternatives."

–Abba Eban (1915 - 2002)

"Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many."

–Unknown

"Necessity never made a good bargain."

–Benjamin Franklin (1706 - 1790)

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Outdoors



Tagging timber, humorously

By Kathleen Lavey
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Natural Resources

An important job for foresters in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is marking the boundaries of timber sales that will take place on state forest land. They spray-paint trees to do it.

And that's where one of the timber sales Patrick Mohney was marking a few years back got its unique name.

Mohney's black lab, Betty, loved to go to the woods with him, back when foresters were allowed to take their dogs to work in the field. But Betty often rushed ahead of Mohney on the trail and got herself into the line of spray paint fire.

The sale's unique name lives in historic records at the DNR's Forest Resources Division: "Painted Dog Aspen."

There are many other timber sale names, just as colorful, inventive or just plain wacky.

Some of the current timber sales names include the "Ghostbuster Cut," "Scrupulous Aspen" and "72 Decibels Mix" in the Traverse City Forest Management Unit and "Pronto Pup Pine" in the Pigeon River Country State Forest.

Folks in Gaylord may have been thinking about the office kitchenette when naming the "Teak Kettle Mix," the "Coffee Pot Mix" and "Microwave Mixed Pine."

Creatively naming timber sales is a tradition passed down through the history of logging. A good name helps identify the type of timber to be harvested (The "aspen" part of Painted Dog Aspen, for example) or its relative geographic location.

While some government entities that sell timber have dull naming conventions that include locations and numbers only, DNR foresters get more leeway to follow tradition and exercise creativity.

"It's been going on as long as I've been around, and well before that," said Mohney, who now works as the manager of the Forest Resources Division's Gladwin unit. "Some foresters are like, 'I just threw a name out there.' But



TIMBER FROM STATE forests in Michigan provides wood products Michiganders need. Michigan Department of Natural Resources forest management techniques are certified sustainable by two separate, outside organizations.

MDNR photo

some of them put a lot of thought into it."

Sometimes a whole office will jump on a theme. A Disney spree in the Shingleton unit led to names like "Little Mermaple," "Sprucetopia" and "Inside Out Maple." A pirate theme yielded names such as "High Rollaway Treasures."

Mohney admits he has themed sale names as well. He recalls one season of marking timber in excessively damp weather. "My boots were always wet, so there was a whole year of sales that I titled after soups," he said. "Another year it was all music artists that I like."

In 2020, the DNR prepared 54,222 acres of state forest and national forest timber for sale, a tiny fraction of the state's forest holdings of just under 4 million acres. Harvested areas provide habitat for many types of wildlife that cannot thrive in deep woods such as grouse and elk.

That same year, the DNR planted 1.8 million trees and works to facilitate natural regeneration in forests that have been harvested. DNR forestry practices are certified as sustainable

by two outside organizations.

Foresters have a lot to remember. Tori Irving, who works out of the DNR's Shingleton management unit in the Upper Peninsula, said that besides allowing

for creativity, naming conventions serve foresters as a memory boost, since planning for timber sales takes place a couple of years in advance.

"As foresters, we touch thousands of acres of land if it's an inventory or a timber sale," she said. "The only way that you can remember it is by using something funny that happened or something that is unique to the area. You lost your boot in a swamp or you get your snowmobile buried."

Remembering the type of forest is important, since foresters serve as the expert to assist loggers who may be interested in bidding on the logging operation.

"You have all the data and the inventory, that's all on paper," Irving said. "The name helps bring a memory so that you can see that forest. You're the expert they're asking about it."

A couple of unwritten rules: Keep the timber sale names clean and inoffensive. Oh, and one more: "Name them something you can say with a straight face in court," Irving said.



MICHIGAN Department of Natural Resources foresters use spray paint to mark the boundaries of a timber sale.

(Photo credit: Hans Isaacson/ National Association of State Foresters).

One of Irving's sale names reflects the somewhat miserable conditions at the time she was working in the forest: "Deer Tick Circus." She named another one "Hyland Games," which is both the name of a road in the sale area and a nod to her Scottish ancestry.

"We've had loggers ask, 'Where did this name come from?'" Irving said. "It's kind of a cool conversation starter."

Mohney agreed. "It boosts morale and keeps things interesting," he said. "We have found it sparks conversation. Producers will bid on a sale and say, 'What the heck?'"



MICHIGAN DNR STAFF flew across portions of the northern Lower Peninsula over eight days in January to locate, count and photograph elk. Results from the aerial survey estimate the population is between 870 and 1,684 animals.

Michigan has healthy herd of elk

Results of the 2022 Michigan elk survey show the herd is healthy and growing.

During an aerial survey of the elk herd conducted over eight days in January, Department of Natural Resources staff flew over 1,080 square miles of predetermined sample plots across the northern Lower Peninsula to locate, count and photograph elk. Results from the survey estimate the population is between 870 and 1,684 animals.

A total of 793 animals in 92 groups were observed during the survey. A population estimate model was used to account for the animals that may not have been observed during the flight survey. Additionally, the photos taken during the survey were used to calculate the sex and age ratio of the herd. The 2022 survey estimates the population has increased 5 percent since 2019.

The elk population reflects the objectives and actions written in the Michigan Elk Management Plan. "The latest estimates suggest that the elk herd remains healthy," said Chad Stewart, DNR deer, elk and moose management specialist. "We will continue to sustainably manage the herd and habitat across the elk range."

At March 10's Michigan Natural Resources Commission meeting in Lansing, the DNR recommended maintaining the current license quotas and season structure for the 2022-2024 elk regulation cycle.

The Michigan Elk Management Plan was last updated in 2012. In 2022, an update on Michigan's elk management progress and accomplishments over the past decade will be developed and incorporated into the plan to guide management decisions for the next 10 years.

Elk are a valuable resource for Michigan's ecosystems, while also providing opportunities for outdoor recreation such as hunting and wildlife viewing. Learn more at Michigan.gov/Elk.

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